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County Continues Gas Tax Break

Visit from Gov. Hochul's Southern Tier Representative

By Mary A. Crisafulli

DELHI - Delaware County Supervisors elected to cap the county sales tax on motor fuel at \$2 per gallon effective Jun. 1. The savings provision will extend until Mar. 1, 2024.

The decision came after New York State approved a provision in 2022 permitting municipalities to cap sales tax on gas up to \$4 per gallon. The county followed suit and capped the sales tax on gas at \$2 for the remainder of the year. Once the tax cap expired, supervisors expressed interest in extending the savings but were still determining if state permission was needed. It was later determined an additional cap could be approved.

According to Arthur Merrill, Colchester supervisor and county budget director, the decrease in sales tax for the previous provision was estimated at \$600,000. He added that it is difficult to determine how much the county lost due to the cap.



Governor Kathy Hochul's Southern Tier Regional Representative Harris A. Weiss (left) talks with Walton Supervisor Joseph Cetta and Stamford Supervisor John Kosier at the supervisors' meeting on Mar. 8.

Clerk to the Board Penny Bishop said the savings for individuals was estimated at eight cents per gallon in 2022.

In other business, supervisors were visited by Governor Kathy Hochul's Southern Tier Regional Representative, Harris A. Weiss, out of Binghamton. Weiss

introduced himself as the new representative and spoke with supervisors following the meeting.

Hamden Supervisor Wayne Marshfield asked Weiss if he had received the county's resolution calling on the state to continue to pass on the Affordable Care Act (ACA) Enhanced

Federal Medicaid Assistance Percentage (eFMAP) to counties.

Governor Cathy Hochel proposed that the state retain all ACA funding, leaving Delaware County's budget for Medicaid short by approximately \$1 million. NYS Medicaid qualifications were also recently expanded, in-

creasing the number of individuals receiving Medicaid. The resolution notes the state will retain funds to expand Medicaid eligibility benefits further and increase payments to health care providers.

According to Marshfield, if the proposal is passed, the state will effectively add approximately one billion dollars to county budgets statewide.

Bovina Supervisor and chairperson to supervisors Tina Molé said she previously spoke with Weiss about the issue, who informed her there are complaints regarding ACA funding from several counties.

Following the meeting, Walton Supervisor Joseph Cetta requested the Governor's attendance at a veteran's bridge dedication event that will take place during the Department of Defense Innovative Readiness Training Program in July.

In other business: Supervisors appointed

Douglas Elston as director of community mental health services to fill the remainder of Cynthia Heaney's term to end on Dec. 31, 2025 following her retirement.

Modifications to agricultural district six were approved, including 149 acre additions to Hancock and 580 removals, and 147 acre additions to Colchester and eight removals. No modifications were made to Hamden.

Supervisors accepted the Internal Revenue Service standard mileage reimbursement rate effective Apr. 1.

Supervisors approved the Department of Public Works (DPW) Commissioner James Thomas to advertise several annual bids for DPW projects.

The legislative committee held a special meeting following the adjournment of supervisors.

The next Delaware County Board of Supervisors meeting is scheduled Wednesday, Mar. 22, at 1 p.m.

Updates to Delhi Cannon Memorial Park

By Mary A. Crisafulli

DELHI - Delhi trustees approved phase one of the proposed renovations by SUNY Delhi students to the Cannon Memorial Park at the corner of Franklin and Main streets at a regular meeting on Mar. 2. The project was approved not to exceed \$3,000. Mayor Sridhar Samudala was absent.

Construction and Technology Professor Sarah Poole presented the student's final concepts, which included two construction phases. Students presented four unique project proposals in February, compiled into one plan based on community and village officials' input.

Phase one includes a

three-tier planter box to be constructed in the park's center. Memorial plaques donated when the park first opened will be salvaged and positioned on the top of blue stone planter walls. The center planter box will sit 20 feet high, sandwiched between two shorter planter boxes at eight feet tall. A pathway constructed of blue stone will be placed along the perimeter of the planter box.

Additional seating will be established along one end of the park, creating a barrier to the adjoining property. The seating will also be constructed of blue stone.

Phase one was estimated at \$2,371, assuming the blue stone is salvaged, do-

nated, and reused. Poole has already donated a significant amount of blue stone to the project.

Trustees also approved the purchase and installation of two park benches, which can be converted into tables when needed. The undertaking is estimated at \$707.

Phase two, which was not approved, consists of walkway replacement and installation of lighting fixtures. Trustees will continue to discuss options for phase two.

Poole also presented trustees with a catalog of items that students could purchase, construct, and place in the park, including a little free library, picnic benches, and planter boxes.

es.

A proposal for a water fountain with a dog fountain attached was also discussed. Trustee Jeffery Gearhart explained that bringing a water connection to the park could be a large undertaking and require significant planning and discussion.

In other business: Trustee Jeremy Fitch will discuss the possibility of lowering the speed limit on Elm Street at the next police committee meeting.

The operation and maintenance sewer budget was approved at \$1,310,402 to be sent to the New York City Department of Environmental Protection for approval.

The water and street de-

partment was approved to purchase a caterpillar loader for \$84,000.

The Greater Delhi Chamber of Commerce's request to hold the annual Delhi Bridge Run on June 3 from 7 a.m. until 12 p.m. was approved.

A grant from the A. Lindsay and Olive B. O'Connor Foundation for \$5,000 was accepted for equipment purchase and salary for the 2023 summer little league program.

James Smart was appointed as a planning board member with a term to expire in 2027.

Michael Tweed and Belinda Watts were appointed to the zoning board of appeals for one year.

The police department answered 137 incidents,

made 42 arrests or citations and drove 4,884 miles in January.

The village clerk received three petitions for the office of mayor, including Daniel Ayres, Jeffery Gearhart, and Jessica Raber. Two petitions were received for trustee positions, including Ian Lamont and Janet Tweed. Elections will be held on Mar. 21 from noon until 9 p.m.

A public hearing was scheduled for the proposed budget at 6 p.m. on Apr. 6, with a public hearing to override the tax cap to follow.

An organizational meeting is scheduled for Apr. 3 at 5:30 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled trustee meeting is scheduled Thursday, Apr. 6, at 5:30 p.m.

Get Ready To Spring Forward

By Liz Page

Spring hasn't quite arrived on the calendar, but the sap has been running for a while and now it's time to spring ahead. Daylight saving time begins this Sunday, March 12 at 2 a.m. when we turn the clocks ahead one hour to get the most out of the amount of daylight. Maybe by the time Spring, the vernal equinox, arrives on March 20 at 5:24 p.m., our bodies will have adjusted to the change. Sunrise will be at 6 a.m. instead of 5

a.m. and we will not longer arrive home from work in the dark. You are going to lose a precious hour of sleep, however.

People look forward to spring because we do begin to notice the longer days and the warmer angle of the sun. Most people like the move forward to get as much daylight as possible.

The amount of daylight increases, through to the summer solstice when the amount of daylight and darkness is just about equal before it lessens

again and we abandon daylight savings again in November.

The biggest problem with changing time is the adjustment our internal clocks must make. Falling behind is okay because you get an extra hour. It's a little easier to adjust our sleep. However, moving ahead an hour in the spring is more difficult as we simply lose that hour.

As winter hangs on, which is what the groundhog predicted, the days are getting longer

and sooner or later, spring will hit Mother Nature's calendar as well and the snow and cold will give way to the green grass and warmer days.

Don't forget to spring forward this Sunday.

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Flooring Installation Issues Continue DPW Facility Main St. Delhi Retention Concerns Discussed

By Mary A. Crisafulli
DELHI - Final phases of construction of the new Department of Public Works and Planning Department administrative building on Main Street, Delhi, continue to be delayed due to flooring. Delaware County Shared Services Committee members discussed the concern at a meeting on Mar. 6.

Fiber wires must be placed between the floors and can only be done once the contractor completes the flooring, reported IT Director Joe deMauro. Before relocating staff, the fire alarm system and elevators must be tested, which can only be completed once the fiber is placed.

The issue was discussed at a meeting on Feb. 6, where it was understood by committee members the contractor would complete the flooring the following week.

According to deMauro, this is a common occurrence with major contracting projects. "Delay, delay, delay, we ran into this with the department of mental health building (in Walton) too," he said. It is essential to wait for the flooring and racks to be placed before installing any IT equipment since the equipment is prone to issues if not installed properly, deMauro explained.

Committee Chairperson and Kortright Supervisor George Haynes will follow up on the issue.

In another discussion, deMauro reported con-

cerns regarding staff retention. He said several IT employees have been well-trained and gained enough experience at the county to position them well for higher-paying jobs elsewhere. He said the state has advertised for fully remote IT positions, which could be appealing to our employees. The last time the department worked on hiring, they did not receive any applications for over a year, he reported. DeMauro is working with Personnel Officer Carrara Knoetgen on a retention plan which could include salary ad-

justments.

The IT department's next big project is moving the emergency services, public safety, and mental health departments to cloud-based technology. "Depending on how smooth the transition is, it could be complete by next winter," said deMauro. He added that staff would experience a three-hour window when files can not be accessed but will be informed before the downtime.

The following shared services committee meeting is scheduled Monday, Apr. 3, at 1 p.m.

Weighted Votes to Be Recalculated

By Mary A. Crisafulli

DELHI - Delaware County Attorney Amy Merklen reported the weighted votes for county supervisors would be recalculated at a legislative committee meeting on Mar. 5.

The Research Foundation for State University of New York was hired to determine the recalculations. According to Merklen, several counties in New York have used the foundation for recalculations. It is a complicated process, and an outside company is required, she added. Weighted votes are determined using the United States Census Bureau population data, which is collected every ten years.

The most recent census was collected in 2020, and records were released in March 2022.

Bovina Supervisor and chairperson to supervisors Tina Molé asked if supervisors were required to accept the recalculations once complete.

Merklen strongly advised that supervisors accept the new weighted votes. "It is being done in a way that will allow for equal participation (for all supervisors)," she explained.

The recalculations are expected to be completed before the end of 2023.

In other business:

The elections office is seeking quotes for replacement voting machines and software. Initial estimates are around \$633,000. According to Republican Elections Commissioner Maria Kelso, the machines will be obsolete by the end of 2023 but will work through this year's election cycle.

Kelso also announced successful reporting on all grant awards to date for the elections department.

The committee entered an executive session to discuss litigation, with no decisions made following.

The next legislative committee meeting is scheduled for Apr. 5 at 11 a.m.

Stamford Man Arrested for Driving with Suspended License

Stamford - Today, Sheriff Craig S. DuMond announced the arrest of Stamford resident for



Estella E. Wynkoop 89 of Saugerties, NY Formerly of West Harpersfield, NY passed away peacefully pm February 27, 2023 at Ten Broeck Commons Lake Katrine, NY.

Born November 11, 1933, the daughter of the late Harold and Virginia (Harris) Austin.

She was employed for many years as a cook, retiring from Robinson Terrace in Stamford, NY. She

Obituaries Estella E. Wynkoop

later moved back to Saugerties where she worked as a bus aide for Lezette Express for many years before again retiring.

Estella was predeceased by her husband George Wynkoop whom she married on February 23, 1963.

She is survived by four sons: Alton "Butch" and Diana German of Saugerties, Harold "Corky" and Colleen German of Titusville, FL, Randall and Billie Jo German of Saugerties, and George and Sandy Wynkoop of Saugerties; three daughters: Bette Ann (German) Park and Richard Babiaz of Rochester, Zannah (German) and Steve Wood of Delaware and Mary (Wynkoop) Haas of Saugerties; two brothers: Robert and Elaine Austin

of Sherburne and James and Delores Austin of Hobart; a sister: Linda (Austin) and Scott Allen of Wimauma FL; 15 grandchildren; 16 great grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Besides her husband, Estella was predeceased by 5 sisters and 3 brothers: Shirley, June, Gloria, Kay, Gina, Harold, William and Richard.

Graveside services and a celebration of Estella's life will be held in the spring.

In lieu of flowers contributions in memory of Estella may be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital (www.stjude.org)

Please visit www.macarthurfh.com to share a condolence with Estella family.

Hamden to Get New Businesses

By Mary A. Crisafulli

DELHI - Delaware County Planning Board members approved two site plan reviews for prospecting businesses in Hamden at a meeting on Mar. 1.

Owners of Meat & Flowers on New York State Route 10, Hamden purchased another Main Street building known locally as "The Doll House," said Planning Department Director Shelly Johnson-Bennett. The plan is to develop the first floor into a day spa while the second level will be reserved for two short-term rentals. Parking in the rear of the building will be reserved for the rental units, while the day spa will require the use of Main Street parking.

Johnson-Bennett explained that the structure was previously used as a multi-housing facility and will now be sighted for commercial use, which is why it requires a site plan review. Hamden does not have zoning regulations, she continued.

While committee members supported a new business venture in the town, many questioned the definition of a short-term rental. According to Johnson-Bennett, there is no official definition of these rentals. They typically do not require a lease agreement and are between one to 60-day

rentals. Individuals are not permitted to receive mail at short-term rentals. The state is working on developing clear standards, she added.

Board members also approved a site plan review for a commercial kitchen in Hamden. The structure, also on Hamden's Main Street, has been vacant for over 20 years, said Johnson-Bennett. Owners of Ty's Taco-ria, a food truck business, plan to renovate the interior to support a processing kitchen for preparing foods. The parking lot adjacent to the structure will store the two food trucks when out of service. According to Johnson-Bennett, the town board is supportive of the proposal.

Board members also approved a subdivision on County Route 26 in Colchester. Approximately two acres will be subdivided from a 130-plus acre parcel. The subdivided lot already has a driveway, dwelling, and septic and water hookups.

In other business: Andes Central School District was made the lead agency for the stream corridor restoration and capital improvement projects along Little Brook on the school property. The repair will include rebuilding and securing stream bank walls and

require the school tennis courts to be relocated.

The county will receive state Climate Smart Communities points for advertising a training event on Mar. 9 at 6 p.m. at Bushel, 106 Main Street, Delhi. The event will feature a presentation on clean heating and cooling technologies, including information on heat pumps. Tickets are available at tinyurl.com/heatsmart-delhi.

Board members were officially informed of a transition in ownership of the gas storage tanks on County Route 10 from Dubbins to Ferrellgas Propane. No action was needed.

Johnson-Bennett secured a \$300,000 grant for the county community comprehensive plan development. Funds will be used to hire a consultant company for the project.

Johnson-Bennett is working to secure grant funding for installing a weather station on the new Department of Public Works and Planning Department building on Main Street, Delhi. The station would automatically update the national weather service every 15 minutes to provide more accurate forecasting in the area, said Johnson-Bennett.

The next planning board meeting is scheduled Wednesday, Apr. 5, at 7 p.m.

Pistol League Scores

Team and High Individual Match Scores 03/03/2023 Match XIX:

Stamford defeats Rockdale: 1134-25X to 1028-15X

High Scorers for Stamford were: Gus Mueller 288-8X; Jim Hitt 284 -8X; Carl Tubbs 283-6X; and John D. Wyckoff 279-3X

Other Stamford scores were from: Larry VanDeusen, Cliff Chrisman, Jan Hornbach, Brian Righi, Maynard Vance, Mark Gifford, and Bill DeSilva

Top Shooters for Rockdale were: Pat Hawkins 268-6X; Steve Ingalls 256-3X; Dave Dewey 253-4X; and Joe Ocasio 251-2X

Also Shooting for Rockdale was: Ed Heath
Walton defeated Oneonta: 1073-10X to 1021-9X
Delhi defeated Sidney: 1041-14X to 969-7X

Win/Loss Record:

Stamford	18-1
Walton:	15-3
Oneonta:	8-11
Rockdale:	5-13
Sidney:	5-14
Delhi:	5-14

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driver of the vehicle as 35-year-old, Derik Stoesser, of Stamford, NY. A check of Stoesser's New York State driver license determined that his driving privileges in New York State had been revoked.

Stoesser was subsequently arrested and charged with Aggravated Unlicensed Operation in the Third Degree, a Un-classified Misdemeanor of the Vehicle and Traffic Law. Stoesser was also issued uniformed traffic tickets for failure to use proper turn signal unlicensed operator of a motor vehicle, both violations of the New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law.

Stoesser was released on the Uniformed Traffic Tickets and is to appear in the Town of Stamford Court at a later date to answer the said charges.

CWC Hits \$100 Million in Loan Disbursements

ARKVILLE - On February 17, the Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) closed on a loan with Ladew Corners LLC to open an Inn and Tavern in Ulster County. The loan marked the 100 millionth dollar funded through the Catskill Fund for the Future (CFF) loan program to businesses in watershed towns.

The CWC Board approved funding to Ladew Corners LLC at 1564 Wittenberg Road in Mount Tremper in August, 2022. Ladew Corners purchased the 2.9 acre parcel for \$525,000 in April 2019. Ladew Corners is a multi-member LLC owned and operated by William Clark, Jeff Clark and John O'Callaghan. The establishment known as Four Corners Country Inn, formerly known as La Duchesse Anne, on the corner of Route 212 and Wittenberg Road in Mount Tremper was built in the 1850's.

The owners of Ladew Corners plan to transform the neglected structure and property into a ten-room inn, Howland House Catskills LLC, and a tavern and restaurant called Oliver's. The ten rooms will vary in size and replicate farmhouse décor with a mix of antique and modern furnishings. The Tavern (Oliver's) will be able to seat

roughly 50 people and adjacent to Oliver's is a lounge which will be open to the public during restaurant hours. Oliver's plans to be open 7 days a week for lunch and dinner.

CWC's loan program has seen a resurgence of activity after a multiple year slowdown during COVID. The Catskill Fund for the Future was initially capitalized in 1997, by a \$59.7 million appropriation by New York City as part of the historic 1997 MOA. The fund is wholly managed by CWC, and all loans are serviced internally by CWC staff.

In the 25 years of operation, the CWC has approved 357 loans to local businesses throughout the West of Hudson Watershed. The loans have assisted a variety of business types over the years, including loans to several hospitals with CWC's dedicated Hospital Health Care Loan Fund of roughly \$5 million. This program was created in 2002 to help health care facilities continue to operate within the Watershed. Loans assisted with inventory and receivables, machinery and equipment, real estate and site improvements and leasehold improvements. CWC has also assisted numerous restaurants, hotels, wedding venues, and retail establishments.

CWC works hard establishing relationships with borrowers. This is evidenced by how many repeat borrowers CWC works with. In addition to refinancing activities, many repeat borrowers return to CWC with additional loan applications for expansion purposes, property improvements, new equipment, or entirely new projects. A few long-term repeat businesses that have been successful working with CWC are; Heart of the Catskills Communications, Inc. (MTC Cable), Masserson Properties, Inc. (The Roxbury), Walton Big M grocery store and Catskill Revitalization Corporation, Inc., in Delaware County, Creative Environments LLC (Full Moon Resort) in Ulster County and Windham Ventures (Windham Movie Theater) and Drew and Natasha Shuster (Catskill Mountain Country Store) in Greene County.

All applicants to CWC are required to provide a business plan as part of their application. CWC partially funds and works closely with the Mid-Hudson Small Business Development Center (SBDC) to provide business assistance to many potential applicants and current borrowers. CWC has been supporting these efforts since 2001. Last year, the SBDC provided 1,719 hours of

counseling to 121 watershed clients at no charge to the businesses.

In addition to low interest loans, CWC's Catskill Fund for the Future also assists communities in a number of other ways. Municipalities are eligible to apply to CWC for Bond Anticipation Notes and in times of need, CWC has provided millions of dollars in grant funding to businesses over the last two and a half decades. In 2011 when Tropical Storm Irene hit the local communities, CWC provided \$2,710,435 to the affected Towns to disperse to businesses who were impacted by the flooding. Within 13 Towns that were in the path of the hurricane, there were 185 businesses who received the grant funds from CWC to help them fix the damages that occurred. Overall, CWC has distributed just shy of \$15 million in grants to business since 1997.

CWC's Economic Development Director, Barbara Puglisi has managed the Economic Development Program since 2011. During that time Barbara led the program through the aftermath of Tropical Storm Irene and the COVID Pandemic. She has assisted well over

100 businesses during her tenure as Director. Speaking on the milestone loan, Barbara said "It has been both a pleasure and an honor to work with the business community in the Watershed. Over the last 25 years working at CWC I have built strong relationships with many regional business owners. They know if something comes up and they have a question or need assistance, they can call me and I will know who they are and do what I can do to help. The best part of this job is seeing the excitement in these entrepreneurs as they tell me about their plans for their business and learning from their vast knowledge. I have learned how to brew beer, distill alcohol, run camps, motels, hotels and restaurants, manufacture metal roofing and metal fabrication, knives, wind chimes and phones, you name it, we have it all here in the Catskills."

CWC Executive Director, Jason Merwin says he is proud of the work CWC has done over the last 25 years. "This is a major milestone", he says. "CWC works tirelessly to assist residents, businesses, and communities throughout the Watershed

every day. Our staff is dedicated to helping everyone in the Watershed and our loan program is a great example of that. I came up through CWC working in the Economic Development Department. It is near and dear to my heart, and I couldn't be prouder of our efforts in terms of economic development. There is a belief that living and working in the Watershed is overly burdensome and expensive due to DEP and regulations. CWC exists to help offset those burdens. I believe we have been successful on many fronts in offsetting those costs and concerns for those we have worked with. I recommend anyone not aware of what CWC offers to check out our website or reach out for additional information. We are here to help."

The CWC is a locally based and locally staffed non-profit Local Development Corporation responsible for several environmental protection, economic development, and education programs in the New York City Watershed West of the Hudson River. For more information visit cwconline.org.

Opioid Settlement Funds to be Used to Decrease DWI Arrests

By Mary A. Crisafulli
DELHI - Delaware County Sheriff Craig DuMond reported the committee tasked with allocating opioid settlement funding has discussed using a portion of funds for Stop DWI (driving while intoxicated) services.

The county received approximately \$51,131 in the state's opioid settlement and is expected to receive additional funding annually for the next 16 years. Funds are being distributed through the county Department of Mental Health.

New York Attorney General Letitia James filed a lawsuit against various opioid manufacturers and distributors and their role in exacerbating the opioid epidemic in 2019. Organizations listed include Purdue Pharma and owners the Sackler family, Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Mallinckrodt LLC, Endo Health Solutions, Teva Pharmaceuticals USA, inc., Allergan Finance LLC, McKesson Corporation, Cardinal Health Inc., Amerisource Bergen Drug Corporation, and Rochester Drug Cooperative Inc. Also included were any affiliates of manufacturers. DuMond said that approximately 60% of 911

calls the department handles are related to DWI traffic accidents and arrests. "We would like to catch those individuals prior to them getting in an accident." The committee will continue to discuss options for allocating funds.

Probation Director Scott Glueckert said, placing patrol units on "crackdown" dates, including St. Patrick's Day, Fourth of July, and others, help reduce DWI accidents. A \$10,000 grant was secured to organize local police departments for additional patrols on those days through 2023, he said.

Another use for opioid settlement funds discussed is education in schools regarding the dangers of DWI, said DuMond. "The earlier we can get kids' attention and change their minds on this stuff (drugs) the better."

Glueckert also reported an increase in breathalyzer refusals during DWI stops. If an individual refuses, state funding is used to secure a blood test from a local hos-

pital, he said. About half of DWI stops lead to refusals, he reported. If an individual refuses and the blood test is positive, they will automatically lose their license for one year rather than the typical six months.

In other business: The county ambulance service answered 131 calls in February, with 87 of the calls making patient contact. The average response time has been reduced from 20 minutes to 16 minutes.

The IT department is working with probation to make improvements to the website. Updates will include access to forms for justices and payment options for individuals on parole.

Meetings are ongoing to discuss emergency radio coverage concerns in Trout Creek, reported Emergency Services Director Steve Hood.

The next public safety committee meeting is scheduled Monday, Apr. 3, at 11:30 a.m.

Rams Repeat as Sectional Basketball Champs, Advance in State Playoffs

DELHI - Earning back to back sectional championships isn't an easy fete, but the South Kortright Rams had just enough Saturday to hold on to victory as Southern Cayuga pulled back from a double digit deficit and had opportunities in the late going to put the fear into the SK fans. SK won it 72-70, avenging their loss to Southern Cayuga on penalty kicks in the sectional soccer championship.

It got them closer to the goal of returning to the state final four, and perhaps, a state title.

The Rams fans were back

in action on Tuesday as they traveled downstate to Yorktown High School, with a fire truck escort out of town where they handily eliminated Section I champion Greenburgh-North Castle. It was the same team they defeated in last year's playoff as well, to advance to a regional playoff at the Binghamton Arena this Saturday. Get ready for another parade.

The Rams are working with nearly the same squad as last year when they made the trip to the state final four. As repeat sectional champions, they are hoping

to make the return to the final four, with Saturday's regional game the next step to that end.

In Saturday's sectional championship, the Rams led from the beginning, going out to a nine-point lead midway through the first quarter. The two teams traded baskets over the remainder of the quarter, with SK finishing with that nine-point lead. A bunch of points came

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Letters to the Editor

Tuition Debt

Why should you or I be forced to pay for someone else's bad decisions? You go to a school of your choice and pursue the (possibly worthless) major that you want with full knowledge of the costs and the repayment schedule for what you borrow and now you think repaying the loan is unfair. If memory serves me correctly, tuition gets billed at the beginning of each semester therefore, a typical tuition loan would have had to be extended at least 8 times. If you knew this and you also knew that the job you were going to get when you graduated would suck and there was no chance of paying back the loan, why keep compounding the bad choice. This sort of makes you think of pigs being led to the slaughter. The difference, of course, is that pigs, being very smart animals, would remove themselves from an obviously bad situation at the first opportunity but since they are locked in a chute, they have no choice. One would think that college students (and their parents), not having a gun to their heads and having the choice of bailing out on a bad deal, would be smarter than pigs. Just like buying a car or a house, when you sign on the bottom line of a promissory note, you are confirming that you have a clear understanding of the terms and conditions and that you have an obligation to repay the loan. Now, back to the parents. You have to wonder what kind of parents these students had, didn't they teach right from wrong and that when you take on a financial commitment you are obligated to see it through to the end? Were they blind, didn't they know what was going on?

Nobody is denying that the cost of an education has increased dramatically without any justification. The high demand schools have limited capacity on the one hand and the students competing to get admitted have the ability to borrow unlimited funds therefore, they can get away with charging whatever they want. Why should it surprise anyone that a school that pays a football coach \$5,000,000, or more, per year is going to charge over \$50,000 per year for tuition. Then there are professorships and "chairs" getting 6 figure paychecks. On top of this you have foreign students with deep pockets driving up the price even more. This is simple supply and demand, there are a limited number of high demand schools and a lot of students competing to get in. The sad part of this whole mess is politicians that see millions of people saddled with debt and they use this as an opportunity to make unrealistic expectations and

unrealistic promises. The money to pay for any loan forgiveness can come from only one of two places, print money (increase the national debt) or raise taxes. What about the people who already paid for their education out of pocket, or worse yet didn't go to college because they couldn't afford it? There is nothing fair about this at all, it will only cause resentment. Unless the institutions of higher learning wake up and take responsibility, in 10 or 20 years look for an instant replay.

Ted Werner
Fulton

Re: Gildemeister Report

Thank you for your exhaustive but balanced investigative report on Dr Gildemeister. You constantly surprise with the level of journalism your little newspaper is able to provide.

Firstly, concerning the complaints from subordinates ..I note that these complaints peaked in the early then middling years of Gildemeister's tenure. This indicates to me she inherited an incompetent staff rife with nepotism, cronyism, and political patronage (a bureaucratic tradition.) Also I guarantee you there is not one large entity in this county from Walmart to the Mountain Eagle itself where there is not office politics, resentment, accusations of favoritism or strife between coworkers and/or management. If you want a workplace without conflict become a beekeeper.

She replaced staff as best she could with an inability to attract qualified administrative staff with a low salary start and little chance of advancement. It didn't help the jobs were in a very rural isolated county known for an anti-business bias. But Ms. Gildemeister soldiered on and as Donald Rumsfeld once said "You go to war with the army you have not the army you wish you had" She did the best job she could during the pandemic even as she had to contend with (1) A completely confused inept national response from the Trump administration (2) A disinformation campaign from FOX LIES (fox news) (3) Constantly changing regulations from both state and federal agencies (4) Local politicians privately supporting the mask and distancing mandates while publicly decrying them to appease local partisan thugs (5) Monthly rising death tolls, fear, misplaced anger, and the exhaustion of herself and staff.

If the Schoharie County Board of Supervisors wishes to ferret out incompetence and pursue complaints of

employees... How strange they only seem to have uncovered them ONLY against Dr Gildemeister?

Surely, we can now expect an equally microscopic examination of EVERY department under their purview? We can expect an exhaustive review of expense records? Hirings? Complaints by former employees of even agencies headed by currently registered Republicans?

I can't wait to read about all they have uncovered...Monies they've recovered...And confidence they've restored..

Michael Bowes
Howes Cave

The News About Colorectal Cancer Screening

March is Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month, and many of us will remember recent news of those who have died from this disease, including actors Chadwick Boseman and Kirstie Alley, and soccer great, Pelé. But the Cancer Services Program (CSP) of the Central Region wants to remind you of different news about colorectal cancer: getting screened can help you survive this disease or even prevent it.

Colorectal screening tests can alert health care providers that precancerous growths, called polyps, may be forming. These polyps can be removed before they turn into cancer. Regular screening for colorectal cancer can help find it early when it may be easier to treat. Colorectal cancer has a 91% survival rate when found early.

Screening for colorectal cancer begins at age 45. If you are age 45 or older, talk to your health care provider about getting screened. If you do not have a health care provider or health insurance, the CSP is ready to help. We offer free colorectal cancer screening to uninsured people ages 45 and older and can connect you to a health care provider if needed.

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Public Education/Community Outreach Specialist
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Gildemeister Report

Congratulations to Matthew Avitabile on the Gildemeister Report. We need more investigative reporting like that. Living in the Town of Fulton for 43 years we have seen the results of government that has agendas not necessarily for the good of the town. Keep up the good work.

Al & Joyce Hodder
Fulton

Mountaintop Being Destroyed

Truly greed is running rampant quickly destroying this beautiful mountaintop. I guess all those ugly townhouses in Windham were board approved even though the community was against it just like the drug and alcohol rehab center in Lexington. The community did not want it it did not go through and low and behold it was quickly approved and built. Amazing the power of five.

Pretty soon it be wall-to-wall housing and wildlife will be destroyed for business. They say it is for the community. They are full of IT. It is for THEM and visitors alone. Again do not raise our taxes for them. They devour...We love our nature. Birds are fading away..there has been an out-and-out assault on wildlife and nature.

Our serenity is being taken away. And by the way, your solar concept is so full of lies. It will work against nature and believe me the only people that will make out on this is the ones with the sales pitch. I spoke to one and answers were so evasive I could smell the stench of deceit. maybe we should all protest against board members making final decisions for a community. There is mass destruction going on if you do not protest it will be over. Now they plan to kill more deer..Kill kill kill. Lower the speed limit I sayThey say no and so we need to go to a higher government. Look at the discomfort AirBnB has caused. They approved it. We booked it. Time to March in protest to save this mountain.

Lucy Zorzi Veneski
Lexington

Re: The Gildemeister Report

I am writing in response to your paper's expansive piece, "The Gildemeister Report", in last week's paper. The article was thorough, well-researched, and balanced, and provided varied viewpoints from politicians, businesspeople, and past and present Health Department employees, the totality of whose opinions were unexplored by other area publications.

By any measure, Schoharie County was spared the worst of the pandemic. According to statewide data compiled by the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle, out of just under 30,000 county residents, and 6,547 reported cases (remembering also, that many people tested positive twice) forty-three deaths occurred. These unfortunate deaths amount to 0.14% of the county population, and 0.66% of all cases. Was "good health policy" to credit for this? Probably not: according to the same data source, only 57% of the county's residents were "fully vaccinated". How, then, were such favorable results possible? Schoharie County is a rural and sparsely populated county where "social

distancing" was already commonplace outside of Sundays at church. Vulnerable populations – particularly the elderly – sought vaccinations as they felt necessary, avoided crowds, and were protected by friends and family. People stayed home if they felt ill. In short, people exercised good sense and worked with their neighbors for mutually acceptable, voluntary outcomes. As rural people do, we handled ourselves.

As an environmental science degree holder, Dr. Gildemeister may have known septic systems, but knew little of public health, much less virology. Under her reign, "good health policy" was defined not by science, but by fear and tyranny; a solution looking for a problem. By most accounts, Dr. Gildemeister was easy to work with – as long as one toed the line and didn't present viewpoints that opposed hers. Small businesses like the Sunoco convenience store in Middleburgh were publicly shamed and fined thousands of dollars for their inability to enforce Dr. Gildemeister's mask mandates. Other businesses, like New Slate Fitness in Schoharie, were hamstrung by "changing guidance" and were kept from reopening by the Director's bad science, personal animus, and rejection of personal choice.

Dr. Gildemeister's actions flagrantly violated the US Constitution on more than one occasion. She cost county taxpayers \$90,000 when a Federal court ruled that

her actions violated the rights of the religiously-affiliated Oorah summer camp. Posts on the county Health Department's Facebook page fomented fear and guilt, while the moderator – allegedly Dr. Gildemeister herself – routinely deleted or hid comments with opposing points of view, then prevented public comment altogether on County DOH posts. Her actions violated the federal Court of Appeals Fourth Circuit ruling in Davison v. Randall, further exposing county taxpayers to paying for costly civil rights litigation that would undoubtedly favor the plaintiffs.

Self-important, and unqualified bureaucrats like Dr. Gildemeister came to characterize the urban pandemic response by rejecting personal choice and by unilaterally revoking individual liberties. Through their non-enforcement resolution in December 2021, and their subsequent defunding of Dr. Gildemeister's position a year later, the Board of Supervisors rightly rejected tyranny. But you needn't shed a tear for poor Dr. Amy; her like-minded coven in Albany has provided her a golden parachute under which she will live out the remainder of her working days as all petty tyrants do: at the expense of all the state's taxpayers and against the will of otherwise free people.

Sincerely,

Cody Anderson
Middleburgh

Basketball, Continued from A3

from the breakaway play, which the Chiefs finally managed to staunch.

Midway through the second quarter SK had stretched the lead to 13 points, but the Chiefs wouldn't go away, holding the SK lead to nine points at the half as they had a good run late in the quarter.

The tide did change in the second half as Southern Cayuga narrowed SK's lead to five points. They continued to attempt to close gap, but a three-pointer late in the quarter gave the Rams an eight-point lead moving into the final period 55-47.

Midway through the final quarter, SK was still holding a six-point lead, but the Chiefs were forced to foul for repossession and were able to narrow it to four points with a minute and a half remaining and to two points with less than one minute to go, as SK missed a layup and ensuing foul shots.

Southern Cayuga had a last possession, but did not sink the layup that would have tied the game and the Rams won it 72-70.

Connor Quarino again led the charge for the Rams, scoring 26 points and teammate Troy Dianich stepped in to post 23 points, while Trent Cole added another 13 points in double figures. Southern Cayuga was led

by Isaac Brogan's 26 points and Brandon Vanacore's 24 points.

The win advanced the Rams to a contest against Section I Champion Greenburgh-North Castle on Tuesday.

In that game, Quarino poured in 37 points and got the squad on its game. The Rams had a six-point lead midway through the opening quarter and led 14-11 by the end of the quarter. The lead was stretched to double digits before the midway point of the second quarter and they were up by 15 points at the half.

Josh Anderson scored 25 points to help the win and Cole chimed in another nine points. Quarino and Anderson scored seven three pointers between, some coming at key points to increase the lead.

The two teams matched baskets over the third quarter before SK sealed the win, outscoring Greenburgh-North Castle 23-13 over the final period.

Now the Rams will face another familiar opponent, Chapel Field, who they defeated 68-52 in the regional playoff last year. Game time is set for 1:45 p.m. at Visions Veterans Memorial Arena in Binghamton.

More info and pics in the D section.

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Middleburgh Village to Remove "Offending" Sign in Historic Cemetery Mayor: Current Sign "Racist, Outdated, and Offensive"

By David Avitabile
MIDDLEBURGH - A year after agreeing to put up a new sign for the old "Colored" cemetery across from the upper cemetery, Middleburgh officials agreed Monday night to take down the "racist, outdated, and offensive" sign. Mayor Trish Bergan made the motion to take down the offending sign Monday night. Village officials will look for an old sign to put up while the wording on a new sign is finalized. Last March, it was agreed to replace the current sign. A committee is still working on

the wording and is seeking input from African-American groups to come up with proper wording. The cemetery, which also holds paupers, is located across the small road from the historic upper section of the village-owned Middleburgh cemetery. The upper cemetery was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2001. The cemetery above the upper section is maintained by Wes Laraway's Schoharie County History class. It is not known exactly how many people are interred in the "Colored" cemetery. Many of the graves are unmarked and

others are only marked with stone slabs. Some African-American Civil War veterans are buried in the cemetery. Trustee Tim Knight reported Monday that radar was used to locate the graves in the cemetery. Last year, Trustee Knight said there was a plaque in the cemetery but a new one was needed. He said that Raema Rotindo, the owner of Rockerbox Spice Co., and a part-time employee of Green Wolf Brewery Co. on Main Street recommended the project. The village board last year established a committee to look at the wording and placement

of the new plaque. The members of the committee are: village Trustee Robert Tinker, DPW Superintendent Nicholas Dunscombe, Village Historian Steve LaMont, Town Supervisor Wes Laraway, and Ms. Rotindo. It was time to take down the offending sign, Mayor Bergan said Monday. It is better to have no sign, she added, than the current offending sign. If no temporary sign is found, there will be none until the new one is ready. The cemetery became severely overgrown due to neglect and was

cleared by inmates from the former Camp Summit facility and by MCS students in the early 1990s. Mr. Laraway and his classes then took over the maintenance with twice a year cleanings in the spring and fall starting in the 1990s. The Schoharie County History Class still maintains it every spring, Mr. Laraway said. The village mows and maintains it the rest of the time. "It is often called the 'Negro Cemetery' by some but from most that I have talked with about it, 'Colored Cemetery' is more politically correct since there may have

been Hispanics and other minorities buried there as well," Mr. Laraway said last year. "There are 75 to 100 people buried there. There are only several formal stones left, and around a dozen small field stones. My class was the first to start clearing it out over 20 years ago. It was rededicated about 15 years ago, with a formal stone near the front." A plaque on the stone reads, "We can not change the mistakes of the past but we can make right by them today." That was Mr. Laraway's quote to his class when working there.

