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County DSS Struggles With Vacancies & Increased Workload

DELHI - Due to several vacancies and issues with recruitment, Delaware County Department of Social Services (DSS) launched a Wellness Committee to address retention of current employees. Staff Development Coordinator Erin Hume-Cocks presented committee plans to the county social services committee at a regularly scheduled meeting on Jan. 16.

There are seven DSS employees on the Wellness Committee, whose mission is to promote health and wellness through fostering healthy habits and lifestyles, educating on physical and emotional impacts, and encouraging employee job satisfaction. The committee conducted several "stay-interviews" of employees to address concerns and needs. The idea, said Hume-Cocks, is to reinterview staff in 12 months to identify if wellness initiatives have for staff retention. Some scheduled events include breathing and walking challenges, staff appreciation breakfast, game day, book club, co-worker bingo, and more.

DSS has six caseworker, one typist, one supervisor grade A, and four program specialist positions vacant. One individual left DSS employment after being offered a position that paid \$12,000 more annually, "We can't compete with that," said Kieth Weaver. DSS deputy commissioner, which is why retention

efforts are essential. In response to several agencies struggling with recruitment concerns across the state, the New York State Department of Civil Service launched the Hiring Emergency Limited Placement Program (HELP Program). The temporary program will help local government address staffing issues for critical health and safety titles, including social welfare examiners, caseworkers, social work services, human services paraprofessionals, public safety dispatchers, public health sanitarian, child

and examiners. There are 1,747 vacancies in critical health and safety titles statewide. DSS employees were invited to a virtual information session on the program this week, said Armanno.

In addition to vacancies, DSS Commissioner Sylvia Armanno said the workload is about to increase due to state regulation changes. SNAP (supplemental nutrition assistance program) benefits, which assist individuals and families with grocery payments, will return to pre-pandemic conditions. Several individuals who received additional compensation through SNAP will see a decrease in their monthly benefits. The economic status of individuals in Delaware County has remained the same since the pandemic, and a reduction in SNAP will be harmful, said Armanno.

Another change includes an increase in income eligibility for Medhelped and what con- icaid benefits. For examcerns still need address- ple, Armanno said one ing. Committee members individual seeking Mediare prepared to meet caid is eligible for full monthly to explore ideas aid with a monthly income of less than \$934 which will be increased to \$1.563. People making more than the qualified income are still eligible for partial payments. DSS staff will have to review each case and make adiustments, said Armanno. It is anticipated several phone calls will be received from residents asking about their Medicaid, she added.

Armanno requested the annual resolution for overtime compensation, which allows employees be compensated through additional time off rather than money, be extended over April and May due to the additional workload.

Although ultimately approving the resolution, Franklin Supervisor Jeffery Taggart said employees should take compensation as funds to keep up with the workload. If employees have additional vacation days, the department will fall behind on demanded work in the future again, he continued.

Historically, Armanno said, she has not seen this as the case. Due to several employees taking

By Mary A. Crisafulli support professionals, time for Covid positives, Armanno said, it is anticipated several employees will seek compensation in the form of money this year.

Compensation time helps retention efforts since staff value their time off with family, said Weaver.

In other business:

Director of Services be offered to law enforce-Tatiana Amadon developed a policy procedure following Raising The Lower Age legislation that raised the age of juvenile delinquency requiring children under 12 to be instead referred to social services. The procedure Parental rights are being will be distributed, and educational sessions will

ment agencies and schools.

There are 75 children in foster care services year to date. Five children are expected to exit foster care by the end of January, said Armanno. terminated for 21 children, allowing them to be adopted. About eight children are in the process of being adopted.

The next DSS committee meeting will be scheduled at a board of supervisors meeting Wednesday, Jan. 25, at 1

Stamford Hears Neighbor Complaint, Organizes

By Liz Page

HOBART – A complaint about a longstanding neighbor dispute and organizing for 2023 topped the agenda for Stamford Town Board members last Wednesday.

Jason and Darcy Ransford were present to seek the town board's help in seeing that building codes are being followed in regard to their neighbor, with whom they have had issues with over the past three years.

The allege two buildings have been erected without building permits and a 12 foot high fence, made up of plastic snow fencing and other fencing does not meet codes.

"We don't even enjoy our property anymore," said Darcy Ransford. "We haven't gone outside for two years.'

The couple contends the neighbor's property is a junkyard, with appliances and barbecue grills piling up.

at it. Last year I planted some flowers and he weed-wacked them."

They have called police on occasion, which included a complaint against them for burning an outside woodstove when the flooring in their own home was being replaced and they had to resort to an alternate form of heat. "They came when he called them."

They said the neighbor recently erected another wire fence, two feet inside the existing fence, which they allege is simply to harass them. They provided pictures for board members to review.

They wanted to know how to get the town code enforcement officer to enforce the law.

Part of the ongoing issue is that the neighbor does not own the property.

Supervisor John Kosier said they would do some

property and try to get something done to resolve the issue. He promised to get back to them. In the meantime, they were told to document everything.

Board members then moved on to organize for 2023 by making official appointments and designations.

Designations included, Greene County, official depositories.

for Appointments 2023 include, the following: Eleanor Lamport, deputy town clerk; Deysenroth, Daniel deputy supervisor; Kevin Rinehart, deputy highway superintendent; Charlie Ferris, assessor chairman; John Rice, chairman of the Assessment Review Board; Art Turner, planning board chairman; Kelly Chien, town historian; Barb Rockefeller, court clerk; Tomi Tompkins, building inspector; Ann Barr, dog control officer; John

"I can't stand to look research to determine Kosier and Dan Deysenwho actually owns the roth, budget committee, Mike Triolo, fair housing officer..

> Town board meetings will be held on the second Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Stamford Town Hall.

A list of proposed highway projects under the Comprehensive Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS) was tabled until next month, with board the following: Mountain members asking to ap-Eagle, official newspa- prove four of the six projper; Delaware National ects to see where the Bank of Delhi, Wayne budget stands, before Bank, Community Bank, moving on to the final The Bank of Cooper- two projects. An estimatstown and the Bank of ed \$279,000 will be available for the projects, but **Highway Superintendent** Jon Ballard will firm up his figures. On the list are Scotch Valley Ranch Road, Relay Road, Mattice Road, a portion of Town Brook Road, Narrow Notch and Foote Hollow.

> In an update on Headwaters EMS, Kosier reported they have submitted the applications for each town's certificate of need.

> Board members then moved into executive session to discuss possible litigation.

Hobart Rotary Pancake Breakfast Jan 28

The famed Hobart Rotary Cooks are at it again! Saturday, January 28 from 8am to noon, the club is offering a full Pancake Breakfast with all the fixings: sausage, ham, hash browns, scrambled eggs, fruit salad, beverages, and, of course, authentic local Catskill maple syrup.

The breakfast event will be held at the Hobart Community Center and Fire Hall, 80 Cornell Avenue in Hobart. Prices are \$12 Adult, \$8 Seniors, \$7 Children 6-12, and under 6 Free.

Proceeds help support the South Kortright Central School Backpack Program providing food for hungry children.

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Rams Stomp Gilboa-Conesville 55-34

RIGHT: South Kortright's Boston Quarino bends his back to block a pass to Gillboa-Conesville's John DeWitt at Wednesday's game. Photos by Mary Crisafulli.

BELOW: Rams' JB Trimbell successfully scores another two points for the Rams in the first half.

One more photo on Page D8.

Guilty Plea and Sentence in DWI Case

DELHI - Alan W. Brown, 67, of East Meredith, New York, appeared in Delaware County Court on Jan. 9, 2023 and pleaded guilty to one count of Driving While Intoxicated, a Class E Felony and one count of Aggravated Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle in the First Degree, a Class E Felony.

During the Court Appearance, Brown admitted to operating a motor vehicle on New York State Route 28 in Delhi on June 18, 2022 while having .08 of one per centum or more by weight of alcohol in his blood as shown by chemical analysis of his breath. Brown also admitted to knowing that his license was revoked at the time he was operating the motor vehicle.

Acting Delaware County Court Judge Michael Getman sentenced the defendant to three years of felony probation supervision on the charge of Driving While Intoxicated. The Court also ordered that the defendant must install and maintain an ignition interlock device on any vehicles driven or owned by the defendant for pedestrian."

the next 12 months. The Court sentenced the defendant to a second three-year term of felony probation supervision on the charge of Aggravated Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle. The probation sentences were ordered to run concurrently.

The defendant was ordered to pay \$2,208 in fines, fees, and surcharges, payable to the Delaware County Probation Department by Jan. 20, 2023.

Delaware County's Stop DWI Coordinator Scott Glueckert stated, "Individuals who drink alcohol and then operate a motor vehicle are putting the entire community in danger. STOP DWI will continue to focus on providing the support necessary to keep drunk drivers off the roads of Delaware County."

"I commend Deputy Sheriff Lucas Elmore of the Sheriff's Office for his work on this case," said Smith. "Drunk driving poses a huge risk, not only to the driver of the vehicle, but also to every other driver and

DelCo DA Welcomes Denise Kerrigan

DELHI - Delaware County Acting District Attorney Shawn J. Smith welcomed Denise J. Kerrigan, of Cornwallville, Greene County, as an assistant district attorney on Monday, Jan. 9. Kerrigan ecution in Walton and Sidney village courts - the two largest and most active in the county. Prosecuting duties include traffic violations, violation-level offenses, misdemeanors, and DWIs. Kerrigan will work with felony offenses through arraignment if pending in local court.

Kerrigan, who studied law at Albany Law School in Albany, has over 30 years of experience in court. "Experience is what you need for litigation," she said, "I enjoy standing up in court and making an argument." Kerrigan considers herself a tough but fair prosecutor - one willing to listen to the other side. "I am looking forward to the job and serv-

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he wanted to run his office.' overlapped with Delaware County and provided her with a familiarity of the area.

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Kerrigan came to Delaware County from the Greene County District Attorney office after seeking part-time work to spend will be responsible for pros- more time with her two beautiful grandchildren, who she enjoys bike riding with. After meeting several district attorneys, Kerrigan felt Delaware County was the most suitable. "I liked Shawn's focus and the way As assistant district attorney in Green County, Kerrigan had several cases which

> "I am thankful to have Kerrigan join our team, she has a wealth of knowledge as a former prosecutor in both Albany and Green counties," said Smith, "Kerrigan will be a great benefit to us and all the people of Delaware County."





Kevin Claiborne Hosting Exhibition at OSMOS

OSMOS is pleased to invite friends and colleagues to this closing reception and artist talk with Kevin Claiborne, whom we are honored to now represent. Claiborne's compositions of souvenirs, fragments, and poetry animate characters and situations that might otherwise seem to be fixed in a place and time. Claiborne's work reveals the social hierarchies and prescriptive narratives that marginalize Black Americans — especially Black

Starting with a photograph of a known person, place, or object — often himself as a child, Claiborne collages text onto the snapshot giving his subject a different persona and an imaginary voice. Can we

this a man of the future speaking but not being heard? Or maybe a voice from the past? Hearing voices is usually ascribed in literature, film, and in real life, to be a disruption to the "normal" way of being in the world. Could these fragments of voices be speaking more truth than the picture alone is inclined to reveal? Claiborne's compositions perform to create outlets for self-expression, agency, and healing.

Kevin Claiborne's process resembles the work of an archaeologist, gathering and composing samples and fragments to reveal what may have been deeply buried or inaccessible to contemporary points of

read the boy's mind? Or is compositions of buried elements are the artist's attempt at getting to a truth. For the prints, Claiborne "digs up" his primary source materials from family photo albums and collections of personal snapshots, adding cut-and-pasted fragments of text from published sources and from his own writings across the surface. Claiborne's method aims to reveal and to heal when and if time and opportunity will permit.

This exhibition also features Claiborne's recent mixed media paintings created using gathered dirt, leaves, twigs and rocks encased in a heavy black mixture of tar and paint. Claiborne started this new approach to painting as an view. These archeological artist in residence at OSMOS tact Cay Sophie Rabinowitz.

Station in Upstate New York last summer. As the series has been expanding to new formats and has been included curated exhibitions in other venues, Claiborne is becoming more recognized for his compelling work in all media.

Kevin Claiborne, born 1989 in Camp Springs, Maryland, holds a B.S. in Mathematics from the historically Black college North Carolina Central University (2012), an M.S. in Higher Education from Syracuse University (2016), and an MFA in Visual Arts from Columbia University (2021). He lives and works in Harlem, New York City. This is his third exhibition with OSMOS.

For more information con-

Desserts and Diaries at DCHA

January 28, 2023 Chase away the winter blahs!

Visit the Delaware County Historical Association (DCHA) on Saturday afternoon, January 28th for an afternoon of sundry and delectable delights. At 2 pm members of the museum staff will begin reading from a variety of historic diaries and narratives – all drawn from the museum's collections. While guests relax and listen to the readings, enjoy an array of sumptuous desserts. Tea and coffee will also be served.





Excerpts that will be presented include those from

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wards (travels through Delaware County), Joseph the diaries of Uriah Ed-Ells (Harpersfield), Fannie LEVEL UP TECH SUPPORT LLC Riggs (Meridale), Tracy Graham (Delhi) and Charles Bennett (Franklin). Computer/Server Repair Additional journals, news-Hardware & Software Sales, paper articles and letters Support and Installation will introduce audience members to the lives of Wired and Wireless Networking William Woodhouse (Delhi) Consulting and the Knapps (Meredith). Plus more! (f)leveluptechsupport.com

WARNING: This event is not recommended for those embarking on a New Year's weight loss regimen! However, it is recommended for those looking to spend

an afternoon having fun while learning more about our ancestors who once lived in Delaware County. To enjoy this delectable and - dare we say it, decadent - afternoon, please reserve your space by January 26.

Cost: \$10.00 per person. Call DCHA at 607-746-3849 or e-mail dcha@delhi.net to reserve or for more information.



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2023 Local Community Tourism Grant Program

Pistol League Scores

Team and High Individual Match Scores 1/13/2023

Stamford defeated Oneonta: 1091-16X to 1047-13X

Top shooters for Stamford were: Jim Hitt 284-5X:

Also shooting for Stamford were: Brian Righi, Jan

High Scores for Oneonta were: Adam Nichols 270-

Other Oneonta shooters were: Al Nichols, Don Fleming,

10-0

8-2

5-5

4-6

2-8

1-9

Bri May, Roland Groppe, and Justin Nicholson

Walton beat Delhi: 1073-6X to 1023-12X

3X; Carl Morganstern 262-6X; Scott May 258-3X; and

Hornbach, Ric Cammer, Maynard Vance, and Mark Gif-

John Wyckoff 277-3X; Steve Baker 267-2X; and Larry

Rockdale defeats Sidney:1071-15X to 1048-15X

County Tourism Advisory Board is now accepting applications for funding under the 2023 Local Community Tourism Grant program. This program will provide funding assistance to eligible applicants for projects that seek to attract visitors to Delaware County and enhance the overall tourism industry. Applications for grant assistance under this program must be hand-delivered to the Delaware County Department of Economic Development or postmarked by 5:00 pm on Tuesday, February 28, 2023 (Emails will not be accept-

The 2023 Local Commu-

DELHI – The Delaware nity Tourism Grant program is funded through revenues raised through the Delaware County Hotel Occupancy Tax. The Occupancy Tax was enacted for the purposes of creating a dedicated funding stream to promote and develop the tourism industry within Delaware County and stimulating economic growth. For details

> https://dcecodev.com/touris m-promotion-and-development-grant-program/

Projects that have received support through this initiate include: improving signage for hiking trails, renovations to historic properties, local and regional marketing activities, the development of promotional materials and support for artistic, cultural and community events that seek to attract visitors to Delaware County, and other projects seeking to grow the tourism industry.

In 2023, the Local Community Tourism Grant Program will again focus on five categories of awards: Promotion/Marketing, Community Celebrations, Capital Improvements, Arts & Culture and Major Capital Improvements.

Promotion/Marketing: Projects should be designed to promote specific locales, activities, groups of businesses or tourism segments in Delaware County and

Match XII:

VanDeusen 263-6X

Laura Dohner 257-1X

Win/Loss Record:

Stamford

Rockdale:

Oneonta:

Sidney:

Delhi:

Walton:

non-county visitors. In general, funds requested under this category should be used without a strategy for growth to cover costs related to printed materials, web site non-county visitors will not and social media marketing, and other promotional or marketing initiatives. The maximum amount of funding available under this category is \$5,000.

Community Celebrations: Projects that support events, programs, or a series of events that seek to build upon historical, musical, culinary, agricultural, recreational and/or cultural traditions of the area and hold the reasonable potential to attract non-county visitors. Events must be open to the

target a defined market of general public. Community Celebrations limited to serving the local community or not seeking to attract be funded. The maximum amount of funding available under this category is \$1,200.

> Capital Improvements: Projects eligible for funding under this category include: the renovation/construction of tourism properties owned by a municipality or nonprofit, infrastructure improvements with a direct relationship to tourism, and other physical/structural items with a greater than 5year lifespan. The maximum amount of funding available under this category is

> Arts & Culture: Projects that support artistic events, programs, or a series of events that seek to promote public engagement and access to the arts and hold the reasonable potential to attract non-county visitors. Events must be open to the general public. Artistic events/programs limited to serving the local community without a strategy for growth, or not seeking to attract non-county visitors will not be funded. The maximum amount of funding available under this category is \$1,200.

Major Capital Improvements: For the second straight year, the Tourism Promotion & Development Grant Program will also include a, fifth category of award for Major Capital Improvement projects, providing for grants of up to \$25,000. While the criteria will be similar to that for capital projects, this category is reserved for one or two large scale capital improvement projects designed to have a significant impact on the tourism industry in Delaware County.

Municipalities, nonprofit corporations and certain not-for-profit entities are eligible for funding. For-profit businesses may apply under a separate but related 2023 Tourism Business Support Grant Application. All grants will be awarded on a competitive basis and will require a minimum 1:1 cash match.

For a copy of the program guidelines and application, please contact the Delaware County Department of Economic Development at 607-832-5123, email ecd@co.delaware.nv.us or stop by the office located at One Courthouse Square in the Village of Delhi. The program guidelines and application are also available at on the Department web-

https://dcecodev.com/touris m-promotion-and-development-grant-program/.

For questions relating to this funding opportunity, or for assistance in completing the application, please contact Kelly Mariotti at the Delaware County Department of Economic Development at 607-832-5123.

Delaware League Standings

Delaware League Varsity Boys Basketball (8 games)

SKCS	5-0	12-1
Downsville	4-1	7-7
Margaretville	3-1	9-1
Davenport	3-1	10-2
Gilboa	2-2	5-4
Roxbury	1-2	2-8
Windham	1-5	2-9
HTC	0-3	3-4
Jefferson/Stamford	0-4	1-13

Delaware League Varsity Girls Basketball (8 games)

SKCS	5-0	11-3
Stamford/Jefferson	4-0	9-4
Windham	3-1	6-3
Davenport	2-2	7-5
HTC	2-2	5-4
Downsville	1-3	3-11
Margaretville	1-3	2-11
Gilboa	0-3	0-8
Roxbury	0-4	1-8

Delaware League JV Boys Basketball (5 games) Margaretville 4-0 6-1 Jefferson/Stamford 2-1 7-5 Davenport 2-1 6-5 1-1 6-4 SKCS 0 - 32-4 Gilboa Downsville 0-31-7

Delaware League JV	Girls Bask	etball (4 games)
Davenport	2-0	14-0
Stamford/Jefferson	1-2	4-8
HTC	0-1	1-3

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Letters to the Editor

The Numbers Don't Lie

In New York State in the 2 weeks between 12/14 2022 and New Year's Day there were 32,900 DUI tickets issued, 453 arrests and 4417 crashes caused by intoxication. To put that into perspective, Schoharie County only has 29,000 +/- residents (the link to the 1010 WINS article is long, so it will be at the end of the letter). This is good news because it makes the roads safer for all of us, even though there is no telling how many DUI's avoided accountability - it's still a good start. There clearly is no place on our roads for impaired drivers. I bring this to your attention because during this same period there were few, if any, gun involved incidents involving a citizen with a lawfully (the operative word here is lawfully) owned firearm. If you analyze this from a purely objective point of view, completely removed from any thoughts about 2 nd Amendment Rights – pro or con, you will have to wonder why it is that citizens who lawfully own firearms are having their rights compromised while, on the other hand, there were 32,900 documented incidents where potentially lethal 3000 and 4000 pound machines were controlled by impaired drivers. Keep in mind, firearm ownership is a Constitutional Right while owning and driving a motor vehicle in New York

comes to guns and your right to defend your family, New York has almost zero tolerance but, when it comes to the everyday, and very real, threat of death or injury by an impaired driver, it's almost always a fine and a slap on the wrist. By applying New York's gun control reasoning, you would think that the 32,900 drivers would be stripped of their driving privileges and have their vehicles removed from the road but we know this will never happen because the gun debate is more about politics and getting votes than protecting family. https://www.msn.com/en-

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Thanks for all you do.

Dede Terns-Thorpe Haines Falls

SK Wins Battle of League Unbeatens

DELAWARE LEAGUE - With two teams left standing undefeated in league play, the two clashed last Thursday with South Kortright defeating Margaretville 69-33 to be the only unscathed team in league play.

is a privilege. When it

Connor Quarino led scoring for SK with 20 points on the night and Josh Anderson added another 19 points in double figures. For Margaretville, Connor Wayman scored 11 points.

In other action last Thursday, Roxbury defeated Windham 51-39 as George Proctor pumped in 21 points and pulled down 15 rebounds. His teammate, Masin Hamil added another 16 points to the win. For Windham, Eli Cercone scored 14 points, as he connected four times from three-point range.

Downsville defeated Hunter-Tannersville 51-46. Tyler Reead and Nolan Barnhart each scored 16 points to lead the charge, with Reed dishing off nine assists

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Kortright Discusses Headwaters EMS Contract, Highway Purchases

By Liz Page

BLOOMVILLE – Members of the Kortright Town Board designated Councilman Mike Pietrantoni to help tweak the contract for ambulance services with Headwaters EMS and Highway Superintendent Bill Burdick put a few things on his purchase order, during Monday's meeting. Board members also audited the books in closing out the year 2023.

Megan Hungerford, the town bookkeeper was present not only in her town capacity, but also as a member of the Headwaters EMS Advisory Council. The advisory council is in the process of establishing a not-for-profit ambulance service to serve the towns of Harpersfield, Kortright and Stamford. The towns, through the Headwaters attorney, are in the process of applying for certificates of need (CON) in order to contract for the services.

Also present was Ray Baker, hired by Headwaters as its director of operations.

A draft of the contract with Headwaters to provide ambulance service to the town was discussed. Pietrantoni said he had a couple of concerns with the proposed contract. He said he did not like the word negotiate a price for the service and wants a firm number included. "I don't want any surprises," he said.

With the service just forming, the costs are not yet known, but Hungerford said an amount could be inserted. Town representatives favored one crew operating 24/7 and another crew 12 hours per day. That cost was estimated at \$320,000 and would be divided between the three towns. He recommended the cap be placed at \$100,000, a figure the towns had originally discussed

Hungerford explained it will be a not-for-profit service that could cost any amount. She said they intend to build on the service. They are hopeful it is going to cost each town less than the estimated figure. "Our goal is to provide a quality service that is professional. We intend to be transparent and share information."

Baker said they have already talked about the first year of operation numbers, but by the middle of the second year, he believes they will have a good idea of the actual operating costs.

The other issue Pietrantoni pointed to was the word availability. While Baker said he believed the attorney was saying there was no guarantee of availability, citing a case when the ambulance is already out on another call. Pietrantoni did not interpret it that way.

Baker said the intent is to start with one Advanced Life Support (ALS) rig and as soon as they have some calls in, to add a second ALS rig. That is what is represented in the figures discussed with town representatives. Both are intended to be ALS rigs. Pietrantoni said it is a wording issue.

Maggie Wilson, a resident of the town and EMS director for Delaware County, said she was concerned about the certificate of need for the town. "Who is going to manage your CON?", she asked. Once the towns have applied for the initial CON, they will have to go through the same process as any other entity to renew the CON. She said the municipal CON is a free pass for the first two years. It was explained the towns will apply for a CON on the premise Headwaters will make its own application and by the time the original town CONs expire, Headwaters will have a CON.

"There are a lot of pieces to put together," said Hungerford, "but if this is going to work, this is how it's going to work and if we have to bet on that one shot, this is the perfect scenario for that one shot. Without the other towns, we can't continue it."

Pietrantoni said he isn't against it and believes it is the cheapest way for the town's taxpayers. "I want to get this going, but there are things I would like to see cleared up. There is no way I would vote on this tonight. Obviously, we can work on it. We need to get everybody together."

Supervisor George Haynes asked the other council members if they were comfortable having Pietrantoni work with Headwaters and the attorneys to get it cleared up, and they all agree.

Hungerford will get back to the Headwaters attorney to work on tweaking the draft contract.

With the CON still in the process and awaiting a meeting of the Adirondack-Appalachian Regional Emergency Medical Council for approval, Baker said he is hoping the new ambulance service could start by April 1.

Highway Superintendent Bill Burdick presented his list of roadways to be repaired under the CHIPS funding, but a lot will depend on the cost of materials. Prices on some things were nearly double last year. On his list is the Rt. 10 end of Betty Brook road and Bloomville Hill Road. "We will see where prices go," he said. He would like to do the remaining portion of Turnpike Road.

There are numerous places listed for general highway repairs.

He also ran down a list or repairs to the town's equipment and what is needed for the coming year. On his purchase order list is a new pressure washer and a new mower and tractor. The mower and tractor will be researched, possibly for leasing. He was given permission to purchase, however, if he saw the right deal.

He also listed some surplus items, approved by the board, which include the 2010 Chevy 3500 dump truck, the 2005 Rogers trailer, the 1999 Massey 4255 mowing tractor and a towbehind welder.

Supervisor George Haynes provided figures on the cost of a new well done recently in the town of Roxbury. He said he believes the town will need a grant to help fund the backup well, but in the meantime they will pursue the land purchase. If it isn't suitable for a well, he said the town would have to sell the property and find another location.

A request by the 607Riders, an ATV group, go use town roads was put on hold for another month and board members get more information.

Town board members met Jan. 1 to organize for the new year. Meetings will continue to be held on the third Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Kortright Town Hall. Planning board meetings will beheld on the last Wednesday of each month from January to November.

They made the following appointments: Josh Morgan, code enforcement officer; Kevin Young, town attorney and Archibald Gallup, planning board chairman.

They also approved the purchase of a highway plow truck up to \$70,000 and to contract with the Delaware County Planning Dept. for \$3,500 per year.

SK, Stamford/Jefferson Top League Standings

DELAWARE LEAGUE – Windham, South Kortright, Stamford/Jefferson and Hunter-Tannersville all picked up victories in basketball action last Friday.

Stamford/Jefferson picked up a key 52-41 win of Charlotte Valley, handing the Lady Wildcats their first league loss of the season. McKenna Hoyt led the way with 18 points and 12 rebounds, while teammates Tryhnati Donato and Alayna Stannard chimed in 16 and 13 points, respectively to the win. Ella Gerster led Charlotte Valley with 12 points on the night.

South Kortright defeated Margaretville 59-20 as Addy Eckert poured in the game high of 28 points, pulled down 10 rebounds and dished off eight assists. Caitlyn Deysenroth chimed in 14 points and 16 rebounds, with Carlee Dropp adding 10 points in double figures. For the Lady Blue Devils, Ana Gavette finished the night with 12 points.

Windham defeated Roxbury 63-21. Amanda Nilsen led the charge with 21 points and Emma Drum added another 18 points to the win. Roxbury got six points each from Kimora Brown and Kylie DeMaio.

H-T defeated Dowsville 48-21. Hedda Flynn led the way with a 20-point effort and Saleema Poladia chimed in another 12 points. McKenzy Brown led Downsville's scoring with 13 points.

Windham defeated H-T 66-25 on Tuesday. Amanda Nilsen led the way with 29 points on the night, with teammates Ashtyn Hansen and Emma Drum adding another 14 and 13 points, respectively. Hunter got seven points each from Hedda Flynn and Angelina Dixon.

Roxbury squeezed by Margaretville 32-30 in league

Joy Heckman, CNHP, ND 518-827-3354
By appointment

play on Tuesday. Kyle De-Maio scored 11 points and teammate Kimora Browned chimed in another seven points to the win. For Margaretville, Ava Fronckowiak also scored 11 points and Ana Gavette added 10 points in double figures.

South Kortright defeated Gilboa 55-25 in Tuesday's league pairings. Addy Eckert scored 20 points, pulled down eight rebounds, dished off six assists and had five steals for the Lady Rams. Caitlyn Deysenroth added 12 points to the win. For

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Public to Vote on SCS Mascot

By David Avitabile

SCHOHARIE - The next Schoharie school mascot will be chosen by the public.

Now that the state education department has deemed that all Native American mascots and imagery have to be removed by the end of the 2023-24 school year including the Schoharie Indian - the Schoharie school district will let the public decide on a replacement. They will accept suggestions for a month through the district Facebook page and website and then send them to a stakeholder group made up of community residents. The group will pick out four or five semifinalists. Then, probably in April, the public, students, teachers, residents will vote for a new mascot. Superintendent David Blanchard outlined the process at a public forum on the mascot Wednesday night. The school board was to act on the process Thursday night.

After the finalist is chosen, the name will be sent to a graphic artist for imagery, which would then be approved by the

school board. The school wide vote will take place electron- animal. They can ically and in person and open to adults and students in grades from third or fourth and up.

A few suggestions were made Wednesday night, including the Coyotes and the Blue Devils (which would retain the blue and white colors of Schoharie), and others were denounced such as

the Squirrels and the S's. Not everyone was ready to give up the mascot, despite the fact that the district could lose state aid and have school

leaders removed. "I'm really offended it

was the Board of Regents" that made the decision, said Raquel Okyay. "I think it's unlawful and I think we should take a stand."

She received a round of applause from most of the 35 people who attended the forum in the high school auditorium.

Jan Herrick, whose children SCS, did not agree.

She asked the crowd if they were comfortable with another ethnic group replacing the current mascot. If they were not comfortable with another ethnic group, why should the Indian be allowed. The imagery, she added, is not historically correct since the headdress is wrong.

The mascot and imagery should be removed "for the dignity of all students."

Ms. Okyay had a different opinion.

"In my time in Schoharie County, I never heard anyone say anything derogatory about the Indians," she said.

She also noted that whatever name is picked out, people will find offensive.

Mr. Blanchard said he had no favorite, added. ""Let's be some kind of

t talk back and tell us how they feel."

He added, "I don't have a skin in this game. I iust want something the kids can rally behind."

Alum Judy Warner noted that the people of the district grew up with the Indian. The Indian is "what we became really proud of."

Mr. Blanchard said the state has decreed that school board has to approve a resolution by the end of this year year.

"The state education department is saying,

'You're making a change whether you like it or not.'...The state really put us in a box. This is actually a state unfunded mandate."

In addition to having to change the mascot and its imagery, the schools will have to enforce "no mascot imagery" rules starting in September. No Indian imagery will be allowed on school grounds.

In addition to policing a no mascot rule, the district will have to remove the imagery from the gym floors (estimated at \$20,000 just for the high school gym), remove the cement imagery on the

sign on the front lawn, and reupholster padded chairs, The entire change will cost about \$100,000, much less than other districts, Mr. Blanchard said. He has said that the district did not add the mascot imagery in the \$19 million building project that rehabbed the high school.

The district needs to make a decision on a new mascot by April because work on the new athletic fields and tennis courts will begin the spring and be done by August.

"We have a tight window," Mr. Blanchard said.



Superintendent Dave Blanchard at Wednesday's meeting.

Resident: M'burgh Town has to be **Ready for Future Developers**

By David Avitabile

MIDDLEBURGH - One of the biggest issues that faced the Town of Middleburgh in 2022 was a proposal to build to large wind turbines on a hill in Huntersland, After several meetings, public hearings. presentations, speeches, and arguments, the town board agreed to adopt zoning laws to not allow commercial wind turbines and solar farms in the town.

Though a relatively new technology, wind turbines have been around for several years, as have solar farms, are not totally, but a resident told the town board last week that the town was acting in a reactionary manner when the wind turbines were proposed.

Ted Werner suggested that the town stay ahead of the curve and be proac-

tive instead of being re-

active to new proposals. The town, he added, needs to anticipate what new technology may be coming in the near future and adjust its zoning accordingly. This will avoid businesses in the new technology from taking advantage of the town. as many felt was happening in the wind turbine proposal.

"If you can have land use law in place, we instead of following," Mr. Werner told board members at the January board meeting.

He suggested putting in rules on acreage that could be used for renewable energy, possibly capped at 160 to 200

the better when dealing never-ending job," Mr. Larwith outside companies.

he said.

"You put a hurdle that will be difficult for many of them to go around."

Supervisor Wes Laraway said he liked the idea of a cap, though it might not work in Middleburgh.

Mr. Werner said the town has to have more forethought and "instead of reacting and having arguments later on."

Mr. Laraway said that the town tried to work should be ahead of them with some of the devel-

"We tried to play nice with solar and wind companies and when they can't play nice we just removed it from our plans."

He agreed with Mr. Werner's philosophy on being prepared.

"It's better to get ahead The more requirements of it than catch up. It's a away added.

Developers see the towns as an easy mark and "try to take advantage of towns."

The towns have to think of the future, he stressed.

"Things you never thought of 15 years ago" like solar, turbines and other uses, are now commonplace.

One use the town may think about is "cryptomining," which uses a great amount of water to cool computers dealing in crypto currency. The crypto companies have been targeting areas near large lakes, he said.

If the companies do not use water to cool the computers, they use fans, he added.

"If you're ahead of it, vou don't have to worry about it."

The permit process, he said, is the initiation if a town is not prepared.

M'burgh School to Host High, Middle School **Semi-Formal Dances**

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MIDDLEBURGH Shine your shoes, and get ready to dance with two upcoming events geared toward letting Middleburgh high school and middle school students shine.

"This is a great opportunity to break up the long winter months with a night of dancing," Health and Physical Education Teacher Mackenzie Akin said.

The first dance will be a semi-formal from 6-10 p.m. February 4 at the high school gymnasium. It is open to grade 9-12 students. The event is hosted by the Class of 2023, the attire is semiformal and theme colors are blue, silver, and high school at any time. white.

Students may purchase tickets from Jodi DeJong for \$15; \$20 if purchased the night of the dance.

Next, the Class of 2025 is hosting a winter semiformal dance open to grade 6-8 students. Their dance will be from 7-10 p.m. Feb.10 at the high school gymnasium. Attire is semi-formal with theme colors of blue, silver, gold and white. Tickets can be purchased for \$10 each.

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Grade 7 and 8 students may purchase tickets from Miss Akin in the Coach Jolene Mensing at the elementary school starting January 17 during their physical education classes. If students receive any

behavioral referrals be-

tween now and the dance, they will be unable to attend.

Students are allowed Grade 6 students can to bring a guest from anpurchase tickets from other district; however, they must have a permission slip signed by their parent or guardian with the guest's information. Permission slips can be obtained from Akin or Mensing.







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Green Wolf Brewing Co. Movie Night

The Green Wolf Brewing Co. and Public House kicked off its winter film series on Saturday night with a screening of Martin Scorcese's "The Last Waltz," a film of The Band's final performance together on Thanksgiving night, 1976. Rows of seats replaced the usual arrangement of tables, as guests were encouraged to get comfortable with a drink from the bar and enjoy the film. Rather than admission, attendees were encouraged to give a suggested donation to help pay off the equipment investment and further programming.

A five-film Thursday night series begins on January 26 with the 2018 independent film, "Thunder Road." Written, directed, edited, and starring Jim Cummings, the film's plot centers around



of police officer Jim Arnaud. Arnaud tries to live up to what he feels are society's expectations, often trying too hard in all the wrong ways. The film

the rapidly crumbling life follows Arnaud in the days following the death of his mother as his exwife attempts to gain full custody of their daughter. The heart of the film is Cummings' magnetic and

heartfelt performance, which pivots from hilarious to heartbreaking on a dime, making it impossible to look away from the film. "Thunder Road" is not rated but is intend-

ed for mature audiences. The bi-weekly events promise to offer varied and unique films for Schoharie county. The series will celebrate Black History Month in Febru-

ary with two films separated by one hundred years; the 1920 silent film "The Symbol of The Unconquered" and the 2021 documentary "Summer of



MCS To Spend Federal Grants

By Joshua Walther

MIDDLEBURGH - The Middleburgh Central School Board of Education met on Wednesday night to hold their regular meeting, discussing topics like their federal pandemic grants and a new substitute teacher handbook.

During the Superintendent's report, Mark Place held a small presentation about the grant money they received from the federal government during the Coronavirus pandemic. These funds were meant to supplement a collection of school districts across the nation with additional tools to succeed.

