

# COUNTY REQUESTS AUCTION CHANGE DEP ADJUSTMENTS



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## Delaware County Real Estate Sold To KW Upstate NY Properties

By Liz Page

STAMFORD – A Stamford couple who has been and continues to be an integral part of the community has been fortunate enough to find a pair of women who are looking to continue their legacy of being involved in the community and the tradition of providing customer service in the real estate business.

After 51 years, Betty and George Bergleitner have sold their Delaware County Real Estate business to Elizabeth "Beth" McGuire and Evelyn Kuhn. It is now Keller Williams Upstate NY Properties.

While Betty retired in January, George will relax a bit, but intends to stay involved. "I'm doing this for Betty, she wants to travel," he said. He has moved to a smaller office at 108 Main St., but he will still be making an appearance. He will be doing appraisals, property management, rentals and sales.

McGuire and Kuhn have purchased the building and plan to use the opportunity to keep a local real estate business in operation. They do plan to update it a bit and will be giving it a fresh coat of paint, along with re-arranging some of the office space.

"Keller Williams provides advanced technology for their agents and support for our brokerage-owned busi-

ness," said Kuhn.

While they realize a great deal of work is done online these days, McGuire said Delaware County has a different environment when it comes to real estate, they like to know there is a brick and mortar business in addition to the online presence.

"George has a lot of stock in the community and that is another reason to have someone here in Stamford," said Kuhn.

"Somehow, I feel his legacy of community service is more important than his real estate. We really do want to be involved in the community," said McGuire.

The two women forged a friendship through their real estate ties. McGuire has been in the business for 25 years and Kuhn for more than 20 years and each has worked at other agencies. Now, both at Keller Williams, they became partners in August of 2022, known as the Catskill Regional Team. In conversations with George, they saw the opportunity to open a branch office that is close to home for both of them. KW also has offices in Delhi, Margaretville, Oneonta and Norwich.

They are also familiar with Betty and George, working with them for several years in real estate. So they know the type of service the Bergleitners have provided their customers.



George and Betty Bergleitner, left, of Delaware County Real Estate, hand over the reins to Evelyn Kuhn and Elizabeth "Beth" McGuire, who will keep the local real estate office booming as Keller Williams Upstate NY Properties. The Bergleitners have been stalwarts in the local real estate market for the past 51 years, selling the building and their business to enjoy some overdue retirement.

"It is a good spot for both of us," said Kuhn. "The real estate business has been crazy for the past couple of years." While things do seem to be slowing down, she does not see it stopping and believes the market in Stamford has been undervalued in the past. "It is now where it belongs. People are coming into the community and there is real estate to sell here."

Real estate has changed, according to Kuhn, with many new laws. KW keeps them updated on the latest real estate trends and keeps

them educated about the market. They are always learning new ways and techniques.

"With this office, we will be taking all of the new ways, such as the internet and online media and combining it with the more traditional concepts based on relationships and interactions with our clients," said Kuhn.

She believes real estate agents are an important part of the real estate business. They are there to guide clients to make the best purchase for their needs.

The agents know the area and they admit the market here is a little bit different. They believe it is important to know the region and to help clients assess properties that are not of the same type of construction or size.

A graduate of St. Francis Prep school, Bergleitner founded the Christmas Feeling Fund in Stamford more than 50 years ago. Has been president of Delaware County Real Estate, a broker and appraiser for 51 years, A Knight of Columbus for 58 years; Vice Chair of the Delaware County Republi-

can Committee for 30 years; a 20-year Knight of Malta; a member of the Delaware County Industrial Development Agency board of directors for more than 25 years; past president of the Otsego-Delaware Board of Realtors and a director; on the board of the NYS Association of Realtors and the National Association of Realtors. He has also serves as president of Stamford Financial; is a recipient of the Fitzgerald Kennedy Award; Honor Legion for the NY Police Department; Realtor of the Year in 1972; Citizen of the Year in Stamford 1991; Rotary International Paul Harris Fellow 1990; member of various exchanges and NASDAQ and president of M.J. Manchester and Company.

His accomplishments, along with Betty's, will be difficult to match. However, McGuire and Kuhn, are here to keep the legacy of providing good customer service to those wishing to buy or sell property.

Known as the Catskill Regional Team, Upstate NY Properties, their contact information is: (607) 652-3311 or

Beth McGuire, 607-353-2590 or email: bethmcguire56@gmail.com; Evelyn Kuhn, 607-437-2910 or email: evelynkuhn@kw.com.

They plan to host a grand opening sometime next month.

## The 'Father of the Yellow School Bus' Would Be Proud To See Stamp Finally Issued

By Liz Page

STAMFORD – I know in my heart that Frank Cyr, better known as Dr. Frank W. Cyr, professor emeritus, is smiling now that the yellow school bus has finally made its debut with the United State Postal Service. He had asked for the school bus stamp after the 50th anniversary of the yellow school bus, back in April of 1989.

The Stamford community and legislators got behind the push, but the stamp was never issued. The stamp that is now out, is not a regular postage stamp, but an additional postage stamp, worth 24 cents, according to postal officials. It pays for an additional ounce of postage and is used in addition to a regular 63-cent stamp.

In a January press release, the USPS announced the



Stamford Postmaster Carl Morganstern holds up a page of additional postage stamps that depict the yellow school bus, more than three decades after the push to have the yellow school bus depicted on a postal stamp.

issuance of the stamp to celebrate the "Journey of Education". Dr. Cyr was an important part of that journey, particularly for students in rural America.

The color of the school bus is known officially as "National School Bus Chrome", or chromium yellow, as Cyr called it. It is on file with the National Bureau of Standards and was chosen at a 1939 national conference Cyr organized and



The additional ounce stamp that celebrates the Journey of Education by depicting the yellow school bus. The stamp was issued in January.

chaired to develop standards for safety and conformity of school buses, to allow for assembly line production of buses to transport children to school. Until then, children got to school however they could, by horse drawn wagon in at least one place and various mo-

torized vehicles. Buses made sense, but they were all over the charts in design and engineering, with each state having its own ideas, making them very expensive to produce.

The week-long confer-

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# Stamps, Continued from A1

ence included engineers and experts in transportation, paint and other areas, along with manufacturers. A total of 44 standards were developed for school buses, including body length, ceiling height and aisle width. Many of those standards have changed since, but never the color. It was deemed the best color for seeing black letters in early morning or late afternoon. Most states adopted the standards right away, but a few states held out, with all states finally adopting the standards by 1974.

According to the USPS press release, about 25 million children across the United States ride a yellow bus to school every day. In addition to providing safe and reliable transportation — almost 70 times safer than being driven to school in a car—these buses also keep millions of cars off the road, saving gasoline and lowering carbon dioxide emissions.

Cyr, professor emeritus of rural education at Columbia University's Teacher College, was also known as the "champion of rural education".

When Cyr retired to Stamford, he didn't exactly retire. He was instrumental in establishing remote learning via television for the rural schools in the Catskills as part of the Rural Supplementary Educational Center (1968). The television station was used to send out advanced placement classes and was located at what in



A page of the additional ounce stamp that celebrates the Journey of Education by depicting the yellow school bus. The stamp was issued in January.

1974 became known as the Frank W. Cyr Educational Center of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) located in the former Rexmere Hotel.

In addition to studying how kids got to school, he studied how they were taught and how to even the playing field for rural students. He experimented with different ways of bringing education to them and in one of our last conversations was saying that some day, students could attend school from home and hand in their homework remotely. It was long before computers became a part of school learning and our most recent test of remote learning. His entire life was dedicated to improving instruction and curricula. This article barely scratches the surface

of his accolades and contributions.

Cyr, who lived to the age of 95, never put down his teaching staff. Born in a sod hut in Nebraska, he got his bachelor's degree in agriculture from the University of Nebraska in 1923. He went on to become the Superintendent of Schools in Chappell, Nebraska where he expanded the curricula. He died on Aug. 1, 1995 and is buried in the Stamford Cemetery.

For those in Stamford who knew Dr. Cyr, he was a true gem and part of the "greatest generation", seeing education from one-room schools to centralization and then consolidation. He earned his PhD at Columbia in 1933. He authored a number of books and publications.

# Alleged Reckless Homicide Indictment

DELHI – Delaware County Acting District Attorney Shawn J. Smith announced that Vincent Balsamo, 71, of Walton, New York, was arraigned on a sealed indictment in Delaware County Court on March 20, 2023.

The defendant appeared before the Honorable Gary A. Rosa, Acting County Court Judge, and the People moved to unseal a 3 Count Indictment.

The Indictment accused the defendant of Manslaughter in the Second Degree, a Class C Felony, Assault in the Second Degree, a Class D Violent Felony, and Reckless Endangerment in the Second Degree, a Class A Misdemeanor.

The indictment alleges

that on December 7, 2022, the defendant intentionally caused serious physical injury to a 52-year-old female, while that female was already suffering from an underlying medical condition. The indictment accuses the defendant of repeatedly choking, strangling, slapping, slamming and striking the victim, while she was a guest in the defendant's home in Walton. The indictment further alleges that the defendant recklessly caused the death of the 52-year-old female, as a result of those actions.

The defendant faces up to 5-15 years in state prison if he is convicted of the Manslaughter charge.

The defendant pleaded

not guilty to all of the charges, and the Court set bail at \$50,000 cash and \$150,000 secured bond. At the conclusion of the arraignment, the defendant was remanded to the Delaware County Correctional Facility in lieu of bail.

Acting District Attorney Shawn Smith stated, "This indictment is the result of a lengthy and comprehensive investigation conducted by the Delaware County Sheriff's Department. I commend the work that the Delaware County Sheriff's Department has done on this case."

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

# Thanks for Your Support



The Hill family at Shaver-Hill Maple Farm in Harpersfield, passed out a small token of their appreciation last Sunday to Assemblyman Chris Tague, Senator Peter Oberacker and New York State Agriculture Commissioner Richard Ball. The maple leaves and shirts represent their thanks for the support the three men who continue support the maple industry. The maple leaves are engraved with Friends of Shaver-Hill Maple and were presented during the first of two Maple Weekends taking place in the state to celebrate the maple industry. Pictured, from left, are Diedre Hill, Tague, Oberacker, Dwayne and Marylee Hill, Ball, Dave Hill and Damian Hill. The presentation followed a tapping demonstration in which all three men participated. Maple Weekend continues this weekend, March 25 and 26. To find out where there are special events in your area, visit <https://maple-weekend.nysmaple.com>.

# Ermiti Launches Campaign for District Attorney

DELHI — Lifelong Republican and experienced local attorney Joe Ermeti today launched his campaign for Delaware County District Attorney in the 2023 election. The position is on the ballot this year following the election of former District Attorney John Hubbard to the position of County Court Judge.



"I'm running for District Attorney because we need a seasoned attorney leading the District Attorney's for the next four years," said Ermeti. "I'm a proud lifelong Republican who believes in the Constitution and Bill of Rights — including the Second Amendment — and the rule of law to keep Delaware County safe."

Ermeti, 58, has more than 30 years of experience as an attorney. He has handled thousands of cases, including more than 60 jury trials. Since 2019, he has served as Delaware County Public Defender, where he provides the Constitutionally guaranteed right to a defense to those accused of crimes.

During his career, he has additionally served as Town of Sidney Attorney, Village of Bainbridge

Attorney, and Otsego County Assistant Public Defender. He operated the Law Offices of Joseph A. Ermeti from 1993 until 2019, focusing on criminal law, family law, personal injury, civil litigation and special prosecutor assignments.

As a lifelong Republican, Ermeti will be running in the June 27th Primary Election and November 7th General Election. The only other publicly announced candidate at this time is Shawn Smith, who recently moved to Delaware County after losing a bid for Schoharie County District Attorney in 2017. Smith ran as a Democrat in his 2017 election loss. He is currently Acting District Attorney.

"The taxpayers of Delaware County need a top prosecutor who has decades of experience;

not someone who's learning the job," said Ermeti. "Shawn Smith is a nice young man and has the potential to be a very good lawyer, but I've been an attorney for almost as long as he's been alive. I trust that the voters will make the right choice."

Ermeti lives in Sidney. He grew up in neighboring Otsego County but has been a resident of Delaware County for more than 30 years. He is a graduate of Albany Law School of Union University and Siena College.



## Al-Anon Day of Sharing on Zoom

On Saturday, March 25 from 2-4 pm, Al-Anon groups in Chenango, Otsego and Delaware counties will host an online day of sharing featuring Al-Anon conference approved literature (CAL). Al-Anon, an organization for friends and relatives of alcoholics, has been helping people who struggle with the effects of alcoholism for over seventy years. Living with alcoholism can elicit fears for one's safety, fears of failure to control the situation, financial insecur-

ity, and fears of going insane. In Al-Anon members find ways to change the things they can by attending meetings, talking to a sponsor and by reading Conference Approved Literature (CAL). Friends, relatives and interested bystanders are welcome to attend this Day of Sharing. Join us to share the specific piece of literature that helps you the most as a new member, established member or long-time member. Newcomers are welcome to attend. We

hope to have time for everyone to share as well as play the game, "Wheel of Quotations," and share our experience, strength and hope related to having relatives and/or friends of alcoholics.

If you don't have a favorite piece of literature, plan to join us anyway to be inspired to learn about all the help and support the Al-Anon literature offers. The event will be held on Zoom. Send an email to: afgdistrict9nyn@gmail.com for the Zoom link.

## NYS Pistol Permit Class

The Delhi Police Training Division is authorized by Delaware County to offer the new 18 hour pistol permit class that is mandatory for everyone applying for a full carry pistol license.

If you have received your letter from Delaware County approving your pistol permit application, you are eligible to take the class. Please contact the Delhi Police Training Division to regis-

ter for the classes. As soon as enough students sign up, dates for the class will be announced and you will be contacted.

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## MURAL Opening Gallery With Student Show

The Mount Utsayantha Regional Arts League (MURAL) is proud to once again open its gallery season with a show of student art work. The show, running from April 1 through May 21, will feature works by students from Gilboa-Conesville Central School, Stamford Central School, and South Kortright Central School. The art teachers at those schools, Michael Meli, Caleb

Lococo, and Robert Korba will select the works shown. The theme for the show is "Quiet Moments in My Life."

Landscape artist Robert Schneider and Rhonda Harrow Engel, potter and MURAL president, will judge the works on Thursday, March 30, awarding honors in various categories, including a best in show.

The opening reception for "Quiet Moments in My

Life" will be held on Saturday, April 1, 2023, from 2:00 until 4:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served. The MURAL Art Gallery is at 631 Main Street, Hobart, NY 13788. The gallery hours are Saturdays and Sundays from noon to 4 p.m. For additional information about MURAL and its 2023 schedule visit [www.muralartgallery.org](http://www.muralartgallery.org) or visit on Facebook at Mural on Main.

## CWC Provides Stream Cleaning Supplies

ARKVILLE - March 21, 2023- April 22 is Earth Benevolent Association Endorses Smith

To whom it may concern,

It is with careful consideration that the Village of Sidney Police Benevolent Association is endorsing Acting District Attorney Shawn Smith for the election of Delaware County District Attorney. We have worked with Shawn for many years, both in our own Local Court and through County Court. He cares about his community and the people who reside and travel within. Most importantly Shawn Smith cares about the individuals who go out daily and make our community a safer place. Shawn also cares about criminal justice, making sure that criminals are held accountable for their actions.

Since taking over January 1st, 2023, as acting DA; we have noticed a high increase in communication, compassion, and transparency from his office & employees. We believe that Shawn Smith is the one to lead Delaware County to be one of the strictest and safest counties within New York State regarding Criminal Justice.

Christopher Dionne  
Sidney PBA President

Royce Terry  
Sidney PBA Vice President

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The Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) provides supplies to groups and individuals who clean litter and other debris from streambanks in the Catskill-Delaware Watershed and dispose of it properly.

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Please call Samantha Costa at 845-586-1400, [scosta@cwconline.org](mailto:scosta@cwconline.org), to schedule a date and time to pick up the supplies.

The CWC is a 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](http://www.cwconline.org)

## New York District Court Dismisses Civil Rights Suit

Below is a press release from Delaware County.

On March 20, 2023 Delaware County received a decision which ruled that the federal civil rights suit filed against the County by former Social Services Commissioner, Dana Scuderi-Hunter, was dismissed with prejudice by the United States District Court, Northern District of New York. Scuderi-Hunter had filed the civil rights suit, January 3, 2022, in the federal court claiming:

1. The County had violated her First Amendment rights; 2. She was denied due process as part of her 2019 dismissal; and 3. The County's actions were retaliatory as a result of her testimony during a Family Court proceeding.

On March 20, 2023 United States District Court Judge, Lawrence Kahn, ordered the claims made by

Scuderi-Hunter be dismissed on the basis that the claims had already been litigated and decided by the New York State Appellate Division, Third Department, in their decision filed February 17, 2022. It was noted in the order, Scuderi-Hunter had made a subsequent motion to the Third Department to reargue the claims or be granted leave to appeal the decision, which was denied June 3, 2022. Ultimately, she sought an appeal from the New York State Court of Appeals (the State's highest court) where her motion was also denied.

Judge Kahn's ruling rejected Scuderi-Hunter's claims were a violation of her federal civil rights afforded under the First Amendment and supported the determination with the facts of the case as previously presented and argued

in the New York court system. As part of the decision Judge Kahn also dismissed Scuderi-Hunter's claims that Amy Merken, Delaware County Attorney, had a conflict of interest in carrying out her duties as assigned.

The Delaware County Board of Supervisors takes great pride in serving the residents of the County. The County mission is to offer the best programs and support to the residents. The board relies on the professionalism, honesty and commitment of the department heads to carry out that mission. Actions such as the ones Scuderi Hunter has taken seriously impacts the dedicated, hard-working staff that truly serve Delaware County. With this decision the board is pleased to put this situation behind us and move forward.

## Davenport Highway CHIPS Projects Proposed

### Deferred Compensation For Town Employees

By Mary A. Crisafulli

DAVENPORT - Davenport Highway Superintendent Fred Utter proposed project ideas for this year's state CHIPS funding at a council meeting on Mar. 21. While the funds have not been approved yet, Utter expects to receive the equivalent of more than the \$390,000 obtained in 2022. Project estimates are from The Gorman Group in Albany.

The most significant proposed item is the cold mix paving with chipseal of Coe Hill Road for an estimated cost of \$76,523 for a portion of the road or the whole road for \$112,064. The town will supply the project's trucking, traffic control, sweeping, and aggregate.

According to Utter, the dirt road is a nuisance due to its steep and windy nature. The proposal is written for two coats of oil and stone, though it could be reduced to one depending on CHIPS funding, said Utter.

Other proposals are for chipseal paving of Prosser Hollow for \$42,716 and Southside Road for \$30,783. The town will supply trucking, traffic control, sweeping, and aggregate for both projects.

The cost of asphalt for all three proposals is estimated at \$71,745. Utter also reported he is working to secure grants to construct a storage facility for sand to keep it out of the elements.

In another discussion, council members approved an optional deferred compensation plan for town employees. Councilmember Mark Miller explained the program is similar to a 401K, where employees can contribute between three and 11 percent of their compensation which is then managed through stock.

The council agreed to de-

lay voting on a resolution to offer a 10% tax break on assessed property value for local volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers.

Town Assessor Glenna Jeschke said, to qualify, volunteers must forgo their state income tax credit of \$200 according to state regulations. For most individuals, Jeschke noted, the 10% exemption would be less than \$200. In addition, she said, the law would increase the duties of the fire chief to keep track of who qualifies.

Supervisor Dennis Valente said the optional tax exemption for municipalities is something Albany put forward that appears pleasing but has problems. The council will continue to review the regulation.

In other business:

The board appointed Patty Valente as deputy supervisor to sign checks while Super-

visor Dennis Valente is on medical leave. Patty will replace William Hensen, who recently stepped down after 18 years of service.

The new trailer purchased for \$24,000 with town ARPA funds for the highway department is expected to be delivered on May 12.

The new plow truck for the highway department is being constructed and is expected to be completed in June, said Utter.

The New York State Comptroller has requested an audit of the town justice department. Councilmembers also discussed auditing the supervisor and clerk's office books.

Town assessors Jeschke and Michael Bordinger-Lutz will put together a proposal for a computer and software update.

The next Davenport Town Council meeting is scheduled Tuesday, Apr. 18, at 7 p.m.

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# Letters to the Editor

## Response to Ermeti

Public Defender Ermeti recently announced his intention to run for District Attorney, and claimed he has the experience to be DA. However, Public Defender Ermeti has never been a prosecutor.

The idea that someone with no prosecution experience wants to become District Attorney, is the equivalent of a person that has never even been a passenger on an airplane, applying for the position of airline pilot.

I have spent my career prosecuting dangerous criminals, as a representative of the People. I have successfully prosecuted every type of case imaginable, including the most violent and atrocious felonies. I have fought to repeal the disastrous bail reform laws, while public defender's associations pushed to create them.

My career has been dedicated to protecting public safety, working with law enforcement throughout Delaware County to protect crime victims.

The men and women serving as police officers in Delaware County have, arguably, the best insight into who is the most qualified to serve as the top prosecutor in Delaware County. I am honored to have earned the support and endorsements of law enforcement throughout Delaware County.

I look forward to the opportunity of comparing my record as a prosecutor to that of my opponents.

Shawn J. Smith  
Acting District Attorney  
Delaware County

## Re: Recent Coverage

The March 17, 2023 cover of Mountain Eagle ("County: 'No Confidence' in Walton Reporter") is deeply disturbing for several reasons — but not about the Reporter. Here is a list of concerns.

First, is the placement decision. Why did this warrant front page above the fold? It is essentially an opinion press release from the Delaware County Board of Supervisors.

Second, is the lack of actual reporting. There's no attempt to check the factual validity or cite examples supporting the DCBOS claims. There is no mention of an effort to contact anyone at The Reporter for a statement or a response. There is no reporting of those county government officials (other than Bud Gladstone) who were approached and refused to sign the letter. What we have is unsubstantiated claims made in a DCBOS letter, a list of who signed the letter and the verbatim text of the letter. It is text — but it is not journalism.

Third, is a lack of transparency. The release fails to mention that the writer, Mary A. Crisafulli, used to work at The Reporter until recently. It should have disclosed this... and why she doesn't work there now. It also fails to mention how

the Mountain Eagle received this information.

Front page above the fold coverage is for News. For example, it might have been warranted about a year ago when Republican Supervisors pulled their Newspaper of Record designation from The Reporter. The Reporter had been their newspaper of record for decades — where residents were accustomed to look for public notices. The switch (from a newspaper with county wide reach to the Hancock Herald, a small paper serving the town of Hancock) was handled almost like a secret. Even now, few Delaware County residents know the switch happened or that Reporter readers are no longer seeing public notices.

Noteworthy: the designated Newspaper of Record publishes the DCBOS public notices in the form of ads — placements worth well over \$5,000 a year.

So... why in Hancock? Hancock is also where our new House Rep. Molinaro put his Delaware County constituent services office — an office that was traditionally in the centrally located county seat of Delhi. Now it is on the southwest edge of our county — on the PA border. A resident in Harpersfield faces a nearly three hour round trip to visit this office.

So, I agree... "No Confidence"... but not about The Reporter.

Lisa Tait  
New Kingston

## Common Ground

No matter what the partisan rhetoric, I know we all can find common ground that health care for our fellow Americans is a number one priority.

Well, if you haven't heard, there is incredible news, that is, incredibly good news for all who suffer from diabetes: the cost of insulin is now capped at \$35.

And more: the yearly cost for insulin can now be no more than \$2000, saving thousands of dollars for our fellow citizens.

This relief for millions of people in rural America only happened, however, because of President Biden and Congressional Democrats. Not one Republican voted "yes".

In addition to that, when they first had the chances, no Republicans in Congress voted for health care for our brave veterans who suffered from burn pits in overseas fighting.

When Republicans refuse to vote for these life saving measures, who are they working for?

Where our basic values are at stake, let's give credit where credit is due.

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Born and raised  
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## School Taxes vs. New Construction

At a recent Middleburgh Town meeting there was some discussion on the pro-

posed subdivision for lower Main Street. I was surprised that the planning board was making the approval process more difficult, and expensive, than it needs to be. This is shortsighted, if anything, the project should be getting support and encouragement. I make this comment because the biggest property tax check many of us write is to Middleburgh Central Schools. Taxpayers need to be concerned about things that may not be so obvious. The only thing that is masking the fact that your de facto school taxes are actually increasing is more new construction on the tax rolls. To get a better picture of what I am alluding to, go the MCS website and click on the graduating classes link

<https://www.middleburghcsd.org/about-us/alumni/graduating-classes/> and after clicking on the alumni tab look at the size of the graduating classes. For example: 1999 - 73, 2000 - 71, 2001 - 64, 2013 - 71, and 2022 - only 47. The oldest budget information on the MCS website is (\$20,150,481) for 2012 - 2013 which equates to \$283,809 per graduate. Now fast forward to 2021 - 2022 (\$22,922,240) which is \$487,707 per graduate, or \$203,898 more. This may be more a correlation than a forensic analysis, but the trend should be obvious and one of the questions must be instead of paying almost double for each graduate why haven't school taxes gone down. One of the reasons is that post September 11, 2001, and post pandemic, there has been a lot of new residential construction put on the tax rolls which has expanded the tax base. If all you do is track the budget increases, you might think they are in line however, if you dig deeper you might come to the conclusion that we're moving in the wrong direction. With this thought in mind, we should all be encouraging and supporting new residential construction projects like the new one being proposed in Middleburgh.

This is also a good time to take the long view of exactly where we are going with our school system. Between the 2010 census and 2020 the county's population is down 10%. To get the 47 graduates in 2022, it follows that roughly the same number had to be put into the system 13 years earlier. This has to make you want to ask why this obvious danger signal wasn't pointed out at that time. I had a friend (born 1931) who told me that at one time there was a one room schoolhouse at the corner of Clauverwie and Keyserkill and if you read the "Times Past" section of the paper; you see many pictures of local one room schoolhouses with 12 - 15 students and one teacher. At some time, they were consolidated and formed the current system. If you look back to how things were and where they are now and follow the trajectory, it's easy to see where things could be headed. Down the road, rather than have the reality smack us in the head with a 2x4, maybe it's time to take a look at what we have and

what can be done going forward to provide a better value for our taxpayers and, by the way, do the best possible job preparing our young people for, what is shaping up to be, a very challenging future.

Ted Werner  
Fulton

## Where is Biden? American Decline

Having lived through WWII and serving my country in the US Navy during the Korean War, I have watched my country being destroyed since America elected Joe Biden to be President of this once great country.

He has failed in so many ways, it's difficult to list them all. He began his Presidency by overseeing one of the worst military retreats that we have seen in our history. He left dead Americans and billions of dollars of military equipment in Afghanistan as we ran away like a defeated country.

Next, he proceed to open our borders to millions of illegals, terrorists, and drugs that are killing thousands of our young people. He blindly and ignorantly claims the border is secure along with his incompetent vice-president. He stopped building the wall has which made us safer.

Then, he started a gigantic inflation as he cut the oil pipeline and stopped drilling, America went from total energy independence to dependence upon foreign oil. A great country runs on energy, not dependence on foreign countries, windmills and solar panels.

To add to his blunders he gave us an expensive climate-change bill that costs the taxpayer millions of dollars. Ships and the military run on oil fuel and our oil reserves, which he is selling to other countries.

To hasten the destruction of our economy, we see banks failing and America worrying about a severe depression on our horizon. It seems he never had economics 101.

His liberal cabinet heads are destroying our FBI, the Defense Department and our schools, as he seeks to add 85,000 new tax collectors to squeeze the working American out of more of their hard-earned money. His goal is to create more climate-change policies that will cost us more tax money.

Finally, we are getting closer to WWII with China and Russia as our military gets weaker because of his "woke" policies being forced upon our enlisted men and women.

In closing, under his leadership, our major cities are filled with crime, as liberal governors and mayors defund our police, our front line of defense. People and businesses are fleeing the liberal states that supported his election.

I pray to God we can survive the next year and a half and elect a real President, who will restore and save this once great, free, and prosperous country.

James Varelas  
East Jewett

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## Mayor Reelected in Stamford

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## Residents Blast I-88 Highbridge Proposal

**By Bradley Towle**  
SCHOHARIE — Free seats were in high demand at the Schoharie Zoning Board's March 21st public hearing Tuesday. The large crowd turned out to hear presentations and voice their opinions on the proposed Highbridge Development Project on Route 30A. Many residents resorted to standing in the wings in lieu of a seat. The Highbridge Project would include a distribution center, a fast-food restaurant, a convenience store, and gas pumps. Currently, there are no specific businesses lined up to occupy the buildings. However, developers indicated that three companies with whom they have signed non-disclosure agreements have expressed interest in the site along the I-88 corridor.

The meeting opened with a presentation from the MRB Group covering the project's potential economic and fiscal impact. The developer hired the group to examine the project's benefits for the county. The presenter for MRB broke down the economic benefits into two phases: the construction phase, which would last roughly two years, and the generation phase, covering the fifteen-year span in which the center would operate under the proposed pilot program. Proposed numbers beyond the pilot program's timeline were not examined. MRB's study suggests there will be 188 jobs created during the construction phase and 225 once the site is operational, generating 225 million dollars in wages over fifteen years. The fiscal breakdown suggested a 7.3 million dollar increase

in revenue over fifteen years to the town, school, and county, with total benefits accumulating at 9.6 million dollars.

Highbridge representatives then reviewed their revised site plan review, which included an updated color scheme for the buildings of green and brown, a twelve-foot high fence with acoustical material to mute noise, and enhanced landscape screening. An archaeological report found nothing indicating that construction would impact historic resources. Also included in Highbridge's presentation was a traffic light at the westbound lane of I-88 and at the site's entrance.

The board then opened the floor to public comments, limiting each individual's time to three minutes. Resident Kelly Schultz used her time to express concerns about the negative environmental impacts of diesel trucks idling at the distribution center. She cited a New York state law prohibiting idling for more than five minutes and that it s never obeyed nor enforced. Highbridge CEO John Roth said they could build language into any contract they sign with a building occupant that such a rule would have to be implemented. Roth offered little explanation of just how that would occur beyond that it would be the company's responsibility. Schultz then spoke for local organic farmer Gerhardt Kuntz. Kuntz collected data from government websites describing the negative impact of diesel emissions on ozone and soil and wondered if local agricultural entities have weighed in on the pro-

posed project.

Another resident used new county jail construction as an example, stating that the jobs for that project were not local and that a construction crew from out of the area had been on the project. He wondered aloud if "the fix was in."

A representative from Highbridge replied to the allegation by saying the comment was "kind of insulting." Many residents expressed concerns surrounding the increase in

traffic that will result from the project. By the developer's estimation, there will be roughly 139 trucks in and out of the distribution center daily, seven days a week, for twenty-four hours each day. Local business owner Jessica Kirby calculated that would amount to approximately one truck every five minutes. Kirby then spoke passionately about the county's rural lifestyle as an appeal to many with the ability to work remotely

looking to relocate from congested areas. Kirby questioned the shortsightedness of a distribution center, pointing out that warehouse and transportation jobs are among the most likely to be replaced by automation in the near future.

A Schoharie Economic Enterprise Corp (SEEC) representative elicited a negative reaction from attendees by citing an analysis of Facebook comments indicating that 72% of the comments fa-

vored the project. However, attendees remained respectful throughout the hearing, often applauding for well-delivered comments even when they disagreed. One resident said she supports the planning board to "do their due diligence," extending her trust that they would do what was best to keep residents "safe." The board will continue to accept written comments after approving a motion to continue public hearings until April 18th.

## Conesville Town Board Discusses Homelessness in Schoharie County

**By Patricia Lee**

At the Conesville Town Board Meeting on Monday, March 13, at 7:00 p.m., Conesville Supervisor Bill Federice stated that in a meeting with other town supervisors there was a major concern with the homeless in Schoharie County.

The first step in trying to fix the problem would be to try to identify how many people are truly homeless.