Meetings to Stay at M'burgh Village Hall--For Now Split Board Agrees Not to Move Meetings, Looking into New Lift

By David Avitabile
MIDDLEBURGH - Middleburgh village board members agreed not to move their meetings temporarily to a handicap accessible location by a count of 3-2 Monday night. The vote came a month after resident David Jeremenko presented a letter to the board requesting a move from the historic village hall on Main Street to an ADA handicap accessible

location. Mr. Jeremenko did not attend Monday's meeting. Village officials are looking into two quotes for a handicap lift for the hall, but it will be "a while" before that life would be put in place, said Mayor Trish Bergan. Agreeing to keep the meetings at the village hall were Trustees Tim Knight, Sheryl Adams, and Bob Tinker. Voting to move the meetings to another location, at

least temporarily were Mayor Bergan and Trustee Amanda Fernandez. The village has received two quotes for the lift, \$12,925 from Northeast Mobility Center and \$11,940 from National Seating Mobility. Mayor Bergan noted that those costs are just for the lift, not for engineering or other related work in installing the lift. "That's another animal," she said of the total cost. The village has about \$50,000 in savings for the project. The village's engineers, Delaware Engineering wants to know the direction of the board, the Mayor said. One more bid is re-

quired for the work. The quotes include installation but do not include breaking through the wall and window on the side of the village hall so people can enter the 142-year-old building. Since the cost is more than \$10,000, the village needs to get at least two more bids on the project. An engineering design is also needed. The plan is to have the lift installed on the south side of the building (the side closest to Stewart's) with an entrance made through the current location of the window by the front of the building. While the installation

work is being done in the future, the village office will have to be moved. One possible place could be the railroad depot on the corner of Wells and Maple avenues. The building is handicap accessible but, thus far, does not have a bathroom or secure place to store records, said clerk Melanie Laraway. Last month, Mr. Jeremenko claimed to know at least two residents who would have attended the meeting if it was handicap accessible. He noted that there are 267 active unexpired handicap tags in the village and town of Middleburgh. "The village hall is not

ADA compliant," he wrote in his letter. "Handicap accessibility is a civil right given to all handicap persons to help them with the obstacles they face every day, and they should not be questioned on their disabilities or limitations." "This request is being made in the interest of all handicap residents and visitors to Middleburgh to be treated within accordance with the American Disabilities Act of 1990. I am requesting again for this board to move all future public meetings to a temporary location that is ADA accessible until this village hall is compliant."

Valley Briefs

2023 Village Of Middleburgh Meeting Schedule

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

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

Rotary to host Brooks Chicken BBQ in M'burgh on March 18

MIDDLEBURGH - The Middleburgh Rotary is hosting a Brooks chicken barbecue on March 18. The dinner includes a half chicken, a baked potato, coleslaw, roll and butter, dessert, and a drink for \$13.50. Sale is only by pre-sale only. Please mail a check to the Middleburgh Rotary, PO Box 1100, Middleburgh, NY, 12122, or buy a ticket in person at Lenny's Tire, Middleburgh Hardware, National Bank of Cossackie, Middleburgh Pharmacy, or Middleburgh Mercantile. Pick up is from 2 to 4pm at the Community Center, the MEVAC bay, on Cotton Hill Road.

Corned Beef Dinner to Benefit Special Olympics

MIDDLEBURGH - Drive by and pick up a home-made corned beef dinner with cabbage, potatoes, carrots, and, of course, soda bread on Sunday, March 19 at Our Lady of the Valley parking lot on Chestnut Street in Middleburgh. Serving from 3:30 to 6pm. Suggested donation \$15. Proceeds to benefit our athletes competing in the Special Olympics of the Capital District. Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council 4475.

M'burgh Village to Look into Buying New Truck Officials Find that Prices are Climbing Quickly

By David Avitabile
MIDDLEBURGH - Middleburgh village officials are looking to replace a 15-year-old pickup truck but are finding the same issues that everyone else is: prices are rising very quickly. Officials are still trying to decide on buying a one-ton or one-and-a-half-ton pickup and plow, streets superintendent Nick Dunscombe told village board members Monday night. He has gotten quotes on a new pickup to replace a 2008 and they are about \$90,000, he reported. Just three or four years ago, the price would have been around \$70,000. The lead time out for a new truck is between six and eight months, he noted.

Because of that, the village might be able to push off its first payment to the following year while locking in the current price. Board members Monday agreed to seek numbers on a new truck. Once the village replaces the older pickup, the next oldest vehicle in its fleet is from 2014, Mr. Dunscombe said. The village is currently paying out about \$7,000 per year in bonds. The 2008 pickup has served the village well but is starting to "nickel and dime us to death," Mr. Dunscombe said. After replacing the truck, the village will then need to look at buying some new mowers, which will cost

about \$15,000 each. * * * In other action, board members: * Set a public hearing for their next meeting on Monday, April 3 at 7:15 for a public hearing on the increased sewer debt charge which will amount to about \$50 per quarter. The increase will go into effect in May and last for 38 years. There are currently 223 users in the sewer district. * Agreed to look into NY Class investments which offer a better interest rate than the village is currently

getting. The town, school, and other municipalities are also looking into the change. * Agreed to allow resident Tim Morris to begin research on Emerald Ash bores in the trees at Timothy Murphy Park. * Heard that the kitchen work is almost done. The auxiliary has already prepared its first meal there. There is just an issue with the hood, said Chief Darwyn Gregory. * The Chief also reported that firefighters have battled several structure fires and served as mutual aid for a fire in Huntersland.



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Vote on SCS Mascot to Begin on March 24

Blue Jays, Hawks, Eagles, Storm, Volunteers Among Many Suggestions

By David Avitabile
SCHOHARIE - Voting for the next Schoharie school mascot will begin on March 24 and run through the end of the month.

The public suggestion period for the new mascot ended on February 27 and now the list of names will be sent to a district committee that will decide on four of five finalists, Superintendent David Blanchard said last week.

The new mascot would replace the current Indian mascot which the district has to replace due to an edict from the state Education Department to remove all Native American mascots by the end of the year or face loss of state funding and removal



of school officials.

The committee will be made up of teachers, staff, students, and community members.

The district set up an e-mail to receive suggestions and it was very popular last month.

There were 306 e-mails received with suggestions, Mr. Blanchard said.

"We have 203 different names that were suggested by the school community."

"There were consistent themes that people would like to see. One theme centered around the idea that a mascot should represent a 'fighting spirit. A second theme that comes through is that a mascot should represent the local culture and his-

tory."

He added, "One other theme/issue is that the name should be unique to the Western Athletic Conference and Section 2." When the Mountain Eagle conducted a Facebook survey, many people suggested the Eagles or some variation of it. Duaneburg, a neighboring district and in the same athletic league, is also the Eagles.

"The more popular suggestions seem to be birds," Mr. Blanchard said.

"The Blue Jay, Hawks, and Eagles were suggested frequently. The Storm was also popular as well as the Volunteers.

The committee was to meet on March 7 and has two weeks to determine the finalists. Mr. Blanchard said

The names will then be put out for a vote by the school community.

"We have tested an online platform to conduct the vote and we will set up a paper ballot in the high school where people who do not have computer access can use a paper ballot. The vote will begin on March 24 and will conclude on March 31."

In addition to policing a no mascot rule on

school grounds starting in September, the district will have to remove the imagery from the gym floors (estimated at \$20,000 for the high school gym), remove the cement sign on sign on the front lawn, and re-upholster padded chairs. The entire change will cost about \$100,000, much less than other districts, Mr. Blanchard said. 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.

Coffee Shop/Bakery Ready to Open in M'burgh

By David Avitabile
MIDDLEBURGH

Thanks to the hard work of Patrick and Daria Mattia, a building on Main Street in Middleburgh has a new lease on life and residents and visitors will have a new place to go in the village for coffee and pastries.

After months of work, the Mattias are putting the finishing touches on the Middleburgh Coffee Company and Scarlet Moon Desserts on Main Street in Middleburgh.

A "soft opening" is set for Saturday, March 18 with a country band, Creek Road, playing at noon. A larger opening is scheduled for April when the shop will be fully operational.

The coffee shop will be in the front of the shop with three small tables set up with chairs and two lounge chairs. Regular coffees, espresso, lattes, cappuccinos, and matcha.

Jaden Reed will be the head of the bakery and will be cooking up cookies, croissants (butter, chocolate and other varieties), pies, macarons, and cakes. The bakery will also carry other desserts, breads, and pos-



sibly ice cream. Special orders and custom cakes can also be ordered. The bakery is in the back of the shop.

Once fully operational, the shops will be open from 6am to 2pm Monday through Friday and probably 8am to 3pm on Saturday and Sunday.

The Mattias own a home in Schoharie and the renovation of the brick

building has been a weekend project for about a year.

The Mattias consulted with the historical society to make sure that the new facade looks like what it did "back in the day." Mr. Mattia has put in a lot of time and effort, Ms. Mattia said Tuesday. "It's his project."

After they purchased the building, they had to



basically go down to the brick, she said. The basement has been filled in and the brick exterior has been totally restored. New walls and floors have been installed and the coffee machines and ovens are almost ready for the first customers.

The building previously

housed a woodworking shop and before that, a laundromat.

The Mattias finding Middleburgh was kind of a serendipitous occurrence.

Before the pandemic, Mr. Mattia, who is a vice president of a construction company in Manhattan, was on the lookout

for a second home. As they were upstate looking, they thought they were near Middletown but were actually in Middleburgh. They ate at the High on the Hog, became interested in the area, bought a home in Schoharie, and decided to open the coffee shop/bakery.

Ms. Mattia was a restaurant manager in Ukraine and then New York City. The Mattias also have several friends who own coffee shops in Queens, Brooklyn, and Manhattan.

The Mattias want to help support local businesses and veterans in the area.

Veterans will always receive a discount and they will be selling American flags that were made in the USA.

Her husband's bigger goal is to help "restore the little towns like this and give them the proper attention they deserve," she added. It is also his goal to "bring smaller towns back to life, restore the history."

For now, the Mattias are putting the finishing touches on what may soon become a staple of Main Street Middleburgh for years to come.

Schoharie River Center Environmental Study Team



Above left: After netting Schoharie Creek insects for study, Schoharie River Center staff and students in Sunday's Environmental Study Team meeting have a short rest while Ava, a student from Middleburgh drills a hole in a sugar maple tree, tapping it for maple syrup production. Boiling the collected sap down to make maple syrup will begin next week, in the Center's timber frame sugar shack.

Schoharie River Center programs and events include the Mayfly Film Festival -- a mobile film festival showcasing stories of sustainability, stewardship, and the environment -- to be held in April and May at venues in Middleburgh, Troy, Schenectady, Glens Falls and Schoharie; the Middleburgh Advantage After School Program; Timber Frame Building workshops; and Blacksmithing, Media Arts and Fiber Arts programs.

Above right: Anna, a Cobleskill student, gets guidance from Schoharie River Center Executive Director John McKeeby about the right angle to drill when tapping a sugar maple tree for maple syrup production. Sunday's Schoharie River Center Environmental Study Team meeting also included snow shoeing, cross country skiing and netting insects for study and to monitor the health of the Schoharie Creek.

The Environmental Study Team is an organization of students from Schoharie, Albany and Schenectady Counties, with a mission to improve the local environment, enjoy the outdoors, and instill a sense of environmental awareness in the community. Free EST meetings are held every other Sunday from 12-4 pm in Esperance.

All About Racing

By Ed & Betty Biittig

This week we received news from the NE Dirt Modified Hall of Fame and the 2023 selection of inductees and special awards. Drivers Tim Fuller, Danny O'Brien and Bob Cameron will be inducted at the 31st annual ceremonies, Thursday, July 13 at the Hall of Fame in Weedsport, NY.

Special awards will be presented as follows: the Gene DeWitt car owner award to Glenn Hyneman of Mohnton, PA; the Mechanic/Engineering award to Randy Williamson of St. Catherine's, Ontario, Canada; the Andrew S. Fusco award for Media Excellence, Patrick Donnelly of Weedsport, NY; Leonard J. Sammons, Jr., award for

outstanding contributions to auto racing, Paul Kuhl of Flemington, NJ and the Outstanding Women in Racing award to Laurie Fallis of Gloversville, NY.

Even though there is snow still on the ground in the area there are racing events scheduled for March.

The 35th edition of the Syracuse Motorsports Expo is scheduled for March 11-12 at the NYS Fairgrounds. Doors open at 11:00 am, Saturday and 10:00 am on Sunday. Admission is \$13.00 (2-day pass, \$20), kids 6-12, \$5.00 and under 5 free.

Head further south and next weekend, Saturday, March 11, for the first time since 2013, the Modifieds will hit the dirt track at Hagerstown Speedway in

Maryland when Brett Deyo takes his Short Track Super Series and round one of the Elite Series to the track. The Modifieds will run 50-laps for \$12,000 to win, and \$1000 to start. Also on the card is the STSS Crate Sportsman for the Southern Region, round one, \$2000 to win and \$125 to start. Saturday grandstand admission, \$30; seniors/students/military, \$25; Kids 12 and under, free. Pit admission \$45, Kids (6-12) \$20 and 5 and under \$5.

Two-day pit pass, \$70; kids (6-12), \$20 and 5 and under \$10.

Friday, March 10, open practice 6:30-9:30 pm, all cars welcome, grandstand admission, free.

Of course we always look

forward to the Fonda car show and this year it is scheduled for March 24-26 at the Viaport, Rotterdam. This year's show will include Vintage Alley a stop that is always very popular with fans young and old.

We mentioned last week that, at the Fonda award banquet, Jackie Lape and Jessica Lape-Schwab of the Fonda Speedway, Hall of Fame and Museum, presented the first annual "Against the Wind" memorial award honoring Fonda Hall of Fame driver, Dave Lape.

The award is presented to a driver who represents the competitor who was Dave Lape. They are a weekly driver who represents respect, honor and passion. The driver has filled pages in the Fonda Speedway history books, a driver who creates family



Bobby Varin of Johnstown received the first annual "Against the Wind" award from Jackie Lape and Jessica Lape-Schwab of the Fonda Speedway Hall of Fame and Museum.

memories at the track each Saturday night, a driver who may not have the best equipment and may experience challenges, but always makes it happen and just keeps going.

The very first "Against the Wind" award for 2022 was presented to long time Fonda Speedway driver and

dedicated racer, Bobby Varin of Johnstown. Varin has been a Fonda regular for most of his racing career and has always been willing to pass his knowledge on to other racers.

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

Library News

Middleburgh Library
3/14 - 10:45 AM Drop-in Storytime - Join Miss Terry for this fun, interactive storytime geared toward little ones

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

3/15 - 1:00 PM - Wednesday Matinee - "The Banshees of Inisherin (R) - Set on a remote island off the west coast of Ireland, THE BANSHEES OF INISHERIN follows lifelong friends Padraic (Colin Farrell) and Colm (Brendan Gleeson), who find themselves at an impasse when Colm unexpectedly puts an end to their friendship. A stunned Padraic, aided by his sister Siobhan (Kerry Condon) and troubled young islander Dominic (Barry Keoghan), endeavors to repair the relationship, refusing to take no for an answer. But Padraic's repeated efforts only strengthen his former friend's resolve and when Colm delivers a desperate ultimatum, events swiftly escalate, with shocking consequences. This movie is rated R. No registration required. Free popcorn.

3/17 - 5:30 PM - Dinner And A Movie - "A Man Called Otto" - *PG-13) Based on the comical and moving New York Times bestseller, it tells the story of Otto Anderson, a grumpy widower whose only joy comes from criticizing and judging his exasperated neighbors. When a lively young family moves in next door, he meets his match in quick-witted and very pregnant Marisol, leading to an unexpected friendship that will turn his world upside-down.

Join us for a showing of this critically acclaimed film starring Tom Hanks. The Library will provide pizza and drinks and you bring a dessert or snack to share. Please note that you must register for this program. Walk-ins will not be accepted. Space is limited so register early! (Registration Required)

Want to be a Middleburgh Library Trustee? - Petitions are now available for individuals who would like to run for a seat on our Library Board of Trustees. Petitions may be picked up at the library circulation desk and must be returned to the library by March 21st. Trustees are elected by popular vote and serve 3 year terms on the library board. Trustee candidates must be 18 years of age and reside in the Middleburgh

School District. The most important qualification for an effective Trustee, however, is a strong and genuine belief in public libraries and their mission in the community as centers for information, recreation, and lifelong learning. A candidate must also be willing to devote appropriate time and effort to carrying out the duties and responsibilities of trusteeship.

Duties include regular attendance at board meetings; devoting time to committee service and activities; being visible and vocal in the community on behalf of the library; and taking the time necessary to study and learn about the library and the social, legal, and political context in which it exists. We look forward to meeting you!

3/25 - Crock-Pot Cook-Off - Do you have a killer crock-pot recipe? Do you love making soups/stews, chili or something else in your slow cooker? Enter our annual crock pot cook-off and show off your skills! There are three categories you can enter: soup/stews, chili or other. A prize will be given for the winning recipe in each category. Registration required. Register on our Website www.middleburghlibrary.info. Scroll down to Calendar and click on 3/25.

Creativebug - You're more creative than you think! Use your Middleburgh Library card and PIN to enjoy unlimited access to thousands of online art and craft classes available at Creativebug. Videos are produced by renowned artists and creative experts. You'll also find downloadable patterns, templates and recipes. Watch classes anytime, anywhere. Classes never expire, you can start and stop projects at your own pace. No pressure, just possibilities! Please check our calendar on our website at www.middleburghlibrary.info for future programs. Also, don't forget our Facebook page.

Cobleskill Library
Friday, March 17 and 31 at 4pm Paws for Reading Join Nico, our favorite therapy dog, for reading and cuddles! This is a great, relaxed opportunity for kids to practice their reading with a friendly face. All ages welcome. No registration necessary.

Tuesday, March 21 at 6pm Adult Gaming Group: Adult Gamers interested in role-playing games, card and board games are invited to gather at the library for fun and games with other game fans.

Saturday, March 11 at 10:30 the Friends of the Library Annual Meeting in the Program Room. Interested in joining and learning more

about upcoming fundraisers to support the Library and how you can help. Want to join The Friends? Visit <https://communitylibrary.mvls.info/friends/> or email friendcommunitylibrary@gmail.com for more information

Tuesday, March 14 and 28 at 6:00 pm The Short Fiction Workshop: This monthly writing workshop for teens and adults features writing prompts, exercises, and moderated feedback sessions where authors working on short fiction can practice their craft, develop new skills, and get constructive input from other writers.

Tuesday, March 14 at 6:00pm Do you love anime and manga? Or maybe you're curious about these Japanese stories but aren't sure how to get started? Check out our Anime Club for teens! We meet once a month to watch anime episodes, eat snacks, and try Japanese-inspired crafts. Open to 6th-12th graders (ages 11-18). No registration required.

Wednesday, March 15 at 3:30 We've got the LEGO, just bring your imagination! Each session we'll have a different building theme to challenge participants, but you can build anything that inspires you. Open to kids in grades K-8

Thursday, March 16 at 5:30 pm Teen Advisory Board Help us make the Community Library a better place for teens! Join our new Teen Advisory Board and help the library choose new teen books, plan programs, and make our teen zone a fun space for teen patrons. Snacks provided. Open to 8th-12th graders (ages 13-18). For more information, email clittle@mvls.info.

Thursday, March 16 at 6:30 5-Minute Experts This new event is a fun, fast-moving, educational program where 4-5 presenters deliver five-minute talks on a specialized area of expertise. Each presenter must prepare a slide show of 10-20 slides and the presentations may not exceed 5-minutes. Topics will be as varied as the participants' interests. For audiences, it's an opportunity to learn something new and different, with less likelihood of getting bored by a long-winded presentation. It's like TED Talks for audiences with short attention spans! If you're interested in presenting at a future program, contact Adult Services Librarian Don LaPlant at cobadult@mvls.info

Wednesday, March 22 at 1 Using the Libby App. Overdrive App users take note, the app will be discontinued in April. Overdrive is focusing on the Libby App which makes it very easy to borrow from the extensive collection of ebooks, audiobooks and magazines. All you need is your device, the Libby App and your Library card.

Thursday, March 23 at 5:30 PowerPoint Basics Interested in learning how to use Pow-

erPoint or Google Slides for presentations? This quick-and-easy workshop will introduce the basics including slide layout options, animations, and transitions. The library can provide laptops to learn on during the workshop, or you can bring your own if you have one. Free of charge; no reservation required.

Tuesday, March 28 at 6pm Teen Video Game Night Stop by for some video game time on our new Switch! We've got multiple controllers and some great games for groups, so bring some friends along! Open to middle and high schoolers (ages 11-18).

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

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.

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

Want to learn a new skill, enhance your hobby skills, or try something new? Watch classes online, anytime from anywhere, just log in to Creativebug with your Community Library card and the last four digits of your phone number to get started. Once you create an account you can save your progress and save your favorite videos. The Library's landing page <https://www.creativebug.com/lib/communitylibrary>

The following museum passes are available for check out with your library card. The Adirondack Experience, The Empire Pass, The Iroquois Museum, and MiSci. Each pass has specific access and one pass can be checked out for 7 days but they can't be used for special events at these locations. Please check each location for specific requirements prior to visiting.

You can also checkout games with your Library card. Visit the second floor near the teen area to see what we have. A special thanks to Games A Plunder for their support of this collection.

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

The Library has started a new program called Tabling Tuesdays. Where we invite social services organizations to staff a table and share in-

formation with our patrons. Our visitors for February:

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

Tuesday, March 14 from 10-2pm a representative from The Cancer Services Program of the Central Region will be tabling at the Library. The program provides no-cost breast, cervical and colon cancer screening to qualifying individuals. February is Black History and National Cancer Prevention Awareness Month and CSP is spreading the word! Screening can prevent cancer and CSP is here to make sure everyone gets screened. They will answer your questions and help determine if you qualify for no-cost screening.

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

The Library continues to offer curbside pickup.

A reminder that our weather closures will be posted on TV, our Facebook page and web site. If Cobleskill-Richmondville School District is closed the library will automatically move to a delayed opening at noon unless it is determined unsafe for staff to travel and then the Library will close.

To receive Library News by email sign up here <https://mailchi.mp/287db1f866ef/news> Follow us on social media for library news, event information, volunteer opportunities, new book announcements and more! It is easy to find age-appropriate programs on the event calendar visit <https://communitylibrary.mvls.info/>

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MY LITTLE LOCAL HISTORY COLUMN

The Changing Face of Main Street, Middleburgh, Part II

By Angelique Piwinski

In Part 1 of this series, we looked at Main Street, Middleburgh around the turn of the last century circa 1905. Moving forward to the nineteen teens, here is another image of Main St., Middleburgh, August 1912. The event was called "Old Home Week", and this particular year celebrated the 200th anniversary of the founding of Middleburgh.

You can see that Main Street was still a dirt road and the only thing in the street is one horse and wagon in the very far distance on the left. You can also see a man with a large camera presumably taking photos of the area and the decorations. There weren't that many at the time with that capability, so I wonder if he can be identified. Lots of curious onlookers seem to be enjoying watching him and perhaps being photographed as well.

1912 was an interesting year in so far as that was the year that the Titanic sank, New Mexico was admitted as the 47th State and Arizona as the 48th state thus creating the 48-star flag! Other cool things happened that year such as the founding of the Girl Scouts of America, the invention of the shopping bag, the addition of toys surprises in crackerjack boxes, the founding of LL Bean and even Thomas Edison producing the first talking motion picture!

Moving on in time, here is another photo postcard of Main Street only a few years later circa 1920s look-

ing towards the Schoharie River. In just a short time, you can see so much transformation: Many cars on the street now parked at an angle to the curb and the street is paved.

There are a few other notable things to note about this photograph. You will see on the extreme right there is a part of a gas pump with a price sticker near it. It says 14 cents a gallon. Interesting to note that again when you study history you understand a lot more about things when you see them in photographs. In 1919 and 1920 there was a gas shortage, much like the ones that we experienced in the 1970s. The price of gas in many places was driven up to almost 30 cents a gallon, but dropped when the shortage was over. The shortages were due in large part to the proliferation of vehicles on the road, a result of supply and demand. And this most likely was the reason that vehicles parked at angles to the curb. More cars can be accommodated and the 18 wheelers of today didn't exist, so the street traffic didn't need to use as wide of a space as today. You also see a lady walking on the street and what appears to be some large hardware items on the sidewalk, much like our Middleburgh Hardware store does today. They have earned the privilege being in business since 1888.

The other thing that is interesting about this photograph is if you look on the left side you will see a second SOCONY sign, meaning Standard Oil Com-

pany of New York that many decades later became Mobil (lots of history, but much too long to go into here). See the closeup photo.

On the left there is also a Bell Telephone sign on the

pole near long demolished Hotel Baker. One would assume that it is connected to the Middleburgh Telephone Company, since they've been in business since 1897. You can also see a sign for a

Pontiac Chevrolet car dealer. The price of an average car was about \$1,500 back in 1920. See the closeup photo

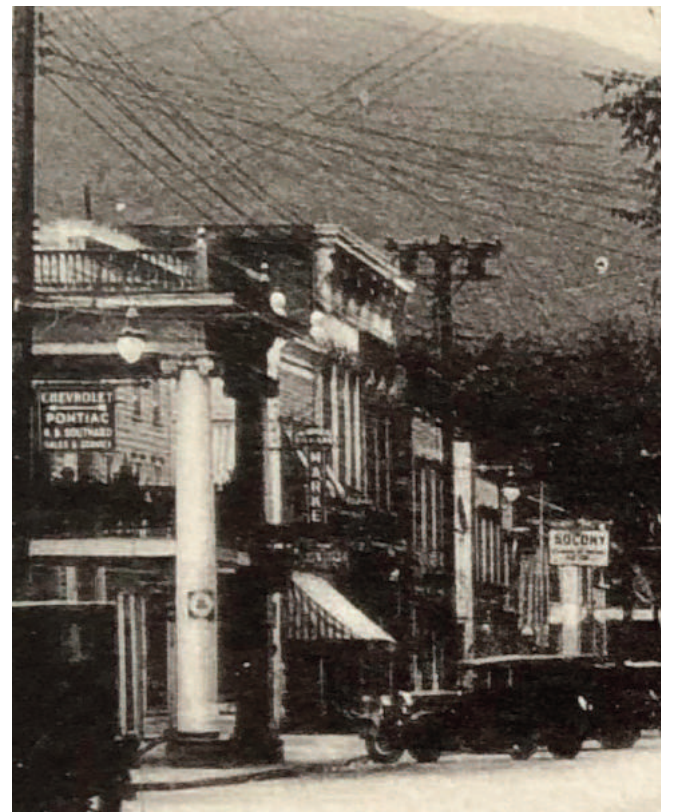
I do find it fascinating how quickly things were

changing back then. I personally prefer the quietness of even earlier times. Enjoy these photos of 100 years ago.

To be continued...



Main Street Decorations, Old Home Week, Middleburgh, N. Y.



Community Calendar (Including Cancellations)

Ongoing

- 2022 Adult Grief Support Group, Cobleskill United Methodist Church, 107 Chapel Street, Cobleskill, NY 12043, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.
- Free Story Times each Tuesday at The Book Nook, 645 Main St., Hobart. 2:30 p.m. for toddlers 18 months to 3 years and 4 p.m. for ages 4 and older.
 - Family Support Meetings
- Open Arms Recovery Resource Center 289 Main St. Schoharie NY 4 till 7 Thursdays. call Chrystal @ 518 605-4180 for details.
 - Open Arms Recovery Resource Center 289 Main St Schoharie NY 8:00 - 4:00 Tuesdays 8:00 till 7:00 Thursdays. Addiction and recovery information call 518 605 3867 for more details.
- March 12**
 - Charlotteville Fire Department Pancake Breakfast, 8-11 a.m. Pancakes, sausage, ham, home fries, french toast, eggs, biscuits, sausage gravy, juice, hot chocolate, and coffee. Buckshole sugarshack real maple syrup. Adult \$10, Child \$5, 50/50 Drawing
- March 22**
 - 2023 Adult Grief Support Group Cobleskill United Methodist Church, 107 Chapel Street, Cobleskill, NY 12043 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. Helios Care adult grief support groups are free monthly drop-in groups open to all members of our community 18 and over. Groups are facilitated by staff specifically trained in grief and loss. Attendees have a safe and confidential place to focus on understanding the grief process, making sense of the strong emotions, and learning from other community members. Groups are free and open to all adults. Please call (607) 432-5525 to register. Visit HeliosCare.org for more information and resources.
- April 26**
 - 2023 Adult Grief Support Group Cobleskill United Methodist Church, 107 Chapel Street, Cobleskill, NY 12043 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

- Helios Care adult grief support groups are free monthly drop-in groups open to all members of our community 18 and over. Groups are facilitated by staff specifically trained in grief and loss. Attendees have a safe and confidential place to focus on understanding the grief process, making sense of the strong emotions, and learning from other community members. Groups are free and open to all adults. Please call (607) 432-5525 to register. Visit HeliosCare.org for more information and resources.
- May 24**
 - 2023 Adult Grief Support Group Cobleskill United Methodist Church, 107 Chapel Street, Cobleskill, NY 12043 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. Helios Care adult grief support groups are free monthly drop-in groups open to all members of our community 18 and over. Groups are facilitated by staff specifically trained in grief and loss. Attendees have a safe and confidential place to focus on understanding the grief process, making sense of the strong emotions, and learning from other community members. Groups are free and open to all adults. Please call (607) 432-5525 to register. Visit HeliosCare.org for more information and resources.
- June 28**
 - 2023 Adult Grief Support Group Cobleskill United Methodist Church, 107 Chapel Street, Cobleskill, NY 12043 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. Helios Care adult grief support groups are free monthly drop-in groups

- open to all members of our community 18 and over. Groups are facilitated by staff specifically trained in grief and loss. Attendees have a safe and confidential place to focus on understanding the grief process, making sense of the strong emotions, and learning from other community members. Groups are free and open to all adults. Please call (607) 432-5525 to register. Visit HeliosCare.org for more information and resources.
- July 15-23**
 - Sicily tour, small group 20 spaces available, extended to July 25 with Rome extension. grouptoursite.com/rosemariekeller or call 800-438-7672 group #60918243
- August 5-13, 2023**
 - U.S. National Park Tour: The Rockies, Arches, Yellowstone. 9 days. 13 days with Badlands and Mount Rushmore extension, through August 17. grouptoursite.com/rosemariekeller
- August 6**
 - The Lion King at Proctors Theater. 1 p.m. \$40 per person. Limited tickets. RSVP with payment by December 12. Contact Rosemarie Keller at keller22@gmail.com
- September**
 - Sicily tour, 13 days, with Rosemarie Keller. In the midst of the Mediterranean, discover an island with personality all its own—full of flavor and teeming with one-of-a-kind art and architecture. From multicultural Palermo to breathtaking Taormina, each stop on this tour of Sicily reveals unexpected treasures. Visit goaheadtours.com/ZOM or call 800-597 0350



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M'burgh Village OKs Increased Exemption for Emergency Workers

By David Avitabile
MIDDLEBURGH - Middleburgh village agreed to increase a tax exemption for firefighters and EMS workers after some questions Monday night. The village is one of the first municipalities in the county to hike its property tax exemptions for emergency workers. The county and other municipalities are also looking at similar laws. The village's Local Law No. 1 for 2023 gives firefighters and EMS workers with two years of volunteer service a 10 percent property tax exemption starting in 2025.

Resident and former mayor Gary Hayes asked if the change was premature since the county and other municipalities have not approved the change and may adopt different rates. Trustee Tim Knight said he felt the law was not premature since each municipality can set its own rates. Trustee Knight said he was in favor of setting the highest rate as possible for the emergency workers. Board members discussed the issue last month and were in favor of it.

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The current tax exemption is two percent for firefighters/EMS, so the cost to the village would be around \$1,400 or so. The board held a public hearing on the law Monday before approving it.

Fire Police Association Meeting March 16th

The Schoharie County Fire Police Association will hold its next meeting on Thursday, March 16th at the West Fulton Fire station at 7 pm. All fire department members are welcome to attend.



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Who: All are welcome
What: Viewing Party
When: Sunday, March 12th, 4:00 PM
Where: Middleburgh Reformed Church
River Street
Middleburgh
Why: Unity and fellowship

A light supper will be served during intermission

Town of Conesville Motor Equipment Operator Position Full-time with Benefits

The Town of Conesville has an opening for a Motor Equipment Operator. Major functions of the position will include recurring manual work involving responsibility for the safe and efficient operation of various types of motor equipment and associated mechanical attachments. General instructions are received regarding routine work and detailed instructions are received regarding new or unusual assignments. Does related work as required. Typical work included but not limited to operations of a dump truck, flatbed truck or similar type truck or single axis motor vehicle in connection with the removal of snow and transportation of various materials, tools, equipment, and supplies; Operates a loader or other general road construction equipment; Operates related minor equipment as workload demands; Performs preventive maintenance and general cleaning on assigned automotive equipment; Performs manual labor, such as loading trucks, digging ditches, flushing and cleaning culverts, shoveling snow, and road maintenance work. Full performance knowledge, skills, abilities and personal characteristics: Good knowledge of the operation and maintenance of dump trucks, snow removal equipment, routine road construction equipment, and various other types of motor equipment and related attachment; good knowledge of traffic and other regulations governing the use of motor equipment and of the hazards and safety precautions involved in its operation; ability to perform routine maintenance, make emergency repairs and assist in general repair of the equipment; ability to understand and follow simple oral and written directions; willingness to respond to emergencies; dependability; good physical condition.

Minimum Qualification: Possession of a clean valid New York State CDL license (class B or higher). Must be able to pass a Town contracted physical exam and drug testing before starting work.

Starting Compensation: \$22.00 per hour, 75% town contribution to health insurance, Town matching contribution to the New York State Retirement Plan. Full-time employees will receive a retention bonus of an additional \$4000 if continuously employed from December 1, 2022 to November 30, 2023 or a pro-rated amount if employed after December 1, 2022 continuously to November 30, 2023.

Interested candidates may request an application for employment from the Conesville Town Clerk at Conesville Town Hall, 1306 State Route 990V, Gilboa, NY 12076 during regular business hours or from: https://www4.schohariecounty-ny.gov/PdfFiles/Personnel/Applicat_679.pdf

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Main Street Building Getting Makeover in Middleburgh Work Continues at Corner of Main and Railroad Ave

By David Avitabile
MIDDLEBURGH - It once housed a small luncheonette/candy store/and antiques place, then a real estate office, a deli/corner store, a cafe, and, now, once again, a real estate office.

Real estate broker Lisa Tenneson bought the 100-plus-year-old building at the corner of Main Street and Railroad Avenue last year and after moving her real estate office into the first-floor space in the front, she has commissioned the restoration of the rear apartments and storefronts. The spaces that front Railroad Avenue are being totally rehabbed inside and out.

In the 1980s, the old brick facade on the front of the building started to

fall off and they are around the building was blocked off. New siding was put on, but much of the rest of the building remained the same.

"I'm renovating the building," Ms. Tenneson said last week. "The second floor has three apartments and they are all rented."

Her office, Four Star Realty Group will continue to remain in the front office space and there are two private offices on the left side, a reception area, and a conference room in the back for closings, Ms. Tenneson said.

"We are now working on Railroad Avenue space and facade," she said last week.

"We will be putting in an old-fashioned soda shop."

The shop will sell specialty coffees, egg creams, ice cream sodas, smooth-

ies and more. We are looking to offer some fun nights for our teenagers like karaoke and things and support local youth artists by giving them an opportunity to display their art and sell their pieces," she added.

"We will look to have light entertainment of Friday and Saturday nights."

Plans call for taking out a window on Railroad Avenue and also add a counter window to sit out. Outside seating will be available and Saturday morning games for younger kids, Ms. Tenneson said.

"The goal is to give people a place to hang out and have fun without alcohol."

"We want a place for younger folks to hang out. This is the goal."

The name of the shop will be "Forget Me Nots," Ms. Tenneson said.

"It will be old school."

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SEEC Partners with Harris and Schoharie County Arts Council for "Abloom" Gallery Exhibition

SCHOHARIE— The Schoharie Economic Enterprise Corp (SEEC) in collaboration with the Schoharie County Arts and Schoharie County

Arts Board Member, Christine Harris, is pleased to host the gallery titled, "Abloom" at 287 Main.

This is a gallery that

reflects how LA-native Christine found her connection to her art in Schoharie County. Christine reinvented her life when she made the move

from Los Angeles to upstate New York in search of a simpler life. In Sharon Springs, she discovered a vibrant arts community that nourished her creative spirit and sparked the discovery of a new career.