However, Superintendent Place revealed that if they don't use what's left of that money soon. then it will begin to return to the federal government in increments, with the earliest being this upcoming September.

Through meetings held with shareholders, teachers and students, Superintendent Place gathered a comprehensive list of what everyone might like to see the money go toward before it vanishes completely.

These funds are allowed to go toward REAP, Title I, Title IIA, and Title IV, all of which deal with the enrichment of students' educations in one way or another. As such, Superintendent Place offered suggestions on where each of the grants can be applied.

The Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Act, or CRRSA, can have the appropriate funds be diverted toward replacing technology like laptops, a student daycare during spring break, and paid curriculum work and done, however, the for teachers over the school district still has summer.

The students also sug-

the school district in some time due to low funding. However, it's possible that these funds could be used for such an endeavor, like a Spanish class trip to Puerto Rico.

"It's important for us to keep in mind what they think," said Superintendent Place when referring to the students' suggestions, a sentiment that was echoed by the rest of the Board.

They also possess ARP funds for different areas, such as summer and after school enrichment or learning loss, which can be used for after school music lessons, hosting visiting artists, or updating the elementary school's book room.

After everything is said to spend a quarter of a million dollars, according gested that more field to Superintendent Place. trips be held, which He also placed very different hasn't been a priority of strong emphasis on the fact that these are grant dollars, which is an en- the picture, and substitirely separate balance. tute teachers may not be

keep an eye out for any future possibilities in which they could spend the money before it's too late.

In other news, resident Sean Lawton came forward during public comment to express his concerns over substitute teachers and the judgment calls they may make.

While he said that background checks are still imperative, they only

The Board agreed to vetted and hired based on what they'd do in a certain situation or how well they may recognize an inappropriate conversation.

> As such, Mr. Lawton suggested that all new hires undergo a form of special training to hone this very sense for the better security and safety of the children around them.

> Superintendent Place agreed, saying that they

funds and not taxpayer cover the legal side of had already taken his suggestions from a prior meeting into consideration. They confirmed that the Board is working on resurrecting an old guide handbook for substitute teachers, and said that this kind of training should apply to all of their faculty, not just subs.

> After the meeting had adjourned, Mr. Lawton noted that it was a step in the right direction, saying "I'd like to see what that handbook looks like, certainly."

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Gallupville House Charts its Future



By Bradley Towle

GALLUPVILLE - The Gallupville House Association (GHA) convened on Monday night to discuss what member Scott Hadam called the "thinking planning fun part." The group ate pizza and brainstormed for over an hour and a half, writing down ideas for programs and events at the Gallupville House in 2023. Early on, Hadam established a goal of at least one event unique to each month beginning in February, apart from the already planned open mic events the group started hosting last year. The GHA plans on receiving word regarding a C.R.E.A.T.E. grant by mid-February. The

grant would fund three planned musical events, and the group debated how to move forward should the funding fall through, with most agreeing they should prepare for the events as if they will receive the grant and make ad-

justments if necessary. The GHA plans on holding a commemorative ceremony to unveil a mirror donated by the descendants of Eva Conwell, a woman born in the Gallupville House during its days as a hotel. The 19th-century mirror would have likely been in the building as early as 1883. In addition to the mirror ceremony, the group considered several other options concerning Gallupville's history. Most agreed that a historical walking tour of some kind would be a good plan.

While many ideas remain in the embryonic stage, the group is moving forward with a bus trip to Boston scheduled for April 29. The Wade Tours bus would leave the Gallupville House at 6:30 am with a target return time of 9:00 pm. As of Monday, roughly thirty seats remained available. Tickets for the trip are \$60. Anyone interested in going can visit https://www.gallupvillehouse.org/events/bus-tripto-boston to reserve their space. The GHA plans on meeting again in early February.

Paul Mitchell Expert Shares Colorful Expertise with BOCES Students



Maureen Munoz, Paul Mitchell, Innovations Salon

SCHOHARIE - Paul relationships Mitchell educator Mautime and shared her expertise on Tuesday with students in the Capital Region BOCES Cosme-Schoharie Campus.

Munoz, who works locally in the Innovation new technique in a dif-Salon in Albany, taught students the art of balayage, a coloring/painting technique, said teacher Nancy Schmidt.

Paul Mitchell and Innovations Salon are some of more than 300 part- ly 100 students enrolled ners BOCES maintains in the two-year Cosme-

with. Through these partnerreen Munoz donated her ships, students are able to learn new techniques, launch careers directly out of high school or land jobs that will help them tology Program on the pay for future educational opportunities.

"It's great to learn a ferent way than we may do it in the classroom," said Cosmetology senior Kristyna Butcher, from Cobleskill, after Munoz completed her presenta-

There are approximate-

tology program on the Albany and Schoharie campuses. Students gain the skills and 1,000 hours of training and experience needed to take the New York State licensure exam. The experience prepares students to enter the workforce upon graduation or to go to college and a have a leg up on future business competitors. For more information, go to https://www.capitalregionboces.org/careertechnicaleducation/courses-programs/cosmetology/

All About Racing



After a successful return to racing five years ago, Brian Borst of Schoharie announced his retirement this past week and thanked the team that was part of his success. Facebook photo

The racing here in Florida is starting to rev up with the Sunshine Nationals for Late Models at Volusia Speedway and our local racing has three Modified racers trying their talents at qualifying starting on Thursday. We said earlier that Modified driver, Demetrios Drellos of Queensbury will be here and this past week we learned that Stewart Friesen of Sprakers will also be at Volusia behind the wheel of a Late Model. Friesen has raced with the Late Models prior to this trip. Also according to a post on Facebook, Brock Pinkerous nual Awards banquet and of Ellenville will be making the long haul to Volusia with his Crate 604 Late Model to try his hand at Late Model racing.

When in Daytona stop at the Living Legends of Auto Racing Mu-

By Ed & Betty Biittig stop this last week produced disappointment when we saw posted on the LLOAR Museum that due to storm damage the museum was closed.

After a bit of a search, we did find that the annual beachside parade and car show will be held on Monday, February 13, 2023. Staging will begin at the Drive In Christian Church at 9:00 am with the parade starting at 12:30 pm. The parade will head north on A1A to Botefuhr Ave. and return to the church on A1A. The cars will not go on the beach this year.

The LLOAR 30th Anauction also has a new venue this year; Tuesday, February 14 at the Hard Rock Hotel, 918 N. Atlantic Ave., Daytona Beach.

After returning to rac-Beach we always make a ing five years ago, Brian Borst of Schoharie announced this past week seum at the Sunshine that he is retiring once Mall, however, our recent again. On his Facebook

page Borst thanked everyone, his wife Andrea and brother Kevin and his daughters Briana, Catherine and Alexis and also Jeff, along with his sponsors, Midtel, Beauty By Briana Marie, Waggin Wheels, Shade Tree Landscaping and East Coast Rod Shop. Others that Borst showed his appreciation for were Andy's Speed Shop, Fastline Performance for weekly advice and JK Sign Works for always giving the team a great looking car.

Borst's return was a successful one after being out of racing for 15 years; his return saw him win in 2018, his first year back and then again in 2021. Borst said the highlight of his return was his win in 2021 when

he had his whole family in victory lane with him that night. Brian's earlier career ran from 1991-2003 and he had 15 wins in the Sportsman division.

When we spoke with him on Monday night he said that all his racing equipment and car were sold so the temptation is gone and that is a good thing.

After enjoying breakfast this morning with the Drellos Race Team we decided that we will be off to Volusia Speedway Park on Wednesday for Late Model practice and then Thursday night for qualifying.

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

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Thursday, January 19 at 6:00pm Beyond Books: Tools & Resources for Book Lovers Join Adult Services Librarian Don La-Plant for this program highlighting a range of tools and resources for bibliophiles. Learn about apps, websites, podcasts, and publications that help you keep track of your reading, find new recommendations, and read and share book reviews. We'll also cover hidden features in the library's catalog that make it easier to find your next favorite book.

Friday, January 20 at 4pm Paws for Reading Stop by the library to read to our favorite therapy dog, Nico! Nico loves to meet patrons of all ages, but he especially enjoys hearing kids practice their reading. Open to all ages. No registration necessary.

Tuesday, January 24 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 workop new skills, and get constructive input from other writers.

The Award-Winning Trivia Night@ the Library! returns January 26 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.

Saturday, January 28 at 10am Build and Play Saturday Stop by the library anytime between 10:00 and 1:00 for some free build time! We will have lots of different building sets, from simple wood blocks to LEGO, Magnatiles, and Goldie Blox. There's something for every age and skill level.

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

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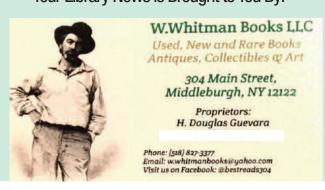
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Part 2: What Does Opioid Recovery Look Like In Upstate NY?

By Robert Brune

CATSKILLS REGION -In the first part of this series on the current opioid epidemic, we covered the escalating number of overdoses being reported and how the data collected merely offers a glimpse of the real scale of the problem. One report this past year claimed that between 2014 - 2019, the number of deaths increased by 2.000 percent. Since 2019 the number of deaths has tripled in Schoharie County by 2021.

Mother of a Recovering Addict

A local family's experience with the opioid epidemic may be the best way for our area residents, politicians, and medical professionals to empathize with what's happening here in upstate New York.

'My son has been "healthy" for two years, but the journey has been a long and painful one for our entire family.

Our family is an upper middle class farm family. Our four children were raised with family values, and family time together, including nightly dinner table conversations focused on what each of us did that day. On Sundays, our family gathered at Grandma and Grandpa's. We did everything as a family including sports, 4H and Future Farmers of America (FFA). Unfortunately, we were not immune to the opioid crisis. Little did I know that focusing on family and supporting good, wholesome activities didn't protect my son from the reality of wanting to fit in with the "cool" crowd. My son had his first experience with drugs, marijuana, at age sixteen during an extracurricular school activity. As part of his recovery, my son shared his journey with me years ery. later while on his road to recovery.

When my son's drug and alcohol use became obvious, reinforcing boundaries and expectations were not enough. When I look back, I remember going through his clothes and backpack and even logging on to his Myspace account and pretending to be him to learn more about who he was associating with. The the trust I once had with him was gone. Too many times money would be missing and eventually we learned that we couldn't have cash in the him.

started when his girlfriend's uncle started sharing painkillers prescribed for a back injury. From that point forward, my son's life spiraled out of control. In an effort to help him, we entered had an appointment with oid Response Program with experience as refamily counseling.

continued opioid use led to legal issues. At one point he was facing serious charges for purchasing and selling narcotics and burglary. As part of his plea, he went undercover for the New York State Police (NYSP). He wore a wire during a drug purchase. The buy was very dangerous, and my

son easily could have

been killed if the supplier

realized he was an in-

formant. My son's drug

charges were reduced but the burglary charges led to drug court and probation. Our first experience with probation was only minutes after my son moved back home. We had no idea what to expect or what we were expected to do. Never being involved in the system, my family was clueless to the invasion of privacy and humiliation we would feel in our own home. The probation officer arrived to inspect my son's living quarters. Our family was at the dinner table, including my very young grandchild, when the the officer found a knife that had been an heirloom on the dresser in the spare room. The probation officer proceeded to grab my son by the neck and pin him against the wall for the knife being against regulation. My son had no idea that the knife was even there. Needless to say, we were angry, hurt, embarrassed and concerned about the impact on our granddaughter. The probation officer showed absolutely no respect for our family. He was going to show everyone who was boss. Most importantly, my son was mortified in front of his family. Already feeling like he'd let everyone down, this just started a downward emotional spiral instead of a successful first step toward recov-Many years passed

tion including being late for appointments and led to multiple incarcerations. Let me tell you, incarceration is NOT the answer. Drugs were free flowing in the jails. I could always tell when my son used in jail. My son attended years of half-way counseling, houses, sixty- or ninetyday programs but nothing long term which only prolonged his drug use. Probation was sick of my son constantly screwing house. The temptation up so finally he was told was just too much for that they would see to it that he went to prison. My son's use of opioids He finally gave up and took the prison sentence after probation showed up at his place of employment and handcuffed him in front of his peers and supervisor. Let me

point out that my son

without successful recov-

ery for my son. Violations

in drug court or proba-

end of the workday but, again, the mentality seemed to be to exercise their power.

My son was incarcerated in a shock facility that was supposed to be a drug treatment facility as well but there was NO drug treatment. He worked in the kitchen for the time that he was there. The Assistant DA apologized to me that the drug treatment programs were discontinued because of COVID. My son was using again within 24 hours of being released. Within a month he stole money from me, and I had him arrested yet again. Although incarceration had not previously worked, at least if he was in jail, he was

off the streets and safe. It was when he was sitting in jail that last time that my son decided that he didn't want to do this anymore. During his recovery he has slipped but kept moving forward. He has been "healthy" for two years. I am more hopeful today than ever before. Along the journey of recovery, I have always kept an open line of communication with my son. My boundaries have not changed, I have listened to stories no mother needs to hear but if listening helped my son recover, I was all ears.

My son does not blame a single person but himself for his drug use. His current success is because we never gave up and constantly reminded him how much he was loved.

There is so much more to tell. The system is broken and there are so many addicts that don't have supportive family. The system is all they have, and they struggle and fail. It is our responsibility as humans to fix the system and work harder and smarter to help so many lost souls.'

~ A local mother within our coverage area.

The Broken System The lack of funding for a comprehensive approach to Substance Abuse Disorder likely stretches back to the Balanced Budget Act of 1996 (Welfare Reform) signed into law by President Bill Clinton. After its passage, thousands of clinics were almost immediately closed and for the most part, never came back. In 2001 President Bush signed the Welfare Reform Reauthorization, which dimmed any hopes that funding for treatment services would return anytime soon.

A couple of weeks ago, in a conversation with Julia Reischel, the director of a \$1 million 3 year federal grant from Health Resources and Services Administration's Rural Communities Opi-

Ultimately, my son's probation that day at the at the Margaretville Hospital/Westchester Medical Center Health (WM-CHealth), she had this to say on the topic of therapy, "Therapy isn't required. I'm sure it works for some folks but it's inaccessible, costly, and difficult to get to, so it's not a really realistic thing to require therapy as a primary addiction treatment. Now, Zoom therapy, some of these outpatient treatment places are doing their groups on Zoom and that's good but also they're expensive, right? You have to pay a counselor to facilitate the group, all of that. Whereas, just giving somebody a prescription for a pill is easier and it works mostly." Ms. Reichel claimed that it's the recommendation from the New York State Office of Addiction Services and Support (OASAS), that the data shows that Harm Reduction, which is Suboxone and Methadone maintenance, is the priority and that behavioral therapy is the "gold standard" of treatment. This downplays the role of behavioral therapy, implying that the financial cost of lifesaving treatment outweighs the quality of lifesaving treatment. There appears to be a disconnect between the OASAS paradigm and what is recommended by the CDC. The CDC actually suggests behavioral therapy along with medication as part of the Medicated-assisted Treatment

> https://www.cdc.gov/ruralhealth/drugoverdose/pdf/Policy-Brief Opioiod-Overdoses-H.pdf

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icy Brief.

The Foot Soldiers of Recovery

The burden of subof outreach groups such and Substance Abuse (SCCASA) as well as the Delaware and Otsego Friends of Recovery Delaware and Otsego (FOR-DO). The director of SCCASA, Justin Hamm explains, "Our biggest limitations are transportation, housing, and the need for more peer advocates and coaches. If transportation through Medicaid were available to clients, it would go a long way. If there were people seeking treatment or coming out of treatment (and the prison system), it would have a massive impact in our county.'

Having spoken with a few workers at FOR-DO in Delhi, they echoed the exact same top needs for transportation, more staff, and housing. Peer advocates are individuals covering people certified sources to help strengthby OASAS approved trainers. Sandra Marnell has trained incredible individuals, such as Justin Hamm and his staff, as well as many of the peer advocates at Friends of Recovery. Sandra describes peer advocates as follows, 'It's people helping people. It's people with experiential knowledge that can actually help people to find the answers from within. Peer advocates help people get into recovery and stay in recovery, you know, helping them not to relapse.

Sandra suggests that these interactions lead many to pathways of recovery including improved relationships with their faith (spirituality), their families, their church, and even through exercise groups. Upon learning more about what peer advocates do, it would seem they are very much like first responders. Sandra completely agreed that these staff members are absolutely first responders with all that they do.

Political Developments Since the New Year

On Tuesday, January 3rd, during the State of the State Address, Governor Hochul made a mental health investment announcement, "I am declaring that ignoring the needs of these individuals is over. - I'm proud to announce to accomplish this goal I'm prepared to invest \$1 billion making critical policy changes to fully meet the mental health needs of our people.' The governor went on to include people with substance abuse issues saying that her family has lost a loved one to the opioid epidemic, as well.

There seems to be stance use disorder has strong bipartisan support fallen on the shoulders of the governor's announcement to make a as the Schoharie County major shift in policies for Council on Alcoholism mental health needs. The communications director for State Senator Oberacker, Jeffrey Bishop, Counties organization, e had this response, "I welcome additional reen mental health and substance use disorder programs and will fight to ensure that the rural areas I represent receive equitable funding to meet our growing needs. A shortage of long-term care options and isolation issues are major concerns that I hear on a regular basis. I will be pressing the governor and other officials to address these issues that are unique to our region."

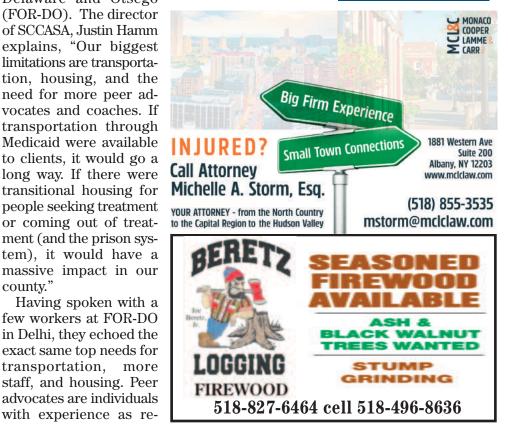
Rep. Marc Molinaro (R-19th District) in a phone call with the Mountain Eagle concerning Gov. Hochul's announcement, "It is necessary for New York to broaden it' commitment in supporting inpatient treatment. I don't believe it includes the urgency that is necessary and there needs to be a state commitment to juvenile and adolescent inpatient beds as well. I'd like to see the governor's proposal in more detail. It's an important next step and it's long overdue.'

In a world where it seems political divisions define policy needs, New York State Republicans and Democrats appear to be ready to lock arms to get something done to save lives in a meaningful way. Combating a leading cause of death in our state is no longer something that will go unaddressed.

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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

M'burgh May Move all Offices to Community Center, Sell Town Hall

By David Avitabile MIDDLEBURGH

consolidating its offices at the new community center.

on Cotton Hill Road, opened at the end of 2020, and the town began holding town board and planning board meetings at the new facility. For nearly 30 years, the town and planning board meetings had been held at the town hall on Railroad Avenue.

The town court was moved to the new facility in late December and now it appears that the rest of the town offices, the clerk and the assessor, may be moved and the old building may be put up for sale.

between Christmas and Laraway added. "Sell the

visor Wes Laraway said. The move was made be-Slowly but surely, the cause of poor air circu-Town of Middleburgh is lation in the court space. The court space was in the main room of the town hall. The town clerk The community center and assessor's office are in the smaller rooms in the front of the town hall. The town court is now located in the main room of the community cen-

> Work will commence on the town hall, Mr. Laraway said.

"We will be doing remediation on the building to improve issues and then making the decision from options on what we do," Mr. Laraway said.

After that, the town will be making decisions on how to proceed.

"I would like to consolidate offices at the "The court moved there Community Center," Mr.

place overnight, he added.

"There are a lot of moving parts to the options so we are just doing what is best for our employees and trying to figure out the best options."

The town moved into the town hall around 1995 after an "amicable" divorce with the village when Richard Shultes was supervisor and during the terms of Charles Slater and Art Wargo. The town and village shared the Municipal Building on Main Street for many years before town officials at that time were worried that the state would force the two municipalities to make the building, which was once Central National Bank, handicap accessible. The town agreed to buy the town hall, which New Years," town Super- town hall in the future." once housed an Agway

a few months later.

Any sale would not take store. After much rehab- about the lack of handi- a large crowd was exbing, the town moved in cap access to the building. He has suggested Strangely enough, the that the village hold their was built with \$3 million village hall is still not meetings at the commuhandicap accessible and nity center. The village a resident has been push- held a meeting at the the flood of August, ing the village board center last spring when 2011.

pected.

The community center in NY Rising funds that the town received after

Schoharie Promotional **Plans Busy 2023**

The members of the Guernsev. Schoharie Promotional Association met earlier this month and charted out an historic and busy

2023. The Association, now in its 40th year, has numerous events and programs throughout the vear. While the pandemic slowed them down for almost two years, as did many organizations and businesses, Schoharie Promotional is almost back to full force.

Among the programs and events planned for this year are:

* January 9, Schoharie community meeting, town hall.

Winter Season (weather dependent) Ice skating in Fox Creek Park. Facilitated by Floyd

* February Community newsletter.

* February 1, SPA donation drive. * April 22, 10 am

Spring adopt-a-highway (Routes 30 and 443). * April 29, 10 am Lily

Park spring cleanup.

* May Little League sponsorship.

* May (date TBD) Planting barrels on Main (thanks Schoharie Valley Farms and Oak Hill Landscaping).

Community May newsletter.

* June SCS scholarship awards.

* July 8, 10 am to 3 pm Fifth Annual Lilv Fes-

* August Friday Nights Concerts in the courtyard

* August Community newsletter.

* September 23, 11 am Cornhole tournament, Fox Creek Park.

* October 14, 10 am Fall adopt-a-highway (Rt. 30 and 443).

* October Fall decorating contest.

* November 24 through the holiday season Lights in the park at Fox Creek Park.

* December Holiday decorating contest.

* December Community newsletter.

schohariepromo.org for 2023 projects and more information.

The Promotional Association meets at 6:30 pm on the second Monday of each month at Town Hall.

Schoharie Elementary Revises Code of Conduct

SCHOHARIE

Schoharie Elementary School has recently revised its Student Code of Conduct.

"Our students are doing great," said Principal Andrea Polikoski. "But we know that we can do better, both in individual classroom settings and throughout the day during all of the other activities we have at Schoharie Elementary."

She added, "Our time is limited with students. In order to maximize their academic success and ensure they have fun and engaging activities to augment their classroom seat time, we need to make

may seem like minor behaviors, such as fidgeting or talking during inappropriate times, can lead to disruptions that over time take away from the overall experience in our school. Rather than only focusing on punishment for negative actions, our revised Code of Conduct looks at a broader range of student behavior. To guide us in a consistent and fair manner for all students, we will turn to our school-wide Positive **Behavioral Interventions** and Supports (PBIS) program and our Responsive Classroom Approach.

For convenience, the

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every minute count. What district attached the revised Student Code of Conduct that lays out in more detail the different levels of behaviors and corresponding consequences on its website. "Working together as students, families, and school staff, Schoharie Elementary will strive to 'Be Responsible, Be Respectful, Be Safe, and Be a Community,"

If parents have any questions about the revised Student Code of Conduct and the philosophy behind it, please do not hesitate to reach out to vour child's teacher or the principal.

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MCS Boys Fall to Galway, ND-BG

By David Avitabile

MIDDLEBURGH - The Knights dropped two games last week, falling to Notre Dame-Bishop Gibbons on Friday and losing a close game to Galway.

Middleburgh hosted Notre Dame-Bishop Gibbons and stayed close in the first quarter, trailing 19-12 after the first eight minutes.

ND-BG then increased it lead to 40-27 at the half. ND-BG then went on a 26-8 run in the third quarter to take a 66-35 into the final period on the way to an 85-47 win.

Zakahria Archie led ND-BG with 23 points, including one three-pointer.

Against Galway, une Knights stayed close in the first half before Galway took

Galway led 10-6 after the first eight minutes, but MCS rallied to go on a 15-11 run 2to tie the game at 21-21 at the half.

Galway took control with a 12-4 run in the third quar-

the final period. Middleburgh outscored Galway 13-12 but 6 could get no closer in a 46-

Senior Troy Cammer led eight points.

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ter to take a 33-25 lead into Middleburgh

38 loss.

Casey Clarke led Galway with 15 points.

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the Knights with 20 points and Ethan Trombley added 19 21 26

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MCS Little Knights Sports Programs are to Resume

MIDDLEBURGH - The Little Knights Interest Meeting will be held 6:30 p.m. January 25 at the Middleburgh Central School District High School cafeteria.

Parents and guardians of children currently in grades 3-6 who have an interest in basketball, cheerleading, soccer, track, bowling, and volleyball should attend. The Little Knights program is geared toward boys and girls who are interested in playing sports and to potentially prepare them to play in the coming years at Middleburgh High School. During the Little Knights program, students will enjoy fun drills with guidance from experienced coaches and assistance from high school play-

"Our goal is to create a

learning environment in which coaches, student-athletes and parents work together to improve our atheniov a community wide

positive and competitive love of athletics," Co-Athletic Director Gregg Johns said. "We will look to build the program as time goes on and continue to generate a letic programs at MCS and high level of interest within the school community."

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Pastor Mel 518-827-5126 or Melenamoore2323@ gmail.com

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12157 **Delanson United Methodist Church** 112 E Shore Rd, Delan-

son, NY 12053 Our Lady of the Valley Roman Catholic Parish

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Church 258 Main Street

MCS Equine Science Class Explores Careers, Opportunities

the help of two community partners, Middleburgh Central School District students recently got a first-hand look at careers they may want to pursue in the future.

Students in the grades 11-12 Equine Science class visited Windhorse Thoroughbreds LLC and Albany Therapeutic Riding Center (ATRC) on January 6 and met with experts in horse breeding and therapeutic riding.

While at Windhorse learned about what goes a tour of the facility, stuing.

and selling race horses. This unique experience included observing a veterinarian provide care to pregnant mares. A new opportunity for learning awaits as students have been invited back in February to participate in Foal Watch. They will get the thrill of anticipation, watching the mares to see if there are any signs of imminent birth.

At ATRC, students learned about careers in the growing Equine Ther-Thoroughbreds, students apy field. In addition to

MIDDLEBURGH - With into caring for, promoting dents learned more about ATRC's work promoting mental health and physical wellbeing for its clients.

"There are many opportunities to participate in the equestrian industry," Agriculture Educator and FFA Advisor Carmen Fagnani said. "Students learned about careers in the racing industry and everything it takes to get a horse from birth to racing. They also learned about careers in equine assisted therapies, from volunteering to coach-

Conesville Approves Unified Solar Permit

By Matthew

Avitabile CONESVILLE - As

much of Schoharie County considers a number of large-scale solar electricity projects, the Town of Conesville is taking a proactive stance toward the issue for small-scale projects. One of the key concerns for residents in other towns is whether or not solar projects comply with zoning and permitting regulations.

then passed a permit for solar projects that would be on an individual's property. The application is intended for capacity of 30 kilowatts or less.

The Town of Conesville last week approved a unified solar permit based off of one from New York State. By doing so, the hope is that the process would be simpler for residents and had a signifi-

The Town considered, cant upside for the Town. By passing the permit, the Town is eligible for more points towards a grant for installation of energy efficient heating and cooling at the Couchman House. The Town and Historical Society are rehabbing the building with the aid of volunteers, private donations, and generosity of the Nicholas J. Juried Family Founda-



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First Baptist Church 492 West Main Street, Cobleskill Sunday Service -11:00 AM

Schoharie United **Presbyterian Church** 314 Main St. Schoharie, Worship Service: 10:30

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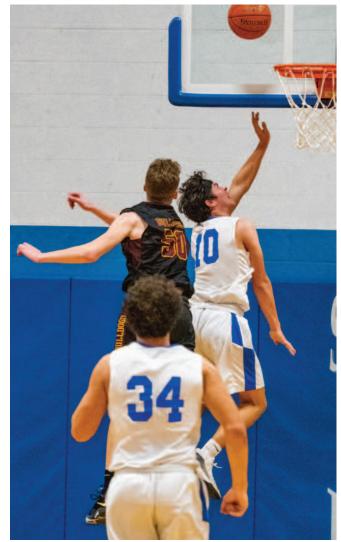


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Nate Burke nets another two points for Schoharie in the final minutes of Friday night's game.





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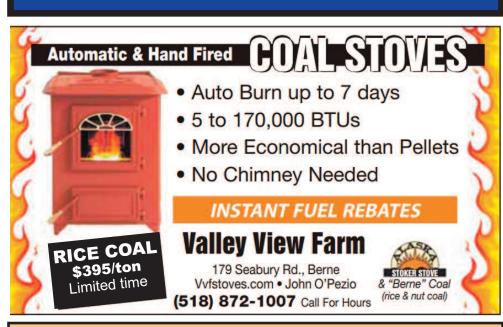
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Jefferson May Bid Sidewalk Project Again

By Liz Page

JEFFERSON - With the lone bid still coming in over the \$300,000 grant amount the town of Jefferson has received to repair and extend sidewalks, council members are again awaiting a recommendation from the consultant engineer. Supervisor Peggy Hait was absent from the meeting, recuperating at home, with Deputy Supervisor Ken Cole running the first meeting of the year, which included organizing for 2023.

Chris Cornwell of GPI was present to review the sidewalk bid. The sidewalk project from Park Ave. to the student parking lot at Jefferson Central School, may be pared again. The project, must be completed by spring under the terms of the grant and that deadline has been extended from May to June 26. Cornwell provided the cost figures on the newest bid, which still needs to be pared, with the town board to make those final decisions and it may include rebidding the project.

The town has been at-

tempting to award a bid along with board members on the project since September, with the decision to rebid the project in November, rejecting the lone bid that was well above the grant amount.

The bid included alternative options for the project, with town board members discussing the possibility of keeping the solar powered radar signs. Flashing beacons and a drainage project at the intersection were not discussed. The town has 45 days to reject or accept the bid.

Councilman Russell Danforth expressed concern over rejecting the bid, which he said is the closest yet to the amount of the grant, asking what would happen if the town again rebids the project and those bids come in even higher.

Cornwell said he would review the materials and numbers for the project and send a summary for the board's discussion of whether to accept the bid or rebid. If needed, a special meeting to discuss the issue could be held. He

expressed disappointment that more bids were not received.

Highway Superintendent Chris Cordone said it was his opinion the town should rebid the project, with contractors eager to do projects.

Ingrid Zeman received permission to place an ad for the town of Jefferson in the 2023 Maple Festival booklet. The town takes the ad each year, with the cost going up this year. She provides historical content as town historian, a position she was reappointed to during the organizational portion of the meeting. In her report, she continues working on the history room, taking an inventory and typing it

In his report, Councilman Don VanValkenburgh said the Jefferson Heritage Day committee will meet on Jan. 24 and are looking for other organizations to become involved. The committee did not meet

in December. He also asked for a moment of silence for Shannon Staib who recently lost her husband, Bob Staib. "She does a lot for the town," said VanValkenburgh.

The Holiday Committee was granted permission to use the town green on Saturday, April 1, 2023 for an Easter Egg Hunt event. The committee also inquired what it would need for insurance coverage for an off town property event. Board members approved the Easter Egg Hunt.

There was concern over the constant blowing of fuses to light Christmas Lights on the green. Van-Valkenburgh said he had checked them out a few times and believes they need to use waterproof lead cords.

Board members then moved into the organization for 2023, making the following appointments:

Mountain Eagle and Times Journal, official newspapers; Evening Star Bookkeeping as town bookkeeper; town supervisor as budget officer and service officer; Katherine Lindquist, deputy town clerk, registrar and collector; Aaron House, water commissioner: Town Clerk Vanessa Irwin, water collector, registrar; Marc Lawrence, deputy highway superintendent; Louis Desimone as daily water tester for Ph and chlorine residue.

Appointments also included: Rich Irwin as code enforcement officer; Don Clarke, deputy code enforcement officer; Mark Los, chairman of the Assessment Review Board; Councilman Ken Cole as representative to the Catskill Revitalization Corporation of the Delaware and Ulster Rail; Sarah Abbatine, planning board chairman; Bob Glas to a five-year term on the planning board; Councilman Kevin McMahon as dog control officer.



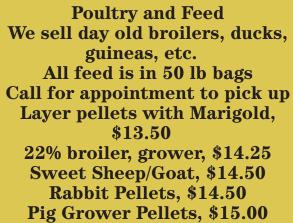
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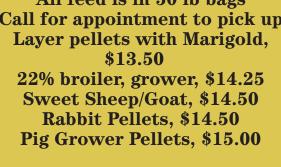
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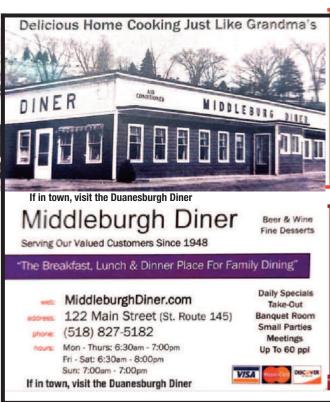
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Butternut Road To Be Renamed for 9/11 Hero

By Michael Ryan

two distinct reasons Butternut Road in the town of Jewett is being respectfully changed to "Jeremy Glick Way."

Each is directly connected to actions taken by Mr. Glick aboard illfated United Airlines Flight 93 on the morning of September 11, 2001.

Town council members, during a meeting last week, agreed to rename Butternut Road in his honor, anticipating a dedication ceremony, this coming spring or summer, receiving the blessings of Glick's family.

Their motivation is simultaneously difficult and simple. "We feel this is a proper memorial for a great American hero," says councilman John Giordano who has spearheaded the movement.

Glick was a passenger on Flight 93 during the ninety minutes of sheer horror that have come to define the 9/11 ter-

JEWETT - There are World Trade Center in New York City and the Pentagon in Washington D.C.

> The first two suicide planes hit the Twin Towers at 8:46 a.m. and 9:03 a.m. with a third plane striking the Pentagon at 9:37 a.m.

> Roughly 10 minutes before the Pentagon was hit, at 9:28 a.m., terrorists had taken over Flight 93 with Glick and other passengers being aware of events unfolding elsewhere and courageously devising counter meas-

> A plan was quickly put together to foil the hijackers and whether Glick and his compatriots knew they would go down with the aircraft or not, they acted in a manner that can only be described as bravely undaunted.

No one can say with certainty where the terrorists intended to crash Flight 93 although it has been concluded their tarthe hijackers," Jeremy re-

U.S. Capitol or the White House.

It never got there. Instead, Glick, along with Todd Beamer, Mark Bingham and Tom Burnett, attempted to take back the airplane - or perhaps stop it from fulfilling its mission - ultimately resulting in a deadly plummet into an open field near Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

Reports from that day indicate that at 9:57 a.m., Glick and his countrymen charged forward. At 9:59, the South Tower at the World Trade Center collapsed and at 10:02 a.m., Flight 93 slammed to earth.

In the moments before the attempted take back of Flight 93, Glick made a cell phone call to his wife, Lyzbeth, who with their infant daughter was visiting family on Butternut Road in Jewett, at the Makely Farm.

"We're going to rush

demonstrating a selfless resoluteness few can begin to comprehend, unless confronted with the unimaginable.

While the role of Butternut Road is absolutely minimal, it does fit into the history of 9/11 and is emblematic of how average, everyday Americans were impacted and how life is instantaneously altered.

captain in college, is remembered in many realms such as the Flight 93 National Memorial, at the crash site, and the National 9/11 Memorial in New York City, along with other passengers.

A resident of West Milford, New Jersey at the time of his passing, Glick was posthumously awarded the Medal for Heroism, the highest civilian honor bestowed by the Sons of the American Revolution.

Tribute was paid to Glick in 2002 with the ic way."

rorist attacks on the get would have been the portedly said to his wife. Arthur Ashe Courage Award and in 2007 he was again posthumously recognized with the Samuel Eells Award for distinguished public service by his college fraternity.

His hometown of West Milford said "thank you" to Glick by naming the Jeremy Glick Trail, and its vista, Jeremy Glick's Overlooks.

And now the town of Glick, a rugby team Jewett gratefully tips its collective hat, henceforth calling what was Butternut Road "Jeremy Glick Way."

> "This was a tragic day in our country. It is hard to fathom. But this is also an easy thing for us to do, knowing what Jeremy did, first of all, and that his call to his wife came to that farmhouse," Giordano says.

"I think it is wonderful it won't be named Jeremy Glick Avenue or Road. It is the Jeremy Glick Way, doing it his way, the hero-

Thinking back to 9/11 and the unfathomable awfulness, Giordano recalls that volunteers from the Jewett Fire Department were dispatched to the Makely Farm for traffic control as black, federal government undercover cars suddenly started arriving, seemingly out of thin air.

It was a specter no one has forgotten including Marvin Seligman, current owner of the farm which is listed on the Historic Registry, having been settled by one of Jewett's founding families.