"There are a lot more than we think there are," Federice said.

An idea that is being discussed would be temporary housing at the old jail. Temporary housing such as this has already

been done in Albany County. The bars have been removed from the jail cells, making them into little pods for the people to stay in. However, some people have had a problem with that.

If the old jail is used as temporary housing for the homeless, renovations should not be that expensive, according to Federice. In addition, there is 10,000 square feet of office space upstairs that could be used for professional services, such as a doctor's office or perhaps as separate rooms for people who need to see their children while under supervision.

In reference to the

homeless situation Federice said, "It's a real challenge, and people in this county don't realize the depth of it."

Federice also discussed that a Select Committee is working on a possible merging of the Cobleskill Police Department and the Schoharie County Police Department.

"There are a lot of pluses and minuses with that," Federice said.

At this time, it is difficult to have round the clock coverage for both the county and village of Cobleskill. It would mean a bigger police squad, so that if more help is needed in the

middle of the night, there would be more flexibility. In addition, there is currently a low retention rate of officers. A merger would provide more opportunities for them to move up in their careers, while at the same time keeping officers within the community, allowing them to get to know the citizens.

The merger would probably not happen for another couple of years, as it would have to be determined if it was worth the cost, as it will have an impact on tax dollars. "It's going to take a long time," Federice said. "It's a long, emotional process."

## SCS Taxpayers May See Small Tax Hike

**By David Avitabile**  
SCHOHARIE

Schoharie school taxpayers are looking at a tax levy increase of 0.23 percent for the 2023-24 budget.

Several spending and revenue amounts still have to be finalized, but the SCS budget looks in good shape, school business administrator David Baroody told school board members last week.

The state still has to approve its budget, which could mean a change in state aid funding for

schools, but thus far, Schoharie should get a state aid increase of 4.34 percent over the current budget, a hike of about \$591,000, according to Mr. Baroody. A tax levy hike of 0.23 percent would increase the levy by about \$20,000. Officials noted that the 0.23 percent levy increase is at the state cap.

"This is outstanding news for our taxpayers," Mr. Baroody said of the small tax levy hike. The tax levy was decreased by 1.99 percent for the

current budget.

The \$27.097 million proposed budget, a hike of 4.64 percent or \$1.202 million, maintains all educational programs, services, and enhancements from prior years, Mr. Baroody said.

Included in this Preliminary Budget is funding for: science programming kits and learning

materials at the elementary school; mathematics and business Department textbooks and learning materials at the junior-senior high school; replacing classroom desks at the high school; and science equipment, specifically microscopes at the high school.

*Story continues on B7*

### Valley Briefs

#### 2023 Village Of Middleburgh Meeting Schedule

First Monday Of The Month @7pm  
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## Cookin' at the Library Saturday

The folks at the Middleburgh Library are getting ready for their annual Crockpot Cook-Off. It will be held this Saturday, March 25th, from 11am to 2pm. Entries are in three categories: SOUP/STEWES; CHILI; or OTHER. Tickets are \$5.00 to taste as many

crockpots as you would like, and are available at the door. We'll also have a 50/50 raffle and desserts available by donation. Prizes will be given for the winning recipe in each category, with results announced at 2:00 PM. The Crockpot Cook-Off is a fundraising event

for the Middleburgh Library. All proceeds will go to programs and materials for the library. Please join us for an afternoon tasting scrumptious crockpot creations. Vote for your favorites and congratulate the winners!



## Capital Region BOCES to Host Business Recruiters

SCHOHARIE – Capital Region BOCES Career & Technical School will link Capital Region BOCES students with future employers during a job fair on the Schoharie Campus on Wednesday, March 29.

Hosted by Capital Region BOCES, the event will feature approximately 30 businesses, unions, state agencies and organizations during its 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. run on the campus, which is located at 174 State Route 30A in Schoharie, N.Y.

During the annual career and job exploration fair, representatives provide information about their business or institution, as well as attempt to fill job openings, answer questions and provide guidance on pathways to the future for students. Business leaders have praised the career fair and credited it with linking them to future employees.

"We work with BOCES and attract students with skills and then we have to bring them in and mold them to the employee we need," said Dan Corbett, equipment manager for Lancaster Development.

"From resumes to completing the application and the interview process in a professional manner, CTE students from Capital Region BOCES are well prepared, professional, and eager," said Josh Shaul, Business Manager/ Secretary Treasurer for the union.

Anyone interested in recruiting at the event should

email nancy.liddle@neric.org.

Among the approximately 30 businesses, unions, stage agencies and institutions already scheduled to be on hand are:

- North Atlantic States Regional Council of Carpenters
- Kenworth Northeast Group Inc
- Milton CAT
- Bricklayers & Allied Craftworkers Local 2
- Laborers Local 157
- Lancaster Development, Inc. / Tri-City Highway Products, Inc.
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- Monroe Tractor
- Alta Equipment
- Cutting Crew
- Schoharie County Sheriff
- Schoharie County Department of Transportation
- New York State Canal Corporation

## Successful Opening at New M'burgh Coffee/Bakery

MIDDLEBURGH - The customers were lined up outside the doors on Main Street Saturday for the "soft opening" for the Middleburgh Coffee Company and Scarlet Moon Desserts.

Once inside, customers and visitors could see the fruits of the hard work of Patrick and Daria Mattia who worked on the building for months.

A larger opening is scheduled for April when the shop will be fully operational.

The coffee shop is 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 will be available.

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 possibly ice cream. Special order 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.

## Antiques Show, Library Cook-Off, Church Sale Fill Valley Weekend

By David Avitabile  
MIDDLEBURGH/SCHOHARIE - As spring begins, this weekend should be a busy one in the Schoharie Valley with events on both Saturday and Sunday.

The crockpot cook at the Middleburgh Library will be held on Saturday, while the Spring Antiques in Schoharie Show will be on Saturday and Sunday at the huge sale at the Methodist Church in Middleburgh will be held on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

The annual Middle-

burgh Library Crockpot Cook-off will be held on Saturday from 11am to 2pm in the rear of the library, which is located on Main Street in the village. The cost is \$5.

Join them for a fun day of tasting scrumptious crockpot creations. Vote for your favorites and congratulate the winners. You can sample as many crockpots as you would like and tickets are available at the door. They will also have a 50/50 raffle and desserts available by donation.

Categories are soups/stews, chili, and other. If you want to enter a crockpot please go to <https://tinyurl.com/5frf6wrd> to register.

This is a fundraising event for the Middleburgh Library. All proceeds will go to programs and materials for the library.

The antiques show is presented by the Schoharie Colonial Heritage Association and will be held on Saturday from 10am to 5pm and on Sunday from 11am to 4pm at Schoharie Central School off of Main Street in the village. There is

free on-site parking. Over 100 dealers are expected and a country kitchen will open for meals.

The show helps supports the association's programs, events, and locations including the Schoharie Valley Railroad Museum and the 1743 Palatine House Museum.

Contact show manager Ruth Anne Wilkinson at 518-231-7241 and Theresa Kaya at the SCHA office at 518-295-7505 for more information.

Admission is \$7. The Methodist Church in Middleburgh will host an indoor garage sale on Friday, March 24 from 9am to noon, on Saturday, March 25 from 9am to 3pm, and on Sunday, March 26 from 8 to 11am in the church hall in the rear of the building.

The sale will include household, children's, kitchen items, clothes, and furniture. There will also be a bake sale.

The proceeds from the sale will help support the church, including the Middleburgh UMC ministries. For more information, call 518-827-5126.

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### Middleburgh Central School District Pre-K and Kindergarten Registration

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

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

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

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

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# All About Racing

**By Ed & Betty Biittig**  
 Glen Ridge Motorsports Park announced their 2023 Hall of Fame class to be inducted on July 23, 2023, at 4 pm, prior to racing that evening. Those to be inducted will be the late Clem DaBiere, Swartz family, the late Bob James (BOBCO Video), Sampson family and Elmo Reckner.  
 Clem DaBiere was a long-time supporter of the track, a media member for many years and also track announcer.  
 The Swartz family were early supporters of the track in its karting days and promoted the track as they

raced up and down the East coast at karting events. Kristen Swartz still races at the track each week in her Sling-shot and will move up to Limited Sportsman this season.  
 Bob James supported all area tracks during his long career behind the video camera and was part of racing at Glen Ridge for many years.  
 Elmo Reckner has five Modified wins at Glen Ridge and is 14th on the All Time Win List and has been a supporter of the track in many ways including supplying the parts track on race nights.

This past Saturday, Lebanon Valley inducted three of its most popular and dedicated drivers into the Lebanon Valley Speedway Hall of Fame class of 2023.  
 Kenny Tremont, Mike King and Eddie Marshall have 137 years of racing experience between them and they have been Valley regulars since they began their racing careers and the high banks have been their home each Saturday night.  
 "King Fish" Mike King of Nassau, NY celebrated his 50th year in racing in 2022 and his first career win in a big block Modified came on

August 15, 2005, and as we remember it was one of the most celebrated wins we've ever witnessed in all of our years in racing. Mike King is always smiling when he's at the track and has always said he is there to enjoy himself.  
 Pound Ridge, NY native, Eddie Marshall has been racing at the Valley for 43 years with his first Big Block Modified win coming August 18, 1984. Marshall is of the most consistent racers at the track having finished in the top five in points 23 times and having 27 seasons with a victory. He is also a member of an elite group of three drives to win a Modified race at the Valley in five different decades.



Lebanon Valley Speedway, Hall of Fame inductees pose with track owner and promoter; Howard Commander at Saturday night's award banquet, L to R Mike King, Howard Commander; Kenny Tremont, Jr., and Eddie Marshall. Facebook photo

## Middleburgh Man Arrested on Firearms Charges

On March 20, State Police of Princetown arrested John E. Stuerke, 45, of Middleburgh, NY, for Criminal Contempt in the First Degree.  
 An active Court Order was in effect prohibiting Stuerke from possessing any firearms. On March 20, 2023, an investigation discovered and seized over one dozen illegally possessed firearms in Stuerke's

home. He has a previous conviction of Criminal Contempt.  
 Stuerke was arrested

at his home and transported to SP Cobleskill for processing. He was arraigned at the

Schoharie County Centralized Arraignment Part Court and released on his own recognizance.

Eddie joins his father, Ernie, who was inducted into the Lebanon Valley Hall of Fame in 1984.  
 Kenny Tremont, Jr., of West Sand Lake, is known as the King of the Valley and has been racing on the high banks every Saturday night since his career began 44 years ago. Since then Tremont has amassed 174 wins on the high banks and 18 track titles. On Saturday he joined his father, Ken, Sr., who was one of the first inductees in the first Hall of Fame class at the Valley in 1970.  
 The popular annual "King

Fish" car show has a change of venue this year and will be held at FunPlex Fun Park, 589 Columbia Turnpike, East Greenbush on April 2, 2023, 10 till 3. Mike King's annual show is one that will kick off the racing season at Lebanon Valley, like it has in the past. Photographer, Mark Brown of Kustom Keepsakes will be supplying photos for the drivers to autograph.  
 We hope to see many of you at the Fonda Car Show this weekend. Until next week please send all news and/or comments to biittig@yahoo.com.

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## Library News

**Middleburgh Library**  
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 3/28 - 1:00-4:00 PM - Mahjong. Join the group for some fun. If you don't know how to play, they will teach you.  
 4/1 - Books & Bites: The Island of Missing Trees by Elif Shafak. Books & Bites is a book discussion program that seeks to delve deeper into a culture or time period of a work of fiction by sharing some of the food traditions associated with it.  
 Sixteen-year-old Ada is mourning the recent loss of her mother and remains disturbed by her parents' refusal to talk about their Cypriot heritage. Interspersed with Ada's story is that of her parents' courtship, set against the backdrop of the 1974 war in Cyprus. Narrated in part by a wise fig tree, prizewinning author Elif Shafak brings us a rich, magical tale of belonging and identity, love and trauma, memory and amnesia, human-induced destruction of nature, and, finally, renewal.  
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**Cobleskill Library**  
 Federal and State Tax forms are here! They can be found in the library lobby.  
 Library Trustee candidate information: The nominating petition forms are available at the District Clerk office and the Library for candidates interested in serving on The Community Library Board of Trustees. Petitions will need at least 25 signatures from voters residing in the Cobleskill-Richmondville School District. Petitions must be filed with the District Clerk by 5pm on April 17th. The election will be held on Tuesday, May 16, 2023. There are four seats on the 2023 ballot: one one-year term, one three-year, and two five-year terms.  
 Thursday, March 23 at 5:30 PowerPoint Basics Interested in learning how to use PowerPoint 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).  
 Tuesday, March 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.  
 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.  
 Friday, March 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.  
 Saturday, April 1 Check Mates at 11 Longtime chess lovers and those just learning the game are invited to drop in Saturday morning for a pick-up game and a chance to meet new friends and learn new things from other players. We'll provide the chess sets and some snacks for players.  
 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!  
 Cobleskill-Richmondville Battle of the Books events are scheduled for April at Radez, Golding and the High School. We have copies of your books ready to be checked out. 2023 Battle of the Books is supported by The Friends of The Community Library and The Community Library.  
 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 information with our patrons.

Our visitors for April:  
 Tuesday, April 4 from 3-5pm a representative from WIC (Women, Infants, and Children) will be at the library. The WIC program provides supplemental food, formula, nutrition education, breastfeeding support, health screenings, and referrals to other services to income eligible families. WIC serves pregnant women, postpartum women (breastfeeding and non-breastfeeding), caregivers, infants, and children up to 5 years old. Medicaid, SNAP (food stamps), and TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) confer automatic eligibility for WIC. If you don't have one of these programs, you could be eligible through your household income. Stop by the table for more information and to see if your family qualifies for WIC benefits.  
 Tuesday, April 18 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.  
 Do you have used Inkjet or LaserJet toner you want to recycle? Please bring them to the Library. We recycle and use the rewards to supplement our office supply budget. Please don't bring the empty toner containers from your copier, we can't recycle them. The recycle box is under the card catalog by the water fountain. We really appreciate the donations we have received.  
 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.  
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 Schoharie Library Hours: MTF 11am-6pm, Wed. 5-8pm, Thurs. 12pm-7pm, and Sat. 10am-2pm  
 Note: Our NEW hours begin Saturday, April 1: Tuesday, 10am-8pm. Wednesday, 12pm-7pm. Thursday and Friday, 11am-6pm. Saturday, 10am-2pm. Closed Sunday and Monday.  
 Printmaking Classes with Maeva McCool: Thursdays, March 23, and 30 and April 6. Learn to carve your design onto a printing block and print it on fabric or paper. Best for ages 9 and up. Signup: <https://bit.ly/Printmaking2023>  
 Virtual UFO Club: Thursday, March 23, 10am. Work on projects and chat on Zoom. Signup: <https://bit.ly/SchoharieLibraryPrograms>  
 Teen Thursday: Every Thursday 5-7pm. Ages 13 - Young Adult Welcome! No registration required.  
 Storytime with Yvonne: Fridays at 10am. Stories, songs, fun activities!  
 History & Hearsay: Schoharie Crossing on the Erie Canal. Saturday, March 25, 10:30am. Join us as Schoharie Crossing educator, David Brooks offers up some "History & Hearsay" at the Schoharie Library!  
 This image based "virtual" tour of the Erie Canal historic site grounds is woven with interesting bits of history & mystery. Within the set of tales is one outright lie! Can you spot it? All ages are welcome.  
 Writing Club (Virtual): Mondays at 6:30pm. <https://bit.ly/SchoharieLibraryPrograms>  
 Knitcetera at the Library: Tuesdays, March 28 & April 11, 10:30am-noon. Embroider, sew, knit, anything goes!

Coding Club: Friday, March 31, 4:15pm. Youth Grade 5 and up are invited to attend Coding Club. Explore Hour of Code, Learn Scratch, play with our Dash Robot and much more. Last Friday of every month, 4:15 - 5:45pm. Please register at: <https://bit.ly/SHOCodingClub>  
 The Art of Ukrainian Pysanky: Saturday, April 1, 11am. Laura Boggs Gagnon will demonstrate the intricate wax, flame, and dye process of creating Ukrainian Easter eggs (Pysanky), and talk about the history and significance of the designs. All ages are welcome.  
 Middle Grade Book Group: Children grades 3rd - 6th are welcome to join us. Refreshments, track reading to earn prizes. Sign up today at <https://bit.ly/MGBookGroupSHO>.  
 Service Dogs with Jubilee and Sydney: Wednesday, April 12, 3pm. In this kid-friendly program, Jubilee will introduce her service dog Sydney and talk about what service dogs do, how they are trained, and etiquette with service dogs and their handlers. Jubilee and Sydney will also give a demonstration.  
 Board of Trustees Meeting: Wednesday, April 12, 7pm. The public is welcome to join in person at the library or on Zoom with the link on our website.  
 "Hello, Puddle" with children's author Anita Sanchez: Thursday, April 13, 11am. This magical, beautifully-illustrated book shows the life of a puddle and all the animals who depend on it. Ms. Sanchez will read the book, speak about it, and answer questions. Though geared toward children, this program will be interesting to all ages.  
 Needle felting with Sally Ziegler: Saturday, April 15, 10:30am and Thursday, April 20 at 4:15pm. Create a cool design with colorful wool! Ages 10 to adult. Signup: <https://bit.ly/NeedleFeltApril2023>

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# Benefit Corned Beef Dinner Held at M'burgh Church

MIDDLEBURGH - A home-made corned beef dinner with cabbage, potatoes, carrots, and, of course, soda bread was held on Sunday at Our Lady of the Valley parking lot on Chestnut Street in Middleburgh. Proceeds went to benefit athletes competing in the Special Olympics of the Capital District. The dinner was sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council 4475.

Ken Rossmann, Al Bisogne, and Bill Kuehnle prepared the dinners in the church hall kitchen while Gary Dano, giving a dinner to Warren Burton of Gallupville, served the meals.--Photos by David Avitabile.



## Craft Fair at MCS



Shoppers discovered homemade crafts Saturday in the Middleburgh high school gym as members of the National Honor Society and Middleburgh Central School Student Congress hosted a craft fair. Proceeds will benefit the year-end scholarships provided by the National Honor Society and National Junior Honor Society.



## M'burgh Seeking Zoning Volunteer

MIDDLEBURGH - The Village of Middleburgh is looking to revisit its Village Zoning Law, specifically regarding Short Term Rentals (STRs) within the Commercial and Historical Districts in the community.

They are looking for a member of the Village

community who is willing to serve on a three-person committee to review potential changes, along with ZBA Chairman John Wingfield and Trustee Tim Knight.

Ideally, this community member would have no vested interest in either operating or maintaining

an STR. If anyone has any interest in serving on this temporary committee, which would meet two or three times over the course of April, please message Trustee Knight on Facebook or via email at [timothycknight93@gmail.com](mailto:timothycknight93@gmail.com).

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# 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 25**  
Antiques in Schoharie at Schoharie Central School, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- March 26**  
Antiques in Schoharie at Schoharie Central School, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- March 28**  
NHS Induction 7pm at High School Theater At Cobleskill-Richmondville Central School
- March 29**  
Radez Community Spaghetti Dinner 4:30-7pm at Radez At Cobleskill-Richmondville Central School
- March 30**  
• Bravo 7pm at High School Theater At Cobleskill-Richmondville Central School
- Physics Symposium 9am at High School At Cobleskill-Richmondville Central School
- March 31**  
Middle School Play 6:30pm at Golding Auditorium At Cobleskill-Richmondville Central School
- April 1**  
Middle School Play 6:30pm at Golding Auditorium At Cobleskill-Richmondville Central School
- April 13**  
Speaking Grief, The Cobleskill United Methodist Church, Chapel Street, Cobleskill, NY 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.

A Documentary on the Grief Experience followed by a Panel Discussion. Bring a bag lunch and participate in this screening and discussion. This is free and open to all - info: 607 432-6773.

### April 22

Chicken-N-Biscuit dinner at Charlottesville Fire department. 5 to 7 p.m. Chicken-n-biscuit, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetable., salad, drinks and dessert. \$12 adults. Benefit: Charlottesville Cemetery Association.

### 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

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### July 15-23

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

### August 5-13, 2023

U.S. National Park Tour. The Rockies, Arches, Yellowstone. 9 days. 13 days with Badlands and Mount Rushmore extension, through August 17. [grouptoursite.com/rosemariekeller](http://grouptoursite.com/rosemariekeller)

### August 6

The Lion King at Proctors Theater. 1 p.m. \$40 per person. Limited tickets. RSVP with payment by December 12. Contact Rosemarie Keller at [keller22@gmail.com](mailto:keller22@gmail.com)

### September

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# The Changing Face of Main Street, Middleburgh, Part 3

Main Street, Middleburgh, N. Y. 6



**By Angelique Piwinski**

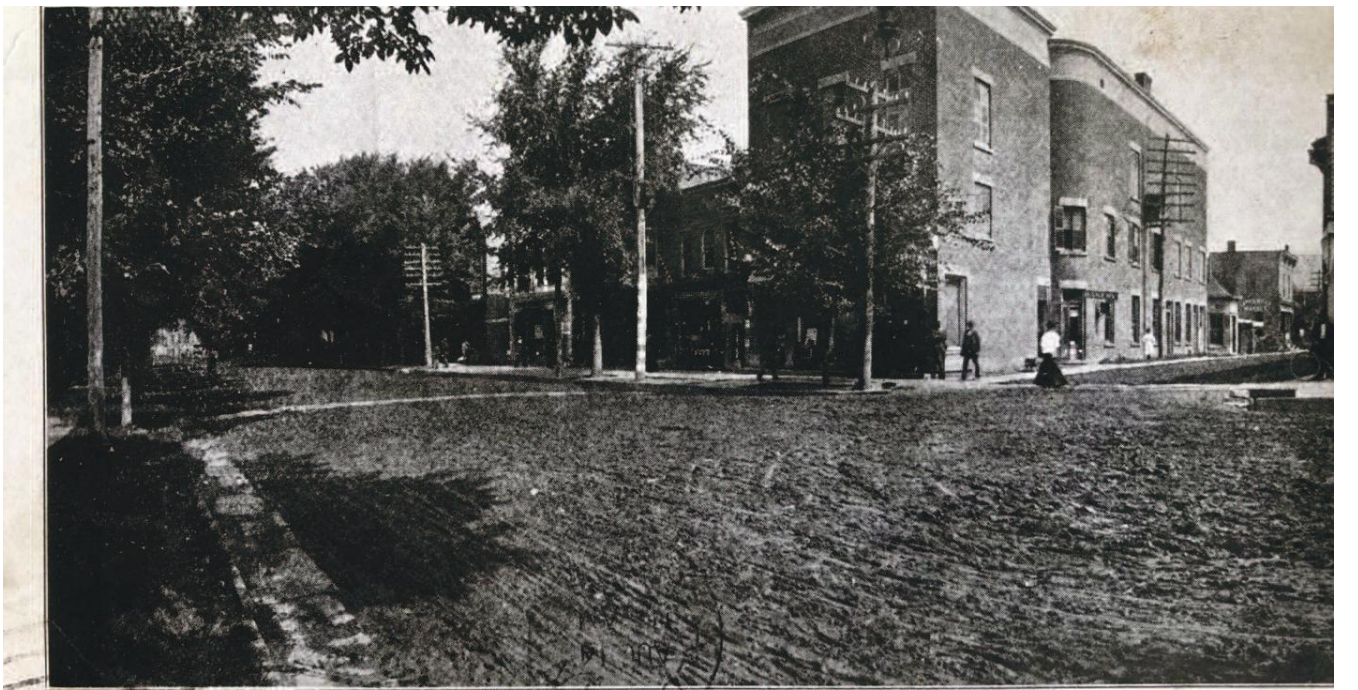
In parts one and two of this series we saw the evolution of Main Street, Middleburgh from the very early 1900s through to the 1920s. We saw Main Street as a dirt road and then a transition to a paved road in the 1920s. We also saw that in the 1920s the village instituted angular parking so that more cars could park as there were no very wide 18-wheeler trucks that needed to get through in those years. So, let's now take a look at the 1930s through to the 1950's.

For reference in the event that you did not see the first two parts of this three-part series, I am including a different postcard image here from 1904 that shows the intersection of Main Street and Railroad Avenue. You will note that Main Street

is a completely dirt road and there are narrow street walkways at the corners so that people would not get their shoes as muddy crossing the street, especially the ladies.

The second image is a linen colorized postcard showing Main Street in the mid-1930s. You will note that parking is still angular to the curbs. And many of the familiar buildings of today are still there with a couple of exceptions including the Hotel Baker, the building with the columns on the left side that burned down in the 1940s. You can also see the hardware store exactly where it is today.

And now moving into the 1950s, we can see that all of the cars are parallel parked to the curbs. Clearly the images were taken during the summer as noted by clothing styles and foliage. And



A Main Street View, Middleburgh, N. Y. 6  
*Will teach at Sunterland next year. your former teacher, M. E. Powell.*

again, many of the buildings and a few businesses are still with us today, notably the hardware store. There is a second postcard image I am including that shows Main Street

with the 5 and 10 cents Store, The Elm Store, that I personally loved to go into as a kid. (The postcard images from the 1950s are from Bob Weyr and are shown here for educational purposes.)

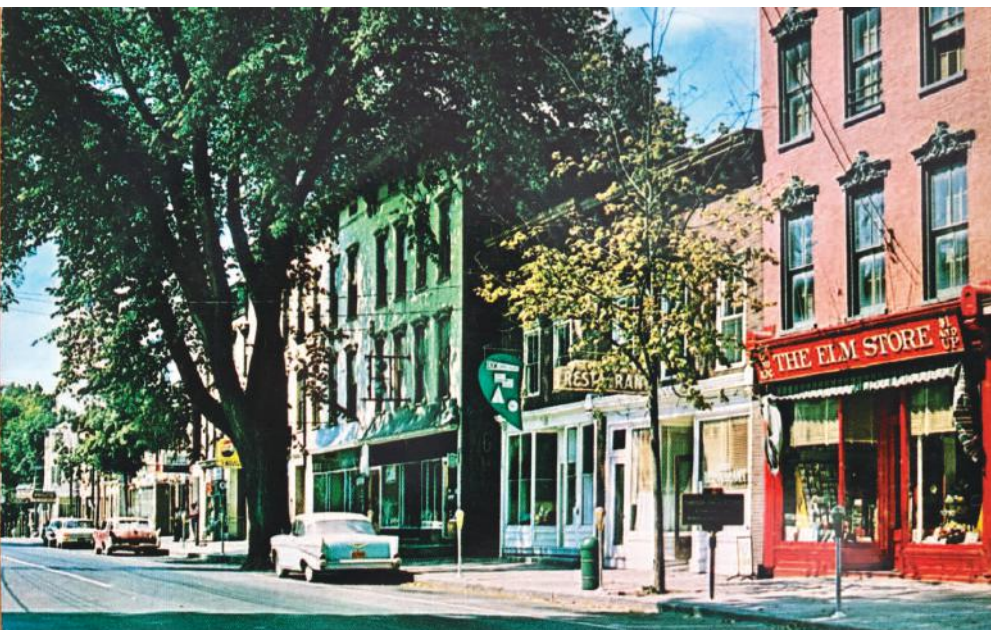
The other thing that has changed during the course of time is the addition of parking meters. Fortunately, today a quarter gets to two hours and should you be unlucky enough to get a ticket, the cost of the ticket is five dollars. A far cry from the big cities.

So, I invite you to look carefully at these images as they are moments frozen in time that always tell a story. In the case of Main Street Middleburgh, it's a good story. Today we see several buildings undergoing restoration including the

one that's prominent on the corner in the 1904 postcard.

The village of Middleburgh still retains much of yesteryear's charm. People still offer friendly greetings. And as any

smaller village, a lot of people know each other or at least see a familiar face. I hope you've enjoyed the short series and I look forward to writing more short history stories of our local area.





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# Schoharie Junior Proving Skilled Trade Knows No Genders

SCHOHARIE – A Schoharie High School teen values independence and believes the skilled trades are for everyone and she is now on a path to show just how genderless the industry can be.

Savannah Traverse is a junior in the Capital Region BOCES Construction/Heavy Equipment where she is learning the skills necessary to enter the construction industry or pursue further education in college or technical school. They learn everything from maintenance skills and how to construct a building to equipment operation, including the use of a plow, dozer, and front-end loaders.

"I want to be able to run equipment on my own and build things on my own and not depend on anyone else to get things done," Traverse said while taking a break from operating a backhoe.

The 16-year-old is currently deliberating whether to pursue a career



Matt Millard, teacher in the Heavy Equipment program, and Savannah Traverse.

as a heavy equipment operator in the military or as an agriculture teacher. Either way, she said BOCES is preparing her well for a career and a successful future.

"The people here, the opportunities they give you and the experiences you have together are my

favorite part of the school day because it prepares you well for your future," she said.

The Schoharie teenager is one of more than a half-dozen women enrolled in the Construction/Heavy Equipment program this year taught by Matt Millard and Matt

Hitchcock. There are a total of 76 students from Schoharie, Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk, Cobleskill-Richmondville, Duanesburg, Middleburgh, Sharon Springs and Berne-Knox-Westerlo schools enrolled in the program.

March is National

Women in The Trades Month. Throughout the month, Capital Region BOCES Career and Technical School is spotlighting women in the trades, like Traverse who are challenging stereotypes and building solid futures through their education at Capital Region BOCES.

Traverse said she chose a career in the trades because "my older brother took the construction/heavy equipment program and I knew this program would give me a lot of experiences doing things that I had never done before."

She said that she has only encountered support and encouragement while pursuing training in an industry that, according to most recent statistics, is about 94 percent male.

"The more people you talk to, they all want you to be more involved and give you more experiences and to know that it is not just for men, but also for women. They want you to know that

anyone can do it," Traverse said.

Capital Region BOCES Managing Program Coordinator-Business & Community Partnerships Nancy Liddle praised Traverse.

"Savannah has self-motivation and enthusiasm and strives each day to make a difference. Her positive attitude and passion for learning new things is commendable. Between sports, her involvement with the Future Farmers of America organization, work, and CTE, her time management skills are noticed," Liddle said.

Construction/Heavy Equipment teacher Matt Millard offered similar praise.

"Savannah is a very goal-oriented and focused student. She is always eager to try new things. Her ability to ask questions and look for ways to improve whatever task she is undertaking will serve her well in future endeavors," he said.

## Auto Racing News

By Tom Coughlin

The Fonda Speedway Car Show Is here, this is the best opportunity available away from the racetrack for fans and anyone slightly interested to experience the atmosphere that draws so many people to the local short tracks. The relaxed environment is a great time to catch up with old friends and also see what is new for the upcoming season.

This weekend will be your last opportunity to take advantage of the Fonda- Five for four pit area season passes. Where teams can purchase four full season pit passes and receive a fifth pass for free.

A new driver on the scene in 2023 will be Kyle Money. Kyle lives in Oneonta and will be piloting the no.9 in the pro stock division. Kyle has taken over the former Bill Knapp ride and will receive assistance from brothers Don & Bill Knapp. The car will still carry the familiar Ford blue oval as it did when driven by Bill. Plans are to compete Friday nights at Utica-Rome Speedway, Saturday night's at Fonda, and also be at the Brookfield Speedway for their monthly shows. Kyle is 31

years old and is jumping into racing for the first time. The no. 9 should be at the car show, which will allow fans to meet this new driver for the first time.

Cody Clark is expected to have both his family operated crate 602 sportsman and his Laudy Hoyenga modified on display and Kirsten Swartz will have her new limited sportsman ride on hand.

With the support of sponsors Albany-Saratoga Speedway will offer Back to Back bonuses for five divisions in 2023. If a driver is able to win Back to Back features in the DIRTcar modified division they will receive an additional \$500 from Madsen Overhead Door. The DIRTcar crate 602 sportsman will receive \$250 also from Madsen. In the DIRTcar pro stock division drivers can earn an extra \$250 from Glove City Transportation. The limited sportsman division will receive an extra \$250 from Ideal Excavating, and the street stock division is eligible

for extra pit passes, provided by Billy Hodges.