As an artist, Christine was drawn to the beauty and intricacies of flowers, honing her technical skills and developing a keen eye for detail through her floral photography. "With each flower I photograph, I strive to capture its grace and beauty, its delicate lines and curves," she says. "The magic happens when I process the images, revealing something new and unexpected, a glimpse into the soul of the subject."

This gallery is also the kick-off of a partnership with SEEC and the Arts Council. 287 Main is calling its walls home to showcase artistic talent from the County.

Throughout the year, visitors will be able to stop by 287 Main to see installations representing the variety of that talent. The installation of "Abloom" will be at 287 Main through May. Prints

will also be available for purchase, and a portion of each sale will be donated to Schoharie County Arts.

Schoharie County Arts President, Lisa Ovitt said, "Schoharie County Arts is excited to partner with SEEC to bring art to Main Street, and we are delighted that our own Christine Harris is kicking off the collaboration. This gallery is the perfect way to launch the partnership that will create more opportunities to highlight the dynamic artistic talent from across the County."

The public is invited to a reception to formally launch the gallery installation on March 12 from 2 to 4 pm at 287 Main in the Village of Schoharie. The reception will offer "Abloom" inspired refreshments from Brimstone Bakery and guests are encouraged to immerse themselves in the space.

Julie Pacatte, Executive Director of SEEC added, "We are thrilled to be hosting Abloom as a way to celebrate our collective creativity and create meaningful connections among the people who

fuel our creative economy."

287 Main is a coworking space that appeals to the more traditional professionals, but also the creative professionals that have created a variety of opportunities to apply their skills in the 21st-century economy. The space itself is designed to be a canvas of itself and different areas of the building have been used as backdrops in photoshoots, ranging from traditional product photography to a more edgy stylized shoot.

For more information about this event, please visit www.seecny.org/abloom.



SCS Names Slate of Spring Coaches

By David Avitabile

SCHOHARIE - Now that it's almost time for outdoor sports, Schoharie school board members got ready for the season at their last meeting by naming a slate of spring coaches.

Board members named the following coaches for the spring:

* Chip Beninati, varsity baseball, stipend of \$3,850.

* Shawn Gathen, varsity softball, stipend of \$3,420.

* Adrianna Diamond, JV softball, \$2,170.

* Samantha Smith, modified softball, \$1,550.

* Anthony Monescalchi, varsity boys track, \$2,950.

* Eric Croote, modified boys track, \$1,550.

* Jeremy Karker, varsity girls track, \$3,940.

* Marjorie Croote, modified girls track, \$1,830.

* Stanley France, varsity boys tennis, \$3,000.

* Jody Marsh, varsity softball volunteer.

In other personnel moves, board members:

* Accepted the resignation of Casey Hendrick, as part-time food service helper, effective February 3.

* Accepted the resignation of Alisha M. Richardson as kindergarten teacher, effective February 25.

* Accepted the resignation of Heather Dugan as office and keyboard worker, effective February 3.

* Approved a leave of absence request for Alexandra Croft, effective on or about February 22 through on or about May

22. She will be using paid and unpaid time.

* Added Melanie Paloski as a mentoring teacher.

* Added 11 people to the Capital Region BOCES teacher substitute calling service list.

* Added the following people to the SCS substitute list: Adams, Ethan, Megan Haugh, and Landen Scofield, all non-certified without degree.

* Named Danielle Couture as head of the fourth and fifth grade choir for the elementary after-school program, at a stipend of \$3,000 prorated to exclude leave of absence beginning about February 15 and ending about May 1. Moira Gellman, will be the temporary choir director (covering Ms. Couture leave of Absence), at \$3,000 prorated to include only the time frame spent covering the leave.

* Appointed Megan Kruzinski as provisional administrative support I, \$32,248.

* Approved a leave of absence request from Michelle Haverly, effective about February 27 for approximately four to six weeks, using paid and unpaid time.

* Appointed Lauren Dutcher as elementary kindergarten long-term substitute, salary Step 1, \$46,145, per STA Contract, effective on February 27, for approximately four-six weeks.

Accepted the resignation of Hollie Jankowski as part-time food service helper and part-time lunch and recess aide,

* Accepted the resignation of Mark Pracher

as half-time musical assistant.

* Accepted the revised resignation date of November 18, 2022 for Amanda Mesick as probationary part-time food service helper accepted in December and revised the date to January 6.

* Accepted the amended appointment of Anne Ringuette as four-year probationary high school English Language Arts teacher, Salary Step 9, \$56,298 per STA Contract, effective retroactive to January 4,

* Approved a memorandum of agreement with painters, per stated terms and conditions.

* Approved an extra period stipend for Adriene Bush to cover one period of Special Education class effective from February 16 through about May 22.

* Appointed Nadine Standhart as four-year probationary Technology teacher in the Junior/Senior High School, salary Step 1, \$46,145 per STA Contract, effective retroactive to January 6.

* Appointed Marion Burghart as Mitchell Barton's Level 1 Mentor, stipend, \$1,730 per STA contract.

* Approved the resolution to establish the office of Deputy Claims Auditor and appoint Debra Cardella as Deputy Claims Auditor effective retroactive to January 30 through the end of the school year.

* Approved the settlement agreement and release for the employee listed on Confidential Schedule "A."

Village Names Members to Board of Ethics

MIDDLEBURGH - Middleburgh board members named four members to the village's Board of Ethics Monday night after some discussion.

Named were: Dr. Tom Gruning as chairman, Teresa Norfolk, a new-

comer, Charles Ingraham, and Charlie Rozumalski as alternate. Dr. Gruning and Mr. Ingraham are former village board members.

The board only meets if there are ethics questions involving a village

official.

Mayor Trish Bergan wondered about naming a village board member to the Board of Ethics but none was named. Mayor Bergan said naming a village board member could create a conflict of interest or hard feelings.

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Man Charged After Accident Closes Route 30 in Schoharie

Three Injured in Sunday Crash, Man Loses Arm

By David Avitabile
 SCHOHARIE - A 30-year-old Gilboa man is facing charges following a head-on two-car crash Sunday afternoon that closed down Route 30 in Schoharie for hours and sent three people to Albany Medical Hospital. One man lost an arm in the accident.

that Michael J. Bernard Jr., 30, was arrested after denying injuries at the scene. He was taken into custody and charged with driving while ability impaired by drugs. Mr. Bernard was also charged with second-degree vehicular assault and other vehicle and traffic violations, police said.

Troopers responded to the intersection of Route 30 and Stony Brook Road in Schoharie for the report of a head-on two-car crash with severe injuries. The driver of one of the vehicles suffered a severe injury to the arm; a Trooper applied a tourniquet to stop the bleeding.

with extrication and EMS equipment while other Schoharie firefighters established a helicopter landing zone at Schoharie Central School. One patient was extricated from a vehicle, transported by Scho-Wright

Ambulance Service to the LZ and then flown to a hospital via Lifenet.

Spring Antiques in Schoharie Show - March 25-26

SCHOHARIE - Schoharie Colonial Heritage Association is putting the last details together for this year's "Spring Antiques in Schoharie" Show which will be held on Saturday, March 25 from 10-5 and Sunday, March 26 from 11-4. We are moving back to the Schoharie Central School (136 Academy Drive, Schoharie) and everyone is excited.

famous pies and desserts. This show is a favorite for shoppers as well as the dealers who participate. Call Show Manager, Ruth Anne Wilkinson, with questions at 518-231-7241. There are still a few dealer spaces available. This show is a major fund raiser to support our two museums. The Schoharie Valley Railroad Museum and the 1743 Palatine House are both

open weekends from May to October. The Children's Summer Theatre program is also supported by our antique shows. The Village of Schoharie bubbles with activity all weekend long. All the restaurants and stores are open and welcoming. Mark your calendars now for the weekend of March 25 and 26. We'll be anxious to see you!

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This position will also require attendance at all Board of Education meetings.

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Salary is commensurate with experience; includes an excellent benefits package.

Please submit a letter of interest, resume, and three (3) professional references to Mr. Jack Etter, Superintendent by **Friday, March 24, 2023**. The anticipated start date for this position would be April 2023. Gilboa-Conesville Central School is a small, rural school district in a K-12 school building with approximately 300 students/80 employees in the Northern Catskill Mountains.

For more information about the District, please visit:
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Schoharie Village Launches Free WiFi

Schoharie County Digital Revolution funded, in part, by NYS Office of Homes & Community Renewal Community Development Block Grant - Coronavirus

SCHOHARIE – Village of Schoharie residents with the business, municipal, and academic community came together on February 16 for a fun ceremony to symbolically press the button that activated the Free WiFi for the Village of Schoharie.

Funded through NYS Homes and Community Renewal using Community Development Block Grant – Coronavirus Relief Funds (CDBG-CV), the Schoharie Village WiFi Network provides open internet access available to more than 400 households and 800 residents, a majority of whom are low-to-moderate income.

The WiFi project advances Schoharie County 21st Century infrastructure priorities and digital literacy in direct response to the Coronavirus crisis. The Free WiFi Network is a demonstration project in the Schoharie County Digital Revolution, an initiative formed to enhance resilience and improve the local economy.

Over the last decade, residents in the Village of Schoharie and small busi-

nesses were over-burdened with climate and public health disaster declarations due to Hurricane Irene, Tropical Storm Lee and the Coronavirus pandemic. The New York State Office of Homes and Community Renewal funding enables families in the underserved Village of Schoharie to ward off severe impacts of another pandemic or declared disaster. Benefits include:

- Providing free internet access for remote education and telehealth services;
- Maintaining socialization and soft skill, emotional or intellectual development which may continue to occur in the digital realm despite what may be happening in the physical world; and
- Utilizing outdoor public spaces to live, work and play.

New York State Homes and Community Renewal Commissioner RuthAnne Visnauskas said, "Digital connectivity has traditionally been a challenge for rural and lower income communities. These challenges were magnified by the Covid pan-

dem. We applaud this public-private partnership and are proud to support the Schoharie Village Free WiFi Network which will help provide quality high speed broadband access and ensure more than 800 residents of this community can remain connected to family, friends, and essential services."

Larry Caza, Mayor of the Village of Schoharie added, "Projects like the Free WiFi will play an important role from education and emergency services to attracting new residents and fueling the growth of our business and tourism economy."

The County and Village have cooperated on other disaster recovery programs such as new home construction and recreational trail development during recovery of Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee. Now, the Schoharie Central School District is projecting a growth in enrollment, seldom recognized in rural

communities.

"Access to high-speed, reliable internet for the Village of Schoharie is not just a convenience," remarked Julie Pacatte, Executive Director,

Schoharie Economic Enterprise Corporation. "Residents can rely on this internet access to attend public meetings, apply for jobs, meet with their healthcare

provider, enjoy virtual classes and online social activities. We are grateful for NYS investments that power-up the Schoharie County Digital Revolution."

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Windham Project Nears Completion

By Michael Ryan

WINDHAM - The music box was cranking Conway Twitty, the Heat Wagon was pumping and the new ambulance building in Windham was jamming, last week, cruising toward a celebratory grand opening.

Town board members, at a recent meeting, were given a new drop date of June 8 for substantial completion of the project.

It is not the first 2023 drop dead date given by Delaware Engineering big cheese John Brust, including first an April 13 and then a May 5 kick-the-bucket timeline after breaking ground in July, 2022.

Deadlines coming and going in the construction trade are hardly surprising, however, and it might be unwise for government leaders to bet their lives on the second Thursday in June.

But the place is crawling with electricians, plumbers, guys putting in HVAC and crewmen from Plank Construction Services, the general contractor, applying exterior siding, overseen by job superintendent Terry Goyer.

Sheet-rockers were expected to show up on Saturday, weather dependent, with everyone striving to be in synch to stay on schedule.

Miles of drywall, insu-

lation, pipeline and wiring have been installed, making the interior truly begin to take shape beyond bare-bones studding.

Conway Twitty tunes were followed by sounds of Marvin Gaye and some Rap as Tim Jones from CDE Electric checked and double-checked his labors and Nick Scifo, working with T. McElligott, set up boilers.

There were people with tool belts climbing ladders, building a firewall in the rafters oblivious to the lingering winter, warmed by the Heat Wagon.

And while all that was going on indoors, Goyer was using a surveyor's type gizmo to keep an exacting eye on the application of finish siding.

The exterior, partly stone veneer, will be anything but flashy, blending with the surrounding terrain and matching the subdued hues of the next door wastewater treatment plant as closely as possible.

And even though it might be wise to allow for some drop dead date wiggle room, something unforeseen would need to occur for the long-awaited ribbon-cutting not to happen, this summer.

"Everything is good so far," Goyer said, emphasizing, "we are all locked in on prices," a significant set of circumstances.

The marketplace has



Terry Goyer, job superintendent from Plank Construction Services, checks the band boards, ensuring exterior siding of the new ambulance center in Windham is on the level.

been the opposite of stable since the pandemic struck as materials became hard to secure and costs soared wildly.

It was widely expected things would return to normal as the threat lessened but that has not been the case, evidenced in a recent report to town board members by highway superintendent Gary Thorington.

"Nothing is simple anymore," Thorington said, detailing the difficulties and complications surrounding what used to be the easy breezy purchase of necessary equipment, especially vehicles.

"Now, you sign a Letter

of Intent and the dealer puts in the order, two years in advance. The dealer won't hold you to a contract if there is a price increase in those two years," Thorington said.

The construction trade has likewise been haphazard although Windham is sitting pretty in that regard, according to the job superintendent.

Sweetening the deal, various sources of outside financial assistance have been found such as a \$300,000 grant through the office of State Senator Michelle Hinchey and \$100,000 from Greene County, tapping federal

American Rescue Plan Act money.

As much as \$250,000 has been shaved, switching from metal roofing to 40-year asphalt shingles, and Hoyt recently reported \$130,000 was secured from the Catskill Watershed Corporation for stormwater necessities.

And the shock has worn off from the bidding process. Town board members were left aghast, a year ago, when overall job estimates came in at \$3.5 million, nearly double the \$1.85 million local taxpayers had authorized borrowing, potentially killing the project.

The decision was made to move forward, declaring the existing paramedic ambulance squad an essential service, now and for the future.

Crews will be no longer be housed in rented quarters, shifting operations to the west side of town, at the juncture of South Street and State Route 23, centrally located for quickest community response and mutual aid.

The building will include state-of-the-art decontamination capabilities and three, rather than two ambulance bays, planning ahead for possible expansion as emergency services continue to evolve.

Groundwork is being established for a possible mountaintop ambulance system following years of stop-and-go discussions.

Units in the towns of Windham, Ashland and Hunter would serve as the foundation for that system, linking all six mountaintop municipalities.

Windham now has a contract with the neighboring town of Jewett while Ashland has agreements with the towns of Lexington and Prattsville.

Ribbon-cutting ceremonies for the facility, which will also be the new home base for members of the Windham-Ashland-Jewett-Prattsville-Lexington Golden Agers Club, are slated for mid-summer.

CREATE Art Show in Windham

By Michael Ryan

CATSKILL - "My heart tells my hand how to

move," says Alice Tunison, one of several artists contributing to the "Stepping

Out of History: Telling Our Own Story," exhibit now on display at CRE-

ATE Council on the Arts.

An opening reception was held, last Sunday, at the gallery at 398 Main Street in Catskill, part of honoring Women's History Month 2023

The show calls on femininity to convey itself. "Every year, the month of March is designated Women's History Month by presidential proclamation," states CREATE board of directors member Adrienne Pierce.

"This is meant to be a time of reflection in which the contributions of women to events in history and contemporary society are highlighted and celebrated.

"This collective exhibit is an opportunity for women to express their story visually, that is also special in that it is open to submissions from all

women-identifying artists in the public at large, and not just CREATE membership.

"I felt we had a perfect opportunity to showcase, honor, and celebrate women artists in the gallery, women in the business world and women in our community in general," Pierce stated.

Featured artists include: Jabin Ahmed, Anna Mayta, Chris DeMarco, Joyce Polance, Chiara "Chimba" Hughes-Mba, AnnMarie Plass, Caitlin Roben, Maggie Pate, Katie Laity, Melissa Forbes, Eva Melas;

Fern Apfel, Kathleen Fallon, Ntangou Badila, Viorica Morris-Stan, Ritva Babcock, Barbara Du-

Rant, Eileen Ordu, Edlynn Trinity Bindler, Donna Barrett, Barbara Kalina, Liz Ortiz & Stephanie Dougherty, Alice Tunison, Ann Morris and Anna Kostro.

CREATE Council on the Arts is a not-for-profit, arts service organization whose purpose is to broaden and enrich the quality of life in Greene, Columbia & Schoharie Counties.

"Stepping Out of History: Telling Our Own Story" is on display thru April 9. Hours are Friday: 4-7pm, Saturday and Sunday: 11-6pm. Call (518) 943-3400 for information.

More photos on C3



CREATE Council on the Arts held an opening reception, last Sunday, for the "Stepping Out of History: Telling Our Own Story" exhibit. Hosting the event were (left to right) marketing and outreach coordinator Liz Shaw and board of directors members Elena Mosley and Adrianna Pierce.



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LEGISLATURE STUFF

Mystery Money

By Michael Ryan

CATSKILL - There isn't any more clarity today than there was when the Greene County Legislature first heard about a grant going to Columbia Memorial Hospital that could massively change the future.

Lawmakers began learning about the money, last week, prompting Majority Leader Matt Luvera to make an impassioned statement about the matter.

"I'm a little concerned over [a recent newspaper article] regarding CMH receiving a [\$5 million] grant from the State and Governor's office to build a 'Greene County Health Center,'" Luvera said

"While this is much needed in Greene County and something we've been advocating for by providing new medical services to our residents, my concern is the lack of information being provided to county officials."

Negotiations have been ongoing the past few years about CMH expanding its facilities at the planned Exit 21 West mega-development, located adjacent to the Thruway exchange at Catskill.

The land is owned by the Greene County Industrial Development Agency which is a not a county entity, using the name only as a reference point.

Greene County government is not linked to the project other than agreeing to invest \$2 million, bringing natural gas pipelines to the site at the behest of CMH, in exchange for a piece of prime acreage.

That investment would tap federal American Rescue Plan Act dollars sent to the county and can be spent elsewhere if the CMH deal falls through.

Which is where the waters become muddied. The grant emanates from the Health Care Facility Transformation Program, disseminating more than \$658 million statewide in support of 127 projects.

Governor Kathy Hochul announced the various awards in February, apparently notifying State Senator Michelle Hinchey's office.

Hinchey's office then reportedly called county officials, seeking quotes on their reaction to the grant for a press release being prepared.

There was one little problem. "We weren't sure what they were talking about," legislature chairman Patrick Linger says.

"It was a surprise to all of us. We had absolutely no idea [CMH] asked for or got a grant. There was a scramble to find out more," Linger says.

Which is where the waters become more muddied. The newspaper had picked up the story but details of the grant were not known, leading to Hinchey's office pulling their press release and Luvera's statement.

County officials are in the dark as to the potential implications of the grant on the Exit 21 West plan, wondering - what's up? - for good reason.

CMH recently confirmed their intention to expand here but, shortly before the grant news was revealed, let their 2-year option expire on purchasing the Exit 21 West property, priced at \$343,000 per acre.

IDA executive director April Ernst, acknowledging the expiration, says, "the door isn't closed" on the Exit 21 West deal with CMH but also conceded, "we don't know where else they are looking."

The grant specifies a 40,000 square foot health center will be built providing essential ambulatory surgery, cancer treatment and specialty physician care to Greene, Columbia, and northern Ulster counties.

Ernst confirmed the IDA owns other property bridging the towns of New Baltimore and Cossackie that would likely meet the needs of CMH and carries roughly half the price tag of the Exit 21 West land.

At this point, Ernst says, "we are waiting to see what CMH wants to do next," putting the IDA in the same spot as everyone else in the county.

It could all result in much ado about nothing. CMH media spokesman Bill Van Slyke, in a Tuesday afternoon phone interview, said, "we received a State grant and we are very grateful."

"We're in the very early planning stages about the Center and are considering a number of sites for expansion of services in Greene County."

"There is no timeframe for an announcement" of what site will be cho-

sen, Van Slyke said, importantly adding, "we're committed to the project."

Luvera, who represents District 1 (Catskill), was not happy about feeling left out of the loop or the uncertainties, stating, "the most alarming, if the lack of information wasn't concerning enough, is the apparent lack of concern by CMH on the geographical location of such a facility. "Geography of this 'Greene County Health Center' should be the most important in CMH's decision and should be essential to CMH's business plans if they truly care about the people they serve."

"Cairo or Catskill, not Cossackie, should be exactly where CMH should be looking to build or expand. Cossackie, with all due respect, is not the center of the county and we all know it," stated Luvera.

Linger, asked about the circumstance and the Luvera statement said, "it's not our property. It's not our money going into the project."

"We don't control any of that. Our only involvement is whether we have to reconfigure what we're doing with [the ARPA funding] which has to be committed by the end of 2024."

"This may mean a change of direction for us. Could the hospital have been more upfront? Absolutely. The hospital has a new president. She is playing things close to the vest," Linger said.

"It's a business decision for them. From my perspective, as the legislature chairman, I don't care if they build this in Catskill, Cossackie, Hunter or Prattsville. It's a benefit to our county."

Obituaries

David Hoyt Sr.



David L. Hoyt Sr. passed away on Friday, March 3, 2023, after a long battle with cancer, and surrounded by loved ones. David was born on February 24, 1954 to Irene and Albert Hoyt in Catskill, NY. A lifelong resident of Greene County, Dave's early experiences growing up on a dairy farm cultivated in him a deep love of the land, animals, and the woods surrounding his family's farm. Dave developed an impressive work ethic through his childhood on the farm, which served him well during the more than thirty years he spent working for the Greene

County Highway Department. He took pride in making the roads safe for residents of the area. Dave brought that same sense of integrity to his elected position as Ashland Town Justice, a position he held for over twenty years, and one in which he served the community with fairness, honesty, and compassion. Dave was an avid outdoorsman, and spent most of his recreation time in the outdoors, where he enjoyed hunting, fishing, hiking, and traveling. He enjoyed traveling around the western United States, finding new streams to fish and new mountains to climb, but his heart belonged to the Catskills, where he raised three children and instilled in them a love of the outdoors and nature, along with a love of reading, sports, laughter, and good conversation. His dedication as a father and grandfather was evident, as he attended

every sporting event, school play, and milestone his children and grandchildren experienced. He greeted everyone with a smile, and charmed everyone he met. Dave was predeceased by his parents, Irene and Albert Hoyt Sr., as well as two of his brothers, Albert Jr. and Kenny, and his sister, Florence (Hoyt) Conine. He is survived by his partner in life, Lisa Dibbell, of Elka Park; his children: David Hoyt Jr. (Becky) of Stamford, NY, Nathan Hoyt of Windham, NY, and Amanda Graham (Hoyt) of Lexington, NY; his grandchildren: Madison, Melanie, Alyson, and McKenna Hoyt, and Samuel Graham; and his brother, Larry Hoyt. Services for David will take place on Saturday, March 11, 2023, from 2-5 pm at Decker Funeral Home in Windham, NY. Donations can be made in his honor to Community Hospice of Columbia & Greene Counties.

Manuel Gonzalez



Manuel Gonzalez passed away peacefully in his home on March 1st at the age of 90 after a lengthy battle with Parkinson's disease. He was predeceased by his wife Joan (Jaeger) Gonzalez. He is survived by his sons Manuel Gonzalez Jr. (Maria), Anthony Gonzalez, Phillip Gonzalez, Thomas (Lora) Becker,

John (Fran) Becker, Timothy (Meredith) Gonzalez, Karl (Gabrielle) Gonzalez, Jeffrey (Serena) Gonzalez, and by his daughter Lori (Skip) Dippold, twenty-five grandchildren and a number of great-grandchildren. Manuel lived a long and full life. He was born in New York City, raised in Spain during World War II, and moved back to the United States in 1949.

Manuel was a lot of things to a lot of people. Hard headed, stubborn, and a workhorse, you always knew where you stood with him. His love of good wine, stinky fish, olives, cheese and prosciutto will be a cherished

memory. In his spare time he loved to fish and hunt.

Manuel served as a Merchant Marine. He worked as a member of Laborers Union Local 190 for his career, putting in long days to provide for his large family. He was also a member of the Ashland Fire Department.

A celebration of life and burial will be held at a date later this coming spring.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to the Town of Ashland Ambulance Service, (4786 NY-23, Windham NY, 12496) whose members played a vital role in his care during his final years.

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

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(518) 622-3286 / www.RLC.life
Online Worship (after 8:15am)
Inside Worship (8:15am, 9:15am & 10:30am)
Sunday School & Bible Study (9:15am)

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

Greek Orthodox Church of the Assumption
State Rte 23 Windham, New York 12496

(518) 734-4631
assumptionwindham@gmail.com

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117 State Route 296, Windham
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www.hoperestorationchurch.net
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518-734-4122
Sundays 11:00 AM
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St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Catholic Church
5188 Route 23, Windham
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Lexington / West Kill United Methodist Church

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Lexington NY 12452
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Out Lexington Way

By Christine Dwon
 Fridays, March 10, 17, 24, 31 and April 7 from 4 p.m to 8 p.m. is the Hensonville Hose Company's Fish Fry at the Hensonville Firehouse located at 431 State Route 296. Dinners are \$15 and you have a choice of fried fish, fried clam strips or chicken tenders, french fries or baked potato, coleslaw, dinner roll and brownie. To pre-order, please call 518-734-3040.

Friday, March 17 from 10 a.m to 1 p.m. is the annual St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef Luncheon at the Windham-Hensonville UMC, Main Street, Windham. The lunch includes a corned beef sandwich, coleslaw, bag o'chips, dessert and a soda or water for \$12. There is free delivery available for orders of three or more in Windham-Hensonville. Pre-order on the day of the sale -- call 518-734-4122.

Dinner Church Potluck will be held at the Lexington/West Kill UMC in Lexington on Friday, March 24 at 6 p.m. Story and discussion of the life and mission of Saint Patrick, hymn sing and fellowship. Please join us and invite a friend. Please contact Pastor Amy with any questions at 845-706-2296.

The Greene County Department of Human Services Senior Nutrition Program menu for the week of March 13 - March 17 is as follows: Monday—Beef Chili, mixed vegetables, brown rice, pears; Tuesday—Chicken and biscuits,

California vegetable medley, mandarin oranges and pineapple; Wednesday—Pork chop with gravy, applesauce, sweet potato, green beans, chocolate chip cookies; Thursday—St. Patrick's Day—Corned beef, cabbage, boiled potatoes, carrots, chocolate cake with Andes Mints; Friday—Beer battered fish, carrots, herb roasted potatoes, macaroni salad, fresh fruit; The meal will be the meal that is delivered to all Greene County homebound meal clients. All persons over the age of 60 can receive a meal. Meals served at noon and suggested donation for each meal is \$4. Those wishing to receive a meal are required to call the respective location by noon, a day in advance. The number to call for the Senior Nutrition site at the Jewett Municipal Building, Route 23C, Jewett is 518-263-4392.

Olivia Dwon turns 3 years old on Sunday, March 12.

Ray Clinton turns 10 Tuesday, March 14.

Wednesday, March 15 is Grace Berger's birthday.

Also celebrating her birthday on March 15 is Stephanie Pushman.

March 15 is Ben Gallagher's birthday. Best wishes to all.

Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed on March 11 because Daylight Saving Time returns Sunday, March 12.

The Greene County Department of Human Services is sponsoring Nutrition Education with

Nicole Gehman, MS, RD, CD-N. Come and learn about healthy nutrition habits. Feel free to ask questions. Recipe and tasting to follow. Here are the locations and dates: Thursday, March 23, Town of Coxsackie Senior Center, 731-8901; Thursday, March 30, Acra Community Center, 622-9898; Wednesday, April 5, Rivertown Senior Center, Athens, 945-2700; Thursday, April 20, Jewett Municipal Building, 263-4392. All start at noon. If you would like lunch that day at the location, please call at least a day in advance to reserve a meal. Nutritional information and/or counseling is always available. Call Greene County Department of Human Services for a referral at 518-719-3555.

Sunday, April 9, Easter Sunrise Service will be held in the Lexington Cemetery at 6:30 a.m. followed by a breakfast at the Lexington/West Kill UMC in Lexington. Worship service will be at 9 a.m. in the church.

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

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

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.

LOCAL HISTORY WITH DEDE TERNS-THORPE A Wee Bit About the Village of Hunter's St. Patrick's Day!



St. Patrick's Day is always celebrated on March 17th, and it's a fun day anyone can be Irish. Today's story is about that celebration!

Recently, I found information from a torn, undated part of an article by Sadye Schrage. Sadye frequently wrote about the current happenings in Hunter-Tannersville, and in doing so, gave us this piece of local history!

Schrage said, "The two St. Patrick's Day parades we had in Hunter of yesteryear were quite different from some of our recent ones." She said the old-timers of Hunter would remember Orville Furguson, a businessman that owned a car dealership in the village. Sadye spoke highly of Orville and said he was a fun-loving man everyone liked. He organized the first and second Saint Patrick's Day parades in the late 1930s-early 1940s. Orville was aided by the late Chester Goodrich, Leslie Distin, Kenny Gill, Al and Frank Howard, Chubby Rider, and others. Sadye said Orville took sick the following year and passed away.

She talked about a March parade organized by the Hunter Village Inn, with help from the Turtleneck Inn, St. James Infirmary, O'Shea's, Ritro Alpino, Pete & Ellen's popular Pete's Place, Klondike, Colonial Coal Yard truck driven by Mike Leach, and, of course, Hunter Mt. Ski Bowl with their decorated emblem made from white snow and red food coloring!

Sadye said there were over twenty floats, police, marchers, horses, ATVs, and lawnmowers. The Farkles Arkels band was very good but not appreciated by the nearby horses! Seventy-five marchers, many with O'Shea's matching green jackets, were followed by Tom Tamara driving the Tannersville Supply Truck, the Ventura House, and of course, Hughie's truck with the dangling gallon wine bottles.

The parade was completed with six Hells Angels pulling their tricycles.

Sadye told how the broad smiles of Grand Marshalls, Kate from Hunter Mountain, and Johnny from the HVI made up for the cloudy day.

The Mountain Top was a different place back in the 1970s & 1980s. The town was more of a Party-Town at that time. Today, we cater more to families.

Here are a few tidbits of history from March and April 1912. It's about a road

we frequently travel when visiting Windham.

March 16th, 1912. Hunter Review paper. The Board of Supervisors (today's Green County Legislatures) approved plans & specs for completing the Windham-Hunter and the Hunter-Jewett Center County Highways. The award went to S.B. Van Wagon of Kingston.

The estimated cost of constructing the Windham-Hunter road was \$99,200 (equal today to approximately \$3,150,150.00); Windham's share was \$625.53; Hunter, \$1,300.00; the state \$70,000.00; and the county's \$26,000.00.

April told us that Hunter Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1 was organized on Thursday evening with about thirty members appointed by the village board of trustees—elections to be held later.

Thanks for reading. Have a great weekend and a Happy St. Patrick's Day!

CREATE Art Show, Continued from C1



Above left: "Athena," a stoneware sculpture from Ann Morris.
 Above center: "Cage," an oil on canvas by Joyce Polance, speaks of personal and gender experience.
 Above right: Mountaintop artist Ritva Bobcock, from the town of Ashland, presents a trio of watercolors titled "Aphrodite: Pleasure, Eternal Youth and Birth."

Coming Up at the Mountain Top Library

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

Tuesday, March 14th @ 5:30 pm: "Shawna's Secret: An Interactive

Search of a Staged Teenager's Bedroom to Understand the Signs & Symptoms of Substance Use and Abuse." This FREE Educational Program Is For Adults Only

Saturday March 18th @ 10:30-1:30. "Introduction to Bookbinding Workshop." – Come learn how to bind books with local bookbinder, Leonard Seastone. This workshop will be taught at the Mountain Top Library. Registration is re-

quired. Ages 16+. Please register by calling the library at 518-589-5707 or email info@mountaintoplibrary.org. This event is limited to 6 participants. Please bring a notebook and writing utensil. All other materials will be provided!

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

Saturday, April 15th, 12 pm- 2pm: "Create Photography Composites with Elaine Warfield." Alter the Elements from Several Photos to Create a New Image. Please Bring a Laptop with Photoshop installed. Download the software or sign up for a FREE 2 WEEK Trial at Adobe.com

Ongoing Mondays @ 4 pm: "Pi-ano Hour @ The Mountain Top Library" Looking for a venue to showcase your talent? Stop in the

library to sign up, or call 518-589-5707

Tuesday @ 3 pm: ESL at the Mountain Top Library. Weekly ESL Group Coordinated by Literacy Connections of the Hudson Valley. For More Info, Call 518-828-1792 EXT. 104

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

Misc. "A Buck a Book" The Friends of the Mountain

Top Library ongoing book sale in the library continues indefinitely!

Copies of the Cookbook "Simply Homemade" a community cookbook compiled by the Mountain Top Library are available for purchase at the Library. \$15 each. Get your copy today!

We are open 10am-5pm Monday-Friday and 10am-2pm on Saturdays. 6093 Main Street Tannersville. 518-589-5707

The Prattsville Scoop

By Abby and Gabby
PRATTSVILLE – With the disturbing news of the rise in intestinal bacterial infections, we are again indebted to our healthcare community, from doctors and nurses to urgent care workers and all others we relay on.

Turn your clocks ahead this Saturday/Sunday, March 11/12. You will lose an hour of sleep but get to enjoy a later evening.

Happy St. Patrick's Day on March 17. Celebrate with common sense.

Getting near spring so we are getting snow. Go figure. But think I did hear bluebirds singing so spring is on the horizon.

Get well wishes go out to Anita Serrie after her recent health scare. After a short stay in Bassett Hospital she is now on the road to recovery and is recovering at Robinson Terrace Assisted Living, 1 Buntline Drive, Stamford, NY 12167. Get well wishes are also sent to former area resident Muriel Brainerd Kilmer. Muriel fell and broke her pelvis. She is recovering and is not looking forward to any further problems. Get well wishes are sent to Muriel in Georgia. If you would like to send her a card, her address is Muriel Kilmer, Legacy Ridge, Peach Tree, 1967 Highway 53, Apr. 114, Peachtree, GA 30962.

After a phone call with Greene County Veterans Service Agency, can wholeheartedly recommend all veterans who are looking for information or assistance to call them at 518-943-3703. Either Michelle, Tyler or Vee will be able to assist you. If they do not know the answers to your inquiry, they will make phone calls and get back to you with the answer to your questions. Case in point: we are not able to donate homemade afghans/lap robes to the Stratton VAMC in Albany due to Covid restrictions and our very generous and caring crafters continue to make them and now we have a number of nursing homes in Greene County who will gladly accept them for our veterans. Vee got in touch with four or five Greene County based nursing home and was assured we could donate the afghans or lap robes specifically to our veterans. Also Tyler was very helpful in sharing information on benefits that we did not know were available to veterans. Veterans and veterans' families, please call the Veterans Service Agency at 518-943-3703, to check into seeing what you are eligible for. Thank you Michelle, Tyler and Vee.

Eighteen lap robes were dropped off at the Greene Meadows Nursing Home in Jefferson Heights, Catskill, by American Legion Virgil E. Deyo Post 1327 Legionnaire and American Legion Auxiliary Virgil E. Deyo Unit 1327, member, Prattsville, for the veterans at the facility.

Nice to get a chance to say "Hello" face to face to Mary O'Hara and Bob Compton, even if it is at the pharmacy.

Claudia and Ray continue to enjoy their retirements. Claudia goes to PT in Stamford for her balance and her strength continues to increase and she is thankful for that, and says "YEA!!!!" She recently lifted 70 pounds, don't mess with her, and plans to go on with that until her next evaluation probably sometime in the middle of the month. When they open the Stamford facility to independent exercise she plans to carry on with that routine and has already asked the doctor to write her a note stating that she is cleared to do so. In the meantime she has been working on small lap robes for her fellow veterans and has 2 done and will have the third one finished soon. Ray was recently in Arizona enjoying the hunting, when it wasn't raining or windy. They seemed to have had quite a bit of both this year. Claudia is still playing the organ at both Ashland Community and Reformed Church in "Pratt's City". This does keep her busy. Claudia said there are 3 different and lovely ladies who are keeping the Mountain Top Methodists Churches going. Her Theatre organ group has been working on a "new", to them, 4 manual organ and they don't yet know where this is to go, "news in at 11." Regardless of her health issues, Claudia continues to have a very active and varied lifestyle.

The Gilboa-Conesville FCCLA is hosting a pancake breakfast at the Conesville Firehouse on Sunday, March 19, from 8 am- 11 am. It is by donation only, and all proceeds raised will go to support the Marathon for a Better Life, an organization that supports cancer patients in Schoharie County. They will also have a silent auction with a lot of great items.

Want to try some place new for lunch? You might want to try the new café in Tannersville. It is located on Main Street, in the building that used to house the old A & P Store. Does anyone remember the A & P food chain? Regardless, the new habitation of that place serves

up a varied and nouveau menu. You can eat in, of course, as well as take out prepared food in single servings. Did not know this was available but will take advantage of this services next time in the vicinity. They also have cheeses to go. Cathy Martino, Marianne Krauss and Ginny Gurley were there for lunch and Cathy met up with acquaintances and all got to say hello to Bob Forte. Many workmen were enjoying their lunch hour there.

The Friday night snow storm played nice to downstate visitors to our area for recreational pursuits. The snow did not make it too difficult to drive to our Catskills. Did cause locals to do some snow blowing around noon on Saturday. Always yin and yang.

Happy Birthday to Brandon Grant Jr. on March 12. On March 14 we wish sons of Laurel Van Aken, twin Aaron and Adam, Happy Birthday on March 14. On March 16 we wish Luke Maurer a Happy Birthday. On March 17 it is Happy Birthday to Daryl Smith, Jacob Lindley and Sandy Martin.

