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Earth Day 5K/Fun Run April 22 in Stamford

STAMFORD – What better way to mark Earth Day on April 22 than to get outdoors and take a run, or walk along a scenic route and initiate the arrival of spring.

Heather Clark, of TP's Cafe, one of the organizers of the race, is hoping to get lots of people of all ages to sign on to this first race sponsored by the Stamford Business Alliance. The 5K steps off at 9:45 a.m. and the children's one mile fun run steps off at 9 a.m. from the village parking lot next to the village swimming pool.

The 5K will go from the parking and take a left onto South Street, then onto the Catskill Scenic Trail at the railroad station. It will continue along the trail and then go left onto Beaver Street

and left on to Prospect St.. Take another left onto North Delaware St., go across Main St. to South Delaware Street and right onto Buntline Drive. From there it goes onto Railroad Ave before hanging a left at the driveway to Catskills Junction where it goes back onto the scenic trail, back to South Street and back to the parking lot. The Clark Sports Center in Cooperstown will provide official race times, according to Clark, with Chobani and Stewart's Shops providing yogurt and chocolate milk, respectfully.

Prior to the 5K race, there will be a one-mile fun run for children at 9 a.m.. Along the route, kids can look for fairies, fireflies, rock painting and plant identification.

Thanks to some local girl scouts, there will be a spot to paint the rocks at the start point. The fun run starts at the parking lot near the village pool and goes along the Catskills Rail Trail.

To register for either race, visit <https://tinyurl.com/yuva22vp/>. Children younger than 11 are free, while students and senior citizens are \$15 and adults are \$30. In addition to a T-shirt, registrants will receive a packet of seeds and a seedling to plant in honor of Earth Day.

Certified Personal Trainer Ehren Curbelo of Essential Fitness has donated her time and is training people prior to the 5K. For more information, visit <https://tinyurl.com/v3xd-jmra/>.



Children are welcome to run the 5K, but if they don't want to, there will be several activities for children to do while their parents run the race. The girl scouts will be hosting a craft table to keep the kids busy with do it yourself birdfeeders and painted rocks. The rocks will be placed village for peo-

ple to find. There will be opportunities to learn about the environment and listen to a live music performance by Bobby Curious. If it's raining, the activities will move inside Churchill Gym.

The Stamford Business Alliance, which is sponsoring the race, along with 50 local businesses,

is holding a market at the various businesses throughout the village, beginning at 11 a.m.. Businesses will have special Earth Day offerings throughout the day.

The Department of Environmental Conservation will be set up a demo booth in the parking lot where the race begins with a Milk Weed and Botanical seed give away, sponsored by the Mountain's Bounty Massage and Wellness and ACE Hardware.

In order to get things ship-shape and cleaned up for the arrival of spring, a pair of afternoons have been scheduled by the SBA to clean up things around the village prior to Earth Day. People are asked to meet at Catskills Junction on April 6 and 13 at 4 p.m..

Trout Fishing Opens April 1

By Liz Page

CATSKILL REGION – This Saturday is the opening day of Trout Season harvesting and it has always coincided with April Fool's Day - April 1. Die-hard anglers understand that no matter what Mother Nature throws their way, they will make their way to local stream to drink in the fresh air and cast a fishing line into the water.

It won't matter if there is an accumulation of snow or finger numbing cold - you will always, always find someone fishing for trout on April 1. If the sun is out and it's

above freezing, that is the bonus Mother Nature gives anglers for their annual rite of spring. If they get a nibble on the line or catch a fish, that's an even bigger bonus.

This Saturday is predicted to have temperatures in the high 50's, not bad for opening day.

Anglers will tell you it really isn't about catching a fish, it is about getting back out into nature and casting off the throes of winter.

Even in the worst of weather, there is always at least a couple of fishermen. I have interviewed fathers and sons enjoying

the rite or fishing buddies. They come in all shapes and sizes, from near and far. Most of the time, no matter what the weather, they are fishing and enjoying watching the line move downstream, replacing the bait and soaking in the peaceful commune with nature that fishing brings. There is something very calming about listening to the water lap the stream bank. And you never know what other creatures you might see enjoying their first days of spring as well.

New freshwater fishing regulations took effect

last April 1 that allowed trout fishing year around. But April 1 still marks the day you can harvest your catch.

We live in an area that is famous for its trout, both rainbow and brown trout, along the east and west branches of the Delaware River. The most famous areas are the towns of Hancock and Deposit. The east branch runs through Hancock, and the west branch runs through Deposit. Those areas can be crowded on opening day, but there is still a lot of fishing upstream, all the way to the headwaters in Stamford.

Many areas are stocked, but you will also find wild trout to fish.

Trout stocking begins in April and includes the East and West branches with brown trout, from 9 to 15 inches in length. Most are the 9-10 inch in size. The West Branch is stocked the first week in April and the East branch is stocked the fourth week of April. The Charlotte Creek, Big Pond and Beaver Kill are also stocked along with the Cannonsville Reservoir in the area of Deposit and Tompkins and the Pepacton Reservoir in Colchester. The reser-

voirs are stocked with brown and rainbow trout that are 8-inches in length.

Trout fishing utilizes a number of techniques and perhaps one of the most written about is fly fishing.

The Catskills are the fly fishing capital, with many streams providing ideal spots to try your hand at this very popular type of fishing. But trout also go after night crawlers and garden worms and other natural bait, as well as lures and other artificial bait. In the early days of the season, fisherman often have the best luck with these baits.

I have fishing friends

who enjoy tying flies and trying different combinations of fur and feather to create them.

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) launched a new interactive Trout Stream Fishing Map to provide anglers with information about how and where to find their preferred type of trout angling opportunities. And there is now a fishing app. DEC stocks nearly 1.9 million trout in waters statewide, beginning in March and lasting until early June. If you need more information about regulations or where to buy a fishing license, visit dec.ny.gov.

Chamber Launches Online Academy

The Delaware County Chamber of Commerce and GrowthWheel, a Delaware County based business and a premier world-wide trainer of business planning professionals, have partnered to deliver online resources to help businesses grow. Through the Delaware County Chamber Academy, users can access on-demand courses covering essential entrepreneur skills.

"We're thrilled to offer this valuable resource to

Delaware County business owners," said Chamber president Ray Pucci, "and thank the team at GrowthWheel for their outstanding work."

Users are encouraged to start by completing a free business assessment. This workshop introduces the GrowthWheel framework that considers twenty aspects of a business and participants receive a customized assessment tool, worksheets with key decisions, and a 30-60-90

day plan to keep them on track.

Courses are self-paced and take one to three hours to complete. The cost of each program is \$95 and Delaware County Chamber members receive a 50% discount on each course. Topics include customer relations, business concepts, marketing practices, and others. More information is available under the Resources tab at www.delawarecounty.org.

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Confusion Over Printer Purchase Budget Plagues Finance Committee

By Mary A. Crisafulli

DELHI - Delaware County Finance Committee members approved purchase of a check printer for fiscal affairs earlier this year, but at a meeting on Mar. 22, Clerk to the Board Penny Bishop questioned the budget. According to Bishop, the Information and Technology (IT) department was responsible for purchasing the item. Bishop asked committee members which budget line would be used for the \$950 printer.

Committee members agreed the IT department had been instructed to purchase equipment for other departments. However, they could not recall whether additional IT funds were budgeted for such items or remained within each department's budget.

Delhi Supervisor Mark Tuthill said the decision for IT to purchase items was made to ensure all equipment was compatible with the recently updated county computer system.

In addition, Andes Supervisor Wayland Gladstone said it is more efficient and cost-effective for IT to handle purchasing.

Hamden Supervisor Wayne Marshfield noted that the IT equipment budget for 2023 was approximately \$200,000, which is not unusual.

The funding for equipment purchases can be done through either budget line, though there should be a paper trail to indicate where they will come from, Bishop concluded.