"Symbolically, this is very important," says Seligman who has been deeply instrumental in bringing the idea to fruition, noting Glick's daughter recently became a college graduate.

"This man, Jeremy Glick, is not just connected in this way to our town or the mountaintop. He is an international hero and a great American."

By Michael Ryan

WINDHAM - Nothing else is doing the trick so handing out blush-colored sacks to scoop up and get rid of nastv "Number 2's" at the popular Windham Path makes as much sense as anything.

Windham town board members, at a meeting last week, discussed a messy situation that has been talked about more than once in the past.

"There are a lot of complaints about irresponsible pet owners at The Path and other places leaving feces all over the place in bags and out of bags," councilman Kurt Goettsche said.

"People want to know why we aren't fining people for not cleaning up after their dogs. People want to have fun and enjoy themselves, not be walking around this stuff," Goettsche said.

Council members are well aware of the problem. They have previously issued friendly reminders to Path visitors about picking up pooch poop, reminders that have not reached people most needing to be reached.

A not-so-friendly message was recently posted on Facebook by resident and local attorney Marilyn Carreras, stating, "to all visitors and second

homeowners. "I, and most of us fulltime Windhamites, are very happy to share our beautiful parks, walkways

and town with you. "We are not a city and therefore have limited resources and thus "make do" with what we have," Carreras wrote.

"Many of us relocated from downstate many, many years ago and worked hard to assimilate in our new homes and adapt to this loving culture formed by this different and at times difficult environment.

"While you enjoy yourselves, we seek from you ultra-respect for our laws, culture and God-given beautiful natural environment.

"Please carry-in and carry out all trash and waste," Carreras wrote, prompting multiple Face-



book comments including me is unleashed dogs. I one from Chari Franz-Oliver, stating "Amen" and another from Linda Davis.

"This should be made into a poster and distributed around town as well [as] be included in the welcome packages for the rental properties," Davis wrote.

There is no evidence that only visitors to the mountains carelessly ignore animal do-do and human garbage. Quite the contrary.

"It wouldn't surprise me that people from all over are doing it," Goettsche said in a followup phone interview, a statement given credence by fellow councilman Ian Peters.

"There are people I have talked to about this myself but they keep doing it anyway," Peters said in a phone interview following the council session.

"I would like to have another alternative but the next step might have to be that dogs are banned," Peters said, not just from the Windham Path but also C.D. Lane Park in Maplecrest.

"The bigger thing for park.

have a three-vear old child that was chased by a dog at The Path," Peters said, noting the town of Windham has a leash law on the books.

While town supervisor Thomas Hovt is equally exasperated, outlawing pets might be too radical a step and virtually impossible to enforce without establishing a special poop police force.

"This should be a matter of respect and common sense but unfortunately it isn't," Hoyt said, noting talks have been initiated between residents and a local foundation about creating a specific dog park.

"It is only conversation at this point but maybe something like that would alleviate the problem. It's not limited to The Path and the park. We are being told about problems at local condo complexes

"The town doesn't have the finances to do any in-kind services [for a dog park] but if the money can be found, we would allow it on our land," Hoyt said, including The Path and the

"This isn't just tourists. It's also people who are here fulltime. We tried to do a dog park at the Little League field," along South Street, Hoyt said.

"Some people were picking up after their dogs. Some were not. Locks finally had to be put on the gate to keep them out.

"I honestly don't know what the answer is." Hovt said. "Maybe we should put pink [pooper-scooper] bags out there instead of green ones.

"Maybe if the bags were florescent people would feel ashamed to leave them there. I don't know. I wish I did. If we have to have a police officer sitting out there writing tickets, what kind of a world do we live in?"

Goettsche, acknowledging there is no law against a dog doing its smelly business in the Great Outdoors, said, "on one hand, making it illegal doesn't seem reasonable.

"Our police have far more important things to take care of," Goettsche said. "On the other hand, we have been posting and posting. It doesn't work."

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Obituaries

Charles E. Van Etten



1950 - 2022

Family and friends were saddened to hear about the passing of Charlie Van Etten on January 12, 2023. Charles was born to Daisy Soule and Merlin (Barney) Van Etten on September 12, 1950. He was a lifelong resident of the Town of Lexington.

He graduated from the Hunter-Tannersville Central School (Class of 1968). In his teen years, he spent time working weekends and during the summers on his aunt's farm. During the winter months, he worked at the Hunter Mountain Ski Shop on weekends where Charlie learned the work ethics that he was well

known for.

Charlie was well known for his special deals serving the skiers at Hunter Mountain, Windham Mountain and Belleayre at his Ski Shops.

Charlie started Van Etten Trucking with one dump truck back in the 70's. Over the years it grew with the addition of excavation and construction added to the "?" logo. Snowplowing became another seasonal addi-

Charlie enjoyed riding motorcycles and collecting Ford Mustang cars. He loved to hunt and fish. He also spent his Sundays watching football games. Charlie was a "people person." He loved to share his jokes to entertain others. He enjoyed traveling to other parts of the country but always loved to come home to the mountaintop.

Charlie was a past president of the Town of Lexington Democrat Club. He belonged to the Town of Lexington Volunteer Fire Company for over 50 years, participating in

parades including the Hudson Valley Parade in Lake George. He supported the Lexington-West Kill UM Church and many other organizations.

He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Linda Kriss Van Etten; sisters Marilyn (Bob) McCracken and JoEllen Schermerhorn; brothers Leslie Van Etten and Stephen Van Etten; aunts, nieces, and nephews, as well as great-nieces. He always had a special place in his

heart for his Huskies.

Charlie was very generous with others by being supportive; encouraging and willing to lend a helping hand to anyone in need. To keep Charlie's memory alive, please help your neighbors if you see that they are struggling; volunteer for a nonprofit organization; and/or donate to your favorite charities. A Celebration of Life Service for Charlie will be planned for later in the Spring.

Charlie will be greatly missed by all who knew him!



On Thursday, we were dealt a terrible blow when we discovered that Bob Beyfuss, a beloved friend and fellow employee, had passed away unexpectedly in Florida.

Those of you who did not have the good fortune to know Bob should know that he was a superb educator, a nationally

Bob Beyfuss

renowned ginseng specialist, and a long-tenured member of the CCE Greene team.

He was also so much more to us both personally and professionally. There would be no Agroforestry Resource Center in Acra if it weren't for Bob. Those of us who had the honor and the privilege to call him a friend are suffering from severe emotional distress.

Over the next few weeks, as we come to terms with the loss that we have experienced as a group, we will share commemorative images, memories, and thoughts that have been sent by Bob's staff and volunteers

Bob Beyfuss held a master's degree in agriculture from Cornell University and was an internationally renowned ginseng expert. Bob retired as an Agriculture and Natural Resources Program Leader for Cornell Cooperative Extension of Greene County in 2009. He is a resident of Schoharie County and spent the winter months in sunny Florida.

Lillian Barr



Lillian Barr, 96, of Platte Clove passed away at The Pines Nursing Home in Catskill, NY on January 13, 2023 after a brief illness. She was born on April 16, 1926 in Platte Clove, NY, the first child of Sylvan and Gladys Dolan. She worked as a sales lady extraordinaire in various retail establishments for 40 years. Lillian lived her life with dignity and grace having a kind word and a smile for all.

Lillian enjoyed cooking. Her meatloaf and zucchini bread were renowned among family and friends.

She loved movies. Her all time favorite being "Gone With The Wind." Her daughter, granddaughter, and greatgranddaughter knew the love story of star-crossed lovers Rhett and Scarlett.

Lillian was an avid supporter of women's rights. She truly valued the right to vote and exercised that right on every election day.

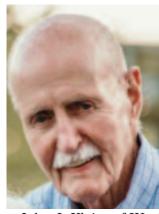
Her loving survivors include her daughter Sandra Borrelli of Ravena, and her companion Larry Lynch of Little Falls, granddaughter Carla

Gleason and husband Michael Gleason of Glenmont, and two greatgrandchildren, 11 year old Caroline and 6 year old Robert. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Lillian was predeceased by her husband of 69 years, Philip Barr as well as her parents and siblings.

Services will be held at Aston-Basagic Funeral Home in Hunter, NY on Saturday January 21 st 2023. Calling hours will be from 11am-1pm, a prayer service will be conducted at 1pm and Burial will be in Evergreen Cemetery in Elka Park, NY.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Regional Food Bank of Northeastern, NY.



John J. Klein, of West Kill, New York, passed away peacefully with his loving children by his side, on January 11, 2023 at the age of 95 years. John was born in the Bronx on March 18, John and Marion Klein. His sisters, Marion and Sally predeceased him. After the bombing of Pearl Harbor in 1941, John, like many Americans, wanted to serve his country. Despite being underage, he enlisted with the United States Navy and proudly served in World War II and the Korean War. Upon leaving the Navy, his training as a radio man afforded him the opportunity to join Western Union International in lower Manhattan as a technician, where he worked his way up to a position over-

John J. Klein

seeing their "new-fangled" computer systems. Upon John's retirement from Western Union, he took a job with ITS/SITA, which specialized in communications for the air transport industry.

On October 26, 1957, he married Thelma Dale Connolly. They moved to Long Island and settled in Brentwood where they raised their five children. In 1990, they moved to a log home on eight acres in West Kill where they could enjoy "God's Country" in their own backyard. John was predeceased by Dale, the love 1927, the youngest of of his life, last April. He three children born to will be tenderly remembered

by his children, John (Gina), William, Matthew (Kathleen), Laura O'Leary (Edward) and Steven (Barbara); his grandchildren, Rosemarv Marszycki (Michael), J.D., Rebecca, Barbara Dale and Abigail: two great grandchildren, Alison and Madilynn; and his cherished sister-inlaw, Laura Egan and her husband Skip. John, who in later years was never seen without his trademark suspenders, was often photographed holding a largemouth bass. He spent countless hours in a boat, contemplating

life while trying to catch "The Big One." John taught his children a love for the outdoors. In the early years, he spent every August vacation the family hauling camper from Long Island to Windham, where they enjoyed the peace and serenity of a campsite at White Birches. He was a fan of John Wayne, the NY Football Giants, the NY Yankees, and after the NY Rangers traded away Eddie Giacomin, the NY Islanders. He was skilled at growing vegetables, and could grow anything, anywhere as long as he had some seeds, a watering can, and a patch of dirt. John enjoyed reading novels in his recliner and having a piece of chocolate immediately after dinner. Even in his later years, you could find him cutting firewood, plowing snow, or riding his John Deere tractor across "the back forty." Much like John Wayne, John Klein was a man of few words and was larger than life to those who knew him.

Funeral services were held on Monday, January 16, 2023 at 10:00 AM at Saint Anthony's Roman Catholic Church located at 10 Squire Avenue in Yonkers.



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Out Lexington Way

By Christine Dwon Deepest sympathy to several families that lost loved ones recently.

Condolences and heartfelt sympathy to Linda Van Etten on the passing of husband Charlie Van Etten and Charlie's brothers and sisters, the family and his friends. His presence will be greatly missed.

John Klein passed away and we extend deepest sympathy to John's children, all the family and friends.

Sympathy also to the family and friends of Ann Robinson who passed away last week. Ann was able to attend the dedication of a portion of Spruceton Road in honor of her brother Tunis Rappleyea, Jr. in November 2022.

The Windham Rotary Foundation is holding a Food Drive until Jan. 31. donations of toiletries, recommended are nonperishable soups, sauces, beans, vegetables in cans or jars and sealed packets, honey, peanut butter, boxed juices, at GNH Lumber Windham, Windham Post Office, Windham Pharmacy, Windham Key Bank, Jim's Great American in Prattsville and Hannaford in Cairo.

And by the way, thanks to follow columnist Ginny on keeping our vow of secrecy after our long phone conversation a couple of weeks ago. Ya never know what she and I might be talking about.

Mary Palazzolo's birthday was Jan. 12. Son Stevie, from Connecticut, came to his parent's Mary and Steve's home in Spruceton on Jan. 12 to spend the weekend. Stevie made a delicious dinner for them and on Mary and Jan. 13. Steve's daughter Carly came from Long Island to send in your official weekend together.

The celebration of Church that was held at the Lexington/West Kill UMC on Jan. 13 was well attended with about 30 from the Mountain Top Parish churches. A couple of brave souls, Kathy Martino and Joe Concato held the pole where the hung so everyone could take a few whacks at it. senting gifts given by the Greene County a better

three Kings visiting the "Baby Jesus." There was fun and fellowship, delicious and bountiful covered dish meal, singing hymns including "We Three Kings," and Pastor Amy spoke on humility.

The Brooks Chicken BBQ that was scheduled for Friday, Jan. 20 at the Kaaterskill UMC has been canceled.

Happy birthday to Kaitlyn Knapp on Friday, Jan.

Saturday, Jan. 22 it's happy birthday to Helen

Best wishes!

The Greene County Department of Human Services Senior Nutrition Program menu for the week of Jan. 23 – Jan. 27 is as follows: Monday—Beer batter fish, California mixed vegetables, rice pilaf, tropical fruit; Tuesday—Chicken Parmesan, Italian mixed vegetables, You may drop off your penne pasta, peanut butter swirl brownie; Wednesday—Meatloaf with gravy, mixed vegetables, baked potato with sour cream, cookies, pineapple; Thursday— Roasted chicken quarters with gravy, Monaco vegetable mix, mashed potatoes, fresh fruit; Friday—American goulash, spinach, ambrosia salad, fresh fruit. The menu will be the meal that is delivered to all Greene County homebound meal clients. All persons over the age of 60 can receive a meal. Meals served at noon and suggested donation for each meal is \$4. Those wishing to receive a meal are required to call the respective location by noon, a day in advance. The number to call for the Senior Nutrition site at the Jewett Municipal Building, Route 23C, Jewett is 518-263-4392.

to help Mom celebrate nomination form if you her birthday. Mary and want to nominate some-Carly had a spa day on one for the Greene Coun-Jan. 14 and in the ty Department for the evening they all went out Aging (Human Services) to dinner. Wonderful annual Greene County Senior Citizen Awards. The two awards, present-Three Kings Day Dinner ed annually, are Senior Citizen of the Year and Outstanding Contribution by a Senior Citizen. The purpose of the awards is to recognize the outstanding contributions and achievements of senior citizens who have volunteered their time and encandy filled pinata was ergy to help other people, their communities, and/or special projects. The The candy was wrapped dedication of these volin silver and gold repre- unteers help to make

You have until Jan. 27

place for all of us. The individuals chosen on the county level will then represent Greene County for recognition for New York State awards.

Any Greene County resident, age 60 or older, can be nominated for these awards. Achievements must be voluntary in nature, performed in Greene County and not part of paid employment. Past award winners may be nominated only if seven or more years have passed since last recognized.

If you know someone who deserves this recognition, contact the Greene County Department of Human Services at 518-719-3555 for an official nomination form. Incomplete forms will not be considered as eligible. Any inquiries for further information may also be directed to the department.

On Sunday, Jan. 29 at 10 a.m., there will be a combined worship service of the Mountain Top Parish churches—Kaaterskill UMC, East Jewett UMC, Lexington/West Kill UMC, Windham-Hensonville UMC, Ashland UMC and Lanesville UMC in the Kaaterskill UMC in Tannersville. All are welcome.

Friday, Feb. 10 is the annual Lexington/West Kill Trustee TGIF Brooks Chicken BBQ at the Lexington church from 3 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., take out only.

Van Dusen's Market in Lexington is now open seven days a week from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

There is a collection box in the vestibule of Van Dusen's if you would like to donate for humanitarian aid Ukrainian children, women, men and soldiers, warm clothing, thermal underwear, thermal socks, sleeping bags, hand, foot and body warmers, nightlights, flashlights and letters with words of support.

Thank you to all law enforcement, firefighters, EMS, dispatchers, volhealthcare unteers, 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.

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

Nominations Sought For 2023 Greene County Senior Citizen Awards

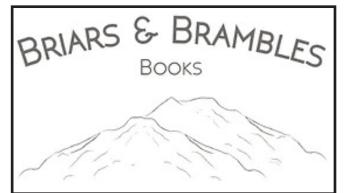
The Advisory Council to the Greene County Department for the Aging (Human Services), announces that nominations are being accepted for the annual Greene County Senior Citizen Awards. The two awards, presented annually, are Senior Citizen of the Year and **Outstanding Contribution** by a Senior Citizen. The purpose of the awards is to recognize the outstanding contributions and achievements of senior citizens who have volunteered their time and energy to help other people, their communities, and/or special projects. The dedication of these volunteers help to make Greene County a better place for all of us. The individuals chosen on the county level

will then represent Greene County for recognition for New York State awards.

Any Greene County resident, age 60 or older, can be nominated for these awards. Achievements must be voluntary in nature; performed in Greene County and not part of paid employment. Past award winners may be nominated only if seven or more years have passed

since last recognized.

If you know someone who deserves this recognition, contact the Greene County Department of Human Services at (518) 719-3555 for an official nomination form. Incomplete forms will not be considered as eligible. Any inquiries for further information may also be directed to the department. Deadline for entries is January 27, 2023.



Sgt. James F. Carty, D.S.C. VFW Post 1545 - Windham, NY

VFW District 3 had an informational meeting this past Sunday and one of the subjects discussed was Veteran Suicides.

District 3 Commander Harold Patchen has initiated his Commander's Project which is Suicide prevention.

Each post will donate to the district any amount for the "22 Project". The number 22 represents the number of veteran suicides per day.

Our post will donate \$222 to the cause. Should you want to donate to this project; please send any amount to VFW Post 1545, PO Box 598, Windham, NY, 12496, and we will forward it to our District

Starting January 17, veterans in acute suicidal crisis will be able to go to any VA or non-VA health care facility for emergency health care at no cost – including inpatient or crisis residential care for up to 30 days and outpatient care for up to 90 days.

Veterans do not need to be enrolled in the VA system to use this benefit. Once again, I would like to highlight a past or present member of Post 1545. This week it happens to be one of my favorite members of all time. Mr. John Goettsche a past Post commander along with other officer posts he held. He was a Staff Sargent in the Korean War and Bronze Star recipient.

He was such a help to me when I was a commander with his continued support and help in leading the post.

He was voted the Greene County veteran of the year, along with his many community services he did for the town of Windham.

A true gentleman and I am so proud to have had him as a comrade and friend. We all miss his leadership and wisdom.

Marc Farmilette – Quartermaster

Best Of The Beatles: 1968 -1970 Live At The Orpheum **Performing Arts Center**

HUNTER - Catskill Mountain Foundation's January lineup continues with a tribute to The Beatles performed by Upstate New York's world-class musicians directed by Scott Petito, live at the Orpheum Performing Arts Center in Tannersville, NY on Saturday, January 28 at 8:00 PM.

The band will play songs by the Beatles from 1968-1970, a period that includes The White Album, Yellow Submarine, Abbey Road, and Let It Be. Led by Scott Petito, the band includes some of the Hudson Vallev's finest musicians, including Joey Eppard, Adam Widoff, Jeff Mercel, Tyler Wood, Danny Blume, and Leslie Ritter. Scott Petito is an award winning composer, producer and engineer. He is a gifted bassist and multi-instrumentalist who has performed on hundreds of recordings in many mu-



come particularly well known for his work in the folk and jazz genres, working with such musicians as James Taylor, Pete Seeger, The Band, Jack DeJohnette, Don Byron and Dave Brubeck.

les: 1968 – 1970 concert chased at the door are is on January 28, 2023 \$35 for adults, \$30 for at 8:00 PM at The Or-seniors and \$7 for stupheum Performing Arts dents. For information Center, 6050 Main Street, about upcoming pro-Tannersville, NY. Tickets grams at Catskill Mounat www.catskillmtn.org visit www.catskillmtn.org. or by contacting the box

office via email at boxoffice@catskillmtn.org or by phone at 518 263 2063. Note that online ticket sales close 5 hours prior to performance time. Tickets purchased ahead are \$30 for adults, \$25 for seniors and \$7 The Best of The Beat- for students. Tickets purcan be purchased online tain Foundation, please

Book Signing at Briars & Brambles Saturday

ley, former WNYT anchor, and author of the Murder on Ski series will be signing copies of his books at Briars & Brambles, 61 Rt. 296 & South Street, THIS SATURDAY, Jan. 21 @ 3 pm. Books are available for you to purchase in advance or day off at

WINDHAM - Phil Bay- Briars & Brambles. Easy Women Who Made New to google Phil Bayley to get his full bio if you need Scalfo, author of the Series in 2023.

York on February 11. If you prefer, I can cobble more information for an together a short article article. This will be Briars about the fact that we & Brambles second au- hosted Ari Fleischer in thor event of 2023 and Dec., Phil Bayley in Janwe will be partnering with uary and Julie Scalfo in the Main Street Commu- February as part of a nity Center to host Julie more robust Author Event

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The Prattsville Scoop

By Abby and Gabby

Prattsville – To all those up to par health wise, we wish you better days to come. It seems when one gets over one ailment, a different one is waiting around the corner for them. Be careful. Feel better and get well soon.

and American Legion Auxiliary Virgil E. Deyo Unit 1327, Prattsville, treated five adaptive skiers, all veterans from the Stratton VAMC, Albany, to a day of skiing at the Adaptive Sports Center at Ski Windham Recreational Therapist at the Stratton VAMC and the veterans guardian anand Johannes Krauss and Bob and Ginny Gurley to the veterans and the Adaptive Sports Instructors. The American Legion Post 1327 sponsored their skiing and American Legion Auxiliary Unit 1327 bought all their lunches. One of the instructors came over to us and said he had heard of us from his wife, a retired nurse at the VA. He said she would come home from work and tell him of our latest visit to the 9th Floor and of the gifts we would bring them or sponsor their luncheon and eat with them and spend time just listening to them tell their stories. Your support helped to bring this about and we continue to say thank you on behalf of time was given when we would be able to visit them in person. Right now family members can visit with them in a separate room from the other veterans but other visitors are not allowed as of now and Michele could

who are feeling not quite

The American Legion

Virgil E. Deyo Post 1327 on Wednesday, January 11. Michele Ferrauilo, gel, introduced Marianne our veterans. See accompanying picture. No

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There is a raffle for the benefit of Laura Breigle's trip to Europe to play soccer later on. The raffle tickets are for a trip to Italy for 5 nights and airfare is included! \$10 for 1 or \$20 for 3. You can call Lana Breigle at 518 929 2447. A very worthwhile cause and who can turn down a trip to Italy. To those supporting Laura, good luck.

Kip Rikard says he is getting around better with a walker for out of home trips and maybe with some assistance around the house. Kip is a tough old bird and expects him to be hale and hearty in time for spring celebrations.

Kathy Sherman and Carole Cangelosi made a shopping trip out of town to purchase some curtain material for the main office room at the Prattsville Town Hall. Carole sewed them in a blink of an eye and they are lovely and suited to the room. Kathy will be doing curtains for the other windows in the near future. Oh, should I mention that Kathy bought a new sewing machine because she wore out yet another sewing machine. She said it heaved its last gasp and refused to go another stitch. She said with a very wide smile that she now has two new sewing machines. What else would make Kathy so happy? Perhaps three new sewing machines. Thank you Kathy and Carole for sprucing up the town hall.

To whoever it was who dropped off calendars for our veterans, thank you. Either we were not at home or didn't hear you knocking. And the same goes out to the person or persons who dropped off Christmas wrapping paper and gift tags. Sorry we didn't get to say "thank you" in person but your generosity is very much appreciated. Your gifts stay safe and dry and will be put to good use. We would like to say thank you personally so whenever items are dropped off for the veterans, a little note with your name on it would be appreciated. Thanks again.

Did you notice the days lengthening? Noticed the increase in evening daylight first and now the morning light is also showing an earlier appearance. We have had quite a few cardinals this year and up until a few



days ago they have always been the males but we did see a female recently.

Does Prattsville have its own Golden Girls? Think the roster consists of the Supreme Leader Carole Landers and her Princesses Areta Jaeger, Joanne Dunphy, Ginny Kennedy, Shelly Brainard and Kathy Sherman. They get together for a monthly luncheon and exchange news and kindnesses.

Elliott and Mary Jo Oakes made a trip to Greenville on Friday to attend the Greenville American Legion's Spaghetti Dinner. They declared the dinner delicious. While there they let the Legionnaires where they were from and were told to bring home greetings to members of our Auxiliary. Good groups. We thank Elliott for his service in the military to defend our country.

Fellow columnist Dottie Pickett has two older doll houses and is now in the process of rehabbing them. She is so talented they will be a sight to behold when they are done. Needless to say she is shocked by the cost of materials to be used in bringing the houses up to better than average condition. Good luck Dottie, you can watch the BILLS play while painting the hous-

Go Bills.

We wish Freda Fancher and Doug Slater Happy Birthday on January 21. On January 22 it is Happy Birthday to Nancy O'Hara. Valerie Rikard Brainerd is sent Happy Birthday wishes on January 23. On January 24 we send Happy Birthday wishes to Dave Murphy, Franklin "Skip" Marquit, Pat Bifolco and Jill Piccoli. January 26 it is Happy Birthday to Adrianna Breigle. A great and wonderful birthday to all.

Be sure to forward your news to me.







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Catskill Mountain Foundation Celebrates 25 Years

By Michael Ryan

HUNTER - Their programming keeps getting vounger as the Catskill Mountain Foundation continues to exuberantly age.

CMF, celebrating their 25th anniversary, is presenting as many as seventy artistic performances in 2023, billing these twelve months their "most ambitious season ever" which is saying a lot more than a lot.

In addition to staging world-class acts and concerts at the elegant Orpheum Theater in Tannersville and Doctorow Center in Hunter, this year, the CMF is bringing in fresh creativity elsewhere.

CMF has brought in Kulvinder Kaur Dhew as director of the "Sugar Maples Center for Creative Arts" in the hamlet of Maplecrest in town of Windham.

"She has ambitious plans for our studio art school," a CMF press release states, announcing changes that make snow and ice seem like summer.

"We have just winterized our ceramics studio and for the first time, in 2023, our Sugar Maples program will operate year-round.

"Throughout 2023 we will be working on plans for the renovation and winterization of additional buildings on the Sugar Maples campus."

There is just enough time to sign up for the "Kids Clay & Art Camp Weekly Class," happening January 21 thru February 25 (all Saturdays) from 10 a.m. to noon, wel-



"LVIV National Orchestra of Ukraine" is making the Orpheum Theater one of its stops on a worldwide tour.



"Missing Element" is a unique blend of beatbox and street dance.

coming youngsters age 6 thru 17 at any level.

"Making art at this age is indispensable for interacting, sharing and communicating," the CMF states

"During this fun class, that builds on the worldfamous "Summer Art Ex-

will spend time experimenting and learning as they explore and discover the infinite possibilities that arise when they are given the opportunity to just have fun.

"The exercises and environment of the studio are designed to stimulate plorers" camp, students creativity, intellectual de-

velopment and social skills to help develop healthy minds and have a lot of fun while doing

"Students will learn and firing. how to use a variety of media including ceramics, painting, drawing, and collage to help bring their imaginations to life." The \$175 charge includes all materials +\$40 registration fee.

winter courses available include:

-Introduction Drawing: Taking A Line for a Walk Weekly Class, January 22 - February 26 (Sundays), 9 a.m. to noon, for all levels, \$200 +\$40 Registration Fee.

the student learns the methods, materials and visual information needed to draw what they see," the CMF states.

-Independent Study: Painting & Drawing, January 22 - February 26 (Sundays), 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., \$200 +\$40 registration fee, all levels.

"This course is designed for students who already have some basic knowledge of painting & drawing concepts and techniques and would like to begin a new project

existing works in a supportive, welcoming environment." -Making Pottery: Your

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Catskill Mountain foundation is hosting a year-

Journey in Clay Weekly Class, January 22 - February 26 (Sundays), 1 p.m to 4 p.m, \$200 Includes 25 lbs. clay and firing, +\$40 registration fee, all levels.

"Students will learn how to prepare clay and using the potter's wheel create utilitarian shapes. There will be demonstrations, individual attention, discussions about ceramic's rich history, glazing,

Already underway are: -"Ceramics Open Studio Weekly Class, January 18- February 25 ((4 p.m. to 9 p.m., Saturdays & 1 p.m. to 6 p.m Wednesdays)

-"Open Studio: Paint-Other Sugar Maples ing & Drawing Weekly Class," January 18 - February 22, (1 p.m. to 6 to p.m Wednesdays).

> engaged at the Orpheum Theater for the Performing Arts throughout the year. Up next is:

-"The Missing Ele-"In this exciting course, ment," Saturday, January 21. 7:30 p.m., a "mesmerizing performance, fusing the music making of beatbox with street dance," the CMF states, coming to Tannersville thru a collaboration between Catskill Mountain Foundation and Works & Process at the Guggenheim.

—"Best of the Beatles, 1968-1970," Saturday, January 28, 8 p.m., presenting "songs by the Beatles from a period that includes "The White Album," "Yellow Subma-

long, 25th anniversary celebration of world-class artistic performances. or continue working on rine," "Abbey Road," and

> "Let It Be." The band includes some of the Hudson Vallev's finest musicians, including Scott Petito, Joey Eppard, Adam Widoff, Jeff Mercel, Tyler Wood, Danny Blume, and Leslie

> Ritter. -Lviv National Orchestra of Ukraine, Sunday, February 12 @ 2 p.m., one stop on the orchestra's international tour that brings them to the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. as well as Lincoln Center in New York City.

> "Established in 1902 and under the baton of Principal Conductor Theodore Kuchar, the Lviv Philharmonic Orchestra of Ukraine will remind us of how music can bridge cultures and bring people together," the CMF states.

The program selected for the Orpheum concert includes Johannes Different senses will be Brahms's "The Tragic Overture, Op. 81," Ludwig van Beethoven's, "Piano Concerto No. 5 in E major, Op. 73, Emperor," featuring Stanislav Khristenko, piano, and, Antonin Dvorak's "Symphony No. 9 in E minor, From the New World."

The Sugar Maples Center for Creative Arts is located at 34 Big Hollow Road in Maplecrest. Register at sugarmaples.org, catskillmtn.org or on instagram @sugarmaples art center

The Orpheum Theater is on Main Street in Tannersville. To purchase tickets call (518) 263 2063 or contact boxoffice@catskillmtn.org









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TRADITIONALLY SPEAKING BY PAT LARSEN

In the Blink of an Eye...

Life. Changes. No warning. No clues. One minute to the

next and the shift comes swiftly. Subtly, it happens. The wind whispers to the clouds, the clouds drift from near to far sharing the news and the day is then done. Yet, the world continues to LIFE...ends. turn. LIFE...continues. LIFE...is never quite the same from second to second, but we act as if It never will change or we wring our hands and lose the moments of presence that are the gifts. Then they're gone too.

This is how impactful the passing of Bob Bevfuss was to me. I read his last published column passing, as shared with him. His quiet demeanor



just today, grasping for meaning, looking for the hopeful metaphor, hoping it was not what I knew it was...the end. I wanted to hit rewind, go back button, delete and rewrite but alas I couldn't escape this reality.

The story about his

me, spoke of the glory of his last moments. My gut reaction was, "good for you!" Bob! What I was meaning was something more like, if I could pick how to make my exit from this world. THAT would be pretty high on my list...at the top of the game.

I'll let that part of the story be for now. His family deserves that bit of privacy. Afterall, I'm just a stranger to them. A fellow columnist to

We'd see each other at the local grocers. He, always that popular guy who was stopped in every aisle by someone.

People were drawn to

and soft smile always found my eye as I passed by. Always a nod of acknowledgement to each other. A gift really, that he gave to everyone he crossed paths with. An angel on earth, he was. To be a magician with the soil and the offerings from mother earth, he never failed to give his knowledge with such kindness and generosi-

Like most anything that is impactful, the news of his passing was introduced by his "image" on a social media post. Oh.."Hi Bob" was my acknowledgement as I scrolled aimlessly through Facebook a few

days ago...but then I backed up and stared in disbelief as I saw the banner of the "Tragic" news attached to his handsome image.

Nooooooo! Not Bob. But alas, it was his final story. My heart sank; my focus shifted, thoughts became consumed with the realities of LIFE...the fragility, the message that haunts us all, but we forget to acknowledge.

I will miss you Bob. I will miss your columns, seeing you "around" knowing you through stories. But...I have to also THANK YOU, BOB for reminder that LIFE...changes, without warning, with no clues.

The wind will continue to speak of you and share with the clouds, who will then drift off to say someone important and who had a significant role in this time on earth has moved on but taught us many things.

TODAY is gift...that's why it's called the PRESENT. ALWAYS remember that, BOB did and left us that reminder. Pat Larsen, lives in Greene County, teaches Fitness programs and helps, she hopes, making some kind of impact to those who get stuck in their troubles. Please feel free to contact Pat @ pelarsen5@aol.com or by phone or text

National Bank of Coxsackie Announces Internal Promotions

COXSACKIE - The National Bank of Coxsackie announced today that they have internally promoted two of their Commercial Credit Department staff members; Jamie Casterlin and Paul Sumigray.

Jamie Casterlin was promoted to AVP/Credit Manger from Commercial Credit Analyst. Casterlin has been with National Bank of Coxsackie for 6 years starting out as a Business Development Officer, then moving in the Credit Department. Prior to that, she was a Branch Manager for NBT Bank in Middleburgh area.

Paul Sumigray was promoted to Senior Commercial Underwriter from Commercial Credit Analyst. Sumigray came to National Bank of Coxsackie with over 10 years of commercial underwriting experience from Sunmark Credit Union.

Both employees strongly contribute to the success in the Commercial Credit Department at NBC. Their Chief Credit Officer Charlene Slemp comments, "NBC is excited to begin expanding into the Capital Region market. The commercial underwriting team is gearing up for a record year in 2023, and Jamie Casterlin's promotion to AVP/Credit Manager will be critical. In her new role, she will manage the commercial pipeline and coordinate portfolio manage-



Jamie Casterlin



Paul Sumigray

experience; his promotion to Senior Commercial Underwriter is well-deserved, and we look forward to Paul's continued dedication and the level of expertise he brings to NBC's cus-

years of credit underwriting the reliable bank of choice for thousands of clients. With eight locations locally, they are proud to service the Capital Region. They remain committed to providing clients with the same products and services as the larger banks, while de-





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LEGISLATURE STUFF

On the Road with Scott and Willie

By Michael Ryan

County highway superintendent Scott Templeton has area citizens and visiting tourists singing like Willie Nelson.

Nelson, the legendary country musician, penned "On the Road Again" in 1980, professing love for traveling out on tour with his band.

A similar tune can be crooned by year-round and seasonal motorists in the Catskills who similarly, "just can't wait to get on the road again," able to navigate an abundance of smooth thoroughfares.

'2022 was a very good year for surface treatment," Templeton recently told members of the county legislature during his year-end report, noting over 43 miles of roadway got attention.

"That is substantially more than we've ever done, to my knowledge, thanks to our engineering department and project managers.

"We got additional funding through "Pave New York" and "Bridge New York" which certainly helped," Templeton said, referring to the NY State CHIPS (Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement) programs.

"But our team is doing things we've never done before, researching many different treatments. We get more accomplished," Templeton said, using moto-pave, micro-pave, overlay, crack seal and chipseal methods.

Sharing more positive information, Templeton

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informed lawmakers of CATSKILL - Greene the rarest of rare situations, a construction contract actually decreasing.

Templeton requested and got authorization to for the completion of reconstruction and slope stabilization on County Route 17 in the town of Jewett.

A roughly 1/2 mile section of the road linking State Route 23 and State Route 23A was wiped out by flooding on Christmas night in 2021, the second time in a decade the same spot was made impassa-

Change Orders generally result in higher spending but these went the opposite way, chopping \$134,167.12 off the original contact price.

"Evergreen did an insaid, pointing to Evergreen Mountain Construction, based in West Kill in the town of Lexington.

"Mother Nature helped out, removing some material [within the stream bed that the contractor then didn't have to remove but this wouldn't have been successful without Evergreen and Greene County Soil and Water.

"They worked together, putting a massive amount of large stone material underneath that road and on the stream bank. If that section floods out again, we'll have more to worry about than that road," Templeton said.

The usual direction of Change Orders returned to normal, however, with a second authorization to increase the original contract price for slope revitalization along County Route 2 in Prattsville.

It was determined that additional work costing \$17,520 became neces-

Lawmakers, last sumof Lexington.

The Colorado-based company was brought in to remedy - hopefully once and for all - a section of terrain on Route 2 that Templeton says carry out Charge Orders was "notorious for failures," having been shored up multiple times.

GeoStabilization uses a special technique that installs soil nails past the fault line, almost like a shelf on a wall, deeply inserting thin reinforcing elements into slopes, their website states.

A unique Soil Nail Launcher is used, a compressed air cannon originally developed by the British military to launch chemical weapons.