Glove City Transportation will also offer a Back to Back bonus on Sunday night's at the Glen Ridge Motorsports Park. Any driver in the Yurkewecz Auto Crushers DIRTcar pro stock division that captures Back to Back feature victories will earn a \$100 bonus.

The Ridge announced this week another pro stock special event. On Sunday, June 25 the Yurkewecz Auto Crushers DIRTcar crate 602

sportsman will take part in the running of the Robert "Fluff" Hagen Memorial. With support from Jay Fitzgerald of Classic Muscle Parts the

current purse will offer a winner's share of \$2,500 and \$1,000 for the second, with additional lap money and giveaways. The Fluff Memorial will be part of the three-race Battle for the Crown pro stock mini series at The Ridge, which will also include the Silver Fox Showdown on May 21 and the DIRTcar Pro Stock Series-Ridge Runner 30 on August 27.

A couple of events are coming up at the Saratoga Automobile Museum. Night's

at the Museum will offer an evening at the museum on Wednesday, March 29 from 6:00 pm. until 8:00 pm. Presented as a community social mixer with a private tour of the latest exhibits on display including the 60 years of Bond in Motion. Admission for members is \$10 and non-members \$20.

Then on Monday, April 10 S.A.M. will be taking their annual trip to the New York International Auto Show. Located in New York City inside and outside of the Jacob K. Javits Convention Center. Member cost is \$85 and non-member \$100. Call 518-587-1935 to register or for more information.

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## SUNY Cobleskill Fighting Tiger Weekly Recap

The SUNY Cobleskill baseball team headed south over their spring break competing at the 2023 Russ Matt Invitational Tournament in Auburndale, Fla. The Fighting Tigers opened the event on Monday losing to Northern Ohio University 18-10 then losing to The College of New Jersey of New Jersey by a 10-9 margin. On Tuesday Cobleskill split a doubleheader with the University of Wisconsin-Superior losing the opener 8-6 in eight innings then taking the nightcap 7-3. On Thursday the team swept a pair of games from Mount Saint Mary's College by scores of 12-2 and 10-9. The Fighting Tigers closed their trip on Friday by dropping a pair of games to Amherst College by scores of 15-9 and 2-1 to move to 4-7 overall on the season. First-year pitcher Tanner Wood, Glenville, N.Y., Niskayuna High School, posted his career win in the opener versus the Blue Knights of Mount Saint Mary's College allowing two earned runs over five innings of work striking out three while walking only one.

The Fighting Tiger softball team traveled to Naples, Fla for the 33rd Annual Gene Cusic Collegiate Classic over the team's spring break. The

Fighting Tigers opened the event on Sunday with a 10-4 win over Alfred State College followed by a 12-4 loss to St. Joseph's University of Brooklyn. On Monday Cobleskill opened the day by losing to Nazareth College 10-1 followed by a 10-0 loss to Westfield State University. On Wednesday Cobleskill defeated Lesley University in the opener 6-0 then lost a 9-2 decision to Mitchell College. The team then closed their road trip on Thursday by falling to Saint Elizabeth University 9-4 the lost in the second game by Rutgers University-Newark 7-5 in eight innings. Junior first baseman Alexis Miranda, Nashua, N.H., Nashua North High School, led the team offensively at the event batting .538 for the week with three doubles, a triple, a home run, three stolen basis, six runs scored and seven RBI.

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

## Local Worship Services

Send us your local worship services at mountaineerglenews@gmail.com.

**Christian Community Church of Faith**  
Sunday 8:30 AM  
An Independent/Non-Denominational Church, 355 State Route 7, Richmondville,

**St. Mark's Lutheran Church**  
Sunday 10:30 AM, 326 Main St., Middleburgh  
**Middleburgh Reformed Church**  
178 River St. Middleburgh  
www.middleburghreformed.org

Worship 11 a.m.  
Food Pantry open Saturdays, 9-11 a.m.

**Sharon Reformed Church**  
Sundays 10:30 AM  
5868 State Route 10  
Sharon Springs,

**The Warnerville United Methodist Church**  
1615 NY-7, Richmondville, NY 12149 Holds services every Sunday at 9 a.m.  
(Children's Sunday School also at 9 a.m.)

**Middleburgh United Methodist Church**  
281 Main Street Middleburgh, NY holds services every Sunday at 11 a.m.  
(Children's Sunday School also at 11 a.m.)  
Pastor Mel 518-827-5126 or Melenamoore2323@gmail.com

**Esperance-Sloansville United Methodist Church**  
175 Main St. Esperance, NY 12066, at 11 a.m. on Sunday  
**Gallupville United Methodist Church**  
120 Factory St. Schoharie, 12157

**Delanson United Methodist Church**  
112 E Shore Rd, Delanson, NY 12053  
**Our Lady of the Valley Roman Catholic Parish**  
Saturday 5:45 p.m.  
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Wednesday 9:00 a.m.  
Virtual Mass available at Facebook.com/our Lady-of-theValleyParish/

Main Street at Wells Ave. Middleburgh  
Rev. Tom Zelker, Pastor

**Grosvenors Corners United Methodist Church**  
1217 Grosvenors Corners Road in the hamlet of Grosvenors Corners, Carlisle meets for worship at 8:30 a.m. Sunday Morning.

**The Sharon Springs United Methodist Church**  
511 US-20, Sharon Springs meets for worship on Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

**Schoharie Reformed Church**  
258 Main Street Schoharie, NY 12157  
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# SCS Finalists: Coyotes, Titans, Hawks, Vales, Storm

## Vote on New Schoharie School Mascot to Begin on March 24, End April 4

**By David Avitabile**  
 SCHOHARIE - The votes are in and the finalists for the Schoharie Central School mascot are: the Vales, the Hawks, the Storm, the Coyotes, and the Titans.

Voting for the next SCS mascot will begin on March 24 and run through April 4

Superintendent David Blanchard announced the finalists last week and the process in which the next mascot will be chosen.

"We will send out the vote using Qualtrics which is an on-line survey tool," he announced. "We will ask people to rank their choices one to five with five being the favorite. We will have a paper copy of the survey in the high school office for anyone who would rather come in in person and vote or if someone requests a paper ballot they can mail that back to the high school. We will ask people to write their name and affiliation

to the school community on their submission."

The public suggestion period for the new mascot ended on February 27 with over 300 suggestions from more than 200 people. The list of names were sent to a district committee headed by athletic director David Russell and communications director Jake Palmateer. The committee also included alumni, students, staff, and community members.

The new mascot will replace the current Indian mascot which the district has to retire because of 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 was asked to select names that would reflect a fighting spirit and the history, spirit, culture, and values of the area, and not be a duplicate of another school's



mascot (such as Eagles). Uniqueness was an important criteria, Mr. Blanchard added.

Mr. Blanchard said he kept his opinion out of the suggestions.

"I kept my finger way off the scale even though that was hard to do," he told school board members Thursday.

He said he knew that one of the finalists would be "some sort of bird" after the suggestions came in. There were suggestions for Eagles, Hawks, Blue Jays, and other types of birds.

Some of the finalists reflect "how much the community came back, recovered, and regrouped after



the flood, Mr. Blanchard said.

It is important to do a good job in finding a new mascot, he added.

Hopefully it will be around for a hundred years. It is important to rebrand and we have to do it well."

After the vote is held and a winner is chosen, the new mascot will go to a graphic artist for imagery. The mockups above



the high school gym), remove the cement sign on the sign on the front lawn, and reupholster padded chairs. The entire change will cost about \$75,000, officials 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.

## SCS Tax Hike, Continued from B1

The state aid hike will help offset the spending increase in several areas, Mr. Baroody reported.

The preliminary budget includes these expected spending increases: about \$350,000 in employee salaries; approximately 217,000 in employee benefits; about \$200,000 in debt service payment; about \$121,000 in BOCES services, specifically occupational education; and around \$75,000 in funding for "mandated school mascot change."

The district still has to finalize costs for BOCES

services, health insurance, student services, and energy costs.

Mr. Baroody noted that the district increased energy spending by \$50,000 for the current school year, and it is "so far, so good." Officials will look at the costs for 2023-24 before the budget is finalized.

The board is expected to adopt the preliminary budget at its April 19 meeting and the public vote will be in May. The due date for school board nominating petitions is April 17.

## 20 Local Students Honored

education Center - Albany Campus.

The state SkillsUSA competition will be conducted in late-April at the New York State Fairgrounds in Syracuse. Winners of that event will advance to the national competition in June.

"Congratulations to our scholars. They all did a fantastic job and we are very proud of them," said Deb Toy, advisor at the SkillsUSA organization on the Capital Region BOCES Career & Technical Education Center - Albany Campus.

Shelette Pleat, principal of the Career and Technical Education Albany Campus and a regional SkillsUSA administrator, told the SkillsUSA competitors from across the region that they are helping to change the world's opinion about the skilled trades and a career and technical education.

"When you are a part of SkillsUSA, you are helping to change the narrative about what it means to have a career and technical education. Be proud of that," she said.

Students said they are excited by their medals and many are looking forward to the state competition.

"It pretty surreal. I am looking forward to going to states and exceeding my limits," said Demari Perkins, a first place winner in the Extemporaneous Speaking competition. Perkins is a Network Cabling Tech/Smart Home Technology junior attending BOCES from Watervliet Junior-Senior High School.

"I am pretty excited about winning," said Sadie Plant, who took first place in the Advertising Design competition. "I learned a lot and I

hope when going to states I can learn a lot more by learning from the other kids competing."

Plant is a junior in the Digital Media program from Berne-Knox-Westerlo (BKW).

"It feels good to win. I definitely got a lot out of what I put into it and I plan to go more in-depth when I get to states," added Ruby Sutphin, who took first place in the Job Skill Demo competition. She is a senior in the Cosmetology program from Shenendehowa who will attend Utica University in the fall for a degree in business.

This year's regional SkillsUSA medalists and prize winners, their home school district and the competition they placed in are as follows, edited to highlight local students.

### First Place

Allyson Bates, Cosmetology Senior, Cosmetology, Berne-Knox-Westerlo (BKW) Central School District/Kyle Dafelecker, Carpentry, Construction/Heavy Equipment, Cobleskill-Richmondville Central School District (CRCS)

Sadie Plant, Advertising Design, Digital Media,

Berne-Knox-Westerlo (BKW)

### Second Place

Blae Kinzie, Prepared Speech, Machining and Manufacturing Technology, Mohonasen

### Third Place

Robert Conners, Culinary Arts, Culinary Arts & Hospitality Tech, Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk (RCS)

Pedro "Mateo" Sanchez, Food Prep Basic, Culinary Arts & Hospitality Tech, Guilderland

Angelina Depina-Desorbo, Cosmetology Junior, Cosmetology, Duanesburg

### Fourth Place

Tucker Cherry, Auto Service Technology, Auto Service Technology, Niskayuna

Ruby Culletto, Commercial Baking, Culinary Arts & Hospitality Tech, Sharon Springs

### Fifth Place

Elaina McGrath, Cosmetology Senior, Cosmetology, Bethlehem

Tristyn Bushey, Culinary Arts, Culinary Arts & Hospitality Tech, Shenendehowa

Nicole Forbes, Job Interview, Digital Media Design, Duanesburg

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# Little Shop of Horrors Set for MCS Stage



MIDDLEBURGH - The Middleburgh Drama Club presents "Little Shop of Horrors" March 24-26 at the high school auditorium. The musical, which combines comedy, romance, and horror, tells the story of two employees of a floral shop and one unusual plant. It is written by Howard Ashman with music by Alan Menken.

Showtimes are as follows: Friday, March 24, 7 p.m., Saturday, March 25, 7 p.m., and Sunday, March 26, 2 p.m.

Tickets are available at the door. General admission tickets cost \$12 each. Tickets for students and senior citizens are \$10 each.

"Arts and Humanities are integral to the studies of a truly well-rounded student," English teacher and drama club advisor Marissa Lombardo said. "The students participating in 'Little Shop of Horrors' have spent the last three months honing their dramatic skills and are excited to share the product with the community."

# SCS Students Named Borlaug Scholars

SCHOHARIE - Schoharie high school students Lila Amos and Teagan Sobolewski participated in the World Food Prize NY Youth Institute at Cornell University on March 17 and were subsequently named "Borlaug Scholars" for future internship, fellowships and academic opportunities.

The New York Youth Institute brings together high school students in grades 9-12 from across NY to interact with Cornell faculty, partake in interactive sessions, and engage in rich dialogue about critical global challenges surrounding food systems, natural resources, world hunger and poverty. To participate in this unique experience, students must research a global issue they care about and submit a research paper under the supervision of a teacher or mentor ahead of the event. Lila and Teagan both focused on climate volatility impacting agricultural production with Lila proposing solutions for Togo through youth climate engagement opportunities and Teagan exploring options for improving overall agricultural program management in Bangladesh.

At the event, Lila and Teagan were able to hear from Cornell's College of Agriculture & Life Sciences Associate Dean Beth Ahner, tour the campus and engage in discussion with Dr. Ed Mabaya and Cornell Fulbright Humphrey Fellows on "Rethinking improved seed as software for driving food and nutritional security", hearing about Dr. Mabaya's personal experiences growing up in Africa and how that has shaped his research and outreach work on economic development, agribusiness value chains and food security issues, especially in sub-saharan Africa. Lila & Teagan shared their research in small, round table groups, led by experts in the food security and agricultural policy fields. "It was truly an honor to be able to visit Cornell and be a part of finding solutions for a better future and I look forward to participating again in the future" reflected Lila on her experience as a freshman.



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# Village Elections: Winners and Too Close to Call

By Michael Ryan

HUNTER - Campaign signs were reportedly stuck in every snowbank as races for mayor in the villages of Hunter and Tannersville generated unusually intense interest, this political season.

Voters in large numbers headed to the polls on Tuesday night with former village of Hunter mayor Alan Higgins gaining election, defeating current mayor Michael Papa.

One seat was open on the Hunter board of trustees, won by Jason DiLeo (106 votes) over Abraham Stefansky (42) and Tyler Kelaher (31).

It is too close to call in the village of Tannersville where newcomer David Schneider holds a 7-vote margin over longtime mayor Lee McGunnigle, with 24 absentee ballots reportedly deciding that outcome.

Absentees will be counted on Thursday at the Greene County Board of Elections in Catskill (too late for this edition).

McGunnigle, in public service for two decades, faces an uphill slush, having been denied endorsement by both his own Democratic Party and Republicans in Tannersville in recent caucuses.

He formed the Truth & Integrity Party for a

Day and launched a door-to-door campaign, saying he wanted to finish the work he started and has been engaged in one for one final, two-year term.

McGunnigle, however, trails Schneider 94 to 87 on the machine count, needing to secure at least 16 of the 24 absentees to reach the top.

Incumbent David Kashman and political newcomer Dylan Legg, the son of Hunter town councilman Raymond Legg, ran unopposed for positions on the Tannersville board of trustees, each backed by both Parties.

Questions continue to surround the status of two other trustees, Kimberly Thompson and John Gallagher, involving residency issues.

It was revealed in mid-February that Thompson and Gallagher do not live within village borders as 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 has been

handed down, as yet, and all pertinent information has been handed over to the agency's Executive Division, according to McGunnigle.

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, threatening 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.

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

Meanwhile, a third

trustee, Gregory Landers, resigned prior to the vote for "personal reasons," according to McGunnigle.

Landers had earlier announced he would not seek re-election. Chris Streich has been appointed to replace Landers who also served as deputy mayor.

Higgins, handily prevailing over Papa by a 123 to 65 gap, returns to the mayor's post after resigning, last year, to take the job as village Public Works superintendent.

Papa was appointed to replace Higgins but controversy has swirled around village government since then, including the resignation of code enforcement officer Carl Giangrande, earlier this month.

Giangrande cited Papa as the cause for his exit amid village meetings that several residents say have descended into regular shouting matches.

The village of Hunter also must contend with questions surrounding the fact that the board of trustees has only three members, a political rarity.

Higgins, following his victory, said a public referendum will most likely be held in the near future, increasing to five the number of members.

## Working Group Meets in Village of Hunter: 2023-24 Budget in Progress

By K. Fleig

On Thursday, March 16th at 2:00 a small group met to work on the 2023-2024 Village of Hunter budget.

Mayor Mike Papa and Trustee Ben Sommers met with the Heads of various departments who presented their preliminary budgets. Village Accountant Bob Patterson and Town Clerk Kathleen Hilbert were in attendance as well. The meeting was open to the public, though only one Village resident was present.

The purpose of the meeting was to take one of the many steps along the way to approving the Village's budget, for the next fiscal year that begins on May 1st. The group worked seriously, and wasted no time. The tone of the meeting was at all times respectful, and the work proceeded in an efficient manner.

"Nothing is being approved today," Mayor Papa reminded those in attendance. "We are just taking in the information today, and then we will review it."

Lucas Flachs presented a detailed, three page, color coded preliminary budget for the Department of Sewer Treatment. He went through his department's proposed budget, answering questions regarding certain line items. He mentioned that there has been an increase in cost for both chemicals and fuel. Certain expenses for sewer treatment are generally shared between the Village and New York City, as the Village of Hunter sits within the Catskill/Delaware watershed area. New York's watershed system delivers over one billion gallons of safe drinking water to over eight million downstate people daily. Flachs was well prepared for his presentation, was able to supply numbers and explanations, and no one requested changes to his budget at that time.

The second department Head to present a preliminary budget to the working group was John LaVeglia from the Fire Department. He too mentioned that the cost of fuel impacted this past year's budget. LaVeglia stated that the number of calls the Fire Department

will have to answer will impact the final cost for the year; however the Fire Department is requesting an increase from last year's budget to be used for fuel for the fire trucks.

LaVeglia also spoke about the need to replace certain vital equipment. He and Sommers discussed the estimated cost of items. For example a new mobile walkie-talkie-type mobile device was estimated to cost \$400. "We try to be careful with what we spend and where we spend it," LaVeglia emphasized. The group determined that some of the needed equipment could still be purchased within the current fiscal year; given that there is still money left in the Department's budget.

Additionally, the group discussed creating a capital contingency fund, for monies that the Fire Department might not spend, but could be held in reserve. Mayor Papa said that, though the idea is a good one, it would have to be approved by the Village Board. "There are also some types of reserve funds too that the public needs to be involved in," he said.

Water Plant Department Head, Joe Meyers presented his preliminary budget next. Numbers for projected income versus projected expenses were highlighted. "It's hard to determine where the costs might be a year from now," Meyers said. Given the uncertainty of costs, he asked if he might present a "wish list" to the group at the next budget meeting. Whether the cost for items on the wish list will be included in the final budget is yet to be determined.

As of 3:45, the Head of the Department for Public Works was not present.

Lastly, Papa, Sommers, and Patterson began examining and discussing each item on the current working version of the General Budget - revenue and costs. The necessary work - getting closer to a final budget - seemed to be proceeding well.

More budget meetings will take place before the 2023-2024 Village of Hunter budget is finalized.

## Dual Art Opening in Cairo



Saturday's dual art opening "Nature's View Times Two" featuring Stanley Maltzman's latest artwork along with the works of his daughter, Susan Story was a hit at the Agroforestry Center in Cairo.

Stanley, 101.8 yrs old now, is still painting every day and attended his opening by zoom as seen in the attached photo.

His daughter, artist Susan Story, was present as host showing her own work alongside her father's. Both father and daughter are members of the prestigious American Pastel Society with renowned reputations in the art world locally and nationally.

Photos by Suzanne M. Walsh.



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## LOCAL HISTORY WITH DEDE TERNS-THORPE

### Haines Falls-- Selena's Lunch Car



SELENA'S DINER-Long time owner Nick Lopez's Ever-Popular Eating Establishment - on the Hill in Haines Falls.

Thank you to Reggie Bates for taking the time to share the diner's history. Many residents might not know how it arrived on the Mountain Top fifty-four years ago, in 1969-1970. It's a piece of Mountain Top history that could have been lost forever.

(Horse-drawn lunch wagons were the first diners in about 1880 (mainly old, abandoned trolley cars). They had quick service, late hours, and good meals. Wikipedia said a diner, named after the trolley dining cars, "gave an average Joe a meat-and-potatoes meal at a fair price."

The beginning.

Selena's was built in Newark, N.J., in about 1959. It consisted of two dining cars, nineteen feet six inches, fifty feet long, with the front dining car weighing fifty tons and an eight by ten entranceway. After construction, it went to Lakewood, N.J., first called the Estate Diner and then Oompas. In 1969 the diner was for sale to make room for a movie theater. Belmont Bates, a local excavating contractor, had eaten at the diner from its existence. He didn't want to see it disappear. If he bought it, he knew where he would like to put it, but would it be possible?

A tidbit: Belmont Bates, drafted at eighteen into WW II, served on the USS Osage until 1945. Later, he started an excavating business with his brother Eugene.

Bates married Mildred Clayton in 1946, honeymooned near Tannersville, and loved the area. They had four children Linda, Charlene, Reggie, and Craig. They often visited Tannersville and, in the late 50s, bought property on County Route 16 from Chippy Bunt. They became weekend regulars, working, clearing land, building roads, and stopping for lunch at Warms Restaurant. They were good friends with Julius and Nathan Warm.

Belmont wanted to take the diner to the mountain-top, 180 miles away. He and Mildred spent two days taking different routes from Lakewood to Haines Falls, assessing low bridges, hanging wires, etc., and noting

efficiency and safety. Once he determined it was possible, he bought the land at 5701 Route 23a from Joe Kissley.

The move was difficult. Bates was working on a deadline. First, he obtained permits to transport the oversized dining cars. Each dining car was lowered onto two equipment trailers, one at each end, and would be pulled by a tandem dump truck with a half load of sand for traction and driven by Belmont. Six men, one for the lead car, one follow car, a mechanic, one man watching the left side, one for the right, and one to lift any wires. The following vehicle carried spare tires and fuel for the transport vehicle. One trip had a dozen blown tires from the diner's weight and the heat from the road.

They traveled Route 28 from Kingston but ran into trouble with the tight turn onto Route 214. An object, used as a fire siren (a locomotive tire and a steel ring [with thanks to Paul Dibbell & John Ham] for describing this object) stood at the turn, making it more difficult. The most challenging part of the trip was Route 214. The narrow, steep, winding section near Silver Hollow required a second truck to help pull the transport truck. There was no room for error.

When reaching 23A, they stopped to contact Tannersville Village. It was a busy, sunny summer day with many parked cars. Donald Young's employees, Steve Tompkins and Warren Young went into Tannersville businesses (with the mayor's permission) and requested moving cars. Within a short time, Main Street was cleared. The diner's destination was in sight!

The trip took a week. Belmont had already prepared the site for the diner. The diner has a full foundation, so it was pulled in on the virgin ground and jacked up over 8 feet high. Donald Young had the job of jacking and building the foundation. Jacking up the dining cars was a slow, exact process. They had to raise each corner one to two inches, build cribbing to support, and then go to the next corner and then to the next. If they jacked up one corner too much or quickly, it could twist the dining car, possibly buckling the siding

or cracking the Formica ceiling or windows. It took one week to jack each section into place. Soon, the second dining car was to be delivered.

Once the foundation was done, he would backfill it with fill from the property he bought across from the diner. The eight-by-ten entranceway would be placed next. It was transported on a trailer, pulled by a pickup truck on the Thruway. It was slid into place on steel beams. It took three additional years before the diner would open. A new kitchen, a rear addition, a parking area, a heating system, a well, and a sewer were all installed. Belmont worked all week in Jersey and weekends at the diner. Mildred helped in any way she could.

For many years, the sign in front of the diner was the original one used in Jersey. It was a chef holding two food plates. (Reggie, at age twelve, worked the controls on the boom truck as men with ropes guided the sign onto the poles. Not legal, but successful!)

Nick Lopez, Selena's amazing owner, leased the diner in 2000 and purchased it in 2001. Lopez said, "I've never been sorry!"

Thanks, Reggie, for saving this local piece of history.

Thanks for reading. Have a good day, and stay safe.

Dede Terns-Thorpe

By Lula Anderson

Welcome Spring! Of course you wouldn't have known it was coming last week when we had snow and then the wind. But, as all spring snow does, the sun came out, and the snow started to melt. Watching the deer come out looking for a bare spot to graze is a supertime event. There were only a few days when they had to chew on the hemlocks. I hope you all got your fill of corned beef and cabbage this past week. There were enough organizations having dinners, it was hard to miss. The Windham UMC Women had a very successful fundraiser, selling out their sandwiches. The Nutrition Center had a nice showing for a delicious lunch. If you're over 65 and haven't been there yet, it's definitely worth the trip.

## Local Worship Services

### Resurrection Lutheran Church

186 Main Street, Cairo, NY 12413  
(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

### Hope Restoration Christian Fellowship

117 State Route 296,  
Windham

518-734-3826  
www.hoperestorationchurch.net

Sundays 11:00 AM  
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Tent Services begin June 26th

### Living Faith Community Church

54 Route 56, Maplecrest,  
NY

518-734-4275  
Sundays at 10:30 am  
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### Jewett Presbyterian Church

53 Church Street, Jewett,  
NY

518-424-2919  
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### Mitchell Hollow Mission Church

893 Mill Street, Windham,  
NY

518-332-7669  
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www.Mitchellhollow.org

### Windham-Hensonville United Methodist Church

5296 Route 23, Windham,  
NY

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### St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Catholic Church

5188 Route 23, Windham

518-734-3352  
www.Sainttheresas.weebly.com

### Lexington / West Kill United Methodist Church

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

VFW POST 1545 – WINDHAM, NY WEEKLY UPDATE

Welcome to the official start of spring. What I look forward to is the fact that our heating bills will relax. Just to keep the heat on at the building is staggering compared to years past.

Just keeping an eye on the building to make sure that the heat is working is enough of a worry. Our equipment is relatively new but like all things mechanical, it can breakdown.

Fortunately, we have made it through the winter season unscathed. Now a little global warming will be welcome. I say this as I just chopped my way into the post through a pile of frozen snow and ice that came off the roof, which makes me a bit cranky.

I still see a lot of ads on television regarding the PACT Act. The VFW screened 1 million veterans last year for toxic exposure. It is the first step in receiving help from the recently enacted PACT Act.

During the screenings, veterans are asked if they were exposed to toxins during their military service. They will ask the veteran if he or she encountered toxins such as burn pits, agent orange, radiation or contaminated water.

VFW offers free help filing service-related disability claims through [www.pact-info.org](http://www.pact-info.org). The website has a simple screening asking for: Name, Email, State, Location of military service, Time of military service, suspected or diagnosed conditions.

Veterans can expect contact from one of VFW's VA Accredited service officers within a week of submitting the online form.

If this information is not enough to enlighten a veteran that the VFW service



officers do their job; the VFW have recovered \$11.2 BILLION for veterans.

That's Billion dollars. As a past District Commander I know first hand how hard our legislative branch works for passing bills and getting results for service connected disabilities.

Going to one of the legal offices that advertise on television takes a piece of your claim for their work. The VFW works for you for free.

The District will be holding membership drives this summer and when I get the dates and venues we will be attending, I will let you know.

This week I want to spotlight another member of our post; our present post

commander, James McLaren.

Jim served in the US Army with the 101st Airborne Division. Jim completed infantry training and jump school prior to being deployed to Vietnam.

He fought in the Battle of Hue with the 101st. Jim has been a big part of our post since he moved from Lindenhurst, NY post #7279.

Jim resides presently in Grand Gorge. We salute his service to our country and our post.

I would like to thank all who donated to our post in memory of Louise McRoberts. Louise will always be remembered by all. A memorial will be held this summer at the Post to honor her. A date to be determined.

Marc Farnillette, PDC  
Quartermaster Post 1545

## Nominations Sought For 2023 Youth Awards

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

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

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

Nominations can be obtained from Greene County

Department of Human Services. If you prefer, you can find a nomination form available on their web site:

<https://www.greenegovernment.com/departments/human-services/youth>

Return nomination forms by mail to Greene County Department of Human Services, attn.: M. Murphy, 411 Main Street, Catskill, NY 12414; fax Attn: M. Murphy at 518-719-3798 or email to [mmurphy@discovergreene.com](mailto:mmurphy@discovergreene.com) with the subject: Annual Youth Awards. Deadline is March 31, 2023. Any questions can be directed to the Greene County Department of Human Services at 518-719-3555.

## Ashland Speaks

The food is plentiful, served with a smile and the room is always decorated for the season. Look for the Round-Table at your local post office for the menu and events for Senior Citizens in Greene County.

Due to the snow, the dress rehearsal/ dinner theater show of the WAJ Drama club production ANNIE, was held on Saturday afternoon with only one show on Saturday night and matinee on Sunday. What a wonderful show it was! The kids do such a great job! The waiters were so very attentive to our needs, coming around often with coffee, tea, water and juice. The youngest was in second grade, and he made sure we were all happy. Many thanks to Babblers Restaurant, Bistro Brie & Bordeaux, Brandywine, Catskill

Mountain Country Store & Restaurant, Chicken Run, Lilly's Steaks & Cocktails, Millrock Restaurant, Vesuvio's, Windham Diner, The Windham Local, Windham Mountain Restaurants and Zack's Place for providing the food for the buffet. There was so much to choose from and do delicious. Although it is a free production for the Senior Citizens, we always take up a collection, and the Drama Club gets 100% of the donations.

I wonder: During the recent snow storm, many homes lost their electricity. I got a phone call from Greene County, and heard some public service messages on the radio that covered this: If your electricity is out, call the electric co to report, or send a message. Now adays, if you don't have electric, your phone goes out. I live in a no cell area, and when the electric goes out, my cable goes out. Hmmmm, How do I report?

The next message was about warming centers if you are cold you can go to Cairo or New Baltimore where generators have been set up. Opal had no electric for an entire day and couldn't get down the mountain. Does she sit in her car for heat?

On a pleasant note, Happy Birthday Jo Tompkins. Welcome bac to the area Jim Kelderhouse and family.

Get well wishes to Maya Carl's father, Buck and to Brenday Rappleyea.

Sympathy to the family of Frank Hermance. WAJ-PL members were saddened to learn of the passing of past president, Wally Thompson on his 90th birth-

day.  
AS I REMEMBER IT  
Snow

With the storm last week, the television kept talking about the storm 30 years ago when Albany had a lot of snow,. Being in the Catskills, we are used to lots of snow, but most memorable one was in 1956 when it kept snowing and school was closed for several weeks because plows couldn't get through. This storm happened during January, so it didn't melt right away. Mt Pisgah was blocked for weeks until they sent a giant snow blower to open the road. It was a sight to see it coming down the roads, Jewett Heights had to be blown out just before where the Fire house is now located because of the drifts. On Mother's day, there were still pockets of snow in several locations, the deepest being on Mt Pisgah.

With the snow, we were in danger of the play not happening, but, being a March snow, by Thursday, the parking lots were bae

and The Show Must Go On! The show "ANNIE" brought back many memories of that time for me. President Franklin Roosevelt in the wheelchair holding fireside chats, Hooverville residents, orphans scrubbing the floors and being abused, apples being sold for a nickel, Horn and Hardart and the AutoMat. Rationing, stamps for food and commodities, and of course Daddy Warbucks. A show of hope and happiness. Sandy coming back at the end was the icing on the cake. Thanks for braving the weather and entertaining us once again.



# Out Lexington Way

By Christine Dwon

We extend deepest heartfelt sympathy and condolences to the family and friends on the passing of Frank Hermance on March 13.

Friday, March 24 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. there is a Fish Fry Dinner at the Hensonville Hose Company Firehouse. The dinners are every Friday through April 7. You have a choice of fried fish, fried clam strips or chicken tenders, french fries or baked potato, coleslaw, dinner roll and brownie for \$15. Please call 518-734-3040 to pre-order.

Gary Hapeman came from California to visit his mother Betty Hapeman last week. As always when Gary comes to visit, they had a very nice time together.

On Friday, March 24 there will be a Dinner Church Potluck at the Lexington-West Kill UMC in Lexington 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. Contact Pastor Amy if you have questions at 845-706-2296.