Committee members will seek clarification on

the issue and make proper amendments.

In other business Real Property Tax Director Sherri Falcone reported the wide-format printer ordered in 2022 for approximately \$15,000 is expected for receipt this year. Due to an ordering issue delay, Falcone said the company had offered a \$1,000 discount.

The Delaware County 2018 tax foreclosure auction is scheduled for Apr. 1. There are 60 parcels up for auction at the county courthouse, 1 Court House Square, Delhi, starting at 10 a.m. Individuals interested in bidding must register before the auction. To print a registration form, visit delcony.us.

The next finance committee meeting is scheduled Wednesday, Apr. 12, at 10:30 a.m.

Presentation: Unusual Railroads of Upstate NY

DCHA - Saturday, April 8 @ 2 pm



Join the Delaware County Historical Association at 2pm on Saturday afternoon, April 8 for a PowerPoint presentation delivered by rail-

road historian, and trustee of the Greater Fleischmanns Museum of Memories, John Duda. John will be highlighting the more unusual rail-

roads in our region. Admission to the event is free. For more information, please call (607) 746-3849, or email: dcha@delhi.net

Possible Demolition for WAC Building in Hamden

By Mary A. Crisafulli

WALTON - The Watershed Agricultural Council (WAC) was issued building code violations for various safety concerns regarding structures owned by the council along Route 10 in Hamden. The notice states that due to roof damage, collapsing porches, and more, the buildings do not satisfy code and must be remedied by Apr. 15.

Executive Director Ryan Naatz states the timeline is aggressive and will not be met. Naatz will communicate with the town to develop a reasonable plan to address their concerns efficiently and quickly.

While Naatz continues reviewing the structural concerns listed, he believes the most fiscal option is demolishing the structures. This could be achieved by the middle of summer, he added.

WAC President and Andes Supervisor Wayland Gladstone said after speaking with Hamden Supervisor Wayne Marshfield, the town is willing to work together on a reasonable plan for the site.

In addition to working with the town, Natzz said all site plans would require the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) approval as program funders.

Council Director Marilyn Wyman suggested placing signage or barriers while discussing strategies to indicate the site is unsafe.

Once demolition is completed, Natzz said the location could be a potential site for the new WAC headquarters and believes the town would welcome it. "A reasonable timeline would be the momentum we need on a future goal for building."

In other business: Nearly \$3 million in federal funding was awarded to Columbia University, DEP, and WAC for developing a climate action plan to determine possible impacts on the city's water supply and actions to reduce adverse effects. Portions of the funds will be used to evaluate watershed farming practices to identify methods that improve water quality.

Council Director Dave Cammer reported a significant change to the forestry budget was additional funding in the bus tour program to make up for cancellations during the global pandemic. The 2023 budget for bus tours is \$20,000, he said. The program is a matching grant of up to \$3,275 to foster watershed forestry-related school trips for students in grades fourth through 12.

The WAC membership drive is nearing completion and has approximately 350 sign-ups, an increase from 318 in 2022.

Council members approved several updates and revisions to the employee manual.

Council Director John Verhoeven is working on scheduling an in-person directors-only meeting for May 16.

DEP submitted its annual Filtration Avoidance Determination report, found at nyc.gov/site/dep/about/filtration-avoidance-determination.page.

The next WAC Directors meeting is scheduled Tuesday, Apr. 25, at 10 a.m.

Village Of Delhi Police Benevolent Association Endorses Shawn Smith For District Attorney

DELHI - The Village of Delhi Police Benevolent Association voted to endorse Acting District Attorney Shawn Smith for election to a full 4-year term as Delaware County District Attorney. We have worked with Shawn for many years, first as the County's DWI prosecutor, then as Chief Assistant District Attorney, and more recently as Acting District Attorney for Delaware County.

Shawn has a track

record of being a tough and fair prosecutor. He has shown his support for law enforcement throughout his years in the District Attorney's Office, and we are excited to work with him as District Attorney. Shawn has demonstrated that he will work hard to make sure that criminal defendants are held accountable for their actions. Shawn is the best candidate to serve as our District Attorney, and I hope that the residents of

Delaware County will join us in supporting his election for a full four-year term.

"I'm honored to have the support of the Village of Delhi's Police Benevolent Association. Our Police Officers work hard every day to make sure that our residents are protected from criminals, and I will work with them to make Delaware County safer and stronger." Shawn Smith, Acting District Attorney, Delaware County.

Free Rabies Clinics

2023 Free Rabies Vaccination Clinic Schedule For dogs, cats and ferrets on:

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Sidney-May 8, 2023 5:30PM-7:30PM, Sidney Fire Hall: 74 River St. Sidney, NY 13838
Hancock-May 22, 2023 5:30-7:30PM, Hancock Town Hall, 661 West Main St. Hancock, NY 13783
Arkville- June 7, 2023 4PM-6PM
Arkville Fire Hall, 43365 State Highway 28, Arkville, NY 12406

Franklin-June 12, 2023, 5:30PM-7:30PM
Franklin Fire Hall, 351 Main St., Franklin, NY 13775
Walton-July 12, 2023 5 PM- 7 PM
Walton Highway Garage, 25091 State Highway 10, Walton, NY 13856
Delhi-August 22, 2023 5 PM-7 PM
Delhi Fire Hall, 140 Delview Terrace Extn. Delhi, NY 13753
Stamford-September 12, 2023 5 PM- 7 PM
Stamford Fire Hall, 111 Main St. Stamford, NY 12167
Deposit- October 2, 2023, 5:30PM-7:30PM

DPW garage 1 Village St (200 Front St), Deposit, NY 13754

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County Waste Redevelopment Project Discussed

By Mary A. Crisafulli

DELHI - As a part of the Delaware County Solid Waste & Composting Facility expansion project, which commenced in 2022, the first landfill cell will be redeveloped.

The reclamation and installation of a new double composite liner system for cell one will total eight acres. Materials from cell one will be screened for their highest and best use, for example, bulk metal and soil will be reused or recycled. Cell 1 was developed in the 1980s. Recycling and disposal procedures have improved since its inception allowing for materials to be

removed and increasing the capacity of the landfill, explained Tyson Robb, solid waste coordinator.

Robb reported, at a Department of Public Works (DPW) meeting on Mar. 22, that the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation has approved the work plan. Once snow has melted, Robb said a survey will be taken of cell 1 using a drone to determine the rate of material settling.

The project also includes development of a new cell totaling 2.7 acres labeled cell 4s. Creation of the new cell is nearing completion; final

steps include placement of a concrete pad and electrical work. Both work items have been delayed by four months, said Robb.

During construction of cell 4s, Robb reported damage to well #16, which is being monitored. Repairs to the well are estimated at \$5,000. The well will need to be relocated approximately 10 feet and dug at the same depth, he said.

In another discussion, the contract for abatement and demolition of FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) flood buyout properties is no longer delayed by historical item

preservation.

Delaware County was awarded over \$18 million in funding from FEMA to purchase approximately 150 properties identified as having significant flood damage following Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee in 2011. Once a municipality acquires the properties, they must be returned to green space. Prior to demolition, SHIPO (State Historic Preservation Office) requires each dwelling to be assessed for historical features and approved items to be preserved. FEMA regulation does not allow a municipality to profit from flood buy-

out homes. Supervisors were unsuccessful in securing an appropriate donation facility to maintain historical items. Several historical associations were vetted in surrounding counties but all toiled with a need for more storage space for such features. An agreement was finally made with the Coventry Museum through they to pulled out due to insufficient storage space.

After numerous discussions with SHIPO, it was agreed the county no longer needed to preserve the features and could move forward with the demolition process. The county will be re-

sponsible for the demolition of between 35 and 40 dwellings, while remaining structures will be bid for controlled demolition due to asbestos.