The outlay of money doesn't stop there, of course, with Templeton asking for, and receiving, authorization to buy a credible job," Templeton new wheel loader with options.

Funds have already been included in the 2023 budget for the purchase of a suitable John Deere 444 P wheel loader for use at the county's waste management transfer station in Catskill.

"A motor blew on the old loader," Templeteon told lawmaker. missed the warranty by 500 hours," a frustration experienced by countless machinery owners.

Repairs for the shot engine would cost roughly \$37,000, Templeton said, recommending that his department instead take a \$35,000 trade-in allowance on the currently owned 2019 John Deere 444KT.

Lawmakers saw the fiscal wisdom in that course of action, okaying a deal with United Construction & Forestry, based in Park, Clifton \$189,542, minus the \$35,000 trade-in, leaving \$154,542 owed.

Mountain Construction Coxsackie is finished, and an out-of-state firm. open for full business.

And the roads chief mer, agreed to hire also informed lawmakers GeoStabilization Interna- a new compactor is needtional LLC for slope re- ed for the waste manconstruction of a section agement transfer station of the high and hilly back in Windham, replacing a road that runs between 40-year-old unit, expect-Prattsville and the town ing it to run we mules of taxation around \$80,000.

BETTER THAN HEARSAY

What an Ag District Is or Isn't

By Michael Ryan

CATSKILL - A chasm was clear when the Greene County Legislature held a vote on an application from the Greene County Soil & Conservation agency to join the county's Agricultural District.

Lawmakers, Wednesday night, overwhelmingly rejected the request following a motion made by legislative Majority Leader Matt Luvera to finally call for a vote after the application was tabled, last month.

Tabulating a weighted vote was not necessary as only three legislators. including Luvera, said "yes" with nine raising their arm against.

Lawmaker James Thorington (District 6, Ashland, Jewett, Prattsville & Windham) abstained, sitting on the GCSW board of directors.

Michael Bulich, one of four legislators representing District 1 (Catskill) was not present although he is also a GCSW board of directors.

Heading into the evening, it was widely predicted the vote would be very close, albeit leaning enough toward a thumb's down.

No one would speculate on why the vote ultimately went so decidedly the way it did and no reasons were voiced by those saying "naye" although controversy has surrounded the application since it was submitted in November, 2022, by GCSW executive director Joel Dubois.

The application was put on hold, last month, in a rare second-guessing of a local Farmland Pro-Templeton reported tection Board which rewhich involved initial ex- waste management trans- Ag District requests be- Thomas Hoyt. cavations by Evergreen fer station in the town of fore sending them to the

> more time to sort through a flurry of diametrically opposed information night, during the vote. coming from GCSW and

residents and officials of the town of Windham.

Tensions arose between GCSW and a group of mountaintoppers as GCSW started to go through normal planning board site plan review, last spring, for a proposed building project in the Maplecrest Valley region of Windham.

What began as normal discussions between planners, residents, DuBois and a GCSW engineer, typically aimed at finding common ground, suddenly went off the rails.

DuBois, in what was later termed an "adversarial" act by one GCSW board of directors member, submitted a Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) request to the town of Windham related to its site plan law.

DuBois claimed his rights had been denied and stated that GCSW was being subjected to "unreasonable complaints" from the citizen-

GCSW board of directors members, learning of the FOIL request after the fact, put the building project on hold before the issue took another unforeseen twist when DuBois filed the Ag District application.

DuBois, sticking to his guns, openly declared he was seeking Ag District inclusion to bypass planning board oversight without providing any substantiation that GCSW had been treated improp-While the door has

been left open for GCSW to reapply next year, an even larger schism than the one seen by the legislative vote exists besary to complete the task that modernization of the views and approves all of directors member

DuBois and Hoyt, who legislature for final okays. also serves as Windham did not even receive a A routine rubber- town supervisor, noticestamping usually follows ably sat as far away from but lawmakers asked for each other as they could get in the legislative chambers, Wednesday

The two men have repeatedly butted heads

over the Ag District application which Hoyt fought to kill in a heated debate during a GCSW board of directors meeting, earlier this month.

Accusations and invectives were hurled back and forth with the board of directors, in a 4 to 1 vote, allowing DuBois to move forward.

However, at that time, DuBois, in the heat of the moment, told his bosses, "I have zero outside interest in whether this building gets built or not. The directive to pursue this was made by this board."

Deep questions have arisen about why GCSW would choose now to enter the Ag District, having been in existence since 1961 and already enjoying tax breaks on their property in the Maplecrest Valley.

Serious questions are left unanswered about what constitutes a genuine agricultural operation under current NY State Agriculture & Markets law, and whether GCSW fits the mold.

An email seeking clarification from Ag & Markets was not responded to in time for this edition and meanwhile lawmakers also rejected a second Ag District application in the Maplecrest Valley.

A group calling themselves BM 181825 Holdings Inc., sought inclusion of the former Mac-Glashan Farm, a mile or so up Big Hollow Road from the GCSW property, a request similarly tabled by lawmakers.

Lawmakers likewise asked for more time to study the particulars of the application and Lutween DuBois and board vera likewise made a motion to take a vote, on Wednesday night.

His motion, however, second from the floor, resulting in no vote being taken, leaving it dead on the vine and leaving headscratching doubts as to what exactly an Ag District is or isn't.

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LOCAL HISTORY BY DEDE TERNS-THORPE

Billy Drum

This week's story is about someone I had great respect for, my Dad. Recently, I came across my nephew's 6thgrade school assignment. He was to write about someone he thought had great character. He chose his grandfather, my Father. Here's what Billy Drumm (Patti Byrne's son) wrote back in 1994.

Billy said, "To me, character means the way someone is and how they act. A person's personality is part of their character. A positive character helps you get what you try for because by trying, you always have the next try to look forward to."

He also wrote, "I am doing a report on my grandpa, William Byrne. I think my grandpa is important to me because he has done so many good things in his life. I think my grandpa has influenced my life in ways that I should help people and that I should become active in my communi-

Billy then went ahead and interviewed Dad over the phone (Billy lives in Denver) and wrote down his questions and Dad's answers.

INTERVIEW WITH WILLIAM BYRNE

Q: What was your favorite job?

A: My favorite job was being a New York City fireman.



fire watcher, what was your favorite story?

A: I can't remember any one story, but I liked meeting people from all over the world. I met people from Japan, Germany, England, and the United States. I liked it a lot because it was so beautiful and quiet.

Q: What did you like about being a firefighter?

A: At that time, firemen had police powers, except we didn't carry guns, and we couldn't arrest people. We were called to fires but also to help in domestic disputes and accidents. Since we didn't carry guys, people weren't afraid of us. They liked us. Ninety-nine percent of the job was helping people.

Q: What did you do in

turn to the states.

Cabbage Patch in Haines

Falls. I eventually ob-

tained a land surveyors

license and promotions,

and after a couple of

moves, we bought our

first house on Spring St.

bought it from Ed and

Margaret Dolan. We later

purchased a new home

on Clum Hill Road next

to Don and Joan Yager. I

joined the fire depart-

ment, rescue squad,

American Legion, and Li-

ons Club. I served several

years on the school

real estate courses, I

worked out of the Albany

office appraising land be-

ing acquired by the De-

partment. I spent much

time traveling, and

Shirley was left with the

After attending several

board.

in Tannersville.

Q: When you were a Democratic Party, State Mountain Top. I was only Committeeman, HTC thirteen. It wasn't legal, School Board, and Greene County Election Commissioner.

most about politics?

would always know what son). laws and issues were involved in politics.

least about politics?

things going on that weren't right, I didn't like you skated on thin ice; you had to be very careful about everything you said and did.

school; what did you do firmly in giving the young after you quit?

A: I guit school in the sible. eighth grade to help my family. I drove a truck Stay warm, and stay A: Chairman of the for a company on the healthy.

but we needed the money.

Thank you so much, Billy; you did a great job Q: What did you like on this paper. (Thank vou, Patti, for sharing A: I liked it a lot. I Dad's name with your

A little more about coming up. I liked work- Dad. Bill Byrne (one of ing for the community, six boys, with a sister More people should be that died as an infant) was born in Platt Clove Q: What did you like in 1910 to Hugh and Mary Ellen Flynn. The A: I guess when I saw family then moved to Clum Hill in Haines Falls.

Dad always that. Also, sometimes, tremendous respect for people from all walks of life. He was a genuinely self-educated scholar who never stopped reading Q: You said you quit and learning. He believed the best education pos-

Thanks for reading.

(MORE) LOCAL HISTORY BY DEDE TERNS-THORPE

Jim West, Part II

cided it was time to re- kids and the house while

We

Last week's story of the Mountain Top resident Jim West said they had just arrived in Liberia, where they would live for the next few years. Jim and his bride of sixty-two years, Shirley Brooks West, had just arrived in Monrovia, Liberia. Firestone had hired Jim as a superintendent, and he had just

received a plant tour. Jim said they spent the night in a Firestone guest house, then flew to Cape Palmas, where they were taken to their new home. It was a pleasant twobedroom bungalow built on piers with a groundlevel room for servants. We hired a cook and a steward to serve meals and do housework (paid respectively 50 and 40 cents a day [about \$4 or \$5 today]). The departing superintendent gave me a quick orientation of the place. I had about 150 workers – overseers, headmen, tappers, maintenance workers, and clerks. The rubber trees were tapped, and the latex was collected daily for shipment to the fac-

I worked for Firestone for two two-year contracts with a three-month paid vacation back home between contracts. Our three children, Barbara, Sandi, and Bill were born in the Firestone hospital on the plantation. Firestone provided elementary school, but older children were either sent to boarding school, or the wife and kids spent the school year at home. We didn't want to separate the family and de-

also working as a book-We returned to East keeper. The commute to Jewett, I soon worked Albany was becoming too on a survey crew with much, and after our the State Conservation youngest (Bill) graduat-Department, and we rent- ed, we sold the house and moved to Westerlo, ed a small house in the closer but still in the hills. I joined the Kiwanis Club and the American Legion; we bowled in the Legion league, and Shirley joined a women's golf league. She often played with friends. I tried, but I was not a golfer. I eventually became Bureau Superintendent at Environmental

> We purchased a 5thwheel RV and truck in 1990 and made camping trips with it whenever possible. After retirement, we sold the house, put some things in storage, and with a new RV, began life as full-time RV'ers. We eventually visited all 49 of the continental states (with two memorable trips to Alas-

Conservation and finally

retired in 1994. (After

thirty-four years).

ka) and all the provinces of Canada (except Nunavut, which you can't drive to). When it became time to have a home base again, we bought a house in South Cairo, where we live today. We continued our RV travels until a few years ago when we sold our last camper."

I can't thank Mary McGinnis and Jim West enough for sharing a bit of their history. As Justine Hommel always said, "It's people that make history." How right she was.

Again. If anyone would care to share their history, please call 518-589-4130, text 518-291-3540, or email hunterhistorian@ gmail.com. People often feel like their story isn't valuable enough, but it is. As Justine Hommel always said, "It's people that make history."

Thanks for reading. Stay safe, and have a good week.

A New Mindset

MESSAGE OF HOPE BY SISTER

CHIRYA

Brings Success to Resolutions



A new year does not necessarily start from the change in the date and time; the year can begin anytime when we decide it's new. To begin the new year we try to create newness by making resolutions. However, resolutions may need a new mindset to change the attitudes of our old mindset. A new mindset means having a positive attitude that creates and strengthens new habits and improves the quality of our actions. However, thoughts are more powerful than actions because they are the creators of actions. Thought + New Mindset (Attitudes) strengthens New Habits to create Good Actions = the Quality ofmy Personality+Character= Destiny. As we think and as is our mindset or attitude, so we do and so we become! Understanding this principle, gives us the incentive to pay more attention to the quality of our thinking in order to do our best in everything we do.

To begin, focus on a resolution to establish one healthy habit to praclifestyle. Any new habit needs a few days of consistent, daily repetition before it changes and becomes automatic. Develop this habit for 20 consecutive days by practicing daily affirmations. Write down, focus on, meditate and visualize a different supportive affirmation each day.

For example, try these daily affirmations for inculcating the habit of Cooperation: Working together brings easy success.(definition)

1. This new year I transform the attitude of trying to transform others, and transform myself instead.

2. I listen actively whilst others are sharing their ideas and opinions.

3. I empower others by seeing their specialties

and appreciating their contributions.

4. Together ordinary people can achieve extraordinary results.

5. I appreciate and have good wishes for others.

6. We are each unique and have a unique role to play.

7. I value and respect everyone's opinion, and they respect mine.

8. Changing my attitude, the way I think and feel, creates positive results.

9. My positive attitude, filled with good feelings, creates the atmosphere.

10. "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."-Helen Keller

11. Your turn! or repeat the above for the next 10 days and enjoy the results When we bring our resolutions and affirmations into action, my mindset (my attitude) changes. New habits are created and strengthened which form our personality, character and destiny!

Maintain the discipline to build good habits starting with right thinking. tice and adopt into your When we establish and carry out a fixed daily routine with this new mindset, our self-control, will power, health and happiness increase; relationships and success at work improves. Even if you skip your routine activities do not self criticize and give up. Motivate yourself, get back to practicing the habit and tell yourself it is the best thing you can do for yourself. When we know within our hearts what we want to become, we will become that.

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THE CATSKILLS GEOLOGISTS BY ROBERT AND JOHANNA TITUS

Mountain Streams

We are always looking for themes to develop into a series of columns that we write. We like to

learn more. So, let's begin a short series about the different categories our successive of rivers. We would like columns together so that it if you could look at a

SK Wins, Continued from **A4**

and Barnhart pulling down nine boards. For Hunter, Jevail McKinnie bucketed the game high of 20 points and pulled down 10 rebounds. Teammate Nick Uhrik added another 14 points in double figures.

Gilboa defeated Jefferson/Stamford 53-29 in a balanced scoring attack. William Cipolla, Petera DeWitt and Dakota Oliver all scored nine points each for the win. J/S was led by Patrick Terk's game high of 11 points.

Downsville defeated J/S 45-27 on Saturday. Tyler Reed and Kaden Cicio each scored 12 points, with all of Reed's points three-point line. Team-points.

mate Skyler Odell contributed another 10 points in double figures and had seven steals in the win. Jadob Staroba led J/S with eight points.

Laurens/Milford handed Margaretville a 52-48 loss on Tuesday in a nonleague pairing. It came down to the less than the final two seconds of the game as L/M made a pair of free throws to put it out of touch. Ryan McVitty scored 19 points to lead the Blue Devils that included five baskets from three-point land.

Walton defeated Downsville 61-50 in nonleague action on Tuesday. Gavin Brunner led the coming from behind the Eagles scoring with 17

Top League Standings, Continued from A4

Gilboa, Caitlyn Ciaravino scored o12 points.

Stamford/Jefferson defeated Downsville 57-18 in their league pairing on Tuesday. McKenna Hoyt led the way with 21 points and 12 rebounds and Tryhnati Donato added 14 points. For Downsville, McKenzie Brown scored seven points.

you, our readers, will river and put a name on it: that is to identify its category. We hope that you will be able to look at a river, name the type of river that you are looking at and identify key features of that river type. In short, we would just like you to know some basics about rivers. Our first river type has had a difficult history. It is the mountain stream, at least that's what we will be calling it. As you will no doubt quickly guess, mountain streams are commonly seen – in the mountains. They descend the steep slopes of mountains, and because of that, they are typically fast flowing and erosive. Being erosive, they cut down into the landscape beneath them. That creates steep slopes and narrow valley bottoms.

Take a look at our illustration. It is Kaaterskill Creek, the finest mountain stream in our Catskills. It's got everything that you need to be a mountain stream, its mountains are, of course, the Catskills. You very likely have seen it up close and can guess

the rest. It is fast flowing, erosive, and steep sloped. It has a very narrow bottom. It is an absolutely classic mountain stream. Take another look at our

THE TAPESTRY BY DR. DEBORAH HERODES

Making the Effort Etiquette and Manners in an Ever-Changing

Although the "mature" folks of the USA. Communes, freem our country (by age, not necessarily by action,) are scratching their thinning hair to figure out how to teach etiquette and manners, in an unmannerly world, to their young, it is perhaps necessary to take a look back and see what our parents were dealing with,

when we were all young. Some of our cultural norms have changed (thank goodness,) and equality, despite gender or race, is now on the front burner. Women and minorities now make up the largest voting population in our country, and so we now must listen, learn, and in many cases, say "we're sorry." Power-shifts are hard to take, when one is used to calling all the shots. Along with the recognition of gender bias and recognized bigotry, comes the rise of new rules of conduct, new ideas, new points of view and

Many are hesitant to close the old rulebook, and join forces, with the new and emerging intellects of our country, and even more refuse to use the nomenclature associated with the rights of these once oppressed people, and although this is indeed frustrating, it will come...all things take time. As as for now, we need to remember the past and look toward the future with opened eyes. We must grow, we must

Hula hoops, Woodstock, The Beatles, the Drug Revolution, the mini-skirt, and the absolute power of teachers, police offices, pastors, and for that matter, any adult, began waning years ago, but we seem to recognize the changes more today because of the cultural changes, as told by social media. Children began liberating their voices, during the Vietnam war, as they protested against the government, saying, "Hell no, we won't go," and this was 50 years ago! Perhaps many fled to Canada, to avoid the draft, but the infiltration of powerful drugs found its way across our borders and into our country, and the fall-out of that war, in the Far East, has caused much collateral damage to the people

love, psychedelic drugs and boys with pony-tails, eventually took hold in the minds of our youth, as a way to protest the rules and regulations our government had on its children. As time went by, all of the aforementioned, were accepted or tolerated in our world. Our parents were nervous!

As the decades flew by, colleges began to welcome women to the world of medicine and law: most women were not even given a second look, during these days. In today's world, more women are entering the medical and legal field than men, and the trend is increasing. Many became hesitant to get undressed, in front of a female, for a physical. Imagine that! Our parents were nervous; who was going to take care of the children, if their daughters were pursuing

"male degrees." Although we have all gotten used to our surgeons and litigators being female, our world isn't done with us yet. Just as we have learned to call our doctors Heather or Tiffany, instead of Ralph and John, we are now trying to understand new pronouns, and new life choices, in terms of sexuality, marriage and gender. Schools aren't sure how to present this information to children and parents are quite sure that it isn't a school's place to impart this information; it is instead a discussion for parents and their children. Our parents are nerv-

And round and round the Earth spins trying hard not to throw us off of its axis. What disciplining a child looks like now, compared to the "board of education" from the past, was a leap forward in our society. Hitting a child, or any person, teaches violence and breeds fear and resentment No one wants his/her children afraid of their parents Fear is not respect! The marijuana high, that was once reserved for creek-side rebels, is now a legal high, and its ingredients are now found in many people's kitchen cabinets, right alongside a bottle of scotch. Parents are

Fifty years ago, no-one (save the dreamers and scientists) would have imagined this technological world we now live in; it seems like it has changed everything. But it hasn't! There is still acceptable etiquette and manners we all try to adhere to, even when a high school student comes to school in his/her pajamas or crop-tops. Imparting this wisdom to our young, when they are young, and reminding them, during their adolescent years, when they are trying to make a statement, with their behaviors and

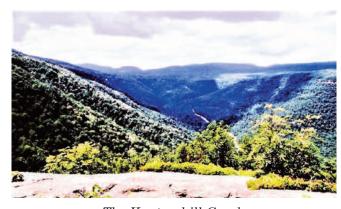
attire, is NECESSARY! With all we have to grapple with, in learning about a changing world, we must make sure that the etiquette we expect, from our young, is one we adhere to ourselves. Etiquette is the structure around which manners flourish. Saying please and thank you, and not interrupting someone who is speaking, coupled with a balanced tone of voice are necessary manners. Being friendly and respectful, even when another is less respectful or downright unfriendly, is also a necessity, as it takes two to come to fisticuffs. Using a calm and composed voice (even with your children,) keeps discussions on a level playing field. Dressing appropriately, (professionals in ripped-up jeans and ratty tee-shirts, better read this,) is also important and shows good manners and respect for those who need to see you throughout the day. If you set the example, others will follow. You set the borders of respect, in how you present yourself, and like it or not, sloppy is not helping any professional to meet social expectations. Being on time for work, for an appointment, etc. is also mannerly, and even demands a bit of flex time. Get to your location early, just in case something should slow you up, on your way from point A to point B. Most importantly, keep an open mind. You will, in your lifetime, work with different people, with different backgrounds. Not all will agree with you and you many not agree with them.

Henceforth, flexibility will help

photo and think about all that we have told you. You should be able to make sense of it all. Now you can look at the mountain stream, identify it and speak knowledgeably of its features. You have, indeed, learned something!

As time passed, a lot of it, a landscape matured. It was eroding away. Its high elevations were disappearing. It flows had to slow down, and it had to become less erosive. Its slopes had to become less steep. And, perhaps most important; its valley floor began to widen - and flatten. The appearance of a floodplain is the key to recognizing the key trait of the next stream type in the Davis system - the mature stream. Let's pursue that next time.

So, earlier, we said that this type of river has had a difficult history. How could that be; what are we trying to say? It all



The Kaaterskill Creek

goes back to the late 19th Century when scientists were first attempting to classify rivers. A Harvard professor, William Morris Davis, developed a system that was dependent on the age of streams. Davis thought that there were young streams, mature streams and old age streams. That may seem strange to a species which only lives three score and ten years, but it made sense at Harvard, way back then. Davis argued, persuasively, that

youthful streams were found on recently uplifted landscapes. Youthful streams were forced to descend from high elevations. They had to flow quickly, and they had to be erosive. It all made so much sense; what could go wrong? We'll get to that in a coming column.

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Delhi Man Indicted For Burglary in The First Degree

DELHI -County Acting District Attorney Shawn J. Smith announced today BROCK T. FREER, 45, of Delaware arraigned by Acting County Court Judge Gary A. Rosa on an indictment. Freer was charged with Burglary in the First Degree, a Class B Violent Felony; Criminal Mischief in the Fourth Degree, a Class A Misdemeanor; and Petit Larceny, of the indictment alleges a Class A Misdemeanor.

that on or about Aug. 28. 2022, in the Town of Delhi, the defendant, Freer, know-

de-escalate conflict and help

not be here, and I cannot

imagine what new changes

await our children and grand-

Fifty years from now, I will

promote the positive.

tered or remained unlawfully in a dwelling located in Delhi, while armed with a deadly weapon - a loaded County, New York, has been shotgun - with the intent to commit the crime of larceny therein. It is further alleged that

the defendant, Freer, did knowingly and unlawfully damage a window screen that the defendant, Freer, beverages owned by the complainant.

The defendant pleaded a court of law.

children. Maybe, I don't want

to know. But maybe, just

maybe, with all the blood,

sweat and tears that have been

put into making America a

place where "All are created

Delaware ingly and unlawfully en- not-guilty to the three count indictment. The defendant was committed to the custody of the Delaware County Sheriff's Office in lieu of \$50,000 cash bail.

> Smith commended the work of the Delaware County Sheriff's Department for their investigation of the case.

The case is scheduled and window casement of for a conference in the dwelling. Count Three Delaware County Court on Jan. 23, 2023.

As are all persons ac-The indictment alleges stole food and alcoholic cused of a crime, the defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty in

> equal," and All are treated equally, despite their wealth and power, I might just swing on a star or two, and view a better world, where manners

Bushel hosts a "Russian Tea Party" on Saturday, Feb 4th

First to arrive in

DELHI —Bushel and and discussion. Delaware County Citizens for Refugee Support (DCCRS) are pleased to invite the community to a tea party to get to know Mariia, Boris, Ivan, and Vladimir, four Russian dissidents who are seeking asylum in Delaware County. This event is free and open to the public and takes place at

Bushel, 106 Main Street, ground floor, Delhi. The community is invited to come for teatime refreshments and get acquainted with our new friends, hear their stories, and understand their current situations and ongoing challenges. Volunteers will also speak about how this community has come together in this resettlement effort and what more we all can do. Tea service begins at 2 pm. At 2:20 pm there will be a conversation with Mariia, Boris, Ivan, and Vladimir, followed by a few words by DCCRS volunteers Hall Willkie and Hannah Leighton, among others.

The event will conclude

with a community Q&A

Delaware County, Mariia and Boris are Russian medical doctors and antiwar activists. They supported Alexei Navalny's opposition to the Putin regime and campaigned against the Russian invasion of Ukraine. After constant harassment by Russian police, they fled to the US in April 2022 and requested political asylum. They ended up at a privately run detention camp in Louisiana, where they endured horrific mistreatment including limited drinking water, substandard meals, and overcrowded and unsafe living conditions. With the support of our community, DCCRS was able to pay a bond to secure their release, and bring them here to Delaware County. Recently, Boris's cellmates Ivan and Vladimir, both antiwar activists as well, were released from detention and joined Mariia and Boris to begin their new lives here in the US. Ivan was jailed four times in Russia for participat-

ing in anti-Putin protests. Vladimir fled Russia after his life was threatened by Chechen security forces, leaving behind his wife and two young sons. While in ICE detention, Ivan and Vladimir joined Boris in a hunger strike to protest the appalling conditions in the facility.

This event is organized by DCCRS (Delaware County Citizens for Refugee Support), a community group formed in 2021 with the aim to assist refugees and asylum seekers through direct support for resettlement in Delaware County and partnerships with individuals and community groups to advocate for the human rights and freedoms of all displaced e o p l e www.delcocrs.org

BUSHEL is a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit, volunteerled, mixed-use space dedicated to art, agriculture, ecology, and action. It is located at 106 Main Street in Delhi. For more information, go to www.bushelcollective.org

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Shoveling Notice -

Notice is hereby given that the Windham Ave STE 180, Albany, Fire District. #1 of the NY 12203. Purpose: Town of Windham, State Any lawful activity. of New York, seeks bids for the shoveling of snow from the walk- eral Contracting and ways and area around and about the Windham Fire House for the 2022-2023 Winter Season. Sealed bids will be SSNY desig. as agt. opened on Wednesday upon whom process November 16, 2022, at may be served. SSNY 6:00 PM at the Windham Town Hall, 371 St Rt 296, Hensonville, NY Hill Road, Cobleskill, 12439, in the Town of NY 12043. General Pur-Windham, State of New poses.

Sealed bids can be submitted at the meeting or mailed before State (SSNY) 10/17/22. November 6, 2022, to Office in Albany Co. Windham Fire District SSNY designated Agent #1 PO Box 91 Hensonville, NY 12439

of Fire Commissioners process to the Martha of the Windham Fire Hacklin, 4 Oakwood St, District #1.

Budget Hearing -Lexington Fire District

The Town of Lexington Fire Districts budget of limited liability comhearing for the public on November 7th at 6:30 at the Lexington cles of Organization filed Municipal Building. Copies of the budget can be obtained at the Lexington Town Clerk's

Snowplow Notice -Windham

Notice is hereby given that the Windham process against it may Fire District. #1 of the Town of Windham, State mail a copy of process of New York, seeks bids for the plowing of snow from the parking areas Middleburgh, around and about the 12122. Purpose: to en-Windham Fire House gage in any lawful busiand the Hensonville Fire ness of every kind and House for the 2022-2023 Winter Season. LLCs may be organized Sanding and/or salting under the New York will also be required. A LLC Law, Section 203, Qualified Contractor or any successor statute. must be fully insured. Sealed bids will be opened on Wednesday, November 16, 2022, at 6:00 PM at the Windham Town Hall, 371 St of Massage By Beth Rt 296, Hensonville, NY LLC. Articles of Organ-

Sealed bids can be submitted at the meet- Greene County. United ing or mailed before States Corporation Windham Fire District as agent of Limited Li-#1 PO Box 91 Hen- ability Company (LLC) sonville, NY 12439 By order of the Board

Windham, State of New

of Fire Commissioners SSNY should mail of the Windham Fire process to United States District #1. **LLC Notice**

NOTICE OF FOR- Suite 202 Brooklyn NY MATION of Christina 11228. Purpose: Any ODonnell, LLC. Articles lawful purpose of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York Of Domestic Limited Li-(SSNY) on June 7, ability Company; Name 2022. Office Location: Of Llc: Pangman Prop-Schoharie County. SSNY erty LLC; Date of filing: designated as agent for 8/3/2022; Office of the service of process on LLC: Schoharie Co.; The LLC. SSNY shall mail a NY Secretary of State copy of process to: 136 has been designated as CC Camp Road, Mid- the agent upon whom dleburgh, NY 12122. Purpose: Any lawful pur-

LLC Notice

MATION OF DOMES-TIC LIMITED LIABILI- of LLC: Any lawful pur-TY COMPANY; Name of pose. LLC: Krissy's Sparkle Cleaning SVCS LLC; Date of filing: July 7, 2021; Office of the LLC: Albany Co.; The NY Secretary of State has been SSNY desig. for process designated as the agent & shall mail 4912 NYupon whom process may be served. NYSS may mail a copy of any lawful. process to the LLC at Northwest Registered Agent LLC, 90 State St, Suite 700, Office 40, ability Company; Name Albany NY 12207; Pur-pose of LLC: Any lawful tion LLC; Date of filing:

NOTICE OF FOR-MATION OF LLC

MINIMALLY INVAdesignated Agent of LLC EFFER-KENNEDY, 151 whom process may be LAKE ROAD, EAST

served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC @ 1881 Western

LLC Notice Dan Hanchett Gen-

Stone Masonry, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 04/22/2022. Off. Loc.: Schoharie Co. shall mail process to: Daniel E. Hanchett, 176

LLC Notice

166 JAR LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY By order of the Board shall mail copy of Albany NY 12208. Purpose: Any lawful activi-

LLC Notice Notice of formation

pany (LLC). Name: RLN Properties, LLC. Artiwith the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on September 26, 2022. Office location: Schoharie County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom be served. SSNY shall to: Richard McPartland, 348 Armlin Hill Road,

character for which LLC Notice NOTICE OF FOR-MATION OF A LIMIT-ED LIABILITY COMPA-NY Notice of Formation 12439, in the Town of ization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2022- 07-18. Office location: November 7, 2022, to Agents, Inc. designated upon whom process against it may be served.

Corporation Agents,

Inc.: 7014 13th Avenue

LLC Notice Notice Of Formation process may be served. NYSS may mail a copy of any process to the LLC at 220 Barnerville NOTICE OF FOR- Road, Cobleskill, New York 12043; Purpose

> **LLC Notice** NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION NP3LSO LLC. Filed 11/30/2022. County: Schoharie. 30 Schoharie, NY 12157. Purpose: any

LLC Notice Notice Of Formation

Of Domestic Limited Li-4/21/2022; Office of the LLC: Delaware Co.; The NY Secretary of State has been designated as SIVE TREE REMOVAL, the agent upon whom LLC Articles of Org. process may be served. filed NY Sec. of State NYSS may mail a copy (SSNY) 09/08/22. Office of any process to the in Schoharie Co. SSNY LLC at DONNA SCHI-

MEREDITH, 13757; Purpose of LLC: Any lawful purpose. 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 York (SSNY) on 10/31/2022. Office location: Greene County. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY may mail a copy of any process to: the LLC, C/O Daniel Locker, 173 Village Grove, Williston,

VT 05495. **LLC Notice**

NOTICE OF FOR-MATION OF DOMES-TIC LIMITED LIABILI-TY COMPANY; Name of LLC: PANGMAN OUT-DOOR POWER LLC; Date of filing: 01/03/2023; Office of the LLC: Schoharie Co.; The NY Secretary of State has been designated as the agent upon whom process may be served. NYSS may mail a copy of any process to the LLC at 220 Barnerville Road, Cobleskill, New York 12043; Purpose of LLC: Any lawful purpose.

WAJ Fiscal Affairs **Notice** Notice is hereby giv-

en that the fiscal affairs of the Windham-Ashland-Jewett Central School District for the period beginning on July 1, 2021 and ending on June 30, 2022, have been examined by Raymond G. Preusser, CPA, P.C., and that the report has been filed in the District Superintendent's office where it is available as a public record for inspection by all interested persons. Pursuant to §35 of the General Municipal Law, the governing board of the Windham-Ashland-Jewett Central School District, may, in its discretion, prepare a written response to the report and file any such response in the District Superintendent's office as a public record for inspection by all interested persons not later

than January 20, 2023. Stamford Fiscal Affairs Notice

Notice is hereby given that the fiscal affairs of the Stamford Central School District for the period beginning on lic Accountant have the meeting.

where it is available as a public record for inspection by all interested persons. Pursuant to Section §35 of the Gen-

been filed in my office

eral Municipal Law, the governing Board of the Stamford Central School District may, in its discretion, prepare a written response to the report of external audit or management letter by the Independent Public Accountant and file any such response in my office as a public record for inspection by all interested persons no later than February 10, 2023.

Public Notice - Bovina NOTICE IS HEREBY

GIVEN that a public hearing will be held before the Bovina Town Board at the Bovina Town Hall on the 14th day of February 2023 at 6:00 p.m. regarding the adoption of A Local Law Amending Local Law #4 of 2006, Providing for the Administration and Enforcement of the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code of the Town of Bovina, New York.

Copies of the proposed Local Law shall be available at the time of the hearing and shall be available at times prior to the hearing at the Town Clerk's Office for the purpose of inspection or procurement by interested persons.

Public Notice - Bov-

ina NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held before the Bovina Town Board at the Bovina Town Hall on the 14th day of February 2023 at 6:15 p.m. regarding the adoption of A Local Law Establishing the Authority for the Town Bookkeeper to Sign Checks on Behalf of the Town of

Bovina. Copies of the proposed Local Law shall be available at the time of the hearing and shall be available at times prior to the hearing at the Town Clerk's Office for the purpose of inspection or procurement by interested persons.

Public Notice -Catskill Area **Schools**

Please take notice that a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the CATSKILL AREA SCHOOLS EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN, will be held on Thursday, Feb-July 1, 2021, and ending ruary 1, 2023 at 9:30 on June 30, 2022, have a.m. via video conferbeen examined by an ence. The link to the Independent Public Accountant and the Report tained by calling 607and Management letter 588-8917. A recording prepared in conjunction of the meeting will be with the external audit available to the public by the Independent Pub- upon request following

FOR RENT

Mobile Home for Rent in Senior Park in Roxbury. Recently renovated, partially furnished 2 bedroom/1 bath with covered front deck, small back deck, storage building, refrigerator, LP gas kitchen stove, washer/dryer hookup, municipal water and sewer. Absolutely no smokers or pets allowed. Security and references required. \$800 per month. Call 607-326-7067.

Senior seeking apartment. Non-smoker with housing voucher seeking apartment in Cobleskill, Richmondville, or Summit. Two cats. Can start immediately. Call Debra at 845-407-2205.

BRIGHT, SPACIOUS HUNTER/CATSKILLS MOUNTAIN GETAWAY

4 Bedroom, 3 Bathroom House for rent -\$450/night.

Mountain view, private sauna, hot tub-hiking, skiing,biking

Please call Joseph- 631 745-0193

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.

6829.

Public Notice -Stamford CSD The bond resolution

published herewith was

adopted on January 12, 2023 and the validity of the obligations authorized by such bond resolution may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the Stamford Central School District is not authorized to expend money or if the proviof publication of this notice were not subsuch validity is com-(20) days after the date of publication of this notice, or such obligations were authorized visions of the Constitu-

Maria Hitt District Clerk School District, New York

BOND RESOLU-

TION DATED JANUARY 12, 2023 OF THE BOARD OF EDUCA-TION OF THE STAM-SCHOOL DISTRICT AUTHORIZING GEN-ERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO FINANCE CERTAIN CAPITAL IM-PROVEMENTS CON-SISTING OF CON-STRUCTION AND RE-CONSTRUCTION OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES, AU-THORIZING THÉ IS-SUANCE OF BOND AN-TICIPATION NOTES IN CONTEMPLATION THEREOF, THE LEVY OF TAXES IN ANNUAL INSTALLMENTS IN PAYMENT THEREOF, THE EXPENDITURE OF SUCH SUMS FOR

SUCH PURPOSE, AND DETERMINING OTH-ER MATTERS IN CON-NECTION THERE-WHEREAS, the qual-

ford Central School District, New York, at special meeting of such voters duly held on December 13, 2022, duly approved a proposition authorizing the levy of installments, in the manner provided by the Education Law, for the class of objects or purposes hereinafter de-

scribed; and WHEREAS, Board of Education has, equipment, and appaon October 6, 2022, duly determined and tal improvements refound the purpose here-quired in connection inafter described con-therewith for such constitutes a Type II action struction and school under the State Environmental Quality Re-

SEEKING

We are looking for a person to do stonework on our stone walls in Stamford, NY. (607) 652-2449.