The Ashland Fire Department's Chicken BBQ will be held Saturday, March 25. Chicken halves coming off the grill by 12 p.m. No reservations, first come, first served, take out only. Chicken halves are \$9. All proceeds from this event will be donated to the family of Deputy Kevin Haverly, Greene County Sheriff's Department, E.O.W. 2/28/2017.

Happy birthday to Peggy Rappleyea on Monday, March 27.

Eugene Constable celebrates his birthday on March 27.

March 27 is also Bob Hermance's birthday.

Paul Dwon's birthday is Wednesday, March 29.

Former Lexington resident Marie Van Patten's birthday is March 29.

Best wishes to everyone.

The Greene County Department of Human Services Senior Nutrition Program menu for the week of March 27 - March 31 is as follows: Monday—Stuffed cabbage, California vegetable mix, lemon pudding; Tuesday—Spanish rice with beef, Mexican salad, corn/carrot medley, cookies and applesauce; Wednesday—Mushroom Swiss burger, carrots, scalloped potatoes, fruited Jell-O; Thursday—Meatball sub, potato salad, winter blend vegetables, fresh fruit; Friday—Crab stuffed cod, broccoli, rice pilaf, 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.

The Trustees of the Lexington/West Kill UMC will meet after church services on Sunday, April 2.

Maundy Thursday, April 6 services will be held at 6 p.m. in Windham-Hensonville UMC in Wind-

ham and 6:30 p.m. in Kaaterskill UMC in Tannersville.

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

Easter Sunday Sunrise Service, April 9 will be at 6:30 a.m. in the Lexington cemetery. A breakfast will follow in the Fellowship Hall, Lexington/West Kill UMC, Main Street, Lexington. Worship services at 9 a.m. in the church.

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

Town of Lexington Fire/Rescue Company Ladies Auxiliary will meet on Tuesday, April 11 at 7 p.m. in the Firemen's Room.

Wednesday, April 12, 6 p.m., is the next meeting

of the Administrative Council for Lexington/West Kill UMC in the church hall.

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

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

National Vietnam War Veterans Day is March 29. Thank you for your service and sacrifice.

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.

## Town of Prattsville Comprehensive Plan Update Public Encouraged to Participate

The Town of Prattsville is updating its Comprehensive Plan and seeks public input for its Vision Prattsville Report. The new plan will serve as a guide for protecting and enhancing the community as well as identify strategies to improve connectivity, community livability, enhanced resiliency, and economic vitality. The Vision Prattsville Report is the first phase of the process and establishes the vision, goals, and objectives for the community.

Please join your fellow community members for a Public Workshop to contribute towards the future goals and vision for the Town of Prattsville. Participants will be asked to provide recommendations on opportunities for improvement while reflecting the

town's unique history and maintaining the beauty of Prattsville.

This open-house style workshop will be held at the Prattsville Fire Station for participants to provide input on future land use and development, as well as, retaining and growing the economic base for future generations.

Date: Monday March 27th, 2023

Location: 47 Firehouse Drive, Prattsville, NY 12468

Time: 6:00 to 8:00 pm

Please visit the Comprehensive Plan website for additional information: <https://labergegroup.com/prattsville/> For More Information Contact:

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## LEGISLATURE STUFF The Quiet Ones

By Michael Ryan

CATSKILL - The usually unseen were made verbally and respectfully visible when Greene County Legislature members applauded the AmeriCorps Senior RSVP Volunteer Program.

Legislative County Services committee chairman Edward Bloomer, during a meeting last week, read a proclamation declaring the month of April as "Global Volunteer Month," linking local efforts to the worldwide cause.

Bloomer was joined by Greene County Human Services Agency executive director Stephanie Schleuderer and volunteer services coordinator Ruth Pforte, lauding the contributions of AmeriCorps workers.

"Global Volunteer Month is a time to recognize volunteers and people who actively support their communities," Bloomer stated.

"The week of April 16-22, 2023, is recognized throughout the United States as National Volunteer Week, powered by Points of Light as an opportunity to recognize the impact of volunteer service and the power of volunteers to tackle society's greatest challenges."

Their combined efforts help to, "build stronger communities and be a force that transforms the world," Bloomer stated.

"Each year we shine a light on the people and causes that inspire us to serve, recognizing and thanking volunteers who lend their time, talent and voice to make a difference in their communities."

"National Volunteer Week was established in 1974 and has grown exponentially each year, with thousands of volunteer projects and special events scheduled throughout the week.

"Today, as people strive to lead lives that reflect their values, the expression of civic life has evolved and doing good comes in many forms, and we recognize and celebrate them all," Bloomer stated.

"National Volunteer



Greene County Legislature has declared April as "Global Volunteer Month," honoring AmeriCorps volunteers. County Services committee chairman Edward Bloomer (left) read the proclamation joined by county volunteer services coordinator Ruth Pforte (center) and county Human Services Agency executive director Stephanie Schleuderer.

Week is part of Global Volunteer Month and the Greene County Department of Human Services relies upon volunteers to provide and assist with vital services for elderly residents of Greene County.

"These volunteers are crucial to the department's aging services including home-delivered meals and transportation for medical appointments."

Bloomer surrendered the podium to Pforte who reported on the past year's facts and figures for AmeriCorps Senior programming.

Pforte reported that 189 volunteers contributed a total of 10,654 hours which, according to the independent sector, has a monetary value of \$29.95 per hour for a tidy sum of \$319,087.

Their unified spirit is "making Greene County a better place for seniors to live," Pforte said, further reporting there were 124 Homebound Meal Delivery volunteers, delivering 90,432 meals to 633 recipients.

Pforte said 20 Homebound Medical Transportation volunteers provided 1,463 rides to medical appointments for 120 clients, pointing out that 41 of the clients who received meals and 5 who got rides were veterans.

And perhaps most telling, Pforte reported that 17 of the RSVP Volunteer Program volunteers serving in 2022 were military veterans.

"Volunteerism empowers individuals to find their purpose, take their passion and turn it into meaningful change by solving our most persistent problems and create stronger communities with a more just society," Bloomer stated, continuing with the proclamation.

"It has long been a tradition for the county's

AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers to perform work of a high quality and to brighten the lives of others...serving in community locations.

"These county volunteers give freely of their energy, time, ability and experience. We recognize and thank the many volunteers within Greene County," Bloomer stated.

"With great pleasure, we honor all our county volunteers and convey the sincere gratitude and appreciation of our citizens for the dedicated, selfless and compassionate efforts of these volunteers."

In another matter, lawmakers approved a resolution urging the NY State Legislature to "advocate on behalf of the community college sector of SUNY by adding an additional \$17 million in operating base aid for the community colleges" to the proposed State budget.

County lawmakers additionally asked leaders in Albany to, "remove any language to hold back 20 percent of operating base aid."

Their action follows receipt of a letter from Columbia-Greene Community College president Carlee Drummer who wrote, "community colleges as a sector have faced draconian state funding cuts," over the past 14 years.

Those reductions have totaled \$36,938,318, according to Drummer, with local lawmakers stating in their resolution that, "any delay in State aid payment creates an undue burden on the community colleges to manage operating expenses, including payroll."

County lawmakers emphasized, "SUNY's community colleges serve the largest percentage of low income, historically marginalized populations and many working adults of all SUNY sectors."

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# The Prattsville Scoop

**By Abby and Gabby**  
The Prattsville Scoop by Abby and Gabby  
Wish everyone well and contentment in life. We all have something to be thankful for so lets enjoy it.

The American Legion Auxiliary Virgil E. Deyo Unit 1327 is hosting an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 8, 11 AM, at Young's Ace Hardware Store, Prattsville. There will be treats as well as Easter Eggs and all are invited either as children to join the hunt or as adults to watch the fun and enjoy the enjoyment and refreshments. For everyone's enjoyment, the Easter Bunny will put in an appearance. There is no charge for this annual event.

Was in touch with Janet Brainerd after reaching out in a previous Scoop column about the A & P stores that used to be in Tannersville and other villages. Janet said she remembers one in Margarettsville near Kelly's Hotel across from the bank and there was also one in Cairo. Janet remembers working in a dress factory in Cairo, behind the Main Street, in the mid '50's while she was waiting, as a newly wed, for her papers to be approved to go to Germany where her husband George Haight was stationed in the U.S. Army. Never knew about this stage of Janet's history until a few years ago when we were reminiscing about our previous times together. Now the dress factory in Cairo. Didn't know there was ever one in Cairo. Do remember many dress factories being in Hunter and Tannersville, my mother worked in them. We do stay in touch now even if I have to give her a nudge in The Scoop.

Do you remember the Oneida Markets? Think there might have been one in Windham? Know there was one in Grand Gorge and one in Stamford. Think they were both replaced with Victory Markets, now those too are both gone. At least Stamford has Tops for their shoppers convenience.

Speaking of friends from the past, if anyone would like to send Pat Dunham Smith a "Thinking of you" card, her address is: Patricia Smith, Mountain Residential Care Center, 42158 NY 28 #321, Margaretville, NY 12455. Janet and Pat were good friends from those good ole days of the 1950's.

Pat and Tony Bifolco entertained their son and his family this past weekend. They got to enjoy their two youngest grand-



sons, Anthony and Giovanni. Pat said it was a joy to have Anthony and Giovanni spend the time with them. Grandchildren are the best, along with great-grandchildren, of course.

Anita Creazzo can use our speedy recovery wishes. Her address is 481 Cozy Hollow Rd., Prattsville, NY 12468. Best wishes for a return to good health and hope you and Al had a very happy anniversary

Muriel Brainerd Kilmer is not doing too well and can use your prayers.

Thanks to your generosity for the VA Christmas Celebration and our Yard Sale and other fundraisers of our American Legion Virgil E. Deyo Post 1327 and American Legion Auxiliary Virgil E. Deyo Unit 1327, the veterans on the long term units at the Stratton VAMC, Albany, are able to enjoy continued celebrations, Thank you. After the Super Bowl and St. Valentine's Day "parties", they got to enjoy a St. Patrick's Day party with appropriate shirts, hats, food/snacks and decorations. So miss the ability to be there with them for these special days. Will continue to share with you when they partake of these parties.

Was Tuesday's snowstorm the last gasp of winter? We shall see. Many were glad for the enforced day at home. Now the snow is almost gone, again here in the valley but take a look at

Bear Pen. Just hope it doesn't melt all at once or with rain. The calendar says spring is here. Are you happy with the winners in March Madness? As with most, some yes, some no.

Anyone wanting some heavy felted navy blue wool, just call 518-299-3219 and it is yours for the taking. Although it is heavy, will not need to finish edges so it is ideal for craft items or fashions. Also will share some other nondescript craft items, all in good shape. Let your imagination run wild. Call 518-299-3219.

Want some answers for your questions, just hang out at Jim's Great American. You can find out addresses and information on handymen and, oh yeah, buy your fresh meats and vegetables and fruits for the week.

Happy Birthday to Eddie Zimmerman on March 25. On March 27 we wish neighbors Eugene Constable, Peggy Rappleyea (she of the delicious carrot cakes and ) and Bob Hermance. On March 28 we wish Desmond Petroni a very Happy Birthday. On March 29 it is Happy Birthday to Sarah Armlin and Nate Pruyn on March 29. Happy Birthday greetings to Mary McGlynn on March 30. On March 31 it is Happy Birthday to Haley Bensen.

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



# Taking to the Slopes at Windham Mountain!

## The Mountain Top Progressives Afghan Refugee Project

Two years ago, Mountain Top Progressives learned of the plight of Afghan refugee students who were attending college at Bard. These students were part of U.S. effort to help Afghans escape the Taliban and enable female students to continue their education. Many were transported from Afghanistan to military bases in the United States (some with their families, some without); others obtained student visas and came to various colleges, including Bard.

Bard College generously offered to pay for tuition and room and board for many students (in 2023, they are hosting some 60 Afghan students), but the students had to figure out how to pay for books, incidentals, etc. In response, MTP raised \$2,000 to help pay for their books.

MTP was then approached by Bard to find out if we would be willing to mentor some of the students who have no family in the area. One of these "matches" is Carlin Meyer with her new "grandson": Sahil. In the past year, they have come to know each other quite well, and Carlin has learned a lot about Afghan culture, as well as college student culture. Weekends, holidays, school breaks are tough times for students without fam-



ilies here, and MTP's mentoring means a lot to them.

This past weekend, Carlin hosted Sahil, his sister and her friend (both students at Middlebury) at her home. Although none of them had ever done it before, they expressed interest in skiing. (Sahil had been on the ski lift during the Autumn Affair weekend and was delighted with the view.) With the help Susan Summers of Windham Mountain, and Jonathan Gross, arrangements were made, the three were expertly outfitted, given passes, and even individual instructors!

The three started out on the beginner hill and became proficient, proving that a day of skiing can bring together different cultures for an amazing shared experience. 'Fararonush naka nafaska shida babayotosh do-

bosheed enetoff zon harishama!' From the Persian 'Don't forget to breathe and remember to flex your knees!' All three skiers were able to ride the magic carpet, ski down Wooly Bear, turn left, turn right and most important-stop at the bottom (most of the time!). All on their first half day of skiing-great work students and thank you amazing Windham instructors!

MTP would like to thank Susan Summers, Chip Seamans, Jonathan Gross, Niles and the rental shop folks, Oscar and Dan from the Windham Mountain Snow Sports School and the Windham Mountain Instructors AJ and Bill Howard and Jonathan Gross an Adaptive Ski Instructor for helping to create a truly memorable day for these three students.

## Academy Of Fortepiano Performance International Salon 14

A Special Genre: The Accompanied Keyboard Repertoire in the 18th Century and its Aftermath

Hunter - Catskill Mountain Foundation's Academy of Fortepiano Performance presents International Salon 14, "A Special Genre: The Accompanied Keyboard Repertoire in the 18th Century and its Aftermath" livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube on Saturday, March 25 at 2:00 PM. With guest host Pierre Goy from Lausanne, Switzerland, his duo partner Liana Mosca from Turin, Italy, and their students, featured guests also include harpsichordist Jovanka Marville from Lausanne and musicologist Herve Audéon from Paris.

Between ca. 1750 and 1800, the vast majority of piano repertoire consisted of sonatas and pieces with optional accompaniments for violin or flute and sometimes cello. Works for solo pi-



ano were relatively rare and usually composed by virtuoso performers for themselves or as study pieces. Fortepianist Pierre Goy and violinist

Liana Mosca have explored this repertoire with their students and will bring it back to life in this salon, sharing their discoveries.

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# Golden Age Meets School Theater

**By Michael Ryan**  
 WINDHAM - The auditorium at Windham-Ashland-Jewett school was jam-packed for two reasons, last Saturday afternoon. Mother Nature, dumping a couple of feet of snow almost as the curtain was ready to rise, had interfered with but

not deterred the performance of "Annie" by students in the WAJ music and theater program. And their honored patrons and guests were members of the Windham-Ashland-Jewett-Prattsville -Lexington Golden Agers Club. Keeping with tradition, senior citizens were in-

vited to enjoy the show and a luncheon that drew rave reviews, courtesy of local restaurants. "This is a wonderful community event," said Melissa Palumbo, the play producer, thanking all the local businesses that contributed. There was no shortage of appreciation expressed

by the stage director who just happens to have the same ID as the focus of the musical. Actually it is not a coincidence. "This year's show was a pretty easy decision and let's address the elephant in the room before we get any farther," stated Annie Drewello in the program notes.

"Yes, this is a show I have loved for quite some time and for rather obvious reasons...who wouldn't love to hear Carol Burnett singing your name on screen?!" "But besides being a childhood favorite, it's a classic Musical Theater staple with fun, iconic songs. It would be hard

to find someone who hasn't "bet their bottom dollar that tomorrow there'll be sun," Drewello stated. The real life Annie then went on to say "thank you" to virtually everybody in the building and beyond because, "this is a huge undertaking that could never be done alone."



Left: Every role mattered in the successful Drama Club production including the distribution of programs by 5th grader Theo Lopes, one of several young helpers. Theo's "big" sister, 7th grader Dora Lopes, performed the lead role of "Annie." He hopes to join the cast next year.



Above left: A packed house was welcomed by "Annie" producer Melissa Palumbo (kneeling, front), including special guests from the Windham-Ashland-Jewett-Prattsville-Lexington Golden Agers Club. Above right: WAJPL Golden Agers Club president Lula Anderson (left) always steals the show, joined by play producer Melissa Palumbo (center) and James Varelas who performed the benediction. Left: Helping serve fine fare at the traditional Windham-Ashland-Jewett school Drama Club community luncheon, last Saturday, were building principal William Wood, office administrator Chrissie Thorington (far left and second from left, respectively) and a volunteer cast of many more. Left below: The director, Annie Drewello (back), with "Annie" (second row, center) and the orphans (and apologies for the blurriness but the kids were too pleasant not to put them in. Perhaps the stars in their eyes caused the fuzziness). Left below: Synergizing the cast moments before showtime, "Annie" director Annie Drewello (standing, second from right, eyes closed) tells the student actors "you are the best group I could have asked for. You are going to knock their socks off," which is precisely what they did.

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# TRADITIONALLY SPEAKING BY PAT LARSEN New/ Old Pearls of Wisdom, Part I

I'm often asked where my inspiration comes from to write as many columns as I manage to produce in a month's time.

I'm fortunate to have a lovely group of Baby Boomers and Seniors to bring my Fitness Classes to and the discussions in class are always so interesting to be a part of and to learn from. So I owe a lot of love and thanks to each of my students for inspiring topics.

I'm, in part, a teacher... but I'm always a student of life lessons and better ways in which to communicate and facilitate healing and deep long-lasting relationships.

This particular topic comes from always having a notebook nearby and listening closely as people connect with each other from all over. If you listen, watch, and connect yourself with others, it's amazing what pearls are constantly being shared.

WE are a very generous and caring generation.

So here are some lovely "pearls" from many different sources that bear repeating, re-reading, reminding yourself of, and posting on the fridge if you're so inclined.

This one is from the book the FOUR AGREEMENTS that I've written about at length before. Just one of those very important agreements that we make with ourselves when we arrive.

BE IMPECCABLE WITH YOUR WORD.



This refers to words that we say to ourselves. Every day, the barbs we hurl, sometimes unknowingly, at ourselves.

THINK about that. What better example to set for yourself and everyone around you to speak kindly of yourself. Say and mean nice things that are bolstering to your self-esteem. NOT conversely, tearing yourself down..." Gee, I look awful today!" or "I'm bad at math!" on and on.

Take the time to observe your own conversations and how it applies to yourself and make that one simple change and watch how others step up to that plate for themselves and you as well.

LIVE LIFE WITH PURPOSE.

Our world is made up of an intricate web that connects us to opportunities to live our lives more fully. To live with purpose is a gift of focus that we give to ourselves. Act on ideas rather than just let them pass you by and ultimately forget them over time.

Buy yourself a notebook and just jot down subjects that are of in-

terest to you. It then becomes an excellent future reference to

step up to when you need more inspiration. LISTEN to your internal voice. Ahhh, that's the way to get in touch with what makes you feel good, what you're excited about, and then that becomes a starting line for the kick off of that next chapter.

RECOGNIZE MISTAKES OR MISSTEPS AS LESSONS.

There's absolutely no reason to beat yourself up if you screw up.

Quickly reframe the situation for a future restart.

EXERCISE COURAGE. Fear and worry will keep you from achieving the life goals you are trying to set for yourself. They build in a wall that requires some very high hurdles that have to be climbed over before you ever hope to succeed. Courage takes

Practice. It's like a muscle that you work on that will improve over time. Identify the anxieties quickly and just as quickly say, "thank you" but I've got this!

FEAR of making the wrong decision causes you to make no decision at all. Then there you'll be aimlessly scrolling on Instagram again, seeing somebody else's courage climbing right over your ideas. Ouch.

Finally, for the purposes of this as a PART I of this topic...

SEE THE POSSIBILITIES. It's ok to exhibit a

little healthy skepticism and that's quite natural actually. Stepping out of that comfort zone can and most likely will give you those butterflies in the tummy. Just recognize it for what it is...excitement, see yourself dreaming, playing out a scenario that you'd love to manifest in your life... I'm a huge fan of day-dreaming.

Got in a lot of trouble

from the nuns in school for that but ultimately it served me well.

EVERY JOURNEY BEGINS WITH A SINGLE STEP...

If you're ready...start with these few pearls, make them your own and I'll be back with more next time around.

Pat Larsen has a passion for life and brings that excitement to classes and programs that she

teaches weekly at the SHAMROCK HOUSE in EAST DURHAM. Mornings.

Aside from being a syndicated columnist, Pat is a certified hypnotherapist specializing in an individual "story to achieve the healing that each seeks. Contact Pat @ 518-275-8686 or via email Pelarsen5@aol.com. To chat.

## Violin-Piano Recital At Piano Performance Museum

Hunter - March 21, 2023 - - Catskill Mountain Foundation presents a free violin and piano recital "Like Courtiers in the Presence of the Master" by Antonia Nelson and Maria Rose at the Piano Performance Museum, 7971 Main Street, Hunter, NY on Sunday, April 2 at 2:00 PM.

Violinist Antonia Nelson and pianist Maria Rose will perform various works for violin and piano to showcase some of the historical pianos at the Piano Performance Museum. In the late 18th century, solo piano music was rare and served mostly to show off the virtuosity of the composer/performer--or they were used for teaching. In social performance settings, the piano was almost always joined by other instruments. The program will include sonatas by Mozart, Hillmandel, and Schubert. The recital is free, but seating is limited. Please email boxoffice@catskillmtn.org to reserve your seats.

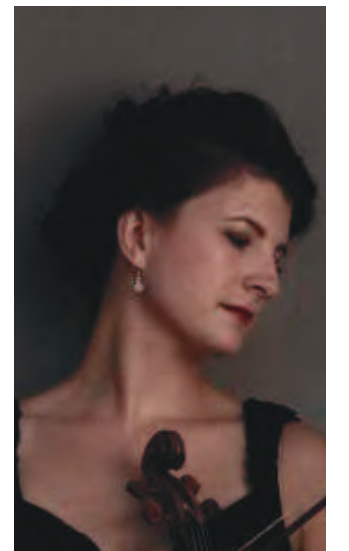
Antonia Light Nelson, originally from Atlanta, Georgia, performs on both modern and historic violins and is the founder and artistic director of SIREN Baroque (2011),

an ensemble whose goal is to support women performers and shed light on rarely performed works by Baroque women composers. She regularly plays with Baroque and modern orchestras throughout the country and holds a Masters degree from New York University. She honed her early music practice at Oberlin Baroque Performance Institute, Vancouver Early Music Festival and Amherst Early Music Festival under the tutelage of teachers Marc De-strubé and Julie Andrijeski. In 2013 Antonia moved to beautiful upstate New York with her family, while maintaining her activities in New York City.

Maria Rose, originally from the Netherlands, combines her experience as a fortepiano performer with her research as a musicologist. She has performed extensively as solo performer and in chamber music, and has a PhD in Musicology from New York University. Ms. Rose has written articles on piano performance practice and recorded a wide range of repertoire on period instruments. She is a Board member of the Historical Keyboard Society of North America and an editor at RILM, the bibliographic database for music research, in New York City. Ms. Rose lives in the Catskill region.



Maria Rose



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Erik is the natural resources and commercial horticulture educator with Cornell Cooperative Extension. Erik has used the techniques he will



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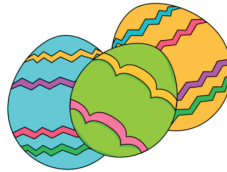
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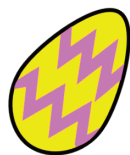
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## BETTER THAN HEARSAY

## Flirting with Flatlining

By Michael Ryan

PRATTSVILLE - The prognosis is not good for an ambulance agreement between the towns of Prattsville and Ashland following many months of negotiations and a deepening chasm.

Prattsville officials, at a meeting on Monday night, narrowly decided to sign their portion of a proposed contract, banded about since last fall, that would unite the three towns of Prattsville, Lexington and Ashland.

Ashland has its own service, having pacts with Prattsville and Lexington the past few years to provide primary response and transport, annually billing the two towns based on the number of calls answered.

That all reportedly needs to change as emergency services evolve toward an uncertain future with one certainty...the days of volunteer and on-call squads are going the way of the Tyrannosaurus Rex.

Full time employees with benefits is the next wave and while there are a lot of maybes out there

at the moment, Ashland town supervisor Richard Tompkins says he needs to wrestle with current financial realities.

Last fall, Tompkins offered a new plan to Prattsville town supervisor Greg Cross and Lexington town supervisor Joe Ellen Schermerhorn, evenly splitting costs with each paying one-third of yearly operations.

It represented a painful increase over what Lexington and Prattsville have been paying but was viewed as necessary in order to keep Ashland's successful squad ready and able to serve all three communities.

Lexington has already signed the so-called "Ashland 3" deal, but it now remains to be seen if Ashland and Prattsville ever see eye-to-eye.

As part of the "Ashland 3" agreement, all three towns would need to create an ambulance district and secure a Certificate of Need from the State, ultimately forming a Mountaintop Ambulance Service.

The bigger picture is a full mountaintop ambu-

lance system combining the "Ashland 3" with the towns of Windham, Jewett and Hunter in what would become a Municipal Corporation, a ground-breaking concept.

While that is seemingly inevitable, given the current emergency services landscape, it is not a given and the official merging of the "Ashland 3" is seen as a crucial first step in that direction.

It appeared all was well as winter set in with Tompkins, Schermerhorn and Cross meeting regularly to iron out the contract language.

Prattsville balked, however, interpreting the one-third arrangement to mean they should be more intimately involved in all decision making.

Prattsville has also asked for more detailed accounting on their share of the bill, a process that Tompkins says would add undue and unnecessary burden on squad bookkeeping in terms of paperwork redundancy.

Meanwhile, as Prattsville delayed signing the papers, Ashland went back to the drawing

board, pulling its initial offer and putting forth a plan resulting in Prattsville instead paying 41 percent of the annual expense.

The logic is that Prattsville is responsible for that share of the yearly call volume, due in no small part to the presence of the MEWS housing complex and its more elderly clientele.

Prattsville was not pleased with the higher figure and talks have basically bogged down with time running out for getting something in writing.

On Monday night, Prattsville town board members went into executive session to discuss the pending pact, emerging with a divided 3 to 1 decision to say "yes," with one board member abstaining.

But it may be too little too late. Prattsville's vote was for the original one-third split which Ashland is now apparently less inclined to accept.

And there is a discordant undercurrent in Lexington where some residents are voicing dissat-

isfaction with Ashland not yet providing full time service, still relying upon oncall drivers as the unit transitions.

Tompkins in an interview on Tuesday said, "the simple one-third agreement offered, last fall, was to expedite things, to avoid the haggling we are now in the middle of, thinking this was a step in the right direction."

"This is not a money-making business. This is a high maintenance business. My thought is, 'what's the alternative?'" Tompkins said.

"If you want to tell me how I'm doing this wrong, please do, but what is your idea? You can ignore the train but it's still coming," Tompkins said, noting the hiring of fulltime workers is an industry-wide problem.

Cross, in a phone talk after the vote to sign the contract, said, "Ashland has obviously provided good service to Prattsville for many years."

"We want to pay our fair share. My goal is to let people here know we are going to watch their

money, not just have an open checkbook.

"In good faith, we have agreed to sign for paying thirty-three percent but there is nothing in the contract that says we're equal partners. The only thing it says is we are all paying one-third," Cross says.

"I've told everyone we were going to be paying more but have fulltime service. Staff is still being hired to move toward full-time service."

"I think we're headed in the right direction. I would definitely like to see this move forward, but all that being said, if we're all one-third partners, we should all have one-third say," Cross said.

"We aren't on the same page with the funding. I get it, that Richie has to run the system, but I don't want to write a check for \$180,000 without accountability. Show us the breakdown," Cross says.

"The town of Prattsville has budgeted for thirty-three percent. Hopefully Ashland agrees to the contract. Forty-one percent is not in our budget."

## Weezer Headlining Windham Music Festival

By Michael Ryan

WINDHAM - They have not risen to the level of rising from the grave, but the legendary sounds of the Grateful Dead will be alive and well for the birth of the "Cave Mountain Catskills Music Festival."

"Joe Russo's Almost Dead" band, performing cover songs from the original appreciatively expired, are one of the popular acts for the 2-day concert, September 15 & 16, at Windham Mountain.

They will be the headliners on Friday, with "Weezer," a not-short-of-breath American rock band, topping the bill on Saturday.

Between 4,000 to 5,000 attendees are anticipated per day, according to ski slope director of marketing and communications Kate Sullivan.

The show christens what ski slope officials hope will be a continuing series of summer experiences, productively utilizing what would otherwise be ghostly space, waiting for winter snow.

Town board members discussed the festival during a recent meeting, doing preliminary preparations in terms of having a police and ambulance presence available, a customary practice with large-scale events.

And there is also the matter of Windham's newly adopted Noise Law which sets strict limits on before-and-after-dark decibel readings.

"Their representatives have already spoken to us, finding out what they will need to do if a waiver is necessary," town supervisor Thomas Hoyt says.

"They might not have to ask for extension," Hoyt says, referring to the legal deadline for loudness impacting others in the neighborhood.

"Windham Mountain has the ability, with their [Music on the Mountain] summer concerts, to work on where to put their speakers.

"Plus, they are contem-



plating not going past ten o'clock [the current cutoff hour]. They are taking a conservative, responsible avenue," Hoyt says.

"They own a lot of the property around there anyway. As long as they are reasonable and stay within the parameters of the law, we think it will be good for the town."

"Anything they do there is a community revenue source, filling the hotels and restaurants. This is being professionally organized. It's not just somebody saying, 'hey, let's have a party,'" Hoyt says.

Sullivan, in a WRIP radio interview, said the festival is a "true collaboration between Brooklyn Made, Crush Music and Windham Mountain."

All entities involved in the production "wanted to bring this event specifically to Windham Mountain," Sullivan said.

"The promotion companies have been working

closely with the town to make sure we are in compliance, being good neighbors.

"We are excited to be able to bring this to Windham, to Greene County and the region at large, and to have the caliber of these acts," Sullivan said.

Joe Russo's Almost Dead and Weezer share the stage with an eclectic lineup including Dinosaur Jr., the Preservation Hall Jazz Band, Thunderstorm Artis, Lee Fields and Albert Hammond Jr.

They are joined by Courtney Marie Andrews, Sheer Mag, Channing Wilson, Charlotte Rose Benjamin, Elijah Wolf, Matt Suscich and The Bones of Mr. Jones, playing near the back patio at the base lodge.

As far as making the festival a regular thing, Sullivan said, "all of the parties bringing this together are hopeful about what this could mean for the future."

"We will wait and see. This is not necessarily an extension of what we have been doing, in terms of the programming, but it definitely is a carrying over of that momentum," Sullivan said.

"September is a great time to be in Windham with the fall foliage and people getting ready to transition from that summer mode."

"It will be great music with awesome views as a background," Sullivan said, noting the bands will perform on what is colloquially known as the Woolly Bear section of the ski slope grounds.

Music starts at 5 p.m. each day with tickets offered online for one or both dates, Sullivan said, noting the name of the festival comes from the surrounding terrain.

"If you look at a topographic map, the actual peaks that the ski mountain is on is called Cave Mountain and West Cave Mountain," Sullivan says.



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## 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.



THE TAPESTRY BY DR. DEBORAH HERODES

## Respect, Reverence...A Life Well-Lived For President Jimmy Carter

Although I was a young woman when Jimmy Carter took office, as the President of the United States, I remember so many things about his Presidency that perhaps, a news network, would not deem important to retell in the biography of his life. When one is young, the details of foreign policy and political gestures are secondary to appearance and gut-feeling about a candidate. As naïve as this may sound, the quality of the man or woman, who may be running for President of the United States, is still primary in my adjudication of him/her. Knowing so much more now, about the lives of the candidates, due to my current age and due to social media, and knowing so much more about their blunders, their bad decision-making, their deceptions, their foreign policies, their domestic policies, their personal wealth, their desire for power at all costs, and their visions for the future, still makes me look at the candidates as good human beings, before casting a party vote. The party never mattered much to me, the persons running for the most powerful job in the world did.