Send news to gurlleyrv@gmail.com or call 518-299-3219.

National Bank of Coxsackie Announces Elizabeth Chiong To Join Athens Branch

COXSACKIE– The National Bank of Coxsackie announced today that Elizabeth Chiong has joined their team as the new Branch Manager for their Athens location.

Chiong comes to National Bank of Coxsackie with both management and banking experience. She joins NBC most recently from Key Bank where she was a Personal Banker. Her prior experience includes also being an Assistant Branch Manager for Catskill Hudson Bank. "I am delighted to be joining the National Bank of Coxsackie team" Chiong said, "I'm look forward to meeting everyone in the community and working with them to fulfill any of their banking needs."

National Bank of Coxsackie President and CEO John A. Balli is also glad to add more talent to the team: "We are excited to have Liz on the team and be part of our

By Lula Anderson
 Well, I warned you last week that March could be very unpredictable. The first "storm" we all got prepped to wake up to massive amounts of snow, and nothing worth worrying about. We shoveled, plowed and got rid of the few inches so the sun could work on the rest. Then comes Friday night and we wake up to a nice covering of wet, packing snow. I heard it sleeting during the night, so wasn't really in a hurry to go out to join the world. By the time I got out late Saturday afternoon, it had already packed down to about 4" of spring (sap) snow. The plow drivers were complaining that it was really hard to plow since the ground underneath was muddy and soft. I think back to the days when the local farmers looked forward to this type of snow as it wasn't too deep for the horses to walk through it, and packed to make a smooth surface for the sleighs to go to the sugar bush to harvest the sap. Yes, if we listen, nature provides.

This week coming week will be a very busy week for us, plus a full

week of not cooking. Don't forget the WAJ School production on "Annie" Friday, Saturday and Sunday with Rehearsal "dinner theater" for the senior citizens on Thursday.

On Friday the 17th Windham Hensonville UMC will be holding their annual St. Patrick's Corned Beef sandwich lunch starting at 10 AM. \$12 Cole slaw, chips, dessert and a drink included.

Hensonville Hose Co is holding their Fish Fry dinners on all Fridays during Lent. Call ahead 518-734-3040, and your dinner will be waiting for you to pickup. You can order fish, clams or chicken tenders, and French fries or baked potato. You also get a bag with cole slaw, roll and dessert. \$15.

Don't forget to Spring ahead with your clocks before bed on Saturday night.

Enjoy a complete Pancake Breakfast at Christman's Windham House Sunday March 19th starting at 9 am serving till 12:00 noon Your choice of blueberries, bananas or chocolate chips, 2 strips of bacon, and coffee/juice served with 100% Pure New York Maple Syrup – Yum! Adults \$15.00 Children \$10.00 Proceeds will go towards the WAJ Scholarship Fund. Reservations are appreciated. Call Christman's Windham house 518-734-4230 to reserve your spot

We are starting to look ahead to Easter on April 9. Services will be held in Ashland at 9 AM with breakfast following. If you haven't attended in a while, why not? Come and sing praises. Check the WRIP FaceBook page for the times of other local services.

CARES AND CONCERNS

Sympathy to the families of CB Slutzky, David Hoyt and Manuel Garcia. Healing prayers for Joan Gates, Peggy Beigel, Denise Beckmann Woodbeck and Louie Mudge. Welcome home to Ruth Cross

AS I REMEMBER IT
 As I watch the news about the railroad accident and chemical spill in Ohio, I think about the water and the damage that leaking chemicals do to the water supply. Where does your water come from? Do you know where the source is? Or do you just turn on the tap and expect it to be there, ready to drink? If you buy bottled water, do you know where it comes from? Read the bottle sometime and see what you're drinking. I saw a story on tv once that showed them taking tap water from Newburgh, putting it through a reverse osmosis filter and filling bottles for sale.

Plastic bags and straws have been banned, but how many bottles from water and the caps, get thrown away? Did you ever wonder how that bottle was made? What happens to it after you throw it away? How many bottles could you save if you got a water purifying pitcher for your house?

In Ohio, the residue, water and contaminated soil is being taken away.

Do you wonder what they are doing with it? Do they bury it? Burn it?

Does anyone remember many years ago many loads of contaminated soil were brought up to the Mountain Top. How many cases of "cluster cancer" do you know about? Unexplained cancers in one location. Auto immune diseases in otherwise healthy families. Do you wonder? I do.



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BETTER THAN HEARSAY

Will it Be the *Is Now* Mayor or the *Already Was* Mayor?

By Michael Ryan
HUNTER - So there I was, minding my own business, when I heard that former village of Hunter mayor Alan Higgins is running again.

His opponent for the March 21 election is Michael Papa who was a trustee and became mayor after Higgins resigned, last winter, to take a job as superintendent for the village's Public Works Department.

It seemed like it might be an interesting story. Turns out it is much better than bedside reading and a classic tale of small town politics, leaving voters to make the final judgement.

In fairness to both men, this little piece won't do proper justice to everything that was touched upon, interviewing Higgins and Papa, since I don't regularly cover the village, especially concerning fiscal matters.

This writeup, however, does ask questions and

jots down what they each said which is one of the beauties of being a newspaperman. You never know what their answer will be.

I called Higgins first, after seeing a Public Notice that he was running, and naturally asked him why. He pulled off the road to talk on his cell phone.

Higgins has been in public service for 20 years. "Never have I seen a need as I have with this man," Higgins said, referring to Papa.

"He does everything unilaterally. He feels he is in charge and in control of every aspect of village government. Actually, everything is a board of trustees decision," Higgins said.

"He doesn't seem to get that. I think his personality doesn't allow him to get that," Higgins said, not stopping there, drawing a scenario.

"Our village hall is tiny. I feel we should relocate

it to where the paramedics are," Higgins said, meaning the Greene County Emergency Medical Services satellite station on the west end of Main Street in Hunter.

"The money is already there to do what needs to be done. Papa says we shouldn't relocate the village hall. That it's stupid," Higgins said.

"That's okay. He can move the village forward as he sees best, but then comes the way he treats the public. The way he treats the village clerk.

"A great word is bully. Even the public have spoken up. I thought, when he became a trustee and he was appointed mayor, that he was a great guy. But the word bully is a great word," Higgins said.

"Even if he has his heart in the right place, he doesn't treat people right. He doesn't do the job well. All progress has stopped.

"Maybe if I wasn't on the inside I wouldn't see

all the inadequacies. He doesn't seem to understand the economics of the job.

"He hired an accountant [for over \$50,000.] We are behind on the AUD's," Higgins said, referring to mandated Annual Update of Documents, the yearly financial reports filed with the State Comptrollers Office.

Papa, informed of Higgins' statements, said, "there is so much drama with social media and a few disheartened residents of the village.

"I don't want to participate in or fuel that toxic environment but I am happy to comment if this is the road Mr. Higgins wishes to take.

"I don't believe I have power over everything but as mayor I am head fiscal officer. Not everything is a board of trustees choice. Many optics I have to deal with are mayoral decisions," Papa said.

"I am learning a lot about how municipalities are run, the procedures and budgets. The more I learn the more I see what hasn't been done. We've been behind for a long time."

Asked about Higgins' use of the word "bully," Papa said, "I am the same person today that I was when [Higgins] appointed me. I have a very assertive and direct leadership style.

"It's not bullying if you

are trying to hold someone accountable for their job. If that's interpreted as bullying, that is their interpretation. When you start peeling back the onion, the problem is in the office.

"The village clerk is trying to create a case of harassment. She, in my view, has bullied people out of that office by the way she treated them, by the behavior she imposed on them," Papa said.

Papa said he did not call the village office relocation idea stupid, but rather, "not a feasible project at this time" due to flood plain and fiscal concerns, believing, "it is a potential future project."

Papa also said inconsistencies have emerged between what he was told about village finances, upon becoming mayor, and what is factual.

"The village hasn't turned in the AUD's since 2017. We're out of compliance with the Comptroller's office. I don't know how the Comptroller's Office allows that. It's pretty bizarre," Papa says.

Acknowledging that an outside accountant was brought in, Papa says, "it's the same municipal accounting firm that used to work for the village. I'm happy they are helping us dig ourselves out."

The current board of trustees consists of only three members, a some-

what unusual situation. Virtually all town and village boards have five members.

"It is uncommon," Higgins said. "When I am elected, I will make a motion to add two members to the board."

Papa said, "that is already in the works. Soon after the election, there will be a permissive referendum to expand to five members. Where was this plan over the past seven years?" [when Higgins was mayor].

Three people are vying for one open seat on the board of trustees; Jason DiLeo, Tyler Kelaher and Abraham Stefansky.

The village is unique in that it runs its own elections, not using the Greene County Board of Elections, the only village in the county to do so.

No political caucuses were held by the regular political parties to choose candidates, relying instead on independently nominated petitions.

None of that is improper, and they probably have their reasons, which may be a tale for another time in terms of why the town of Hunter needs three different entities to govern itself.

They have the town and village of Hunter and the separate but connected village of Tannersville which has a similarly absorbing mayor's race plus controversial trustee issues (covered in this column in recent weeks).

Author Book Signing & Art Event at Briars & Brambles Books

Saturday, March 25th from 4-6 pm, Steven Weinberg will be signing copies of his books & displaying his artwork at Briars & Brambles Books in Windham. Steven Weinberg is a writer, illustrator, and painter in the Catskill Mountains of New York. His work has appeared everywhere from books to beer cans to the Smithsonian. His children's books have been called "brilliant" by Dave Pilkey, "thrillingly shameless" by the New York Times, "guaranteed to fuel read aloud energy" by Publisher's Weekly and have won awards and distinctions such as the Virginia Reader's Choice Award (YOU MUST BE THIS TALL), YALSA Reader's Choice (TO TIMBUKTU), the Junior Library Guild Gold Standard Selection (ASTRONUTS: MISSION ONE and THE MIDDLE KID), The Today Show's Holiday Pick (BIG JOB SERIES), and Parents Magazine Best Children's Book 2021 (WASHER & DRYER'S BIG JOB). His fish and landscape paintings are shown regularly at Clove & Creek in Kingston and Hudson, NY.

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TRADITIONALLY SPEAKING BY PAT LARSEN

Knowing "When"

THIS can be a very touchy subject for some, well, I think for most of us.

According to a national statistic, Baby Boomers don't spend a heck of a lot of time focusing on knowing when to make some pretty important decisions that relate to living arrangements and downsizing and the like.

Typically, if the actions of our earlier predecessors are to be considered, the scenario is that one spouse/partner passes away and it becomes imperative for the survivor to figure out a whole host of things on their own.

This came up in our household recently when our eldest child began the conversation. Suddenly, we were the ones doing the listening and

It really rattled us. We always had a pretty good 5 year plan but apparently that isn't enough in this ever changing, complex world.

So I began researching this topic and found some interesting things to help smooth the way to considering this topic... "knowing when."

There's a really interesting book that I found on Amazon entitled,

PEACE OF MIND PLANNER. It's an organizational notebook with spaces to include all the important information about belongings, business affairs and wishes. It is a great organization resource tool where you fill in a predetermined outline that you fill in



with all your pertinent and important personal information that the kids or family members just might not know. There's a medical section and another area to fill in key contacts as well. This book then outlines business matters, insurance, where you've put your important papers, the names of accounts to pay and which ones to cancel. Email addresses make up another section along with a miscellaneous area to explain subjects not previously discussed. I purchased one for myself and my spouse to fill out. It's interesting that the title, Peace of Mind, is exactly what it created within us.

Last Fall, I hosted a program where funeral director Bob Gaus spoke of the lighter side of death at the Shamrock House in East Durham. He shared his many years of insight into the pre-planning process to a very well attended group who were eager to learn all they could about final arrangements in advance. He extended an invitation to sit with anyone who wants to

chat further. He is available at Millspaugh Funeral home in Jefferson Heights. He's a great resource and wealth of information. If you hadn't considered talking with someone like Bob, you might want to look into it.

Finally, for the purposes of this column, I researched the subject of knowing when it's time to downsize your home.

Here's some of the facts I found that might be of interest.

You know when to consider redefining your living arrangements when you can't keep up with the maintenance and repairs of your present home. If things in and around your home are becoming more and more costly to repair and you are unable to afford to do what needs to be done, it's time to reconsider making a change.

If the home you're living in was your "family" home and you no longer need those 2-3 extra bedrooms or the living space is just too much to heat, then it's time to consider downsizing.

If you've spent some time with a realtor and you find that your home has appreciated considerably, then it might be time to sell and find a more appropriately sized home for your needs and just think of the money you'll save in taxes, heat, etc.

As we found out, and you may too, downsizing and considering all of these life changing issues

is both a financial and an emotional decision. But taking the time to evaluate your situation calmly and with a sense of true purpose for not wanting to be caught in a situation where you're "stuck" having to manage all of these plates in the air at the "11'th" hour

of your life will be much easier for you and your family overall than ignoring the inevitable facts.

Pat Larsen lives in Greene County with her husband, Chris and two pups, Gabbey and Lily. She teaches fitness and educational programs for

Baby Boomers, Seniors at the Shamrock House in East Durham, mornings. Pat also is certified in clinical therapy helping those who get stuck and just need some help getting back on track. Please contact Pat at 518-275-8686 or email patlarsen5@aol.com

Catskill Mountain Foundation Presents
Pedrito Martinez Band: Afro-Cuban Folkloric Concert

Hunter - March 7, 2023 - - Catskill Mountain Foundation presents Pedrito Martinez Band: Afro-Cuban Folkloric Concert at the Orpheum Performing Arts Center, 6050 Main Street, Tannersville, NY this Saturday, March 11 at 8:00PM.

Since settling in New York City in the fall of 1998, Pedrito has recorded or performed with Wynton Marsalis, Paul Simon, Bruce Springsteen, Dave Matthews, and Sting, and has contributed to well over 100 albums. A master of Afro-Cuban folkloric music and the batá drum, he has played and sung with dozens of Cuban rumba groups and contributed to several important films.

Pedrito released a Grammy-nominated album in 2013. His second album was recorded in Cuba and released in 2016 featuring, Ruben Blades, Isaac Delgado, Wynton Marsalis, and Angélique Kidjo. In 2019,



Pedrito and Cuban pianist, Alfredo Rodriguez, released a duo album with Quincy Jones as Executive Producer. In July 2019, Pedrito and Eric Clapton recorded a newly arranged version of Clapton's song, "My Father's Eyes," and on September 22, Pedrito and Clapton performed together at Clapton's Crossroads Guitar Festival in Dallas, Texas.

Tickets to the Pedrito Martinez Band Concert can be purchased online at 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 for students. Tickets purchased at the door are \$35 for adults, \$30 for seniors and \$7 for students. For information about upcoming programs at Catskill Mountain Foundation, please visit www.catskillmtn.org.

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CWC Approves Funds for Windham Ambulance Facility

ARKVILLE – On March 7, the Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) Board of Directors approved funding for several projects throughout the Watershed.

The CWC Board approved funding for multiple Future Stormwater Projects. Funding totaling over \$133,000 was approved for design and implementation of a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) for the Town of Windham Ambulance Facility located on South Street, in the Town of Windham, Greene County. The project will add over 40,000 square feet of new impervious surfaces and will disturb 1.94 acres for the construction of the new facility, parking area, sewer and water connections, stormwater facilities and associated grading. The Stormwater controls include erosion and sediment controls, four catch basins and associated piping, diversion swales, riprap outlet weirs, pea stone and two large retention basins. To meet Watershed Regulations this project requires NYCDEP review and approval of the SWPPP. CWC's Future Stormwater Program exists to help offset those additional costs.

A property located on State Route 55 in the Town of Neversink was also approved for funding for a SWPPP. This project includes new impervious surfaces within 100 feet of a wetland/watercourse in a designated hamlet

area. This project consists of an 864 foot ice cream stand and associated outdoor eating and parking areas. The components necessary to obtain DEP SWPPP approval for the post construction project include permanent riprap check dams, a bioretention basin with associated plantings, stone distribution channels, outlet structures and an overflow swale.

Lastly, the CWC Board approved additional funding under the Future Stormwater Program to Hotel Dylan, Ulster County for rock hammering and removal that was necessary for installation of NYCDEP required stormwater controls. This project included paving the parking lot for an existing hotel and restaurant and addressing the runoff associated with the work.

The CWC Board also approved funding from the Flood Hazard Mitigation Program to the Town of Denning for the Peekamoose Road feasibility study for the protection of the road and utility services for several residences in the hamlet of Sundown.

CWC approved another feasibility study under the Flood Hazard Mitigation Program for a commercial building located on Main Street, Pine Hill in the Town of Shandaken. This property is located within the FEMA regulated floodplain so possible flood mitigation measures need to be evaluated to deter-

mine what can be done to protect the structure. Property owners and municipal leaders in hamlets and villages within the West of Hudson Watershed are encouraged to contact CWC for information regarding grants for projects to mitigate future flood damage.

The CWC Board also approved grant funding to 25 homeowners in 16 towns in Delaware, Greene, and Ulster Counties for septic repairs or replacements to ensure functioning septic systems throughout the Watershed. In addition to reimbursing homeowners to replace failing septic systems, some of these replacements consisted of reimbursement for additional work corroborated by the homeowner's engineer, material price increases, or second time repair for systems that were replaced more than ten years ago under a previous CWC grant to the property owner. All construction of these repairs will be completed by contractors of the homeowner's choosing. Homeowners experiencing septic issues are encouraged to contact CWC directly.

The CWC is a locally based and locally staffed non-profit Local Development Corporation responsible for several environmental protection, economic development, and education programs in the New York City Watershed West of the Hudson River. www.cwconline.org

LIVE DRUG FREE Rewired

By Roger R. Barchitta CASAC (Ret.)

The biochemical process of addiction can begin with the first use of a drug because our brains become chemically rewired by substances that become a controlling presence once they are introduced into our grey matter. The price we pay for our drug induced calm or euphoria is caused by the biochemical process of tolerance to the drug's effect that either replaced the natural substances the human brain produces or tricked the brain to produce larger and larger quantities to achieve the same effect. Tolerance makes the brain used to the presence of the drug and the tolerance to the drug and its effects. With tolerance the drug's effects are diminished yet the brain wants to regain the original state or "high" induced by the drug and the brain wants more and more of the drug. The progression into dependence/addiction can become an obsessive out of control use of highly addictive drugs that many addicts use just to maintain their illusion of sanity.

"Crack" cocaine started to appear in the US in the 80's and its use spread like wildfire through urban ghettos into rural towns until the 90's when a home brewed form of methamphetamine began to appear as "Crystal Meth" at first in rural areas before spreading into "Ruburbia" and the rest of the US. Both Crack and Meth are stimulants

and both are highly addictive. The onset of Crack addiction can begin with its first use or a matter of hours, because the withdrawal from its rocket ride euphoric effect is a devastating crash and depression that triggers a craving for more and more of the drug. The absence of the drug causes the brain to react (withdrawal) creating all kinds of unpleasant real and imagined feelings, sensations that can only be stopped by reintroducing the drug or something chemically similar. A dangerous side effect of both Crack and Meth usage is psychosis often experienced by many users.

Twenty-five years ago I started my first day working as a counselor for an inpatient therapeutic community addiction treatment program and my very first "client" patient was a young woman named "Donna" who also just arrived that day. She was referred into treatment by police officers of her neighborhood NYC precinct. Donna was a Crack addict who became so terrified of her growing drug induced walking hallucinatory nightmare, that the only place she felt safe was the NYPD station house on the street where she lived. The cops let her sit on a bench facing the desk sergeant. After a while she left, bought more Crack, and within a few hours was back in the station house "bugged out" and sitting on the bench. The kind and savvy cops kept her calm

and called the department of Social Services where Donna was known to them because 2 of her children were in foster care placement. The cops and a case worker convinced Donna that she needed to get into long term residential treatment where she would feel safe and have a chance at recovery.

Donna became one of the most compliant, motivated residents in the program. She took advantage of everything we offered: a GED and Job training. She became a 12 Step participant (AA & NA) and a member of a local church choir. Donna became a grateful recovering person who eventually got her kids back. She met and married a man from her church and they established a family.

How did this happen? It was not because of my supposed counseling skill or the effectiveness of the program that employed me. Then what was it? My opinion was Donna was "scared straight" into recovery by her Crack induced episodes of temporary insanity. She was lucky because she was granted an opportunity by a "higher power" to step back from her crack wired brain, just long enough, to see herself sitting bug eyed and frightened to death on a station house bench that opened her up to seek any way she could to never be like that again. She wanted and worked to get her life and family back. To be continued.

MESSAGE OF HOPE BY SISTER CHIRYA

Protect Your Mental Health Whilst Staying Informed

"This moment that humanity is living through can be considered a door or a hole. The decision to fall into the hole or go through the door is yours. If you connect with gadgets and consume information 24 hours a day, speak or act with negative energy, are nervous, with pessimism, you will fall into this hole. But if you take the opportunity to look within at yourself, to rethink life and death, to take care of yourself and others, and connect with your spiritual home and your spiritual Father, you will go through the door." - Hopi Indian Chief White Eagle

From using 'gadgets' to abusing them, attachment to gadgets is often hampering our happiness, health and relationships. The extra hours of digital screen-gazing and surfing might be building into addiction. It all begins with signs of wanting - to read and hear every news item, to watch another soccer or football match, and to catch up with political rumors and social scandals! It's unrealistic to suggest you log off entirely or tune out the events unfolding in the world - war in Ukraine,

earthquake destruction, social and political violence, annihilation of the planet! It seems like every day, something new pops up that renders us more burnt out, powerless, anxious, tired or sad. Just make sure to look out for yourself in the process. What you consume may consume you!

Use understanding, will power and discipline to end attachment to gadgets and technology. Upon waking, create a positive thought such as 'Thanks for another great day.' 'I am a peaceful and powerful being'. 'What is the best I can be today'. Begin the day by avoiding technology first thing in the morning and last thing at night.

Appreciate and enjoy using gadgets. Connect using them when needed and disconnect without feeling uncomfortable. Consume only info healthy for your mind and body. Don't get disturbed if you can't use them for any reason. Throughout the day remind yourself, - "My gadgets don't control me or my habits. I use them for their utility." Instead of viewing calamities and discussing other people's lives

through gadgets, be more productive with your own life. "Although this new technology helps me economize my time and energy, I still take time for socializing, physical exercise, meditation and silence."

Understand the spiritual dimension of this current global crisis. Go 'high' and adopt the perspective of an eagle that sees everything from above with a broader vision. Use 'Spiritual Technology' to go through these changing times. Do you recharge yourself as much as you recharge your phone? ... "Look within yourself, rethink life and death, take care of yourself and others, connect with your spiritual home and your spiritual Father, and you will go through the door." Yes, the best wireless connection to make is with God. It's free, only a thought away, always available and fully charged with the best news, so very empowering!

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BETTER THAN HEARSAY

Awaiting a Decision

By Michael Ryan

TANNERSVILLE - Lingering questions are expected to be answered before March 13 surrounding the legal status of two Tannersville village trustees.

The date is significant because the board's next meeting is slated for that evening and, reportedly, neither trustee has participated in regular government activities since the issue arose.

Kim Thompson and John Gallagher weren't present for a recent emergency session and haven't been involved in framework discussions related to the Downtown Revitalization Initiative, according to mayor Lee McGunnigle.

And there was no input from Thompson or Gallagher on the approval of a contract for repairs

to Railroad Avenue, according to McGunnigle, noting, "they have been emailed about all board activities."

The two trustees have been missing from their posts since mid-February after it was revealed they do not live within village borders which is mandated by municipal law.

Thompson and Gallagher, during a board meeting, were directly asked by a resident if they lived within the village. Both reportedly responded "no."

McGunnigle says he was advised to send recordings of the conversations to the State Attorney General's Public Integrity Division for clarification.

No decision was forthcoming in a telephone call from the AG's office on March 8, and all per-

inent information has been handed over to the agency's Executive Division, according to McGunnigle.

While nothing definitive is known, the transfer, "seems to indicate this doesn't rise to the level of criminal action," McGunnigle says.

Multiple outcomes might occur. It could be determined Thompson and Gallagher have peripheral connections to the village, such as the ownership of land, and are therefore serving within the rules.

If it is ruled they are outside the regulations, they could be ordered to resign, leaving the board with only three members.

A worst case scenario would be the resignations falling under the "void ab initio" section of Public Officer law, threaten-

ing all actions taken by Thompson and Gallagher while in office.

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

Their legal non-existence could impact any documents signed or decisions made, creating a potential bureaucratic mess for the village.

The New York Department of State Division of Local Government states the term residency is, "derived from traditional notions of domicile, meaning where you live."

New York State Election Law § 1-104 (2) defines "residence" as "that place where a person maintains a fixed, permanent and principal home and to which he, wherever temporarily lo-

cated, always intends to return."

Courts have historically shown great leeway with residency rules, focusing more on intent rather than the strict letter of the law.

And serious questions also surround how the resignations would be enforced, and by whom, if either trustee opted not to step down.

Meanwhile, a third trustee, Gregory Landers, has resigned, citing "personal reasons," according to McGunnigle. Chris Streich has been appointed to replace Landers who also served as deputy mayor.

Landers, whose current term of office was expiring, had earlier announced he was not seeking re-election.

A new deputy mayor

has not been picked, pending the outcome of the upcoming March 21 election for two trustee seats and mayor

Incumbent David Kashman and political newcomer Dylan Legg, the son of Hunter town councilman Raymond Legg, are running unopposed for the trustee positions.

McGunnigle, in public service 24 years, faces a stiff challenge from David Schneider, a local businessman who, if voted in, would be holding an elected office for the first time.

Schneider, in a surprising turn of political events, gained endorsement from the Democratic and Republic Parties in recent local caucuses, leaving McGunnigle to form the Truth & Integrity Party for a Day.

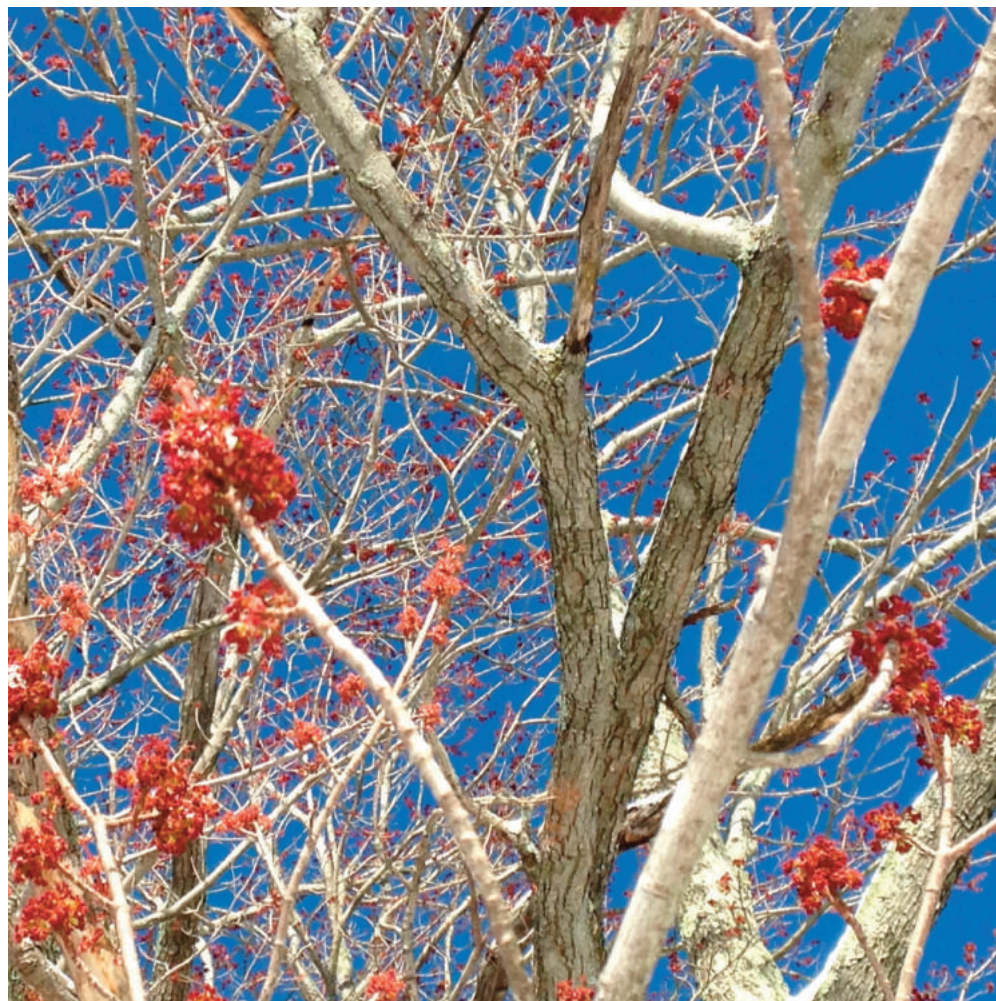
A CONVERSATION ABOUT

The Flowers in the Trees

By Jean Thomas

The flowers in the trees. I get impatient come March and April, anxious for some signs of Spring. As the birds appear at the feeder in greater variety, I know they're not just relying on my store-bought provisions. They will need insects and some need nectar. After all, it's time for them to begin nests and soon feed babies. Recently I've learned about a science called Phenology. This consists of the observation of the connection between plants and animals (including birds and insects). Native plants and animals have evolved over millennia to time their life cycles to be mutually advantageous. So it's a comfort to me that there's flowering going on to feed these early arrivals. I just have to look up!

In late March and early April, you may notice as you drive that the willows are becoming more golden and the maples seem to have a blush of red, even before they have leaves. If you habitually take daily walks, you may notice leaf buds erupting from the tips of shrubs you pass. Many trees and shrubs are beginning to build themselves up for the coming seasons. Lilacs and peaches, pears and redbuds are making beautiful leaf and flower



buds. Next time you're out, take a look. Though tiny, these buds are absolutely amazing architecturally. If you have an identification app in your phone, you can get onto a first name basis with a botanical neighbor. Try <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/inaturalist/id421397028> or a version of the same app called "Seek". Snap a photo of the bud and ask for ID. That's it.

Now is the time of the full moon the Indians called the Worm Moon.

The name refers to their observation that the soil was warming enough for the worms to be active and the insects to begin hatching and emerging from winter. The insects, on days when the temperature is high enough, will feed on many of these buds and their stems. Here's where the phenology thing comes in. Not only are the in-

sects genetically programmed to hatch when the buds emerge, but specific birds are similarly programmed to time their return migration for when these particular insects hatch out. The podcast from Cornell Cooperative Extension of Columbia and Greene Counties, "Nature Calls: Conversations from the Hudson Valley" has an inter-

view on the subject of phenology with Heidi Bock of the Columbia Land Conservancy. It's episode 21. You can listen or read the transcript on your favorite podcast service or on line at <https://ccecolumbia-greene.org/gardening/nature-calls-conversations-from-the-hudson-valley/episode-21-phenology>.

Well, now that I've generalized all around the subject, I can talk about my favorite "flowers in the trees". The aforementioned willows and maples are the earliest natives to flower. The maples have tiny clusters of flowers ranging by genus from red to shades of yellow. The trees can have both male and female flowers on the same plant. The male and female flowers look different, because they have different functions. Once you have a branch near enough to inspect the flowers, you'll see a wonderland of tiny flowers in clusters that would be pretty on an Easter bonnet. They are life savers for the earliest insects, particularly bees. You just have to remember to look up and adjust the scale of what your imagination thinks is a flower. If you live where

there are sidewalks and street trees, you may be familiar with the red fluff drifting to the curbs in the spring. This is the discarded flowers from the maples. The tree has begun the next step, growing the seeds, or samaras. These are what we used to call helicopters when we played with them as children.

The other sneaky flower in the spring is the willow. We are all familiar with pussy willows, but don't always notice when they turn into pretty catkins... a spike, usually drooping, of florets... that turn into fluff releasing the seeds. Remember that flowers are intended to turn into seeds. The whole process is complicated, and fascinating. Both the maple and the willow are what is called keystone species because they are hosts throughout their life cycle to innumerable species of insects, birds and other animals. If you need any further questions answered about your environment, you can email Master Gardener Volunteers at columbiagreengv@cornell.edu. In the meantime take a hike! And don't forget to look up!

LLC Formation

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

Belleayre Ski Patrol Annual Brooks BBQ and Dance

Saturday March 11th - BBQ from 4:00 to 6:30 P.M.
Dance - The Blues Manuever Band 5:30 to 9:30 P.M.
Belleayre Mountain Ski Center, Overlook Lodge
181 Galli Circle Road - Highmount, NY 12441

Tickets available from the Ski Patrol -
Adults - \$20.00, Children 12 and under - \$10.00

Take your meals home or stay and listen to
and dance to the Blues Manuever Band

Buy some raffles! Lots of prizes!



THE TAPESTRY BY DR. DEBORAH HERODES

Leaving His "Prince" in the Sand A Re 'markle'able Story

A little prince follows the coffin of his besieged mother, flanked by his older brother and father. A beautiful floral reminder of who she was to him lay on the top of her casket. The word "Mum," certainly was not enough to let the world know just what this mum went through in bringing up her boys.

We all knew her name; Diana was synonymous with royalty, the people's princess, the outcast, the mum of two heart-broken boys, who paid a lifetime cost for a life taken away too young, by those who followed her with cameras to catch a glimpse of a fairly, shy princess. Although drunk driving was certainly involved in this horrendous accident and exorbitant speed, it was the paparazzi who would bear the blame for this tragedy, because of their constant pursuit of someone who begged them to leave her alone.

Her first son, who would be king someday, grew as the royalty believed he would. He was suave, obedient, and even married the perfect person to sit alongside him as a future queen. "Wills," seemed to have the will of the royalty in mind and brought little attention to himself throughout his adolescent years. And then there was Harry! The press was intrigued with everything he did, from his countless girlfriends, to his substance abuse, to his time spent in the British army, to his choices of Halloween costumes (where he decided upon

Hitler) to his reckless behavior in vehicles, to his courtship of an American actress, who would eventually become his wife.

As Megan Markle became Prince Harry's wife, the old race issue reared its angry head in Great Britain tabloids. Royal onlookers wondered if the children of Markle and Harry, who were bound to be "dark-skinned," as she was an African American, were really what the royal family wanted in their bloodline. Before the birth of either of their two children, Markle, herself, had been hounded by the press because of her own background and although she tried desperately to avoid

this issue, hoping the tabloids would move out of the Dark Ages, her resolve was finally broken, and she became suicidal.

All the rules and regulations of "being royal" had always driven Harry crazy, but because of his devotion to his grandmother, he put up with the traditions of the family. His first escape from England happened when he was 21 years old. He joined the British army, on the field of battle and was honored for his bravery. While on the field of combat, in the mid-east, he learned much about himself and the world. He enjoyed being "just Harry," not "Prince anyone," and he was treated equally by all the men and boys in his battalion. He saw much, while on the battlefield, and endured personal suffering, but from this glimpse of life outside Buckingham Palace, he knew he was different than his brother, that he had a lot to say about the treatment of people around the world, and he planned on being a spokesperson for those in the world with no voice.

Unfortunately, upon his return to England, he struggled with PTSD, and to lessen the effects of this daily trauma, became hooked on drugs and alcohol. He was very lonely for his comrades from the Army and was displeased or disinterested in women of his age, liked by the royal family. He felt that his real self was left in the desert, with his friends, and the family who loved him had all but given up on him. He was a changed man.

Enter Meagan Markle; a divorced, African American actress! Suffice it to say, her race, her employment and her nationality did not enter their personal love story, just their public, paparazzi story. The courtship and marriage were all pomp and circumstance but what came later forced the return of his mother's spirit, in her youngest son.

As crippling depression took over his new bride's life, Harry, or "H" as she calls him, decided to leave England, and move to the United States, where his wife could feel safer and

more at home and his young child, Archie, could be raised with less "formalities" than his father had been forced to endure and Megan would not be forced to deal with what his beloved mother had to go to her grave trying to avoid. The threats on his wife's life and his son's life and the continual prejudicial bashing became too hard for "M," as he calls her, to take, so the young prince took his bride and his son across the pond, henceforth, giving up his responsibilities to the royal family. He had watched his mother's demise at the hands of the press and refused to allow his birthright to get in the way of his family's safety and happiness.

I am not sure why this story of love has brought such a shock to so many. History certainly has told us of those who abdicated thrones for a loved one. Perhaps, it is Diana's legacy that keeps us all interested in the lives of her children or, it is seeing her fiery blue eyes in his, when he defends his family against the British world. To see one stand up for what's right, despite personal loss, and to see one, especially one who is shy by nature, defend his wife and children so vehemently is mesmerizing.

Many have condemned him for his newly released book Spare, because he recalls his life story in the text and some of the reading is viewed as a bit raw for the British family to ignore. Making money at their expense has not been viewed kindly; I instead look at the man he has become, despite the monarchy. Diana was condemned by the press, when she was tricked into telling her story of hopelessness, on the airwaves, but it was through this glimpse of her life, as a "would be" queen, who gave it all up for pride and sanity, that we can understand her beloved Harry. He may not be giving up the throne, but certainly a life of servitude and royal treatment.

With Valentine's Day on the horizon, this story of love is one of my favorites, and I hope its message makes us all realize that status has nothing to do with love.

Vigil for Ukraine Held

By Nouha Semmar

DELHI - Delhi is a community known for standing together and supporting each other. Among the great civil activities, Delhi held a vigil to commemorate the one-year anniversary of the war in Ukraine at Courthouse Square on Friday, February 24. The cold weather and snow flurries didn't stop people from attending as more than 50 individuals participated in this solidarity with the eastern European nation.