Looking for someone to refurbish GE 4 line business phones. Approximately 10 phones

Please call Janet 4:30pm

ANTIQUES

REAL ESTATE

Vacant Land 5 acres in Jefferson, NY. \$35,000 90 acres in Harpersfield, NY, \$285,000.

view Act of the State of New York and the applicable regulations thereunder ("SEQRA") which will not be subject to any further environmental review under SE-

QRA; WHEREAS, Board of Education has, on October 6, 2022, duly determined that the purpose hereinafter described constitutes a Type II action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act of sions of law which the State of New York should have been com- and the applicable regplied with as of the date ulations thereunder of publication of this ("SEQRA") which will not have a significant stantially complied with, impact on the environand an action, suit or ment and such purpose proceeding contesting is not subject to any further environmental menced within twenty review under SEQRA; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the favorable vote of not less than two-thirds in violation of the pro- of all of the members of such Board of Education, as follows: Section 1.

Stamford Central School Stamford Central District shall undertake certain capital improvements to the School District's existing school buildings and facilities, as more particularly described in Section 3 hereof, and as generally CENTRAL outlined to and considered by the voters of the School District at special voter meeting on December 13, 2022.

Section 2. Stamford Central School District is hereby authorized to issue its General Obligation Serial Bonds in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$4,631,980, pursuant to the Local Finance Law of New York, in order to finance the class of objects or purposes described herein, and such amount is hereby appropriated therefor. Section 3.

class of objects or pur-

poses to be financed pursuant to this resolution (hereinafter referred to as "purpose") is certain capital imified voters of the Stam- provements consisting of construction and reconstruction of existing school buildings and facilities within the School District (each such building being a class "A" (fireproof and certain taxes to be collected in fire resistant) building as defined in Subdivision 11 of Paragraph a of Section 11.00 of said Local Finance Law), site improvements, and the acquisition of certain the original furnishings, ratus and other inciden-

Section 4. It is hereby determined and declared that (a) the aggregate maximum cost of said purpose, as estimated by the Board of Education, is \$7,316,980; and (b) the Stamford Central School District's plan to finance the cost of said purpose is (i) to provide

FOR SALE

2008 Chevrolet Silverado truck. Sealed bid, call Delaware Co. 607- 588-4700 noon- SWCD (607) 865-7161 for bid package.

ANTIQUES

All old, most over 100 years, solid wood, not reproductions: dark wood music cabinet with drawer and shelves, light wood cradle with solid ends and sides, oak short chest of drawers, dark wood sewing caddy, upholstered ornate platform rocker. All in very good condition. Not cheap but reasonable asking prices. Call for pic and price, Pat at 518-827-7508.

\$2,685,000 from the thorize the sale and isexisting capital reserve fund for such costs; and (ii) to provide up to \$4,631,980 from funds raised by the issuance of said Bonds and the Bond Anticipation Notes hereinafter referred to; and (c) no money has heretofore been authorized to be applied to the payment of the cost of said purpose.

Section 5. hereby determined that the purpose is one of the class of objects or purposes described in Subdivision 97 of Paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law, and that the period of probable usefulness of said purpose is thirty (30) years. Section 6. Stamford Central School

District is hereby authorized to issue its **Bond Anticipation Notes** in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$4,631,980, and is hereby authorized to issue renewals thereof, pursuant to the Local Finance Law of New York in order to finance the purpose in anticipation of the issuance of the above described Bonds. Section 7.

hereby determined and declared that (a) there are presently no outstanding Bond Anticipation Notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said Bonds, (b) the Bond Anticipation Notes authorized hereby shall mature within one year of the date of issuance thereof or such longer term as may be desired in accordance with the provisions of the Local Bond Anticipation Notes authorized hereby are not issued in anticipation for Bonds for an any other agreements assessable improvement, and (d) current funds will be provided prior to the issuance of the Bonds or Bond Anticipation Notes herein authorized, to the extent, if any, required by Section 107.00 of the

Local Finance Law. Section 8. hereby determined and declared that the Stamford Central School District reasonably expects to reimburse the general fund, or such other fund as may be utilized, not to exceed the maximum amount authorized herein, from the proceeds of the obligations authorized hereby for expenditures, if any, from such fund that may be made for the purpose prior to the date of issuance of such obligations. This is a declaration of official intent under Treasury Regulation §1.150-2. Section 9.

Stamford Central School District, New York, are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations becoming due and payable in such year. There shall annually be levied on all taxable real property of said School District, a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations as the same be-

Section 10.

the terms, form and contents of said Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes, subject to the provisions of this resolution and the Local Finance Law of New York, including without limitation, the authority to determine whether to accept bids electronically to the extent allowed by the Local Finance Law, the consolidation with other issues, the determination to issue Bonds with substantially level or declining annual debt service, all contracts for, and determinations with respect to credit or liquidity enhancements, if any, and to sell, issue and deliver said Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes, subject to the provisions of this reso**lution and Local Finance** Law, is hereby delegated to the President of the Board of Education or to the Vice President of the Board in the event of the absence or unavailability of the President. The President of the Board of Education, Vice President and the District Clerk are hereby authorized to sign by manual or facsimile signature any Bonds and **Bond Anticipation Notes** issued pursuant to this resolution, and are hereby authorized to affix to such Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes the corporate seal of the School District and to attest the same. The President of the Board of Education is additionally authorized (but not required) to execute Finance Law, (c) the and deliver a financing agreement with the Dormitory Authority of the

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This resolution, or a summary hereof, shall be published in full by the District Clerk of the School District together with a notice in substantially the form prescribed by Section 81.00 of said Local Finance Law, and such publication shall be in each official newspaper of the School District. The validity of said Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said Bonds may be contested only if such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which said School District is not authorized to expend money, or the provisions faith and credit of the of law which should be complied with, at the date of publication of this resolution are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity, is commenced within twenty (20) days after the date of such publication; or if said obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Section 12. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Public Notice -Conesville The Town

Conesville has passed Local Law 2 of 2022 regarding short term come due and payable. rental regulations. The Copies of the local law power to further au- are available from the

Looking For CDL Class B Drivers

Part and Full Time, Competitive Pay and Benefits **Bloomville Disposal** Call: 607-538-1160

HELP WANTED

Help Wanted Margaretville Senior Dining Cen-

ter Driver Valid NYS driver's license, clean driving record. Ability to relate well to senior citizens and to help shut ins stay 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 accepted until filled at Delaware Opportunities Inc., 35430 State Highway 10, Hamden, NY 13782, or Margaretville at the Senior Din-Center. RAngerer@delop.org Equal Em-

ability/Protected Veteran Status **Help Wanted** Gerster Trucking Now Hiring For: Class A CDL Drivers

ployment Opportunity MF/F/Dis-

Local - Tank Endorsement Required. Milk Pick Up Routes Competitive Salary, Health Insur-

Help Wanted

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

ARKVILLE - Summer helper, part time, weekends. Some heavy lifting and porting. Now through October: Call David (607) 326-

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 appli-

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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 Ex-

tension 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 experi-

If you would like an application you may stop in at the Municipal Office 309 Main St. or call 518-827-5143 or email middleburghnyvillage@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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Thursday, February 9,

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Public Notice - Jew-

NOTICE IS HEREBY

Board of the Town of

Local Law #1 of 2023,

"A Local Law Establish-

Senior Citizens", pro-

Low Income Citizens"

Law Establishing an op-

tion to provide a prop-

Volunteer Firefighters".

be held at 7:00PM on

February 8, 2023 at the

regular monthly meet-

ing in the Municipal

Building located at 3547

County Route 23C.

Copies of the proposed

local laws are available

for review in the Town

business hours. By Or-

Public Notice - Bids

Wanted

2023, "A Local Law Es-

The successful bidder

LEGAL ADVERTISING

Conesville Town Clerk 11am. at Conesville Town Hall. 1306 State Route 990V Conesville, New York or can be accessed at the Conesville Town website

https://www4.schoha riecounty-ny.gov/Pdf-Files/TCOB/pubdocs/To wnLoc3200 100391.pd

Public Notice -

Stamford The Town of Stamford Town Board will hold their meetings on the second Wednesday of the month at 6:00 PM at the Town Municipal Building, 101 Maple Ave. Hobart, NY.

Public Notice

Stamford The Town of Stamford Planning Board will hold their meetings on the first Monday of the month at 6:00 PM when there is an item on the agenda at the Town Municipal Building, 101 Maple Ave. Hobart, NY. **Public Notice - Jew-**

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, Please be advised that the Planning Board of The Town of Jewett will hold a Public Hearing on February 2, 2023 at 8pm at the Town of Jewett Municipal Building, 3547 Route 23C, Jewett, NY for a Minor Subdivision for Yellow Pine Management, LLC for Tax IĎ 147.00-1-17 (10.8 acres), 18 (1.50 acres) & 19 (2.30 acres) Route 23A, North side of road opposite of Maplewood Cemetery, Rural Con-

servation. **Public Notice - Bids** Wanted

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 103 of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York, that the County of Delaware will accept sealed proposals for the purchase of the following items by the said County of Delaware:

PROPOSAL NO. Temporary Landfill Rain Cover -Side Slope Delaware County Solid Management Waste

Proposals shall be submitted on bid forms which are available for inspection and obtainable at the Office of the County Commissioner of Public Works, Page Avenue, Delhi, NY 13753. Forms can be obtained electronically by e-mailing a request o

lisa.henderson@co.dela der of the Town Board, ware.ny.us . Detailed Maya Carl Town Clerk. specifications are contained in said forms.

A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held at the work site)Delaware County Solid Waste nicipal Law of the State Management Center, of New York, that the 32230 State Highway County of Delaware will

of the following items Proposals must be by the said County of filed with James D. Delaware:

PROPOSAL NO. 1-Delaware County Commissioner Rental of Conof Public Works, Page struction Equipment PROPOSAL NO. 22-Avenue, Delhi, NY 13753 on or before 2:00 Cutting P.M., prevailing time, **Trimming Trees**

Proposals shall be 2023, in a sealed envesubmitted on bid forms lope, plainly marked on which are available for the outside, at which inspection and obtaintime and place they will able at the Office of the County Commissioner of Public Works, Page will be promptly notified Avenue, Delhi, NY and must be prepared 13753. Forms can be to enter into a contract obtained electronically by e-mailing a request

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Department of Public tained in said forms. Works, in accordance Proposals must be with the provisions of filed with James D. Title VI of the Civil Thomas, Delaware County Commissioner Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 US. C.§§ of Public Works, Page 2000d to 2000d-4) and Avenue, Delhi, NY the Regulations, hereby 13753 on or before 1:00 notifies all bidders that P.M., prevailing time, it will affirmatively en-Wednesday, February 1, sure that any contract 2023, in a sealed enveentered into pursuant lope, plainly marked on to this advertisement. the outside, at which disadvantaged business time and place they will enterprises will be afbe publically opened.

The Delaware County portunity to submit bids Department of Public Works, in accordance tation and will not be with the provisions of discriminated against Title VI of the Civil on the grounds of race, Rights Act of 1964 (78 color, or national origin Stat. 252, 42 US. C.§§ in consideration for an 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby County of notifies all bidders that Delaware reserves the it will affirmatively enright to reject any and sure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business PUBLIC HEARING enterprises will be afforded full and fair op-GIVEN that the Town portunity to submit bids in response to this invi-Jewett will hold a Public tation and will not be Hearing on proposed discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin ing Income Levels for in consideration for an

posed Local Law #2 of The successful bidder will be promptly notified tablishing Income Levand must be prepared els for Real Property to enter into a contract Taxes for Disabled and for said item(s) or services in conformity with and proposed Local Law the information in the #3 of 2023, "A Local proposal.

County of The Delaware reserves the erty tax exemption to right to reject any and all bids submitted. The Public Hearing will

Public Notice - Bids Wanted

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 103 of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York, that the County of Delaware will accept sealed proposals for the rental/purchase Clerk's Office during of the following items by the said County of Delaware:

PROPOSAL NO. 6-Liquid Bituminous Concrete and Related Equipment

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section Proposals shall be 103 of the General Musubmitted on bid forms which are available for inspection and obtainable at the Office of the 10, Walton, NY 13856), accept sealed proposals County Commissioner Thursday February 2, for the rental/purchase of Public Works, Page Avenue, Delhi, NY 13753. Forms can be obtained electronically by e-mailing a request

lisa.henderson@co.dela ware.ny.us . Detailed specifications are contained in said forms.

Proposals must be filed with James D. Delaware County Commissioner of Public Works, Page Avenue, Delhi, NY 13753 on or before 1:00 P.M., prevailing time, Thursday, February 2, 2023, in a sealed envelope, plainly marked on the outside, at which time and place they will be publically opened.

The Delaware County Department of Public Works, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 US. C.§§ 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an

The successful bidder will be promptly notified and must be prepared to enter into a contract for said item(s) or services in conformity with the information in the proposal.

The County of Delaware reserves the right to reject any and all bids submitted **Public Notice - Com**pleted

Application Applicant: Schoharie County 393 Main St

Po Box 249 Schoharie, Ny 12157-0249 Little Facility: Schoharie Creek Ewp

Stream Restoration Hunterlands Rd Off Of St Rte 145 Middle-

burgh, Ny Application ID: 4-4338-00157/00006 Permits(s) Applied - Section 401 -

Clean Water Act Water

Quality Certification 1 - Article 15 Title 5 Stream Disturbance Project is located: in MIDDLEBURGH in SCHOHARIE COUNTY

Project Description: Schoharie County proposes to conduct corrective action work (stream channel restoration) along approximately 9,945 lineal feet (LF) of the Little

as "Reaches C and B". The purpose of the project is to conduct corrective action work repair previous

Schoharie Creek, known

stream restoration work, which was conducted in 2015. The corrective action work will include re-grading the stream placement stream bed material, installation of rock grade control structures and riparian vegetation plantings to stabilize the

banks and floodplain. The work is necessary to stabilize the stream channel to better withstand higher stream flows during storm events, protect adjacent properties and infrastructure and to ensure the protection of aquatic resources

Availability of Appli-

cation Documents: Filed application documents, and Department draft permits where applicable, are available for inspection during normal business hours at the address of the contact person. To ensure timely service at the time of inspection, it is recommended that an appointment be made with the contact person.

State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) Determination

Project is an Unlisted Action and will not have a significant impact on the environment. A Negative Declaration is on file. A coordinated review was not performed.

SEQR Lead Agency None Designated

State Historic Preservation Act (SHPA) Determination

Cultural resource lists and maps have been checked. The proposed activity is not in an area of identified archaeological sensitivity and no known registered, eligible or inventoried archaeological sites or historic structures were identified or documented for the project location. No further review accordance with SHPA is required.

Availability For Public Comment

Comments on this project must be submitted in writing to the Contact Person no later than 02/02/2023

or 15 days after the publication date of this notice, whichever is lat-

Contact Person MICHAEL T HIG-GINS NYSDEC 625 Broadway Albany, NY 12233 (518) 402-9179

Edited by Timothy Parker

CWT accepts FAD Revisions

By Mary A. Crisafulli

ARKVILLE - Coalition of Watershed Towns (CWT) board members passed a resolution in support of New York State Department of Health (DOH) revisions to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's (DEC) Filtration Avoidance Determination (FAD) agreement at a regular meeting on Jan. 16.

FAD negotiations have been ongoing since 2021, following recommendations by the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine published in 2020. The report examined the efficiency of FAD in relation to the Memorandum of Agreement Watershed Objective (MOA) entered into between New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and watershed counties in 1997. The MOA was established to protect watershed communities' economic vitality, development, and future growth. At the same time, various FAD programs sought to protect water quality in the watershed as a source of drinking water for New York City.

Jeff Baker, CWT Attorney, said the resolution supports revisions made to FAD after adjustments due to several Delaware and Catskill watershed stakeholders opposing the initial draft revisions. Opposition primarily focused on DEP's land and streamside acquisition programs, which are not directly mandated by FAD, he explained. According to stakeholders, acquisition programs cause economic concerns, as they prevent construction on such land due to conservation easements. It is CWTs understanding of recent FAD revisions, Baker continued, that land acquisition is no longer a cost-effective water quality protection initiative, and funding should be redirected to flood hazard mitigation, streambank restoration, and riparian buffer

Through FAD, DEP is directed to work with stakeholders on a negotiated Streamside Acquisition Program (SAP) prior to the expansion of SAP beyond the Schoharie Basin, said Baker. Negotiations are to include the option of a license agreement with annual payments to landowners or alternative fee structures in place of complete acquisition. Furthermore, he said, DEP is directed to adjust previous and future conservation easements to permit utility access and renewable energy uses.

DEP is required to work with Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) to study current and future septage disposal needs in the watershed and to explore improvement funding options for non-city-owned wastewater treatment plants, Baker said.

"This is a very good step, we got most of what we wanted," said Baker of the FAD revisions.

As negotiations continue with DEP regarding acquisition, Baker said, it is an essential period for individual municipalities to request or submit concerns solely pertaining to the town or village.

Baker reported that the next FAD revisions will take place in 2027 and the water supply permit expires in

Following Baker's presentation, Fleischmann Mayor Winifred Zubin expressed concerns regarding funding for wastewater treatment plants (WWTP) not owned by the

Ric Coombe, CWT chairperson and Neversink councilperson, suggested organizing a meeting with municipalities with WWTPs to compile concerns. There are approximately four municipalities with WWTP not owned by the city.

CWC Director Jason Merwin announced the city opened 13 employment positions at the CWC headquarters office in Arkville. Not only are high-paying jobs brought to the area by this initiative, he said, but having representatives in the building will help communication efforts.

Coombe announced that several towns or villages still need to pay their 2022 yearly CWT dues. Cher Woehl, CWT administrative assistant, will send out a reminder letter to those towns in violation.

The next CWT board meeting is scheduled Monday, Mar. 20, at 6:15 p.m.

Town of Jefferson Man Sentenced to Weekends in Jail on DWI Case

DELHI - Acting District Attorney Shawn Smith announced that Elwin J. Johnson, 44, of Jefferson, New York, was convicted of one count of Driving While Intoxicated, an unclassified Misdemeanor and one count of Aggravated Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle in the Third Degree, an unclassified Misdemeanor. The defendant entered his guilty plea in the Town of Stamford Court on Jan. 13, 2023.

The defendant was sentenced by the Honorable Jacqueline Lamport, justice of the Stamford Town Court, to 137 days in the Delaware County Correctional Facility. The jail term is to be served intermittently, on weekends, starting Jan. 13, 2023 and ending May 28, 2023, such that the defendant will serve 60 physical days in jail. The Court also imposed fines in the amount of \$700 and mandatory state surcharges totaling \$493.

The defendant was also sentenced to a one-year conditional discharge requiring, among other things, that the defendant install and maintain an ignition interlock device in any vehicles driven or owned by him for the next 12 months. The Delaware County Probation Department will monitor the defendant's compliance with the ignition interlock portion of the sentence.

"I appreciate the thorough investigation New York State Trooper Carey did on this case. My Office will continue to work with law enforcement to ensure that intoxicated drivers are held accountable for their actions," said Smith.

Delaware County Stop DWI Coordinator Scott Glueckert stated, "STOP DWI is committed to supporting the District Attorney's Office and law enforcement agencies in their constant efforts to keep our communities safe from drunk drivers. Getting behind the wheel of a car when in an intoxicated state will only lead to tragedy for the driver of the vehicle and for other motorists.

Assistant District Attorney Schuyler Kinneman prosecuted the case

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- 5) Southwest party snack 10) Where peat is found
- 14) Issued a command
- 15) Attentive to possible danger
- 16) Geometrical calculation 17) Hampering the progress of
- 20) Half of the forearm bones Beached
- 22) Proofer's retraction Solitary sort
- 26) Humble requests 30) Throws easily 33) Aerie inhabitant
- 34) Kachina doll carver 35) Grandpa Simpson
- 38) Longest parts of the alimentary canal

- 42) Just a (slightly)
- Get one's dander up 44) Like Pisa's famed tower
- Prepared for a shock Electrical units
- Composer Erik
- Bottom of a shoe Japanese art of paper
- folding 56) Hold forth
- 60) Good trivia entry
- 64) Scandinavian capital
- 65) Not even a mouse 66) Harbinger of tooth trouble
- 67) Flow slowly
- 68) Hypnotized or anesthetized
- Quarter-acre of land
- **KEEP IT DOWN!**

DOWN

- 1) Truckers' radios
- Home to Honolulu
- 3) Object of worship 4) Flowerless, seedless plant
- "Be silent," in music
- Boxing legend
- capita With the bow, to violinists
- Phaser setting 10) From the sublime to the ridiculous
- 11) Hunter killed by a scorpion 12) Science fiction, for one
- 13) More wise 18) Grad's memento
- 19) Robinson Crusoe's home
- 23) Pertaining to a certain culture Plays the piccolo, say
- 26) Aphid, to a gardener Mantra chanter
- 28) Old-fashioned exclamation in a day's work
- 31) Big name in little suits Bro's kin Blue shade
- 36) Mixed martial arts prize
- Superlative endings 39) Nest egg abbr. 40) Where pints are poured
- 41) Midori of figure skating 45) Ringmaster's place
- 46) Genuine 48) One-man flights
- 49) Leave the bed
- Champion's claim 52) Dim, as lights
- 54) Diner options 55) Sacred image (Var.)
- Winston Churchill's " 58) Fast food choice Reflection of a kind

Country"

- 61) Affirmative action
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EDITORIAL

So Long, Bob Beyfuss

There are few people that have had an impact on the Mountain Eagle as much as Bob Beyfuss-- or much of the region's print, radio, and visual media for that matter. Bob Beyfuss was there constantly, and always helpful. In fact, except for our own Liz Page, he has the streak for most consecutive editions in the paper.

Now Bob is no longer of this earth, but his legacy lives on. To the right is our last column by Mr. Bevfuss, sent just one day before he passed away in Florida. We appreciate all that he did to encourage knowledge in our area and how he made even complex botanical ideas easy to understand. (Editor's note: if he made it so I could understand it, he did a great job).

We are debating how best to approach the space on Page D4 in the future. You can't really replace (nor want to) a person like Bob. We may cycle through a few of his old columns as a means to show respect and continuity. I'm just not sure at the moment-- it's difficult to handle the fact that one of the most respected local residents is no longer with us.

Rest in Peace, Bob Beyfuss-- we will all miss you and thank you for what you've done for our area and our area's green thumbs!

Matthew Avitabile -- Publisher

P.S. This is a little out of place for our local newspaper, but I wanted to also send condolences on the passing of former MLB slugger Frank Thomas-- the one from the 1950s and 1960s, that is. I never met Mr. Thomas, but years ago I wrote to him for an autograph. He wrote back and he talked about his work helping sick and disabled children enjoy baseball. So I would write back and forth, sending \$5 for an autograph each year toward the charity he was a part of. Mr. Thomas died this week at 93. An original Met, he could have spent his golden years with his MLB accomplishments. Instead, he spent them helping the less fortunate. I hope for the best for his family and may his memory be a blessing.

RUSTY AND LILA BY BILLY SHEARS



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WHITTLING AWAY WITH DICK BROOKS

Guns

topic of some of the news so I thought that I'd go broadcasts I watch or lis-

Lately guns and gun ten to. They reminded controls seem to be the me that I'm a gun owner see if I could find the

gun that I own. Telly, my faithful canine companion and I went out to my shop, found the step

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GARDENING TIP OF THE WEEK BY BOB BEYFUSS

Tropical Fruit



One of the perks to being a snowbird, here on the Gulf coast of Florida, is the opportunity to taste some interesting, locally grown, tropical fruit. I have a friend, nearby, (Willie) who formerly operated a commercial grove right here, in the city of Bradenton, on his 5 acre property. He grew all sorts of oranges, grapefruit, lemons and limes as well as some more unusual fruit. Oranges are commercially grown in "groves" while apples are commercially grown in "orchards". The difference being them mostly due to semantic reasons. Commercially grown American Ginseng is grown in "Gardens" re-

gardless of the acreage. Willie is older than me and mostly retired now, partly due to the pests that have ravaged his citrus crops. Diseases such as "Greening" have devastated most of his citrus trees as well as much of the citrus industry in Florida. A teammate on my softball team, a retired executive from Tropicana, told me that the plant he worked at, processed about 285 million pounds of Florida oranges, 15 years ago. Now, he estimates that the plant only processes about 22 million pounds of Florida oranges. This is partly due to development and hurricane damage, but also due to loss of acreage, due to diseases. The oranges they now process come mostly from Brazil and Mexico.

Willie still grows some

very few, prized orange varieties, but he will not use the pesticides he needs to prevent "Greening". Fortunately, for me, he also grows some other fruit that I had never tasted. About six years ago, I happened to be in Florida in July and I got to taste fresh Lychee fruit. Those were perhaps the tastiest fresh. fruit I have ever eaten. I have eaten them frozen, or processed since then, but the flavor is not close to fresh. They have an unusual, grape like, very sweet pulp, which reminded me a bit of strawberries, crossed with watermelon. A few days ago, I ate a ripe, Black Sapote, fruit.

This fruit is closely related to persimmon and looks a bit like a large persimmon. It is about the size of a small orange, with a squat, pumpkin shape. The very thin skin is pale green when not ripe, darker green with brown to black speckles, when fully ripe. The development of the fruit process takes months, even here in this long growing season region. Ripe, the fruit is so soft and mushy that it must be picked unripe and allowed to ripen in a protected spot for more than two weeks. During this period, the flesh inside changes in color from white to dark brown, to almost black. I doubt if you will ever see this fruit at your local supermarket. Visually, this is not an appetizing looking snack fruit, but despite the brown/black, mushy textured, somewhat stringy flesh, with several almond sized, inedible seeds in the center, it tastes remarkably like chocolate custard.

I happen to like chocolate custard very much, but the absence of any

lemons and limes and a dairy product in this "custard" was a surprise to my palate. I also read that it pairs well with citrus fruit, so I mixed some of the flesh with mandarin orange slices and they did combine remarkably well. Sadly, Willie has only one more fruit on his tree that he will save for an anticipated visitor from the north, in March! That's a long time to have to wait for a single fruit, but these fruit are special.

Another tropical fruit that is more commonly grown commercially is the Star Fruit, or Carambola. This medium size tree, native to Southeast Asia, grows well at Willie's grove and it often has hundreds of fruit in various stages of ripeness on it at the same time. It is as prolific for him as the sapote is stingy!

The fruit are about the size of an orange, but size varies considerably, depending on how well or fast they grow. They are named "Star Fruit" because when sliced horizontally, the slices form perfect, five pointed stars. This makes them very attractive in fruit salads. The fruit color changes from green to yellow as they ripen. Green, or pale yellow fruit are somewhat astringent and sour, but as they turn deeper yellow and almost orange they become much sweeter. The entire fruit is edible fresh, even its very waxy skin, but most people cut off the edges of the star points before slicing.

Tree ripened Star Fruit are a real treat to me, tasting sweet and sour, with a citrusy aftertaste. They are commonly sold at fruit and vegetable markets here in Florida and I would not be surprised if they are also available at some specialty markets in the Northeast.

stool and went to the corner cabinet and there, on the top of it, where I put it years ago to keep a few days, I would be it away from little hands, able to supply the menu I went back into the covered in a thick coating items requested. I knew house. I got another cup of dirt and sawdust was where they roosted and the old canvas carrier could pop one or two off where my rifle lives. I climbed down, blew the dust off and laid it on but tasty. There are the workbench. I had places on the stock of Telly's undivided atten- my little gun that have tion. I unzipped it and been sanded carefully to there inside was my weapon of mass destruc- the stock. They were tion, the 22 caliber single done about the same time shot J.C. Higgins rifle I I had lettered rather got for Christmas when crudely on the case— I was 12. I picked it up Dick Brooks, Homeroom and felt again the wonder of that Christmas long ago when Santa via Montgomery Ward had really delivered. I already knew the basics of rifle safety thanks to my Father's teaching and the fact that et and a box of ammo in I had owned my other my other pocket. When weapon of mass destruction, a Daisy BB gun, for two years. I suppose I should say I had had it in my possession for only a year since shortly after I got it, also as a Christmas present, I learned the capitol rule for keeping it in my possession— Thy shalt not use your BB gun to shoot the windows out of the barn. I guess I had shown myself to be responsible enough to warrant the gifting of an honest to

God firearm by not shooting out any more windows and only on occasion popping one of my brothers with it. My gun is about as simple a weapon as has ever been designed. You opened the bolt, inserted a bullet, closed the bolt, pulled back the knob on the end of the bolt and you are ready to fire. Simple as it is, I provided a lot of meat for our sometimes not so bountiful table.

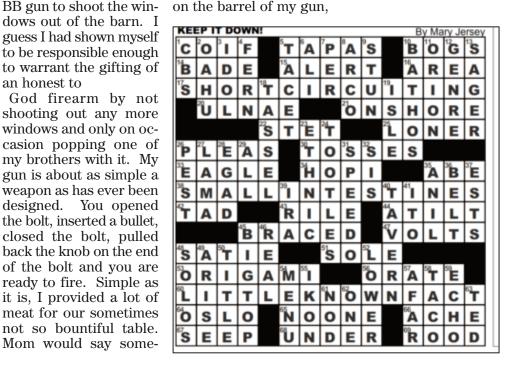
thing to the effect that partridge would be nice for Sunday dinner and in their favorite branch a day, not very sporting give me a better grip on 101. The reason for both of these was, as strange as it seems today, on the first Wednesday of the month, I got on the school bus with my rifle. The bolt was in one pockwe got to our high school, I carried my gun to homeroom and placed in the back near the other guns. Wednesday was the meeting date for Rifle Club. After school we would meet in the basement where the shooting range was and compete. I put a light coat of oil

put it back in its case, climbed on the step stool and put it back on top of the cabinet. Telly and of coffee and sat in my recliner, Telly lay in his favorite spot, within easy belly rub distance and we had a ponder. As is usual during these sessions, we solved the whole gun control issue. None of the real hunters that I know goes into the woods with an assault rifle with a thirty shot clip. The Second Amendment guarantees us the right to bear arms. Why don't we use just the arms that were in use when the Second Amendment was written. Flintlocks would solve a lot of the problems that need solving. Telly thought it was a good idea but then he's a most agreeable canine. Thought for the week— I don't make jokes, I just watch the government

and report the facts. -Will Rogers

Until next week, may you and yours be happy and well.

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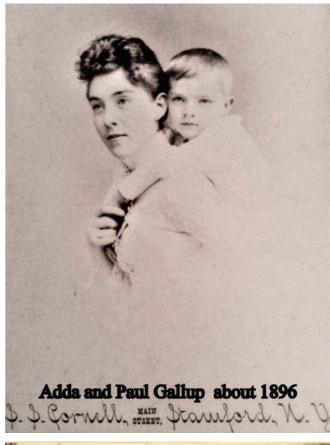
LOCAL HISTORY WITH KAREN CUCCINELLO

68-72 Main Street Stamford

What is now a parking lot at 68-70 Main Street. Stamford was once the site of one of the oldest houses in Stamford. There was also once a house where the current building at 72 Main is. I believe there was one house in between 66 and 72 Main so that is why I call the parking lot 68-70 Main. House numbers did not come into play until the 1960's.

In 1850 there was a house at 66 Main occupied by Henry Blish and later Almerin Martin. The building you see today was built for the Chichester Brothers, William O. and Adelbert J., as a mercantile in 1891-92. Dr. Calvin Calkins Covel/Covil (1809-1884) and his wife Harriet Sophronia (Draper, 1809-1883) lived at 68-70 Main until the late 1860's then moved to Kingston (Covel was also listed on the 1856 map). Aaron and Nancy (Goodenough) Blish resided at 72 Main.

Almerin Maynard Martin (1826-1908), a blacksmith, was listed as the owner of 68-70 on the 1869 map. He was the first 1st Assistant Engineer of the new Stamford Village fire department in 1870. He and his wife Maria (1834-1920) had at least five daughters. The Martin's youngest daughter Addie/Ada Lee (1861-1948) married Jason Merchant Gallup (1858-1945, buried in CA), of Charlotteville, about 1882. They moved out to Iowa about 1885 and had two children Eva (1882-1971, Mrs. Edward Morrow) and Paul (1893-1918). While Jason and family were living in Boone, IA he was working on the railroad and had a leg smashed which had to be amputated below daughter in IA (by 1930 he is in California, where he remained) and Ada





Ada lived in the house at 68-70, said to be built about 1820, until her death in 1948. The house and barn was purchased at auction by Fred Traxler for \$5,555 in 1949 and razed. The Traxler Dollar Store, that opened 1935, was at 66 Main.

Lyman Goodenough was listed as owner of 72 Main on the 1856 map and his daughter Mrs. Nancy Blish (1827-1879) was listed as the owner on the 1869 map as her the knee in 1889. In 1910 husband Aaron had died. Jason was living with his Women usually only got with a reasonable fortune listed if their husband was dead.

Aaron Blish (1820was in Stamford with her 1858) and his brother called "Saratoga of the mother Maria and son, Alonzo, sons of Novatus Catskills," where he re-

both listed as widows. and Sophia (Brett) Blish of Stamford, bought timber land in Walton to log and clear about 1837 and worked this land for about two years. They then peddled printed oilcloth in OH, IN and IL for two years then out to Racine, WI to engage in hotel keeping for a couple of vears and finally home to Stamford about 1846. Aaron married Nancy Goodenough about 1846 and was a farmer until 1852 then went to the California gold fields for three years. He returned and bought his father-inlaw Lyman Goodenough's 150 acre farm, which he



33-The Millan Store, Robinson Bros., Prop., Stamford, N. Y.

ily in America 1637-1905 at www.loc.gov.

September 2, 1886 Hobart Independent- Stamford has been christened "The New Saratoga of the Catskills" by New York and Kingston daily pa-

At some point George (1836-1903), a barber/ tonsorial artist and Mary Edna (Hartwell, 1847-1923) Halstead lived at 72 Main. He also opened an ice cream saloon in 1889. The house burned in 1899, then David C. Hoagland bought it for two barrels of flour and that she was a teacher of torney Robert H. McDowrazed the charred frame. German and art at Stam- ell in 1969. The next own-

Mary in 1900 and had the build- Stamford Seminary in in 2020.

dry goods store the next

Joseph and his brother came to the USA from Italy about 1870. They got separated in Albany, NY and Joseph ended up in Stamford boarding with Mrs. Mary Wyckoff, who was like his mother. He was a clerk in the store of J. C. VanDyke for many years then started his own business and married Miss Mary Edith Orr, of Syracuse, in 1893. I wondered how Joseph ended up marrying a girl from Joseph (1859-1906) ford Seminary in 1887. Edith She then taught at Coates'

Mary ran the store for a couple of years after Joseph's death then Samuel C. and Stewart Robinson bought it in 1910 and named it Robinson Brothers. Kenneth G. Smith, of Schenectady, bought it in 1946 and continued operating it as a mercantile store. Michael (1886-1967) and May (McGiness) Bellas bought it in 1950 and turned it into a beauty and barber shop. May Bellas married John McPherson in 1968 and they sold her Churchill Syracuse and found out Hall Beauty Salon to Aters were Carl and Christine Becker in 1992, John (Orr,1868-1944) Millan College for Ladies, Terre L. Hubbard in 2003 and bought the lot at 72 Main Haute, IN and again at Timberwolf Realty LTD

Davenport Develops A Wish List, Allocates Money for New Truck

By Liz Page

DAVENPORT CENTER -Although there are no commitments at this point, the discussion at Tuesday's Davenport Town Board meeting centered around developing a wish list to spend the remaining American Rescue Plan (ARP) money and looking toward the future. The to fill the council vacancy future includes using surplus funds to pay for the town's new truck when it is delivered, after a review of reserve fund balances from 2022

At their organizational meeting earlier this month, Jackie Losie was appointed of the late Terry Collins. Losie was not present at Tuesday's meeting, due to

The town has \$60,000 to carry over from its highway equipment fund, according to Supervisor Dennis Valente, along with other highway

2023 Tourism Business Support Grant Program

DELHI – The Delaware County Department of Economic Development is accepting applications for funding under the 2023 Tourism Business Support Grant program. This grant program will provide funding assistance to eligible applicants for projects that seek to attract visitors to Delaware County and enhance the overall tourism industry. Applications for grant assistance under the Tourism Business Support Grant program must be hand-delivered to the Delaware County Department of Economic Development or postmarked by 5 p.m. Wednesday, March 22nd, 2023.

The Tourism Business Support Grant program is funded through revenue raised through the Delaware County Occupancy Tax. An occupancy tax was implemented to create dedicated funding to promote and develop the tourism industry within Delaware County and to stimulate economic growth.

The Tourism Business Support Grant funding will focus on three categories of awards: Code Compliance Assistance, Business Cooperative Promotion/Marketing and Lodging Business Capital Improvement.

Code Compliance Assistance: Projects that help support full time lodging facilities to meet all necessary code requirements, i.e. building safety, fire codes, water supply, sewage collection and treatment, etc. Maximum funding - \$1,000

Business Operative Promotion/Marketing: Projects that support tourism related businesses that partner on marketing initiatives and/or promotions targeted to noncounty visitors. Tourism businesses to include; lodging, attractions, events, venues, restaurants and entertainment. Events must be open to the general public. Maximum funding - \$2,500.