In other business:

Three DPW employees were approved for a stormwater runoff reduction workshop training at \$50 per person. Six employees were authorized at \$125 each to attend highway school in Ithica from June 5-7. Two employees were approved to participate in an asphalt principles workshop at \$50 each.

The next DPW committee meeting is scheduled Wednesday, Apr. 12, at 8:45 a.m.

Village Sets Budget Hearing April 18

By Liz Page

STAMFORD - A new trustee will take the oath of office next month as Catherine Snyder ran a successful write-in campaign to fill the two-year vacancy created by the resignation of Katy Graves last fall. Jayden Rivera was appointed to the vacancy last year, but did not seek election to the post.

Robert Schneider, who was unopposed for a second four-year term as mayor, received 36 votes. James Kopp, also unopposed, received 40 votes and Snyder was elected by 19 write-in votes.

At Wednesday's regular meeting of the Stamford Village Board, trustees approved the preliminary budget and set a budget hearing for April 18 at 6:45 p.m.. The new budget is up and figures will be available on the village website.

Josh Burroughs was present to outline the upcoming season at the Robinson-Broadhurst Memorial Pool, where he will again serve as pool director. He said several lifeguards will be returning for the season, which will open earlier this June. "We will know very soon who is coming back and we will have all of the paperwork done by the end of May for a June opening," he said. They may operate reduced hours in the beginning with Elementary School students still attending classes. He said he anticipates several will be taking the Water Safety Instructors Course, which helps with conducting lessons. The more who take the course, the more instructors are available for swimming lessons, both for Camp HERE and the public.

There are some drainage and other issues still outstanding from the contractors to be resolved and new lifeguard chairs are needed. Mayor Rob Schneider said the chairs have not yet been ordered, due to a fiscal crunch. He indicated the village could fund the new chair for the kiddie pool, because it is a safety issue.

"We may have to ask the Robinson-Broadhurst Foundation to finance the other three chairs," he said. "The village can't do it."

Sandy Collins, village treasurer, told board members she had reached out to some of the lifeguards to see if they were interested in obtaining a water testing certification. It would allow them to test the pool multiple times per day to help relieve the village crew. The cost of overtime is a major factor in the consideration. Calia said he can't leave town when he tests because readings must be taken three times per day.

In his report, Department of Public Works Superintendent Jesse Calia said the village crew had been battling snow removal and replacing hydraulic lines. "We move a lot of snow this month," he said.

He also indicated that the

village had agreed to trade in the existing backhoe to help pay for the new backhoe, but he has changed his thinking. The old backhoe came in handy for loading salt onto the trucks and not having to move back and forth for the snow removal. Because the salt is corrosive, using the old one would keep the new one from being corroded. "I think there are a number of reasons for not getting rid of the old backhoe," he said. One is the inconvenience of having to pick up and return the rental machine when there are emergencies. Instead, he suggested the village might sell its 2018 International truck, and put that towards the cost of the backhoe. The truck is over-size for plowing village streets and could be traded for a smaller truck, estimated at \$20,000 in revenue.

However, trustees and the

mayor pointed out that the village had agreed to use the sale of the old backhoe, estimated at \$15,000, and the money put toward the purchase of a new one. The cost of repairs, the reason for a new backhoe, will not diminish and Calia could borrow from another municipality in the event of an emergency.

It was tabled until the April meeting. If the village agrees to keep the backhoe, they would have to rescind their previous resolution.

He said he would also like to have a 5-6 plan for equipment replacement. Something trustees said would be worked out.

The mayor has been unsuccessful in getting realtors to provide an appraisal on the barn off Railroad Ave, with Bobby Kennedy of Coldwell Banker, the only one responding to his request. Kennedy has placed

the value of the property at \$59,000 and sale of the building would require a property line adjustment.

Discussion about collecting the \$45,000 tax for the village library will be discussed more. The village now owns the building that houses Churchill Gym, Kiddie Corner Preschool and the village library. The school district previously collected the library tax, but can no longer do it, since it has no stock in the building. More research is needed and the village attorney will be consulted.

Trustee Jim Kopp passed out spreadsheets for the upcoming music at Veterans Memorial Park in the village. He said he would like some sort of a kiosk or a billboard

sign inside of a glass box to indicate where village businesses are located and announcing the events at the park. It was suggested he get a banner with the performance dates printed that could be hung at the park.

Trustee Jayden Rivera asked if the village could do something to get dog owners to pick up after their pets. He said there is a good amount of dog poop along South Street, but other trustees said it is a problem almost everywhere. He asked if there could be more receptacles and signs inviting pet owners to clean up after their pets. Signage is a consideration, however, Calia said the village crew does not want to be in the business of picking up garbage.

Skills Clinic a Hit!



A baseball/softball skills clinic was held for area youth last weekend at South Kortright Central School. The event was sponsored by the Catskill Mountain Little League and was attended by over 40 children who learned fundamentals from the South Kortright varsity baseball team and

longtime Coach Bob Valkenburgh.

CMLL will sponsor another pre-season clinic on Saturday, April 8 from 10am-12pm at the Grand Gorge Civic Center. The clinic will be led by Coach

Nate Fish who has many years of coaching experience from his time in professional baseball. The event is open to all area youth ages 7-12 years old. No pre-registration is required.

Hobart Woman Arrested for Criminal Mischief

HOBART - Sheriff Craig DuMond announced the arrest of Deanna Macintyre age 35 of Hobart, NY on the charge of Criminal Mischief in the 4th Degree stemming from a report of a Domestic Incident.

On the evening of March 25th, 2023, Sheriff's Deputies responded to a report of a domestic incident in the Village of Hobart. Upon arrival, deputies found two individuals involved in a domestic and had to be separated. Deputies conducted interviews with each of the individuals. The investigation

revealed that during the incident, Deanna Macintyre had hit a cellphone out of the reporting party's hand in an attempt to prevent them from calling 911.

A domestic incident report was completed, and Macintyre was subsequently arrested and charged with Criminal Mischief in the 4th Degree, a Class A Misdemeanor of the New York State Penal Law. Macintyre was then released on an appearance ticket, directing her to appear at the Stamford Town Court at a later date to answer the charge.

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Letters to the Editor

The State of Our Union is Strong

I am writing hopefully to give comfort to the author of the Letter to the Editor in the March 24th issue, titled 'Where is Biden? America in Decline!'. The author says he is 'watching my country being destroyed since America elected Joe Biden'. All of the reasons he gives are not tethered to actual facts, so I thought knowing the truth might allow him to be proud of the country that he honorably served.

Leaving Afghanistan was a promise that Trump made and that he had begun. Leaving behind military equipment, most which had been purposefully degraded, was inevitable. The suicide bombing that killed American soldiers and many Afghans hoping to leave their country, was deeply unsettling and tragic. It was further evidence that leaving was the right course of action, as Americans were obvious targets of the Taliban.

The border with Mexico is not 'open'. Like George Soros funding every liberal cause, this right-wing trope persists, regardless of the truth. Drug interdiction at the border are higher than ever. The supposed wall at the border was not built, and did not make us safer, as the sections already there are easily scalable. And the majority of drugs are smuggled via truck and air through guarded checkpoints.

Inflation was not 'started' by Biden. It is a worldwide occurrence that affected the US less than every other modern economy. America continues to be a net energy exporter, and not approving the potentially dangerous Keystone pipeline didn't change a thing, as it would take years to deliver Canadian oil to southern ports for export. The pipeline itself, even if built, would add nothing to American energy production. Wind and solar energy are the future. Utilizing what is freely available and is completely clean does not preclude also using energy from fossil fuels. We can have both. Also, the idea that Biden is selling American oil to foreign countries is absurd. There is no public oil company. Exxon, BP, et al will sell the oil they produce to customers that pay the most, regardless of their location.