Sponsored by Delaware County Citizens for Refugee Support (DC-CRS), with substantial input from the Russian anti-war activists now living in Delaware County, the event started at noon with a 30-minute sidewalk vigil. Attendees held signs, large and small; some read "WE STAND WITH UKRAINE," and "NO WAR." They were greeted with enthusiastic honking and thumbs up from passing cars.

Later, at the bandstand, speeches were made by three Russian anti-war activists: Mariia Shemiatina and Boris Shevchuk who now live in Delaware County with the support of the community, and Aleksandr Balashov, who is visiting from Washington state. Each spoke movingly about the horror of Putin's war of aggression against the sovereign country of Ukraine and their wish for an end to the war, for peace, and for a world without borders.

A highlight of the event was the preparation by the Russians of delicious, hot borscht soup that was served to all attendees at the vigil. They explained that borscht is part of a culinary tradition that encompasses both Ukraine and Russia and so, a symbol of solidarity between the two peoples. The event closed with Mariia reading a poem by Olga Maslova titled "Let there be peace." She read the



Sidewalk Vigil for Ukraine. Pictured from left: Frederic Chrislip, Sangeeta Pratap, Mina Takahashi, Jason Sprankle, and Boris Shevchuk. Photo by Olga Nikitina

poem in the original Russian and in an English translation; it expresses clearly, "Where the war rules, no one has peace. / I urge you, we all need it / Let there be peace on earth."

To make a financial contribution to assist the Ukrainian effort in the war, DCCRS core member Dan Gashler says, "We recommend visiting www.standforukraine.com, an aggregator website of vetted organizations working in Ukraine." DC-CRS is currently coordinating the community's support of four Russian asylum seekers, Vladimir Romanenko, Ivan

Sokolovsky, and Mariia and Boris, both of whom spoke at the vigil. DCCRS core member Sangeeta Pratap said "In the short time they have been here, the asylum seekers have won our hearts with their courage and kindness. The community has responded with great generosity. Until they are able to work, they need financial support to cover housing, food, and other expenses." DCCRS is accepting donations and offers of volunteer help, housing, and English tutoring at their website, delcoers.org.

Bushel Hosts a Dream Workshop with IONE Mar 12

By Nouha Semmar

DELHI - Once again, one of the most interesting events will be held in Delhi. Bushel is pleased to host "Building a Dream Community" on Sunday, March 12 from 2pm to 4pm.

It's a special workshop led by IONE, "keeper of dreams," and Rachel Condry, deep listening practitioner. This event is free and open to the public. It will take place at Bushel, 106 Main Street, ground floor, in Delhi.

In this workshop participants will explore the world of dreams and dreaming. What does it mean to listen in dreams? What sounds do you hear in dreams? What happens when we share our dreams with others? What if dreaming is the key to fu-

ture building?

IONE is an author/playwright/director and an improvising text-sound artist and dream keeper for the Deep Listening community. She is executive producer of the documentary film Deep Listening: The Story of Pauline Oliveros coming to Okun Theater at SUNY-Delhi on Friday, March 10th at 7pm.

In addition to multiple performances internationally, she has created numerous large music theater works with her creative partner and spouse, the composer Pauline Oliveros. These include the opera The Nubian Word for Flowers; A Phantom Opera, 2017 Roulette Intermedium and

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Members of MCS FBLA Honor Society Receive Recognition

Two Students Advance to State FBLA Leadership Conference in April

MIDDLEBURGH - Middleburgh Junior-Senior High School Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Club members recently competed in the Spring District Competitive Events at Bryant and Stratton College, and two students will advance to the state competition.

Senior Chloe LaBombard (Grade 12) competed in Impromptu Speaking.

Junior Sarah Schafroth placed first in Client Services, advancing to the state competition.

Junior Olivia Skowfoe competed in the Job Interview category.

Junior Quin Smith (Grade 11) placed second in Public Speaking and will also advance to compete at the state competition.

FBLA works to prepare students to become community-minded business leaders through career preparation and leadership experiences.

FBLA recently accepted



Schafroth and Smith as members of the New York State Future Business Leaders of America Honor Society. Membership is among the highest honors awarded to a high school member of NYS FBLA. The honor recognizes students who uphold academic excellence while displaying positive character, leadership and service.

"This is an honor that is well deserved," Middleburgh Business teacher and club advisor Denise Colistra said. "Quin and Sarah are excellent stu-

dents and great role models for their peers. I am very proud of them both and can't wait to see what their future holds."

Schafroth has been an active member of the school's club for four years and currently serves as the club's president. Smith has been an active member of the school's club for four years and serves as the club's vice president.

Smith and Schafroth will compete at the NYS FBLA State Leadership Conference this April in Rochester. They will be

recognized for their outstanding achievement during the conference.

Indictment in Sidney Car Crash

DELHI - Delaware County Acting District Attorney Shawn J. Smith announced that Courtnei N. Baker, 31, of Sidney, New York, was arraigned in Delaware County Court on March 2nd, 2023.

The defendant appeared before the Honorable John L. Hubbard, who ordered bail be set at the sum of \$100,000 cash, \$250,000 secured bond, and partially secured bond at \$1,000,000.

The Delaware County Grand Jury handed up an Indictment of 10 counts which included accusing the defendant of Vehicular Assault in the 1st Degree, a Class D Felony, Vehicular Assault in the 2nd Degree, a Class E Felony, Aggravated Ve-

hicular Assault, a Class C Felony, Assault in the 2nd Degree, a Class D Violent Felony, and Escape in the Second Degree, a Class E Felony.

The defendant is accused of operating a motor vehicle on February 15, 2023, on Sharon Street, in the Village of Sidney, while intoxicated by alcohol. The defendant is alleged to have had a blood alcohol content greater than .18 percent. Baker is further accused of causing serious physical injury to another person while intoxicated and driving in a manner that unreasonably interfered with the free and proper use of a public roadway. Baker allegedly struck a pedestrian with her motor vehicle and left

the scene without stopping, exhibiting, or reporting her information while knowing to have caused personal injury to another person.

The defendant is further accused of operating a motor vehicle without proper licensing and of having escaped the Sidney Village Police custody.

The defendant entered a not-guilty plea to all charges on February 28th in Delaware County Court. The defendant will remain in the custody of the Delaware County Sheriff unless bail is posted.

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

LEGAL ADVERTISING

Shoveling Notice - Windham

Notice is hereby given that the Windham Fire District #1 of the Town of Windham, State of New York, seeks bids for the shoveling of snow from the walkways and area around and about the Windham Fire House for the 2022-2023 Winter Season. Sealed bids will be opened on Wednesday November 16, 2022, at 6:00 PM at the Windham Town Hall, 371 St Rt 296, Hensonville, NY 12439, in the Town of Windham, State of New York.

Sealed bids can be submitted at the meeting or mailed before November 6, 2022, to Windham Fire District #1 PO Box 91 Hensonville, NY 12439

Budget Hearing - Lexington Fire District

The Town of Lexington Fire Districts budget hearing for the public on November 7th at 6:30 at the Lexington Municipal Building. Copies of the budget can be obtained at the Lexington Town Clerk's office

Snowplow Notice - Windham

Notice is hereby given that the Windham Fire District #1 of the Town of Windham, State of New York, seeks bids for the plowing of snow from the parking areas around and about the Windham Fire House and the Hensonville Fire House for the 2022-2023 Winter Season. Sanding and/or salting will also be required. A Qualified Contractor 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 Rt 296, Hensonville, NY 12439, in the Town of Windham, State of New York.

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LLC Notice

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF Christina O'Donnell, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on June 7, 2022. Office Location: Schoharie County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process on LLC. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: 136 CC Camp Road, Middleburgh, NY 12122. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC
MINIMALLY INVASIVE TREE REMOVAL, LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 09/08/22. Office in Schoharie Co. SSNY designated Agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC @ 1881 Western Ave STE 180, Albany, NY 12203. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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

LLC Notice
NOTICE OF FORMATION OF MASSAGE BY BETH LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2022-07-18. Office location: Greene County. United States Corporation Agents, Inc. designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to United States Corporation Agents, Inc.: 7014 13th Avenue Suite 202 Brooklyn NY 11228. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

LLC Notice
NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY; Name of LLC: PANGMAN PROPERTY LLC; Date of filing: 8/3/2022; Office of the LLC: Schoharie Co.; The NY Secretary of State has been designated as the agent upon whom process may be served. NYSS may mail a copy of any process to the LLC at 220 Barnerville Road, Cobleskill, New York 12043; Purpose of LLC: Any lawful purpose.

LLC Notice
NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY; Name of LLC: GILBOA EGG BARN LLC; Date of filing: 02/07/2023; Office of the LLC: Delaware Co.; The NY Secretary of State has been designated as the agent upon whom process may be served. NYSS may mail a copy of any process to the LLC at 220 Barnerville Road, Cobleskill, New York 12043; Purpose of LLC: Any lawful purpose.

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SSNY on 04/22/2022. Off. Loc.: Schoharie Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Daniel E. Hanchett, 176 Hill Road, Cobleskill, NY 12043. General Purposes.

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

Public Notice
Notice is hereby given that license, number 2204552 for on premise beer, cider, liquor and/or wine has been applied for by George E. Maltese to sell beer, cider, liquor and/or wine, at retail in a restaurant under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law at 36 Main Street, Stamford, NY for on premises consumption. George E. Maltese, The Dinner Plate

LLC Notice
Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC). Name: SOUNDS GOOD CATSKILLS, LLC., Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on November 18, 2022. Office location: Delaware County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: Sounds Good Catskills, LLC 2838 Murphy Hill Rd Andes NY 13731. Purpose: to engage in any lawful business of every kind and character for which LLCs may be organized under the New York LLC Law, Section 203, or any successor statute.

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

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OF THE SALE DATE. DATE OF SALE: April 11, 2023. TIME OF SALE: 1:00 PM. SALE WILL BE CONDUCTED AT: DELAWARE COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING, 280 PHOEBE LANE, DELHI NEW YORK.

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND situate in the Town of Franklin, County of Delaware, State of New York bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a capped rod, said capped rod marking the common corner of lands now or formerly of Elwood W. Weerheim and others (1030-37) on the northeast, lands now or formerly of Bright Hill Press, Inc. (973-310, Ref. Riled Map No. 2859) on the southeast, lands now or formerly of Douglas E. and Patricia A. Jamieson (980-106) on the southwest and the lands being described on the northwest; and commencing from said point of beginning and running along lands of said Jamieson, s 84-52-40 W, 99.00 feet to a capped rod on the line of lands now or formerly of Thomas A. Briggs (1116-264); thence turning and running along lands of said Briggs the following courses:

1. N 05-07-20 W, 20.00 feet to a capped rod; 2. S 84-52-40 W, 58.00 feet to a capped rod; 3. S 05-07-20 E, 70.00 feet to a capped rod; 4. S 84-52-40 W, 8.00 feet to a capped rod;

5. S 05-07-20 E, 155.99 feet to a point on the Southerly bounds of Church Street, said point being on the Northerly line of lands now or formerly of Alyssa Melnick (849-292); thence turning and running along lands of said Melnick, S 84-52-40 W, 124.81 feet to a point; thence turning and running through the lands of the grantor, N 15-58-30 W, 73.20 feet to a capped rod and continuing N 15-58-30 W, 71.75 feet (for a total of 144.95 feet) to a capped rod; thence turning and continuing through the lands of the grantor the following courses:

1. N 73-26-57 W, 296.27 feet to a capped rod; 2. N 14-19-55 E, 309.72 feet to a capped rod; 3. N 62-17-53 E, 124.69 feet to a capped rod; 4. N 08-06-29 E, 66.74 feet to a capped rod;

5. N 87-41-14 E, 272.87 feet to a point on the line of lands of the aforementioned Weerheim and others; thence turning and running along lands of said Weerheim and others, S 16-17-20 E, 445.73 feet to the point of beginning, containing 5.482 acres and being LOT 1 shown upon a subdivision map prepared for A.L. Kellogg Elementary School, prepared by Ronald R. Mullenix, PLS dated August 8, 2011, revised October 26, 2011 and filed in the Delaware County Clerk's Office on March 7, 2012 as Filed Map No. 9191.

E X C E P T I N G THEREFROM AND RESERVING TO THE GRANTOR HEREIN ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, the permanent non-exclusive right to enter upon and use the "35' Right of Way" and the separate "Right of Way" leading from the 35' Right of Way northerly east of the circular drive and through the parking lot all as shown on the aforesaid Mullenix Survey filed

as map #9191 over and across Lot 1 being retained by the Delhi Central School District (herein "the Rights of Way"), for all purposes of ingress and egress from Church Street to the premises delineated as Lot 2 on said survey map #9191. The Grantor Delhi Central School District, its successors and assigns, shall have the right to make use of the Rights of Way in such manner as not to be inconsistent with the use of the Rights of Way by the Grantee herein, its successors and assigns, and neither party shall place any buildings within said Rights of Way, and shall place no other structures, trees, permanent walls or fences, or other improvements within said Rights of Way that shall prevent or unreasonably interfere with the other's ability to use the same as aforesaid.

Public Notice - BOCES
Please take notice that the BOARD OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES OF THE SOLE SUPERVISORY DISTRICT OF OTSEGO, DELAWARE, SCHOHARIE, AND GREENE COUNTIES (BOCES) will hold the annual meeting of the trustees and members of the Boards of Education of its component school districts on Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at the Northern Catskills Occupational Center in Grand Gorge, NY.

Three (3) seats on the Board of Cooperative Educational Services are up for election. Petitions for nominating candidates for the office of BOCES Board members must be filed no later than March 15, 2023. Such petitions shall be filed with the District Clerk between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on any normal business day.

The Board of Cooperative Educational Services has presented its tentative administrative, capital and program budgets for 2023-2024 to the trustees and members of the Boards of Education of component school districts and will review at the annual meeting. The following are summaries of the tentative administrative, capital and program budgets. The amounts stated are based on current estimates and may be subject to change. Copies of the proposed administrative, capital and program budgets will be available for inspection by the public between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. in Otsego Northern Catskills BOCES Administrative Offices located at the Northern Catskills Occupational Center, 2020 Jump Brook Road, Grand Gorge, New York and in the Superintendent's office of each component school district commencing on March 1, 2023.

SUMMARY OF TENTATIVE ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET

Total Personal Services (Salaries of all Central Administrative and Supervisory Personnel) \$ 679,855

Total Employee Benefits (Benefits of all Central Administrative and Supervisory Personnel) \$ 487,090

Retiree Benefits (All Programs) \$ 1,709,607

(Compensation of District Superintendent of Schools) State Salary \$ 43,499

BOCES Salary \$164,751

Annualized Benefits \$ 49,509

Other Remuneration \$ 0

Total Compensation \$257,759

TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET \$3,783,112

TENTATIVE CAPITAL BUDGET

TOTAL CAPITAL BUDGET \$660,070

TOTAL PROGRAM BUDGET \$24,777,593

TOTAL BOCES BUDGET \$29,220,775

Public Notice - Bids Wanted

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received until 1:00 P.M., March 24, 2023, at the Village of Middleburgh Offices Attention: Village Clerk, located at 309 Main Street, PO Box 789, Middleburgh, NY 12122; at which time bids will be publicly opened and read aloud for the Village Hall - Interior & Exterior Repairs Project.

A pre-bid conference will be held for this project on Thursday, March 9, 2023 at 1:00 PM at the Village of Middleburgh Village Hall 309 Main Street, Middleburgh, NY 12122. Bidding contractors are strongly encouraged to have an authorized representative of their firm attend the pre-bid conference.

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

Interiors/Exterior Repairs Contract

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

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

Digital copies of the Contract Documents may be obtained online as a download for a non-refundable fee of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) from the website: <https://de.biddhyq.com>. Complete hardcopy sets of bidding documents may be obtained from REV, 330 Route 17A, Suite #2, Goshen, NY 10924, Tel: 1-877-272-1026, upon depositing the sum of 100.00 Dollars (\$100.00) for each combined set of documents. Checks or money orders shall be made payable to Delaware Engineering, D.P.C. Cash deposits will not be accepted. Any Bidder requiring documents to be shipped shall make

arrangements with REV and pay for all packaging and shipping costs.

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

Please note that <https://de.biddhyq.com> is the designated location and means for distributing and obtaining all bid package information. All Bidders are urged to register to ensure receipt of all necessary information including bid addenda. All bid addenda will be transmitted to registered plan holders via email and will be available at <https://de.biddhyq.com>. Plan holders who have paid for hard copies of the bid documents will need to make the determination if hard copies of the addenda are required for their use, and coordinate directly with REV for hard copies of addenda to be issued. There will be no charge for registered plan holders to obtain hard copies of the bid addenda.

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

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

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

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

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

Public Notice -

LEGAL ADVERTISING

nority owned businesses are encouraged to apply. The Watershed Agricultural Council, Inc. reserves the right to reject any and all bids. E.O.E.

Public Notice - Greene County

The Greene County Legislature on February 6th, 2023, adopted Local Law Number 1 of the Year 2023, as follows:

LOCAL LAW NUMBER 1 OF 2023

A LOCAL LAW PROVIDING REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND AMBULANCE WORKERS PURSUANT TO SECTION 466-A OF THE REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW.

BE IT ENACTED by the County Legislature of the County of Greene as follows:

SUMMARY OF LOCAL LAW NUMBER 1 OF 2023:

Pursuant to this Local Law, the County of Greene has adopted the real property tax exemptions provided for volunteer firefighters and emergency medical personnel in accordance with Section 466-a of the Real Property Tax Law. Real property owned by an enrolled member of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service or such enrolled member and spouse residing in the County of Greene shall be exempt from taxation to the extent of 10 percent of the assessed value of such property for County purposes, exclusive of special assessments. Applicants must meet certain qualifications and eligibility requirements.

The full text of this proposed Local Law Number 1 of 2023 is available for review in the office of the Clerk of the Greene County Legislature, Suite 408, 411 Main Street, Catskill, New York 12414, and on the Greene County website: www.discovergreene.com.

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon its filing with the Secretary of State.

Public Notice - Bids Wanted

Sealed bids for the furnishing of all labor and materials necessary to complete the following contract will be received by the Greene County Highway Department, 240 West Main Street, P.O. Box 485, Catskill, NY 12414 until 11:00 AM local time on Friday, March 17, 2023, at which time they will

be publicly opened and read aloud:

PIN 1760.23 - Replacement of County Road 83 (Ski Bowl Road) Culvert and Pedestrian Bridge Over Shanty Hollow Brook in the Town of Hunter, Greene County, New York

Contract Documents, including Advertisement For Bids, Information For Bidders, Labor and Employment, Additional Instruction, Bid Documents, Agreement, General Conditions, General Requirements, Specifications, Contract Drawings and any Addenda are available in digital format and may be obtained from CDM Smith. Digital copies can be obtained by providing a valid email address to carsonr@cdmsmith.com. Download instructions will be provided upon notification.

All correspondence related to the bid should be submitted in writing to the Engineer:

CDM Smith
3 Lear Jet Lane,
Suite 100N
Latham, NY 12110
Attn: Tyler Carson
Phone: (518) 782-4511

E - m a i l : carsonr@cdmsmith.com

Public Notice - Bids Wanted

Notice is hereby given that, Greene County will accept sealed bids for: Timber Lake Road over Broadstreet Hollow Stream Bridge Replacement (PIN 1761.21) in the Town of Lexington, Greene County, New York.

The project consists of replacement of the existing bridge on Timber Lake Road over Broadstreet Hollow Stream. Installation of new 45 ft. single span adjacent prestressed concrete voided slabs superstructure supported on concrete integral abutments founded on micro piles. Project also includes the installation and removal of a temporary bridge. This project is a Federal Aid project and NYSDOT Standard Specifications must be followed unless otherwise revised by these documents. The DBE goal for the project is 6%.

Contract will be awarded based upon the lowest qualified bid who complies with the project bid documents. A bid deposit and performance and payment bonds will be required for the project. Contract Documents, including Invitation to Bidders, Instructions to Bidders, Wage Rates, Bid Documents,

Agreement, Special Notes, Specifications, Contract Drawings, and any Addenda will only be available electronically and will be distributed via email upon request.

Electronic bid documents may be obtained from Creighton Manning via a phone or e-mail request at no cost. Please request bid documents from Alex Brown, PE by phone at 518-689-1823 or by email at abrown@cmellp.com.

Bids to be considered must be received in a sealed envelope at Greene County Highway Department at 240 West Main Street, Catskill, NY 12414 by 11:00 AM, local time, on March 23, 2023 at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids received after the above noted time will not be accepted. All sealed envelopes should be clearly labeled "BID FOR REPLACEMENT OF - TIMBER LAKE ROAD BRIDGE OVER BROADSTREET HOLLOW STREAM" The sealed bids shall include the completed Bid Form, Non-Collusive Bidding Certification (as required by chapter 956 of the Laws of New York State), and Bid Bond.

Engineer's Contact Alex Brown, PE., Project Engineer Creighton Manning Engineering, LLP 2 Winners Circle, Albany, NY 12205 abrown@cmellp.com

Public Notice - Carlisle, Seward

Please be advised that the Public Hearings before the Town of Carlisle Planning Board and the Town of Seward Planning Board have been rescheduled at the request of the applicant. Rock District Solar has submitted a notice to the Office of Renewable Energy Siting (ORES) of its intent to transfer its application to the permitting process administered by ORES under New York Executive Law Section 94-c. At this time, the Public Hearings for each town have been rescheduled to the following dates:

DATE: Tuesday, April 11th, 2023

PLACE: Carlisle Town Hall, 541 Crommie Road, Carlisle, NY

TIME: 7:00 PM

DATE: Tuesday, April 18th, 2023

PLACE: Seward Town Hall, 795 Lowe Road, Suite 1, Cobleskill, NY

TIME: 7:00 PM

APPLICANT: Rock District Solar, LLC 230 Park Avenue, Suite 1560 New York, NY 10169

A copy of the application is on file at the Town Hall of both Carlisle and Seward and all up to date application materials may be reviewed at the following web page: <https://ccrenew.com/rock-district/> Comments and concerns are welcome in writing or in person at the time of the hearing. The contact information for the Town of Carlisle Planning Board is as follows: Tel: 518-234-7080, Address: Carlisle Town Hall, 541 Crommie Road, Carlisle, NY, E m a i l : carlisleclerk@gmail.com. The contact information for the Town of Seward Planning Board is as follows: Tel: (518) 234-2480, Address: Town of Seward Planning Board, 795 Lowe Road, Suite 1, Cobleskill, NY 12043, Email: sewardtownclerk@gmail.com.

Public Notice - Schoharie

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that the Town of Schoharie Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, March 21, 2023, at the Town of Schoharie Town Offices, 300 Main Street Schoharie, New York. The purpose of the Hearing is to receive comments from all persons interested in the applications for site plan review and special use permit submitted by Highbridge Development Schoharie LLC for the development of a warehouse and retail facilities on tax map parcel 48.-4-22 comprising 48 acres of vacant land along the east side of Route 30A and south side of Interstate 88. Copies of the application materials are located in the Town Offices (office hours Monday, Wednesday and Friday) and available online at: <https://www4.schohariecounty-ny.gov/government/town-of-schoharie/highbridgedevlopment/>

Public Notice - Delaware County

Delaware County (the Owner) is seeking bids to construct a single level 2000+/- SF residential building on a vacant lot in the Village of Delhi. The property is served by and has direct access to municipal sewer and water.

Delaware County invites Stipulated Sum Bids for the work described in the Construction Plans dated March 6, 2023.

The Owner shall accept sealed bids from

qualified bidders at the Delaware County Office Building addressed to:

Mr. Pete Montgomery Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds Delaware County Maintenance Department 111 Main Street Delhi, NY 13753 Telephone No. (607) 832-5050 Email: pete.montgomery@co.delaware.ny.us

Sealed bids must be submitted in envelopes which identify upon their face the project name "161 Main Street" as well as the bidder's name and address.

Sealed bids are due by 12 p.m. on Thursday, April 13, 2023. Bids received after said time and date will be rejected.

The Owner reserves the right to award the contract within forty-five (45) calendar days after the receipt of the bids. No bidder may modify or withdraw their bid within forty-five (45) calendar days after the receipt of bids. The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids submitted.

Bid documents are available in digital format upon request. All requests shall be made to Mr. Pete Montgomery via phone or email.

A complete printed set may be purchased by a non-refundable fee of \$50.00.

NOTICE CONCERNING THE EXAMINATION OF ASSESSMENT INVENTORY

AND VALUATION DATA - PRATTSVILLE Notice is hereby given that assessment inventory and valuation data is available for examination and review. This data is the information which will be used to establish the

assessment of each parcel which will appear on the Tentative Assessment Roll of the Town of Prattsville which will be filed on or before May 1st, 2023. The information may be

reviewed, by appointment, in the Assessor's Office at 14517 Main St, Prattsville on March 2 between the hours of 1:30 and 3:30 and on March 9 between the hours of 1:30 and 3:30. An

appointment to review the assessment information may be made by telephoning the assessor at 518-299-3125.

Dated March 1, 2023. Nancy Wyncoop Bower, Sole Assessor

Chili and More at Methodist Church



Pastor Maryellen Moore brings in visitors to Friday's chili fundraiser in Middleburgh.



Camilla Hammann serves chili during the event. Photos by David Avitabile.



Mason Pitt and James Gavin help with the fundraiser.

Understanding Historic Documents Workshop at DCHA

Do you have old letters and diaries from your ancestors? Have you ever struggled to read them? Come to the Delaware County Historical Association (DCHA)'s Transcription Workshop on Saturday, March 11 at 2PM to learn valuable tips and tricks to reading and understanding old-fashioned handwriting.

The museum's resident history educator will offer a presentation on transcribing documents. Attendees will then put their skills to the test reading several historic letters from the museum's collections. Attendees are also encouraged to bring any materials they have, whether it be an old family

diary, journal or a letter, to work together as a group in deciphering the handwriting.

This workshop is free and open to the public. RSVPs are encouraged but not required and can be made by calling DCHA at 607-746-3849 or emailing dcha@delhi.net. This workshop will be held at DCHA in Delhi, across from Curtis Lumber. In case of inclement weather, the workshop will be held on Saturday, March 18 at 2PM.

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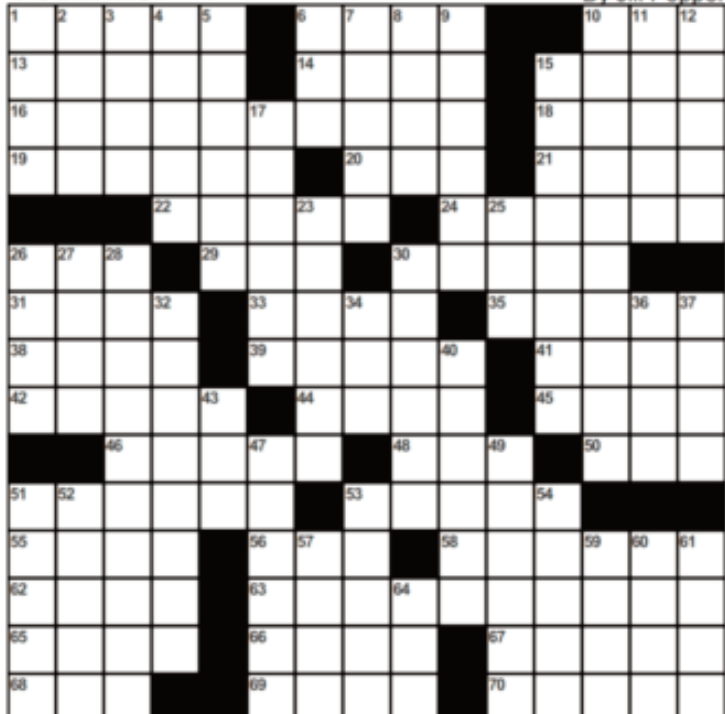
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- 39) Bluish greens
- 41) Cork's country
- 42) "Mea culpa," in slang
- 44) Yawn-inducing
- 45) Fishline hangup
- 46) Accident mementos
- 48) Classic TV's "The ___ Squad"
- 50) Psych 101 subject
- 51) Wheezing cause
- 53) Like some wars
- 55) Period of economic growth
- 56) An ideal, in Chinese philosophy
- 58) Gradually develop
- 62) Sicilian gusher
- 63) It may be blowin' in the wind
- 65) What happened next
- 66) Showstopper for a diva
- 67) Pool table material
- 68) Ship emergency letters
- 69) Diplomatic necessity
- 70) Big name in chicken

T SERVING

By Jill Pepper



DOWN

- 1) Piedmont wine city
- 2) It just fills up space
- 3) Use the flat part of the shovel
- 4) Fix firmly in place
- 5) Make additional revisions
- 6) Cut the grass
- 7) Succulents for lotions
- 8) Brooklet
- 9) Dracula's bed
- 10) Percussion instrument
- 11) Involuntary muscle contraction
- 12) Splendid displays
- 15) Urbanizes
- 17) Usher elsewhere
- 23) Famous peeps
- 25) Brylcreem amount
- 26) Cheat out of money
- 27) Their mascot is a mule
- 28) Cemetery fixtures
- 30) Deli meat
- 32) Carriage driver
- 34) Guy's hoedown counterpart
- 36) Wind resistance
- 37) Showy lily
- 40) Digger's tool
- 43) Certain water blocker
- 47) Snare drum sounds
- 49) Sell off stocks
- 51) Assists in a bad way
- 52) Bantu language group
- 53) One with gags
- 54) In a humble manner
- 57) Indefinable surrounding
- 59) Meadowlands
- 60) Governor's nix
- 61) Biblical paradise
- 64) Flying mammal

EDITORIAL

Fix the Balloting

There is an election in Fleischmanns this month and it's imperative that there is a legal winner for mayoral and trustee seats.

The situation in Fleischmanns is one that could lead to confusion, especially with respectable candidates running. There is a need to make sure that the voter rolls are consistent with the needs of the community and in compliance with state law.

There is a lot at stake in the March 21st election as there is considerable concern about whether or not the voters registered are residents of the community. The investigation into possible illegal voters reached the New York Post.

It's in the interest of the community that either new mayor Sam Gil or Elizabeth Hughes has the support of as many legal voters as possible. Former mayor Todd Pascarella lays this out quite clearly and there is a major need for a close look at who is eligible to vote. We'll be running election interviews in next week's paper and we're looking for as much feedback as possible.

- Matthew Avitabile
Publisher

P.S. - Thank you for all of your kind words for last week's paper. I did catch a minor typo from a segment I added last-minute in the Gildemeister Report, but I'm proud to report that I have been a couple of weeks without press-stopping typos. Fingers crossed we can keep it up and thank you for all of our new support and several dozen new readers!

RUSTY AND LILA BY BILLY SHEARS



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WHITTLING AWAY WITH DICK BROOKS

A Pause

I'm going to put a block on The Home and Garden Channel. I think it's the leading cause of arguments between spouses in America, not

money. Usually I get to the remote first, although right after the evening meal, we're both interested in watching the news. After the news, I can usually find some

program on one of the neutral channels like The Food Network or The Discovery Channel that captures The Queen's attention. She usually reposes on the couch and rarely

Public Concerned Over New Schoharie Well

By Joshua Walther
SCHOHARIE - On Wednesday evening, the Schoharie Town Board held their regular monthly meeting to discuss a hydrogeologist study of a potential second well in the business park.

With public hearings on the Highbridge project coming to fruition, the Town has realized that another well in the business park's water district is sorely needed. Members received and accepted a proposal from a hydrogeologist to begin testing to see if a second well would be viable.

However, the public in attendance turned out in larger numbers than usual to voice their concerns. Kelly Shultes, a resident and business owner in Schoharie, read aloud from a letter to

cite the water consumption rate of both the Highbridge and travel plaza projects.

Mrs. Shultes stated that between the two projects, water consumption in the Town will increase by a rate of 19,000 gallons per day. She expressed that she'd like to see studies for both projects done in conjunction with one another to get a full grasp on the overall impact.

According to the residents that showed up, their wells that are tapped into the same underground aquifer have already suffered from the first well in the business park. They were worried about the added strain of yet another source of water drawing away from their own wells.

However, Town Supervisor Alan Tavenner stated that this was the first that he heard of this problem. He replied that while there will be testing and evaluations done, the Town is only focused on the Highbridge project and will not be combining the two studies.

"The travel plaza is way farther behind, Highbridge is way farther ahead," said member Floyd Guernsey, who backed the sentiment. "We are dealing with Highbridge first. The other is not a concern right now."

Despite this, the Board will accept a list of well information from the afflicted residents and forward it on to the hydrogeologist when the time for the study comes.

Bushel, from D1

NWF Pocket Edition, NYPL @Lincoln Center 2020. Other works include: Njinga the Queen King; The Return of a Warrior (BAM's Next Wave Festival), Io and Her and the Trouble with Him; A Dance Opera in Primeval Time - U of Wisconsin's Union Theater and The Lunar Opera: Lincoln Center Out of Doors. IONE also created the film, Dreams of the Jungfrau with sound design by Oliveros. IONE's memoir, Pride of Family; Four Generations of American Women of Color, was

a New York Times Notable Book on its publication. A journalist for many years IONE, published in major magazines and newspapers throughout the 80s including the Village Voice, the Gannet chain, and Vogue. She was Artistic Director, Deep Listening Institute, Ltd for 15 years and is currently a Deep Listening Consultant at the Center for Deep Listening®, Troy, NY. As Founding Director of M.o.M., Inc. (The Ministry of Maât), in Kingston, NY since 1997, IONE conducts

workshops and seminars throughout the world, encouraging a vibrant international community of writers, visual artists, and musicians. MoM disseminates the work of Pauline Oliveros and other artists worldwide. IONE received the 2019 Arts Mid-Hudson Individual Artists Award and a Certificate of Merit from the General Assembly of the State of New York, and was a member of the Kingston Arts Commission for several years. IONE's most recent opera TOUCH, with composer Karen Power, premiered at Irish National Opera in 2021.

lasts more than a half an hour or so. Once her eyes close, the whole world of electronic entertainment is mine, all mine. I turn the sound down a little and click over to The Speed Channel or The History Channel. Sometimes I even watch some of the shows on TBS. The Queen disapproves of them, saying in her own sweet little way, "How can you watch that junk! It's gross!" I try to convince her that I'm interested in the athletic ability of the artists falling and flopping all over the place, I stopped saying this though when I realized how much like a friend of mine I sounded like. He tried to convince his wife that he got Playboy Magazine because he likes to read the articles, it just didn't work for either of us.

There are those evenings that I dread, The Queen is wide eyed and alert and she gets to the remote before I do. She checks PBS and if nothing interests her, she heads for The Home and Garden Channel, I head for the kitchen and take another blood pressure pill. I really don't mind watching many of the programs, in fact, some are very informative and quite entertaining. I find many of the ideas useful on some of the low budget shows--redoing a room for under a hundred dollars or decorating by moving some of the junk you already own from room to room. The ones I just can't stand are the ones where people are talked into redoing their kitchen or bath or living room or dog house or whatever just because they're outdated. One that had me foaming at the mouth the other night had a middle aged couple

who should have known better, hiring a decorator to redo their outdated 1990's kitchen. Right there, I could feel the hairs on the back of my neck rising, I live in a house built in the 1840s and some of the rooms haven't been changed since the Civil War. They proceeded to dive into the project. The designer felt a little limited with a budget of only \$65,000 but felt that they could accomplish most of his goals by using a little creative ingenuity. The first house I owned, I bought for \$20,000, I started to chew on a sofa cushion. Part of the plan for keeping the cost down was that the couple would do most of the demolition work themselves. \$65,000 and they had to do the dirty work themselves! I spit out the sofa cushion and started chewing on the coffee table leg, The Queen asked me to please do it more quietly. They gutted the kitchen, then in pulled several Mercedes wagons filled with skilled craftsmen and craftsmen. Through the miracle of time lapse photography, the three months to rebuild the kitchen just flew by, I finished the coffee table leg

without making any derogatory comments that The Queen could hear. I wondered where the by now about to be divorced couple had prepared food in the interim. It was kind of touching when they revealed the finished product to homeowners who wept tears of joy and kissed the hem of the designer's high priced jeans. It was beautiful, I had to admit and did do much to stimulate the economy, why, the 38 acres of granite countertop must have kept several quarries busy for months. The happy couple must have thought it was worth it, they didn't even complain about the \$30,000 cost overrun. The Queen found a British comedy she liked on PBS, I unclenched my fists, picked a few splinters out of my teeth and went to check the refrigerator. I left the remote in the freezer and returned to the living room.

Thought for the week—What ever happened to Preparations A through G?

Until next week, may you and yours be happy and well.

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STATE OF NEW YORK
 COUNTY COURT, SCHOHARIE COUNTY

In the Matter of the Foreclosure of Tax Liens by
 Proceeding In Rem pursuant to Article Eleven of
 the Real Property Tax Law by Schoharie County

PETITION AND NOTICE
 OF FORECLOSURE OF
 TAX LIENS
 Index No. 2023-9

The above-captioned proceeding is hereby commenced to enforce the payment of delinquent taxes or other lawful charges that have accumulated and become liens against certain property. The parcels to which this proceeding applies are identified on Schedules A and B of this Petition, which are annexed hereto and made a part hereof. This document serves both as a Petition of Foreclosure and a Notice of Foreclosure for purposes of this proceeding.

Effect of filing: All persons having or claiming to have an interest in the real property described in this petition are hereby notified that the filing of this petition constitutes the commencement by the Tax District of a proceeding in the court specified in the caption above to foreclose each of the tax liens therein described by a foreclosure proceeding in rem.

Nature of proceeding: This proceeding is brought against the real property only and is to foreclose the tax liens described in this petition. No personal judgment will be entered herein for such taxes or other legal charges or any part thereof.