Jimmy Carter is probably the least likely candidate to have ever achieved the role of President of the United States. He was not a bombast. He was not a hardline politician. He did not have a silver tongue. He was not what we have come to expect in the oval office currently. Although he was a politician, prior to his Presidency, he felt the most comfortable using his hands and back to help others. When he was nominated from the Democratic Party to be its candidate for the Presidency, he thought long and hard as to how he could help America's people. No-one expected him to win, but there was something about his decent mannerisms and Southern drawl that drew

people to his side when it came time to vote.

His time in office was a challenging time, as it usually is in this country, for one reason or another, and he was not what one would call an outstanding economist for this country. Gas-lines were long and staggered, seeing odd-licensed vehicles allowed to get gas on one day and even-licensed individuals to get gas the next. Waiting in these lines was a huge irritant to people, along with his stance on many issues and actions, and those who were irritated made their voices heard during the next election; President Carter was not re-elected.

With the grace of a Southern gentleman, he and his Rosalynn returned to Georgia, rolled up their sleeves, and began working. Habitat for Humanity has become a name synonymous with Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter. There was no fanfare on the tarmac when he left office; no peace signs or vengeful looks accompanied him to his next station in life. He had done his best and even admitted to Barbara Walters in a 60 Minutes interview that he knew he was not a particularly good President. I remember watching that interview and was blown away by his honesty and lack of hubris. Can anyone imagine such humility, given the banter we hear daily from other past Presidents? He told Ms. Walters that he always knew he was better with a hammer and a saw, and he would continue to work, building a future for the less fortunate, as long as he lived. Amazingly, and well into his nineties, he has!

His background, no doubt, will be praised, as his mother (Miss Lillian,) and father raised a wonderful family and had amazing biographies themselves. For those of you who remember, there was his brother, Billy, who did like to imbibe oc-

asionally, and sometimes on the steps of the White House. Although this would have been an embarrassment to some, Billy's inability to recognize that his brother, Jimmy, was the President of the United States, didn't seem to bother the President at all. The President would have his secret service men scoop up his brother and welcome him into America's home with open arms. When Miss Lillian (the President's mother,) was asked by reporters, after one of these incidents, if she was proud of her son, she gave everyone a glimpse into her character and her devotion to her family. Her response to reporters was, "which son? I am proud of both of them." I also remember seeing this news brief and being uplifted by her honesty and grace. By the way, "Billy Beer" became a well-known refreshment in the country, during President Carter's time in office, and this event added to the admiration I still have for Jimmy Carter, as he never bad-mouthed his brother, and even praised his ability to produce and market his own kind of beer.

As President Carter will be reliving his legacy, during the next few weeks, as he remembers his life, I need to share one more interesting fact. Jimmy Carter is a poet. His poetry book, *Always a Reckoning* is a book full of memories about his Rosalynn and his parents, about politics, nature and his own death. When speaking about a future without him, he does not speak of a horse-drawn carriage and long lines in the Rotunda awaiting turns to say goodbye to a good man and a past President of the United States. Instead, in his poem entitled, "A Committee of Scholars Describe the Future Without Me," he states this about his death.

"The lamented fact in the best and gentlest terms, that I, now dead, have recently

reduced my level of participation."

These three lines describe President Jimmy Carter so perfectly; he is a humble man, who passed this way for nearly one-hundred years, and with him brought a love of God and America

and his family. His decency is longed for now, along with his ability to recognize his own strengths and weaknesses, successes and failures. We will miss the man and the past President, but his spirit and sense of fairness and honesty will remain

with a country who saw the need to elect a good man to the highest office in the land. Peace be with you President Jimmy Carter and thank you for your service to America.

A CONVERSATION ABOUT

## What's A CSA, Anyway?

By Jean Thomas

I don't know about you, but recently I'm seeing reminders about starting a membership to a CSA for 2023. Whenever I see notices like this, I wonder if everybody knows what a CSA even is. Fortunately, I do happen to know. CSA stands for Community Supported Agriculture, and it's a relatively new way to support small local produce farms. The way it works is this: let's say I want a steady supply of fresh produce and can't grow my own or don't have space for the variety of choices I'd like. And let's say there's a local vegetable farmer who needs a consistent supply of customers to keep cash flow available to cover fluctuating seasonal expenses. Some brilliant farmer thought about this and thought, "What if people became members of an association and paid ahead for a regular flow of produce through the growing year?" There are many variations on this theme nowadays, but most seem to be supporting young farmers and their families who are striving to raise healthy food and make it available at the best prices and freshest condition.

The CSA farms participate in local farmers markets in addition to the "contracted" shares provided to their shareholders. For adventurous types, there is often an opportunity to try something new, but you can usually dictate which vegetables appear in your regular, usually weekly, delivery. So if you love kohlrabi and hate Kale, you can specify. Often the more unusual



veggies are accompanied by a recipe so you're not feeling abandoned. Some CSAs have an expanded menu, combining with other farmers to provide meat, poultry, eggs, bakery and even cut flowers (food for the soul, you know).

Personally, I have learned about two area CSAs by interviewing their owners for the podcast at <https://ceecolumbiagreene.org/gardening/nature-calls-conversations-from-the-hudson-valley>, which you can access from your phone or laptop or by using the free app available from popular sites like Apple, Google, Youtube, or even by asking Alexa to play an episode.

In Columbia County, Common Hands Farm partner Keri-Sue Lewis sat with us and explained many facets of the CSA world. Her particular CSA delivers in their Philmont area and attends some local farmers markets in episode 53. Her enthusiasm is contagious when you hear her commitment to healthy practices and restoring the soil while applying organic methods.

In Greene County, in episode 52, we interviewed another young couple with a whole different approach. Wild Hudson Valley provides

a CSA box with foods from the wild (hence the name), including mushrooms and heirloom veggie crops historically tended by the indigenous tribes native to the area. They always include recipes for us to reacquaint ourselves with the wealth of food available from foraging. They aren't on the CSA organization's list, but are at <https://www.wildhudsonvalley.com/farmandsanctuary>, and are located in the Cairo area.

CSAs can be as varied as the personalities of their owners, and the available produce and other products may reflect the area where they farm. There is an organization called Hudson Valley CSA Coalition that has a list of CSAs at <https://hudsonvalleycsa.org/find-a-farm/>, where you can look for farms near you and see what they offer and their terms of membership. Personally, I'm interested in a group in Delaware County that seems to have it all! I'll be checking that out soon. Your local county Cornell Cooperative Extension may be able to help you locate others, or scout out your local farmers market when you're there. <https://hudsonvalleycsa.org/find-a-farm/>

## Probation Revoked After Hearing

DELHI – Michael Varian, 32, of Delhi, New York, appeared in Delhi Town Court on March 21, for a hearing on alleged probation violations. After a hearing, the defendant's probation was revoked, and the Honorable Mathew Burkert resented the defendant to one year in the Delaware County Correctional Facility.

The defendant was sentenced to a 3-year period of probation supervision following his April 20, 2022 conviction of Petit Larceny. On September 28, 2022, Probation Officer Nate Furman filed a Violation of Probation Petition with the Delhi Town Court alleging that the defendant stopped reporting to Probation, that he relocated from his residence without notifying the Probation Department.

interpret these structures as having formed at the very moment of jointing. Stresses had been building up for long periods of time and then the rock gave way and the jointing occurred. Somewhere along the line we recall hearing that the fracturing radiated through the rock at the speed of sound. We can only guess, but there must have been an ear-splitting cracking sound. In the end, these are just humble fractures, but they have quite a history. We wonder what Harvey Fite knew and thought of them. He cleaned off this exposure. Was that to make it part of his art?

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What on earth is going on here? Geologists in-

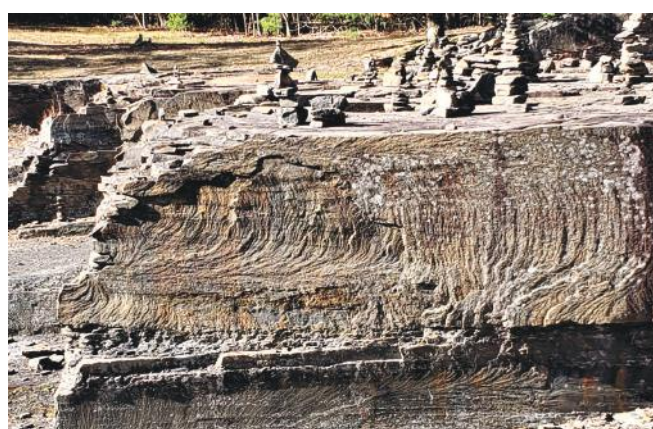
THE CATSKILL GEOLOGISTS BY PROFESSORS ROBERT AND JOHANNA TITUS

## Plumose Structures At Opus 40

We try, as often as possible, to show you interesting structures and features that you can go and see for yourself in our regional bedrock. We will do this again in this column, but this week's effort will definitely be above average. Take a look at our first photo. We are, once again, down in the bottom of Harvey Kite's Opus 40 quarry. That vertical wall of bluestone is a joint fracture probably exposed by long ago work when this was a functioning commercial quarry. Back then that wall of rock likely had a pile of rock debris banked up against it. We are guessing that Harvey Fite cleaned it up and exposed this surface. All that quarrying broke the rock along a very old joint. We spoke of joints last week. They are vertical fractures in the bedrock that date

back often hundreds of millions of years. Those rocks were compressed probably when the African crustal plate collided with North America. That was perhaps about 390 million years ago. Later Africa split from our continent and drifted away, off to the southeast. That's when all that compression was reduced, and the bedrock expanded and cracked along these joint planes.

Take a good look and you will see a very distinctive feature. It is called a plumose structure. This is a common fracture pattern associated with jointing. You can see prominent and concentric fractures radiating upwards. They produce a rippled appearance to the joint surface. You have to look carefully, but there are more shorter radiating structures below. The ef-



fect is to produce something that, as the name implies, resembles a bird's feather. Take a look at our second photo, courtesy of Wikimedia Commons. Those are two

real feathers and like the geology, they are shorter below. The similarity is obvious but strictly coincidental.

What on earth is going on here? Geologists in-



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

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

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

LLC Notice NOTICE OF FORMATION OF DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY; Name Of Lic: 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 process to the LLC @ 1881 Western Ave STE 180, Albany, NY 12203. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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

LLC Notice 166 JAR LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 10/17/2022. 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.

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process against it may be served. Sec of State to mail copy of any process against it to PO Box 433, Catskill, NY 12414. Purpose: Software publishing and all other lawful purposes.

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

Public Notice - Middleburgh Please take notice that a Public Hearing will be held for the Village of Middleburgh April 3, 2023 at 7:15pm at the Municipal Building at 309 Main Street, Middleburgh, NY at 7:30pm to discuss: Adjusting Water and Sewer Debt Redemption Charges taking effect as of May 1, 2023. By Order of the Village Board of Trustees.

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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 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.

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

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Help Wanted DISABLED VETERAN looking for an aid in the Stamford area. Flexible hours and flexible days to do housekeeping and some meals. 9 PUBLIC NOTICE The Town of Bovina Highway Department is looking for a full time heavy equipment operator. The applicant must be capable of operating highway equipment, have some mechanical skills, have a CDL class B license or the ability to get one and pass a drug screening. Benefits are available after a probation period. Contact Highway Superintendent Edward Weber, at 607-832-4220 or email at bovinahighway@hotmail.com Edward Weber

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HELP WANTED



mitted. Bids must be submitted at the Town Board meeting or by mail to: Town of Gilboa, PO Box 187, Gilboa, NY 12076 with "sealed bid for paving and sealing of Post Office/ Town Hall" marked clearly on the envelope. Bids can also be dropped in the drop off box located on the Gilboa Town Hall entrance door. Town Board has the right to reject any or all bids submitted. SPECS can be reviewed at the through the Highway Superintendent by request.

**Public Hearing - Middleburgh Library**

A public hearing on the Middleburgh Library Association Budget will be held on April 19th, 2023, from 7:30PM to 8:00PM at the Middleburgh Library. Legal notice of a budget vote by paper ballot is hereby given: that a budget vote by the qualified voters of the Middleburgh Central School District shall be held on Tuesday, May 9th, 2023, between the hours of 12:00 noon and 8:00 PM at the Middleburgh Library, 323 Main Street, Middleburgh, New York. The Proposition to be voted on is as follows: SHALL the Proposition be approved authorizing the Middleburgh Central School Board of Education to levy taxes annually in the sum of \$176,397.35 and pay over such amount to the trustees of the Middleburgh Library Association annually until such authorization is changed. AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a trustee vote will be held to elect 2 (two) trustees to the Board of Trustees of the Middleburgh Library Association to serve for a term of three years to succeed Carolyn Foland and Cora Forslund. Petitions for Trustee seats will be available on February 21st, 2023 and must be completed with required signatures and returned by March 21st, 2023 during normal library hours.

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that applications for absentee ballots will be obtainable between the hours of 1:30 PM and 8:00 PM on Mondays, 10:00 AM and 8:00 PM on Tuesdays, and Thursdays, 10:00am and 5:00 pm on Wednesdays and 9:00 AM and 2:00 PM on Saturdays from the Library Staff. Completed applications for absentee ballots must be received by the library at least seven (7) days prior to the vote if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before election if the ballot is to be hand delivered personally to the voter. Absentee ballots must be received by the library staff no later than

4:00 PM on May 8th, 2023. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued will be available at the library between the hours mentioned above. Any qualified voter may challenge the acceptance of the ballot of any person on such list, by making his/her challenge and reasons therefore known to the Inspector of Elections before the close of the polls.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the qualified voters of the Middleburgh Central School District shall be entitled to vote in said annual vote. A qualified voter is one who is 1) a citizen of the United States of America, 2) eighteen years of age or older, and 3) a resident within the Middleburgh Central School District for a period of thirty (30) days next preceding

the annual vote. The library may require all persons offering to vote at the budget vote to provide one form of proof of residency pursuant to Education Law, Section 2018-C. Such a form may include a driver's license, a non-driver identification card, a utility bill or a voter registration card. Upon offer of proof of residency, the Library may also require all persons offering to vote to provide their signature, printed name and address.

**MIDDLEBURGH - PUBLIC NOTICE OF HEARING BEFORE**

THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT THE Zoning Board of Appeals of the Village of Middleburgh, New York will hold a public hearing pursuant to Attachment III, Section 1.51 of the Zoning Law of the Village of Middleburgh.

Appeal No. 01-23V is the request of Daniel Green (hereinafter Applicant), 392 Smith Road, Potter Hollow, NY for a Special Use permit pursuant to the Village of Middleburgh Zoning Law. Applicant wishes to use all or a portion of his property at 296 Main St. as a non-owner-occupied short term rental facility (e.g. "Airbnb"). Said property is zoned Commercial, within which "Hotel, Motel, Tourist Homes" are listed as Special Uses in the aforesaid Zoning Law.

The hearing of the Zoning Board of Appeals regarding this special use permit request will be held on Tuesday, March 28, 2023 at the Village Hall, 309 Main Street, Middleburgh, NY, beginning at 7:00PM.

By resolution of the Board, adopted on February 22, 2023. John G. Wingfield, Chairman

# Kortright ATV Law Public Hearing Set

By Mary A. Crisafulli

KORTRIGHT - Kortright Town Board members presented a local law permitting ATV and UTV travel on town roads at a meeting on Mar. 20. A public hearing is scheduled Monday, Apr. 17, at 7:30 p.m. prior to the regular monthly meeting.

The legislation was developed following a request from a local club seeking to unite the towns of Stamford, Kortright, Harpersfield, and Jefferson through an ATV and UTV trail system. If legislation is passed, the organization will contact property owners to develop a trail system similar to the state snowmobile trails.

Councilmember Michael Pietrantonio said the proposed law mirrors the one passed by Stamford board members earlier this month. An essential aspect of the proposal is that it requires the council to name an organization or club annually as the official permitting association, said Pietrantonio. The organization will set permit fees, ensure vehicles are registered with New York State, and place signage, things the town wanted to avoid responsibility for, he added. It is understood by council members permit fees will help the organization establish trails and purchase signs.

Supervisor George Haynes reviewed the local law with the town attorney before presenting it.

In another discussion, Haynes reported a grant opportunity through the O'Connor Foundation was brought to his attention by a resident. Hamden board members received a similar grant to purchase flags to decorate its main street.

Councilmember Lynn Pickett researched flower pot options to replace the pots along Route 10 in Bloomville. Two of the plastic flower pots have cracked, reported Pickett. In addition, she said, dirt needs to be removed each year to preserve plastic pots, which can be a difficult task. The council agreed to pursue wood pots, rather than plastic, for \$44 each.

Haynes will seek approval for a grant of \$2,000 for approximately 15 flowerpots, flags for each pot, and 14 dozen flags for the cemetery.

In other business: Council members approved the purchase of a grinder pump for the first pump at the water treatment plant for \$5,200.

The water flow meter has become obsolete, and budgeted for 2024. A replacement is estimated at \$7,000.

Recently appointed Code Enforcement officer Josh Morgan is working on reorganizing town permit records to cut back on search times.

The town will split the cost of \$303 with Hamden Town for Morgan's lodging during a four-day training in Syracuse.

Council members rejected the mowing bid due to it not meeting expectations. The mowing service will be rebid.

Council members will review a resolution in support of NYS Department of Health (DOH) revisions to the Department of Environmental Conservation's Filtration Avoidance Determination (FAD) agreement.

The next Town Board meeting for is scheduled Monday, Apr. 17, at 7:30 p.m. following the public hearing.

# Info Meeting for New Public Library in Stamford

By Liz Page

STAMFORD - Preliminary plans for a new Stamford Village Library are just about ready to come off the architect's drawing board and members of the community will be involved in what it will look like before it reaches a final draft. This Saturday, March 25 from 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., the second of two informational meetings regarding a new library will take place at Stamford Village Hall, 84 Main Street, in Stamford.

Architect for the project, Paul Mays of Butler Rowland Mays Architects, of Ballston Spa, will be in attendance with preliminary plans for building which will be located on 1.6 acres at 139 West Main Street in the village of Stamford. It is vacant property where the former New Grant House hotel once stood at the corner of West Main and Lake St. (state Rt. 10).

Barbara Balliet, chairman of the Stamford Library Association Board of Directors, said the \$3.69 million project will provide more space, more parking and greater efficiency. It will allow them to expand existing programs and offer additional programs.

Erika Eklund, director of the library, said it will provide the community with the library it deserves.

"We looked at seven or eight sites for a new library," said Balliet. "This one met our criteria."

There is access to easy parking and there is walkability. It is located just 200 yards from the current library. It will have a small designated parking lot that will have three handicapped spots and an area for van access. "It will have better, safer access."

The library board purchased the property last fall and began the siting process six to eight months ago and have been working with Mays

for about a year. Eklund said the current library only has Main St. parking and the winter snowbanks can make it difficult for those who have mobility challenges or are slow crossing the busy street. The other option is a steep climb from the public parking lot.

"This building will provide more than twice the space we have currently," said Balliet. It will have 6,000 square feet of space that will accommodate a large meeting room for 70 people, a kitchenette, screening room and other spaces. It will also allow for public access to the area when the library is closed, including the kitchenette to accommodate other gatherings/meetings. There will be a landscaped green belt around the outside of the building and there will be screening for the neighboring homes. Existing trees will be left to create a tree line along the existing perimeter.

"It will be a nice, new, beautiful space that is energy efficient and will allow us to keep our operating expenses low in the future," said Balliet.

She said they have been working with the architect, who specializes in libraries and has 30 years of experience. His expertise is involving the community in order to build a library that serves their needs and wishes. There will be a teen room, a local history room, a reading area, a designated children's room. There will be small and large meeting tables and space for six computers. There will be a designated children's section that will be connected to an outdoor children's park. Children will be able to hold outdoor programs for the children.

"That's why we are holding these meetings. To see what those in the community would like to see in the library."

Eklund said Mays will take the comments and work to incorporate them into the plans, which will be brought back to the community at a future meeting. "He will listen to what people have to say and do some more design work before bringing it back to the community, to show them what he came up with," said Eklund.

The new library space is needed because the building that houses the library is 100 years old and has no space to grow. They can't expand their footprint and they are dealing with outdated infrastructure and old construction. For example, there are very few electrical outlets in the building, with circuits failing at times when more than one item is plugged in. Technology is also a challenge in the existing building, although the free WiFi has been upgraded to be available anywhere in the building.

Both women are excited at the thought of having new space where the library will be able to expand its services. They are hoping to begin site preparation next year, with the new building completed by 2026.

"We are raising money through corporate, foundation, individual and state grants," said Balliet. "There will be no tax dol-

lars involved and no bonding. All of the money will be raised by the library board through those various sources and a fundraising drive."

And for those who don't think the library is utilized by the community, the Stamford Library was open more than 1,700 hours last year. It fell just shy of 1,900 computer sessions. The library has 35,541 pieces in its collection, which includes print, electronic, DVDs and other devices. Eklund points out that a lot of non-traditional things are offered through the library. She recently added a sewing machine to the collection of items that may be checked out with your library card. At the new library, they hope to have a number of computers that can be checked out and taken home in addition to offering free internet on computers at the library. They also do copying, send faxes and other things that benefit the community.

Eklund said they have a telehealth kit, which allows a mobile hot spot and a laptop computer for telemedicine consultations. People are using the computers to open job interviews, do their taxes and many other things.

Perhaps one of the most important things happening at the library are the micro-communities, such as the gardening discussion group, writers group, adult literature group, Crafternoon kids crafts, quilting, numerology and cosmic connections, caregivers of young children and other groups. There are history presentations and a myriad of other topics that are designed to help or inform. "It is like a community center with lots of books where we can match people to services," said Eklund. Which is exactly what the mission statement for the library is: To serve as a community center for lifelong learning, with free and equal access to a broad range of ideas and information through traditional and emerging sources to meet the intellectual, recreational and cultural needs of area residents in a professional and friendly manner.

In many ways, Eklund said they also deal with social services, by helping people who need something, or need help, and connecting them to the services.

Because they are part of the Four-County Library System, items not at the local library are available through 32 other libraries. Last year the library received 3,278 items and sent 3,500 items.

Eklund said their chartered service area is the Stamford Central School District, which includes the towns of Jefferson, Stamford, Gilboa, Kortright and Harpersfield. The library was also utilized by 535 residents from all of those towns outside the village.

"This is a small library with a big footprint," said Balliet.

If you would like to have input, or get a peak at the new footprint for the library, attend Saturday's meeting. They do plan to have refreshments.

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**ACROSS**

1) Cat's dogs	42) ___ on (love excessively)
5) Construction piece	43) Construct
10) Alpine transport	45) Female ovines
14) Access for a miner	47) A Bobbsey twin
15) Five dozen	48) Matthau or Cronkite
16) Jason's mythical craft	50) Form an opinion
17) Gentleman's companion	51) Conclude
18) Diesel's invention	52) Ill at ___ (uncomfortable)
19) "___ I was saying ..."	53) Passionate states
20) Small, silvery fish	55) Like some relationships
22) Ambassador, e.g.	58) Kind of rays
24) Tool that uses compression	61) "The Sun ___ Rises"
27) Did an impression of	62) Phobias
28) ___ Arbor, Mich.	65) Went out, as a fire
30) Seafaring raptors	66) Manner
31) Erase	67) TV actress Georgia
34) Droop	68) "Out of the frying pan, ___"
35) Abominable snowman	69) Workplace honcho
36) Jeans material	70) Like a bassoon's sound
37) About 2.2 pounds	71) Ominous date for Caesar
39) Fashioned on a loom	

**DOWN**

1) Close associates
2) Rodin sculpture at the Met
3) Many photographers have them
4) Pen-shaped, pointed instruments
5) "Capital" attachment
6) One's life story, for short
7) What a tornado can cause
8) Little bit of matter
9) Too numerous to be counted
10) Like Shriners' hats
11) Be open to learning new things
12) The first "Mr. Shirley Temple"
13) Optimistically upbeat
21) Deuce edger
23) Tore through town
25) Sprouted like a weed
26) "Do ___ others ..."
28) Lopsided
29) Nigerian monetary unit
32) Tennessee NFL player
33) Make changes to
38) Eight-angled figures
40) Classical, decorative pitcher
41) ___-to-know basis
44) Analyze
46) Urban pollution
49) Pot, old-school
54) Bicycle wheel spokes
55) Traditional Easter tree
56) Spicy stew
57) Philosopher Descartes
59) Distribute (with "out")
60) Kerfuffles
63) Scarlet
64) Artfully clever

**SPREAD OUT!** By Luke Cayon



EDITORIAL

# Odds and Ends

This week we don't have a large single editorial but instead several thoughts about the events of the last couple of weeks.

First is the village of Cobleskill meeting Tuesday. We recently ran an article in which the Cobleskill Police Department's union accused Mayor Rebecca Stanton-Terk of attempting to dismantle the department. They followed that up with a message to call for public support at the next village meeting.

Mayor Stanton-Terk struck the correct tone at the meeting and when there was no movement in the audience regarding the issue, it was clear that the village was making an effort to solve negotiations. I am still learning about the particulars and we will continue to report on them, but I would assess this week as a clear win for the mayor and trustees.

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I also wanted to give a hearty congratulations for the successful opening of the bakery on Main Street in Middleburgh.

## MIGHTY MEAGAN AND THE LEGIONS OF LIGHT BY

ELIZABETH M LIVINGSTONE



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## RUSTY AND LILA BY BILLY SHEARS



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It's wonderful to see something so great complimenting the community. Here's to many baked goods to come!

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And lastly, it's actually spring! Most of the snow has melted off and it appears that our long struggle with winter may finally be drawing to a close.

- Matthew Avitabile  
Publisher

## HELP WANTED

**Economic Development Specialist:** FT professional position focusing on the support and development of the ag industry. Duties include advising and working directly with small businesses, analyzing financial statements, managing loan accounts and grant programs, and assisting with economic development initiatives. Requires high degree of creativity, initiative and the ability to develop relationships with businesses and other agencies. Bachelor's Degree in business related field or an equivalent combination of education and experience required. Experience with agricultural businesses preferred. Contact the Department of Economic Development for details at 607-832-5123 or glenn.nealis@co.delaware.ny.us.

WHITTLING AWAY WITH DICK BROOKS

## Senior Drivers

It occurred to me the other day that there is an area of education that has blatantly been ignored. There is no training program for senior or about to be senior drivers! There are the driver education programs for beginning drivers, training programs for driving large trucks, schools for competitive drivers and trainings for high speed driving for law enforcement, fire fighters and emergency vehicles. Nowhere have I found any program dedicated to the vehicular instruction needs of our rapidly aging population.

As a life long educator and one who has mastered the art of senior driving, I here by will attempt to fill this void. The first step is to forget all the rules of the road that you learned at 16 and have practiced through your driving career; they no longer apply. Speed limits loose their importance. You have more time now and there is little on the average senior's daily schedule that necessitates hurrying. Most senior drivers don't have to be at work on any set schedule and doctor appointments are very flexible since no matter how late you arrive, you know you're going to have to wait anyway so take your time. If you rush to your doctor's appointment, you know it's just going to raise your blood pressure level.

Practice planning your trips. It may take more time and involve driving a few miles more but with care you can plan your trip to have a stop light at each intersection.

Stop signs do nothing but increase the level of road rage to be found in the drivers stuck behind you as you cautiously wait until the road is clear of oncoming traffic. Signal lights aren't necessary if you're going slow enough. A slow drift into the turning lane will signal your upcoming turn to those impatient drivers behind you. As you age parallel parking is no longer the problem it used to be since you no longer do it. You learn to circle the block until you find a large parking space that you can pull right into with only three or four tries. Backing up also requires retraining, since your neck no longer works like it once did and your hearing isn't what it should be. Practice shifting into reverse and backing slowly until you feel a bump or hear a crunch, then shift into drive and proceed forward. You need practice on vehicle identification, remember that most modern cars look alike so finding your car in a parking lot becomes a problem. Frequently

you will find that you have to enter two or three cars before you find the one that the key you have will fit. One solution to this problem is to put some kind of identifying marker on the car. A clever senior citizen bumper sticker will help, several ribbon magnets arranged artistically or a large flag of some sort make the job easier.

If you follow some of these hints, there is no reason that you can't become a successful senior driver and continue driving past your hundredth birthday no matter what your kids or the Department of Motor Vehicles says.

Thought for the week—The one thing that unites all human beings, regardless of age, gender, religion economic status or ethnic background, is that, deep down inside, we ALL believe that we are above average drivers. —Dave Barry

Until next week, may you and yours be happy and well.