Lodging Business Capital Improvement: Projects that improve/upgrade lodging facilities and enhance visitor experience – priority being given to projects that add new rooms. The primary function of the property must be as a lodging facility, not resident or other business. Must be an existing lodging facility, registered for the occupancy tax, current on fire inspections, properly insured, meet any other requirements of a lodging facility and be classified as a commercial property. Copies of these documents will be required. Maximum funding - \$10,000.

All grants will be awarded on a competitive basis and will require a minimum 1:1 match.

For program guidelines and application, contact the Economic Development at 607-832-5123, ecd@co.delaware.ny.us or stop by the office at One

Courthouse Square, Delhi.

reserves. He proposed cashing in the Pipeline Supervision fund, which was established as a non-refundable account to oversee the proposed gas pipeline. 'Tm pretty certain that's dead at this point and the pipeline is not likely to go through," he said. That account totals \$104,097. To that, he added another \$100,000 from the general fund.

In order to pay for the new truck outright, he proposed taking the unused portions of the highway and general funds and closing out the pipeline account and add them to the highway equipment fund. That will give the town \$290,000 in the equipment fund that will more than cover the anticipated \$254,000 cost of the new truck.

According to Highway Superintendent Fred Utter, the new truck is in transit and expects it to arrive in June. He said the extra money should go for equipment repairs. "When I started 14 years ago, there was \$80,000 in the equipment repair fund. There is still \$80,000 in the equipment repair fund." He contends that equipment, new or old, needs repair and those costs are going up.

They also discussed how his way of doing things saves the town money, such as mining gravel and sand and sometimes using his own

equipment to get things done.

That led to the conversation about the first thing for the wish list, a hauling trailing. Councilman Mark Miller has been researching the trailers and said a new one would cost around \$22,000. He also suggested keeping haul trucks in the fleet to save wear and tear on the big plow trucks.

Replacing a door on the cab of the loader at the transfer station also went on the wish list, along with mapping of the water dis-

The lion's portion of the ARP funds were used to pave the driveway and parking lot at the town hall and historical society building. There is \$60,000 remaining, after Valente made a deposit to install new fire alarm systems in the highway garage and town hall. The total cost is \$15,000 and was approved last month.

Transfer station operations were also discussed and tipping fees for tires may see an increase, due to the cost to the town to get rid of them. The fee for car tires will go from 50 cents to \$1.00 per tire for the first five and then \$2.00 per tire for every tire after the first five. Truck tires will increase from \$1.50 per tire for the first five and \$2.00 for each one after to \$5 per tire, no matter how many tires are brought in.

Valente informed the council that Delaware County is currently looking at the proposed 10 percent property tax incentive for first responders, which carries a list of qualifications. If the county passes it, he said the town should also consider it. Utter said he believes those who respond to fire calls and direct traffic should receive more than one point per call, saying it is much more dangerous. He said it also penalizes people who can't leave work to respond to calls, saying 50 points, which is one of the qualifications listed, is a lot to earn each year.

The night ended with Councilman Mike Lutz asking Utter to consider fixing Upper Rathbun Road. Utter said he has a plan for repairs and is also looking to do work on Coe Hill and Prosser Hollow roads. If the funding holds out, he would like to do the upper portion of Grange Hall Road. He said he will do two roads at a time and then reassess the funds, because he said it is difficult to know the cost of oil for the coming season. He said the cost of fuel is also unknown and along with the price of stone. "We will take it easy this year," he said.

The next meeting of the Davenport Town Board will be held Feb. 21.

The Sherlock Project: The Assassination of President John F. Kennedy, Postscript

By Robert Allen Schauder

Now 2023

James Wortherly, who had observed Malcolm Wallace leaving the Texas School Book Depository, was killed in a hit-and-run a year later. Was he a victim of the Angleton clean up operation? Dorothy Kilgallen had an interview with Jack Ruby and she said she was expecting a "big scoop" from Ruby. Then she was found dead of an overdose of sleeping pills. Was she a victim of Angleton or his pals?

In 1981, John Lennon was killed by Mark David Chapman. Chapman was very like Sirhan Sirhan. A loner, seemingly obsessed with a famous person! Did Angleton's reign of terror continue after he left the CIA in 1972?

A CIA man was asked about Angleton. He said, ' Every time I went into his office. I wondered if I would come out alive."

A truly bad man would control the CIA counterintelligence from 1948 when the agency was created, until 1972.

Lee Harvey Oswald's last call from his Dallas jail was to an Army officer who worked at the base for Angleton and Harvey's defection program. Was he hoping for a validation of his CIA connection? Probably so, our Sherlock Holmes would

We should be aware of one thing about the assassination. All people involved or dead, or very old. Criminal justice cannot be achieved. historical justice can be if we finally admit that Lee Harvey Oswald could not have killed President Kennedy, because he had not the motive, the means or opportunity to commit the crime. Angleton did have motive, means, and opportunity provided by his associates.

best evidence, President and led to Hitler. Sanctions



Kennedy's body, was altered, and so was the second best evidence there's a Zapruder film. The Mafia kills people and throws them to the fish. They don't read autopsy. and I don't have experts to alter types.

History repeats. The first time is tragedy again as comedy. The death of President Kennedy and its effect on the Vietnam War was a tragedy.

That now in Ukraine the roles of the US and Russia have completely reversed, it's comic. In Vietnam to great anger among Americans, the Russians and Chinese supplied most of the weapons for the Vietnamese. In Ukraine, to Russia's anger, the US has supplied advanced weapons to Ukrainians so they can fight on. Both wars have similar origins. The CIA of Angleton killed a president and plunged the US into a war it cannot win. Their aim was Cuba but the result was Vietnam. Intelligence agencies are supposed to prevent war, but they are more likely to start them.

World War I started because of an intelligence source. The Serbian Secret Service funded the radical nationalist who assassinated Archduke Ferdinand. Alliances and treaty of obligations plus the need of the military to mobilize as fast as possible led to disaster which killed 18 million peo-The mafia could not have in World War II when repadone what was done. The ration bankrupted Germany were wrong. Of course,

on Japan forced the Japanese Navy to attack or be rendered useless by lack of fuel.

Will a World War III be started by similar mistakes? That Russia is led by Putin, a KGB operator who has seized power. That America is led by a man, President Biden, who like LBJ keeps raising the stakes instead of seeing that his sanctions may be creating a greater problem. Our Sherlock Holmes would say we should not expand NATO because we have no idea of what Putin's response will be. If he makes alliances with North Korea or Iran, what do we do? With the introduction of hypersonic weapons, the whole world will be in a position similar to World War I. The military need for speed will make negotiations to avoid war impossible!

If JFK 59 years after his death could talk, he would say because of assumptions, he had assumed that he would win the election of 1964. He was wrong.

Was Angleton right in thinking that Kim Philby was a great threat to western civilization? In the real world that the paranoid Angleton did not live in, the Soviets gave fell bees a medal for his service, a girlfriend, and a villa, but gave him no power at all.

They thought a double agent could easily become ple. History was repeated a triple agent.. Angleton's assumptions, like Kennedy's,



CIA were often wrong. The Bay of Pigs operation failed because all the CIA predictions were wrong. The CIA failed to predict the Iranian revolution of 1979. Ten years later they failed to predict the fall of the Soviet Soviet union. They failed to predict the attack on America on September 11, 2001. The result of their failure has always been more power to the secret services. Failure has never led to reform, only more power.

The CIA mission as a spy agency, was to inform policy. In the 1960s, the agency changed its mission to create policy.

This was a serious mistake. President Eisenhower warned against the military industrial complex that was by its nature opposed to democracy. Beyond the reach of the voters.

Perhaps he should have warned of a military-intelligence complex that would kill a president and lose a

Washington and his farewell address at Fraunces Tavern in New York, warned against foreign alliances. Now the NATO alliance, without a single vote, brings us closer to nuclear war than the 1962 Cuban missile

The famous Article 5 of the NATO charter violates the US Constitution, which gives the power to declare war to only the Congress of the United States.

The Cold War directly led to the murder of President The assumptions of the Kennedy. A new Cold War

committee meeting will be

scheduled at the board of

supervisors meeting on

Wednesday, Jan. 25, at 1



is not in our interest or anyone else's.. Why is Joe Biden making the situation worse with a slave-like loyalty to NATO? Sanctions are acts of war. I voted for Joe Biden to build back better, not to crush the world economy with stupid sanctions.

In the May 15, 2022 edition of the New York Daily News a story by Dr. Frank Hugler, in the opinion section said the following, "Events care nothing whatever for the stories we tell. Human concepts like good and evil and the dignity of moral struggle are utterly irrelevant to creation. The unpalatable truth is that a Russian defeat, especially a humiliating one, is the most dangerous outcome of all!

President Kennedy, if alive, would say, cooperation can save the world! Walls and alliances never will. They will have been tried, but failed over and over.

Go ask the Romans, they tried both.

When the Gracchi brothers were assassinated the last hope that the Republic could be saved was ending. The assassination of Cesar was the beginning of the Roman Empire. The Roman Empire fell because the Praetorian guard, created to protect the emperor, began to pick the emperor.

Maybe President Kennedy, dead for 59 years, can rest in peace. His ghosted say, "does that Star Spangled banner, yet wave over the land of the free the home of the brave?" The answer would be "yes, but it's been splattered with the blood of children." Shame on us all and especially on our government.

Recommended books: A Bright Shining Lie: John Paul Vann and America in Vietnam by Neil Sheehan.

The Secret Team: The CIA and Its Allies in Control of the United States and the World by L. Fletcher Prouty

The Man Who Knew Too Much by Dick Russell.

Recommended Films: Suddenly with Frank Sina-

Manchurian Candidate with Frank Sinatra.

Mr. Schauder was 12 when President Kennedy was assassinated on Friday, November 22, 1963 in Dallas. He remembers that day, "very, very well." He was in his bedroom in his Queens Village home when his friend came and said that the President had been killed. He told his friend, who had once told him that World War III had started, "you can't fool me again!"

Like many Americans, Mr. Schauder has long been suspicious of the Warren Commission's conclusion that Lee Harvey Oswald was the lone assassin. He was very suspicious of Oswald's trip and move to Russia. Mr. Schauder's suspicions increased when Louisiana District Attorney Jim Garrison raised many questions in his unsuccessful 1969 trial against New Orleans businessman Clay Shaw.

Mr. Schauder, of Middleburgh, retired from the postal service in 2002 and visited Dealey Plaza, the site of the assassination. "I wanted to see the murder scene even though it was 46 years

He has read 30 to 40 books on the assassination and has also done extensive research on the Internet.

Veterans Services Gives Annual Report Director Expected To Retire In July

By Mary A. Crisafulli DELHI - Delaware County

Veterans Services Director Charles Piper presented the year-end report at a social services committee meeting on Jan. 16.

many services the department offers Delaware Countv Veterans and new projects initiated in 2022. The agency was first organized in 1945 to provide burial assistance to veterans and has expanded since, said Piper. "It's important to keep our routes in mind."

The department now offers services to military personnel and their dependents in the form of compensation for service-connected disabilities, pension for nonservice-connected disabilities, compensation to family members for service-connected deaths, burial benefits, federal grave markers, insurance, education and vocational rehabilitation, home loan guaranties, employment and reemployment, real property tax exemption, hospitalization and outpatient treatment, domiciliary care, military record corrections, military medals or awards, blind annuity applications, transportation to Albany veterans medical center, emergency funds, assistance and training to veterans organizations, notary service, and aid in obtaining legal documentation. in hardship funds are avail-The agency also offers co-

er agencies, including employment and welfare opportunities.

The mission of the county's veterans agency is to provide entitlement infor-The report explored the mation and advocacy assistance to military personnel. military veterans, and their dependents in matters relating to veterans' law, the report reads.

There are approximately 3,490 surviving veterans of wars in Delaware County. According to Piper, the number is an estimate due to some veterans not reporting they live in the county or moving and not updating veterans services. Most veterans are survivors of the Persian Gulf War in 1990 and Vietnam from 1964 to 1975. Peacetime veterans are included in calculations, though they don't have access to the same benefits as

wartime veterans. Veterans were provided one or more services 5,470 times in 2022, and 222 claims were filed. Piper said that claims have increased drastically from nearly 100 prior to the pandemic. Over the year, 64 Delaware County veterans died.

Total department expenditures for 2022 were \$179,451.48, offset by federal Medicaid reimburse-

Approximately \$25,000

able to veterans annually to

operative programs with oth-pay for items including heat, electricity, food, and more.

Clear Path For Veterans was newly contracted to assist veterans transitioning from the military. The services will grow and develop in the county over time, said

A decrease in transportation needs led to a reduction in veterans' services vehicle schedules. Piper reported. Younger veterans would prefer to transport themselves or have friends or family assist than use the service, he said. Veterans services collaborate with Delaware County Chamber of Commerce to identify transportation needs and options.

In other business, Piper is expected to retire in July, and an updated job description has been developed for advertising the open posi-

Franklin Supervisor Jeffery Taggart suggested hiring an individual by May or June to allow training time with Piper.

In-place training is beneficial because questions can be answered quickly, said Piper. Online training through the state is free and has benefits as well, he added. The individual should be offered a combination. In addition, Piper said he is happy to assist the new employee after retirement, free of charge. "These are my veterans too."

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Dot Donofrio Joins the 100-Year Club

By Liz Page

STAMFORD should live to be 100, I hope I am as nice and beautiful as Dot is," said Joyce, a fellow resident at The Pavilion on Buntline Drive in Stamford.

Dot Donofrio celebrated her 100th birthday on Tuesday, a little bit after the fact, with the friends and family who are all endeared to her.

Asked more than once what her secret is to reaching her 100-year milestone, she will tell you she doesn't have one. She said she has done nothing special, although she does admit longevity it is in her genes. Her late sister Josephine was 101 and one of her brothers was 98 and a half. Her mother lived to the age of 92 and all of her siblings made it to at least to 82.

She was celebrating with her niece Joan Triolo Triolo. Rich shared that he was visiting one time, staving across the road and woke up at 6:30 a.m.. He went to get a glass of Dot and Josephine moved and sweet. She instantly



Dorothy "Dot" Donofrio celebrated her 100th Birthday on Tuesday at The Pavilion on Buntline Drive in Stamford, along with her family, several friends and relatives.

water from the kitchen sink and when he looked out the window, there was Dot and her twin brother, Don. Don was splitting wood and Dot was tossing it over into the woodpile. He said there wasn't much sitting around over at the Donofrio residence.

There were five and her husband. Rich Donofrio siblings who grew up on the family farm in Township where and Carmen John Donofrio started farming.

back to the farm after they retired from their respective careers in the 1980's and took care of their mother. They also lived together in a small town in New Jersey with brother Don. Dot worked for the federal government, a number of those years working at the Veterans Administration.

Rich Triolo was right when he said his aunt doesn't give up too much and she warned me to make this article short haps that is her secret, enced." the warm banter that endears her to everyone. longtime Township neigh-She likes to be active and enjoys going places and doing things with her friends and family.

Dot told Dave Betz she was among the first class to graduate at South Kortright Central School. all went to Stamford Central. "She told me she because the bus came to pick her up. She didn't want to have to walk all the way over the hill to often takes her on outings, along with her friends Mary Brockway and Usha Tagliafarro. Oneonta. I aspire to be like her when I grow up. things she has seen in they her lifetime. It is truly themselves. There was no Dot.

Mary Brockway is a bor, who described Dot as very fun loving and sociable.

Sociable is the word everyone attached to her. "I hope I'm nice to everyone," said Dot.

Joan Triolo said her Her brothers and sister aunt has simply kept going and worked hard her whole life. "She likes a went to South Kortright little sip of wine every once in a while and a lot of pasta," she said. That's something Dot misses at The Pavilion. When they Stamford," said Betz. He come to visit her they often take her to Mama Marias, so she can enjoy

her favorites. Moving to Buntline was "She likes to go shopping a change for Dot, but and hit all the stores in she has adjusted. She had to give up driving and complains a bit about the She is very sociable and food. After all, she was warm. She is a lot of fun. used to home cooked I love to sit and talk with meals. Mary Brockway her because she is full of thinks that might be part whom are endeared to stories," said Tagliafarro. of the secret as well, they "I marvel at all of the ate home cooked meals made

welcomes you with a the greatest generation prepared food or pretease and a smile. Per- for what they experi- packaged meals, they ate cooked from meals scratch.

Laurie Wehmeyer, activities director at Buntline told Dot, "We love vou and we are so glad vou chose to come stav with us." But, when she asked Dot if there was any one thing that stuck out in her mind or did she have a secret recipe for longevity. Wehmever got the same answer as I did. "There is nothing special."

Whatever the secret, Dot is not giving it up and true to my promise, this is short and sweet.

What is special about Dot is that she shared century birthday with rest of us, including her cake. Once the picture taking was done, she moved to a chair to sit with the rest of the residents and enjoyed conversation with her family, friends and residents, all of the very sociable Dot Donofrio.

Happy 100th Birthday

20th Annual Catskill Regional Agricultural Conference Back In Person

By Mary A. Crisafulli

DELHI - The 20th annual Catskill Regional Agriculture Conference hosted by Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) was back in person on Jan. 12 after a two-year hiatus due to the global pandemic.

CCE agricultural representative Paul Cerosaletti said there were over 170 pre-registrations for the conference, which is typical. After obtaining the ability to utilize virtual attendance due to the pandemic vears. Cerosaletti said this year, CCE offered both options to interested individuals. Despite being virtual for two years, Cerosaltti said he was surprised by the attendance of over 200 in 2022.

A new addition to this year's roster was information on flower farming. Several flower farms have popped up in Delaware County and surrounding counties, said Cerosaletti. Many farmers are adding flowers to their farms as extra income as well, he added. Talks on flower farming included wedding opportunities for farmer florists with Fran Parrish. considering a u-pick cut flower operation with Lindsev Pashow and calculating cut flower profitability with Jennifer Marks.

"Its important to us to



Zach Spangler, CCE agricultural climate resiliency representative, gives a presentation on climate policies and what they mean for farmers at the Catskill Regional Agriculture Conference on Jan. 12.



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Dr. Christopher Wolf of Cornell University gives on Jan. 12.

Attendees of the Catskill Regional Agriculture Conference on Jan. 12 enjoy a locally sourced meal.

want growers - dairy, beef, stay inclusive to growing flower, and others - to

agriculture," he said, "We come together here as mutual farmers of the Catskill

CCE agricultural representative Paul Cerosaletti

talks at the Catskill Regional Agriculture Confer-

a presentation on how milk price is determined at the Catskill Regional Agriculture Conference

Other sessions included determination with Dr. information on milk price Christopher Wolf, breeding selections with Joe Evans and Rick Coombe, dung beetle status in New York with Ken Wise, management tools for grazing success with Betsy Hicks, soil health with Jinjing Yin, expanding offerings with uncommon fruits with Anya Osatuke, and more. Altogether there were 18 talks agricultural enthusiasts could attend from 10 a.m. until 2:40 p.m.

Visitors also enjoyed a locally sourced lunch where they could socialize and listen in on Zach Spangler's presentation on climate policies and what they mean for farmers. Spangler, CCE agricultural climate resiliency representative, provided several resources for farmers to utilize in coming years to find funding as climatesmart legislation moves forward. While state mandates are changing how farming is conducted, Spangler said, there is more opportunity for potential action. "In the end. we can generally find the win win opportunities." He advised farmers to keep notified of federal and state grant opportunities and consumer trends. All sessions were record-

ed and will be available viewing ccedelaware.org in the coming weeks, said Ceros-

Guilty Plea in Sexual Abuse Case

DELHI - Delaware County Acting District Attorney Shawn J. Smith announced today that forty-one-year-old JOSHUA R. CONDON, of Hartwick, New York, was arraigned on a Superior Court Information before the Hon. Michael F. Getman in Delaware County Court on January 9, 2023.

The Superior Court Information accused the defendant of committing the crime of Criminal Sexual Act in the First Degree, a Class B Felony.

The Superior Court Information alleged that Joshua R. Condon, on or about between October of 2016 and December of 2016, in the Town of

Walton, Delaware County, did subject another person to anal sexual contact when that person was less than eleven years

After arraignment, the defendant admitted to having anal sexual contact with a child less than 11 years old and pleaded guilty to the Class B Felony.

The guilty plea was part of a negotiated disposition whereby it is agreed that the defendant will be sentenced to 20 years of incarceration and 10 years of post-release supervision. Upon his release, the defendant will also be required to register as a sex offender.

Acting District Attorney

Shawn Smith stated, Catskills (ONC) Board of "Condon's plea today is Cooperative Educational the result of the hard and Services (BOCES) is seeking dedicated work of the nominees for their Board New York State Police. I of Education. BOCES were commend Investigator developed by the New York Burkert and the New York State Legislature in the State Police for their thor- 1950s to provide shared ough investigation of this difficult and disturbing case. Their thoroughness nineteen (19) component allowed us to resolve this case without a trial, and of quality educational and without the victim having administrative services. to testify."

Sentencing is sched-County Court.

cused of a crime, the de- Edmeston, fendant is presumed in- Conesville, Hunter-Tannocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

services to school districts. ONC BOCES provides its school districts with a variety ONC BOCES also provides the region with adult and uled for March 6, 2023 continuing education. ONC at 1:00 P.M. in Delaware BOCES serves Andes, Charlotte Valley, Cherry Valley-As are all persons ac-Springfield, Cooperstown, Gilboa-

nersville, Jefferson, Laurens,

Margaretville, Milford, Mor-

ris, Oneonta, Roxbury, Sch-

The Otsego Northern enevus, South Kortright, Stamford, Windham-Ashland-Jewett and Worcester school districts.

ONC BOCES Seeking

There are three seats up for election this year. The Otsego Northern Catskills BOCES has a nine member Board of Education. ONC **BOCES Board of Education** terms are three (3) years. The Board meets once per month, with meeting locations alternating between the Otsego Area Occupational Center in Milford, NY, the Northern Catskills Occupational Center in Grand Gorge, NY and the ONC **BOCES Instructional Sup**port Services Center in Oneonta, NY. New terms begin on July 1, 2023. Only one candidate per district can be elected to the BOCES Board. The following dis-

Nominations tricts are eligible to nominate a resident to the BOCES Board of Education: Andes, Cherry Valley-Springfield, Charlotte Valley, Edmeston, Hunter-Tannersville, Jefferson, Margaretville, Milford, Morris, Oneonta, Schenevus, Windham-Ashland-Jewett and Worcester. If you live in any of the aforementioned districts and are interested in serving on the BOCES Board of Education, please contact your local superintendent's office as soon as possible. If you would like more information about the ONC BOCES organization, please contact the ONC BO-CES District Superintendent's Office at (607) 286-7715 ext. 2224 or aoliveri@oncboces.org.

Alyssa Oliveri **Board Clerk**

Delhi Residents Request Support From County For Funding ShortfallsCounty Officials Split On Supporting The Village

By Mary A. Crisafulli

DELHI - Following concerns with room capacity at the public meeting, Delhi village residents and Mayor Sridhar Samudrala requested funding support from county officials at a special finance committee meeting on Jan. 18.

Following the discontinuation of federal ARPA funding for \$150,000 and SUNY Delhi host college aid for \$200,000 and increased expenses due to market cost inflations, the village struggles to continue its services, said Samudrala. In addition, he continued, the village tax base is small at only 26% of properties on the rolls due to tax-exempt properties. Exempt properties include the college, high school, county buildings, churches, and more. Samudrala estimates reserve funds will be depleted in four years if an additional \$150,000 to \$250,000 annual revenue is not brought into the village budget. Solutions include, according to Samudrala, returning properties to tax rolls, raising village taxes by 20%, cutting village services, or introducing new sources of revenue streams. Samudrala rereturn properties, such as the proposed tempo-Main Street, back to the tax rolls, which could generate approximately \$20,000 annually. Returnopen space for new business ventures, he added. properties owned by the county at approximately \$100,000 to \$150,000 annually.

Delhi residents and business owners Ragan Reed, Maya Boukai, and Jessi Raber, members of Delhi Community Coalition, presented concerns and solutions following Samudrala's proposal. The three clarified their presentation was separate from Samudrala's.

When discovering only 26% of village property owners supported the village through taxes, Reed said she wanted to be involved in finding solutions. Delhi has been the county seat for over 100 years, and as such, a Host Community Benefit Agreement would allow the village to continue to host while offering the best possible services, said Reed. There are approximately 3,000 village residents; however, during the day, there are over 10,000 people moving through the village, which puts a toll on the highway department, lighting district, and sidewalk repair, she said. In addition, Reed said, county-owned properties limit viable storefronts.

SUNY Delhi accounts quested county officials for the highest amount of tax-exempt property in the village at 28.6%, rary housing facility on with the county in second at 24%, followed by Delaware Academy Central School District at 18.9%, reported Boukai. ing properties would The nearly 15 exempt county properties result in an estimated \$610,314 Another solution, he con- in lost tax revenue antinued, would be to pro- nually, she continued. The vide the village a Host estimation does not ac-

equivalent to tax-exempt constructed Department of Public Works administrative facility and two proposed Department of Social Services (DSS) buildings on Main Street.

The county-owned municipal waste facility in Walton resulted in a host agreement with the town, Raber reported. County officials were requested to consider a host agreement with the village for half of the estimated tax revenue loss at approximately \$305,000 annually, adjusted every five years for inflation. The county has seen an increase in sales tax revenue since 2019, receiving nearly \$31 million in 2022, said Raber, which could be used as a revenue source to pay village host agreement. Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) agreements on exempt properties is another solution, she added. "We are proud to host the county, but have found it to be unsustainable and a burden," she said.

Reed added that Delaware County is one of few counties in New York which don't return a portion of sales tax revenue to the towns and villages.

"I find the ask selfish and very narrow minded," said Arthur Merrill, county budget director and Colchester supervisor. Sales tax revenue is used to offset the budget and keep county taxes below state-mandated 2% annual increase, said Merrill. The requests would take funding away from other towns and villages throughout the county to support one village, he continued. The best so-County Seat Payment count for the recently lution, according to Mer-



Delhi Village residents and business owners Maya Boukai (left), Jessi Raber (middle), and Ragan Reed (right) presented concerns and solutions to village funding issues at a special finance committee meeting on Jan.



Delhi Mayor Sridhar Samudrala presents village revenue concerns and solutions to county officials at a special finance committee meeting on Jan.

Catskills Agrarian Alliance

Fostering a Healthy and Just Food System in the Catskills, Hudson Valley, and NYC

a new 501(c)3 organizafood sovereignty project Schoharie Counties in New York State. The decadeold endeavor, first known as the Lucky Dog Food Hub and then The 607 CSA, expanded programming in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and now aims to ensure food twenty-seven K-12 schools security in the NYC foodshed by scaling to meet markets through collaboration.

CAA's operations fall into the following categories:

- We grow food sustainably at Star Route Farm and incubate new farmers
- land access and stewardship, in 2022/3 preserving 300 acres of prime farmland in Delaware county for the next generation of farmers
- We help 40+ local farms and food producers sell their food to schools, businesses, and households through our CSA and wholesale programs
- We fundraise to buy food to donate to local pantries and mutual aid organizations • We provide trucking and logistics

services for partner farms CAA's impacts to date include:

CSA

 Collaboration across 40+ small-scale family farms connected to The serving 300 acres of prime

Agrarian Alliance (CAA), rect-to-consumer food to more than 700 households tion, is a comprehensive in the Catskills region and in NYC • Approximately in Delaware, Otsego, and four tons of sustainably produced, nutritious, local produce, dairy, eggs, meat, baked goods, grains, legumes and value-added goods are distributed via the CSA weekly.

FARM TO INSTITUTION • Collaboration with in the area to distribute over 30,000 pounds of local food during the 2022-

- 23 school year • Partnerships with the DCMO and BT BOCES school districts, distributing local food from The 607 CSA partner farms to 42,000 students
- Partnership with the • We facilitate regional Business & Hospitality Management at SUNY Delhi NY to develop a local tomato sauce with produce from the Amish community that will replace all non-local tomato sauce in 12 school districts in 2023

LAND ACCESS

- Connection and capacity building services to further land access opportunities for Queer, Trans, Black, Indigenous, People of Color who face systemic barriers in terms of accessing agricultural
- Development of a local (c)2 for the Greater Northern Catskills Agrarian Commons alongside American Farmland Trust and Agrarian Trust, pre-

Hamden - Catskills 607 CSA, providing di- farmland in Delaware county for the next generation of farmers

MUTUAL AID

 Deep connection and community building with 22 mutual aid organizations each serving hundreds of families weekly, with a mission towards food justice and sovereignty • Star Route Farm alone has produced more than 17,500 pounds of nutrient dense fresh produce donated to mutual aid organizations in 2022

CAA is actively seeking

rill, would be to dissolve 2008. Each DSS property the village. Merrill confavor of supporting the proposals.

If the proposed host were taken from county taxes, Raber said, it would amount to approximately \$6 per county resident.

The proposals make it clear the "bigger picture" of what the county does is misunderstood, said Hamden Supervisor Wayne Marshfield. If the county does not abide by the 2% tax cap, it could lose state funding in other areas which could amount to millions of dollars, he said. In addition, due to state funding through DSS, Marshfield said, the county made PILOT agreements on

has a PILOT agreement cluded that he is not in with the village for approximately \$2,400 anvillage based on these nually and is raised by 4-5% each year.

Andes Supervisor Wayland Gladstone asked if the village had requested the state reinstate SUNY host funding, to which Samudrala said several requests have been sent to state officials.

County Attorney Amy Merklen said Delhi would not have the foot traffic for businesses to thrive if it were not for the county's 500 employees who travel in every day. In addition, the county is required to hold certain facilities in its county seat per state regulations, she said. The county also maintains the sidewalks along county structures and the state is responthree Delhi properties in sible for Delhi's Main

Street, Merklen added.

Reed pleaded with committee members that they take the concerns and requests into consideration before righting them off, saying a flat no right away feels "very defeated."

Franklin Supervisor Jeffery Taggart said though the request for funding is high, he can see merit in the proposals. He assured residents and Samudrala the requests would be discussed further.

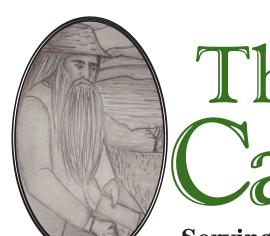
Delhi Supervisor Mark Tuthill said this was an opportunity to initiate a conversation and he was proud of the presenters' conduct during the meet-

The next finance committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 25, at 10:30 a.m.

Basketball, from Page A2



Rams Dan McClure and Skylar MacIntyre fumble over one another as MacIntyre steals the ball back.



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Store Clerk Charged In Larceny

Fled Scene In Roxbury

By Brian Sweeney

A clerk at the Roxbury Country Store faces multiple charges after he was accused of stealing about \$2,000 from his workplace on January 15.

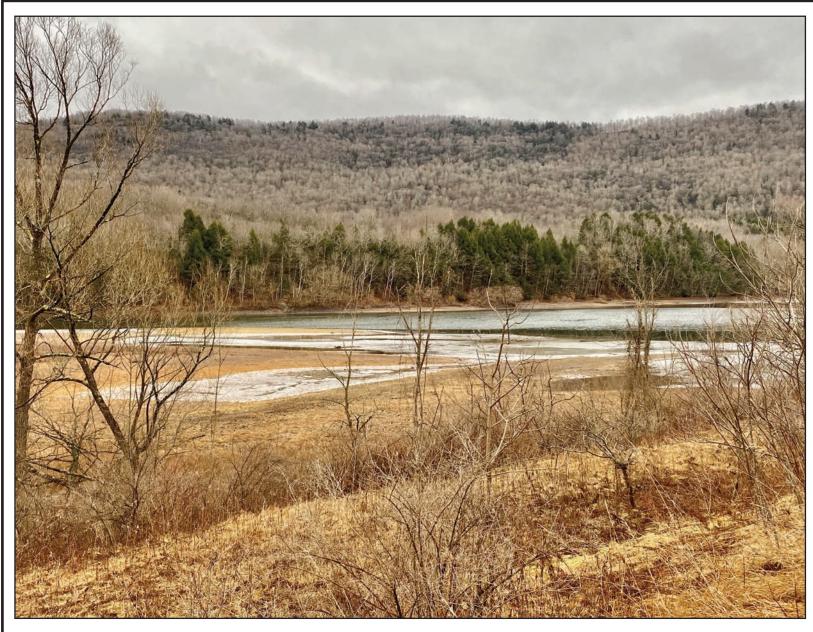
State Police reported that a trooper was dispatched to the Main convenience Street store at approximately 12:39 p.m. to investigate a report of a larceny by a store employee. A preliminary investigation determined that Combs allegedly stole \$2,000 from a safe in the store and then left the store in his vehicle.

While en route to the store, it was reported that Patrick T. Combs, age 24 of Grand Gorge, the employee being accused of larceny, was leaving the store in a vehicle.

Spotted by SP

The trooper observed a vehicle matching the description of one driven by Combs traveling north on State Route 30 and also observed the vehicle swerve over the double yellow line on several occasions. A traffic stop was initiated, and the trooper observed impairment. Combs performed Standardized Field Sobriety Tests poorly and was arrested, according to the arrest report.

As the result of a search of the vehicle, Troopers located cash and proceeds from the store in his possession. Troopers also found more than 16 ounces of cannabis in Combs' possession, along with a weight scale, drug paraphernalia and alcohol. In New York State, anyone over age 21 is legally able to possess up to three ounces of continued on E4



Winter Scene?

As of mid-January, snow has been scarce throughout the Catskill Mountains and New England. This photo, of the Pepacton Reservoir outside of Margaretville, shows the basically snowless landscape. Some snow is predicated for Sunday and Monday — which would be wel-

come news for those who depend on traditional winter weather for their livlihood. A warm winter without much snow has far-ranging impacts throughout the local economy. Snow, in moderation, is a very good thing! — Photo by Brian Sweeney

Middletown Hears MARK Project Fee Update

Municipalities Pay Application Charge Staff report

Middletown The Town Board heard a presentation regarding the MARK Project Inc.'s new fee schedule at its

January 11 meeting. MARK Executive Director Peg Ellsworth addressed the board and outlined the "a la carte" pricing for work done performed by the local economic development agency on behalf of municipalities. She noted that, previously, towns and villages have allocated varying amounts of funding to compen-

sate MARK for its services. To create a more equitable approach, the MARK Board has developed a fee schedule for various grant writing services.

Municipal boards now have the opportunity of contracting with MARK to produce grant applications for various projects, at a set price for each option selected. Ms. Ellsworth explained, if a grant application is denied, MARK will submit a second application for the subsequent funding round at no additional charge. If that grant application is not funded, MARK and the municipality would split the fee for a third submission, she said.

The Middletown Town Board included \$7,500 for the MARK Project's assistance in its 2023 budget. MARK has been very successful in obtaining grants on the town's behalf. The organization has secured several Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) that assist with home repairs, micro enterprise, community facilities and economic development.

Under MARK's new fee schedule, preparing the CDBG application will cost municipalities \$5,000. The board agreed that dozens of Middletown residents have had their homes improved with funding from this source over the course of more than a decade.

Housing repairs

The board then instructed Ms. Ellsworth to submit a contract that would authorize MARK to prepare a new CDBG application. It was then agreed to discuss possible uses for the remaining \$2,500 budget allocation for MARK's services.

Entities MARK generally applies to for funding include: the O'Connor Foundation, Empire State Development, Homes and Community Renewal, Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, Department of State, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, NY Forward, and the Downtown Revitalization Initiative. Federal grant applications can be prepared for the Appalachian Regional Commission and the USDA Rural Development/EDA.

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Women's Wellness Focus

CLARYVILLE Frost Valley YMCA invites women to spend a weekend away in the beautiful Catskill Mountains from March 31 -April 2 to treat their a refreshing perspecspirit, mind, and body.

Women will gather from near and far to connect with friends, make new ones, and enjoy a host of classes designed just for women to be mentally, physically, and spiritually rewarding. The theme for this year's Women's Wellness Weekend is Movement. Classes and workshops from Capoeira and Reiki to glass etching and drum circles, will infuse excitement and energy into this timehonored weekend featuring presenters both new and familiar.

This weekend away in scenic Catskill Mountains is offered for women who want to treat themselves to better overall wellness. Guests can relax their minds and bodies with massage and yoga.

There's more!

Classes like pottery, watercolor painting, natural dye making, and pottery at Catskill Pottery will ignite the artist within, allowing guests to express themselves in new ways. Finally, a wine tasting and education course will invigorate and entice the senses. They can also participate in invigorating dance classes, take nature hikes to scenic visitas, or meditate before attending the "live your happiest life" workshop.