Persons affected: This notice is directed to all persons owning or having or claiming to have an interest in the real property described in this petition. Such persons are hereby notified further that a duplicate of this petition has been filed in the office of the Schoharie County Treasurer who is the Enforcing Officer of the Tax District and will remain open for public inspection up to and including the date specified below as the last day for redemption.

Right of redemption: Any person having or claiming to have an interest in any such real property and the legal right thereto may on or before said date redeem the same by paying the amount of all such unpaid tax liens thereon, including all interest and penalties and other legal charges which are included in the lien against such real property, computed to and including the date of redemption. Such payments shall be made to the Schoharie County Treasurer, Post Office Box 9, Schoharie, New York 12157. In the event that such taxes are paid by a person other than the record owner of such real property, the person so paying shall be entitled to have the tax liens affected thereby satisfied of record.

Last day for redemption: The last day for redemption is hereby fixed as the 31st day of July, 2023.

Service of answer: Every person having any right, title or interest in or lien upon any parcel of real property described in this petition may serve a duly verified answer upon the attorney for the Tax District setting forth in detail the nature and amount of his or her interest and any defense or objection to the foreclosure. Such answer must be filed in the Office of the County Clerk and served upon the attorney for the Tax District on or before the date above mentioned as the last day for redemption.

Failure to redeem or answer: In the event of failure to redeem or answer by any person having the right to redeem or answer, such person shall be forever barred and foreclosed of all his or her right, title and interest and equity of redemption in and to the parcel described in this petition and a judgment in foreclosure may be taken by default.

Dated: February 15, 2023

Enforcing Officer:
 Mary Ann Wollaber-Bryan
 Schoharie County Treasurer

State of New York)
 County of Schoharie) ss

I, Mary Ann Wollaber-Bryan, being duly sworn, depose and say: I am the Enforcing Officer for the County of Schoharie. I have read this Petition that I have signed, and I am familiar with its contents. The contents of this Petition are true to the best of my knowledge, based upon the records of the Schoharie County Treasurer's Office. I do not know of any errors or omissions in this Petition.

Signed by: Mary Ann Wollaber-Bryan
 Schoharie County Treasurer

Sworn before me this 15th
 Day of February, 2023.

Michelle L. Gaida, Notary Public

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TOWN OF BLENHEIM

OWNER LAST NAME	OWNER FIRST NAME	STREET ADDRESS	STREET ADDRESS	CITY / STATE / ZIP	ACCOUNT #	TAX MAP #
CATSKIRONDACKS INC		3873 COUNTY HIGHWAY 16		DELHI, NY 13753-3148	405J218002	181.-1-63
DEFIORE	ROBERT A	JOSEPH T MATTINA	C/O MARC DIFIORE	HARRISON, NY 10528	405J101107	159.-2-3
HORTON	KEVIN	LINDA HORTON	32 N WEEKS RD	MANORVILLE, NY 11949	405J204003	181.-2-5.123
RICHARDSON ESTATE	JUNE	111 MAIN ST STE 4		DELHI, NY 13753-1233	405J101201	171.-1-11
RICHARDSON ESTATE	JUNE	111 MAIN ST STE 4		DELHI, NY 13753-1233	405J101202	171.-1-13

TOWN OF BROOME

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ARDELL	PHILLIP P	395 DAWSON RD		GLENVILLE, NY 12302	415J100710	152.-6-5
CLARK	JON	2223 STATE ROUTE 443		BERNE, NY 12023	415J100064	153.-2-1
HORNIK IV	PETER F	29 HOYT ST		DANBURY, CT 06810	415J190018	152.-7-15
LUONGO	JOSEPH	25 LAKEVIEW AVE		WEST HARRISON, NY 10604	415J188038	164.-1-22
MOUTRAY JR	JAMES	204 STONE STORE RD		MIDDLEBURGH, NY 12122	415J197003	174.-1-13
VITOLA	PETER	5 WASHINGTON DR		KINGS PARK, NY 11754	415J100352	130.-4-2

TOWN OF CARLISLE

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MACKEY	PATRICK	HEATHER K MACKEY	PO BOX 66	CARLISLE, NY 12031	425J101366	25.1-1-18
SISSON	EDWARD C	JOAN E SISSON	390 LYKERS RD	CENTRAL BRIDGE, NY 12035	425J214010	35.-3-1.2
WILKINS (ESTATE)	RAYMOND E	C/O LINDA PAGE	1397 CORBIN HILL RD	SLOANSVILLE, NY 12160	425J191020	25.-3-5.2

TOWN OF COBLESKILL

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CASSIDY JR	GEORGE A	181 WOODMAN RD		CENTRAL BRIDGE, NY 12035	431A100704	68.5-7-4
COBLESKILL ENTERPRISE LLC		C/O OM KRISHNA	121 BURGIN DR	COBLESKILL, NY 12043	431A198007	56.18-9-3.-9999
DUNCAN	GREGORY	ALISHIA SCALA	218 SHADY TREE LN	HOWES CAVE, NY 12092	435J100068	57.4-2-8
EAMER-DULIN	RYAN	427 HARDIN RD		DELANSON, NY 12053	435J100525	57.-5-28
WHITE	DAVID	76 CARROLL ST FL 2		BROOKLYN, NY 11231	431A101450	56.17-4-1
WRIGHT ESTATE	MARTIN J	EDNA C WRIGHT ESTATE	1350 HIGHWAY 9 BYP W	LORIS, SC 29569-8813	435J100600	69.-2-18

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ANDERSON	NINA LOUISE	23391 ELLINGTON AVE		GLENWOOD, IA 51534	445J184002	202.-4-31
BROWE	DARLENE	60 SHAFTSBURY HOLLOW RD		EAGLE BRIDGE, NY 12057	445J195001	211.-1-38.2
BROWE	DARLENE S	60 SHAFTSBURY HOLLOW RD		EAGLE BRIDGE, NY 12057	445J179713	216.-2-19
CUBAS	ZIOLA	316 TANGLEWOOD RD		PRESTON HOLLOW, NY 12469	445J100529	205.-1-2
DAHLBERG IV	ERIC	524 EAST CONESVILLE RD		GILBOA, NY 12076	445J179415	210.-3-7
DALY	DANIEL J	53-15 68TH ST		MASPETH, NY 11378	445J100226	194.-4-12
FRISCIA	ANTHONY M	ANTHONY CAMPO	22 ROBINSON AVE	MEDFORD, NY 11763	445J180553	216.-2-39
GERARDI	ROBERT P	433 ELM ST		PORT CHESTER, NY 10573	445J184028	217.-1-7
HARRISON	JASON	DENISE E BETZ	425 JANES CHAPEL RD	OXFORD, NJ 07863	445J184030	193.-2-7
KEISER	WILLIAM	155 HICKORY KINGDOM		BEDFORD, NY 10506	445J179710	216.-2-16
LANANNA	ANGELINA MARIE	FRANK LANANNA	663 JUNCTION RD	BAINBRIDGE, NY 13733-3331	445J100077	193.-1-3
MAGGIANI	ANTHONY	GERRIANN MAGGIANI	46 HAWLEY AVE	STATEN ISLAND, NY 10312-3911	445J202010	216.-2-5.22
TIMMERMAN	DONALD	279 CLARK ST APT A-6		HACKENSACK, NJ 07601	445J100487	203.-2-15

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ROBINSON	ALAN	JACLYN ROBINSON	172 GIDLEY RD	ESPERANCE, NY 12066	455J100448	19.1-2-49
SISSON FAMILY TRUST		EDWARD C SISSON	C/O CHARLES SISSON	OREM, UT 84058	455J215014	47.-1-4.113
SISSON FAMILY TRUST		AGNES R SISSON	C/O CHARLES SISSON	OREM, UT 84058	455J215017	47.-1-4.116
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WALSH (ESTATE)	GEORGE	C/O R & M OCONNOR	14 PRINCETOWN PL	GLEN ROCK, NJ 07452	455J100548	19.1-2-10.1

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DELANEY	DENISE	DONALD A DELANEY	410 BUNKER HILL RD	NASSAU, NY 12123	465J184007	128.-3-9
DOYLE	JAMES M	ALICE M DOYLE	3673 STATE ROUTE 30	MIDDLEBURGH, NY 12122	465J101552	116.1-2-2
FILIBERTO	RICHARD JAMES	863 CLAUVERWIE RD		MIDDLEBURGH, NY 12122	465J101393	128.-4-7
HOOK SR	RANDALL	MARILYN HOOK	ATTN: MARILYN HOOK	MIDDLEBURGH, NY 12122	465J186024	117.-4-6
TOMLINSON	JACOB	3463 STATE ROUTE 30		FULTONHAM, NY 12071	465J101119	128.1-5-1

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CARDINALE	RALPH	MICHAEL D HUGHES JR	5 STERN PL	CONGER, NY 10920	475J180027	184.-5-17
COUNTY OF SCHOHARIE		C/O DOUGLAS MURPHY	PO BOX 369	STAMFORD, NY 12167	475J100446	189.-1-1
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COUNTY OF SCHOHARIE		C/O DOUGLAS MURPHY	PO BOX 369	STAMFORD, NY 12167	475J189011	198.-4-5
DUDLEY	FREDERICK	C/O CHARLES NEWMAN	5010 MARTIN AVE	AUSTIN, TX 78751	475J100158	172.-4-5
IRWIN ESTATE	DONALD L	C/O LAUREL IRWIN	3327 ROUTE 42	WESTKILL, NY 12492	475J100221	183.-6-24
JANSEN	JANET	JOHN JANSEN	103 BAY 8 ST	BROOKLYN, NY 11228	475J180017	184.-5-30
LEWIS ESTATE	CARLTON E	JENNE LEWIS	330 CHESTNUT ST	ONEONTA, NY 13820-1212	475J189113	192.-2-11
LEWIS ESTATE	CARLTON E	JENNE LEWIS	303 WYCKOFF RD	GILBOA, NY 12076	475J100383	201.-3-13
PLANTE	STUART	9 WINDING RD		ROCKVILLE CENTER, NY 11570	475J177031	207.-1-32
PLAYFORD	LINDA M	3907 LOWLAND RD		HOBUCKEN, NC 28537	475J176037	174.-5-7
SPILLER	ANTONIO	C/O NATL BANK OF	ATTN: CAROL	STAMFORD, NY 12167	475J100613	190.-4-9
TIPPENHAUER	MARILYN	27 PEEKSKILL ST		ELMONT, NY 11003	475J190030	200.-3-6
VANVALKENBURGH	DARYL	MANDY VANVALKENBURGH	144 KEYSERKILL RD	GILBOA, NY 12076	475J174010	174.-5-4.1

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GEO VALLEY LLC		123 RUGBY DR EAST		SMITH POINT, NY 11967	485J187206	167.-3-7
KERSHAW	THOMAS	1255 W BIRDIE LN		MAGNOLIA, DE 19962-3101	485J201001	179.-2-10.114
LEO	ANTHONY	BARBARA LEO	100 ROCHDALE RD	POUGHKEEPSIE, NY 12603	485J100605	167.-1-13
MATTICE	RODNEY	MICHELE A MATTICE	220 DYER RD	JEFFERSON, NY 12093	485J218004	145.-2-8.313
MATZEN	ASHLEY	85 MIDWAY ST		BABYLON, NY 11702	485J187238	167.-3-33
MATZEN	ASHLEY	85 MIDWAY ST		BABYLON, NY 11702	485J187227	167.-3-35
MCALLISTER	RYAN J	123 RUGBY DR EAST		SHIRLEY, NY 11967	485J187235	167.-3-9
OBST	GARY R	PO BOX 262		JEFFERSON, NY 12093-0262	485J190045	167.-2-1.11
ORILIO	MATTEO	MICHAEL ORILIO	100 HIGH POINT DR APT 208	HARTSDALE, NY 10530	485J188048	145.-2-14
RANDAZZO	GIUSEPPE	PO BOX 128		CALLICOON, NY 12723	485J196002	179.-2-10.113

WRIGHT	THERESE A	PO BOX 100		SCHOHARIE, NY 12157	485J212002	178.-5-1.118
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CAMMER	MATTHEW	TAMMI CAMMER	152 MAIN ST	MIDDLEBURGH, NY 12122	491A100261	106.20-2-9
CREWELL	MICHAEL	AMY CREWELL	143 SUNNYSIDE RD	SCHOHARIE, NY 12157	495J100734	95.-2-20
LAWYER	AARON	791 MILL VALLEY RD		MIDDLEBURGH, NY 12122	491A218008	106.16-1-3.2
MOSA	RAY	SUELLEN MOSA	163 RIVERVIEW AVE	TARRYTOWN, NY 10591	495J198004	70.-4-24.114

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BENEDICT	LEE	732 BEAR GULCH RD		RICHMONDVILLE, NY 12149	505J179035	90.-2-15
CATALALOS	GREGORY	1335 LIBERTY AVE		UNION, NJ 07083	505J102387	77.-5-5
COHICK	MATTHEW J	PO BOX 596		RICHMONDVILLE, NY 12149	501A178039	90.7-3-21
GOODNOUGH	JOSEPH	1616 STATE ROUTE 7		WARNERVILLE, NY 12187	505J102396	67.20-3-6
KARG	TASHA	1137 STATE ROUTE 7		RICHMONDVILLE, NY 12149	501A102175	90.10-1-11
PLOSS ESTATE	CHARLES F	ALVERDA E PLOSS	1 NORTON AVE RM 306-1	ONEONTA, NY 13820	505J102726	79.-4-3
TERPENING	HARRY	MARJORIE TERPENING	118 HIGH ST	RICHMONDVILLE, NY 12149	501A102264	90.7-2-10

TOWN OF SCHOHARIE

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CARR	REBECCA	PO BOX 371		SCHOHARIE, NY 12157	511A100975	72.13-2-8
CONSOLO	TERESA	C/O FAMILY GUARDIAN SERV.	680 CENTRAL AVE STE 117	CEDARHURST, NY 11516	515J100121	59.-3-4
DEFAZIO	WENDY	448 BARTON HILL RD		SCHOHARIE, NY 12157-4812	515J195009	61.-1-10.2
LIDDLE	TRACY	430 RICKARD HILL RD		SCHOHARIE, NY 12157	515J100414	72.-4-24
LIDDLE	TRAVIS	111 HUCK LN		HOWES CAVE, NY 12092	515J100051	47.3-3-3
LYONS ESTATE	GEORGE	C/O DAVID LYONS	246 GURN SPRINGS RD	GANSEVOORT, NY 12831	515J178005	84.-5-25
MADSEN	JOHN	ROBERT MADSEN	62710 STATE HWY 10	STAMFORD, NY 12167	511A186013	71.16-2-11
MEADE	PATRICK B	MELISSA A MEADE	5675 STATE ROUTE 30	SCHOHARIE, NY 12157	515J100602	60.-2-11.1
PETHICK	TODD W	COREY T PETHICK	236 SMITH RD	HOWES CAVE, NY 12092	515J195001	59.-4-10.2
SCHOENECKER	HANS	106 FARM LN		SCHOHARIE, NY 12157	515J100105	71.-2-10
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BREDLEY ESTATE	ROBERT	ARLENE BREDLEY	C/O JOHN LEPLA	PEORIA, AZ 85383	525J200003	65-2-9.4
CASTRO ESTATE	NELSON D	C/O SHERI CASTRO	633 GARDNERSVILLE RD	SHARON SPRINGS, NY 13459	525J186007	32-2-11
GRAY	JAMES A	6051 STATE ROUTE 10		COBLESKILL, NY 12043	525J181016	42-2-12
MERRICK CAPITAL HOLDINGS		333 GLEN HEAD RD STE 145		GLEN HEAD, NY 11545	525J190006	43-1-28
SHUMWAY	LINDA	413 WEST RICHMONDVILLE		RICHMONDVILLE, NY 12149	525J101552	65-1-24
SMALLEY	CHRISTOPHER	JENIFER LAWTON	1798 STATE ROUTE 165	ROSEBOOM, NY 13450	525J101007	40-2-1
SMALLEY	CHRISTOPHER	JENIFER LAWTON	1798 STATE ROUTE 165	ROSEBOOM, NY 13450	525J101515	40-2-2

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BRUEN	JENA	ANNA BRUEN	142 SAWMILL RD	SHARON SPRINGS, NY 13459	531A100824	5.17-1-30
HREN	JOSEPH	CHARLENE HREN	PO BOX 61	SHARON SPRINGS, NY 13459	535J197001	1-1-9.2
ODONNELL	SHAWN	PO BOX 101		RICHMONDVILLE, NY 12149	531A100832	5.17-1-21
SCHILDE	STEPHEN S	587 CHESTNUT ST		SHARON SPRINGS, NY 13459	535J100558	4-4-20
SCHILDE	STEPHEN S	587 CHESTNUT ST		SHARON SPRINGS, NY 13459	535J100557	4-4-28
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JACKSON	ALBERT A	ERICA JACKSON	600 BAYCHESTER AVE	BRONX, NY 10475	545J186015	110-3-15
MILLS	JUDITH	ATTN: DEAN HANSEN	1 FANWOOD PL	S HUNTINGTON, NY 11746	545J100015	111.4-1-2
WAYMAN JR	LYNN	PO BOX 165		SUMMIT, NY 12175	545J100612	123-5-6
WEISBERGER	DAVID	POLLY WEISBERGER	24 N 3RD ST	SURF CITY, NJ 08008-4919	545J191016	102-4-11.9

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GOODRICH	CHARLES G	LISA LONGENDYKE-GOODRICH	508 KNOX RD	SCHOHARIE, NY 12157	555J198006	74-3-10.2
LONGENDYKE	LISA	508 KNOX RD		SCHOHARIE, NY 12157	555J100387	74-3-9
MORGAN	BRENDA J	784 BULL HILL RD		GILBOA, NY 12076	555J184003	85-4-7

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Cobleskill Fairview Apartments		3214 State Route 7		Howes Cave, NY 12092	431A101587	68.6-5-13
Toughfilms LLC		548 Main St		Cobleskill, NY 12043	431A100626	68.6-1-6

TOWN OF FULTON

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Tommy Hansen Realty of Schohar		c/o Judith Mills	1 Fanwood Pl.	S Huntington, NY 11746-4314	465J216001	125-1-5-2

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Brookfair Ventures LLC		Attn: Ronald L Ketelsen	PO Box 133	Sharon Springs, NY 13459-0133	531A100942	5.14-7-1

Woman Life Freedom: Extending Solidarity and Awareness About Iran

DELHI — Please join us on Saturday March 11, 4:00–6:30 pm for a special fundraising event to raise awareness and support for the ongoing struggle for human rights in Iran, in light of the #wom-anlifefreedom movement. Featuring a panel discussion, a film screening, and a Q&A, this event is free to attend. Bushel will be collecting donations for nonprofit organizations supporting the current activism and to provide an artist fee to the filmmaker. The event takes place at Bushel located at 106 Main Street, in Delhi. Persian food, tea, and cookies

will be served. The event begins with a panel discussion with Iranian community members—including Delhi’s Tay Tea owner Nini Ordoubadi, architect and fashion designer Azin Valy, and community activist Miriam Nouri—who will share personal experiences as women who have lived in Iran and in the diaspora. “This will be a special opportunity to hear personal accounts from Iranian women, and to better understand the current movement,” says Pareesa Pourian, the event co-organizer. The panel will be fol-

lowed by a screening of Dream of Silk (Nahid Rezaei, 2003, 43 minutes), selected from the recent “Films from Iran for Iran” program initiated by Another Gaze and shared with their cooperation. In Dream of Silk, director Nahid Rezaei returns to her all-girls high school twenty-five years later to explore the lives of young girls in contemporary Tehran. In this candid exploration of their dreams and hopes, the girls are at times shockingly open, often sweet, and occasionally sad as they talk about the future.

Delaware County Conservative Party Endorses Shawn Smith For District Attorney

DELHI - Today, the Conservative Party of Delaware County endorsed Shawn Smith for Delaware County District Attorney. The District Attorney’s seat was vacated when Judge Hubbard took the bench in January and Shawn Smith assumed the role and he handles felony level cases ranging from homicide and manslaughter, to robbery, domestic violence and felony DWI.

“We are excited to announce our strong support for Shawn Smith for District Attorney. Shawn is a tough prosecutor who is doing a great job as our DA. We hope all will join us in supporting him for a full 4-year term,” Chairman Jim Small. “I’m honored to have the support of Delaware

County’s Conservative Party and look forward to earning the trust and support of Delaware County’s voters. Together, we can make Delaware safer and stronger,” Shawn Smith, Acting District Attorney, Delaware County. Shawn will appear on the ballot on the Conservative Party Line in November.

Stamford Library Board Invites Public to Informational Meeting

STAMFORD – The Stamford Library Board of Trustees is inviting the public to attend one of two informational meetings on a proposed new library building. The meetings will be held on Thursday, March 23 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. and on Saturday, March 25 from 11 a.m. to 12:30

p.m. Both meetings will be held at Stamford Village Hall, located at 84 Main Street in the village of Stamford. Those attending will meet with Library Architect Paul Mays, learn about goals for the new building, and view preliminary building plans. Attendees will also be en-

couraged to help brainstorm and offer suggestions for a new space. During both meetings, supervised children’s activities will take place at the Stamford Library, located at 117 Main Street in the village of Stamford. A selection of refreshments will be provided by TP’s Café.

Auto Racing News

Just a heads up. If you are going to the Syracuse Motorsports Expo on Saturday. The doors are now scheduled to open at 11:00 am.

The MVP Arena in Albany will host monster trucks this weekend when Monster Jam makes an appearance. Three shows are scheduled Saturday

March 11 doors open at 12:00 pm. with a 1:00 pm. show time and then at 6:00 pm. The doors open for a 7:00 pm. show. Sunday, March 12 will see doors open at 12:00 pm. for a 1:00 pm. show. Tentatively scheduled to appear are monster truck legends such as Grave Digger and El Toro Loco. As always programs and appearances are subject to change.

Below Zero Ice Cream who happens to be the pro stock division title sponsor at Fonda Speedway in 2023. Plans on opening on Saturday, April 1 for the 2023 season. Their 2nd. annual car show is scheduled for Saturday, July 8, with a rain date of July 9. Below Zero Ice Cream is located

at 6093 NY-5 in Palatine Bridge. They also are looking for seasonal help and there is a link from their facebook page that will take you to the application.

Also on April 1, the Northeast Dirt Modified Museum & Hall of Fame on Route 31 in Weedsport, will host an open house. This is a free event and will also have a chicken barbeque available for purchase along with door prizes, 50/50. and raffles. Hours are 12:00 pm.until 5:00 pm.. The museum offers more than just dirt modified history as the exhibits change. There can be a number of asphalt race cars such as modifieds and super modifieds.

Last Friday night the NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series was in Nevada at the Las Vegas Motor Speedway for the Victoria’s Voice Foundation 200. Sprakers resident Stewart Friesen would start in the 22nd. position on the grid. Even before the race began there were issues for the Halmar-Friesen Racing team, as a few members of their pit crew were delayed getting to the track

due to airplane issues. Friesen would finish 14th. with his no. 52 Toyota Tundra and he now sits 15th. in the points standings.

Devil’s Bowl Speedway in West Haven, Vermont is looking to add to their staff. Some of the possible positions available are Level 1

FireFighter, gate attendants, photographer, pit road/line-ups, pit pass sales, safety crew, security, souvenir sales, sponsorship sales, ticket sales, and VIP/ hospitality.

Devil’s Bowl also released their 2023 schedule. The Bowl will compete weekly on Saturday night’s with a 6:00 pm. start time. Opening night for their 57th. season is Saturday, April 29. Other highlights of their schedule include Sunday, May 28 Northeast Crate Nationals, Sunday, June 18 Slate Valley 50, Saturday, July 1 Firecracker 44,

Sunday, August 6 Battle at the Bowl, Sunday, September 3 Vermont 200.

Dodge City Speedway in Howes Cave has released their 2023 schedule.

Meredith Man Convicted for Violating Order of Protection

MEREDITH - Delaware County Acting District Attorney Shawn J. Smith announced that Jonathan Sanchez, 43, of Meredith, New York was convicted of Criminal Contempt in the Second Degree, a Class A Misdemeanor, and Harassment in the Second Degree, on February 16, 2023.

The defendant was accused of harassing another individual on January 6, 2023, and that harassment occurred while the victim was the protected party of an order of protection issued by the Meredith Town Court on an earlier date.

The defendant appeared before the Honorable William J. Field,

Justice of the Meredith Town Court, and pleaded guilty to Criminal Contempt in the Second Degree and Harassment in the Second Degree. The plea was entered as part of a negotiated disposition wherein the defendant will remain incarcerated in the Delaware County Correctional facility until a bed at a rehabilitation center becomes available for him.

The Court ordered that the defendant be transported directly from the Correctional Facility to an inpatient rehabilitation facility, at which point he will begin serving a 3-year term of probation supervision. The Court further ordered a final

order of protection in favor of the victim, for a 3-year term. The Court’s order requires that the defendant not possess any weapons during his probation supervision period.

Assistant District Attorney Schuyler T. Kinnehan prosecuted the case.

Acting District Attorney Shawn Smith commended Trooper Caroline Lennon of the New York State Police for her work on this case. Smith stated, “My office will continue to work with law enforcement to ensure that defendants accused of domestic violence are held accountable for their actions.”

South Kortright Wins!



Repeat Section IV, Class D Champions, the South Kortright Rams pose with their Sectional plaque just after Saturday's win at SUNY Delhi. It is their second consecutive sectional victory.



Connor Quarino goes up for the shot on one of several breakaway plays against Southern Cayuga in Saturday's sectional championship at SUNY Delhi.



Josh Anderson (12 white) goes up and over for the South Kortright Rams as South Cayuga's Dan Davis (12) blocks in Saturday's sectional championship at SUNY Delhi. SK won it to advance to state playoffs.



Above left: Josh Anderson (12 white) goes up and over for the South Kortright Rams as South Cayuga's Dan Davis (12) blocks in Saturday's sectional championship at SUNY Delhi. SK won it to advance to state playoffs.

Above: South Kortright's senior team members pose with their coach after Saturday's Section IV, Class D victory at SUNY Delhi on Saturday. Pictured with the sectional plaque are, from left: Adin Haynes, Josh Anderson, Troy Dianich, Adam Chanplin, Trent Cole and Coach Aaron Kaufman.



Bushel Hosts Lunchtime Documentary Screening of Speaking Grief March 21

DELHI —On Tuesday March 21, 12:30 to 2 pm, Bushel presents a brown-bag lunchtime screening of the documentary film Speaking Grief, followed by a Q&A led by Kristen Jastremski, LCSW, CT, bereavement counselor at Helios Care. This event is free and open to the public. Bushel is located at 106 Main Street, Delhi.

Speaking Grief explores

the transformative experience of losing a family member in a death- and grief-avoidant society. "It is so important for us to recognize and be better able to support those experiencing grief," says Kristen Jastremski. "WPSU and the New York Life Foundation have put together a very moving film that can help us to open the conversation about grief."

The Speaking Grief initiative (speakinggrief.org) is working to normalize the universal yet stigmatized human experience of grieving. This national public media initiative includes a television documentary, media-rich website, social media campaign, and numerous community engagement events, all aimed at starting a national conversation about grief. Produced

by WPSU Penn State with philanthropic support and outreach collaboration from The New York Life Foundation, this initiative seeks to normalize grief through candid interviews and help people become more comfortable with the many faces, forms, and personal experiences of grief.

This presentation is organized by Helios Care (helioscare.org), a non-

profit agency that serves the communities of Delaware, Otsego, and Schoharie Counties. The mission of Helios Care is to make life easier for patients and families facing serious illness and end of life by providing choices, dignity, and compassionate care. Helios Care continues to provide support to patient's families by offering grief counseling, support

groups, and community healing programs. Counseling is also available to community bereaved through special programming.

BUSHEL is a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit, volunteer-led, 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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Voter Registrations Under Scrutiny

*Fleischmanns
Enrollments
Again Challenged
After Improprieties
From Last Election*

By Brian Sweeney

A year after a sea of voter enrollments, allegedly by non-residents, impacted the outcome of races for seats on the Fleischmanns Village Board, a repeat scenario appears to be taking place.

Last year's village election spurred outcries of impropriety when two of the candidates charged that many of the late enrollees were not, in fact, village residents. The charges eventually led to an investigation by the Delaware County Sheriff's Department

which made recommendations that dozens of the names purported to be village residents should be invalidated.

Judy Garrison, Democratic Elections Commissioner for the Delaware County Board of Elections confirmed that, acting on the recommendations of the Sheriff's Department "About 60 names were purged after an investigation made recommendations of which registrations should be invalidated. After which the BOE, according to Election Law Section 5-402 sent certified letters giving everyone the opportunity to have a hearing or send proof of their residence. Very few responded and met that standard."

Because the challenges were raised too

late last year, ballots from voters whose names were later purged were allowed to be tallied as part of the election certification.

Several village residents have expressed concerns about a repeat of non-residents attempting to vote in the March 21 election. Alarmed by another large influx of new enrollees, challenges have already been made in accordance with the proper timeframe to have names purged if a Sheriff Department investigation determines the enrollees do not meet residency requirements.

Sheriff Craig DuMond said this week that his department cannot release any information about ongoing work regarding the

Fleischmanns voter challenges as the incident is still an active police investigation.

He noted that, as occurred after last year's village election, results of the investigation are turned over to the County Board of Elections and officials there are responsible for making the determination of purging ballots.

66 new registrations

Ms. Garrison confirmed this week that there have been 66 new voter registrations in the village since the last election. Should irregularities be discovered with any of the enrollments being challenged, the process was initiated early enough that individuals whose registrations are determined to be invalid will

be prohibited from voting on March 21.

In addition to the names purged from the rolls following last year's election, a complaint was filed with the NYS Attorney General's Office challenging the legality of the process by which the enrollments were conducted. To date, there has not been a ruling regarding that case.

Candidates who have filed petitions for the March 21 election include incumbent Trustee Sam Gil who is running for mayor. Elizabeth Hughes, who ran for a Trustee position last year, is the other mayoral candidate. Incumbent Mayor Winifred Zubin is not seeking a second term.

Trustee Stuart Cohen is running for re-election

for one of two seats on the ballot. Miguel Martinez-Riddle, former mayor Todd Pascarella, and Yvonne Reuter are the other three candidates running for seats on the village board.

Mr. Pascarella is among the residents who expressed concern about what he feels are non-residents seeking to influence elections.

What's at stake

"Because of what is at stake here in the village (which is nothing less than demonstrating if we will ever be able to hold a legitimate village government election again or not) I threw my hat in for a trustee seat," he commented.

In an average year, winning candidates in Fleishmanns elections

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Andes Superintendent Resigns From Post

*Robert Chakar
Steps Down
After Lengthy
Investigation*

By Brian Sweeney

Andes Central School Superintendent Dr. Robert L. Chakar Jr., who has been on paid administrative leave for more than year following harassment allegations, has resigned.

Board of Education President Kelly Bauer told the *Catskills Chronicle* this week, "The board accepted the resignation of Dr. Chakar, effective immediately.

"Veteran administrator, Catherine Barber-Graves, will continue in her role as Interim Superintendent of Schools. The board is grateful for her continued assistance during this period of transition," Ms. Bauer stated.

Terms of resignation were not disclosed. Ms. Bauer said she would have no further comment at this time. She said the board is plan-

ning to release a formal statement addressing the situation. The board president held an informational meeting with the school employees on March 3 informing them that Dr. Chakar had resigned as Andes Central School (ACS) Superintendent.

Dr. Chakar has been on paid administrative leave for more than a year regarding allegations of sexual harassment and Title IX violations.

Dr. Chakar's resignation follows months of investigations into several allegations of sexual harassment made by staff and students. An investigation into the charges by the Delaware County Sheriff's Department last spring concluded there was insufficient evidence to bring criminal charges.

The charges were also investigated by independent attorneys hired for the probe.

The resignation comes nearly two months after two local

unions from the ACS District filed No Confidence votes with the district's Board of Education regarding Dr. Chakar. The No Confidence votes were submitted on January 13 by the Andes Faculty Association (NYSUT/AFT) and the Teamsters (Local 317).

"The votes demonstrate that both unions feel that Dr. Chakar's leadership is untenable and cannot see the possibility of moving forward with him in the role of Superintendent of Schools," commented Andes Faculty Association President Anthony Coiro.

Time to heal

Following last week's announcement, Teamsters President Fredrick Reed stated, "Bob Chakar's resignation was well received. The Andes Central School employees and community members are resilient, strong, and caring.

"Bob Chakar's resig-

nation will serve as an opportunity for healing. We have a positive, uplifting group at ACS and this whole ordeal will be put behind us as we move forward, striving for the best education and social harmony."

The case dates back to February 16, 2022 when Dr. Chakar was placed on paid leave in the wake of several complaints made under New York State's Title IX statute regarding sexual harassment and anti-discrimination. Three of the complaints allege sexual harassment and one complaint involves a charge of discrimination.

Complaints

After obtaining a copy of the federal complaint outlining the charges being made against Dr. Chakar, the *Albany Times Union* reported that one of the allegations was that the superintendent placed his hand on a fifth-grader's shoulder while they were alone in a

school foyer. This was reported by the student to be unwelcome gesture.

In another complaint, Dr. Chakar was accused of making comments regarding on a young student's anatomy.

In addition to his duties at ACS, Dr. Chakar had been under contract with the Margaretville Central School (MCS) District, serving as a shared superintendent. The districts were each responsible for half of his salary, which totaled \$172,650 for the 2021-22 budget year. Margaretville also placed Dr. Chakar on paid administrative last year after the allegations were lodged.

Didn't renew

The MCS contract with Dr. Chakar expired on June 30, 2022, and the board voted last spring to not renew the agreement. It was noted by MCS officials that none of the charges were affiliated with inci-

dents at Margaretville.

The ACS Board signed a new contract with Dr. Chakar in July 2021 that runs until 2026. The status of the ACS agreement is unclear following the superintendent's resignation.

Asked to comment on his decision to step down at ACS, Dr. Chakar shared his letter of resignation to the board in which he refuted the charges against him.

Resignation letter

Dr. Chakar wrote, "It is with deep regret that I submit this letter of resignation. One year ago, the District received a Title IX complaint alleging inappropriate conduct on my behalf. After an extensive investigation that involved multiple reputable law firms, the district received several reports that none of the allegations violated Title IX and no other violations were brought to the attention of the

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Fleischmanns Candidate Forum March 12; Village Election Balloting Set for March 21

FLEISCHMANN'S - Registered residents of Fleischmanns will have the opportunity to vote on March 21 for candidates for Mayor as well as candidates running to fill two Trustee seats.

Fleischmanns First has invited all those running for office to a Candidate Forum to be held on Sunday, March 12 from 2-3:30 p.m. at Skene Memorial Library, 1017 Main Street, Fleischmanns.

The format for the forum will give each candidate an opportunity to make a short statement regarding their reasons for running, goals for the village, qualifications, and experience.

After all the candidates have spoken, the floor will be open for questions for the candi-

dates from the public.

Candidates for Mayor are Samuel Gil and Elizabeth Hughes-Belzil.

Candidates for the two open Trustee positions are Stewart Cohen, Miguel Martinez-Riddle, Todd Pascarella, and Yvonne Reuter.

"Fleischmanns First is pleased to provide a forum once again for members of the public are able to meet and hear the candidates explain why they would best represent the needs of the Village, said Fleischmanns First President, Jon Frank.

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Cross country ski trails at Mohnk Mountain House near New Paltz. — Photo by Peter Manning

Getting Out There

By Peter Manning

Ski Therapy

“How’s the slidin’?” my neighbor will ask if he sees me returning from cross country skiing. After reporting the conditions to him the other day, it dawned on me that this is precisely the question I’ve been asking myself for all these winters before I go skiing each day.

The wonder of not knowing certainly pulls me out there. How will the weather play in? What will the snow and surface conditions be like? But then dealing with all the other preparations – the waxing, the scraping, the dressing (let alone a trip with kids) becomes so absurd after a while that it all just becomes a source of entertainment. A sort of reveling in the rigamarole of it all. To what lengths will ski addicts go for some good slidin’? For many of us fanatics – and this goes for all manner of other outdoor pursuits -- we play for the love of the game. “How are the fish bitin’?” is an apt comparison.

Check it out

The story of how someone could get hooked on cross country skiing, in this case me, might begin with a gaze into the picture included in this article. The scene is near the Mohonk Mountain House in the Shawangunk Mountains, just west of New Paltz. Excellent groomed conditions for classic skiing. Of course, such storybook settings might not be in effect on any given day. But they could be. And really, if there’s any chance that the skiing might be decent, you just need to get out there.

Back during those New Paltz college days, we learned the importance of waxing. With dozens of miles of groomed carriage roads, the Gunks are a big draw for cross country skiers. Whatever the trickle-down ski culture could offer us greenhorns, we’d attempt to adapt it to our

benefit. We’d buy used clothes irons at the Salvation Army for ski waxing. The ‘Perm Press’ setting worked for most waxes. These irons would go into automatic shutoff depending on which way you tilted them. I had one blow up with a blue flash while I was waxing. We’d watch VHS tapes of Olympic ski races to pick up on efficiencies in the athletes’ form or notice which team got the wax wrong.

Eventually I would get pulled into racing. My first ski race (skating) was at the Mt. Van Hoevenberg Biathlon Stadium. I came in last, 24th place. But something special happened. Shortly after the gun, we plunged down a big hill. I stuck the whole thing at top speed, and in doing so, entered a new realm. This was one of those eureka moments that comes only every once and a while. An initiation rite of passage on skis.