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STATE OF NEW YORK  
 COUNTY COURT, SCHOHARIE COUNTY

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 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  
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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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**Petition of Foreclosure for 4 Yr. Redemption Tax Liens - Schedule A - 121 parcels - Index #2023-9**

**TOWN OF BLENHEIM**

OWNER LAST NAME	OWNER FIRST NAME	STREET ADDRESS	STREET ADDRESS	CITY/STATE/ZIP	ACCOUNT #	TAX MAP #
CATSKIRONDACKS INC		3873 COUNTY HIGHWAY 16		DELHI, NY 13753-3148	405J218002	181.-1-63
DEFIORE	ROBERT A	JOSEPH T MATTINA	C/O MARC DIFIORE	HARRISON, NY 10528	405J101107	159.-2-3
HORTON	KEVIN	LINDA HORTON	32 N WEEKS RD	MANORVILLE, NY 11949	405J204003	181.-2-5.123
RICHARDSON ESTATE	JUNE	111 MAIN ST STE 4		DELHI, NY 13753-1233	405J101201	171.-1-11
RICHARDSON ESTATE	JUNE	111 MAIN ST STE 4		DELHI, NY 13753-1233	405J101202	171.-1-13

**TOWN OF BROOME**

OWNER LAST NAME	OWNER FIRST NAME	STREET ADDRESS	STREET ADDRESS	CITY/STATE/ZIP	ACCOUNT #	TAX MAP #
ARDELL	PHILLIP P	395 DAWSON RD		GLENVILLE, NY 12302	415J100710	152.-6-5
CLARK	JON	2223 STATE ROUTE 443		BERNE, NY 12023	415J100064	153.-2-1
HORNIK IV	PETER F	39 HOYT ST		DANBURY, CT 06810	415J190018	152.-7-15
LUONGO	JOSEPH	25 LAKEVIEW AVE		WEST HARRISON, NY 10604	415J188038	164.-1-22
MOUSTRAY JR	JAMES	204 STONE STORE RD		MIDDLEBURGH, NY 12122	415J197003	174.-1-13
VITOLA	PETER	5 WASHINGTON DR		KINGS PARK, NY 11754	415J100352	130.-4-2

**TOWN OF CARLISLE**

OWNER LAST NAME	OWNER FIRST NAME	STREET ADDRESS	STREET ADDRESS	CITY/STATE/ZIP	ACCOUNT #	TAX MAP #
MACKEY	PATRICK	HEATHER K MACKEY	PO BOX 66	CARLISLE, NY 12031	425J101366	25.1-1-18
SISSON	EDWARD C	JOAN E SISSON	390 LYKERS RD	CENTRAL BRIDGE, NY 12035	425J214010	35.-3-1.2
WILKINS (ESTATE)	RAYMOND E	C/O LINDA PAGE	1397 CORBIN HILL RD	SLOANSVILLE, NY 12160	425J191020	25.-3-5.2

**TOWN OF COBLESKILL**

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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



**TOWN OF CONESVILLE**

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ANDERSON	NINA LOUISE	23391 ELLINGTON AVE		GLENWOOD, IA 51534	445J184002	202.-4-31
BROWE	DARLENE	60 SHAFTSBURY HOLLOW RD		EAGLE BRIDGE, NY 12057	445J195001	211.-1-38.2
BROWE	DARLENE S	60 SHAFTSBURY HOLLOW RD		EAGLE BRIDGE, NY 12057	445J179713	216.-2-19
CUBAS	ZIOLA	316 TANGLEWOOD RD		PRESTON HOLLOW, NY 12469	445J100529	205.-1-2
DAHLBERG IV	ERIC	524 EAST CONESVILLE RD		GILBOA, NY 12076	445J179415	210.-3-7
DALY	DANIEL J	53-15 68TH ST		MASPETH, NY 11378	445J100226	194.-4-12
FRISCIA	ANTHONY M	ANTHONY CAMPO	22 ROBINSON AVE	MEDFORD, NY 11763	445J180553	216.-2-39
GERARDI	ROBERT P	433 ELM ST		PORT CHESTER, NY 10573	445J184028	217.-1-7
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

**TOWN OF ESPERANCE**

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ROBINSON	ALAN	JACLYN ROBINSON	172 GIDLEY RD	ESPERANCE, NY 12066	455J100448	19.1-2-49
SISSON FAMILY TRUST		EDWARD C SISSON	C/O CHARLES SISSON	OREM, UT 84058	455J215014	47.-1-4.113
SISSON FAMILY TRUST		AGNES R SISSON	C/O CHARLES SISSON	OREM, UT 84058	455J215017	47.-1-4.116
SISSON FAMILY TRUST		AGNES R SISSON	C/O CHARLES SISSON	OREM, UT 84058	455J215018	47.-1-4.117
WALSH (ESTATE)	GEORGE	C/O R & M OCONNOR	14 PRINCETOWN PL	GLEN ROCK, NJ 07452	455J100548	19.1-2-10.1

**TOWN OF FULTON**

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DELANEY	DENISE	DONALD A DELANEY	410 BUNKER HILL RD	NASSAU, NY 12123	465J184007	128.-3-9
DOYLE	JAMES M	ALICE M DOYLE	3673 STATE ROUTE 30	MIDDLEBURGH, NY 12122	465J101552	116.1-2-2
FILIBERTO	RICHARD JAMES	863 CLAUVERWIE RD		MIDDLEBURGH, NY 12122	465J101393	128.-4-7
HOOK SR	RANDALL	MARILYN HOOK	ATTN: MARILYN HOOK	MIDDLEBURGH, NY 12122	465J186024	117.-4-6
TOMLINSON	JACOB	3463 STATE ROUTE 30		FULTONHAM, NY 12071	465J101119	128.1-5-1

**TOWN OF GILBOA**

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BANKS	THOMAS J	GREGORY FIORE	PO BOX 30315	STATEN ISLAND, NY 10303	475J188009	207.-1-27
CARDINALE	RALPH	MICHAEL D HUGHES JR	5 STERN PL	CONGER, NY 10920	475J180027	184.-5-17
COUNTY OF SCHOHARIE		C/O DOUGLAS MURPHY	PO BOX 369	STAMFORD, NY 12167	475J100446	189.-1-1
COUNTY OF SCHOHARIE		C/O DOUGLAS MURPHY	PO BOX 369	STAMFORD, NY 12167	475J193014	189.-4-2
COUNTY OF SCHOHARIE		C/O DOUGLAS MURPHY	PO BOX 369	STAMFORD, NY 12167	475J199038	198.-1-16.5
COUNTY OF SCHOHARIE		C/O DOUGLAS MURPHY	PO BOX 369	STAMFORD, NY 12167	475J199040	198.-1-16.61
COUNTY OF SCHOHARIE		C/O DOUGLAS MURPHY	PO BOX 369	STAMFORD, NY 12167	475J189011	198.-4-5
DUDLEY	FREDERICK	C/O CHARLES NEWMAN	5010 MARTIN AVE	AUSTIN, TX 78751	475J100158	172.-4-5
IRWIN ESTATE	DONALD L	C/O LAUREL IRWIN	3327 ROUTE 42	WESTKILL, NY 12492	475J100221	183.-6-24
JANSEN	JANET	JOHN JANSEN	103 BAY 8 ST	BROOKLYN, NY 11228	475J180017	184.-5-30
LEWIS ESTATE	CARLTON E	JENNE LEWIS	330 CHESTNUT ST	ONEONTA, NY 13820-1212	475J189113	192.-2-11
LEWIS ESTATE	CARLTON E	JENNE LEWIS	303 WYCKOFF RD	GILBOA, NY 12076	475J100383	201.-3-13
PLANTE	STUART	9 WINDING RD		ROCKVILLE CENTER, NY 11570	475J177031	207.-1-32
PLAYFORD	LINDA M	3907 LOWLAND RD		HOBUCKEN, NC 28537	475J176037	174.-5-7
SPILLER	ANTONIO	C/O NATL BANK OF	ATTN: CAROL	STAMFORD, NY 12167	475J100613	190.-4-9
TIPPENHAUER	MARILYN	27 PEEKSKILL ST		ELMONT, NY 11003	475J190030	200.-3-6
VANVALKENBURGH	DARYL	MANDY VANVALKENBURGH	144 KEYSERKILL RD	GILBOA, NY 12076	475J174010	174.-5-4.1

**TOWN OF JEFFERSON**

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COUNTY OF SCHOHARIE		C/O DOUGLAS MURPHY	PO BOX 369	STAMFORD, NY 12167	485J100430	188.-2-17
COUNTY OF SCHOHARIE		C/O DOUGLAS MURPHY	PO BOX 369	STAMFORD, NY 12167	485J100434	188.-2-22
COUNTY OF SCHOHARIE		C/O DOUGLAS MURPHY	PO BOX 369	STAMFORD, NY 12167	485J100512	188.-2-23
GEO VALLEY LLC		123 RUGBY DR EAST		SMITH POINT, NY 11967	485J187206	167.-3-7
KERSHAW	THOMAS	1255 W BIRDIE LN		MAGNOLIA, DE 19962-3101	485J201001	179.-2-10.114
LEO	ANTHONY	BARBARA LEO	100 ROCHDALE RD	POUGHKEEPSIE, NY 12603	485J100605	167.-1-13
MATTICE	RODNEY	MICHELE A MATTICE	220 DYER RD	JEFFERSON, NY 12093	485J218004	145.-2-8.313
MATZEN	ASHLEY	85 MIDWAY ST		BABYLON, NY 11702	485J187238	167.-3-33
MATZEN	ASHLEY	85 MIDWAY ST		BABYLON, NY 11702	485J187227	167.-3-35
MCALLISTER	RYAN J	123 RUGBY DR EAST		SHIRLEY, NY 11967	485J187235	167.-3-9
OBST	GARY R	PO BOX 262		JEFFERSON, NY 12093-0262	485J190045	167.-2-1.11
ORILIO	MATTEO	MICHAEL ORILIO	100 HIGH POINT DR APT 208	HARTSDALE, NY 10530	485J188048	145.-2-14
RANDAZZO	GIUSEPPE	PO BOX 128		CALLICOON, NY 12723	485J196002	179.-2-10.113

WRIGHT	THERESE A	PO BOX 100		SCHOHARIE, NY 12157	485J212002	178.-5-1.118
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**OWN OF MIDDLEBURGH**

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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

**TOWN OF RICHMONDVILLE**

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BENEDICT	LEE	732 BEAR GULCH RD		RICHMONDVILLE, NY 12149	501A102130	90.10-1-6
BENEDICT	LEE	732 BEAR GULCH RD		RICHMONDVILLE, NY 12149	505J179035	90.-2-15
CATACALOS	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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ANTHONY	BRENDA J	LARRY J KERN	PO BOX 28	CENTRAL BRIDGE, NY 12035	515J100083	47.4-3-7
CONSOLO	TERESA	C/O FAMILY GUARDIAN SERV.	680 CENTRAL AVE STE 117	CEDARHURST, NY 11516	515J100121	59.-3-4
DEFAZIO	WENDY	448 BARTON HILL RD		SCHOHARIE, NY 12157-4812	515J195009	61.-1-10.2
LIDDLE	TRACY	430 RICKARD HILL RD		SCHOHARIE, NY 12157	515J100414	72.-4-24
LIDDLE	TRAVIS	111 HOUCK LN		HOWES CAVE, NY 12092	515J100051	47.3-3-3
LYONS ESTATE	GEORGE	C/O DAVID LYONS	246 GURN SPRINGS RD	GANSEVOORT, NY 12831	515J178005	84.-5-25
MADSEN	JOHN	ROBERT MADSEN	62710 STATE HWY 10	STAMFORD, NY 12167	511A186013	71.16-2-11
MEADE	PATRICK B	MELISSA A MEADE	5675 STATE ROUTE 30	SCHOHARIE, NY 12157	515J100602	60.-2-11.1
SCHOENECKER	HANS	106 FARM LN		SCHOHARIE, NY 12157	515J100105	71.-2-10
SCHOENECKER	HANS	106 FARM LN		SCHOHARIE, NY 12157	511A101159	72.9-3-5



**TOWN OF SEWARD**

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BREDLEY ESTATE	ROBERT	ARLENE BREDLEY	C/O JOHN LEPLA	PEORIA, AZ 85383	525J200002	65-2-9.3
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

**TOWN OF SHARON**

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BEHBEHANI	AHMED YOUSEF	YOUSEF RASHED BORESLEY	500 S. EWING DR STE D	ST LOUIS, MO 63103	535J100081	13-3-16
BRUEN	JENA	ANNA BRUEN	142 SAWMILL RD	SHARON SPRINGS, NY 13459	531A100824	5.17-1-30
HREN	JOSEPH	CHARLENE HREN	PO BOX 61	SHARON SPRINGS, NY 13459	535J197001	1-1-9.2
ODONNELL	SHAWN	PO BOX 101		RICHMONDVILLE, NY 12149	531A100832	5.17-1-21
SCHILDE	STEPHEN S	587 CHESTNUT ST		SHARON SPRINGS, NY 13459	535J100558	4-4-20
SCHILDE	STEPHEN S	587 CHESTNUT ST		SHARON SPRINGS, NY 13459	535J100557	4-4-28
SCHILDE	STEVEN S	587 CHESTNUT ST		SHARON SPRINGS, NY 13459	535J100559	4-4-25

**TOWN OF SUMMIT**

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JACKSON	ALBERT A	ERICA JACKSON	600 BAYCHESTER AVE	BRONX, NY 10475	545J186015	110-3-15
MILLS	JUDITH	ATTN: DEAN HANSEN	1 FANWOOD PL	S HUNTINGTON, NY 11746	545J100015	111.4-1-2
WAYMAN JR	LYNN	PO BOX 165		SUMMIT, NY 12175	545J100612	123-5-6
WEISBERGER	DAVID	POLLY WEISBERGER	24 N 3RD ST	SURF CITY, NJ 08008-4919	545J191016	102-4-11.9

**TOWN OF WRIGHT**

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GOODRICH	CHARLES G	LISA LONGENDYKE-GOODRICH	508 KNOX RD	SCHOHARIE, NY 12157	555J198006	74-3-10.2
LONGENDYKE	LISA	508 KNOX RD		SCHOHARIE, NY 12157	555J100387	74-3-9
MORGAN	BRENDA J	784 BULL HILL RD		GILBOA, NY 12076	555J184003	85-4-7

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**TOWN OF COBLESKILL**

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Cobleskill Enterprise LLC		c/o Om Krishna LLC	121 Burgin Dr.	Cobleskill, NY 12043	431A101535	56.18-9-3
Cobleskill Fairview Apartments		3214 State Route 7		Howes Cave, NY 12092	431A101587	68.6-5-13
Toughfilms LLC		548 Main St		Cobleskill, NY 12043	431A100626	68.6-1-6

**TOWN OF FULTON**

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Tommy Hansen Realty of Schohar		c/o Judith Mills	1 Fanwood Pl.	S Huntington, NY 11746-4314	465J216001	125-1-5.2

**TOWN OF SHARON**

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Brookfair Ventures LLC		Attn: Ronald L Ketelsen	PO Box 133	Sharon Springs, NY 13459-0133	531A100942	5.14-7-1

**Supervisors Call Governor to Reconsider Real Property Tax Amendment Soil & Water Draft Work Plan Submitted**

By Mary A. Crisafulli

DELHI - Delaware County supervisors called Governor Kathy Hochul to reconsider the amendment to real property tax in the proposed budget unanimously on Mar. 22. Supervisors Arthur Merrill, Colchester, Dennis Valente, Davenport, and William Layton, Tompkins, were absent.

The proposed amendment includes a revenue-based assessment formula that would significantly decrease renewable power plants' real property tax assessment. The tax assessment for power plants has historically been calculated at full value. Under the state's 2019 Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act, non-renewable power plants must be closed by 2040.

According to the resolution, the new calculation attempts to lower electricity costs to downstate ratepayers purchasing from upstate renewable plants.

The proposal will, according to Planning Director Shelly Johnson-Bennett, place upstate

municipalities at an unfair disadvantage. Such municipalities will lose valuable tax base and developable land, she said.

According to Supervisor James Ellis, Meredith council members recently passed a resolution in opposition to the proposed amendment due to its effects on home rule abilities.

Hamden Supervisor Wayne Marshfield noted that several proposed state regulation changes related to the Climate Act would negatively affect local municipalities. The state has not responded to white papers objecting to the regulations from supervisors sent in April 2022, and Marshfield does not expect they will respond to this resolution either.

Three major transmission line upgrades are currently in motion that will move power from the Hamden Hill Substation in Delhi down to New York City. Marshfield noted that the 178-mile underground DC line through Clean Path would not add to the Hamden tax base. He suspects the



Delaware County Soil and Water Conservation District Stream Program Coordinator Graydon Dutcher presents supervisors with the proposed work plan for 2023 through 2025.

other two NYSEG transmission line projects would become tax-exempt due to the budget amendment. Due to the shutdown of the Indian Point Nuclear Power Plant in Long Island in 2021, upstate plants have become responsible for the power loss, Marshfield continued.

"The city is dependent on us supplying them fossil-free energy because of the state's poor decisions on mandates that we should not have," he said. "They want to build

these huge transmission lines in Delaware County, then let them supply us with part of a community investment fund, let them pay a fee in lieu of property tax, let them pay for converting our home heating systems, let them pay for us driving electric cars. Most of all leave our oil furnaces, our gas-powered vehicles alone and without added surcharges."

The resolution calls for Hochul to explore alternative measures "sustainable and equitable to all

New Yorkers to ensure affordable renewable electricity." It further directs the Delaware County Planning Department to file for party status in the Article VII Proceedings for the Clean Path transmission line project. The party status will allow county officials to participate in the project review process, including environmental impact study, siting, design, construction, and operation.

For more information on the Clean Path project, visit [cleanpathny.com](http://cleanpathny.com).

In another discussion, Delaware County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) Stream Program Coordinator Graydon Dutcher presented the proposed work plan for 2023 through 2025 to supervisors and the program report from 2022. Dutcher asked supervisors to review plans and deliver feedback to SWCD at a meeting on Wednesday, Mar. 29.

According to Dutcher, one major project for 2023 includes Andes Central School District Little Brook stream corridor restoration and bridge reconstruction. SWCD and Catskill Watershed Corporation jointly fund the undertaking. Another major project, said Dutcher, is the River

Haven Farm bank stabilization project in Hamden. Both assignments are in the design phase, and construction is expected during the stream restoration season starting June 15 through Sept. 30.

In other business: Supervisors accepted several grants for advertising and supplies for the US Army Reserves Medical Innovative Readiness Training in July. Grants from Appalachian Regional Commission for \$30,000, O'Connor Foundation for \$20,000, and Southern Tier Community Foundation for \$10,000 were accepted. The training program will offer free health and pet care to residents.

A bid from E&R Pope's Excavating LLC was accepted for stone and gravel products to be used as backfill to reclaim FEMA Flood Buyout properties after demolition.

Supervisors entered an executive session to discuss contract negotiations with Personnel Officer Carrara Knoetgen. No decisions were made following.

The next board of supervisors meeting is scheduled Wednesday, Apr. 5, at 1 p.m.

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**DEP Conservation Easement Adjustments Top CWT Discussion**

By Mary A. Crisafulli

ARKVILLE - Coalition of Watershed Towns (CWT) board members unanimously approved revised language regarding the New York City Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) revised language regarding watershed conservation easements. The proposed revisions will be sent to the New York State Department of Health (DOH) for review and approval.

Conservation easements are attached to DEP properties acquired through the Land Acquisition Program (LAP) as a part of its water quality protection initiatives. Such easements prevent infrastructure development, including utility lines, roadways, and more, which often restrain local municipalities, said CWT Attorney Jeffery Baker. Through negotiations between DEP and watershed stakeholders, revisions will allow for land swaps between municipalities and DEP. Land swaps will open land not critical to water value to be developed while continuing to protect water quality in significant areas, he continued. Previously, Baker explained that the sale of DEP property required state approval which was a complex process. "This takes the state out of it." State approval was required due to environmental concerns. In the 1970s, NYC experienced a financial crisis due to increased spending and debt payments. NYC officials sold several properties in the watershed surrounding reservoirs to avoid bankruptcy. Baker explained that major infrastructure was developed alongside reservoirs, leading to waterway contamination. As a way to prevent a



# Delaware League Basketball All Stars

## Boys All Stars

1st Team: Davenport: Jamison Quigley, Trevor Waid

Downsville: Gavin Brunner

Gilboa Conesville: Joe Wille

Margaretville: Ryan McVitty

Roxbury: George Proctor

South Kortright: Josh Anderson, Troy Dianich, Connor Quarino

2nd Team: Davenport: Ezra Ontl

Downsville: Tyler Reed

Gilboa Conesville: Dakota Oliver

H-T: Grady Glennon, Jewel McKinnie

Margaretville: Connor Wayman

Roxbury: Mason Hamil

South Kortright: Adam Champlin, Trenton Cole

Hon Mention: Davenport: Travis Pierce, Cooper Wright

Downsville: Skyler Odell

Gilboa Conesville: Will Cipolla, Jacob Strauch

H-T: Garrett Legg, Nick Uhrick

Jefferson/Stamford: Chris Hardenbergh, Patrick Terk

Margaretville: Christian Bravo

Roxbury: Taran Davis, Jordan Johnston

South Kortright: Darren Dengler, Jack Byrne

Windham: Eli Cercone

**Girls All Stars**

1st Team: Davenport: Jessica Zuill

Downsville: McKenzie Brown

H-T: Hedda Flynn

SK: Madison Coberly, Addy Eckert

Stamford/Jefferson: Trynati Donato, McKenna Hoyt

Windham: Emma Drum, Amanda Nilsen

2nd Team: Davenport: Ella Gerster

H-T: Marissa Legg

Margaretville: Ava Fronckowiak

Roxbury: Kylie DeMaio

South Kortright: Caitlyn Deysenroth, Carlee Dropp

Stamford/Jefferson: Alayna Stannard

Windham: Ashtyn Hansen

Hon Mention: Davenport: Elizabeth Gerster, Kailey Whitbeck

Downsville: Courtney Murphy

Gilboa Conesville: Olivia Ross, Karly Sutton

Hunter Tannersville: Angelina Dixon, Julia Legg

Margaretville: Kayla Clark, Ana Gavette

Roxbury: Kimora Brown, MacKenzie Hynes

SK: Katherine Reinshagen

Stamford/Jefferson: Dezaraye Hillis, Paige Van Ethen

W-AJ: Megan Carroll, Hannah Tuttle

# Delaware League Academic All Stars Winter Season 2022-23

## Delaware League Varsity Boys Basketball:

Davenport – Trevor Waid

Downsville – Riley Brown

Gilboa – Dakota Oliver

HTC – Grady Glennon

Jefferson – Caleb Hard-  
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Margaretville – Hunter  
Balcom

Roxbury – Jordan John-  
ston

SK – Darren Dengler

Stamford – Tyler Knapp

W-AJ – Luke Maeurer

**Delaware League Varsity Girls Basketball:**

Andes – Christina Chakar

Davenport – Kailey Whit-  
beck

Downsville – Stephanie  
Foote

Gilboa – Caitlyn Ciaravi-  
no

HTC – Emma Constable

Jefferson – Justina  
Daempfle

Margaretville – Ashley Ca-  
mano

Roxbury – Addy Hynes

SK – Akasha Finkle

Stamford – Trynati Do-  
nato

W-AJ – Amanda Nilsen

**Delaware League Varsity Boys Skiing:**

HTC – William Schnei-  
der

Margaretville – Ryan  
McVitty

Roxbury – Logan Vamosy

Windham – JP Klein

Delaware League Varsity  
Girls Skiing:

HTC – Marina Garcia

Roxbury – Tea Mattice

Windham – Sophia Dy-  
jak

Delaware League Snow-  
boarding:

HTC – Lilia Walsh

Windham – Leon Honge

Delaware League Cheer-  
leading:

Gilboa – Larkin Graham

Roxbury – Madison To-  
bon

SK – Gracie Deysenroth

Stamford – Grace Bullard

# Final Delaware League Standings

## Delaware League Varsity Boys Basketball

*SKCS	8-0	21-4
Davenport	7-1	19-4
Margaretville	6-2	15-6
Gilboa	4-4	8-10
Downsville	4-4	9-12
HTC	3-5	8-8
Roxbury	2-6	4-16
Windham	1-7	2-16
Jefferson/Stamford	1-7	2-16

## Delaware League Varsity Girls Basketball

*SKCS	8-0	17-5
Windham	7-1	12-7
Stamford/Jefferson	6-2	13-8
Davenport	4-4	9-11
HTC	4-4	9-7
Roxbury	3-5	6-11
Margaretville	2-6	4-16
Downsville	2-6	5-15
Gilboa	0-8	0-15

## Delaware League JV Boys Basketball (5 games)

*Margaretville	4-1	11-3
*SKCS	4-1	11-7
Jefferson/Stamford	3-2	11-6
Davenport	3-2	8-8
Gilboa	1-4	3-8
Downsville	0-5	1-11

## Delaware League JV Girls Basketball (4 games)

*Davenport	4-0	19-1
Stamford/Jefferson	2-2	6-10
HTC	0-4	1-6

## Delaware League Varsity Boys Skiing (6 races)

\*1st - Windham, 2nd - Margaretville, Roxbury

3rd - HTC

## Delaware League Varsity Girls Skiing (6 races)

\*1st - Windham, 2nd - HTC, 3rd - Margaretville

4th - Roxbury

# SCHJELDAHL'S FIREWORKS

By Kirby Olson

DELHI – In July of 2008, we went to see fireworks at the house of an important art critic named Peter Schjeldahl. The man was a poet in his youth, and had known all the Beats, but gave it up for art criticism. He had a nice estate with a brook running through it about ten miles from where I lived in the town of Delhi. I don't have my rivers straight or I would give it a name. The rivers in the Catskills meander, following the upheavals of the mountains formed when the tectonic plates crunched together, and parts of Maine through Georgia were thrust up eons back.

The party commenced at five o'clock. It reminded me of Woodstock. There is a summery quality at that time of year (with a hazy mystical sense as they had at Woodstock in 1969) and many New Yorkers are used to coming up for camp and vacations even though the evenings can still be very

cool. You hear Brooklyn and the Upper West Side in voices. There are Romanian and Spanish and Jamaican voices. There was lots of aerial bombardment as the fog drifted through the valley. Orange daylilies in the gardens. I saved a slice of blue cheese at one point so as the fireworks went off in the air they would also go off on my palate, while my kids and wife looked up in the sky. I drank part of a beer since there was nothing else to drink. I drank a quarter of the brewski which is a lot of brewski for a guy who never drinks.

Several thousand people milling about and there was a potluck beforehand which featured organic and vegetarian dishes as well as men working a grill to provide hotdogs and hamburgers. I had peanut butter-covered noodles and a cookie. My wife, dressed in a beautiful electric blue shirt, had a cheesecake. Before the fireworks, children played in the brook. If you stopped

and spoke with an adult they were usually artists, and often internationally known. That night we met a magician named Michael Chaut who'd been working Off Broadway for 16 years. He bent quarters and did card tricks for my kid and wife for a half hour in what amounted to a private show. He majored in business as an undergraduate and had been able to market his magic. My son said, "Awesome!" We felt honored.

The fireworks began at 9:40 pm. They only lasted 13 minutes. The party began with a group singalong as the hippies and artists haltingly tried to find the words to the Star Spangled Banner as paper lanterns drifted across the sky:

O say can you see by the dawn's early light,

What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming,

Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight,

O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?

And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,

Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there;

O say does that star-spangled banner yet wave,

O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

The song reminded me of 1968, and the valiant fight against war, against the Vietnam War in particular. It reached back into other wars – the Korean War which saved the southern peninsula from Kim Sung-Il, World War II (which saved what was left of European Jewry), the first World War, The Spanish American, The Civil War, and the American Revolution as well as the War of 1812 in which America was saved at Fort McHenry. Frances

Scott Key penned his anthem from a prison boat. It was now sung before many important sporting events but only very rarely at cultural events as most of the arts community wanted nothing to do with patriotism. The concept of a Just War is foreign in the arts community as their memory doesn't go back beyond the war in Vietnam. They are globalists, not patriots, and the song to them was kitsch.

As soon as the song was over the blasting began. Jimi Hendrix's version of the song at Woodstock played in my memory as star-shaped boomerangs zig-zagged and criss-crossed the canvas of sky. I stood still with my hand on my heart thinking how President Obama would not salute America. Sure, we blew up Vietnam and lost, but didn't we also defeat the imperialistic English king, the Nazis, and the Soviets? And wasn't Vietnam now a soggy mess with universal prostitution and no human rights? I'd never seen the important critic and few at the party

## CWT, Continued from D7

mass sale of watershed property, the state produced an approval process.

Other adjustments include language revision regarding DEP property's recreational development, including trailways, said Baker. All revisions will apply to past and future DEP properties.

A meeting with representatives from DOH and DEP is scheduled for Thursday, Mar. 30, in Arkville. Baker called watershed officials to attend and express concerns and opinions regarding other programs. "We have made significant progress in trying to identify and revise the LAP program that focuses on local input, stream restoration programs, and land owner rental programs." Negotiations are ongoing, and local participation is essential, said Baker.

Another conversation is offering the ability for municipalities to opt in or out of land acquisition. According to Baker, the state is under the impression that municipalities will unanimously choose to opt-out if given a choice. Several CWT board members agreed municipalities would be open to working with DEP on land acquisition if there was a focus on flood mitigation projects.

Board members paid Baker \$4,553.75 for legal services acquired in January and February.

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Hancock Town Hall, 661 West Main St. Hancock, NY 13783

Arkville- June 7, 2023 4PM-6PM

Arkville Fire Hall, 43365 State Highway 28, Arkville, NY 12406

Franklin- June 12, 2023, 5:30PM-7:30PM

Franklin Fire Hall, 351

Main St., Franklin, NY 13775

Walton-July 19, 2023 5 PM- 7 PM

Walton Highway Garage, 25091 State Highway 10, Walton, NY 13856

Delhi- August 22, 2023 5 PM-7 PM

Delhi Fire Hall, 140 Delview Terrace Extn. Delhi, NY 13753

Stamford-September 12, 2023 5 PM- 7 PM

Stamford Fire Hall, 111 Main St. Stamford, NY 12167

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# Living Archive Project to Offer Songwriting Class with Musician Randy Miritello

DELHI - The Living Archive Project organizers are pleased to announce Songwriting for the Archive, a four-part workshop led by local musician Randy Miritello. The series will take place at Bushel Collective in Delhi and meet weekly on Sundays beginning March 26 from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm and will conclude on April 16. There is no fee to participate, but registration is required. Space is limited.

According to organizers, attendees will explore common techniques and

tools used in songwriting to tell stories about self, history, and place. Additionally, students will develop performance skills and be encouraged to take creative risks. This adult all-level workshop is designed for individuals 16 years of age and older.

"As a program of the Living Archive Project, participants in this workshop will be encouraged to submit their creations to the archive and share what they learned with their community," said Christina Hunt Wood,

lead organizer for the Project. She explains that the archive is an ever-growing collection of interviews, stories, historical documents, works of art, and text that communicate the wide range of lived experiences in the Northern Catskills.

For more information or to register for Songwriting for the Archive visit the Living Archive Project website at [www.livingarchive-catskills.org](http://www.livingarchive-catskills.org). The program will take place at Bushel Collective, located at 106 Main Street in Delhi.

# 20 Year Prison Sentence in Sexual Abuse Case

DELHI- Delaware County Acting District Attorney Shawn J. Smith announced that forty-one-year-old JOSHUA R. CONDON, of Hartwick, New York, was sentenced to 20 years in state prison for sexually abusing an 8-year-old child.

On March 6th, Condon appeared in Delaware County Court to be sentenced on his conviction of Criminal Sexual Act in the First Degree, a Class B Violent Felony. The Honorable Michael F. Getman, Acting Delaware County Court Judge, imposed the

agreed upon sentence of 20 years' incarceration, to be followed by 10 years of post-release supervision. The Court also issued a full order of protection, which will remain in effect until the child's 18th birthday. The Court ordered the defendant to pay a state surcharge of \$300.00, a DNA fee of \$50.00, a \$50.00 Sex Offender Registration fee, a \$1,000.00 supplemental sex offender victim fee, and a \$25.00 crime victim assistance fee. Condon will also be required to register as a sex offender prior to his

release from state prison. Acting District Attorney Shawn Smith stated, "This sentence will hold the defendant accountable for his actions in abusing an innocent child. I commend the New York State Police for their thorough investigation of this case, which enabled us to secure a conviction and lengthy state prison sentence. My office will continue to partner with law enforcement to ensure that defendants are held accountable for their actions."

Recently the Great Gatsby was refilmed and in it you could see the reclusive gentleman putting on fireworks displays. Like Gatsby, the art critic grew up in the Dakotas, and like him, had made it in New York. Unlike Gatsby, who sold drugs, the art critic sold explosive insights. The oddest tip of Uncle Sam's hat to America were the peaceful lanterns that went up first. When the blasting began you got trees exploding in ways that resembled napalm and yet were just a tad too glitzy and thus pulled you out of the mayhem and reminded you of a magic show. The sky was lit with bombardments but there was something Disneyesque about the reenacted bombardment. Flak exploded from bushes in spectacular firefights. Tracer bullets reached for something significant perhaps a dirigible, perhaps a Mig screaming in, and then exploded into oceans of green light.





Rip Van Winkle

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## Spring Special

Belleayre Mountain has been offering \$10 skiing and snowboarding on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2-5 p.m. during March for residents of Ulster, Delaware and Greene counties. There are two more days of Local Community Days remaining — March 28 and 30. If you're still learning the sport, Belleayre is also offering a one-hour introductory Beginner Group Lesson for \$10 during these time periods. Among those enjoying the superb conditions on March 21 were, from left: Miller Fairbairn, Colleen McMurray, Griffin Fairbairn, and Jessica Olenych.

## Absentee Challenge Election Result Key

### Voting Leaders Seeking To Toss Disputed Ballots

By Brian Sweeney

Three Fleischmanns Village Board candidates earned comfortable leads after in-person votes were tallied on March 21, but challenges to absentee ballots will likely determine the official outcome.

When votes were counted on Tuesday night, in the race for mayor, Elizabeth Hughes held a 69-43 lead over Sam Gil. In balloting for a pair of Trustee seats, Yvonne Reuter and Todd Pascarella were the top vote-getters with 72 and 69 votes, respectively. Miguel Martinez-Riddle received 40 votes and there were 35 votes cast for current Trustee Stewart Cohen.

Ordinarily, those vote totals would signal clear winners. In Fleischmanns, the past two village elections have seen a huge surge of absentee ballots. Last year, the flood of absentee votes changed the outcome of the Election Night results. That situation led to challenges

questioning the legitimacy of the claims that Fleischmanns was the primary residence of most of these voters. The challenges were raised after the absentee ballots had been factored into the final figures, so those votes were allowed to be counted.

### Names purged

As a result of the challenges, the Delaware County Sheriff's Department investigated the matter regarding the legal residency of these voters. Upon the department's recommendations, the Delaware County Board of Elections ultimately purged approximately 60 of the suspect voters from the enrollment rolls.