The letter writer bemoans the 'liberal' head of the FBI, who actually is the same Christopher Wray appointed by Trump in 2017. 85,000 new IRS employees are not, as he writes, being hired to 'squeeze' workers out of their pay. This is the number of hires needed to staff the IRS over the next ten years, and includes office workers, HR staff, etc., not just agents, as current employees retire or leave to work elsewhere.

We are not close to war with China or Russia. We are funding (inadequately in my opinion) Ukraine's battle against Russian invaders, a fight all Americans should support. There is nothing 'woke' about supporting a war against evil - a fight our rich nation can easily afford.

The nearest city to us, New York City, is the safest large city in America. Rural

areas have much higher per capita crime rates. Far from fleeing cities, our young people are flocking to them. Bringing their verve, zeal and brains along with them. And nowhere are police being defunded, another right-wing fallacy. Some police departments are experimenting with reallocating resources to have non-uniformed personnel address mental health and drug issues. This is not 'defunding'.

The letter writer concludes that if America survives until it can elect a 'real president', only then can freedom and prosperity be restored. I'd like to know what 'freedoms' have been lost under Biden, and also point out that unemployment is at historic lows and income at historic highs. Our economy is booming. If it's Trump that he desires, perhaps he should consider the former presidents upcoming indictments for election fraud in NY and Georgia, his rape case in NYC, his tax avoidance case in NY State, and his classified documents case in Florida. At what point do voters conclude that Trump is a dishonorable grifter that only cares about himself? All of the evidence is plain to see - if you choose to see it.

The State of our Union is strong. It's been famously said that we're all entitled to our own opinions, but not our own facts. The facts are America is fine, and all the better for the calm and decent man leading our country - Joe Biden.

Dan O'Connell
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Cobleskill PD

You may have read that the County Supervisors are entertaining the idea of folding the Cobleskill Village Police Department into the Sheriff's Department. It's easy to understand the concern because a recent article mentions that Cobleskill only has 5 officers and that they need to suspend certain patrol activities. You might think that this is only a Cobleskill Village issue, quite the contrary, this has the potential to be a county wide issue. For openers, Cobleskill residents (up to recently) have very different expectations regarding the performance of their law enforcement organization. Police officers basically do 3 things, enforcement (traffic control is a good example), patrol (driving around showing the badge and looking for anything that is not right), and responding to incidents (robbery, domestic disputes, etc.). Since the Cobleskill police department is located on Mineral Springs Road, at Grand, if law enforcement officers are needed at, for example, Division and Main, they can, in theory, be there in less than 2 minutes. If the event is out by Walmart, maybe 3 minutes and since kids will be kids, and Cobleskill is a college town, you can usually see the CPD patrolling. If you live in the village, you probably take all of this for granted and understand that there is a component of your taxes that is paying for this. While everyone else in the county depends on the State Police and the Sheriff's Dept., comparatively speaking, the Village

of Cobleskill (once again, in theory) gets boutique protection from its own police force.

The big question is if the Sheriff's Dept. assumes the law enforcement function for Cobleskill will the same service levels be maintained there and if those levels are maintained for Cobleskill, what about the rest of us? Think about communities in the far southeast corner of the county like Conesville or Gilboa that might not get the same level of protection and end up being underserved. Since the county Sheriff's headquarters is right down the road from downtown Cobleskill and Walmart, the response time could be just a few minutes while the response time, and the amount of resources that can be applied, for a similar situation in Conesville is going to be longer - a lot longer. Here we get to the issue of equity. Should families in Cobleskill have a higher level of law enforcement protection than those in the far corner of the county? The supervisors will have to come up with some way to level the playing field because we all pay county taxes and, just like paying for someone else's tuition debt, people might be unhappy paying for others to have a level of protection that is denied to them. Since a change like this will have an impact on everyone in the county, it is only reasonable there is complete transparency and that we all know the current specifications for service levels that the Sheriff's Dept. and the NYSP currently provide. Then we need to see comparisons and the projections for how these would be influenced if the Sheriff's Dept. takes over the job in Cobleskill and, don't forget, all the cost and tax impact details. When it comes to something like this it occurs that the county would need additional resources to provide a similar level of service across the county and this might be expensive. On the surface, the project sounds like it might be a reasonable move however, there are a lot of moving parts and when everything is laid out, the supervisors may rethink it and it might be best not to change anything.

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Middletown Man Arrested for Driving with Suspended License

DELHI - Sheriff Craig S. DuMond announced the arrest of a Middletown, New York resident for driving with a suspended license.

On Wednesday morning, March 14th, 2023, Sheriff's Deputies responded to a one car motor vehicle accident on County Highway 16 in the Town of Delhi. The

driver of the vehicle was identified as 40-year-old Edwin Teron of Middletown, New York. A check of Teron's license revealed that his driving privileges in the State of New York had been suspended.

Deputies subsequently arrested Gensler and issued him traffic tickets for Aggravated Unlicensed Operator in the

Third Degree, an unclassified misdemeanor, as well as Unlicensed Operator, Obstructed View and Speed not reasonable/prudent violations in the New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law. Teron is scheduled to appear before the Town of Delhi Court at a later date to answer the charges.

Walton Man Arrested for Driving While on Drugs

WALTON - Sheriff Craig S. DuMond announced the arrest of a Walton man, on charges of driving while ability impaired by drugs.

On Wednesday, March 22nd, 2023, Delaware County Sheriff's Deputies on patrol in the Village of Walton encountered an oncoming vehicle traveling an extremely high rate of speed on Delaware Street. Deputies say the vehicle proceeded recklessly towards oncoming

traffic near the intersection of West Street, before the operator of the motor vehicle slammed his brakes, leaving skid marks extending approximately 200 feet on the roadway before the vehicle came to a stop. A traffic stop, and subsequent interview with the operator of the vehicle, identified as 59-year-old Andrew Ridikas, of Walton New York, revealed signs of physical impairment by a substance other than alcohol.

At the completion of their investigation, Delaware County Sheriff's Deputies arrested and charged Ridikas with one count of speed not reasonable and imprudent, reckless driving, and driving while ability impaired by drugs.

Ridikas was later released on traffic tickets and is scheduled to appear in front of Judge Hall at the Village of Walton Court at a later date to answer the charges.

Margaretville Man Arrested for Driving with Revoked NYS License

MIDDLETOWN - Today, Sheriff Craig S. DuMond announced the arrest of a Margaretville resident for driving with a revoked New York State Driver's License.

On Tuesday March 21st, 2023, while patrolling in the Town of Middletown, Sheriff's Deputies observed a motorcycle improperly pass another motor vehicle while traveling northbound on State Highway 28.

Upon conducting a traffic stop, Deputies identified the driver as 61-year-old, Daniel P. Schultz, of Margaretville, NY. A check of Schultz's New York State driver's license determined that his driving privileges in New York State had been revoked

due to previous driving while intoxicated incidents.

Deputies subsequently arrested and charged Schultz with one count of Aggravated Unlicensed Operator in the Second Degree and Use of a Motor Vehicle without Interlock Device, both Misdemeanors of the New York

State Vehicle and Traffic Law. Schultz was additionally issued uniform traffic tickets for unlicensed operator and improper passing.

Schultz was released on the traffic tickets and is to appear in the Town of Middletown Court at a later date to answer the said charges.

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MCS Monitoring PILOT Payments

By David Avitabile
MIDDLEBURGH - As Middleburgh school officials put the finishing touches on the 2023-24 preliminary budget, questions on revenue from the Middleburgh Meadows housing development by the Valley Supermarket.

The village, town, county, and school signed a payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) agreement several years ago. This allows a gradual increase in revenue in a payment schedule instead of the owner/developer paying the full assessed amount in taxes. The PILOT for Middleburgh Meadows is

based on the number of units sold. When the units are sold, they will be taxes according to their full assessed value.

The income from the PILOT has not been what MCS has expected thus far.