Getting the hang of it

Soon, we’d show up at more races, and some athletes would have these extensive tailgate setups: work benches, torches, and multi-compartment tackle boxes full of waxes, brushes, and scrapers. In a way, it really is like fishing; you’ve gotta have a lure, or a wax, for any and every occasion. The top competitors would have two or three pairs of skis ready to go, each waxed differently for the day-of decision. Not us. Whatever the race-day weather would throw at you, you’d play the hand you were dealt with your one pair of skis -- and hope for the best. On icy days, racing classic style required klisters: one of the stickiest, gooiest substances known to humankind. Applying this stuff to your skis in a frozen parking lot is typically a comical act.

Moving away from New Paltz, the reality of being a cross-country skiing addict and not living near a groomed venue quickly set in, animating me in new ways. Sure, you can break trail and set track on fields and golf courses, but when the deep snow comes, snowmobile tracks are your friends. Without the aid of grooves in track-set grooming, new skills are developed to keep your skis in line. On the downhills, you’re

basically flying down a skinny half tube with no chance of employing the snow-plow technique to slow down. This leaves no choice but to purposefully wipe out as gracefully as you can. This maneuver comes in especially handy when a downhill trail ends abruptly at a pile of plowed snow. These days, I try to avoid such situations or any related mishaps, as one or a few old injuries will resurface with a vengeance.

Always something new

The prospect of getting out there to ski somehow overrides and even embraces all the hassles that come along with it. And once you’re out there, the unexpected continues. Sometimes the deer will follow the tracks you made the day before when the snow was soft and fresh. In the morning, you might hope to fly along the super-fast channels, only to find a frozen, bumpy, useless path. On cold windy days, you might not even see the tracks you just made, as you trudge through a crosswind of desiccated, baby-powder-like snow that’s void of any glide properties whatsoever. But then they’ll be those days where you can skate effortlessly on a firm surface, aka crust cruising.

And so, for all the ways skiing might lure one to move through a winter landscape, it’s also a means to have a lateral, metaphorical glance across other outdoor disciplines, be it fishing, hunting, golf, exercise routines, team sports, what have you. For many of us, there is a motivation borne of the satisfaction in winding it up for another go. How can we greet and interact with what a day has to offer outside of all our other responsibilities and obligations? Is there time to fling yourself out there, catch a fleeting moment, maybe jog some fond memories, or just appreciate the mystery of it all? I hope so. And I’m always thankful if I get the opportunity.

Peter Manning is the Executive Director of the Catskill Mountain Club. To learn about CMC events, membership, and projects please visit catskillmountainclub.org.

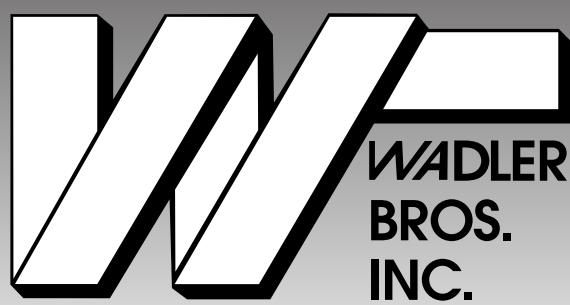
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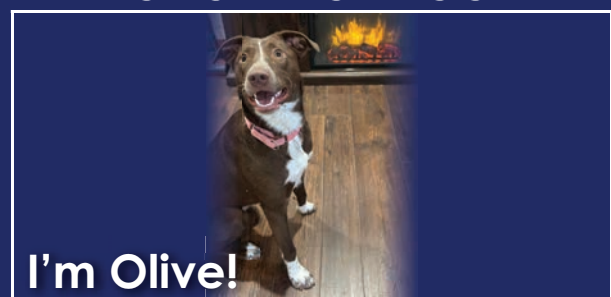
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Here's The Scoop

Let The Campaign Begin!

By Brian Sweeney

Unlike the presidential election cycle that's pretty much nonstop, town board positions in New York State are much more lowkey events. That's not to say there can't be a certain amount of drama associated with elections.

In case you're not avidly following the town races coming up in November, "petitioning season" officially opened a few days ago. This process involves getting signatures from a percentage of enrolled members of your party of choice so that your name can appear on the ballot.

The good thing about the petitioning process is that, as you approach skeptical voters, you can assure them: "This doesn't mean you have to vote for me!" That's a great relief for some folks. Especially the bad liars.

In fact, this always reminds me of a quote a friend told me about years ago, and I dutifully dust it off during an election year: "The only people you can believe are the people who tell you they WON'T vote for you." Good to know. And valid.

Truer words...

To illustrate his point, this fellow shared the tale of when he was running for a countywide position. He was counting on strong support from his home township to offset expected lower vote totals in some outlying towns. A detail-oriented type, he even kept a notebook tracking those who promised their votes during his door-to-door campaigning. His calculations of "yes" votes showed strong support. He was feeling pretty positive. That outlook changed when the actual tallies after Election Day didn't come close to "adding up" to the "vocal" votes he'd received.

I always remind myself of this fact every four years when it's time for me to seek re-election to the Middletown Town Board. I like to joke that when the calendar flips to an election year, it's a reminder for me to start being nice to people in my township. Just kidding. I adjust my "niceness" about six months earlier, so it doesn't appear suspicious!

Ha, ha again. In reality, I make an effort to treat folks the same on a daily basis — election year or not. It's so much easier not to have to keep track of one's attitude.

Where does the time go?

I first entered local politics 16 years ago. Oddly enough, my inspiration for seeking an elected position was inspired by my frustration over a failure to be named to an appointed board. I decided I wanted a bit more control over such things. So, I ran on a simple premise: People either like me or they don't — I'll let them decide.

Actually, it's not that simple. With party divisions deeply ingrained, "liking" a candidate is not always enough to get someone to cast ballots in their favor. For some individuals, it's a matter of principle. Maybe it's best not to have any principles!

On the other hand, there's also a group of voters who prefer to hear promises of grand plans candidates will enact once in office. This is dangerous territory. If you tell people what your "platform" they could be watching to see if you actually follow through. I guess, if you do keep your promises, you're in good shape. It's not always that easy. Best to keep your goals simple to avoid constituent disappointment.

Even though I'm making light of the political process here, I do take these duties seriously. I'm even proud to list some of our board's accomplishments. Afterwards, you might even tell me you'll vote for me. I'll try not to believe you.

Voter Registrations Under Scrutiny

continued from E1 receive fewer than 40 votes. Last year, a large influx of absentee ballots resulted in Yesmin Sarabia and Aaron Goldring winning Trustee seats with 135 and 123 votes, respectively. In a separate complaint, Mr. Goldring's residency was also challenged. It has been alleged that his primary residence is in New Jersey, not Fleischmanns.

Mayoral candidate Elizabeth Hughes commented, "These same voters have brazenly re-

registered at neighboring properties and hotel rooms, requiring yet another round of voter registration challenges. I would also like to note that these individuals cast their votes by absentee ballot in 2021 for Sam Gil and Stuart Cohen who are also running for office this election (some even used Gil's home address for registration purposes). Until these voters face real consequences, we struggle to maintain democracy in our village." Anyone interested in

learning more about those seeking office is invited to attend public Candidate Forum hosted by Fleischmanns First at Skene Memorial Library at 1017 Main Street, Fleischmanns on Sunday, March 11 from 2-3:30 p.m.

Fleischmanns First is a nonprofit organization whose mission includes fostering community connectiveness and communication for the betterment of the village.

Margaretville
The Annual Election

for Officers of the Village of Margaretville will be held March 2 between the hours of 12 noon and 9 p.m. in the village offices located in the Gottfried Building at 773 Main Street.

All candidates are incumbents are running without opposition. Mayor John Hubbell is seeking another two-year term at the helm of the village.

Sarah Hubbell and Iris Mead are the only candidates who filed petitions for two Trustee seats. The terms are for two years.

Andes Superintendent Resigns

continued from E1 board by the investigators.

"These unfortunate and false arose after I had dutifully served this district and community for over 13 years. I was devastated and distraught by the allegations but comforted that an entirely independent investigation determined the complaints were unfounded."

His letter continued, "It has truly been a pleasure and an honor of a lifetime to work on behalf of this community for the many years I have been allowed to. Thank you to all who have supported the growth of the students and educators in Andes alongside me."

"Please be advised that I hereby voluntarily, unequivocally, and irrevocably resign

from employment with the Andes Central School District, and any and all positions held by me effective at the close of business on March 2, 2023," his letter concluded.

In speaking with *The Catskills Chronicle*, Dr. Chakar said he'll look back fondly at his ACS tenure of nearly 14 years. He recalled stepping in to help complete a building project started by his predecessor. He said placing an emphasis on celebrating students' academic successes was always a priority. As an example he cited initiating the annual Evening of Excellence in which students receive recognition for their classroom achievements.

Dr. Chakar also pointed his support for

the school's the Arts and Drama program helping establish fostering an athletic merger with a neighboring school to give opportunities for sports to ACS students.

He also listed as key accomplishments expanding learning opportunities by supporting distance learning options, collaboratively working with the colleges for offerings, as well as initiating and planning for a 1:1 laptop initiative which has proven to be impactful; especially during COVID when instruction was remote.

Dr. Chakar attributed his success to an ability to get others involved, "My collaborative working style and inclusive manner in working with the community did not go unnoticed."

He concluded, "While I am moving on, I believe I have been one of the longest standing superintendents in Andes. My time in Andes has been impactful and rewarding, and I always put children's needs into every decision. A capstone accomplishment for the district and me was my 2019 ASBO Superintendent of the Year Award. The work I did with others in the district was supported and recognized by my colleagues and our region."

Dr. Chakar said he plans to take time with his family while considering his future.

"This has been a long journey. A yearlong investigation yielded no misconduct. It's just very unfortunate. I was devastated and distraught," he stated.

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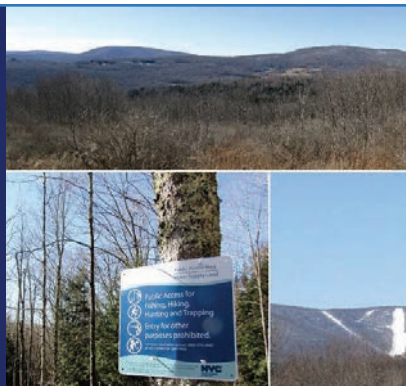


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Obituaries

Bruce Melvin
 Bruce Edward Melvin, born February 3, 1941 in Andes, died on March 4, 2023 in Bassett Hospital in Cooperstown.

Predeceased by his parents, George W. Melvin and Helen M. Banuat, brother Donald Melvin, and daughter Dawn M. Melvin. Survived by his wife Tammy Melvin (Weaver) and grandson Austin George, nieces and nephews Judy (Robert) Titch, Laura (Dale) Henderson, Charlie (Cindy) Melvin, Wayne (Deborah) Melvin, Daniel (Grace) Melvin, Elaine (George) Finkle, great nieces and nephews Aaron (Tamera) Titch, Larry (Kaitlin) Titch, Steven (Kim) Titch, Falcon Thomas Melvin, Ariel (Mikey) Melvin, Sarah (Zack) Benson, and Tyler (Jes-

sica) Melvin as well as great-great-nieces and nephews Vincent Titch, Robert (TJ) Titch, Analyn Titch, Ryilee Benson, and Dakota Benson.

He began his life on Bussey Hollow Road, born into a family of farmers he farmed until 1976 when he began working for the Town of Andes Highway Department as a heavy equipment operator until retirement. Bruce enjoyed fixing tractors, lawnmowers or really anything he needed to.

From 1959-1976 he helped his mother Helen raise his niece Judy Titch. The days in which he did not spend fixing things, he spent hunting or getting into mischief with Robert Titch, Asa Winner and many others.

On May 20, 1983 Bruce married his wife Tammy Melvin

(Weaver) at the Methodist Church on Bussey Hollow. Two years later on June 7, 1985 they welcomed their baby girl Dawn into the world. His daughter was the light of his life until his grandson Austin came into his life on September 2, 2010.

After his daughter's death, the glue that held him together was his grandson and dogs Mya and Max and later Tank and Lady. Bruce was a kindhearted man who would drop what he was doing to help anyone in need in whatever way he could, he will be sorely missed.

Visitation and calling hours will be held Tuesday March 14 from 3-6 p.m. at Hynes Funeral Home, Margaretville. A funeral service will be held at 5:30 p.m. with the Rev. Bert More officiating. Burial will be in the spring.

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Sunday, March 12

After a three-year hiatus due to the coronavirus pandemic, Halcottsville Fire Department members are making plans for the 26th annual St. Patrick's Day Parade in beautiful downtown Halcottsville. The parade is scheduled to kick off at noon. The Halcottsville Fire Department Auxiliary is planning its usual free-will chili and sweet treats offering at the fire station following the parade. Fire departments, community organizations, individuals, anyone with a desire to be in the parade is welcome to show-up and participate. Carpooling is recommended as parking is limited.

Through March 12

1053 Gallery in Fleischmanns is presenting an exhibit titled DEPARTURES, including works by Janice La Motta, Kate Quarfordt and Christie Scheele. DEPARTURES is a survey of work made in response to the pandemic by 24 New York artists. The show will run through March 12. The gallery is located at 1053 Main Street, Fleischmanns. Info at: 1053gallery.com, phone 845 254-3461.

Thursday, March 16

A Margaretville Community Blood Drive will be held from 1:30-6:30 p.m. at the Margaretville Fire Department, 77 Church Street, Margaretville. Sponsored by the Margaretville Hospital Auxiliary. For appointments please visit: redcross-blood.org or call 1-800-733-2767.

March, 18, 19, 25, & 26

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: maple-weekend.nysmaple.com

Through March 19

Longyear Gallery of Margaretville is pleased to announce the opening of "Members' Late Winter Group Exhibit," a new group show featuring the art of all Longyear Gallery Members. The exhibit will run through Sunday, March 19. Information at: longyeargallery.org, or call 845 586-3270. Longyear Gallery located at 785 Main Street, Margaretville.

Thursdays, March 30-May 4

Writers in the Mountains (WIM) presents Ekphrastic Poetry: A Jump Start from Other Art Forms and Everyday Objects, a six-week long workshop with Sharon Ruetenik, March 30 – May 4. The class will be held online Thursdays from 6 to 8 p.m. To register, e-mail writersinthemountains@gmail.com. To register online, visit writersinthemountains.org.

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St. Patrick's Celebration Set March 12

HALCOTTSSVILLE — The Hamlet of Halcottsville will be hopping on Sunday, March 12 starting at noon when the popular St. Patrick's Day Parade after a three-year gap necessitated by the coronavirus pandemic.

With the marchers back on track, this year's parade will mark the 26th annual St. Patrick's Day Parade in Halcottsville.

The parade route takes participants down Main Street and back the same way for an en-core viewing!

The Halcottsville Fire Department Auxiliary is planning its popular chili and sweet treats offering at the fire station following the parade. Free will donations welcome for the meal.

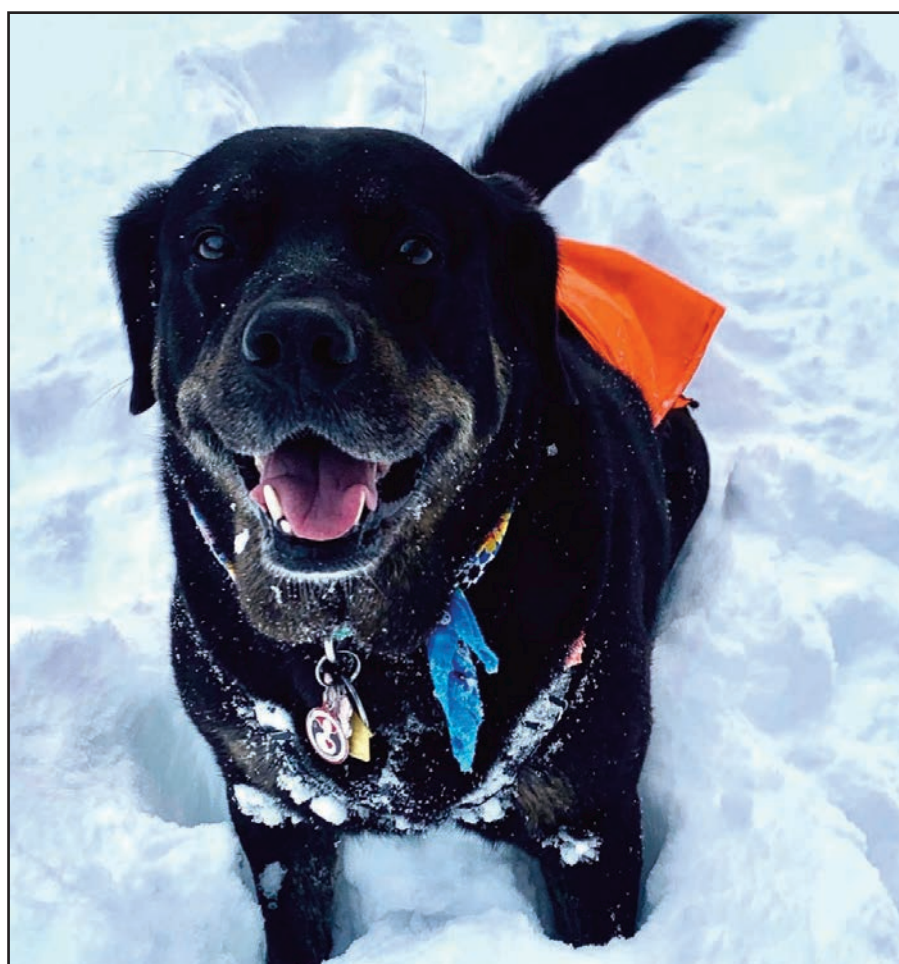
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During the course of more than a quarter-century, the Halcottsville St. Patrick's Day Parade has become a harbinger of spring — despite unpredictable mid-March weather.

Hearty marchers and spectators turn out each year — in any weather conditions — to celebrate this iconic holiday. The Halcottsville Fire Department is the primary organizer and members are excited about bringing back this festive event.

Spirit Lifter

Brent Truitt recently accompanied therapy dog Ella on her 400th visit to the residents and staff of Mountainside Residential Care Center in Margaretville. "She has warmed so many hearts and picked up so many spirits here," remarked Mountainside's Activities Director Donna Rossman



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Spring Ahead This Weekend

POLICE NEWS

DELHI — Delaware County Sheriff Craig S. DuMond has announced the arrest of Stamford resident for driving with a revoked New York State Driver's License.

On Sunday, Feb. 26, while patrolling in the Village of Stamford, Sheriff's Deputies observed a vehicle fail to properly use a turn signal. Upon conducting a traffic stop, Deputies identified the driver of the vehicle as 35-year-old, Derik Stoesser, of Stamford. A check of Stoesser's New York State driver license determined that his driving privileges in New

York State had been revoked.

Stoesser was subsequently arrested and charged with Aggravated Unlicensed Operation in the Third Degree, a Unclassified Misdemeanor of the Vehicle and Traffic Law. Stoesser was also issued uniformed traffic tickets for failure to use proper turn signal unlicensed operator of a motor vehicle, both violations of the New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law.

Stoesser was released is to appear in the Town of Stamford Court.

Sheriff DuMond announced the arrest of a

Fleischmann's resident for driving with a suspended New York State Driver's License.

On Tuesday March 7, while patrolling in the Town of Meredith, Sheriff's Deputies observed a vehicle to be traveling at speeds above the posted 30 mph zone. Upon conducting a traffic stop, Deputies identified the driver as 35-year-old, Amanda Camacho of Fleischmanns. A check determined that her driving privileges had been suspended. A check of the vehicle's registration revealed that it was also suspended.

Deputies subsequently arrested and charged Camacho with one count of Aggravated Unlicensed Operator in the Third Degree and Operating a Motor Vehicle while Registration is Suspended, both Unclassified Misdemeanors of the Vehicle and Traffic Law. Camacho was additionally issued uniform traffic tickets for unlicensed operator, unregistered motor vehicle, and speed in zone.

Camacho was released on the traffic tickets and is to appear in the Town Meredith Court.

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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE: VILLAGE OF FLEISCHMANN'S

Please take notice that the polling place for the village election being held on March 21, 2023 At The Skene Memorial Library, 1017 Main Street Polls will be open from 12:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. On the ballot will be the following candidates:

Village Mayor – 2-year Term
1. Elizabeth Hughes – 1077 Main St
2. Samuel F. Gil – 895 Main St

Village Trustee – Two Positions – 2-year Term
1. Stewart Cohen – 46 Ellsworth Ave.
2. Todd Pascarella ---- 104 Takanasee Rd.
3. Yvonne Reuter ---- 111 Wagner Ave.

4. Miguel Martinez -- Riddle --- 93 Riddle Way

NOTICE OF INVENTORY AND VALUATION DATA

(Pursuant to Section 501 of the Real Property Tax Law) Pursuant to Section 501 of the Real Property Tax Law, the Assessor for the Town of Roxbury, Delaware County, New York has inventory and valuation data available for review of the assessments in the Township. An appointment may be made to review this information by phoning 607-326-4362.

**Robert Breglio,
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NOTICE OF ANNUAL VILLAGE ELECTION

The Annual Election for Officers of the Village of Margaretville will be held March 21, 2023 in the village offices located in the Gottfried Building at 773 Main Street between the hours of 12 noon and 9 pm. At such election the following officers are to be elected:

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Iris Mead
170 Swart St

MAYOR- 2 YEAR
John Hubbell
57 Lower Kennedy Heights Rd

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TENTATIVE BUDGET 2023.2024 Village of Fleischmanns

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Village Board of Fleischmanns, New York will hold a Public Hearing at the Skene Memorial Library at 1017 Main Street, Fleischmanns, New York on Monday, March 13, 2023 at 6:00 pm for the purpose of public comments regarding the 2023-2024 Tentative Budget.

The regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the Village Board will be held immediately following the public hearing.

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Team Name	W	L	High Game
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ROI	48	32	Jessica Watson 178,
JM Lawncare	45	35	Sandy Kutkiewicz 158
JK Tinting	44.5	35.5	
Better Late Than Never	43.5	36.5	
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			Jessica Watson 470,
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Home Buyers Still Eager; Vacant Land Sales Surge

By Brian Sweeney
The following insights into the current Catskill Region real estate market was withheld from last week's issue due to space limitations. The information below was provided by Jeffrey Ashton, Licensed Real Estate Salesperson who works out of the Margaretville office of Coldwell Banker Timberland Properties.

Mr. Ashton agreed with the consensus of other agents interviewed that interest in regional property remains high, with the only drawback being the amount of homes on the market.

"The market has definitely shifted from the height of the Covid frenzy. While there are still many buyers looking for properties to purchase, the low inventory levels reflect the activity of the market. I have a long list of buyers looking for properties with little inventory to show them, which is one of the major differences between the height of the frenzy and the market today," Mr. Ashton commented.

In a related matter, he said the spirited bidding that were commonplace during the height of the pandemic-inspired buying spree still occur, but there fewer of them simply because of the low inventory levels.

Buyers ready

That being said, he noted, "If a property is well priced there's a good chance that sellers will have several interested buyers."

Mr. Ashton pointed out that higher interest rates have scared some buyers from the market, but noted there are still financed buyers seeking property. He said one issue that has had an impact on financed buyers is appraisals coming in low.

"Appraisers seem much more cautious about how a property is priced. I have heard of several appraisals coming in below contract price," he noted. This follows several years where buyers were routinely making purchases at prices significantly higher than previous market rates.

Helping offset such situation is that fact that "Cash is king and there are still many cash buyers out there."

The veteran agent said he's noticed some cash buyers are more price-sensitive so pricing a property to the market is crucial. He indicated that sellers have

heard stories of the "Covid Frenzy" and have unrealistic expectations about how much they can get for their property.

To help set realistic expectations, Mr. Ashton said, "My suggestion is when selling your property have a Comparative Market Analysis (CMA) done before setting the price on your home. I offer complimentary CMAs to prospective sellers to see if it makes sense for them to sell. For sellers it's a good idea to listen to real estate professionals regarding the value of your property."

What's moving

In terms of what's popular in today's real estate market, Mr. Ashton said buyers are looking in a variety of price ranges with the low- to mid-point listings where most of the activity and the higher range appearing slower. He noted that this could

be a direct reflection of the low inventory levels at the higher end of the market.

While the My opinion is the Catskills will have a long-lasting appeal but this year I expect there to be slower activity, again mainly because of the low inventory levels. The proximity to NYC, the area's natural beauty, the value for your money and the many things to do in the area are all attractive elements for buyers looking for a wonderful area to invest in and a great place to live. My one concern is that prices have risen over the past few years, which may price some buyers out of the market.

Although the unprecedented sales pace fueled by the start of the coronavirus pandemic has ebbed, by all accounts the lure of Catskill Region real estate should continue to remain strong. Mr. Ash-



This 406-acre parcel in Andes, listed by Jeffrey Ashton, sold in March.

ton said low inventory levels have been an issue for the past 4-5 months. An added component of this situation is that, for some sellers, expectations can also be an obstacle due to changing market conditions the pandemic began.

"Unless there's a compelling reason, sellers seem to be hold-

ing onto their properties. I would love to speak to anyone considering selling, I can discuss market conditions, prepare a market analysis and help them decide if selling right now is a good option for them," Mr. Ashton stated.

One beneficial result of the shortage of available housing stock

pointed to by Mr. Ashton is growing interest in vacant land.

"Parcels of undeveloped land are very attractive now. I have had more land sales this year than in previous years. Some buyers frustrated by the lack of homes to purchase have set their sights on buying a parcel and building," he explained.



PROGRAM SCHEDULE

3/10 Fri	6:00PM - Citizen News Bureau - Lori Fairbairn brings you the Weekend Weather report for the Catskill Region. 6:30PM - WARK Community Television Archives - WARK's Michael Finberg talks with Dr. Ott about the flu. (Airdate Early 80s) 7:00PM - Mostly Folk with Artie Martello - Artie's guest for this show is a married folk duo, Ash and Eric. Hailing from the gritty heart of New England (Worcester, MA), the two find consolation in discovering beauty in the challenges of life. 7:30PM - The Little Red Cottages of Nowhere - Andrea is shoveling out after a snowfall that arrived at the Little Red Cottages. We also get to know more about her friends and companions she shares a home with in this episode she calls, "Chickens & Cats & Dogs (oh my!)" 8:00PM - Robert - Portrait of an Art-er - A documentary about Robert Johnson, Franklin NY's beloved stone artist, and all around interesting person.
3/11 Sat	6:00PM - Delaware County News Update - Julia Marks and Matt Avitable bring you the latest news from the Delaware County Region. 6:30PM - The Hiker Trash Husbands - Jeff and Moe hike the Dickie Ridge/Snead Farm Loop in the Shenandoah National Park. 7:00PM - Focus on the Arts - Elizabeth Mami talks with Jenny Rosenzweig, Executive Director of the Roxbury Arts Group about the upcoming events at the Headwaters Arts Center in Stamford, NY. 7:30PM - Chamber Connects - The Delaware County Chamber of Commerce. Ray Pucci talks with NYS Cannabis Control Board member Jen Metzger, discusses the work accomplished by the Office of Cannabis Management and the timeline for future action. 8:00PM - CabaRadio - Recorded at the Pine Hill Community Center. Guests include: Lee Jackson (Musician and Poet), Margaret DiBenedetto (Author), Bruce Balmer (Musician) and Dave Holden (New York State DEC Licensed Hiking Guide).
3/12 Sun	6:00PM - Grocholl Homestead - In this episode, Ashton and her helpers tap some maple trees and then it's into the kitchen as she talks about the benefits and the different uses for maple syrup. 6:30PM - The Catskill Center - Jezz Harkin talks with Jeff Senterman, Executive Director, about the Center and funding from New York State. 7:00PM - WARK Community TV Archives - The Dictionary Game. Michael Finberg hosts two teams of four as they try to stump each other. 7:30PM - The Sonny Rock Show - Sonny interviews musician Rick Knapp. Rick has shared stages as the bassist/guitarist or has recorded with Chuck Berry, Bo Diddley, Kenny Aronoff, Stephen Stills and so many others through the past 50 years. 8:00PM - Music on the Delaware - Blue Tonic in concert. Blue Tonic is a four-piece band that plays mostly blues, but sometimes ventures into a bit of rock, country, early 1900s vaudevillian and honkytonk. Enjoy the last of this performance on CatskillsAir.
3/13 Mon	6:00PM - Focus on the Arts - Elizabeth Mami talks with Xan Peters, fine artist, Tufts teacher, podcast host, paleo artist. Amazing young talent. 6:30PM - The Little Red Cottages of Nowhere - Andrea is shoveling out after a snowfall that arrived at the Little Red Cottages. We also get to know more about her friends and companions she shares a home with in this episode she calls, "Chickens & Cats & Dogs (oh my!)". 7:00PM - Mostly Folk with Artie Martello - Artie's guest is Bill Scorzari, who has transformed his life from being a New York Trial Attorney to full-time musician. 7:30PM - Downstaters - Jess & Beth prepare to visit downstate but they need to tackle mud season first. 8:00PM - Catskills Addiction Coalition - Session on Criminal Justice Responses to the Addiction Epidemic recorded during the 4th Annual Community Action Summit.
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Union: Mayor Attempting to Dismantle Cobleskill PD PBA: Could Have "Catastrophic" Consequences

By Matthew & David Avitabile

COBLESKILL — The Police Benevolent Association accused Mayor Rebecca Stanton-Terk of attempting to dismantle the Cobleskill Police Department.

In a Facebook post this week, the Association referenced several actions by the mayor that the union believes are signs that she is dismantling the department.

This includes the recent discontinuation of the department's K9 program, which the union describes as "worth every penny invested." The union said that Mayor Stanton-Terk described the K9 officer, Wilson, as a "mascot." The union

also wrote that its officers "continue to work long shifts and extra hours while being short-staffed to cover the lack of hired personnel." The union also accused the village of not offering a new contract "in a fair and reasonable manner."

The union said that while the mayor promised to put faith in the department's chief, she "continues to override and micromanage the department, placing the safety of the community in further jeopardy just to try to save a buck."

The union states that any plans to dismantle the department prior to extended negotiations regarding a possible merger between the CPD and

the Schoharie County Sheriff's Department would be "catastrophic if the merger fails and the Village has already run the department into the ground." The union stated that the current condi-

tions include "hours during the day with barebone staff and unsafe shift coverage putting not only the officers' safety in jeopardy," as well as the public.

When we spoke to

Mayor Stanton-Terk about the posting, she responded, "No, absolutely not. Nope.... not today."

The PBA called on "all concerned constituents to call, write, or email

the village board members and the mayor and express your support for our police department."

PBA chief Branden Col-lison spoke to us about

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Village of Sharon Springs Awarded \$2.25 Million

SCHOHARIE — The Village of Sharon Springs is a first-round recipient of the NY Forward Grant Program. New York Forward was created in 2022 to give smaller communities revitalization grant opportunities, building on the success of the Downtown Revitalization Initiative.

The announcement was made last week by Secretary of State Robert Rodriguez at the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, NY.

With this \$2.25 million award, the Village of Sharon Springs will build upon the significant public investments that have addressed infrastructure and combine with the resurgence in private investment to enhance the cultural and historic Village landmarks. The Village of Sharon Springs is one of three NY Forward program recipients from the Mohawk Valley Regional Economic Development Region.

Regarding the award, Doug Plummer, Mayor of the Village of Sharon Springs, said, "The Village has achieved the critical mass necessary to be a model downtown because, while shortcomings in infrastructure and development can be addressed with money, shortcomings in passion, creativity, and vision cannot. These already exist in abundance in the Village of Sharon Springs, ready to be ignited by NY Forward. Thank you to Governor Hochul for enabling the NY Forward program to help communities like ours."

Investments in hotels, restaurants, and specialty shops, like the notable Beekman Kindness Shop, have been steady in the small Village, with a population of 500. Recent activity around larger investment opportunities, including a potential residential redevelopment of the Adler Hotel, compounds the impact of this Main Street focused investment. The projects look to intersect the goals of maintaining the historic nature and character of the Village with the needed evolution

to meet modern needs.

"Sharon Springs is so very close to becoming a major contributing economic engine in our rural upstate area. Being awarded the NY Forward grant will not only add to the upstate economy, but it will help complete the Sharon Springs we have all dreamt about," notes Sharon Springs Chamber of Commerce President, Maureen Loades.

The transformative projects proposed in the application include:

- ADA access for the second floor of Kiinkhart Hall, a historical arts center that will serve local and regional communities
- Addressing Chalybeate Springs Park infrastructure to improve accessibility and the development of a new community space
- Relocation of the Village Department of Public Works building with improved climate-smart utilities
- Expanding the Sharon Historical Society Museum to enable year-round usage
- Launching a free public WiFi network
- Establishing a revolving loan fund to support new business development

Supervisor for the Town of Sharon, Sandra Manko, commented, "Recently, the Village has had an infusion of new development that created a wider revitalizing influence. This funding will enable key investments that will ensure that its rich history is preserved for generations to come. Thank you

to the Regional Economic Development Council for recognizing the efforts in the Village to support revitalization and support the plans to create lasting prosperity."

This award supports economic development across Schoharie County and is in alignment with both Village and the broader ongoing economic development strategies. Governor Kathy Hochul, who successfully advocated for the creation of the program, requested a second round of NY Forward awards in the upcoming 2023-24 fiscal year.

Julie Pacatte, Interim Chief Executive Officer of the Schoharie County Industrial Development Agency & Executive Director of Schoharie Economic Enterprise Corporation, hopes to work with other Villages in the County to make sure this is not the last NY Forward award for Schoharie County. This potential has already been demonstrated with the Village of Schoharie also being a finalist in this first round.

"Placemaking and maintaining the unique character of each of our six Villages, is at the core of SEEC's work. We are thrilled to support the Village of Sharon Springs through the process of bringing these projects to life. The grant award is catalytic for prosperity in this community and will continue to inspire work across the County," said Pacatte.

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.

Howes Cave - Music at Serious Brewing

Serious Brewing Co. is hosting Pork and Beans with Coleslaw (The Bluestones Band) on Saturday, March 11th from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM. The music features an eclectic mix of roots, rock and blues.

Cobleskill - Board of Education Meeting

The Cobleskill-Richmondville Central School Board of Education will be meeting on Monday, March 13th at 7:00 PM at the Golding Middle School Library. Meetings are also available for viewing afterwards on the SCHOPEG website.

Cobleskill - Town Board Meeting

The Cobleskill Town Board will be holding its monthly meeting on Monday, March 13th at 7:00 PM at the Cobleskill Firehouse. Meetings are also available for viewing afterwards on the SCHOPEG website.

Esperance - Village Board Meeting

The Esperance Village Board will be holding its monthly meeting on Monday, March 13th at 7:30 PM at the Village Hall Meeting Room (113 Church Street).

Family Recovery Support Group

Every Wednesday evening from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM., SCCASA hosts Family Recovery Support Group Meetings facilitated by Maggie Jackman Pryor, a Family Support Navigator, and Tom Moran, a Peer Engagement Specialist and Recovery Coach at 349 Mineral Springs Road.

Sharon Springs - Village Board Meeting

The Sharon Springs Village Board of Trustees will be meeting on Thursday, March 16th at 7:00 PM at 129 Main Street. Meetings are also available afterwards on the SCHOPEG website.

Schoharie - Board of Supervisors Meeting

The Schoharie County Board of Supervisors will be holding its monthly meeting next week - Friday, March 17th - at 9:00 AM. Meetings are also available for viewing afterwards on the SCHOPEG website.

CRCS Board of Education Petitions Available

Nominating petition forms for residents interested in running for a seat on the Cobleskill-Richmondville Board of Education will be available at the District Office beginning on Monday, March 6th. The District Office is open Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Petitions with the signatures of at least 25 qualified voters must be received by the District Clerk by 5:00 PM on Monday, April 17th.

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.



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COFFEE IN COBY War in Europe XLVI

By Timothy Knight

As fighting over the eastern Ukrainian city rages for months on end, most of the analysis here in the United States and Europe has centered over Moscow's obsession with securing a strategically inconsequential settlement at the expense of thousands – and more likely, tens of thousands – of Russian lives; the textbook definition of a 'pyrrhic victory' if ever there was one.

The decision to defend Bakhmut makes more strategic sense, however. Facing an adversary that is sending ill-equipped, untrained forces in suicidal waves upon a city that has largely been evacuated, the Ukrainian Army has been able to both (1.) bog down the entirety of Russia's invasion to one narrow choke point and (2.) inflict heavy damages on an exhausted adversary.

According to a CNN dispatch quoting Mykhailo Podolyak, a presidential advisor to Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky, "As for the defense of Bakhmut, it achieved its goals by 1000%." He continued, "The military implemented the plan to destroy the enemy's main combat-ready grouping on the one hand and enabled the training of tens

of thousands of Ukrainian troops to prepare for a counterattack on the other."

That latter point is very significant. While the heroic defenders of Bakhmut have stemmed the entirety of Russia's offensive in eastern Ukraine over the past seven months, fresh Ukrainian forces have been training on advanced weaponry across the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's (NATO) member states, including in both the United States and the United Kingdom. The battlefield is being set for a mighty pendulum shift.

"Even if the military leadership at some point decides to retreat to more favorable positions, the case of defending Bakhmut will be a great strategic success for the Ukrainian Armed Forces as a foundation for future victory," commented Mr. Podolyak recently about the ongoing battle. Furthermore, news reports are indicating that Russian forces are suffering approximately five casualties for every one Ukraine incurs.

So, the question now becomes: how much longer will Ukraine continue to defend Bakhmut against Russian siege?