Despite being removed from the rolls after last year's controversy, many of the same individuals reportedly again registered to vote in the Village of Fleischmanns ahead of the 2023 election. This time, village residents concerned about alleged non-residents again determining the election outcome, initiated challenges within the mandated time-

frame ahead of Election Day. As a result, 81 registrations for absentee ballots have been placed under scrutiny. A hearing to consider the validity of these ballots — based on the contention that many of these ballots were cast by individuals who don't meet residency requirements — was set for Thursdays, March 23 before a Delaware County judge.

### Key issue

The legitimacy of the Fleischmanns voter rolls was a key issue in the campaign for this year's election. Three of the candidates — Ms. Hughes, Ms. Reuter, and Mr. Pascarella pointed to non-residents determining the makeup of the village board as one of the key problems facing Fleischmanns.

Following last year's influx of absentee votes, and again this year, among the key questions being asked center around the "residences" being claimed by the absentee voters. A number of the properties are listed as residences on multiple registrations are motels **continued on E4**

## Andes Town Board Debates Benefit Of Stream Repair Project

### One Member Views Project As Wasteful

By Brian Sweeney

The Andes Town Board voted to approve a Flood Plain Development Permit Application for the stream near Andes Central School at its March 21 meeting.

Andes Code Enforcement Officer Al Mohr is the town's designated Flood Plain Manager and he will oversee the project on the town's

behalf. The project is being engineered by the Delaware County Soil and Water department.

The cost of the project to reinforce the streambank in front of the school and some related work is estimated at \$2.5 million. The project would be funded as part of the school budget.

Town Board Member Shayne Moshier was a vocal critic of the entire project prior to the board's vote on approving the application. He

ultimately voted no on approving the application, which was approved by a 4-1 margin. The permit fee collected by the town will be \$1,000, according to the rate structure for this type of project.

"I don't agree with the whole job — it's a waste of \$2.5 million dollars. It should be up to the taxpayers to approve with a referendum," Mr. Moshier stated.

He continued, "Just use common sense. We

are listening to a bunch of city people who cried and complained because water ran down main street once. That school board should not have the right to approve it. It should be a public referendum. Why should (taxpayers) pay because they (the school) didn't maintain that wall for how many years?"

Supervisor Bud Gladstone commented that it's important to factor climate change into such decisions.

"I would rather be standing here on Main Street and be glad we did it — rather than not doing anything."

### Other business

In his report, Superintendent of Highways John Bouton said that, after mid-March snowstorm his crew has utilized about 2,000 cubic yards of sand/salt on town road.

"We have really sanded a lot," he explained. Mr. Bouton said that smaller snowfall

amounts and icy roads have kept his crew busy.

The Building and Zoning Report from Code Enforcement Officer Al Mohr showed the five building permits were issued in February, four municipal searches were conducted, four Certificates of Occupancy were issued (including one for a new house). The CEO said he conducted 22 inspections, and responded to 21 calls to office, 24 cell phone calls, and 23 emails.

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# Frost Valley Expands Financial Assistance For Day Campers

CLARYVILLE — In addition to its tiered pricing, Frost Valley YMCA has expanded its Financial Assistance for all families registering their children for Day Camp. The Administration of Frost Valley YMCA has implemented this expansion for the Financial Assistance program to further assist families that have been negatively impacted by the current economic climate, namely the inflation crisis.

Frost Valley YMCA wants to ensure that children from all socio-economic backgrounds have the opportunity to spend their summer attending Day Camp, building lifelong skills, abilities, and friendships, and discovering their full potential.

### Making updates

The old rubric was re-evaluated and revised to reflect the current needs of the families looking for financial assistance. Frost Valley YMCA updated its rubric for all families based on several factors, including average income for families from New York State, as well as what is currently

defined as a living wage, and the poverty line for the geographic region.

Frost Valley YMCA, believes every child deserves a summer camp experience. That is why they offer financial aid – or “camperships” to families who apply.

The generous support of donors provides financial assistance to individuals who otherwise would not have this life-enhancing opportunity. Without this loyal commitment to their mission, thousands would miss out on the joy of exploring the wilderness, laughing with friends in a cabin, or making memories around a campfire.

### How to apply

Anyone interested in applying for Financial Assistance is encouraged to contact Frost Valley’s Registrar’s Office as soon as possible since spaces fill up quickly. For more information visit [frostvalley.org/for-all](http://frostvalley.org/for-all), call 845-985-2291 ext. 203 or email [campregistration@frostvalley.org](mailto:campregistration@frostvalley.org).

Frost Valley YMCA is a values-driven organization that fosters youth



Frost Valley YMCA’s Expanded Financial Assistance allows more children to experience Day Camp in Claryville.

development, healthy living, and social responsibility through outdoor educational and recreational programs for all. Located in the heart of the Catskill Mountains, Frost

Valley provides year-round access to nature and fun through programs such as summer camp, adventure trips, farm camp, equestrian programs, group and family retreats, family

weekends, school trips, team building and more. Frost Valley, a not-for-profit organization chartered through the YMCA of the USA, is guided in this pursuit by its core values which

serve as pathways for guests as they bond with nature and each other: Caring, Community, Diversity, Honesty, Inclusiveness, Respect, Responsibility, and Stewardship.



The Bovina-based Livestock Foundation has announced its 2023 scholarship program.

## Livestock Foundation Now Accepting Agriculture Scholarship Applications

BOVINA CENTER — Livestock Foundation is proud to announce that we are offering one or more \$1,000 scholarships to 2023 Delaware County high school graduates with acceptance to a college or university where they will pursue a career in agriculture.

To apply, students must fill out the application form at [livestockfoundation.org/agriculture-scholarship](http://livestockfoundation.org/agriculture-scholarship) and email a 500 word essay to [info@livestockfoundation.org](mailto:info@livestockfoundation.org) that answers the following question: “Why have you chosen to pursue a career in agriculture?” Be sure to include the area of agriculture that you plan to study and why it is important to local farming.

Applications open March 31 and are due on May 31. Awards will be announced by June 15.

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## Getting Out There

By Peter Manning

### Overlook Mountain

With one fire tower climbed toward the 2023 Catskills Fire Tower Challenge, I had occasion to play my daily hand with a hike to Overlook Mountain. Challenge or not, this mountain may eventually call to you if you don't keep it in a regular hiking rotation. As part of the striking eastern escarpment of the Northern Catskills (or Wall of Manitou), Overlook is the closest in a profusion of peaks that greet visitors coming up the Hudson Valley.

Of all these visitors, perhaps it was Washington Irving who best spun a tale of how the Catskills first influenced his imagination and -- through his writings -- our imaginations. There is a passage by Irving that bears similarity to the opening of Rip Van Winkle where the mountains, their constant shifting in colors and ambience against the sky, seem to elicit corresponding effects in our mood, even to the point of casting a spell of ongoing curiosity.

#### Legendary traditions

As a boy traveling up the Hudson on a sloop, he relates how an Indian trader described to him the tales of all the "hobgoblin places" as they slowly made their way upriver. "The Catskill Mountains, especially, called forth a host of fanciful traditions." The entire quote is well worth seeking out, and we can only wonder how much poetic license is employed in embellishing the romanticism.

"All these [stories] were doled out to me as I lay on the deck, throughout a long summer's day, gazing upon these mountains, the ever-changing shapes and bites of which appeared to realize the magical influences in question. Sometimes they seemed to approach, at others to recede; during the heat of the day they almost melted into a sultry haze; as the day declined they deepened in tone; their summits were brightened by the last rays of the sun, and later in the evening their whole outline was printed in deep purple against an amber sky.

As I beheld them, thus shifting continually before my eye, and listened to the marvellous legends of the trader, a host of fanciful notions concerning them was conjured into my brain, which have haunted it ever since." (Cited in The Catskill Mountains and the Region Around. Rev. Charles Rockwell, 1867 Chapter 11.)

It's that last bit we can especially appreciate

because the Catskills are a place that keeps our imaginations alive. The obvious move, then, is to pack up and go there -- into the scene. They say Rip lived a bit to the north of Overlook, but the effect is the same. The hiker becomes positioned between the cultivated Hudson Valley far below and the wild, mountainous interior that's calling you in. Reading in Rip Van Winkle how "For some time Rip lay musing on this scene..." and how he eventually gets called in, we recognize that the story enters the mythological realm.

In a universal context, this stage in the rite-of-passage pattern of the story is the transition. What's especially resonating is not only is this transition expressed through the experience of the place -- the Catskills, but that this place been preserved, keeping the story alive. In hiking the Catskills, we have the privilege of enjoying the same liminal condition, again and again.

#### Gaining altitude

Before getting into the woods, the topographical transition (from Woodstock) entails a climb (presumably of the vehicular sort) of some 1200' to the Overlook Mountain Trailhead at the crest of Meads Mountain Road. Due to the popularity of this hike, a second parking area was built six years ago, a half mile to the north on Macdaniel Road.

The Mead's Meadow Trail connects the newer lot with the main trailhead and features three primitive campsites on adjacent trails. The project was made possible by a combination of regional advocacy efforts, funding from New York State, administrative work and funding from the Catskill Watershed Corporation, and construction work by NYS DEC. Increasing capacity of parking areas is one of several efforts in helping to make the Catskill Park a safe and welcoming environment for residents and visitors.

A series of related strategies have been set forth in the recently released Catskill Advisory Group Final Report: [dec.ny.gov/press/126917.html](http://dec.ny.gov/press/126917.html).

The beginning of the 2.5-mile, 1400' ascent to the summit was marked by the expected packed down snow from the recent nor'easter. With some high March sun softening the snow on this



View north from the fire tower: Indian Head Mountain (left foreground); Plattkill Mountain cliffs (right foreground); Roundtop and Kaaterskill High Peak (right middle ground); and Blackhead Range (distance center). — Photo by Peter Manning

ever-ascending road, one kid had the right idea by doing repeats on his plastic saucer sled. Typically, you will encounter a full range of recreationists on this hiker highway, with many of them well dressed for shopping on Tinker Street.

Their enthusiasm is admirable, but the preparedness can be on the light side. Though I march steadily upward with poles and microspikes, I recall the days of 'bare-booting' it, and 'patching out' with just about every step. Eventually, persistence pays off for the hiker as the concrete silhouette of the hotel remnants comes into view. Though this structure was at least the third hotel on the mountain, it never opened, and the land was sold to New York State.

On the way up, I chatted with several people who had never been up the mountain and fire tower, and I enjoyed witnessing their exalted reactions as they climbed the stairs. The same cold winds that prompted their departure from the structure somehow soothed me for an extended moment near the top of the tower. My gaze surfing laterally across the gentle rounded slopes, that welcoming feeling of repose slides in for a visit. That's it, just a peaceful interlude, maybe even a daydream, and I'm poised for the return.

Peter Manning is the Executive Director of the Catskill Mountain Club. To learn about CMC events, membership, and projects please visit [catskillmountainclub.org](http://catskillmountainclub.org).

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# Here's The Scoop

## Unfinished Business

By Brian Sweeney

Many folks view the start of spring as a time of renewal and fresh starts. I know it seems counterproductive, but at this time of year, I always find myself reflecting on the past few months. It's kind of like examining my Winter Season Resolutions. These are very much like New Year's Resolutions, minus the regret of a mostly unused gym membership.

It seems like not that long ago I was putting away the patio furniture and taking down the screens. I find those tasks a bit depressing because they signal shorter, colder days ahead. On the bright side, the winter that just technically ended wasn't all that cold or snowy. And, I'm pretty sure the days were exactly the same length as previous year. The same duration as many other years, too.

### Can't wait to start

When I go through the "buttoning up" process each year in late fall, I try to convince myself that the onset of winter will inspire me to tackle a bunch of indoor projects that are easy to overlook during warm weather.

"Winter will be a good time to repaint the living room. It could use a refresh," I tell my wife. Every year for the past five years. Looking ahead, I'll be using that line at least once more.

Then there's the newer issue of the trim I removed last summer from the inside of the door to the basement. I had a good reason for doing this, which I don't have space to detail here. On the bright side, I didn't break any of the trim boards during the removal process. Nor did I damage any during the reinstallation process. Of course, I didn't — since I haven't exactly gotten around to putting this puzzle back together.

### If a tree falls in the woods...

On the bright side, very few visitors ever go into our basement, so the jagged sheetrock edges are not often viewed. Except every time I take the trash to the cans. I try my best to ignore this unfinished bit of work — especially since it will now remind me of Unfinished Winter Projects.

Let's see. What else? For about 15 years, I've been meaning to take a few feet of insulation and place it in an overlooked, under-insulated space in the closet in our mudroom. Creates a bit of a chill from the basement. It's starting to warm up now, so maybe I'll tackle this next year. Or not. Who has 15 minutes to set aside for this work? Anyhow, it will be good to have lots of items on next year's list.

### Had good intentions

Since I'm being kind of truthful here, it seems like a good time to confess that the hanging of sap buckets I so proudly announced here a month or so ago... didn't exactly happen. It's not that I lied. I had sweet intentions of engaging in a bit of maple syrup production. I weighed this task pretty much a daily basis. With winter dragging on and colder temperatures returning, reclining on the couch seemed like a much better, more comfortable option. Next year, I'll be back at it for sure. Unless it's cold and the fireplace is warm.

On the bright side, there's really no place better than lounging on the couch, roaring fire nearby, to contemplate all the projects that should be added to next year's Winter Projects List. Ironically, this always brings me back to considering Upcoming Summer Projects — with cutting firewood high on the list. Like the seasons, it's a never-ending cycle, I guess. The good news is, contemplating undone summer projects on the deck with a cooling beverage nearby never goes out of style.

# Absentee Challenge Election Result Key

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and small houses that can only accommodate a few people.

The far-reaching implications of the issue has resulted into an investigation of the matter by the New York Attorney General's Office. Because federal authorities have wider jurisdiction in such cases, investigation is now being conducted by the US Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York.

### More inquiries

In a related matter, "Allegations of possible fraud involving mail-in ballots in Fleischmanns" are being investigated by the US Postal Inspection Service, according to information provided to the NY Post by US Postal Inspector Michael Martel.

Elizabeth Hughes, who stands to become the mayor of Fleischmanns if the absentee ballots do not impact the vote totals, reflected on Tuesday's election.

"First and foremost, I want to say thank you to all my fellow villagers

who came out yesterday to cast their vote! At yesterday's election, our slate won by a large margin of votes by true residents of this village. Unlike last year, the challenged absentee ballots were set aside unopened to await judicial review."

### Laments system

She continued, "While I am confident that justice will prevail, I am dismayed by the burden placed on us to prove over and over that these voters are not legitimate. While I want to enfranchise all who are legally entitled to vote, the system seems designed to allow abuses of this kind."

Ms. Hughes said her hope is that Fleischmanns' struggle against an attack on democratic institutions opens the eyes of lawmakers to see how the current system allows abuse.

"This election is about more than me or even this village, but about the integrity of democracy in the state of New York," she added.

### Candidate withdraws

In an unusual twist revealed the day after the election, Trustee candidate Miguel Martinez-Riddle told The Catskills Chronicle that he has submitted a Certificate of Declination to the village clerk. This document, provided by the Delaware County Board of Elections, will withdraw his name from consideration as Village Trustee.

Explaining his decision, Mr. Martinez-Riddle commented, "In local politics, my strongest inclination is towards conflict resolution and finding a middle road. The Village of Fleischmanns has developed two opposing camps, with one side lashing out with a lawsuit, and the other defending itself based on its interpretation of the law. The idea that you must choose one side is being widely proposed and the history misrepresented."

Based on the results of Tuesday's election where he came in third for two Trustee seats, and in anticipation of

additional contested absentee ballots being-counted, he opted to submit the Certificate of Declination to the village clerk.

Mr. Martinez-Riddle pointed out that, if the tally changes (as a result of the absentee votes), this would allow longtime village resident Yvonne Reuter, who received the most votes for Trustee on election night, to be seated on the board, maintaining a balanced representation.

"As always, I'm optimistic and believe the village will thrive if its unique diversity is seen as the asset that it is," he added.

Mr. Gil and Mr. Cohen had not responded to a comment on the election by press time.

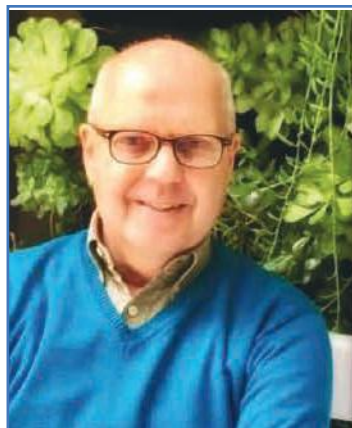
### Low-key contest

Tuesday's voting in the Village of Margaretville was low-key.

Mayor John Hubbell received 37 votes, and Trustees Iris Mead and Sarah Hubbell won reelection with 31 and 32 votes, respectively. All were incumbents.

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## Obituaries



**Robert Dengler Sr.**  
 ROXBURY — Robert (Bob) Dengler Sr. — Bob “The Toolman,” Dengler, 76, passed peacefully at his home in Roxbury on March 14, 2023, where he

lived for the last 23 years. His wife Gail, of the last 15 years was with him at the time. He was born on May 14, 1946, in Bronx, NY. He was the son of the late John and Marie Dengler. Bob graduated with the Class of 1964 from St Raymond’s School, Bronx. He moved to this area in 1981 and worked for NY Telephone, since 1964 (before they became Verizon) for 29 years until his retirement on March 31, 1995. Prior to his recent illness he had a small tool business and was active in various other endeavors.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his six children, 15 grandchildren, one great-grandson, and Abby “CAT.” In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his stepmother Mabel Dengler. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Monday, March 20, at Sacred Heart Church, Margaretville. Burial will be in the spring at the convenience of the family. Donations can be made to Sacred Heart Church 543 Main Street Margaretville, NY 12455 or The Roxbury Volunteer Fire Department P.O. Box 514, Roxbury, NY 12474.

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# Events Calendar

## Friday & Saturday, March 24 and 25

A Special exhibit Farms, Farmers, and Farming: A Tribute to Local Agriculture at Longyear Gallery in Margaretville will run from Friday, March 24-Sunday, April 23. An Opening Reception will be held on Saturday, March 25, from 3-6 p.m. Longyear Gallery is located at 785 Main Street, Margaretville. For information, please call 845 586-3270 or visit: longyeargallery.org. Hours are Friday-Sunday from 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

## Saturdays & Sundays, March 25, & 26

New York State producers will participate in the season's final Maple Weekend on March 25-26 from 10 am to 4 pm each day at most locations. Check your planned destination for any exceptions. Visit: mapleweekend.nysmaple.com

## Thursdays, March 30-May 4

Writers in the Mountains (WIM) presents Ekphrastic Poetry: A Jump Start from Other Art Forms and Everyday Objects, a six-week long workshop with Sharon Ruetenik, March 30 – May 4. The class will be held online Thursdays from 6 to 8 p.m. To register, e-mail writersinthemountains@gmail.com. To register online, visit writersinthemountains.org. Class fee is \$125. Registration deadline is March 23. Class limited to ten students.

## Wednesdays, April 19-May 24

Writers in the Mountains (WIM) presents Just Hit Send: Submitting to Literary Journals, a six-week long workshop with Sally Simon, April 19 – May 24, 2023. The class will be held online Wednesday from 4 to 6 pm. To register, e-mail writersinthemountains@gmail.com. To register online, visit writersinthemountains.org. Class fee is \$125. Registration deadline is April 12.

## Through May 6

Liberal Arts Roxbury is present a solo exhibition of multi-media works by Moscow-born, Brooklyn/upstate-based artist Dasha Shishkin. chik chirik, featuring drawings and prints on various supports. A closing event during finer weather on May 6 is also planned.

## Through May 7

1053 Gallery in Fleischmanns is pleased to present Flora and Fauna, an exhibition of 26 artists who work in and around the Catskills Mountains of New York or who engage the regional biodiversity in their art-making practice. Curated by Ryan Steadman and Haley Mellin, local biodiversity is a focus of this group show. 1053 Gallery is located in the town of Fleischmanns in the Catskill Mountains, an area with a history of environmental recovery and storied forests and watersheds. The exhibition runs through May 7, with a public reception on May 7. For information, please call 845 254-3461 or visit: 1053gallery.com

# 'Farms, Farmers & Farming' Takes Root At Longyear Gallery

MARGARETVILLE — Longyear Gallery of Margaretville is pleased to announce the opening of a special exhibit, "Farms, Farmers & Farming: A Tribute to Local Agriculture," a new group show featuring the art of 23 Longyear Gallery members, accompanied by a group show of the art of the other 11 members. Opening on Friday, March 24th, this special exhibit will run through Sunday, April 23 with the Artists' Reception on Saturday, March 25 from 3-6 p.m.

As Diane Galusha of the Historical Society of the Town of Middletown explains, "There was a time not so long ago when most people lived on farms. Rain and snow; dirt and seed; birth, death and unceasing labor; the joy and struggle of making a living off the land. These things defined — still define — those who farm, those who keep the rest of us alive.

"When Delaware County was newly settled, sheep ruled the hillsides and mills were built to process the fleece. Then dairy cattle populated the barns, and creameries handled the milk from the Jerseys and Holsteins that thrived on green pastures. Then, in the 20th century, it was cauliflower that proved an unlikely antidote to fluctuating milk prices," she continued.

## Time and change

The artists participating in "Farms, Farmers & Farming: A Tribute to Local Agriculture," have incorporated into their work the "time and change written on this landscape, seen in the derelict barns and the meadows turned to brush," as Diane Galusha notes. "Yet," she continues, "change can also be seen in the busy farm stands and markets where a new generation of farmers proudly sell products their Delaware County predecessors never imagined as they toiled in the fields, turning over 'two rocks for every dirt,' and this exhibit," she adds, "celebrates this honorable profession and ac-



Patrice Lorenz, Hay Bales, paint on paper, 17'x23'



Gail Freund, Ghost Farm, Route 28, Margaretville. Acrylic and thread on emery cloth, 9' x 11' /

knowledges the legacy of farms and farmers, past and present."

Longyear Gallery is a cooperative art gallery that first opened in Margaretville in Fall 2007. The art of Robert Axelrod, Temma Bell, Neil Driscoll, Gail Freund, Ann Lee Fuller, Elaine Grandy, Louise Kalin, Hedi Kyle, Linda Lariar, Margaret Leveson, Helene Levine-Keating, Patrice Lorenz, Ron Macklin, Frank Manzo, Helene Manzo, Anthony Margiotta, Gary Mayer, Sheila McManus, Richard Kirk Mills, Bonnie Mitchell, Lesley A. Powell, Deborah Ruggerio, and Ros Welchman will be featured in "Farms, Farmers & Farming: A Tribute to Local Agriculture," while the Lon-

gyear Gallery Members' Exhibition will include the art of Joanne Barham, Robert Buckwalter, Marcia Clark, Anna Contes, Irina Grinevitsky, Robin Halpern, Alethea Maguire, Douglas Maguire, Wayne Morris, Victoria Scott, and Gerda van Leeuwen.

Future Spring 2023 Longyear Gallery exhibits will include "Frontier Horizons,"

a solo exhibition featuring recent original monoprints by Longyear artist Victoria A. Scott, running from Friday, April 28th – Monday, May 29th with the opening reception on Saturday, April 29th from 3-5 p.m. Opening on Friday, June 2nd and running through Monday, July 2nd will be two

solo exhibitions featuring the work of Longyear artists Gerda van Leeuwen and Robert Axelrod, with the opening reception on Saturday, June 3rd from 3-6 p.m. All solo exhibitions will be accompanied by a Members Exhibition.

Longyear Gallery's "Farms, Farmers & Farming: A Tribute to Local Agriculture" will be on view Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, and Holiday Mondays each weekend from 11 p.m.-4 p.m.

Longyear Gallery is located Downstairs in The Commons, 785 Main Street, Margaretville. For information, please see Longyear Gallery's website, longyeargallery.org, or call 845 586-3270.

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# POLICE NEWS

DELHI — Delaware County Sheriff Craig DuMond has announced the arrest of an Andes man on Operating a Motor Vehicle while intoxicated charges after an investigation of a disabled vehicle.

At approximately 1:07 Thursday morning, March 16, Sheriff's Deputies responded to a disabled vehicle on State Highway 28 in the Town of Franklin.

During the course of the investigation Sheriff's Deputies identified the driver as, Devon Finch, age 23 of Andes. Upon conclusion of the investigation, it was discovered that Finch had been operating a motor vehicle in an intoxicated state.

Deputies arrested and charged Finch with operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated.

Finch was sub-

sequently released on an appearance ticket and directed to appear at the Town of Franklin Town Court at a later date. Finch was also issued additional traffic summonses for failure to notify DMV of address change and obstructed plate.

Sheriff DuMond announced that a Walton resident has been arrested following a harassment complaint.

On Thursday evening, February 23, Sheriff's Deputies responded to a report of harassment occurring in the Village of Walton. During the investigation the complainant advised that 19-year-old Brianna M Kent, of Walton made threats to cause bodily harm to another individual.

At the conclusion of the investigation, patrol Deputies submitted a

criminal summons request to the Village of Walton Court for the charge of Harassment in the 2nd Degree.

The Village of Walton Court issued a Criminal Summons for Brianna Kent and on March 16 Deputies subsequently arrested Kent for one count of Harassment in the 2nd Degree which is a violation of the New York State Penal Law. An Order of Protection was also issued against Kent ordering her to stay away from the complainant. She was processed and released on the Criminal Summons and is to appear in the Village of Walton Court at a later date.

Sheriff Craig DuMond has announced the arrest of a Delhi man on Suspended Registration charges after an investigation of a Disabled Vehicle.

At approximately 10:29 p.m. Tuesday, March 14, Sheriff's Deputies responded to disabled vehicle on County Highway 26 in the Town of Hamden.

During the course of the investigation Sheriff's Deputies identified the driver as Edwards Khali, age 21 of Delhi. Deputies also discovered that Khali's vehicle was suspended due to an insurance lapse.

Deputies subsequently arrested and charged Khali with Operating a Vehicle with a Suspended Registration.

Khali was subsequently released on an appearance ticket, and was directed to appear before the Town of Hamden Court at a later date to answer for the charge. He was additionally issued a traffic summons for Unregistered Vehicle.

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## Sheriff's Staff Honored At Awards Ceremony

DELHI — Sheriff Craig DuMond welcomed members of the Delaware County Sheriff's Office who gathered in the Multi-Purpose rooms of the Public Safety Building for the presentation of the Sheriff's Office Annual Service Awards on Monday, March 20.

In addition to the Agency members, Sheriff DuMond welcomed special guests, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors/Bovina Town Supervisor, Tina Molé as well as Chairman of the Public Safety Committee/Andes Town Supervisor Bud Gladstone.

Speaking on the event, Sheriff DuMond remarked how humbled he is by the professionalism and the dedication of the award recipients and all of his staff. Congratulations to all recipients.

**Deputy of the Year** - Deputy Sheriff Samantha Acuna

**Corrections Officer of The Year** - Corrections Officer Steven Vulaj

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Head Nurse Ira Fyfe, left, was honored as the Civilian Employee of the Year this week at the Delaware County Sheriff's Office Annual Service Awards. Making the presentation is Sheriff Craig DuMond.

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ROI	52	36	Sue Wixon 154,
JK Tinting	50.5	37.5	Maryann Schray
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## RLS Tuesday Forums Return

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Tuesday, April 4 will feature four Roxbury Central School students who will be here to answer your questions about cell phones, Androids, and all kinds of social media! Talk to the experts! Please call 607-326-7901 or email ro.mary@4cls for more information.

Tuesday, May 7 we'll be hosting Robin Williams who will give a presentation on Medicare - helpful for those of us who are new to the program as well as to present recipients. Please call 607 326-7901 or email ro.mary@4cls for more information.

Tuesday Forums begin at 10 a.m. and end by noon.

On Saturday, April 22, we'll feature a workshop for "First Time Home Buyers" presented by the Western Catskills Community Revitalization Council. This workshop will begin at 9 a.m. and we please request that you pre-register (or call for more information) at the library, 607 326-7901 or email ro.mary@4cls.org.

### Other happenings

There will not be any scheduled Forums for June, July, or August (unless something catches our eye for a different day!) but be sure to mark Tuesday, September 5 on your calendar when we'll host a speaker from the Catskill Forest Association, from 10 a.m.-noon. Zahra Bellucci of CFA will discuss Forest Farming.

Looking ahead at other events: our first Plant Sale will be held Saturday, May 27 at the Library, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Stop in for bulbs, seeds, and items ready to plant.

Our Annual Silent Auction is scheduled for Saturday, July 1. Be sure to mark your calendar for this very popular event. Bidding begins at 9:30am, ends at 1:30 p.m. with winners announced at the Library at 2 p.m. Auction items preview begins June 26.

## Maple Weekend Flavorful Fun On Tap

MARGARETVILLE — The year's final Maple Weekend is set for Saturday and Sunday, March 25 and 26 is a chance for the public to come to the farm to learn about New York's maple sugarmaking processes and traditions and to provide a chance to taste pure maple syrup in its many forms – right from the source.

This event is organized and sponsored by the New York State Maple Producers' Association. We are proudly funded by both our members and the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets.

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## Maps Are Focal Point Of New Art Exhibit

OLIVE — The Olive Free Library Association is presenting the exhibition "cARTography: Alternate Routes" of 10 artists who have incorporated maps in their art. The show, curated by Jan Sosnowitz,

opened March 18 and runs through May 6. Fascinated by maps, this group of ten artists meld history, geography, and aesthetics-- both personal and universal-- in a broad array of formats. By altering the context, for-

mat, and purpose of a map, this exhibit presents a diversity of approaches that are thought provoking and visually exciting. Included in cARTography: Alternate Routes are works by Rhea Banker, Daniel Baxter,

Donna David, Robin Factor, Andrea Geller, Carole Kunststadt, Hedi Kyle, Patrice Lorenz, Amy Silberkleit, and Joy Taylor. For additional information, please visit the library online at olivefreelibrary.org

## LEGAL NOTICES

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Town of Roxbury, New York

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held before the Town Board for the Town of Roxbury at the Grand Gorge Civic Center, 60933 State Hwy. 30, Grand Gorge, NY on the 10th day of April, 2023, at 5:45 p.m. regarding the adoption of A Local Law to Authorize a Partial Real Property Tax Exemption for Volunteer Firefighters and Volunteer Ambulance Workers.

Copies of the proposed Local Law that is proposed shall be available at the time of the hearing and shall be available at times prior to and after the hearing at the Town Clerk's Office during normal business hours for

the purpose of inspection or procurement by interested persons.

Any and all citizens are invited to attend this Public Hearing. It is the policy of the Town of Roxbury not to discriminate on the basis of disability. Please contact Diane Pickett, Town Clerk, at 607-326-7641 if you need any special accommodations and the Town will make appropriate arrangements to ensure that you can participate in this public meeting.