"It is a gift to see the scenery that surrounds this beautiful setting. But what makes Frost Valley YMCA truly unique is the people who invite you into their lives by giving you a sense of family and a genuine interest in making your stay enjoyable. other: Caring, Com-The greetings from the munity, Diversity, Honstaff are always accompanied by a smile; their Respect, Responsibility, (how can I help you)

questions are always from the heart; and the workshops atWomen's Wellness Weekend are always filled with learning and tive," said Gracanne Ryan, a former Women's Wellness Weekend participant.

During this all-inclusive getaway, delicious and nutritious wellness cuisine is prepared to accommodate a wide range of nutritional needs and restrictions. A variety of lodging is available from hotelstyle lakefront accommodations to rustic cabins, to lodges perfect for large groups. Lodging options are subject to availability.

Anyone interested in attending this retreat is encouraged to contact Frost Valley as soon as possible since spaces fill up quickly. For more information go to frostvalley.org/womenswellness or call 845-985-2291 ext. 450 to make reservations.

About Frost Valley

Frost Valley YMCA is a values-driven organization that fosters youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility through educational outdoor and recreational programs for all. Located in the heart of the Catskill Mountains, Frost Valley provides yearround access to nature and fun through programs such as summer camp, adventure trips, farm camp, equestrian programs, group and family retreats, family weekends, school trips, teambuilding and more.

Frost Valley, a not-fororganization profit chartered through the YMCA of the USA, is guided in this pursuit by its core values which serve as pathways for guests as they bond with nature and each Inclusiveness, esty, and Stewardship.



Rivals Battle

Margaretville's Connor Wayman heads down the court during January 18 victory over visiting Roxbury. He finished with nine points. Ryan McVitty paced the winners with a 24-point effort. — Photos by Miley Balcom



Hunter Balcom of MCS looks to receive a pass in action on January 18 against Roxbury. The host Blue Devils were 57-48 winners. Roxbury was led by George Proctor with 21 points and Mason Hamil who had a 15-point night.

WE"RE HIRING! Job Fair Planned March At BOCES

DELHI — A WE'RE HIRING! Job Fair is set for Thursday, March 23, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at ONC BOCES Northern Catskills Occupational Center in Grand Gorge.

Connect with motivated high school juniors and seniors for full, part-time, and summer employment. adults who are eager to return to work.

Be prepared to interview applicants, accept resumes, discuss current job openings, and offer advice about how to prepare for employment with your company.

A \$25 registration fee for employers includes a six-foot table, two chairs, refreshments during the event, and lunch for two people. Electric service is limited and will be assigned on a first-come. first-served basis.

Event Schedule:

8:30 - 9:30 a.m.: Exhibitor set up

9:30-11 a.m.: Area schools will transport high school seniors to event. BOCES students will attend.

11-11:45 a.m.: Lunch will be provided to all exhibitors

12:00 - 1:30 p.m.: Area schools will transport high school juniors to event. BOCES students will attend. Note: The fair is open

to adult job seekers from 9:30 a.m.-1:30 To maximize promo-

tion of your participation, please register by March 10.

The WE'RE HIRING! in-person job fair is a collaborative effort of Otsego-Northern Catskills BOCES, CDOWorkforce, and the Delaware County Chamber of Commerce.

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Chamber Sets Business & Breakfast At Belleayre Mtn.

Delaware County Chamber of Commerce for Business and Breakfast at Belleayre Mountain Ski Center on Thursday, February 16 from 8:30 to 10 a.m.

Business and Breakfast is a targeted networking and contactbuilding event designed to give you opportunities to meet and share your business information with other Chamber members. Informal networking begins with coffee, followed by a breakfast

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DELHI — Join the buffet. A brief Chamber edge in Highmount. update and a word from from event sponsor, 30second pass-the-mic to all attendees, and door prizes complete our program.

> Bring a company swag item for the business card door prize drawings. Don't forget to bring your business cards to share and enter to win a door prize.

> The event will be held at Delaware County Chamber member Belleayre Mountain and Ski Center, located at the county's eastern

School, 53729 State

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hardwood floors and an open-concept floor plan The new owner is looking forward to her special home! Congratulations to oursellers and welcome to Roxbury's newest resident.

Log home

Joanne and Joe Rafter have sold their log home on 18 acres on DiBenedetto Road, Fleischmanns . Joanne and Joe have owned in the area for over 20 years but felt it was time to move on. The home was listed with Susan Doig/associate broker Coldwell Banker Timberland Properties.

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Here's The Scoop

Sweet Taste of Excess

By Brian Sweeney

Were you part of the cult? If not, you missed out.

Maybe cult is the wrong term because it usually implies something negative. That's not the case here. Whatever the proper name, the thing that brought many folks together this holiday season was worshipping eggnog from Clark Farms Creamery in Delhi. If you were a member of this group, I feel your pain now that eggnog season has passed. Please note, I am not a paid promotor of this product. I just happen to have very good taste when it comes to sweet, creamy treats.

The reason I didn't write this column a few weeks back, in the height of Clark's eggnog frenzy, is a selfish one. I wanted to make sure there would be enough around to keep me supplied.

Worth the wait

Anyhow, the good folks at the dairy explained that they took a long time developing eggnog, to make sure they got the formula just right. In my humble opinion, they could not have made it any better. One sip and I was a devotee.

I remember as a kid when we'd have eggnog around the holidays, and I was not really a fan. In recent years, I've sampled a few that were pretty good. When the Clark Farms version was introduced, it was game over for the compe-

In a bit of good fortune, our daughter's store was among the retailers helping meet the public demand for this taste sensation. To assure my supply, I confess to hoarding a few containers every time a delivery arrived. I'm not proud of this, but I'm a big enough person to admit to this habit.

Tastes like...more!

Speaking of big enough, this is not meant to cast a negative shadow on eggnog. The fact is, by definition, this is a pretty high-calorie product. There's no way to get around it. Except to consume it in reasonable quantities. Unfortunately, in the case of Clark Farms eggnog, enjoying just a small amount is not really an option.

TV watchers in the late 1960s are likely familiar with the Lay's Potato Chips advertising tagline, "Betcha can't eat just one!" I witnessed a similar philosophy over the holidays as shoppers in our daughter's shop routinely purchased multiple bottles of eggnog. Smart move.

Worth the wait

I sometimes help at the register and if someone approached the counter with a single container, I politely encouraged them to grab another one or two. This was not "upselling." I was merely trying to help them avoid disappointment when they realized the amount of eggnog they purchased was woefully insufficient to meet household demand. Even a oneperson household. If someone looked at me skeptically, I added some weight to my recommendation. "I'm the Dairy Manager. Trust me." No one ever returned with a complaint. Unless we ran out.

Oh, yeah, I've mentioned "big enough" and "weight." Let's face it, there can be negative results from largescale eggnog consumption. The key word here being "largescale" if you know what I mean.

As much enjoyment as I received from chugging — I mean slowly savoring eggnog from Clark Farms this season, there was a part of me that secretly couldn't wait for the production season to end. I was reminded of this every time I checked my poundage. Willpower was no match for my eggnog habit.

I'm pleased to report I've been working out — like an elite athlete — preparing for the 2023 Eggnog Season. This conditioning is important, because this year, I consumed "weigh" too much.

Middletown Hears MARK Project Fee Update

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Ms. Ellsworth explained that opportunities such as housing projects are something that falls within MARK's ongoing scope of work and are pursued on behalf of communities at no additional fee.

Other business

• Robin Williams,

Policy Committee, said she had reviewed the town's many policies and some of them to be updated, with only some minor revisions necessary.

• The board approved the following annual contracts for 2023, as budgeted: Interfaith Council (on behalf of the Community who is on the board's Pantry), \$6,500; Cats-

kill Recreation Center in Arkville, \$2,500; Delaware County Planning Advisory Service, The latter \$3,500. agency assists the town's planning board.

• The monthly report from Cedarwood Engineering indicated some issues with the heating system at the Arkville Water District pumphouse behind the erty.

Delaware & Ulster Railroad. Water Committee Member Nelson Delameter was instructed to contact Cedarwood and note that the board would like only minimal repairs to the system, because plans call for decommissioning that well if a new well is put into service on the firemen's pavilion prop-

Store Clerk Charged In Larceny

continued from E1 cannabis for personal

use. New York State Police at Stamford arrested Combs for the class "D" Grand felony of

Larceny in the third degree. He was also charged with the misdemeanors of Driving While Impaired by Drugs and Criminal Possession of Cannabis

in the third degree.

subject was The transported to the State Police substation in Stamford where he was additionally evaluated by a New York State Police Drug Recognition Expert.

Combs was processed and issued appearance tickets to the Roxbury Town Court on February 1.

Community Input Is Needed to Develop OCS District Plan

BOICEVILLE- The Onteora Central School District Board of Education's Ad Hoc Long-Term Planning Committee is seeking volunteers to participate in three collaborative, structured discussions designed to gather stakeholder input to support the development of a longterm, District-wide Plan.

Volunteers are asked to participate in three sessions - one in January, one in February, and one in March.

"There are important conversations needed regarding the challenges and opportunities faced by the district, and the doard and its Ad Hoc Long-Term Planning Committee are eager to hear the thoughts and ideas of community members

from all of our various stakeholder groups," explains Superintendent Victoria McLaren.

Some areas that will be explored include addressing staff shortages, facilities needs, budgeting, student achievement, community impact, and the expansion of the Middle School to add Grade 6. Additional topics will likely emerge during the course of the process.

The schedule

At each event, facilitators will lead teams of volunteers through "World Café-style" sessions, which are small group discussions that are designed to encourage and promote a foconversation; cused value and honor the perspective that each participant brings to the conversation; allow for

exchange an thoughts and ideas through conversation; and promote thought and reflection as a result of the conversation.

The World Café discussions are planned for 6:30-8 p.m. on the following dates:

- January 31 at the Middle/High School Cafeteria (snow date • February 28 (to be
- held remotely: a Zoom link will be provided) • March 27 at the Mid-
- dle/High School Cafeteria (snow date 3/29) Those interested in

volunteering for the discussions are asked to participate in all three sessions, review The Baughman Report prior to the first event, and be willing to engage with representative their stakeholder team between sessions. Interested individuals who can commit to these three criteria are asked to complete a brief online volunteer questionnaire by January 19. The questionnaire can be found at www.onteora.k12.ny.us/survey23.

The goal is to have balanced representation from students, parents, faculty, staff, and various groups within the community (senior citizens/retirees, business owners, elected officials, realtors, nonprofits, community groups, etc.). If there are more respondents than necessary from a particular group or groups, then participants will be chosen by lottery.

For further information, please contact Sharon Wood at 845 657-8851.

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Obituaries

Francis Gallagher

Francis (Frank) J. Gallagher, 94, of Margaretville passed away January 13, 2023 after a sudden illness.

Frank was predeceased by: his brother, Edward: and son Fran-

He is survived by: his wife, Patricia: sisters Helen and Margaret; his children Mary (David), Bernard, Daniel (Rita), Edward, Michael (Kathleen); Patricia (Stephen) and grandchildren: Kristin, James, Matthew, John, Jane, Nicole and Michael.

Born December 22, 1928, to Edward and Mary (McCarron) Gallagher, Frank was raised in Maspeth, NY, the eldest of 4 children.

Frank attended Car-Hayes School in the Bronx. He then attended Fordham University.

1953, Frank served in the Korean War and was stationed in Labrador where he was an editor of the base newspaper.

After serving in the Korean War, Frank worked for IBM Sales selling Selectric typewriters. In 1955, Frank made his best pitch at a tea social in Whitestone NY where he met the love of his life, Patricia (Kane) Gallagher. The story goes that he told her, "I put out a good cigar to ask you to dance."

They were married in 1957 and raised seven children in Manhasset. In 1971, they bought a house in Margaretville where they retired in 1997.

Frank will be fondly remembered sitting in his easy chair with a crossword puzzle in hand and pipe mouth.

A Catholic Mass will be held on Monday, Jan. 30, 2023 at Sacred Heart in Margaretville at 11am with Father Paul Mijas officiating.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Mountainside Residential Center; 42158 NY-28, Margaretville, NY 12455; c/o Amy Grant.

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Saturdays, January 21 & 28

Writers in the Mountains (WIM) presents Publication Nuts and Bolts with Melissa Holbrook Pierson, a two-day intensive held online Saturdays, January 21 and 28 from to 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Once you register and pay, you will be given instructions on how to join the class. To register, e-mail writersinthemountains @gmail.com. Visit writersinthemountains.org. Class fee is \$45.

Through Feb. 12

Longyear Gallery of Margaretville is featuring a "Members' Winter Group Exhibit," a new group show featuring the art of all Longyear Gallery Members. Opening on Friday, January 13, the exhibit will run through Sunday, February 12. Info: longyeargallery.org, or call 845 586-3270. Longyear Gallery is in The Commons, 785 Main Street, Margaretville.

Tuesdays through February 21

Writers in the Mountains (WIM) presents Modern Love, a six-week creative writing workshop with Elizabeth Koster, January 17 – February 21, 2023. The class will be held online Tuesdays, from 12 noon to 2 pm. Once you register and pay, you will be given instructions on how to join the class. column. To register for this class, e-mail writersinthemountains@gmail.com. To register online, visit writersinthemountains.org. Class fee is \$1 Limited to 10 students.

Through March 4

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 and special offerings.



Margaretville Author Publishes Memoir

One Man's Stories Of Simple Times & Facing Ongoing Life Challenges

MARGARETVILLE -The Gas Station Chronicles, a new book by Margaretville resident Henry Friedman, has been released by Rose-Dog Books.

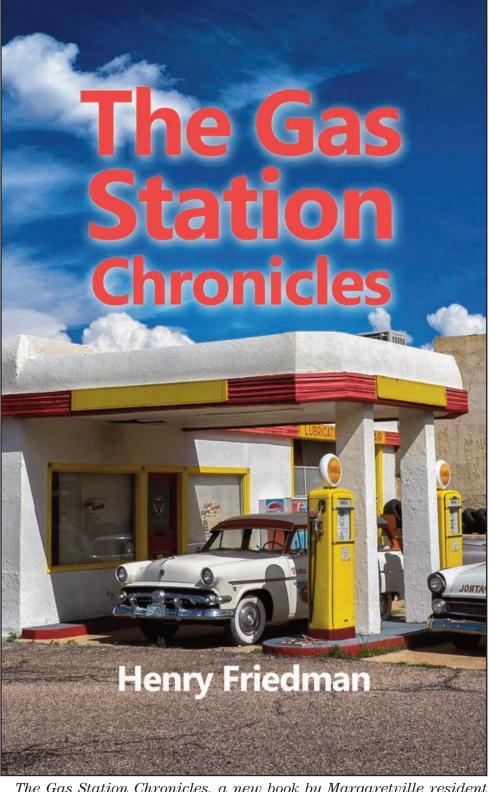
The Gas Station Chronicles contains true stories from Henry Friedman's time of working at a gas station. Friedman gives a look into the changing times as rural New York met challenges of being in the NYC watershed. This gas station at the time was one of the last full-service stations in the area and now no longer exists. Located in a mostly farming community, the gas station provided Friedman with an opportunity to get to know regular customers, many of whom came into town at least once a week for their needs.

About the Author

Henry Friedman and his wife grew up in small towns in the Catskill Mountains where life was slower, but not quite Mayberry. They both learned the value of a dollar at a young age working part time jobs while still going to

It was at Henry's job at the gas station that he first met his future wife. Henry and his wife have a son and daughter who now have a family of their own.

Henry is a volunteer firefighter in his community and worked for many years as Public



The Gas Station Chronicles, a new book by Margaretville resident Henry Friedman, has been released by RoseDog Books.

Works Superintendent for the Village of Margaretville. After more than 35 years of public service, Henry retired, which gave him the time to write this book.

The Gas Station Chronicles is a 30-page

paperback with a retail price of \$11 (eBook \$6). The ISBN is 979-8-88604-612-0. It was published by RoseDog Books of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. For more information, or to request a review copy,

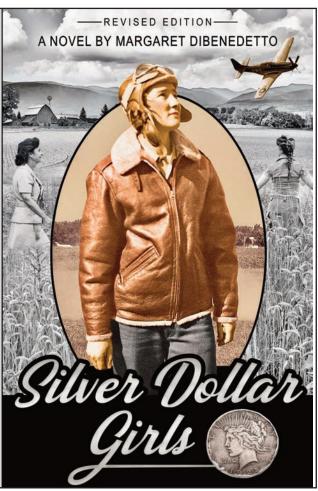
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New Edition of 'Silver Dollar Girls' Released

HALCOTT CENTER Margaret DiBenedetto has released a revised edition of her novel, Silver Dollar Girls. The cover of the revised edition features a photo of her mother, Ruth Reynolds, as a Women's Airforce Service Pilot.

Ms. DiBenedetto recently decided to release the new edition of her book.

"After getting feedback from readers of the original book, I felt I needed to make a few additions and subtractions. I also tightened up some phrasing. But the biggest change was to temper much of the original colorful language only because I felt it was limiting the audiences this book could reach as an educational instrument. The largely unknown



The new cover of Silver Dollar Girls.

aviation history in the book is so important that I did not want anything to interfere with getting the word out to as many readers as possible."

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Delaware County's newest Deputy Sheriff ceremony held at the Ulster County Law En-Brenden Cairns is pictured as his swearing in forcement Training Center in Kingston.

Newest Delaware County Sheriff's Deputy Graduates

DELHI — Sheriff Craig DuMond, Undersheriff Kim Smith and Major John Demeo recentlt attended the Graduation Ceremony of the 72nd Session of the Ulster County Law Enforcement Training Group (UCLETG) to celebrate the Municipal Police Training Council (MPTC) certification of the newest Delaware County Deputy Sheriff, Brenden Cairns.

UCLETG Academy began their Phase 1 training on August 1st, 2022 and culminated their Phase 2 training with a beautiful certification/graduation ceremony at The Chateau event venue on December 21st. Thirty-one new police officers, their families and varying members of their enforcement agencies attended the ceremony.

as a Squad Leader during the entirety of the 72nd Session and in addition, he was awarded an academic award for his outstanding acaachievements demic during the entirety of the Phase 1/Phase 2 training.

Speaking on the graduation, Sheriff DuMond stated, "Deputy Cairns personifies the high standards set by the

Deputy Cairns served Delaware County Sheriff's Office where Honor, Pride and Integrity are not just a motto, but the moral code by which we lead. We commend Deputy Cairns for his outstanding effort and commitment to excellence, and we are incredibly proud to announce his addition to our Road Patrol Division, where he has already begun his field training."

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MARGARETVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL NOTICE OF VACANCY SCHOOL TAX COLLECTOR

Margaretville Central School District has an opening for a School Tax Collector to collect taxes during the months of September, October and November. Candidates interested in the position should call the District Office for an application at 845-586-2647, Ext. 103 and speak to Beth E. Teuber, District Secretary.

OLICE NEWS

County Sheriff Craig S. DuMond has announced the arrest of a Walton resident for driving while intoxicated.

On Saturday night, January 7, Sheriff's Deputies responded to a one car motor vehicle accident with injuries on State Highway 10, near Bobs Brook Road in the Town of Walton. Deputies arrived on scene and observed a vehicle had left the roadway, struck an earth embankment and a tree, causing the ve-

DELHI — Delaware hicle to rollover, then 0.18%, all misdemeancoming to rest in the lane of travel. Deputies made contact with the driver, 44-year-old Timothy Bennett of Wal-

Multiple charges

Upon completion of the investigation, Sheriff's Deputies arrested and charged Timothy Bennett with driving while intoxicated, driving while intoxicated with a BAC greater than 0.08%, aggravated driving while intoxicated with a BAC greater than

ors, of the New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law.

Bennett was additional charged with Aggravated Unlicensed Operator in the First Degree, a felony, as well as Unlicensed Operator, Speed not Reasonable and Prudent and Moved from lane unsafely, violations of the New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law.

Bennett was released on tickets returnable to the Town of Walton Court at a later date.

EGAL NOTICES

RFQ FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES

The Village of Fleischmanns, Delaware County, New York, will be accepting statements of qualifications from qualified

firms for the following: Engineering Services in connection with a NY-SEFC funded Environmental Planning Grant to develop an engineering report to evaluate the alternatives for sewer collection and treatment options for the Village of Fleischmanns Sanitary Collection System.

The full Request for Qualifications may be obtained by contacting the Village Monday through Friday 8:00AM to 4:00PM, or by email at lage39@catskill.net.

All proposals should be marked with the following language: REQUEST FOR **ENGINEERING** QUALIFICATIONS - EPG Engineering Study for the Village of Fleischmanns Sanitary Collection Sys-

Qualifications may be transmitted electronically in a PDF format consisting of 1) a Statement of Qualifications 2) Billing rates in a sealed envelope and received by the Village of Fleischmanns on Monday February 6, 2023. Proposals received after that time will not be considered.

Proposals should be submitted to the Village Clerk, Village of Fleischmanns, PO Box 339, Fleischmanns NY, 12430

Qualifications will be evaluated on the following factors:

 Specified experience and technical expertise of the firm in connection with the type of services to be provided, especially the knowledge and experience which has led to the successful completion of prior NYSEFC Environmental Planning Grant re-

ports. · Past record of performance on contracts with the community and other clients, including quality of work, timeliness, and cost control.

· Capacity of firm to perform the work within time limitations, taking into consideration the current and planned workload of the firm.

To be evaluated properly, the following must be addressed in detail:

 Qualifications – Availability of qualified personnel and capacity of the firm to carry out professional engineering serv-

· Experience - Experience and technical expertise of the firm and its personnel, as well as information regarding projpreviously undertaken, including the types and cost of projects.

 Scope of Services – Summarize scope and type of services and understanding of the program and tasks.

The Village of Fleischmanns is an Equal Oppor-Provider tunity and Employer and encourages Minority-owned Business Enterprises (MBEs), Woman-owned Business Enterprises (WBEs), and Service-Disabled Veteran owned business to submit qualifications.

The Village of Fleischmanns will award a contract to the Engineering firm deemed most qualified to provide services as requested. The contract(s) will include the scope and extent of work and other essential requirements.

The Village of Fleischmanns reserves the right to reject any and all proposals. Questions may be di-

rected to: Diane Rossman - Village Clerk

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Fleischmanns, NY 12430 Tel: (845) 254-5514 Email:

Village39@catskill.net

LEGAL NOTICE

The Town of Middletown Zoning Board of Appeals will RESCHEDULING a public hearing in accordance with the Town of Middletown Zoning Ordinance for the following applica-

Application D-309-A Brian Carbin would like to get a 26' front setback variance to build a small addition on the side of the house on 1287 Huckleberry Brook Road in Margaretville. Tax map # 327-1-64.

Said hearing will be held on Thursday, January 26, 2023 at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall, 42339 State Highway 28, Margaretville. At this time all interested parties will be

> Jason Wadler, Chairman JA20C

BOWLING NEWS

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Is Legendary Fleischmanns Baseball Photo A 'Honus' Mistake?

By Collin Miller

Through connections made in a town history group on social media, a legendary photograph of the Fleischmanns Mountain Athletic Club (M.A.C.) from the late 1890s has returned home.

In July 1963, the centennial edition of the Catskill Mountain News (CMN) ran a picture of the famous local baseball team claiming to be from 1895 and featuring Honus Wagner - regarded by many to be the greatest shortstop ever and a member of the first class inducted to the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1936. Even Harry M. Stevens, the famous concessionaire from Niles, Ohio credited with inventing the drinking straw, the modern score card (and perhaps the hot dog) was also listed in the caption as having umpired for the M.A.C. It also may be the only image of the team's founders Julius and Max Fleischmann in uniform. The photo was loaned to the CMN by John Kelly who was the postmaster in Fleischmanns in the 1940s.

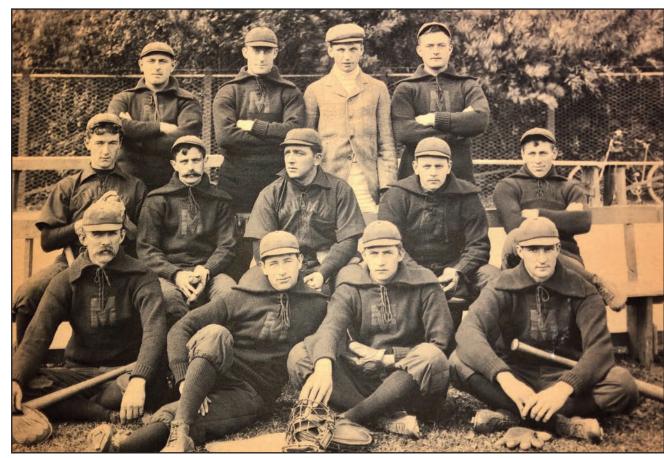
As I got deeper into M.A.C. researching team history for an official historic-place designation at Fleischmanns Park in 2020, I wanted to correctly date the photo. But my research found that the famous shortstop Wagner played for five other teams in Ohio in the Iron & Oil League during his rookie year of 1895 making it highly unlikely he would be in Upstate NY and in this photo.

What's in a name?

Furthermore, there's no evidence of the team being called the Mountain Athletic Club until the Pine Hill Sentinel mentions them in 1897, a year when they debuted their blue and red uniforms with the word "Mountain" emblazoned across the chest (as depicted in this photo).

Another wrinkle is that so many sports card collectors like me who came of age in the 1980's could not mistake the face of young Honus Wagner because of his 1909 tobacco card that fetched \$451,000 at auction to hockey great Wayne Gretzky back in 1991 a record price paid for any sports memorabilia at the time. Because of the notoriety of the card, Wagner's face is among the most recognizable images of any ballplayer and the card is among the rarest and most valuable in the world. It is the baseball card equivalent of the Mona Lisa. In August 2021, the Wagner card in near mint sold for \$6.6 million, another record at the time.

Despite all the local hype in the past about the Wagner connection



Mountain Athletic Club ca. 1897 in Griffins Corners, NY (present day Fleischmanns). It is likely the first team photo of the M.A.C. and was recently rediscovered in Utah in the possession

manns. And so it was

tucked away and not

thought about much

until I reached out to

the family. When I fi-

nally heard from Jane, I

was pleased to learn

that my suspicion was

correct; it did have

names of the men hand-

written on the photo

back. Jane explained

that it was her grand-

mother's handwriting

and she had most likely

written it sometime in

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to the M.A.C., I was not convinced that Honus was in the photo and that it was taken in 1895. But I thought that if I could find the original photo, maybe it would yield the correct identification of each of the players (with writing on the rear of the photo) and rule out the Wagner connection purported by the CMN in 1963. Players identified correctly could give me more clues as to when the photograph was taken.

I reached out to a local Facebook group called "Memories of the Town of Middletown." I asked the group if anvone knew if John Kelly (original owner of the photo) had any offspring and if so, were they reachable. To my surprise, a distant cousin of Mr. Kelly responded and put me in contact with John's son, Robert who is now in his 90s and lives in Florida.

Picture this

I contacted Robert and was delighted to learn that the photo was indeed still in the family's possession. He agreed to put me in touch with his daughter Jane (Kelly) Ebberts who put the photo into storage near her home in Utah.

Months went by and I was getting concerned. "Could something have happened to Robert?" I wondered. Then, on February 24, 2020 (serendipitously Honus birthday), Wagner's Robert's daughter Jane (Kelly) Ebberts called me from Utah, and we talked about the photo. She explained that she had the photo appraised some years ago following the market frenzy brought on by Gretzky's purchase of the Wagner card. While the appraisers found photo intriguing, according to Jane, they could not verify that Wagner was in the photo or that he had

of a granddaughter of John Kelly who was former postmaster of Fleischmanns in the 1940s. The player standing at top left has likely mistakenly been IDed as Honus Wagner. ever played in Fleischthe 1950s.

It was exactly as it had been printed in the caption in the CMN in 1963. Some men were labeled correctly, but others were not. One man listed in the photo with early connections to the founding of the team was Delaware County native, Arthur Reynolds who worked for several years as a distiller in the Fleischmann's yeast factory in Peekskill and lived in

Grand Gorge later in life, passing away in Stamford in 1965. However, another ballplayer from Rhode Island was incorrectly identified in the photo and his name was Andy Coakley. He would've only been 13 years old in 1895 if it were really him. Although Jane thinks that her grandmother may have been confused, we may never know why some of these men were identi-

fied incorrectly.

Despite not having the information sufficient to positively identify all the men of the M.A.C. circa 1897, it is a wonderful photograph with many of the key figures that led to the team's development into one of the most famous semi-professional teams of the late 1800's. It has a level of detail not visible in the copy printed in the CMN and it is highly valuable to local baseball history.

Headed home

Last November, the photograph was pulled out of the family's storage unit in Utah and sent to me with the agreement that it be put on public display in honor of the photo's original owners, Jane's grandparents John and Iva Kelly.

A pre-game ceremony is planned for the Mountain Athletic Club Vintage Base Ball's home opener on May 20th at Fleischmanns Park when the photo will be donated to the Skene Memorial Library in Fleischmanns for permanent public display.

For more information on the new incarnation of the M.A.C. and much more about the team's illustrious history, visit macvintagebaseball.org



PROGRAM SCHEDULE

6:00PM - Citizen News Bureau - Lori Fairbairn brings you the Weekend Weather report for the Catskill Region. 6:30PM - WARK Community Television Archives - The Larry Smith Show. Watch as Larry takes to the slopes at Belleayre Mountain. (Airdate

Early 80s). 7:00PM - 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 8:00PM - Focus on the Arts - Elizabeth Mami talks with BT Bard who is an illustrator, poet, and artist. She's written and illustrated 4 books,

ranging from children's issues to adult, fiction to nonfiction. 8:30PM - The Sonny Rock Show - Sonny visits the shop of Ron Stetkewicz, who is not only a musician but creates miniature art.

6:00PM - Delaware County News Update - Julia Marks and Matt Avitabile bring you the latest news from the Delaware County Region. 6:30PM - The Hikers Trash Husbands - Join Jeff and Moe as they hike the Middle and North Tripyramid Mountains, which are located in the Sandwich Range Wilderness of the White Mountain National Forest of New Hampshire. 1/21

7:00PM - Downstaters - A comedy web series about two New Yorkers who leave big city life for the Catskills. In this episode, Jess & Beth vow to clean out their closets and turn in their stilettos for snow boots, but find it hard to resist the local treasures. 7:30PM - Focus on the Arts - Elizabeth Mamitalks with local author, Peg DiBenedetto about her book, Silver Dollar Girls. In this book,

DiBenedetto weaves a realistic tale of life in a rural farming town-the friendships, hardships and rewards. 8:00PM - CabaRadio - Tune in to see the most recent performance as recorded at the Pine Hill Community Center.

6:00PM - Grocholl Homestead - A new episode from Ashton as we learn about the ins and outs of owning chickens.

farm in Delhi, NY and Gladstone Farms in Andes, NY.

6:30PM - The Catskill Center - Join Visitor Center staff member Olivia Bernard on a fall foliage tour of the fire tower and see the mountains in the surrounding Esopus Valley. 7:00PM - WARK Community TV Archives - The Larry Smith Show. Join Larry as he visits the renovation of one the buildings in Margaretville.

7:30PM - The Sonny Rock Show - Sonny visits the shop of Ron Stetkewicz, who is not only a musician but creates miniature art. 8:00PM - Catskill Mountain Cycling Challenge - A story about the cycling challenge from local resident and filmmaker Kent Garrett. 8:30PM - Boots in the Barnyard - Watershed Agricultural Program presents stories from two farms. Clark Farms is a fourth generation dairy

6:00PM - Focus on the Arts - Elizabeth Mami talks with Jennifer Prevatt. Jennifer is a Visual artist, Children's book illustrator and a Scientific

illustrator. 6:30PM - Little Red Cottage of Nowhere - The autumn colors are amazing this year! Spend an ordinary fall day with Andrea running errands 1/23 and doing chores while soaking up the extraordinary sensations of the season.

7:00PM - Mostly Folk with Artie Martello - Artie talks with Ray Lambiase and Lanny Sichel. Ray is a well accomplished folk musician with albums to his credit and a 5th being worked on.

7:30PM - SMACKED! Heroin Addiction & Recovery in Rural America - A documentary by Hamden resident and filmmaker Jessica Vecchione.

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: The Basics of Medicare.

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7:00PM - The Walton Theatre presents a Film Artist Talks with Catskill filmmaker Tobe Carey. 8:30PM - The Sonny Rock Show - Sonny visits the shop of Ron Stetkewicz, who is not only a musician but creates miniature art.

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Wed 7:30PM - Citizen News Bureau - The Catskill Center's Jenny Flavin talks about the Steward Program. 8:00PM - The Sonny Rock Show - Sonny talks with Adam Ippolito, keyboard player for John Lennon's band, Elephant's Memory.

8:30PM - The Reporter reports on Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer's visit to Delaware County to talk about The Critical Access Hospital program which allows rural healthcare providers to receive federal reimbursements to help ensure they are able to service patients.

6:30PM - Mostly Folk with Artie Martello - Artie's guest for this show is Sonny Ochs. Sonny is known internationally as a producer, radio program host and recipient of numerous awards for her dedication to folk music. She is Phil Och's older sister. 1/26 7:00PM - Downstaters - A comedy web series about two New Yorkers who leave big city life for the Catskills. In this episode, Jess & Beth vow

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Public Outraged by Patrol Schedule

Cobleskill Loses Two Officers

By Joshua Walther

Tuesday evening, the Cobleskill Village Board held their regular meeting to an abnormally large audience as they ad-

COBLESKILL - On of resignations from two police officers.

> Officers Cody Whittaker and Justin Richards, along with K-9 dog Wilson, are being transferred

dressed the acceptance to another agency. This means that the Cobleskill Police Department is now short-handed, and the Village Board regrettably announced a change in the patrol schedule.

longer be under twenty officers. Until the posito 7 a.m. will go without iff's Office.

Cobleskill will no police patrols, and any calls made during that four hour surveillance time will instead be diwith the loss of these two rected to either the New York State Police or the tions can be filled, 1 a.m. Schoharie County Sher-

"We are hopeful that we can return to 24 hour surveillance," said Mayor Rebecca Stanton-Terk before opening the floor to

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Win in Solar Valuation County Iowns

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Schoharie its fight against New York State's alternative energy property valuation. The County joined with a number of others to challenge what the litigants describe as an unfair means to assess solar and wind projects. In October 2021, the NYS Department of Taxation and Finance released a model that In April 2022, a num-

By Matthew Avitabile municipalities in the state low the law. hired Dylan Harris of County Lewis & Greer, P.C. notched a small win in against the implementation of the solar model. The state challenged the motion in court, but this was rejected by the Ulster County Supreme Court. This allows the lawsuit by the municipalities to move forward against the state. The hope among the litigants is that local assessors can use their own assessment methodology to supply the best ber of towns in Schoharie possible valuation for lo-County along with other cal taxpavers and to fol-

We spoke to Blenheim Town Supervisor Don Airey about the recent NYS DTF A-78 decision. The State Attorney General motioned to dismiss the County's action on what Airey described as a technical issue. The second basis of motion was related, he said. The results, he said, were held into abevance by the judge and directed the Attorney General's office to provide a certified record of the proceedings within 20 days. The At-

torney General requested renewable energy, but inthe plaintiffs.

"We had no problem," he said. The County granted the extension and Schoharie currently County is waiting on the response from the state and the ruling from the judge.

we'll be able to weather that motion," he said.

The temporary restraining order remains the ruling affects the enin place. Green energy will be assessed this year at full valuation or they're fully assessed," LOT.

The Supervisor said

a 30 day extension from stead "fair compensation.'

He said that his role on the County Board could not allow him to accept a "90% tax break," Airey said. This is especially since some of these solar and wind companies are owned by fossil 'We're confident that fuel companies. He's received multiple thank vous from other municipalities, especially since tire state.

through a standing PI- he said. "We just want a tection Act in Albany. fair deal."

"We keep hearing that the issue isn't about about" the benefits of a

green economy, but the money hasn't flowed into Upstate New York, Airey said.

"My role isn't to advocate for or against these projects," he said. Airey added that his role on the Energy Committee is to advocate for fair compensation.

"It's gonna be burdened upon the Upstate rural community rather than the people that use the majority of the energy Downstate." He cited a "We're not asking that recent vote against the proposed Farmland Pro-

> "I don't see where the equity is," Airey said. "It's tricky."

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, January 20th – at 9:00 AM. Meetings are also available for viewing afterwards on the SCHOPEG website.

Cobleskill – Board of Education Meeting

The Cobleskill-Richmondville Central School Board of Education will be meeting on Monday, January 23rd at 7:00 PM at the Golding Middle School Library. Meetings are also available for viewing afterwards on the SCHOPEG website.

Sharon Springs – Healing Waters Presentation

The Sharon Springs Historical Society is hosting a presentation on "The Healing Waters of Sharon Springs" on Monday, January 23rd at 7:00 PM. The Village of Sharon Springs gained international fame through the popularity of its mineral waters. Please visit https://bit.ly/3w5RHIi to register as space is limited.