I suspect the Battle of Bakhmut will conclude

on Ukraine's terms, regardless of who claims victory. While holding the city has proven strategically significant to Ukraine thus far, there may come a point when the military decides to defend a more favorable position on the eastern front or pushes forward with a renewed counteroffensive towards either Mariupol or Crimea.

After one year of difficult warfare, the Russo-Ukrainian War exists in a space that is clearly defined by our allies in Kyiv. Unable to press the advantage in Bakhmut, hindered by declining weapon stockpiles, and reinforced by untrained mobilized, Russia is only able to occupy what Ukraine allows it to occupy at this juncture. Keep a ready eye on the horizon, for springtime is likely to bring liberation to more of Ukraine.

In solidarity with Ukraine.

Greetings! I am planning a "mailbag" edition of Coffee in Coby soon, so please send any questions you may have for me about Schoharie County politics, the Atlanta Braves 2021 World Series title or whatever else, and it might just be included. My email is timothyknight93@gmail.com.

Suny Cobleskill Fighting Tiger Weekly Recap

The SUNY Cobleskill baseball team opened the 2023 season by splitting a doubleheader with the host Colonels of Wilkes University on Sunday in Wilkes-Barre, Pa. winning the opener 7-5 then falling in the nightcap 7-6 to open the campaign at 1-1 overall. The Fighting Tigers were led by sophomore shortstop Stephen Tejada, Queens, N.Y., High School for Construction, went 3-for-8 on the day with three RBI and three runs scored.

Fighting Tiger first-year Emily Satterday, Latham, N.Y., Shaker High School, became the first women's basketball team member in program history to be named the 2023 North Atlantic Conference (NAC) Women's Basketball Rookie-of-the-

Year. The forward/center also earned NAC Third Team honors after 10.5 points, 12.6 rebounds and 1.0 assists per game while finishing the year with 15 double/doubles on the year.

Junior Andre Starks, Rochester, N.Y., Fairport High School/Corning Community College, a member of the men's basketball team was named to the 2023 Third Team All-NAC Team after leading the Fighting Tigers to an 18-9 overall record on the year and averaging 14.6 points, 3.3 assists, 3.3 rebounds and 1.9 steals per game.

The Fighting Tiger hunt seat equestrian team opened the 2023 portion of their schedule by posting a team total of 27 points to tie for fourth place in a field of nine

teams at an Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA) Zone 2 Region 3 event hosted by Skidmore College at the Van Lenep Riding Center in Saratoga Springs, N.Y. on Saturday.

The Fighting Tiger men's lacrosse team opened the season rank first in the 2023 NCAA Division III National Statistical Rankings of the year in turnovers caused after the season opening 16-7 victory over Cairn University. Cobleskill is currently averaging 26.0 per game on the year.

UPCOMING HOME CONTESTS:

Baseball vs. Castleton University 4/2, SUNY Polytechnic 4/7, SUNY New Paltz 4/12

Softball vs. Russell Sage 3/25, SUNY Potsdam 4/1, St. Lawrence University 4/2

Men's Lacrosse vs. SUNY Delhi 3/25, Thomas College 4/14, NVU-Lyndon 4/16

Esperance Historical Society Holding Annual Meeting April 2nd

The Esperance Historical Society invites the public to its annual meeting where in addition to the business meeting and election of officers by members of the Society, guests will learn about collecting old bottles and crockery at the Two Saps Sap House 303 Cripplebush Road, Central Bridge on April 2nd at 2 PM. Attendees will be served free pancakes, eggs and sausage with real maple syrup and are encouraged

to bring an old bottle they are curious about to the meeting. Guest speaker Jeff Ullman will review the bottles brought and tell the owner about its estimated age, and usage as well as its collectability. Jeff will also talk about Schoharie County Bottles and their history. The meeting is free and those interested in attending should dress warmly and are requested to RSVP to kjones8@nycap.rr.com as seating is limited.

Court News

Schoharie County District Attorney Susan J. Mallery announced that Alexander Moon entered a plea to 3 counts of Criminal Sale of a Narcotic Drug, a class B felony. Mr. Moon's case was adjourned until April 5, 2023 for a pre-sentence investigation report to be drafted by the Schoharie County Probation Department. The District Attorney's Office would like to recognize the joint investigation with Schoharie County Sheriff's Department and the New York State Police Violent Gangs and Narcotics Enforcement Team. Mr. Moon was Indicted by the

Schoharie County Grand Jury and accused of possessing and selling heroin and fentanyl on three separate dates.

Tyler Mitchell, was convicted of Petit Larceny, a class A misdemeanor, and Criminal Trespass 3d, a class B misdemeanor, for the theft of a relative's piggy bank. Mr. Mitchell was sentenced by the Richmondville Town Court to a conditional discharge, \$30.00 restitution, \$410.00 surcharges, DNA surcharge of \$50.00 and will submit his DNA. Schoharie County Sheriff Deputy Suchocki was the arresting officer.

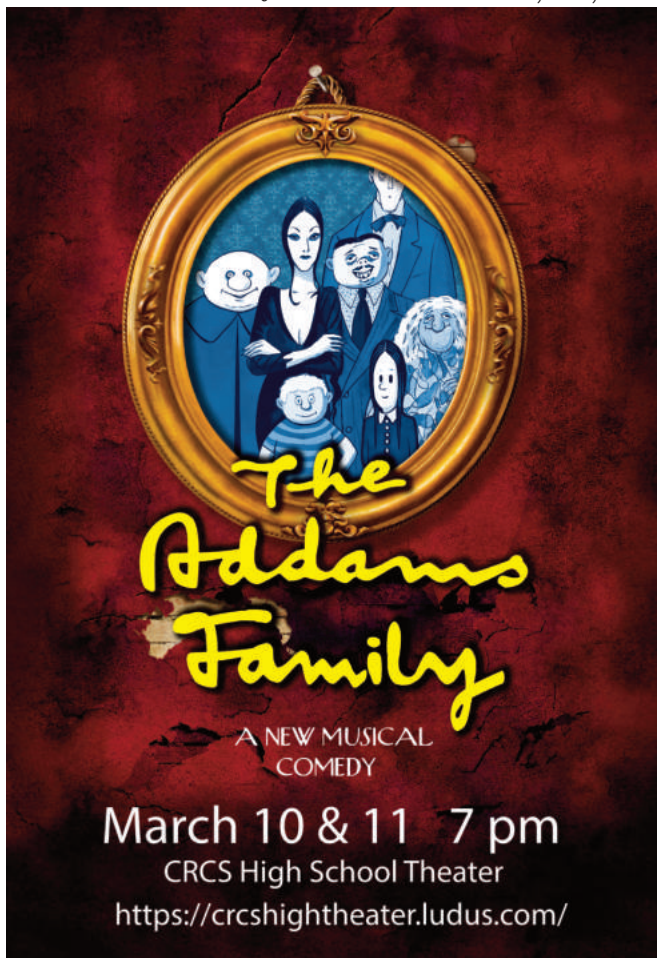
Kerri Latour, 35, was

convicted on February 22, 2023 of Obstruction Governmental Administration 2d, a class A misdemeanor. Ms. Latour was sentenced by the Richmondville Court to a conditional discharge, a \$205.00 surcharge, a \$50.00 DNA surcharge, and will submit her DNA. Cobleskill Police Officer Rippel was the arresting officer.

Amy R. Gancio, 37, was convicted on February 22, 2023 of Criminal Possession of Controlled Substance in the 7th degree, a class A misdemeanor, and a minor offense. Ms. Gancio was sentenced to a \$205.00 and \$125.00 surcharges, DNA surcharge \$50.00 and a conditional discharge by the Town of Richmondville Court. New York State University Police Officer Marotta was the arresting officer.

Ryan Guthinger, 20, was convicted on February 21, 2023 of Aggravated Unlicensed Operation of A Motor Vehicle, an unclassified misdemeanor, and received a conditional discharge, \$200.00 fine and a mandatory surcharge of \$93.00 from the Town of Cobleskill Court. Cobleskill Police Officer Rippel was the arresting officer.

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The Key To Success Was The Keys

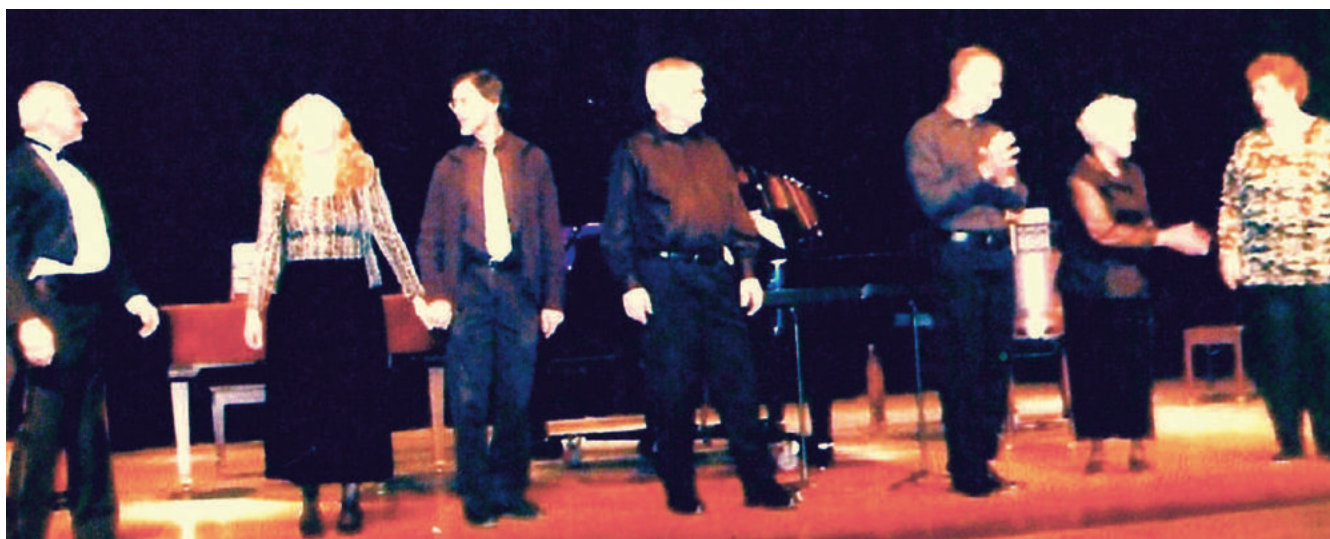
By Karen Cookson

SHARON SPRINGS — When you enter the Sharon Springs Central School Auditorium lobby, up by the doors you will see a long display with two framed piano keyboards. With names on the keys! It's not unusual for local adults to point out their names on these posters, always with pride.

SSCS built an addition to their 1930s-era school building in the early 2000s, adding classrooms, a gymnasium, a 300+ seat auditorium with full stage, a music classroom and a bandroom, among other spaces, almost doubling the size of this K-through-12 school building.

We had just moved to Sharon Springs in 1996, and since I was a retired music teacher, I made a point of meeting the local teachers and checking the music program out. My husband and I went to a school board meeting when we read about the addition, offering any help we could and strongly advocating that the school purchase the finest grand piano they could for school use. The students needed the best they could get, we said, the Board agreed, and added this to the budget. It was eliminated later, but at least we had their verbal support. I talked to the music teachers, both fine pianists, and some other interested locals, and we decided to do our own fundraiser for a school Grand Piano.

A piano store in Albany donated two large Steinway Piano keyboard posters, and our committee set out to "sell" the keys of the piano, and whatever else we could think of, and the magic number we came up with was \$25 a key. That apparently was the right amount, and within a few months or so, we had "sold" two keyboards worth (that's 88 times two!) of black and white keys, to be labeled with the names of the purchasers, however they wished. Another teacher, Linda VanSchaick, volunteered to do the calligraphy for the permanent record. Peter Irwin put the posters together. Peter Bade and Peter Cookson volunteered to frame the posters and mount them in the lobby. Carl Walther, the manager of the local recycling program, volunteered to



Pictured from left to right, Robert "Jack" Gosselink, conductor of the grand finale; Sylvia Moot Letteron and Ron Letteron, SSCS Music Faculty; Guest Pianist Dr. Lawrence Crawford, Professor of Music Theory and Keyboard Performance at Towson University in Baltimore MD; Garth Roberts, Broadway conductor and pianist, owner of The American Hotel; Mary-Jane Bianchini, accompanist extraordinaire and retired Sharon Town Clerk; Karen Cookson, retired music professor and music critic. This free concert with 5 pianos, 6 pianists and one conductor, presented multiple-piano works by Camille Saint-Saëns, Arthur Benjamin, Claude Debussy, Serge Rachmaninoff, Richard Addinsell and John Philip Sousa.



The SSCS Auditorium wall features two keyboard posters with donor names on the keys they "bought" to purchase the school's Yamaha C5 Grand Piano in 2003. The central plaque describes the Piano Project and names the contributors and Music Committee.

gather returnables and give the money to the Piano Fund. Local artists Peter Cozzolino and Marguerite MacFarland painted a large container "The Can Can," with Toulouse-Lautrec can-can dancers, and gave it to the Saturday recycling center for collecting cans and bottles. We were on our way.

And the local folks were quite creative. One family, the Finins, bought all the Fs and had their name put on them. Some were named in memory of someone. Some honored local groups and clubs. Some were for businesses. All said "this is ours."

As the keys were bought, Lori Webb and the front office kept track of all the details. When all the keys were sold, we had enough money not only to fill two keyboard posters, but to purchase a rebuilt 1970s

Yamaha C5 6'7" Grand Piano, PLUS a fine Gulbransen studio upright for the new music classroom! The rebuilt Yamaha came from the Caruso Piano Gallery in Connecticut, well-known for rebuilding grands, so the music teacher Sylvia and I drove there to see what they had. We spent the day playing pianos, and both of us agreed when we played this particular C5, it was The One. You just know. The owner agreed to our price, threw in a free delivery, a cover, the wheel rack for moving and a bench, so all we had to do was call him when we were ready to bring it to Sharon Springs.

Word got around about our project, and other pianos were donated to the school. Later on we even received a grant for an electronic piano laboratory so that keyboard classes could be part of

the regular music program, beginning in kindergarten. It still is.

After the C5 was delivered and in regular use, it soon got a lot of mileage put on it! That first year, we had a Bach Birthday Party in March, staging a program of music by several Bachs, mostly J. S., and had all ages of kids and locals perform Bach vocal and instrumental music. The then-mayor, Omer Cousineau, dressed up as Papa Bach and led the children's choir onstage to sing.

One summer the school was broken into and some damage was done to the auditorium. What was amazing about this event was the response of locals — they all wanted to know if "our" piano was hurt!

Then in 2009, we celebrated the 300th anniversary of the Invention of the Piano.

Piano players rarely get to play in groups with other piano players, for obvious reasons.

Here we were, with a superb Grand Piano, two smaller grand pianos, a new upright and a large ex-player piano in one building. With that embarrassment of riches, the only thing to do is put them all onstage, find music for groups of pianos, and the players to do it.

Fortunately, Sharon Springs was blessed with pianists, so we put five locals together with works arranged for two or more pianos and found a suitable finale, which of course required a conductor. Pianists are usually soloists, or accom-

pany, or are the leaders of ensembles. But when you put a Pound of Pianists together, who is going to keep them together? (note: the collective name for a group of pianists is a Pound, like a Gaggle is a group of Geese, and the like.)

We invited Robert "Jack" Gosselink, retired music professor and orchestra director from SUNY-Cobleskill, to be our finale conductor. He arrived in white tie and tails, with baton and score, and even tuned us with the Yamaha sounding its "A" before we began. The traditional finale for a multiple piano concert is The Stars and Stripes Forever, so that became our exit music.

And speaking of playing together, local piano tuner Eric Gloo was en-

listed to tune the pianos together, with Carl Walther again helping that happen.

There was only one thing left to make this a spectacular celebration — a really good Guest Pianist.

The locals included the SSCS music teachers Sylvia Moot Letteron and Ronald Letteron; restaurateur Garth Roberts, who had been road director for Cats, Les Miz and Phantom, among other Broadway hits; Mary-Jane Bianchini, accompanist and retired Sharon Town Clerk; me, retired music professor and critic; Jack Gosselink, retired music professor conducting the six pianists and five pianos. The sixth pianist? Dr. Lawrence Crawford, Professor Emeritus of piano and music theory at Towson University in Maryland. He got his doctorate and studied with Leon Fleischer, so he knew his way around a keyboard. Larry and I went to high school together, had the same piano teacher, and both got two music degrees at the University of Oregon. Not only that, but for our senior year concert in high school, we performed "The Warsaw Concerto" 2 piano/4

hands arrangement by Percy Grainger. And now, just over 50 years later, we got to do it again!

The concert was a screaming success, if too short. We could have done the whole thing twice. The reception afterward was hosted by Nancy DiPace Pfau and Megan Holkien and we enjoyed an après music with the School Board, SSCS staff and many other local folk.

The Yamaha has been kept busy with the local dance Studio performances, school musicals, concerts, Glimmerglass rehearsals and concerts and many other events.

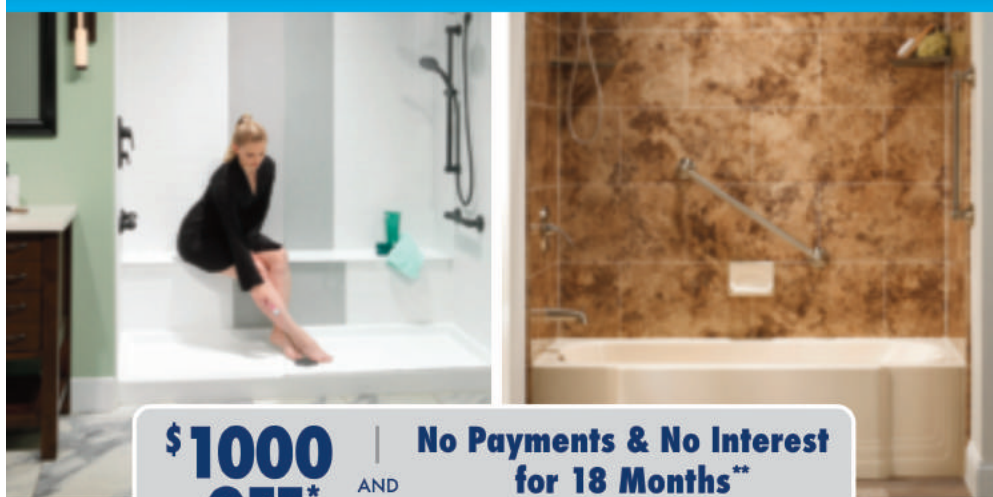
I guess it's true — every school needs a really good piano. And Sharon Springs has one.

Note the music and program cabinet in the photo of the keyboard posters. That is the repurposing result of another gift to the school.

But that's another story.

Karen Cookson lives in Sharon Springs and loves to tell stories about her adopted home.

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DAR Welcomes New Members



On March 3, Nancy Castro and Lori Harrington became members of the Captain Christian Brown Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, Cobleskill. Pictured from left are Nancy Smith Castro, Chapter Regent Jean Yaro, and Lori Briggs Harrington.

Schoharie County Chamber Of Commerce Hosts New Year, New Board

COBLESKILL – The Schoharie County Chamber of Commerce is hosting a New Year, New Board Breakfast on Wednesday, March 15th from 8:00 to 9:30 AM at The Gathering Place 50 Plus Community Center, 127 Kenyon Road in Cobleskill. Please stop by and say HELLO, have some breakfast, meet the new Board members and see what's new with the Chamber. If you have any questions or would like more information, please feel free to contact the Chamber at (518) 295-8824 or at admin@schohariechamber.com

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Police Blotter



Thursday, March 2, 2023

At 3:57 PM, Cobleskill Police arrested Melissa Scott, 55, of Richmondville, N.Y. for aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle in the second degree and two other vehicle and traffic law violations. She was issued traffic tickets to appear in Cobleskill Town Court on 04/04/2023 at 2:00 PM.

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If you have some to spare, please bring them to the Arb!

Above left: The audience
Above right: On March 3 Debbie Bradt and Sue deBruijn, members of the Captain Christian Brown DAR chapter of Cobleskill, presented a program titled, "Two Country Lawyers" about the roles their grandfathers played in an historic lawsuit against New York City, and the impact it continues to have on Schoharie County today.

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Forest Ranger News

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Flat Ice Rescue Training: On Feb. 27, Forest Rangers from Region 4 participated in flat ice rescue training on Looking Glass Pond. The training included field exercises where Rangers demonstrated their self-rescue, reach, and throw-and-go skills.



Flat ice rescue training on Looking Glass Pond



Cobleskill PD, Continued on Page F1

the potential merger, saying that the PBA members are "against it," and that the CPD members "are best for the village."

"We're right there when the village residents need us."

Regarding whether or not the proposal will come to fruition, Collison said that he was happy that he'd be a part of the negotiations, but expressed displeasure that they had to find out in the press and from the county, rather than from the mayor.

Since the announcement, Collison said that there's been one mediation meeting with another planned for March.

At present, the PBA chief described the situation as understaffed, describing being four officers short.

When there is a better contract and "interest in the police department," he said, there could be

"Cut equipment, cut training," he said, adding in that the K-9 program has also been cut.

"The step-children that she's trying to auction off for a tax break."

Collison believes that Mayor Terk is attempting to cut costs in the village budget, even as it is running a surplus, he said.

"It's not like they're in a budget crunch," he said.

Collison said that if the merger does go through, there would be fewer services for the people of Cobleskill. In particular, he said that he believes that there would not be 24 hour service if there is a major change.

This includes the ability to enforce village law, the PBA chief said.

Collison requested support from the public, including attendance at meetings and letters to the village.

He requested further openness from the village. He cited a meeting prior to the potential merger announcement in which the village board did not bring up the potential plan when discussing public safety.

"This is going to be a long process."

We spoke to Town Supervisor Werner Hampel prior to the union's statement. Hampel said that Federice's decisions were

based on the wants and needs of the different supervisors. The Cobleskill Supervisor was named to the Committee by Federice.

Regarding the police department, Supervisor Hampel said that he works "very well" with Mayor Becky Stanton-Terk.

He said that the Department is down four officers.

As the Department is the Village's largest expense, he said that the item is the largest in the village's budget.

The potential merger will depend on whether it will "serve the community best."

So far, he said, there is a need for significant research and any decision would be "difficult."

In his time in the airline industry, he saw large mergers and understands the potential concerns.

Hampel cited Supervisor John Leavitt's experience in Carlisle in his time as a retired State Trooper. Hampel said that there is an excellent team and "hopefully navigate some of the complexity."

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2023 Catskills Fire Tower Challenge Is On

By Jennifer Patterson
The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation recently announced the 2023 Catskills Fire Tower Challenge.

For nearly a century, observers watched the forests of New York State from more than 100 fire towers perched atop the highest peaks, on the lookout for any signs of forest fires.

The Catskills Fire Tower Challenge encourages experienced hikers to visit the region's six remaining fire towers, located on Hunter Mountain in Hunter, Balsam Lake Mountain in Hardenburgh, Overlook Mountain in Woodstock, Red Hill Mountain in Denning, Tremper Mountain in Shandaken, and the Upper Esopus Fire Tower at the Catskills Visitor Center, which allows people who may not otherwise be able to undertake a challenging hike to have a fire tower experience.

"The annual Fire Tower Challenge is a great way to keep the history and traditions of our Catskills fire towers alive for future generations to appreciate



One of six fire towers located on the peaks of the Catskill Mountains. Photo courtesy Gary Keir.

and enjoy," said DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos. "The Fire Tower Challenge provides opportunities for New Yorkers and visitors to reach the unique viewing experience of the spectacular Catskill Mountains."

Stewardship of the fire towers is a partnership with the Catskill Center for Conservation and Development. The center, through the Catskill Fire Tower Project, manages

six fire towers in the Catskill Park for public access and interpretation under a volunteer stewardship agreement with the DEC.

Dedicated volunteers help maintain and staff each of the fire towers on weekends and holidays throughout the summer and fall seasons.

To participate in the challenge, hikers must trek to all six DEC-owned fire towers in the Catskills

between Jan. 1 and Dec. 31, 2023. Once completed, participants submit a log of their completed hikes along with a favorite photo or selfie via a web form or to the designated email at CatskillsChallenge@dec.ny.gov. Entries must be postmarked by Jan. 7, 2024.

All participants who complete the challenge will receive a letter and

a commemorative Catskills Fire Tower Challenge patch. The first 1,000 finishers will also receive a one-year subscription to DEC's Conservationist magazine. In addition, participants can download a customizable certificate and will also be eligible to win prizes.

New this year, finishers who completed the challenge multiple times will receive an additional commemorative Catskills Fire Tower Challenge prize.

"We're thrilled to be

part of the Catskills Fire Tower Challenge," said Jeff Senterman, executive director of the Catskill Center. "By bringing visitors to the fire towers, we are directing them to durable trails, amazing views, and the opportunity to interact with our fire tower stewards to get information about the park, history, and much more."

For information about the fire towers and challenge rules, go to <https://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/76620.html>.



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YOUR LOCAL HAPPENINGS FOR SHARON SPRINGS

Sharon Things

By Alexis Pencar

Hey Neighbors!
Snow on top of snow! This last storm brought more wet snow making road clearing easier than storms prior. The Village looks so pretty all dressed up in white! Seems far off with a foot on the ground but Spring is still on its way.

Remember, this can be a tough time of year for mental health! Make extra efforts to offer kindness throughout your day!

Village Construction

Construction continued this week with a shift in location to the Historical Downtown District. A large excavator was seen moving from the Upper Village on Chestnut down the hill to work on South and Center Street. Half of Willow Street has been torn up and blocked off heading towards Pavilion Ave.

This is in connection with the Water and Sewer Project backed by The Village.

Sharon Springs Free Library

We had a new public computer installed this week, thanks to a generous donation of funds. Our computers are free to use any time the library is open (Winter

Hours, December through March: Monday and Thursday 10 - 6, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, 3 - 6, Saturday 10 - 1), and you don't need a library card to use them.

Friday night Yoga is back at 6 pm for a \$10 donation for the instructor. Register to get on the call list in case of cancellation.

Saturday, March 11th, from 11-12, children aged 2 - 10 are invited to try a brief sled dog ride. The two-dog, leashed ride will be preceded by a short talk and is provided by Run By Dogs free of charge.

Sunday, March 12th is Oscar night for the 95th presentation of Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences awards. We have DVDs of almost all of the films nominated for "Best Picture," at least all the ones available, and some that were nominated in other categories.

Monday night, March 13th at 7 pm, The Historical Society presents "Schoharie County - Murders and Funky Stuff" by Karen Cuccinello in person in the library's community room.

Friday, March 17th, St. Patrick's Day, is the night of our book discussion at 6:00 pm. This month we discuss "The Nature of Fragile

Things," aptly the story of an Irish immigrant. It is set in San Francisco before, during and after the 1906 earthquake, providing lots of interesting historical facts.

Sunday, March 26th we are having a free Reiki event in the Community Room from 2 - 3 pm. All are welcome to come learn about Reiki and have a free sample treatment. Cindy Howell, local Reiki Master/Teacher and Practitioner will be there with several of her students to speak on this modality.

Monday, March 27th, local author Chris Kefer will offer a class "What's It Like to Write a Book," (2:00 - 3:30) in our community room. You can sign up through the Schoharie County Home of Ongoing Learning (S.C.H.O.O.L.) at cobyschool.com

For the rest of March, bring in all your good-condition discard books any time we are open. April is the Coolest month at our library beginning with Our Annual Great Book Giveaway is scheduled for Saturday, April 1 from 10 to 4. Bring bags or boxes and take home as many free books as you can carry out.

Also April 1st, our winter hours are over and we return to our regular hours, Monday and Thursday 10 - 6, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, 3 - 8, Saturday 10 - 1

Children's Reading Group is on Thursday

mornings from 10-11 AM and includes story time, crafts, and a snack for preschool and home-school children 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 min-

utes before every mass. Contact at (607) 264-3779 for more details.

The Zion St. John's Lutheran Church Seward (114 Mesick Ave, Cobleskill, NY 12043) offers weekly service on Sundays at 9:00 am. Contact at (518) 234-3222 for more details.

Cornerstone Baptist Church (7274 Route 10, Ames, NY 13317). Sunday Service is at 10:00 am. All are welcome. Contact (518) 673 3405 for more details.

Food Pantry

The Sharon Springs Food Pantry is an excellent local resource for all! They are located in the United Methodist Church on Route 20, across from the school (511 US Route 20, Sharon's Springs, NY 13459).

They are always accepting donations! If you or someone you know is in need of the Pantry,

the hours are Thursday 9:00 am -10:30 am and 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm.

Senior Congregate Meal Site

Local residents are invited to enjoy socialization and a noon-time meal at Schoharie County Office for the Aging congregate meal site in Sharon Springs (Mon., Wed. & Fri., Firehouse, Beechwood Rd.). Reserve a meal by calling OFA at 518-295-2001 by 1 pm on the day before you want to go. A suggested donation of \$4 is accepted from those 60 years old and older. Under age 60? You're welcome to participate and will be charged \$5.

To share community news, upcoming events, business specials, adjusted hours, birthdays, anniversaries, or even an outstanding resident, please reach out to: (772) 971-1410 or alexis.pencar@gmail.com.

SCHOPEG Hopes for Increased Sharon Coverage

By Alexis Pencar

The Town of Sharon held its regularly scheduled Board Meeting on Wednesday, March 1st at 6:30 pm at the Community Building in Sharon Springs.

With Town Supervisor Sandy Manko at the helm, the meeting kicked off promptly at 6:30 pm with a small audience present. Privilege of the Floor was not utilized.

With business as usual, the agenda was moved through quickly. It was noted that in order to reflect the fees of other local towns and villages, the Town of Sharon opted to increase their fees

by double. An increase in fees had not happened before this for many years.

There was a house-keeping and clerical bill-paying issue from the Town of Sharon of the Village of Sharon Springs from 2019 that was unresolved. With split use of the Community Building Office area, the Town and Village had always split the bills for electricity and just prior to 2020 the billing had stopped. With a back balance of over \$4,000, the Board made a motion to pay that bill.

SCHOPEG, the video recording service for

Schoharie County, was present at this Town meeting to record and upload this meeting for all residents to see. This return is after a gap in coverage for about 6 months. Schopeg's goal is to "enhance local communication access." Check out www.schopeg.com for more information.

The regularly scheduled Town Board Meetings are on the first Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm in the Sharon Town Office at 129 Main Street, Sharon Springs NY 13459. Call (518) 284-3010 for more information.

Hats Off To Librarian Fralick



Children at Reading Group showing off their brand new handmade hats generously made by Librarian Ms. JoAnn Fralick.



Ms. JoAnn Fralick passing out knitted hats (3/2) she made this winter for babies and children at her Thursday morning Reading Group located at the Sharon Springs Free Library.

Second Sunday Snowshoe

March 12, 1:00 - 3:00 PM, Meet at the Barn.

We invite you to join us from 1:00 - 3:00 for a fun event, the last of the season. If there is no snow, the event leaders will take participants on a winter hike, and everyone ends up back at the Farm House for hot cocoa and good conversation.

This month's event will feature Fred "the Tree Man" Breglia, our executive di-

rector, who will provide instruction in dormant tree identification during the snowshoe or hike.

Registration: Members: \$5 or member family \$15; Non-members: \$15, non-member family \$25.

Call 518-875-6935 or email info@landisarboretum.org for more information or to register. You can also register online using PayPal (small administrative fee).

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On the Wild Side

By Bill Combs Jr

Welcome to On the Wild Side. Join me as I explore the wildlife and nature that Schoharie County and the surrounding areas have to offer on the Wild Side.

This week we had an unexpected visit in Cobleskill by four Tundra Swans, two adults and two juveniles, a rare sighting for our area. These majestic white birds have elegant long necks and distinctive black beaks. The swans will soon travel over 3,000 miles on their way back home to the Artic Tundra. They were observed spending time on the creek under the Cobleskill Eagles nest, together with a flock of Canada Geese and several Mallard ducks over a period of four days. In the past, I have only photographed swans at Franklinton Vlaie Wildlife Management Area and on Treadlemire Hill Road in the Cotton Hill State Forest.

One of the ways you can tell that Spring is on its way is you will see the Bald Eagles sitting in their nest. Sometimes you may not see any sign of them there, but if you are patient and watch closely, you can see them raise their head and look around. Some of our local Eagles are still putting the finishing touches on their nest as they will spend about 35 days sitting on the eggs. The over-wintering Eagles have started to leave the area. Some of them will be returning to their northern homes. Some of the younger Eagles will begin traveling hundreds of miles across the United States and Canada in search of a mate and a place to call home.

If you're looking for a great day hike in the area, try the Long Path from Mine Kill Falls and hike north through the state park. Here you will find a view of the falls that many people seldom see. Keep your eye out for signs of Pileated Woodpeckers, Great Horned Owls, Red-tailed Hawks, Coopers Hawks and of course the Bald Eagle, as there are three active



nests in the area of the park and two of them are viewable from the trails in the park. Continuing north, hike through the Lansing Manor area to come out at the

Power Plant Access Road. As you travel along the road on the left side there will be an active Beaver Pond. Watch for telltale signs; there are a number of trees

in various stages of disarray. Look for songbirds and ducks as well while you are there. If you investigate the tree branches, you may even spy a lounging porcupine, as they like to sleep during the day in the trees along the creek and pond.

As you travel the roads and hiking trails of our beautiful and unique countryside keep your eyes and ears open, you never know what you may see or hear.



Silver & Gold Senior Club Meets at "Spa Ritz"

By Alexis Pencar

SHARON SPRINGS - The Sharon Silver & Gold Senior Club will hold its next meeting at 12 noon on Friday, March 10th at the Office for the Aging's Meal Site in the Village of Sharon Springs at the Firehouse (137 Beechwood Road).

The Silver & Gold Senior Club meets each month and provides wonderful activities and positively contributes to the lives of so many! Members of this club come from surrounding areas including Sharon, Cherry Valley, Cobleskill, Ames, and beyond.

With Seniors of all ages, this dynamic group is warm and welcoming to all! It's a great place to make new friends or just add a fun activity to your schedule!

For the Silver & Gold March luncheon, expect a delicious and nutritious meal of eggplant Parmesan, chopped spinach, California mixed vegeta-

bles, dilly white beans, and blueberry coffee cake with a nutrition presentation, business meeting, and bingo to follow.

Area Seniors interested in more information about the Club should contact Anne Lennebacker, President, at 607-547-9055. Those interested in attending the March 10th luncheon meeting must call the "Spa Ritz" Meal Site by March 8th at 518-284-2883 on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday between 10 AM and 2 PM.

March is National Nutrition Month. This year's theme is "Fuel for the Future" with a focus on eating with sustainability in mind. Registered Dietician Nutritionist Nancy Ackerbauer's nutrition presentation at the senior club luncheon meeting will encourage participants to eat more plant-based meals and snacks, limit food packaging, buy more foods in season and shop locally when possi-

ble.

Sharon Sr. Congregate Meal Site Linda Wegner, Sharon Springs Meal Site Manager, invites local residents to enjoy some good company and a noon-time meal year round (except holidays) at the "Spa Ritz" Sr. Congregate Meal Site at the Firehouse at 137 Beechwood Rd. M-W-F. All orders for meals must be called into the Schoharie County Office for the Aging at 518-295-2001 by 2 p.m. for the following day. A suggested donation of \$4 is accepted from those 60 years old and older. Under age 60? You're welcome to participate for a fee of \$5.

During the season of Lent, the March menu will feature meatless meals on Fridays. Entrees will include meatless and crustless quiche and red and white bean chili as well as side servings of dilly white bean salad, lentils and baked beans.

All County Music Festival Next Week

The Schoharie County Music Educators' Association is sponsoring the annual All County Music Festival at Duanesburg Central School. Exceptional student musicians have been chosen to participate based on recom-

mendations by their music teachers. Selected students will rehearse with guest conductors on Thursday, March 16, and Saturday, March 18. The festival will culminate in a concert at 3:00 PM on Saturday, March 18 given by Middle School Choir,

High School Band, and High School Choir. Participating school districts are Berne-Knox-Westerlo, Cobleskill-Richmondville, Duanesburg, Middleburgh, Schoharie, and Sharon Springs.

This annual festival is held during March, which

is Music in Our Schools Month. This nationally-recognized observance is a vehicle for reminding parents, students and the wider community that all children deserve a quality education which includes music and the arts. The members of SCMEA meet

on a regular basis to plan two festivals which offer expanded music opportunities for music students. The group also sponsors scholarships for graduating seniors who will be studying music in college next year. The

winners of this year's scholarships will be announced at the concert. The concert is open to the public. Suggested donations are: Adults \$4, students/senior citizens \$3, with a maximum of \$10 per family.

Sled Dogs at Library - A Free Educational Event

By Alexis Pencar

SHARON SPRINGS - Run By Dogs Education and Excursions will offer free Sled Dog Rides for children ages 2-10 on Saturday, March 11th from 11:00 am until 12:00 pm at the Sharon Springs Free Library. Any and all ages are welcome to come out and meet the sled dogs and enjoy an educational talk!

Run By Dogs right in Sharon Springs, offers

family dog training, AKC Certification and STAR Puppies Certification, dog sledding excursions, educational programs, and boarding.

Back in December, the homeschool group, Your Homeschool Village was welcomed to Run By Dogs for complimentary sled dog rides as an educational field trip and had a ton of fun and learned so much!

This free event on Saturday (3/11) is an excellent way for children to learn more about sled dogs and talk to "Musher", Dog Trainer, and Author, Kate Walrath, owner of Run By Dogs. Kate is an active and integral part of the Sharon Springs Community!

For more information please call the Sharon Springs Free Library at (518) 284-3126.



Owner of Run By Dogs and Musher, Kate Walrath, taking 2 homeschool students for a sled dog ride back in December.

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