MCS Superintendent Mark Place explained, "The PILOT has provisions about the number of units built versus those sold. So, the amount varies on an annual basis. We have worked with our legal counsel to make sure that the anticipated revenue matches the agreement. The decrease in projected revenue is based on the formula in the agree-

ment."

School officials were to meet for a budget update on March 15, but the meeting was postponed to March 29 due to the snowstorm.

At their February budget update, officials were told that the district received \$18,154 in PILOT payments for the 2022-23 school year while the estimated payment was \$46,546. The anticipated amount for next year is \$22,523 as there are 10 units "constructed but un-sold," Mr. Place said.

Officials are looking to close a budget gap of almost \$113,800 after they received word last month that the

district will be getting a state foundation hike of three percent. Overall, the state aid revenue hike will be 2.52 percent or about \$311,200, according to the governor's initial estimates. The final aid figures are usually higher after the state legislature reviews the amounts.

As of February 15, the current preliminary budget stands at \$24.47 million, up by 2.78 percent or \$661,748. Most of the increase is in the area of employee benefits due to hike in health insurance costs.

In order to close the budget gap, which is much small-

er than in prior years, officials will have to decide whether to increase the tax levy, allocate more fund balance, or reduce spending, according to Superintendent Place.

The district appropriated \$920,815 in fund balance to reduce taxes for the current school year and thus far has estimated \$950,000 for the 2023-24 school year.

Officials have currently factored in a tax levy hike of two percent which would increase the levy by \$202,000 to \$10.3 million to the current \$10.1 million. Board members will have

to decide whether to increase this total to close the budget gap. The district can hike the tax levy as much as 3.83 percent or \$387,000 to \$10.49 million and stay within the state limit, Mr. Place said.

If needed, there will be a review of the tentative budget and a revenue review on April 5. The state aid is sometimes finalized around April 1 along with the state budget. Board members are scheduled to adopt a spending plan on April 19. A public hearing is set for May 3 and the public vote is on May 16.

Antique Show Draws Large Crowd

The Spring Antiques in Schoharie created by the Schoharie Colonial Heritage Association was a big hit this weekend at Schoharie Central School. The crowd was packed for the Saturday and Sunday event.

Photos by David Avitabile

SCS Mascot Voting Ends April 5

SCHOHARIE - With New York State's order to school districts to change Native American-themed mascots or face loss of state aid and other penalties, Schoharie CSD is choosing to let the community decide on a new mascot. Voting on the new SCS mascot ends on April 5 at 3pm.

Voting instructions are: Junior-senior High School students will receive the voting link from their principal. Elementary students and their parents/guardians may vote using the link, which was e-mailed to all families of students in grades Pre-K through 12.

Those who would prefer to vote by paper ballot, may pick up and return ballots at the Elementary or High School offices. Those who would like a paper ballot mailed to them should call (518) 295-6679. Ballots returned via mail should be postmarked by March 31. Voting via the link or in-person via a paper ballot will end at 3 p.m., April

5. The voting link is https://schohariacsd.iad1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_a14NMk9LEbkNdc

Schoharie CSD would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who shared their thoughts throughout this process, including those who attended the public forum; submitted mascot ideas; and served on the committee to finalize the choices.

The finalists are Storm, Vales, Hawks, Coyotes, and Titans.

The Schoharie CSD Mascot Committee narrowed over 300 e-mail submissions to 20 mascot finalists. From there, the group chose five options to put forth for a community-wide vote. These five options were listed with a brief description that includes how many schools in the country share the same mascot. Once the community chooses a mascot, the district will enlist the aid of a graphic designer to come up with a mascot logo.



LEFT:

Marie Hallock of Colonie, formerly of Schoharie observes a unique book from 1951 at the well-attended antiques show.



RIGHT:

Dalton Cornell, 9, of Sprakers looks at his reflection at the booth of Nancy Toomer's House of Rose Antiques of Schenectady.

Egg Hunt Sunday in Schoharie

SCHOHARIE - The annual Schoharie Easter Egg Hunt will be held at

No Egg Hunt in M'burgh This Year

By David Avitabile
MIDDLEBURGH - There will be no Easter Egg Hunt in Middleburgh this year as the two groups that usually head the event cannot participate for various reasons.

The Middleburgh Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary decided not to continue the event after last year because of dwindling participation and growing costs as well as limited availability of members, officials said.

The Middleburgh Central School High School

the Schoharie Fire Department on Fort Road Sunday from 11am to

4pm. Visitors can come and hunt Easter Eggs, play some games and have some good food. This will be a rain or shine event so if it rains, they will move to just games inside but if there is beautiful weather, they will do both. The Easter Bunny will

Before the pandemic, the event was held inside and outside the Middleburgh elementary school and in years past, at the high school. During and after the pandemic, the event was held just outside the elementary school.

The Ladies Auxiliary and SADD club sponsored the events for many years.

4pm.

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The Easter Bunny will

be hopping around and would be happy to take pictures. The hunt and games are free to participate in. Food will be available to purchase.

The event is being organized by Douglas and Amanda Stinson and Michele Smith Borst.

Valley Briefs

2023 Village Of Middleburgh Meeting Schedule

First Monday Of The Month @7pm
Location: 309 Main Street, Middleburgh, NY
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July 10
August 7
September 11
October 2
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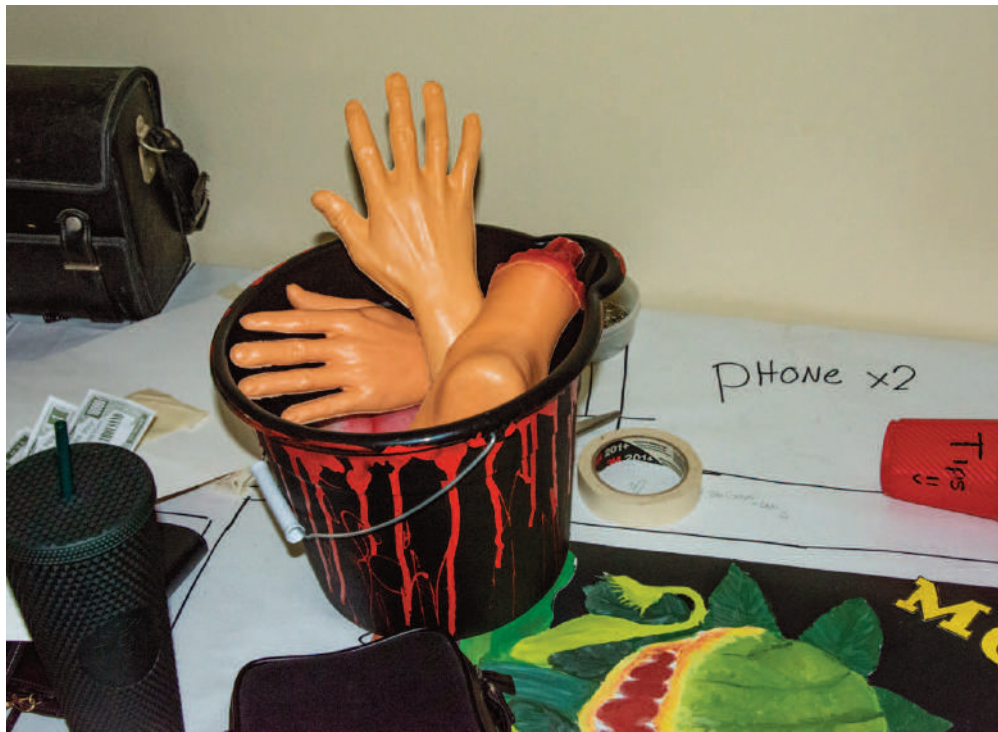
MCS Has a Blast With "Little Shop of Horrors"



A peek at the puppet -- Lauren, Avery, Grace, Brooklyn, and Harper Sloane (MCS Jr./Sr. High School Principal Matthew Sloane's family) from Bethlehem, New York, get an up close look at the largest of the Audrey II puppets (horticultural horrors borrowed from Warner Theatre in Torrington, Connecticut) used in "Little Shop of Horrors." Photos By Scott Keidong.