Sharon Springs – Board of Education Meeting

The Sharon Springs Central School Board of Education will be meeting on Monday, January 23rd at 7:30 PM. The school is located at 514 State Highway 20 in the Village of Sharon Springs.

Family Recovery Support Group

Every Wednesday evening from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM., SCCASA hosts Family Recovery
Support Group Meetings facilitated by Maggie Jackman Pryor, a Family Support Navigator,
and Tom Moran, a Peer Engagement Specialist and Recovery Coach at 349 Mineral Springs

Canajoharie – Annual Wintergreen Winterfest

The Village of Canajoharie Parks and Rec Committee in conjunction with the Canajoharie Village Board are hosting the third annual Wintergreen Winterfest 2023 on Saturday, January 28th from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Hosted at Wintergreen Park, this event is for all ages. 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 snow or no snow event.

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.

New Deacons



Lawyersville Reformed Church ordained and installed new Deacons, Barb Stanton and Jeffrey Sperbeck, into their consistory, while Lisa Boss was ordained and installed as an Elder and Kelly Sperbeck was installed as an Elder. Back row, left to right: George Stanton, Jeffery Sperbeck, Lola Fletcher. Front row, left to right: Kelly Sperbeck, Lisa Boss, Barb Stanton.

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War in Europe XLI

By Timothy Knight

When it comes to supporting our Ukrainian brothers and sisters, I am an equal opportunity offender against the Russian apologists, peaceniks, and abject fools who populate certain segments of both major political parties in America. This is a defining struggle of the twenty-first century and I have no appetite for idiocy.

Allow me to introduce Oklahoma State Senator Nathan Dahm.

Earlier this week, our military welcomed a deployment of Ukrainian soldiers who are learning how to use the Patriot missile system at Fort Sill in Oklahoma. Such training measures shouldn't come as a surprise to anyone, especially eleven months into the Russo-Ukrainian War, but Senator Dahm decided to be a mudak.

In response to learning that 90-100 Ukrainian Ukrainians have arrived soldiers were due to arrive in Oklahoma for training on the defense introduced legislation that would forbid any foreign soldiers from step-(military bases fall under federal jurisdiction, but I digress).

wrongness, he stated that his reason for introducing the legislation was to prevent the arriving Ukrainian soldiers from misfiring missiles onto Oklahoma soil as they had done when a projectile went off course and accidentally struck a small Polish town a few months ago.



Over 40 Ukrainian civilians died when an indiscriminately fired Russian missile struck a residential apartment complex in Dnipro. Ukrainian soldiers have arrived in America to begin training on the Patriot missile system, which will help protect cities and civilians from Moscow's reign

Unless Texas suddenly starts firing missiles at Fort Sill, I highly doubt the fog of war would lead to any errant projectiles, but Senator Dahm is probably (hopefully?) aware of this fact. Needless to say, Dahm's idiocy was not heeded and the

to begin their training. Unlike smarmy, unintelligent politicians who system, Senator Dahm attempt to virtue signal over culture war bullshit, our allies in Kyiv don't have the luxury of issuing ping foot in Oklahoma meaningless, nonsensical statements to the Twitter void; they need to learn how to utilize these Pa-Eager to solidify his triot missile systems now to protect their civilians and cities from Russian terrorism tactics.

Just last week, an indiscriminate Russian barrage resulted in dozens of civilian deaths when a nine-story residential apartment complex in Dnipro was struck by a missile. Senator Dahm might believe politicizing Ukrainian military training will enhance his claim of being "Oklahoma's most conservative State Senator," but it's just gross.

Meanwhile, Ukraine is starting to receive some serious commitments of tanks, infantry transports, and other armaments intended to reinforce Kyiv's looming counteroffensive in early 2023. The United Kingdom has led the way, sending their Slavic allies fourteen Challenger 2 battle tanks; all eyes turn to Germany and its Leopard 2 tanks...

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

SUNY Cobleskill Fighting Tigers Weekly Recap

lantic Conference (NAC) weekend defeating the week. visiting Beavers of the

The SUNY Cobleskill enectady, N.Y., Schenecwomen's basketball team tady High School, who swept a pair of North At- averaged 10.0 points, 4.5 rebounds, 2.5 assists and home games over the 2.0 steals during the

The Fighting Tiger University of Maine- men's basketball team Farmington on Friday by split a pair of NAC games a 62-42 score then beat- during the week losing ing the Hornets of North- to the Beavers of the Uniern Vermont University- versity of Maine-Farm-Lyndon on Saturday af- ington 79-73 on Friday ternoon 65-47 to im- then beating the Hornets prove to 10-7 overall on of Northern Vermont Unithe season including a versity-Lyndon by a 92-6-1 record in NAC play. 69 margin to move to The Fighting Tigers were 13-4 overall on the sealed by first-year guard son including a 5-2 con-Talia Washington, Sch- ference record. Junior Institute 1/21

guard Andre Starks, Rochester, N.Y., Fairport High School/Corning Community College, paced Cobleskill to the win over the visiting Hornets on Saturday by scoring 33 points to go with six rebounds, five assists and two steals.

UPCOMING HOME CONTESTS:

Men's Basketball vs. Cazenovia College 1/20, SUNY Polytechnic Institute 1/21

Women's Basketball vs. Cazenovia College 1/20, SUNY Polytechnic

Healing Waters Presentation at Sharon Springs **Historical Society**

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January 23, 2023 at 7:00

PM (New York Time).

waters - white sulphur, blue sulphur, magnesia, Chalvbeate, and blue stone water. Health spas were The Village of Sharon renowned as much for

Springs boasted five dif-

Springs gained internatheir picturesque surtional fame through the roundings as for their popularity of its mineral waters. Sharon Springs waters. Unlike many oth- had the luxury of the to join us!

er spa resorts. Sharon highest quality mineral waters and exceptionally beautiful grounds, bustling with activity, as well as the fresh mountain air. Here, visitors found relief from a myriad of ailments.

Register soon because space is limited at https://bit.ly/3w5RHIi

We hope you're able

Police Blotter



Wednesday, January 11, 2023

At 3:53 PM, Cobleskill Police served a criminal summons from Cobleskill Town Court and arrested Gianni Mordocco, 38, of Cobleskill, N.Y. for trespass. He was issued an appearance ticket to appear at Cobleskill Town Court on 02/07/2023 at

Thursday, January 12, 2023

At 2:49 PM, Cobleskill Police arrested Phillip P Loucks III, 34, of Middleburgh, N.Y. for aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle in the third degree and four other vehicle and traffic law violations. He to appear at Cobleskill

Court 02/21/2023 at 2:00 PM.

Friday, January 13, 2023

At 10:55 AM, Cobleskill Police executed three arrest warrants from Cobleskill Town Court and arrested Brian Mahar, 22, of Central Bridge, N.Y. on three charges of failure to appear. He was arraigned in Cobleskill Town Court

with drugs and alcohol, PM.

on resisting arrest, and five vehicle and traffic law violations. He was arraigned in Seward Town Court on 01/15/2023 at 2:45 AM and released on his own recognizance to appear at Cobleskill Town Court 01/31/2023 at 2:00 PM.

Monday, January 16, 2023

At 7:30 PM, Cobleskill on Police executed a bench 01/13/2023 at 12:00 noon warrant from Cobleskill and released on his own Town Court and arrested recognizance to return to Sandra Butler, 60, home-Cobleskill Town Court on less, for bail jumping and 01/31/2023 at 3:00 PM. failure to appear. She was Saturday, January 14, arraigned in Cobleskill Town Court at 8:20 PM and remanded to the At 9:55 PM, Cobleskill Schoharie County Cor-Police arrested Zachary rectional Facility on \$500 Foland, 30, of Rich- cash bail, \$1,500 insurmondville, N.Y. for crimance bail bond, or \$4,500 inal trespass in the third partially secured surety degree, criminal use of bond to return to drug paraphernalia, driv- Cobleskill Town Court was issued traffic tickets ing while ability impaired on 01/31/2023 at 3:00

NOTICE

The following vacancies exist in the

SCHOHARIE COUNTY OFFICE OF REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES

G.I.S. Coordinator

(Starting salary: \$51,771 - CSEA grade 17)

Senior G.I.S. Technician

(Starting salary: \$48,922 – CSEA grade 16)

G.I.S. Technician

(Starting salary: \$41,575 - CSEA grade 13)

Data Collector

(Starting salary: \$34,579 – CSEA grade 9)

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Bulldogs Fall to Crusaders









Above left:Riley France #5 takes a shot in the first period of play only to have it miss its mark. She would score until the third period of play. Photos by Robert Duso. Above center: Claire Matice #10 loses control of the ball when trying to pass it to the corner.

Above right: Claudia Walrath #4 was having a hard night, Crusaders defense at the net was really strong, and was keeping the BullDogs from getting any good shots to the net.

Left: Riley France #5 tries to get around Dior DoBere #1 who was on fire. She had multiple takeaways, and scored 13 points

in the game. Right: Ainsley Mummenthey #23 goes up for a shot only to have it blocked by Karri Gaddy #32. The Crusaders started this on a wild runaway with 17 points in the first period of play to the BullDogs 5 points. Crusaders tack on 19 in the second and third periods, and another 4 in the forth for a total 59 points with the foul shots to the Bulldogs 30.



New York Grown & Certified Workshop

Schoharie Economic Enterprise Corp. (SEEC), in partnership with the for Agricultural Development, Mohawk Valley District, Inc. (MVEDD), and the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets is holding a New York Grown & Certified Workshop which will feature infor-

SCHOHARIE - The process to apply, benefits of certification, including exclusive grant and marketing opportunities, and Schoharie County Office more. The hybrid event will be held on Wednesday, February 15, 2023, Economic Development from 11:00 am - 3:00 pm at the SEEC headquarters, located at 287 Main Street, in Schoharie, New York. Attendees are welcome to join in person or via Zoom. A light lunch will be provided for those mation addressing the who attend in person.

The New York Grown & Certified Workshop will bring together experts well-versed in New York Grown & Certified applications, grants and other resources and incentives available to farms and agri-businesses in Schoharie County. This event features Jessica Brooks and George Spohn of the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets, Pete Nichols of the Schoharie

County Soil and Water less conventional produc-Conservation district. Aileen Randolph of the NY Farm Viability Institute and Amanda Kaier of MVEDD. The event will also feature testimonials from farms and agribusinesses that have gone through the process of becoming New York Grown & Certified.

The program offers opportunities for traditional dairy, livestock, and produce farms, but also for from attendees. Paper ap-

ers such as fresh cut flowers, maple, honey, firewood, craft beverage ingredients and craft beverage production. With limited to no cost associated with the application process and significant benefits to certification, this workshop looks to streamline the process while addressing direct concerns or questions about the program plications will be available at 287 Main during the event or can be accessed on SEEC's website. Early registration is encouraged to help shape the specifics of the workshop to match the needs of producers in attendance.

This event is free and open to the public. Registration is available here or visit www.seecnv.org for more information.

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YOUR LOCAL HAPPENINGS FOR SHARON SPRINGS

Sharon Things

By Alexis Pencar Hey Neighbors!

What a start to Winter it has been! With a slippery last week, and no snow accumulation, watch out for snow in the forecast coming up. With an odd start to the year, this may put our monthly accumulation lower than average

Water and sewer construction on Chestnut has made its way closer and closer to Route 20 this past 2 weeks. If you can't get through to Chestnut

for January.

easily, go West on Route 20 until Sawmill, hang a left, then cut back on that.

Remember that even though it's "oh so cold out", our Village/ Main Street businesses like Brimstone Bakery (open 8-4 Tuesday - Saturday) and Black Cat Cafe (open 10-3 Saturday - Monday), are still serving up warm lunches and pastries, stop by and say hi since they would love to see you!

Sharon Springs Rescue Squad

The Sharon Springs Res-

NOTICE

Vacancies exist in the Schoharie County Health Department

in the positions of

*PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

Starting Salary: \$61,631 – CSEA grade 20

and

REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL NURSE

Starting Salary: \$51,771 - CSEA grade 17

*Appointment to the position of PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE will

be provisional. Permanent appointment will be contingent

upon successful completion of a Civil Service examination

& becoming reachable on the resulting eligible list.

Candidates interested in being considered for a position

must submit an employment application to the Schoharie

County Department of Personnel & Civil Service,

284 Main Street, PO Box 675, Schoharie, NY 12157,

(e-mail: civilservice@co.schoharie.ny.us) by the close of

business on JANUARY 31, 2023.

Applications may be obtained in the Personnel Office or

online at: www.schohariecounty-ny.gov **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS**

Public Health Nurse: Possession of a bachelor's degree in Nursing from a regionally accredited or New York State-registered college or

university; and licensure & current registration to practice as a Registered Professional Nurse in New York State.

Registered Professional Nurse: Possession of an associate's degree

in Nursing from a regionally accredited or New York State-registered

college or university; and licensure & current registration to practice

as a Registered Professional Nurse in New York State; and two (2)

years of general nursing experience. (Part-time employment can be

pro-rated to count towards full-time, based on number of hours

worked per week).

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT: These positions require extensive travel. In-

cumbents will be required to possess a valid, appropriate level, New

York State operator's license, or otherwise demonstrate the ability to

meet the travel needs of the job.

**In accordance with NYS Public Health Law, appointee must be

fully vaccinated against COVID-19 at time of appointment and pro-

vide proof of vaccination status**

cue Squad is a cornerstone of our community! With many active members, they are always looking for new volunteers for Drivers, First Responders, Social Members, and EMT's. SSRS will fund any training that is needed. SSRS meets the first Monday of the month at 7 p.m. and would be happy to answer any ques-

tions with how you can support your community. The American Legion

The American Legion 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

Book Discussion on Friday, January 20 at 6:00 PM in the library. Louise Penny's first Inspector Gamache novel, "Still Life," is the book under consideration. Please join us for a lively discussion of this book whether you have read it or not, or if you would like to suggest a particular book for next month.

Yoga, Friday, January 20, 6:00 p.m. will be practiced in the library's Community Room. All are welcome, but please call ahead so we can add your name to the call list for scheduling or in case of cancellations. \$10 donation to the instructor is requested.

Did you know that the United States recognized the importance of copyright in a clause amended to the U.S. Constitution in 1787? Clause 8. Intellectual Property sets for the guidelines under the words "To promote the Progress of Science and useful Arts, by securing for limited Times to the Authors and Inventors the exclusive Right to their respective Writings and Discoveries..." Copyright codes are something libraries take very seriously as they apply to literary, musical and dramatic works. This year is an anniversary year for copyrighted items. Generally speaking, if something was published before 1923, it is in the public for more details.

domain. Guidelines for "fair use" copying are posted by our copy machine. If you would like to know more about this, search our catalog with the subject "copyright," and you will find numerous volumes you can request.

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 Route 10, Sharon Springs, NY 13459) offers weekly service at 10:30 am. Contact at (518) 234-2387 for more details.

The Sharon Springs United Methodist Church (511 State Route 20, Sharon Springs, NY, 13459) offers weekly service at 10:30 am. Contact at (518) 284-2200 for more details.

The St. Thomas The Apostle Catholic Church (24 Maple Avenue, Cherry Valley, NY 13320) offers weekly mass at 10:00 am. Reminder: confession is available 30 minutes before every mass. Contact at (607) 264-3779 for more details.

The Zion St. John's Lutheran Church Seward (114)Mesick Ave, Cobleskill, NY 12043) offers weekly service on Sundays at 9:00 am. Contact at (518) 234-3222

Cornerstone Baptist Church (7274 Route 10, Ames, NY 13317). Sunday Service is at 10:00 am. All are welcome. Contact (518) 673 3405 for more details.

Food Pantry

The Sharon Springs Food Pantry is an excellent local resource for all! They are located in the United Methodist Church on Route 20, across from the school (511 US Route 20, Sharon's Springs, NY 13459).

They are always accepting donations! If you or someone you know is in need of the Pantry, the hours are Thursday 9:00 am -10:30 am and 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm.

Senior Congregate Meal Site

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 vears 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 alexis.pencar@gmail.com.

Klinkhart Hall Surpasses \$30k Donation for End-of-**Year Match of \$60k+ Total**

By Alexis Pencar

Klinkhart Hall Arts Center in Sharon Springs, NY met AND surpassed their end-of-year fundraiser goal of \$30,000. By raising \$31.574 with 34 donors in total, Klinkhart met the generous "end of year match" goal giving them \$60k + total!

Klinkhart says "they received an anonymous \$30,000 challenge donation to kick off the 2022 end-of-year campaign." In other words, since they made the end-of-year goal, the donation will be worth twice as much!!

TV Celebrities, Neighbors to Klinkhart, the "Beekman Boys", Dr. Brent Ridge and Mr. Josh Kilmer-Purcell, Founders of International brand Beekman 1802, kicked off the fundraiser with a generous \$10k donation in Decem-

The donation is one of many over the years from Ridge and Kilmer-Purcell who still own the 'Beekman 1802 Kindness Shop', previously known as 'Beekman 1802 Mercantile', just two-doors up from Klinkhart Hall, the last unrestored building on Historic Main Street.

According to Klinkhart, the well-known philanthropists have "supported us from the beginning" because they "know how important this restoration project is to our community."

As a part of their "Giving Tuesday Campaign" challenge, Klinkhart raised \$15,397 of the \$30,000 goal with 20 donors by December 21st and was able to surpass that by nearly double by the end of the campaign on De-

cember 31, 2022. The fundraising for this organization goes towards

the restoration project efforts and helps Klinkhart Hall get closer to completing and eventually opening the doors to this highly anticipated Center of the Arts!

So far, Klinkhart Hall has been able to secure \$820,000 in grants, and \$380,000 in other donations to support Phase I of a complete restoration of the large historic building on Main Street in the Village. This fundraiser is in addition to that total raised.

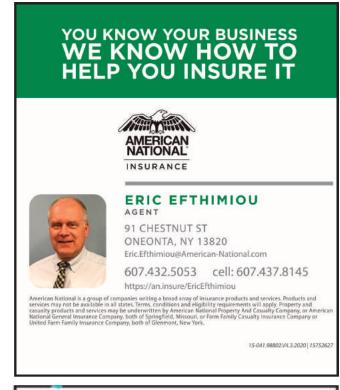
progress The Klinkhart was halted in 2020 but with a strong bounce back in the 2022 Season, they were able to host events like: Free Summer Concerts in the Park.

6th Annual Sharon Springs Poetry Festival (that included the Oscar Wilde Memorial Lecture and Muldoon's Picnic), Shakespeare in the Park, Art Exhibit, Fundraising Auction, and Fundraising Wine Tasting!

Look out for the schedule of events for this upcoming new year soon!

Klinkhart Hall Arts Center, Inc. is a not-for-profit organization that seeks to preserve the historic Klinkhart Hall building in Sharon Springs and to establish it as an arts center for the regional and local communities. More information www.klinkharthall.org.







LIGHTS! CAMERA! ACTION! IN SHARON SPRINGS!

By Karen Cookson

SHARONS SPRINGS -The January 6, 2023 edition of The Mountain Eagle had a wonderful storv about the 1983 first National Lampoon "Vacation" film with Chevy Chase. We were very aware that US Highway 20 goes from Boston across America to the Pacific Ocean shore in Newport, Oregon. In fact, after we moved here from Oregon in 1996, we used to tell our friends how to get to our house -"Get on US 20, go east until you get to the stop light in Sharon Springs, turn right, go 2 miles, hang another right and drive down the road another tenth of a mile. That's us!"

But we hadn't seen the movie, so were glad to find out about the Sharon Springs connections. I found the film at Walmart last week.

In case you would like to see more of our neck of Schoharie County, there are at least three other very different movies that you need to know about, and some TV you might watch as well.

THE MODEL AND THE MARRIAGE **BROKER (1952)**

"The Model and the Marriage Broker" is a 1952 movie starring Thelma Ritter, Jeanne Crain and Scott Brady that was not only a romantic comedy that featured an amazing list of character actors, but was nominated for an Oscar for best costume design, black and white category. The fabulous Thelma Ritcouples for matrimonial potential, but her wisecracking persona lit up the screen from New York City to her vacation up- Phyllis Van Amburgh destate at the spa in Sharon Springs. The clients and ican dream in Sharon

cluded Zero Mostel, Frank Fontaine, Jay C. Flippen, Michael O'Shea and John Alexander, but fetured the film debut of Nancy Culp, later the stalwart pursuer of Jethro on TV's "The Beverly Hillbillies."

A still 8x10 glossy from "Model" features Jeanne Crain in a taxi labelled Sharon Springs. The driver was an extra from here, and if anyone recognizes him, please tell the Mountain Eagle!

I DRINK YOUR BLOOD (1971)

The cover line of this video reads "from the makers of 'I Spit on Your Grave" and was usually a drive-in double feature with "I Eat Your Skin." That may tell you all you need to know about this movie with "rabid, druginfested hippies on a blood-crazed killing spree." The stars are names you probably have not heard of, but the Producer is Jerry Gross, and that speaks volumes. It was filmed in an old house in the village of Sharon Springs, and when I asked some longtime residents to show it to me, they declined. No explanation. On viewing it again this week, we decided it's not as gruesome as advertised, but contemporary movies like Brad Pitt's "Bullet Train" have crashed to such depths of gratuitous violence as to erase any particle of sensitivity in today's moviegoers that "Drink" seems almost silly. But then we need to remember that kids in the 70s didn't go to the ter played a business drive-in to watch films owner who introduced anyway, as my children Race" in 2012, pocketing reminded me.

THE FIRST

cided to follow the Amer-

SEASON (2012) When Paul and

others she dealt with in- Springs on the old Mereness farm, start a dairy where they would live off the land, raise their children, and nourish themselves, save our air, water and soil, and be healthy. they were intent on their organic goal. A friend who Paul had worked for was Rudd Simmons, film producer of "The Royal Tennenbaums," "Dead Man Walking," and "The Life Acquatic," and Rudd asked Paul if he could document their first year on the farm. Today, this would be a TV reality show, but Simmons did not script it, just recorded their real lives. He cut the more than 150 hours down to a film of about 90 minutes, and the film, "The First Season," was premiered in 2012 with Rudd and his wife, Nina Bernstein Simmons (Leonard's youngest daughter) hosting a theaterful of enthusiastic friends. The film is gorgeous, real, showing a chunk of time with a beginning, middle and end left open for more life to happen. It is not sold as a disc, but can be watched online for purchase at Amazon. It is an honest slice of farm life in Sharon, and a truly

TELEVISION FEATURING SHARON SPRINGS

beautiful film.

The early 2000sbrought "The Fabulous Beekman Boys" to our town and our TV screens. We followed these smart. funny, professionals as they bought a local landmark, started one of the fastest-growing lifestyle companies in America, and won "The Great a lot of money and building their company even more. The are responsible for Sharon Springs' post office staying open because they decided to distribute their local

products via USPS. They are ubiquitous on TV shopping networks and their Festivals and Mother Ship mercantile store on Main Street in the village stays busy with shoppers from everywhere, eager to get a glimpse and meet-and-greet with the famous Josh and Dr. Brent. Their wedding on the farm in 2013 just two days after the Supreme Court ruled that it was legal for same-sex couples to marry, was an amazing event with locals rubbing shoulders with Martha Stewart and other interesting people. More than 250 folks attended, and it was, well, just fabulous.

line to stream, and if you

want to view the movies

are available for purchase online as well.

If any readers know of other films featuring Sharon Springs, we would be happy to share that information. Call me at The Mountain Eagle and I will get in touch. We already have some memorabilia that will be given to the Sharon Historical Society, and you will be well-thanked for your contributions. Karen Cookson has

lived on an organic farm in Sharon Springs since 1996, and is a regular contributor to the Schenectady Sunday Gazette, local historical society publications, and The Mountain Eagle.



One family One dream Against the odds The First Season





SUNY Posts Win, Loss vs. Northern Vermont

the visiting Hornets of Northern Vermont University-Lyndon by a 92lantic Conference (NAC) a 5-2 record in NAC play while the Hornets drop to 2-13 overall including a 0-5 record in league

serious offensive and de-

28 turnovers while holding 34.8%, from the field to Friday January 20 when secure the victory.

backcourt did the bulk NAC play with tip-off at of the damage in the vic- 7:30 p.m. tory as junior guard An-

basketball team swatted reer high of 33 points to go with six rebounds, while junior guard Iziah 69 margin in North At- Pigott, Brooklyn, N.Y., Urban Assembly High play. With the victory the School/Dutchess Com-Fighting Tigers improve munity College, added to 13-4 overall including 13 points, eight refour steals to the team's victory totals.

Junior center Markel Jenkins, Elmira, N.Y., The Fighting Tigers Elmira High School/Cornjumped all over the visi- ing Community College, tors in the first half to was also a factor in the secure the victory flexing win posting a double/double with 11 points and fensive muscle on their 13 rebounds with firstway to a 40-23 halftime year swingman Jeremy advantage from which Rosario, Colonie, N.Y., they never looked back. Colonie High School, For the evening the coming off the bench to ter Emily Satterday, Lath-Cobleskill defense gen- score 11 points and grab Hornet four rebounds,

the host the Wildcats of The Fighting Tiger Cazenovia College in

dre Starks, Rochester, women's basketball team and a pair of assists to

SUNY Cobleskill men's nity College, hit for a ca-ence (NAC) homestand on Saturday afternoon by downing the visiting five assists and two steals Hornets of Northern Vermont University-Lyndon by a score of 65-47. With the win the Fighting Tigers move to 10-7 including a 6-1 record versus NAC opponents while bounds, six assists and the Hornets are now 8-6 with a 3-2 mark in league

> The Fighting Tigers used depth and balanced scoring to secure the victory as 11 different players scored during the contest as the home team used a 25-13 advantage in bench points to put the game in the win col-

First-year forward/cenam, Shaker High School, posted her ninth The Orange & Black double/double of the seathe visitors to 23-of-66, will return to action on son with 11 points and 11 rebounds while firstvear guard Talia Washington, Schenectady, N.Y., Schenectady School, added 10 points The SUNY Cobleskill to go with three steals

COBLESKILL - The School/Corning Commu- North Atlantic Confer- tack. Sophomore guard fine all-around effort with to action versus the Wild-Taylor Meacham, Berne-nine points, six rebounds, cats of Cazenovia College Knox-Westerlo High four assists, a steal and for a NAC contest on Fri-School, also played a ma- a blocked shot. jor role in the win with a

Cobleskill will return at 5:30 p.m.

day January 20 beginning



Feldman makes a layup.

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Lisa Zaba-Miller Cobleskill-Richmondville CSD 155 Washington Avenue Cobleskill, NY 12043 AA/EOE

N.Y., Fairport High closed out their weekend pace the Cobleskill at-Students Named to SUNY **Oneonta Dean's List**

ONEONTA, (01/18/2023)-- More than 1,250 SUNY Oneonta students earned Dean's List honors for the spring 2022 semester. To qualify for the Dean's List, a stu- Howes Cave dent must earn a gradepoint average of 3.5 or ford higher while carrying a course load of 12 hours enport or more.

Keagan Adriance of Howes Cave Cobleskill

Dylan Bellinger of Mid- Harpersfield dleburgh

Richmondville Robert Dolen of Howes

Cave

Tristan Ethier of Rich-

NY mondville Jessy Gardner of Dav-

> enport Ctr Alexis Hicks of Schoharie

Samuel Krum of Stam-

Mullen of Darin

Tessa Nicholas of

Ethan Chichester of Cobleskill Sierra Perry of Gilboa

Kelsey Terrell of Mid- Gilboa dleburgh

Alexandrea Walters of Cobleskill

More than 250 SUNY Oneonta students earned Olivia Holland of Provost's List honors for the fall 2022 semester. To qualify for the Provost's List, a student Aubrie Malesky of Dav- must earn a perfect 4.0 grade-point average while Samantha Martin of carrying a course load of 12 hours or more.

> Robert Lang Schoharie

Samantha Spina of Davenport

Elizabeth Vlahakis of

Taylor Wall Chelsea Waid of Dav- Cobleskill



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Cobleskill PD, from Page F1

public comment.

Branden Collison of the Cobleskill PBA was the first to take to the podium to voice his concerns and his outrage over the resignations. Speaking on behalf of the officers that were in attendance at the meeting, he explained why there's a drop in officers. contributing the phenomenon to both being transferred to the Sheriff's

Office and the "disrespect" of low salaries.

He also mentioned that all of his texts and calls that he attempted to make to the Village Board and the mayor were met with silence. He suggested joint meetings with the mayor several times and was reportedly denied with each attempt.

He ended his comment period by stating that they had to get higher

and that they had to fill the gap as soon as they could.

Harold Next was Southworth, the Public Safety Director with the Bassett Network, speaking on behalf of the Cobleskill hospital. He said that while the hospital hires their own security staff, they need law enforcement for hands-on cases that relate

wages for police officers to mental health or substance abuse.

> "Most violent acts are over in thirty to ninety seconds," Mr. Southworth stated. "We don't need help in minutes, we need it in seconds."

> The Board also heard comments from Susan Mallery, a Schoharie County district attorney. She stated that she came to the meeting in her private time to back the Village's police force.

"Our strength is that fears that something may

we have each other's backs," Mrs. Mallery stated while looking around the room at the audience. "I'd like us to do what we can and get the grants we need."

Finally, several residents approached the podium with the same intent. They expressed gratitude at having the police be trained professionals that can handle difficult situations, and they talked about their happen in the twilight hours when police are several minutes away.

The Board took everyone's comments into consideration and thanked them for their time, with Mayor Stanton-Terk saying "This Board has the highest respect for all of its employees." Members assured the public that they'd be working to solve the issue as soon as possible and swiftly adjourned the meeting soon after.

HEALTHY HABITS

Why You Should Drink More Water

By Alexis Pencar

Staying hydrated seems like an easy task but the average American cannot seem to keep up! Previous recommendations stated that an adult should drink about 8 cups of water daily but these recommendations have recently been updated, so listen up!

According to the National Academy of Medicine, "an adequate intake of daily fluids of about 13 cups and 9 cups for healthy men and women, respectively, with 1 cup equaling 8 ounces", meaning between 9-13, eight ounce cups per day depending on body type and size. In addition, "higher amounts (of water) may be needed for those who are physically active or exposed to very warm climates. Lower

for those with smaller body sizes. Note that these amounts are not a daily target, but a general guide."

Life gets busy and drinking enough can be challenging at times. Remember that when you don't drink enough, the body can become dehydrated and that should be taken very seriously.

Though dehydration does not seem like much, it is more impactful than most understand due to the quick negative effects on the body. Staying properly hydrated can help regulate everyday bodily functions such as bowel movements and can also help with highly important functions like toxin elimination through the kidneys.

Another important and health is wealth! integral need to stay hy-

amounts may be needed drated is to keep your muscles energized. When cells don't maintain the right balance of fluids and electrolytes, they can easily become shrivel and then fatigued.

Dehydration happens when water intake does not equal output. If you are doing an extenuating activity or just doing more in the day, increase your water intake to reflect that.

Drinking enough water is so important and the negative effects of dehydration are so impactful. Always make sure you not only drink enough, but also stay aware of how much "work" you put in. I hope that this might help you to take your health just a little more seriously here in the New Year. Good

SUNY Names Starks Athlete of the Week



COBLESKILL - The SUNY Cobleskill Athletic Department announced today that junior Andre Starks, Rochester, N.Y., **Fairport** High School/Corning Community College, a member shots from the field inof the men's basketball team has been named the department's Fighting Tiger Athlete-of-the-Week for the week ending January 15, 2023.

The junior guard scored a career high of points to lead Cobleskill to a 92-69 victory over North Atlantic Conference (NAC) rival Northern Vermont University-Lyndon at the Iorio Gymnasium on Saturday afternoon as the Fighting Tigers improved to 13-4 overall on the season including a 5-2 record in conference play.

On the day the Rochester, N.Y. native connected on 10-of-18

cluding 3-of-5 from threepoint range while going a perfect 10-for-10 from the free throw line. Starks also had six rebounds. five assists and two steals in the win.

For the season, in 17 starts, the Fairport High School alumnus is averaging 14.2 points, 3.4 assists, 3.4 rebounds and 2.0 steals per game while shooting 35.2% from the field and 78.0 % from the free throw line.

Cobleskill will next be in action on Friday January 20 when they host the Wildcats of Cazenovia College in NAC action beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Auto Racing

By Tom Coughlin

Another helpful seminar is on the horizon. This one will be for the full fendered pro stock & street stock divisions.. A collaboration between Kim Duell, Nick Stone, Scott Carl, Dave Madei, and Dan Nelson will take place on Saturday. March 11, 2023. Hosted free and those in attendance by Stone Motorsports and will receive a ticket upon they endured to achieve Duell Family Racing the entry for door prizes. The their championship title, seminar will cover a number of areas to help teams get the most from their investment. Topics to be covered include Front End Geometry/scaling techniques, Ba-

maintenance & race prep, plus pro stock tire prep and do's & don'ts of getting and keeping sponsors.

The seminar is meant to be a teaching/learning opportunity as those involved have nearly a combined 90 years of racing experience to share. The seminar is location is at 12 Sacandaga Road, Scotia, N.Y. 12302 at 1:00 pm. For any further information, please contact Kim Duell or Nick Stone.

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50th. Convention last weekend in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

Friday night starts the weekend off with the Salute to Champions interview session, where champions throughout the motorsport community are invited to present a brief overview of their racing career and what along with a look at their future goals. This year's list of champions included drivers such as Kenzie Adams a young lady who was the Evergreen Raceway Park. in Pennsylvania 4 cylinder stock champion and fifteen others including Ryan Godown who won the modified championship at the Bridgeport Speedway in New Jersey.

Saturday morning is full of presentations from various promoters or their rep-

resentative, who speak briefly about their facility and/or sanctioning body. Again, similar to Friday night many forms of motorsports were represented from quarter mile asphalt tracks up to the World Racing Group which promotes the World of Outlaws Sprint cars and the Super DIRTcar Series. One presentation was about a new form of racing called Juice Box Racers, which is for youngsters around 4-5 years old using battery powered carts. In a way it is similar to big wheel racing. However a 24 volt battery is the power source. Also coming out during the WRG presentation was the addition of a Super DIRTcar Series race for modifieds at Albany-Saratoga Speedway in Malta on Tuesday, June 13 and a race at Airborne Park Raceway in Plattsburgh on Wednesday, June 14.

The highlight of the convention is the annual awards presentation and Hall of Fame inductions. Inducted on Saturday night were sprint car driver Greg Hodnett, announcer/broadcaster Mike Joy, the King of the Outlaws/ sprint car driver Steve Kinser, open wheel racer Bobby Marshman, longtime car owner Frank Rio, and asphalt modified driver Reggie Ruggiero.

Safety can never be emphasized enough and last Wednesday at the annual Chili Bowl was a prime example. A young driver by the name of Ashton Torgerson took a wild flip during his qualifying race. Now, flips tend to be expected during the fierce midget car competition on the small indoor track. However, when Torgerson flipped somehow he was ejected through the top of the car. He was taken to the hospital and after a short stay, he returned a couple days later to the Chili Bowl as a spectator. This young driver is more than lucky to be alive let alone having only minor injuries. Will there ever be a definite answer as to what allowed this horrifying accident to occur. Probably not, but his safety belts coming loose is the main thought. How did this happen? Were there issues earlier that were not addressed? The main thing is that he will be O.K. and no matter what always make sure that your driver is using the necessary safety equipment and using it properly.

Picking up a new modified chassis recently was former big block modified hot shoe driver Josh Hohenforst.of Gloversville. Hopefully Josh can get everything together for a full season of racing. That surely is something that many would like to see.

If I have not mentioned it before Utica-Rome Motocross is building a track or tracks on the property of Utica-Rome Speedway a few race dates have been released. May 21, July 9, September 10, and October 15 are listed for CNYMRA racing. I will have more information at a later date.

Another high note for the racing community, it appears that Morgan Romano, who is the daughter of former big block modified driver A.J. Romano, originally of Johnstown. will be crowned as the new Miss U.S.A. Morgan was Miss North Carolina and first runner up to Miss U.S.A. R'Bonney Gabriel. Gabriel was recently crowned Miss Universe and I believe that may put Romano in position to replace Gabriel as Miss U.S.A. Congratulations to the whole Romano family.

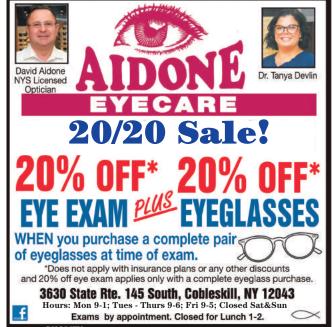
Sadly in a roundabout way, related to motorsports. Robbie Knievel the son of legendary motorcycle daredevil Evil Knievel passed away last week at the age of 60.



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Michael Rice #11 works on the front row at the net, and powers this ball over for the point. The Bulldogs fell to Taconic Hills 3-1.



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