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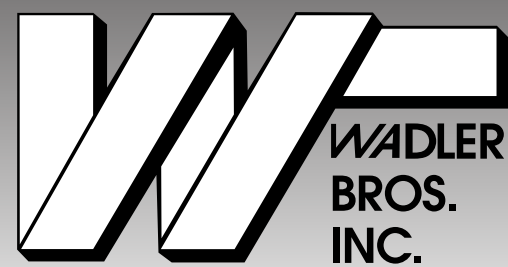
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### PROGRAM SCHEDULE

3/24 Fri	6:00PM - Citizen News Bureau - Lori Fairbairn brings you the Weekend Weather report for the Catskill Region. 6:30PM - Solid Waste Management Center and Compost Facility - Jezz Harkin talks with Tyson Robb, Solid Waste Coordinator, about the compost facility. 7:00PM - Mostly Folk with Artie Martello - Artie talks with John McCutchen, an American folk music singer-songwriter and multi-instrumentalist who has produced 41 albums since the 1970s. John is also regarded as a master of the hammered dulcimer. 8:00PM - WARK Community Television Archives - Michael Finberg visits the Arkville Fair. (Airdate Early 80s)
3/25 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 Hikers Trash Husbands. Join Jeff and Moe as they journey along the Northville - Lake Placid Trail. It was a 10 day hike through the Adirondacks. This show will feature their first 5 days. 7:00PM - Focus on the Arts - Elizabeth Mami talks Chelsea Goodwin, Community activist, performer and DJ of In Goth We Trust on WIOX radio, Roxbury. 7:30PM - The Catskill Center - Jezz Harkin talks with Jeff Senterman, Executive Director, about the Center and funding from New York State. 8:00PM - CabaRadio - Performance 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).
3/26 Sun	6:00PM - Grocholl Homestead - In this episode, Ashton talks about the ups and downs of gardening, and explores container gardening. 6:30PM - Chamber Connects - The Delaware County Chamber of Commerce. Ray Pucci talks with NYS Cannabis Control Board member Jen Metzger about the work accomplished by the Office of Cannabis Management and the timeline for future action. 7:00PM - WARK Community Television Archives - The Dictionary Game (Episode 2) Michael Finberg hosts two teams of four as they try to stump each other with "trick definitions". 7:30PM - The Sonny Rock Show - Sonny talks with Daniele Hollywood, an experienced Assistant Costume Designer. 8:00PM - The Hiker Trash Husbands. Join Jeff and Moe as they journey along the Northville - Lake Placid Trail. 8:30PM - Mountain Athletic Club - TMembers of the Mountain Athletic club talk about local Vintage Baseball.
3/27 Mon	6:00PM - Weekly Weather Forecast - Lori Fairbairn brings you the Weekly forecast for the Catskill Region. 6:30PM - Citizen News Bureau - Jezz Harkin talks with Jessica Halbrecht and Beth Kapps, creators of the Comedy web series "Downstaters". 7:00PM - Mostly Folk with Artie Martello - Artie's guest for this show is Mick Hanly, one of Ireland's premier singer songwriters and entertainers. He has recorded 11 albums and holds two National Entertainment and two Hot Press of the Year awards. His song, "Past The Point of Rescue" won its 3rd major BMI award in the USA passing the 2 million radio plays mark in 2002. He lives in County Kilkenny with his wife and children. 7:30PM - Downstaters - A comedy web series about two New Yorkers who leave big city life for the Catskills. Jess & Beth vow to clean out their closets and turn in their stiletos for snow boots, but find it hard to resist the local treasures. 8:00PM - WARK Community Television Archives - Music with the Kryptonites recorded at the Pine Hill Tavern (Airdate Early 80s).
3/28 Tue	6:00PM - Delaware County News Update - Julia Marks and Matt Avitable bring you the latest news from the Delaware County Region. 6:30PM - WARK Community TV Archives - The Dictionary Game. Michael Finberg hosts two teams of four as they try to stump each other. 7:00PM - The Hiker Trash Husbands. Join Jeff and Moe as they journey along the Northville - Lake Placid Trail. It was a 10 day hike through the Adirondacks. This show will feature their first 5 days. 7:30PM - Focus on the Arts - Elizabeth Mami talks with Peg DiBenedetto, author, about her first children's book. 8:00PM - Bearsville Theater - Jezz Harkin visits The Bearsville Theater and talks with Lizzie Vann, the owner. Lizzie also takes Jezz on a tour of the theater. 8:30PM - The Delaware County Chamber of Commerce presentation on Workforce Wellness: Cancer Screening Program.
3/29 Wed	6:00PM - Grocholl Homestead - In this episode, Ashton talks about the ups and downs of gardening and talks about container gardening. 6:30PM - Focus on the Arts - Elizabeth Mami talks Chelsea Goodwin, Community activist, performer and DJ of In Goth We Trust on WIOX radio, Roxbury. 7:00PM - WARK Community TV Archives - Michael Finberg visits the Arkville Fair and folks from the community there. (Airdate Early 80s) 8:00PM - Mountain Athletic Club - The 2023 season for vintage baseball is coming soon to Delaware County. Members of the Mountain Athletic club talk about Vintage Baseball and give an overview of this nostalgic sport in the local area. 8:30PM - The Sonny Rock Show - Sonny talks with Daniele Hollywood. Daniele is an experienced Assistant Costume Designer with a demonstrated history of working in the entertainment industry.
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## Cobleskill PD Stance Remains Mayor Addresses Public

**By Joshua Walther**  
COBLESKILL - The Cobleskill Village Board held their regular meeting on Tuesday evening to discuss the recent talk about the local police department and how that might affect things moving forward.

For the past few months, the Cobleskill Village Police Department has undergone severe and dramatic changes. First, there was a wave

of resignations, followed by the inability to hire back some officers, and now there could be a merger between the local department and the County Sheriff's Office.

Because of all of the rapid change, Cobleskill is left with only five active police officers for patrols. Regrettably, the Mayor and the other trustees had to break the news back in January that there would be no full-

time patrol coverage in the Village.

This spawned a wave of concerns, questions, and comments from members of the community and beyond. People arrived in droves to the public meetings to voice how the change would dramatically alter the state of the Village.

However, not everyone has been cordial in letting their thoughts be known. Some bad-faith actors,

who the Mayor has allowed to remain anonymous, have shared less than constructive posts online about the situation, forming their own theories as to why problems are arising.

Mayor Rebecca Stanton-Terk addressed these people in a formal statement on Tuesday evening, explaining why they've made certain decisions and firmly standing by them.



Mayor Stanton-Terk during the meeting. Photo by Bob Duso.

## CRCS Bus Safety Called Into Question

**By Joshua Walther**  
COBLESKILL - On Monday evening, the CRCS Board of Education held their regular monthly meeting, which was postponed and rescheduled due to a snowstorm the week before.

The meeting first kicked off with a lively public comment period. Two concerned parents, Ashley Rehberg and Joshua Walrath, took to the podium to advocate for the safety of children on buses.

In the past year, CRCS

has opted for longer bus routes in order to combat a dire driver shortage. While this return to a pre-pandemic bus schedule could be seen as a return to normalcy, some parents view it as putting their children at risk.

Though it isn't true for every student, Mrs. Rehberg cited that the worst behavior often coalesces on the way to or from school while riding on a bus. She said that she'd like to see either more drivers hired on for shorter

routes, or funding for aides to supervise the children.

"If we can spend eighty thousand dollars on a School Resource Officer and finance a fancy computer system, I don't see why we can't do this," Mrs. Rehberg concluded.

Mr. Walrath followed her statements, implying that the children were being neglected. He doubled down on the sentiment to have aides to ride alongside the students, saying that parents would thank the Board

if they considered allotting a place for aides in the upcoming budget.

"We can't rely on the older kids at the back of the bus to protect the younger ones," said Mr. Walrath.

The Board members did not directly comment on the parents' concerns, but Susan Strausser assured them both that their statements have been heard.

In other news, CRCS's eighth grade class presented a trip proposal to the Board soon after the public comment period finished. Several student representatives stood before the Board to walk them through their prepared slideshow.

As they explained it, the trip will feature Six Flags New England as their destination. On June 2nd, buses will pick up the class from school grounds at eight in the morning, and they will spend the entire day at the park.

There'll be plenty of rides, swimming, and other activities for the students to experience, and they're planning on returning back home on the same day, with their final arrival time later in the evening.

Just as with many class presentations, the Board held no reservations for approving the trip. President Bruce Tryon was the first to speak up, saying "You guys did an excellent job. I would not hesitate to recommend this."

Soon after he gave his remarks, the Board passed a motion to approve the trip to the delight of the representatives present.

### Cobleskill Briefs

Do you have any events you'd like to see featured in the Cobleskill Herald? Let us know at [cobleskillherald@gmail.com](mailto:cobleskillherald@gmail.com).

#### Senior Congregate Meal Sites Open

Local residents are invited to enjoy 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.

#### Cobleskill - Music at Bull's Head Inn

The Cellar Tavern at Bull's Head Inn will be hosting Tony Hall tonight from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM on Friday, March 24th.

#### Howes Cave - Music at Serious Brewing

Serious Brewing Co. is hosting Ron Comstock on Saturday, March 25th from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

#### 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.

#### CRCS FFA Craft Show/Farmer's Market

The Cobleskill-Richmondville Central School (CRCS) Future Farmers of America will be hosting its second annual Craft Show/Farmer's Market on Saturday, April 1st from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the CRCS High School Cafeteria/Gym. Interested vendors should contact [crccffasale@gmail.com](mailto:crccffasale@gmail.com) for more information.

#### Sharon Springs - Board of Education Meeting

The Sharon Springs Central School Board of Education will be meeting on Monday, April 3rd at 7:30 PM. The school is located at 514 State Highway 20 in the Village of Sharon Springs.

#### 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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## War in Europe XLVIII

By Timothy Knight

From the moment that Russian tanks, jets, and infantry invaded Ukraine last year, a slew of human rights abuses and war crimes have been inflicted upon the Ukrainian people by a genocidal regime in Moscow, which has repeatedly demonstrated its reckless abandon towards human life over the past thirteen months of conflict.

Among the worst documented crimes has been Russia's forced deportation of Ukrainian children to areas under its control, after which the children have been granted Russian citizenship and placed in abusive foster homes.

According to a report compiled by the United Nations Commission of Inquiry on Ukraine, there is enough evidence that hundreds of Ukrainian children were illegally transferred, while the Ukrainian government alleges the actual number is closer to sixteen thou-

sand. The report noted that other war crimes have been committed.

As a result of the UN's findings, Russian despot Vladimir Putin and Maria Lvova-Belova - the Kremlin's commissioner for "children's rights" - are now wanted for war crimes by the International Criminal Court in The Hague.

I understand the natural sentiment that "justice" now feels closer for Putin, but we must be realistic: unless he or Lvova-Belova visits a country that is a party to the ICC's jurisdiction, there is little to no real possibility that they will stand trial for their crimes against Ukraine. All it really does is further isolate his government.

Ultimately, and I apologize for sounding like a broken record, but the only recourse to Russia's immoral, illegal invasion of Ukraine will be on the battlefield, where Ukrainian forces are gearing

up for a spring counteroffensive with tens of thousands of newly trained soldiers, state of the art western equipment, and moral vigor.

Still, there is some satisfaction in the fact that Putin will forevermore be branded as a wanted war criminal and an international fugitive. In some respects, it forces our Old European allies to face some hard facts: there is no "exit" strategy for Vladimir Putin or his rogue state; the only thing awaiting him in Europe is a jail cell.

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.



We held this event on March 18th at the Iroquois Museum in Howes Cave. Musher Vic DiSanto brought is dogs and equipment and we gave sled dog rides. The other component to the event was snow snakes. Snow snake is a Native American winter sport traditionally played by many

tribes in the Great Lakes region, including the Ojibwe, Sioux, Wyandotte, Oneida and other Haudenosaunee people. And of course, the Iroquois people are part of the Haudenosaunee. The scouts had a terrific time.

The Iroquois museum has always been fantastic

with allowing us to hold events at their location. We had planned this in February, but we had no snow. So when the big storm came last week we decided to get out there and enjoy.

Special thanks to Vic DiSanto and Steven Swensen who provided us the info and photos.



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# "Freedom Ride" Explores Nation's African American History

COBLESKILL — In celebration of Black History Month, a group of SUNY Cobleskill students and faculty took part in the "Freedom Ride," traveling by bus to Philadelphia and Washington, D.C., over three days from Feb. 24 through 26, visiting

historical sites and points of interest with a connection to African American history.

The group had an extensive itinerary for a weekend filled with exploration, inspiration, and discovery, beginning with the Liberty Bell and Na-

tional Constitution Center in Philadelphia. Upon entry, guests were overtaken by the U.S. constitutional rights displayed in large scale on the Center's walls, the grand size symbolizing the significance of our Constitu-

Following the stops in Pennsylvania, the "Freedom Ride" continued its route to Washington, D.C., with stops at the White House, U.S. Capitol Building, Lincoln Memorial, and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial. Opened to the public in 2011, the memorial honors Dr. King's legacy and the struggle for civil rights, equality, and justice.

One of the final stops in Washington, D.C. was to the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture. Opened in 2016, it is the only national museum devoted exclusively to the documentation of African American life, history, and culture.

SUNY Cobleskill's "Freedom Ride" was named in honor of the Freedom Riders, groups of activists who, in 1961, organized bus trips through southern U.S. states to protest segregated bus terminals, drawing violent counter-protests while garnering attention to the civil rights movement.

Freedom Ride participants shared their recollections from the trip and the impact of seeing these historical sites in person.

"Freedom is an inalienable right of all human beings. It cannot be be-

stowed, nor can it ever be denied. Freedom is 'autonomy of choice' without causing harm or strife to others. Freedom is the fundamental state of being that has been fought for and on behalf of human beings since the beginning of time. My lasting takeaway is witnessing first-hand our students explore, learn, and reflect on a treasure of experiences, exhibits, and imagery throughout the weekend in the spirit of freedom in the United States and throughout the world." - Derwin Bennett, SUNY Cobleskill's Chief Diversity Officer

"Freedom to me means that everyone is equal, has the same rights, and can live the life they choose or want. My takeaway from this trip is how important it is to learn about American history and the history of African Americans in this nation. For me, the highlight of this trip was on the top of the Lincoln Memorial steps. From the steps, I could see the Washington Monument and take in just how beautiful Washington D.C. is. So many people were there just to see these monuments and memorials, and I thought that was really amazing!" - Sierra R., Student

"Freedom is the ability to go anywhere anytime

for any reason. I do feel like much of our history gets lost, and it's our responsibility to re-learn it. It's up to every generation to build its own connections with this history." - Desiree S., Student

"The highlight of my trip was the National Museum of African American History and Culture. What I liked about that museum was that it started in the basement. This symbolized the rising of African Americans in our society. It ended on the top floor with former President Obama, symbolizing how far we have come since starting on the ground floor. Freedom is having the ability to express your viewpoints and beliefs, and I feel like we are very blessed to have this in our country, but I feel people take it for granted. We have come a long way, but we have a long way to go. This museum helped me appreciate how far everyone came and was very impactful for me." - Rebecca Burton, SUNY Cobleskill Financial Aid Counselor

"For me, the highlight of this trip was the Holocaust Memorial Museum. It was an eye-opening and impactful experience to see the journey of the Jewish people from pre-history to the present day." - Faith H., Student

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This will be a provisional appointment; permanent appointment will be contingent upon successful completion of a Civil Service examination and becoming reachable on the resulting eligible list.

Candidates interested in being considered for this position must submit an employment application to the Schoharie County Department of Personnel & Civil Service, 284 Main Street, PO Box 675, Schoharie, NY 12157, ( e-mail: civilservice@co.schoharie.ny.us ) by the close of business on **APRIL 18, 2023**.

Applications may be obtained in the Personnel Office or online at: [www.schohariecounty-ny.gov](http://www.schohariecounty-ny.gov)

#### MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

- (A) Graduation from a regionally accredited or New York State registered college or university with a master's degree or higher in Public Health; OR
- (B) Graduation from a regionally accredited or New York State registered college or university with a bachelor's degree in Public Health, Education, Health Science, Nursing, Emergency Management, Human Services, the Natural Sciences, or a closely-related field; and two (2) years of paid professional experience in Emergency Management, Emergency Medical Services, or in planning, implementing, coordinating or administering a public health program; OR
- (C) Graduation from a regionally accredited or New York State registered college or university with an associate's degree in a field listed in (B); and four (4) years of paid professional experience as outlined in (B).

**NOTE:** Part-time experience can be pro-rated to equal full-time, based on number of hours worked per week, and a higher level of education in Education, Health Science, Nursing, Emergency Management, Human Services, the Natural Sciences, or a closely-related field can be pro-rated for experience up to one year under minimum qualification (B).

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENT:** This class requires frequent travel. Incumbents will be required to possess a valid, appropriate level, New York State Motor Vehicle operator's license, or otherwise demonstrate the ability to meet the travel needs of the job.

**\*\*In accordance with NYS Public Health Law, appointee must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 at time of appointment and provide proof of vaccination status\*\***

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This will be a provisional appointment; permanent appointment will be contingent upon successful completion of a Civil Service examination and becoming reachable on the resulting eligible list.

Candidates interested in being considered for this position must submit an employment application to the Schoharie County Department of Personnel & Civil Service, 284 Main Street, PO Box 675, Schoharie, NY 12157, ( e-mail: CivilService@co.schoharie.ny.us ) by the close of business on **APRIL 17, 2023**.

Applications may be obtained in the Personnel Office or online at: [www.schohariecounty-ny.gov](http://www.schohariecounty-ny.gov)

#### MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Possession of a Bachelor's degree in Public Health, Health Administration, Nursing, Environmental Health, or a closely-related field; and two (2) years of professional supervisory or administrative-level experience in a recognized public or private health-related agency.

**NOTE:** A higher level of education can be pro-rated for experience up to one year.

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENT:** Incumbent must possess a valid New York State driver's license or otherwise demonstrate the ability to meet the travel needs of the job.



# Packed H-O-U-S-E!



Our own Bob Duso snapped these photos of the well attended Scrabble tournament held at Radez on Saturday morning.

# Painting... with Goats!



The team inspects the studio, and has a chance to meet the people. Adorable as they are, they are not well trained with bathroom etiquette.



Getting to know the people. Seen here is a Nigerian Dwarf goat meeting M.J. Miller- Kanai who is working on her arts project. Photo by Bob Duso.

## Police Blotter



### Tuesday, March 14, 2023

At 2:16 PM, Cobleskill Police arrested David Eubanks, 39, of Richmondville, N.Y. for aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle in the third degree and one other vehicle and traffic law violation. He was issued traffic tickets to appear in Cobleskill Town Court on 04/18/2023 at 2:00 PM.

### Wednesday, March 15, 2023

At 11:53 PM, Cobleskill Police arrested Jennifer McGrath, 29, of Richmondville, N.Y. for

aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle in the third degree and one other vehicle and traffic law violation. She was issued traffic tickets to appear in Cobleskill Town Court on 04/18/2023 at 2:00 PM.

### Thursday, March 16, 2023

At 2:59 PM, Cobleskill Police executed an arrest warrant from Cobleskill Town Court and arrested Bradley Richmond, 26, of Cobleskill, N.Y. He was arraigned at Schoharie County CAP Court at 6:00 P.M. and released with pre-trial conditions to appear in Cobleskill Town Court on 04/04/2023 at 3:00 PM.

At 2:59 PM, Cobleskill

Police arrested Bradley Richmond, 26, of Cobleskill, N.Y. for aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle in the second degree and one other vehicle and traffic law violation. He was issued traffic tickets to appear in Cobleskill Town Court on 04/18/2023 at 2:00 PM.

### Friday, March 17, 2023

At 2:33 PM, Cobleskill Police arrested Michael Nark, 40, of Richmondville, N.Y. for aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle in the second degree. He was issued a traffic ticket to appear in Cobleskill Town Court on 04/18/2023 at 2:00 PM.

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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.

Spring has arrived and so have the migrating birds. We spotted 1 immature Golden Eagle in the area around Max V. Shaul State Park and 2 immature Golden Eagles flying around Mine Kill State Park. Look for a large bird with a black tail with a white band near its body and triangle shaped white patches on its underwings. It is a rare treat to spot this many in the same general area as they have not nested in New York in over 40 years. We also spotted two about this time last year around the same area.

One of the most colorful migrating ducks is the Wood Duck. We found them along Route 30 as you head south out of the town of Grand Gorge. Look for them in the beaver ponds and shallow marsh areas on the east side of the road near the edges of the water. Wood Ducks are one of the few species of ducks that nest in a tree. The males are more colorful than the females. They like the edges of the water and hang out in small groups. While you are in the Grand Gorge area check out the Catskill Scenic Trail for hiking or bike riding. Heading west toward Stamford look for the Mase Cold Spring Wetlands Preserve as it is a beautiful hidden treasure to relax and watch the wildlife in the area, you won't be disappointed. Keep an eye



Female

Male Wood-Duck



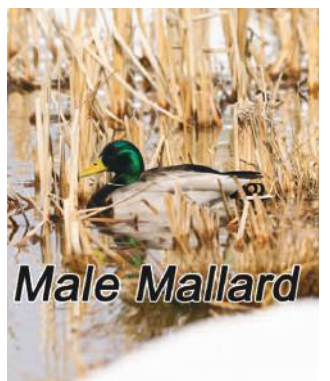
American Kestrel



Eastern Meadowlark



Hooded Merganser



Male Mallard

out for Hooded & Common Mergansers, American Black Ducks, Ring-necked Ducks and Mallards as these will also hang out with the Wood Ducks. We also spotted a few Snow Geese, a Lesser Scaup, American Kestrels and a few Wild Turkeys trying their best to walk through the deep snow.

We also came across an Eastern Meadowlark. After this last snowstorm I am sure it wishes it would have waited a few more weeks before traveling to Upstate New York, as Meadowlark live in farm fields, grasslands, and wet fields. They hunt for grubs, worms and insects in the ground which could be difficult this time of the year with the frozen ground, but will switch to seeds, corn and wild fruits in the winter-time. Look for a light brown bird with black marks and a bright yellow chest that has a bold black V on its chest. They are medium-sized songbird with a short tail and



long bill.

On the Eagle Trail these past few weeks they have had a lot of snow ending up their nest. All

the eagles in the area are now sitting on eggs and all of them have survived the recent snowstorms. There are some immature

and sub-adult Eagles still in the area looking for a mate and maybe looking for a place to call home. If you do happen to come across a Eagle nest please remember to keep your distance, do not hang out around the nest and be as quiet as possible to make sure they have a successful hatching, as they are very sensitive this time of the year.

I have had up to 40 deer out in the fields at

the same time and have encountered a good many of them crossing the roads this time of the year as the snow melts off the corn fields and the green grass starts to grow back; they are on the move.

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.

Bill Combs Jr

## If It's Spring, It's The Flower And Garden Expo And Landis!

As we always do, Landis will have an information table at the Expo - we hope you'll drop by to see us when you visit to learn about all that's new in gardening!

And, as he always does, Fred "the Tree Man" Breglia will be representing for Landis with a wealth of information in his always well-received presentations.

This year, Fred's schedule looks like this:  
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Saturday, March 25  
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YOUR LOCAL HAPPENINGS FOR SHARON SPRINGS

# Sharon Things

**By Alexis Pencar**  
Hey Neighbors!

The First Day of Spring was warm with plenty of slushy snow left over. Animals like birds, deer, and even turkeys were out and frisky the Sunday prior with a definite difference in the temperatures after the last big storm. This next week should yield some snow but no lower lows ahead.

The Snow Sculpture of the Dragon on Main Street by Aaron Pencar, featured in this Column last week, was met with rain, shrinking the sculpture overnight! By the weekend, this huge piece was nearly dismantled but this is a nice example of how some of the most interesting art isn't lasting.

Sharon Springs Rescue Squad

The Sharon Springs Rescue Squad is a cornerstone of our community! With many active members, they are always looking for new volunteers for Drivers, First Responders, Social Members, and EMT's. SSRS will fund any training that is needed. SSRS meets the first Monday of the month at 7 pm and would be happy to answer any questions with how you can support your community.

The American Legion

The American Legion Post 1269 of Sharon Springs is looking for new members! If you are interested in becoming an American Legion member, volunteering, or even donating to the many wonderful causes the Legion supports, please contact Commander Paul Todd at (518) 649-0024 for more information.

Sharon Springs Free Library

Sunday, March 26th - Free Reiki event in the Community Room from 2:00 - 3:00 pm. All are welcome to come learn about Reiki and have a free sample treatment. Reiki (pronounced Ray-key) is a Japanese technique that promotes healing, relaxation, stress reduction and self-improvement. 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 cobschool.com

Our Mohawk Valley Library System has great news to report. Beginning March 27, MVLS cardholders will be able to access the Overdrive collections from 3 additional library systems – Upper Hudson, Southern Adirondack, and Mid-Hudson – using their existing MVLS card! These new partnerships will allow our patrons to continue to borrow from our Overdrive collection through the Libby app or Overdrive website as they always have, but they will have additional options to search our partner libraries and borrow materials from those systems as well.

Saturday, April 1, is The Sharon Springs Free Library Annual Great Book Giveaway. This is the last week to bring in books for this event. Deliver your surplus, good-condition books any time we are open no later than Friday, March 31st at 6:00 p.m.

On Saturday, take home all the books you can carry for free, then head down to the Village where Sharon Springs will be celebrating their "Spring Awakening," the reopening of seasonal business. There will be an Easter egg hunt through participating shops, tastings, flowers, baby goats and more.

Hard as it is to believe, no one was able to come up with a definitive answer to the question of when was the library building first built as a bowling alley. The records in the county office were destroyed in the flood. We know it was here by 1959 but we do not have any other specific information.

As of April 1st , our abbreviated winter hours end, 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 minutes before every mass. Contact at (607) 264-3779 for more details.

The Zion St. John's Lutheran Church Seward (114 Mesick Ave, Cobleskill, NY 12043) of-

fers 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.). Re-

serve 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.



*Dragon in progress by Aaron Pencar, just after the recent heavy snowfall.*



*Dragon close up with color; temperatures had already dropped for this temporary snow sculpture.*

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# Sharon Springs FD Aids in Canjo Fire

**By Alexis Pencar**  
 CANAJOHARIE— The Canajoharie Volunteer Fire Department was dispatched to the second structure fire of the day on Monday 3/20 at a farm on Smith Lane in the Town of Canajoharie at 1:07 pm.

While en route, Chief Nestle advised dispatch to activate Ames Volunteer Fire Department as the call was in their district. Fort Plain Fire Department and Rural Grove Fire Department have dispatched AMA on the initial dispatch. Chief Nestle arrived on scene at 1:11 pm and reported that the structure was fully involved with exposures. The wind was

blowing hard and switching directions which helped catch the structure on fire.

The South Minden Fire Department Fire Department was initially requested for a tanker and manpower and their Engine was requested to set up a fill site.

The Sharon Springs Fire Department was requested and also responded to the scene with a tanker.

Large diameter hoses were laid in, since Smith Lane is a dead-end road with no turnaround. Three 1 3/4" were utilized off Ames's engine and a 2 1/2" deck gun was also used. With great man-

power turnout from all Departments, the exposure was extinguished with minimal damage, and overhaul was completed in a short time-frame.

Great teamwork was reported by all agencies. No injuries were reported. All units were back in service at 4:45 pm.

Also at the scene assisting were the Montgomery County Fire Coordinator's Office, Montgomery County Sheriff's Department, Town of Canajoharie Highway Department, and GAVAC.

Information and photographs courtesy of the Canajoharie Fire Department.



Barn fire in Progress on Smith Lane Monday.

## New Roof For Building

**By Alexis Pencar**  
 SHARON SPRINGS - The Village of Sharon Springs Board gathered for their regularly scheduled monthly board meeting this past Thursday (3/16) at 6 pm in the Sharon Offices. Many of the usual Village residents and business owners were present. Congrats were in order from nearly all on the newly awarded \$2.25 million NY Forward Grant.

For this meeting, the Village Board was missing Mayor Doug Plummer and Trustee Joyce Slater. Deputy Mayor, Denise Kelly, ran the meeting in the Mayor's absence.

A few residents were present to utilize the privilege of the floor. One resident expressed a concern for late water bills and new trespassing signs near the local fishing pond. Responses from the Village Board were that the signs in

question have "actually been there for years".

Another resident expressed her unhappiness with the lack of availability from the recently appointed Code Officer after multiple attempts and no contact. At this time the Code Officer's hours are scheduled for Sundays and the resident with the complaint mentioned she has religious obligations on Sundays and this causes inconvenience for her.

Historical Society President Ron Kettleon was present with a complaint on the newly awarded Village Grant and how "the process doesn't move fast enough". The Museum Project on Main Street is "moving pretty fast" since the Society was able to raise nearly \$5,000 through a garage sale this past fall in addition to a generous donation from Nick Juried.

Notable business for

this meeting was the approval of a new roof for the WasteWater Treatment Center. There was \$80k in allocated funds and an additional \$30k from the unexpended fund balance for a total of \$110k. Bids for the project will go out soon.

A Sewer Project update was given by head engineer Alan, please look out for an additional update piece in The Cobleskill Herald soon.

The meeting was wrapped up with paying of bills as residents walked out to talk and catch up.

The regularly scheduled Village Board Meetings are on the third Thursday of the month at 6:00 pm and are typically located in the Community Room at 129 Main Street, Sharon Springs NY 13459. Call (518) 284-2625 for more information.



Sharon Springs Fire Department Tanker responding in a multiple department effort.

## Forest Ranger News

### Town of Summit Schoharie County

**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.



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## Family Support Services

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# GOP to Hold Lincoln Day Dinner

## Greene & Schoharie County Republicans to Headline Stefanik & Molinaro @ 76th Annual Republican Lincoln Day Dinner

Greene & Schoharie County Republican committees Chairmen Brent Bogardus & Chris Tague announced today they will be holding a joint Lincoln day dinner on Thursday April 13 th @ Blackthorne Resort in East Durham NY . "We are very excited to not only have one member of the republican congressional majority but two members to headline our dinner & it's a special honor to have Congresswoman Stefanik as Chairwoman of the Republican congressional caucus as our keynote speaker" said

Chairman Bogardus . "We are fired up excited & engaged to keep the momentum coming our way after the successes are party had this past November . This dinner is our way to keep our people engaged & informed in our continuing mission to save our state & save America we encourage everyone to join us for this must attend event on April 13 th "said Chairman & Assemblyman Tague .

Besides Stefanik & Molinaro The event will include Senator Pete Oberacker SD 51 , Assemblyman Tague AD102 , Greene & Schoharie County Republican office holders & candidates for this November elections.

For tickets or information call or email Lynn Herzog @ 518 857 7318 or lynnherzog68@gmail.com

"As we start the 2023 political season It's sure to be an exciting evening one you won't want to miss " said Tague

**Rep. Marc Molinaro**  
In 1995, Congressman Molinaro was elected Mayor of Tivoli, becoming the youngest mayor in America. He later served as State Assemblyman and County Executive. Last year, he won his campaign for Congress -- running on a platform to make our community a better place to live, work, and raise a family.

Now in Congress, he represents New York's

19th District which includes the Southern Tier, Hudson Valley, Catskills, and Central New York regions. And holds posts on the House Agriculture, Transportation & Infrastructure, and Small Business Committees.

This is all to say that Congressman Molinaro is a leader who has dedicated his career to public service, and is a true champion of Republican values.

Throughout his life, he has been a strong voice for fiscal responsibility, public safety, and promoting economic growth. Most importantly, he has a proven track record of delivering results.

**Rep. Elise Stefanik**  
Congresswoman Elise Stefanik proudly repre-

sents New York's 21st District and currently serves as the House Republican Conference Chair and most senior Republican in New York. In 2014, Elise was the youngest woman ever elected to Congress in United States history, and she currently serves as the youngest Republican woman ever elected to Congress.

Elise is a senior member of the Armed Services Committee, the Committee on Education and Labor, and the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. On the Armed Services Committee, she serves on the Intelligence Special Operations, Strategic Forces, and Military Personnel Subcommittees. On the Committee on Ed-

ucation and Workforce, Elise serves on the Higher Education and Workforce Investment and Workforce Protections Subcommittees.

Elise also serves on the Select Subcommittee on the Weaponization of the Federal Government to investigate overreach and corruption in Joe Biden's federal agencies that are weaponized against the American people.

Elise was born and raised in Upstate New York and Elise's family has owned a home on Lake Champlain in Essex County for over 30 years. Elise lives in Schuylerville with her husband Matt and their newborn son Sam.

# Auction for a Good Cause



Pre auction viewing, checking out the items up for bid during the auction of two estates donated to the Schoharie Valley Animal Shelter.



Planes, Trains, Automobiles. Sunday's auction had something for everyone, including the animals at the shelter. Photos by Bob Duso.

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Standing room only. The place was packed with people wanting to bid on items to help out the animal shelter on Sunday. Two ladies who have passed away left everything they had to help the animals at the shelter. Thank you.



It was a packed house both in terms of people and things to buy.