Quinn Smith dips Sienna Kelley during the curtain call following Sunday's presentation of "Little Shop of Horrors" by the MCS Drama Club. The two actors played lead characters Seymour and Audrey in three performances of the sci-fi rock musical last weekend.



Some items on the props table after the show.



After rescuing her from near death, Seymour (Quinn Smith) feeds Audrey (Sienna Kelley) to Audrey II (ravenous carnivorous plant and Mean Green Mother From Outer Space) in the re-enacted final scene of the Middleburgh Drama Club's presentation of "Little Shop of Horrors" Sunday.

Obituaries

Larry Wayman



Middleburgh - Larry Wayman 81, of Cotton Hill Road, Middleburgh, passed away Sunday, March 19th after being stricken suddenly at his 'winter home' in Inverness, Florida.

Larry was born April 5, 1941, in Summit, NY, a son of Earl and Edna (Ream) Wayman. He graduated from the former Richmondville High School, class of 1960. He enlisted in the US Army serving stateside in the 4th Infantry and following his discharge, worked for Pomella Brothers, building conservation ponds around Schoharie County. He worked for a time logging in the State of Washington and later, returned to his native Summit/Schoharie

County working for General Electric then starting Wayman Well Drilling which he continued for 33 years. In recent years he shared his knowledge of well drilling with the Amish community and enjoyed knowing his talents would continue as his legacy.

Larry was a past member of the Summit Fire Department, a life member of the Middleburgh Rod and Gun Club, the NRA, and the Northern NY Paddlers where he participated in many events locally and beyond. Larry cherished time hunting, fishing, winters in Florida, the family farm in Summit and most importantly, spending time with family and friends. He loved the outdoors and respected Mother Nature to the fullest.

Survivors include: his wife; Betty L. (Radliff) Wayman, whom he married in Summit on February 27, 1965, his daughter; Becky (Kriss) Binder of Middleburgh, his son, Jerry (Amy) Wayman of Middleburgh, his grandchildren; Tyler (Janelle) Binder, Jeremy

Wayman, and Alyssa Wayman, his great-grandchildren; Jonathan and Julia Binder, his siblings; Oakley (Betty) Wayman, David (Barbara) Wayman, Dorlian (Charles) Johnson, Susan (David) Croinex, and Sally Wayman, his sister-in-law; Louise Wayman and many nieces and nephews. Larry was predeceased by his parents and brother, Lynn Wayman.

A period of visitation will be held from 5-7 PM on Friday, April 7th at the Langan Funeral Home, 327 Main Street, Schoharie. A celebration of Larry's life along with Military Honors will be held on Saturday, June 3rd at 2PM on the Family Farm, 996 Enid Rd. Summit.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Larry to the Middleburgh Rod & Gun Club, PO Box 24, Middleburgh, NY 12122 for youth programs. Please visit www.langanfuneralhome.com for further information and leave a special message for Larry's family and friends.

PDQ Quilters Meeting April 4, 2023

The Peaceable Day Quilters (PDQ) quilt guild will be gathering for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 04, from 10:30 am until noon at the Fusion Church hall, 375 North Grand Street, Cobleskill, NY. The featured program will be a demonstration by Stephanie Liddle

on ruching ('ruching'), a fabric manipulation technique used to gather or create ruffling or pleating that is typically used to accent garments or assembled into floral designs or embellishments. Updates with regard to various ongoing and upcoming charity projects will be also

given. Other members will be show-casing their recent projects in the Show and Tell section. May and June field trips and workshops will be reviewed. All are welcome, and a special invitation to join us is always extended to area and visiting quilters from beginner to experienced.

Huyck Preserve's April Events

RENSSELAERVILLE - The Huyck Preserve and Biological Research Station will host a Hemlock Conservation Event on Saturday, April 1 from 10am to noon.

Hemlock woolly adelgid (HWA) is an invasive pest threatening eastern hemlock trees up and down the east coast.

Learning how to identify and track hemlock woolly adelgid is the first step in protecting trees in your own yard and at your favorite parks and preserves. We will teach you how to find HWA and take a walk to show all the work we are doing to protect the Huyck Preserve's hemlock forests.

This is a free event, but registration is required.

For Earth Day, a Bittersweet Volunteer Activity will be held on Saturday, April 22 from 10am to noon.

Looking for a way to help the planet this Earth Day? Come to the Preserve and join us in our efforts to clear Asiatic

bittersweet. Bittersweet leads to tree death when it climbs, girdles, outcompetes, and topples trees. Your help can make a real difference.

This is a free event, but you must register for the event.

A Spring Tree ID Hike will also be held on April 22 starting at 12:30pm. Meet at the Eldridge Research Station, 284 Pond Hill Road, Rensselaerville, NY 12147

Looking to explore the beauty of the forest this Earth Day? Follow award-winning author, arborist,

and tree expert Bill Logan on a leisurely walk to learn about early spring tree identification and tree architecture. Bill's expert eye will point out forest features that even our most frequent visitors may not have noticed.

Suggested donation of \$5; members and children under 12 free

Those interested in attending both the Bittersweet Volunteer Activity and the Tree ID Hike are encouraged to pack a lunch to enjoy between the events.

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.

All About Racing

By Ed & Betty Biittig

The racers and fans came out in full force this past weekend as 75 cars were pushed into the Via-Port in Rotterdam on Thursday night and out on Sunday. The mall was buzzing with racing news and rumors and Fonda Speedway had their display introducing the upcoming season and information on the NASCAR sanction for all that attended.

Cliff Haslun of Sloansville had his beautiful vintage racer; a Corvair body, Olsen chassis on display and painting the car all in black with No. 58 as a tribute to fellow racer Frank Blanchard who has been dealing with some serious health issues. Blanchard is a strong supporter for the Mohawk

Valley Vintage Dirt Modified Series and always willing to help his fellow competitors.

Cliff has been racing since 1991 and said he decided to build and join the Vintage series because he wanted to race for fun and the Vintage racers seemed to always enjoy themselves.

Cliff is Head Mechanic at Schoharie Central School District Transportation where he has served the district for 22 years.

Haslun plans to follow the entire Mohawk Valley Vintage Dirt Modified Series schedule this season which will take him as far as Airborne Park Speedway in Plattsburgh September 2, Labor Day Weekend.

Kyle Weiler of Knox, NY was displaying his No. 33

Pro Stock over the weekend and was one of the many drivers entertaining the young fans at the show.

Four year old Jayce Marshall was having his tee shirt autographed as he asked Kyle questions about his car and racing. Kyle had a top ten finish in his Yurkewicz sponsored Pro Stock during the Fonda 200 weekend last season.

To support his racing, Kyle works for the Town of Knox as a truck driver, driving the garbage from the town transfer site to the landfill.

Kyle began racing go karts when he was eight and took up his passion for racing again four years ago when he jumped into a Pro Stock to race at Fonda and Malta.

Dodge City Speedway had a display on the evo-



Cliff Haslun of Sloansville poses next to his Vintage racer at the Fonda Car Show this past weekend. Biittig photo

lution of karting at the track showing how the go-kart has progressed and the many drivers that made their start in karting, particularly at the track in Howes Cave.

One driver that made that progression was John

Flach of Ravena who raced at Dodge City in 1974, move on to race in Modifieds at Lebanon Valley and became track champion in 1988 and 89. John currently races with the MVVDMS in the Modifieds in his famous No. 77. Two

drivers racing at Fonda this season, began their careers in karts at Dodge City, Kristen Schwartz and Bobby Rhinehardt.

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

Murder Mystery Dinner Theater to Benefit People with Disabilities in Schoharie County

Event Scheduled for Friday, May 12 at the Olde Tater Barn in Central Bridge

Schoharie – Legacy of Love, Schoharie County’s fundraising committee of

The Arc Lexington, will host a 1920s-themed murder mystery theater dinner on Friday, May 12 at the Olde Tater Barn in Central Bridge, NY.

Entertainment will be provided by Murder Café, and promises a memorable evening of interactive fun, laughter, music, theatrics, prizes and more. Proceeds from

ticket sales and a Spirits Raffle will benefit programs and services that support people with disabilities in Schoharie County.

Doors open at 6pm and a cash bar will be available. Tickets are \$65 each and include a buffet dinner and show. Seating is limited. Guests are encouraged to wear

themed-attire. For more information or to purchase tickets, <https://LOLMysteryDinner.eventbrite.com> or call (518)295-8130, ext. 256.

Library News

Middleburgh Library

4/4 - 10:45 AM = Drop-in Storytime - Join Miss Terry for this fun, interactive storytime geared toward little ones

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

4/4 - 12:00 PM - Embroidery Club - Join local artist Betty Pillsbury at our Embroidery Club. Bring whatever projects you are working on and enjoy the company of your fellow stitchers! Betty will not be teaching but will provide help if needed. No registration required. Refreshments will be provided.

4/4 - 1:00-4:00 - Mahjong - Join the group for some fun. If you don't know how to play, they will teach you.

4/10 - 2:00 PM - Monday Family Movie Matinee - Puss in Boots, Last Wish (PG) -

Puss has burned through eight of his nine lives, though he lost count along the way. Getting those lives back will send Puss in Boots on his grandest quest yet. The notorious PiB embarks on an epic journey into the Black Forest to find the mythical Wishing Star and restore his lost life. But with only one life left, Puss will have to humble himself and ask for help from his former partner and nemesis: the captivating Kitty Soft Paws. In their quest, Puss and Kitty will be aided-against their better judgment by a ratty, chatty, relentlessly cheerful mutt, Perro. Together, our trio of heroes will have to stay one step ahead of Goldilocks and the Three Bears Crime Family, "Big" Jack Horner, and terrifying bounty hunter, The Big Bad Wolf.

No registration required. Free popcorn! 4/12 - 1:00 PM - Reptile Adventure - Join Jessica Shea and Reptile Adventures as she introduces you to some of her lively

and interesting friends. You'll meet tortoise, lizards, Argentine black and white tegus and several snakes including a ball python. Jessica is very knowledgeable and will answer all of your questions about these amazing reptiles. No registration required. We can only accommodate so many people in the room. When it's full, it's full! 4/13 - 1:00 PM - Create with 3D Pens - Learn how to create colorful 3D sculptures, starting with basic shapes and structures and then combining them into more complex designs! Registration is required. For kids ages 8 - 15.

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

Cobleskill Library

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 Maeve McCool*: Thursdays, March 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>

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.

Virtual UFO Club: Thurs-

day, April 6, 10am. Work on projects and chat on Zoom. Signup: <https://bit.ly/SchoharieLibraryPrograms>

Storytime with Yvonne: Fridays at 10am. Stories, songs, fun activities!

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

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

Middle Grade Book Group: Thursdays, April 6 & 20, 4:15pm. Children grades 3rd - 6th are welcome to join us the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month. Refreshments, track reading to earn prizes. Sign up today at <https://bit.ly/MG-BookGroupSHO>.

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>

*This project is made possible with funds from the Statewide Community Regrant Program, a regrant program of the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of The Office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature and administered in Schoharie County by CRE-ATE Council on the Arts.

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

Earth Day Celebration: Friday, April 21, 4:15pm.

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

Niamh Paris and Rebecca Schmid have offered to do a marketing/self-publishing workshop about different strategies for formatting and getting your book out there, as well as handling different social medias and how to promote yourself. This will be Saturday, April 22, and we're still working out the time. This will be a 'hybrid' program, both in person at the library and also on Zoom. Click here to sign up: <https://bit.ly/PublishPromoteBook2023>

Schoharie Library

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 Maeve McCool*: Thursdays, March 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>

Coding Club: Friday, March 31, 4:15pm. Youth Grade 5 and up are invited to attend Coding Club. Ex-

plore 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.

Virtual UFO Club: Thursday, April 6, 10am. Work on projects and chat on Zoom. Signup: <https://bit.ly/SchoharieLibraryPrograms>

Storytime with Yvonne: Fridays at 10am. Stories, songs, fun activities!

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

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


Middle Grade Book Group: Thursdays, April 6 & 20, 4:15pm. Children grades 3rd - 6th are welcome to join us the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month. Refreshments, track reading to earn prizes. Sign up today at <https://bit.ly/MG-BookGroupSHO>.

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.

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A Second Chance at Life

By Bill Combs Jr
BROOME — A representative of our national symbol received a second chance at life this past Sunday.

While checking the roads for Schoharie County Public Works Department to see if they needed to be plowed on the morning of January 25th.

Kris Hofeller and Jamie Warner saw a large bird lying face down in the snow, in a ditch on Flat Creek Road in the town of Broome. Kris decided to check on the bird and realized it was a Bald Eagle. He thought it had ex-

pired because it was lifeless. When he went to pick up the bird and remove it from the side of the road, that's when it gasped for a breath of air. Kris and Jamie wrapped the eagle up in his goose down jacket, brought her immediately to their office, and contacted NYS DEC Environmental Conservation Officer Justanna took custody of the Eagle, and transported it to the Friends of the Feathered and Furry Wildlife Center.

She was not hopeful for the Eagle as it was lifeless, cold, and injured, one of

the worst injured birds she had recovered so far. Upon arriving the owner/rehabilitator Dave LoVerde took possession the bird and started his inspection of the Eagle. He found it had a mild case of lead poisoning and head trauma. Much to his surprise she was alive and up on her feet the next morning. The eagle spent just over 60 days in recovery, and ready to be released back into the wild. Kris being one of the men who found the Eagle received the honor of naming her, so he gave her his wife's

name of Violet. FFF Wildlife Center has been very successful in rehabilitating Bald Eagles in this area for many years. It's now time to catch Violet which can be tricky at times, seeing how she is now fully recovered and very powerful. The day has come to set her free.

Last Sunday afternoon with blue skies and fluffy white clouds, we are high up in the hills near the place she was found. A large group of Bald Eagle enthusiasts, friends, and Environmental Conservation Officer Melissa Burgess are on hand to

witness the release back into the wild. Violet is a fully grown three-year-old Bald Eagle with a little bit of black on the tips of the tail feathers and a little black remaining on her head. Bald Eagles take four years to have the fully white head, white tail, and a dark brown body of an adult. She will then be ready to start her life with a mate and settle down somewhere in the surrounding area. As the lid comes off the transport crate she wastes no time regaining her freedom.

Within just moments she is high in the sky

soaring over the mountain tops near the Schoharie Reservoir and we lose sight of her in the distance. Before a Bald Eagle is released back into the wild it is banded, so when she is spotted you can report its band number to www.pwrc.usgs.gov/BBL/bblretrv/. Violet's Band is blue with the white number of H69. If you're interested in helping with the efforts of the FFF Wildlife Center, you can donate at www.fffwildlife-center.org. We hope Violet settles somewhere in the area and raises a large family of her own.



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 31

Middle School Play 6:30pm at Golding Auditorium At Cobleskill-Richmondville Central School

April 1

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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 16

Open Mic at the Gallupville House. Hosted by Richard Sherman and Tom White, this is a family-friendly, audience participation event open to all types of performers. Join us at 3:00 pm

April 22

Chicken-N-Biscuit dinner at Charlotteville Fire department. 5 to 7 p.m. Chicken-n-biscuit, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetable., salad, drinks and dessert. \$12 adults. Benefit: Charlotteville 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 21

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May 24

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July 9

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July 15-23

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

August 5-13, 2023

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

August 6

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

August 13

Open Mic at the Gallupville House. Hosted by Richard Sherman and Tom White, this is a family-friendly, audience participation event open to all types of performers. Join us at 3:00 pm

September

Sicily tour, 13 days, with Rosemarie Keller.. In the midst of the Mediterranean, discover an island with personality all its own—full of flavor and teeming with one-of-a-kind art and architecture. From multicultural Palermo to breathtaking Taormina, each stop on this tour of Sicily reveals unexpected treasures. Visit goaheadtours.com/ZOM or call 800-597 0350

September 10

Open Mic at the Gallupville House. Hosted by Richard Sherman and Tom White, this is a family-friendly, audience participation event open to all types of performers. Join us at 3:00 pm

October 8

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Electrifying Their Future at BOCES

SCHOHARIE – Two women students in the Capital Region BOCES Electrical Trades program are putting a charge in their future and challenging societal assumptions about gender and careers.

Alicia Gray and Katelyn Griffin, who take Electrical Trades at the Capital Region BOCES Career & Technical Education Center – Schoharie Campus, are pursuing careers as electricians in an industry that is 96% male according to national employment figures.

“My grandfather is an electrician, and he has been my main inspiration. I have worked with him since I was a little kid. Just seeing him work and do his job has really pushed me to take the electrical trades course at BOCES and to work towards going into the electrical field,” said Gray, a junior who attends the program from Cobleskill-Richmondville High School.

“I grew up watching my family doing little projects. I watched everything they did and learned everything I

could,” said Griffin, a junior at Schalmont High School. “I have wanted to get into the program since I was a freshman.”

The pair are among 88 high school juniors and seniors on the Schoharie and Albany campuses who are learning fundamental skills in electrical theory through classroom instruction and hands-on work. Students in the two-year program learn basic electrical skills and cutting-edge, 21st-century green technologies—all of which prepares them for the in-demand field of electrical trades.



Both students said they enjoy the hands-on nature of the learning at BOCES.

“Doing anything hands-on is my favorite part of the program. Getting into the lab and just working,” said Gray.

“My favorite part of the day is when we are working in the lab,” added Griffin.

The pair also said they have been widely supported in their endeavors.

“People always tell me

how much money I’ll make and that the field needs more women,” Griffin said.

“A lot of people have really encouraged me to pursue a career in electric. They would like more of a female presence in the skilled trades,” added Gray.

Teacher Curtis Van Steele praised the students.

“Katelyn and Alicia are eager to learn and have been diligent students. They are team players

who are serious about the electrical trades. They both have ideas and goals for their future in the trade and are a pleasure to have in the program,” he said.

Enrollment is currently underway for the 2023-24 school year. For more information on career and technical school programs, go to <https://www.capitalregionboces.org/career-technical-education/courses-programs/>

Middleburgh Downs Schenevus

SCHENEVUS - The Middleburgh baseball team won a 12-8 victory over Schenevus on Wednesday to win their season opener.

Bill Martinez pitched two innings with three strikeouts and allowing no hits. John Shaw

pitched three innings with one strikeout and allowing three hits. Derrick Fuller finished off the game with two innings pitched, allowing one hit and striking out four.

At the plate, Billy Martinez was 2-4, scoring

one run, while Lucas Shaw was 2-4 with a double and a run. Dalton Porter had a single and scored three times. Ben Croote capped off the game, going 3-5 with a trip and four runs batted in.

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Gallupville House Unveils 2023 Open Mic Calendar

Open Mic at the Gallupville House. Hosted by Richard Sherman and Tom White, this is a family-friendly, audience participation event open to all types of performers. Join us at 3:00 pm on the following dates:

April 16
May 21
June 11
July 9
August 13
September 10
October 8

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Stefanik Receives Briefing on FBI Review of Schoharie Limo Crash

WASHINGTON – Congresswoman Elise Stefanik, a senior member of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, released the following statement after receiving what will be the first of multiple briefings that she has demanded on the FBI's internal review of the 2018 Schoharie limo crash that she secured and called for full transparency for the families still grieving.

"Today's House Intelligence Committee briefing is a first step in the right direction, but, importantly, it is only the start of this critical process towards full transparency for Congress and, most importantly, for the families tragically impacted.

"After today's briefing, I have serious concerns about the FBI's confidential human source program's standard operating procedures in this case, and grieving families deserve to be updated by the FBI, so they can have full and much-needed transparency.

"At the end of the briefing, I requested and demanded that families receive this briefing from the FBI next month, and my office will be following up with an official public letter to the FBI on these necessary next steps.

"The FBI officials confirmed that both the FBI's internal review and this House Intelligence Committee briefing were only conducted because of my questions to FBI Director Wray and my office's oversight work and continued advocacy demanding transparency at the highest levels to give these families the answers they deserve.

"Just as I reminded FBI Director Wray publicly, it is the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence with our Constitutionally-directed oversight role, not the FBI, that determines full compliance on this matter. I will continue to pursue this needed transparency and use my full oversight authority over the FBI to ensure the full transparency that Director Wray publicly promised me earlier this month."

In March 2022, Stefanik publicly questioned Director Wray on the FBI's involvement in the crash at the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence's hearing. She followed up with a letter demanding answers regarding the FBI's involvement with 2018 Schoharie limousine crash. Following this advocacy, Stefanik announced the FBI opened an internal investigation of the limo crash. In June, Stefanik continued her oversight and requested a timeline for the FBI's review, a copy of the completed review, and any findings and recommendations.

During her public questioning of Wray in March 2023, Stefanik announced that the FBI will present the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence its report from the investigation into the FBI's involvement in the Schoharie limo crash. She got Wray to commit to full transparency with this briefing.

Chili Cookoff a Hit in Middleburgh

MIDDLEBURGH - It was a perfect day for a cup of soup or chili at the annual Cook-off at the Middleburgh Library Saturday.

Winners from the 17 participants were: Kip Degroff in the chili category for his bean and sweet potato chili; Laura Pelton in the "other" category for her barbecued pineapple meatballs; and Scott Keidong in the soup/stew category for his Chicken Tortellini soup. Sarah Beekman won the 50/50 raffle.



Angela Butler (left), Phil Butler (right) and Maggie Smith (center) of Richmondville get some delicious soup.

Auto Racing News

By Tom Coughlin

There are a minimum of three events to choose from Saturday, April 1. Pro stock driver Ivan Joslin and Ivan Joslin Racing in conjunction with Hummingbird Hills Winery in Fultonville will have a wine tasting and chicken barbeque from 1:00 pm. until 4:00 pm. at the winery located at 1442 Burtonville Road. Up to five free wine tastings, with wine slushies, chicken barbeque, raffles, and more available for purchase.

2023 Pro stock division sponsor for Fonda Speedway-Below Zero Ice Cream has their 2023 season opening weekend. Saturday & Sunday from 12 noon until 9:00 pm. on both days. Below Zero Ice Cream is located at 6093 Rt. 5 in Palatine Bridge.

The Northeast Dirt Modified Museum & Hall of Fame has an open house at 1 Speedway Drive. Which is just off exit 40 of the New York State Thruway and Rt. 31 in Weedsport, N.Y. 13166. Donations are appreciated, however the open house is free, with food and drinks available for purchase along with

door prizes and raffles.

Two different events are available on Sunday, April 2. In the Amsterdam area the Shaffer Racing Team will host their annual Bowling Tournament & Racing season kickoff party at Kelly's Imperial Bowling Center 249 Wallins Corners Road in Amsterdam. The bowling teams are full, however there is always the chance that a team will need a last minute substitute. Non-bowlers can also attend for \$15 and take part in the party which includes raffles, silent auction, food, drinks, music, and fun. Registration starts at 1:00 pm. with bowling at 2:00 pm.

In East Greenbush the Kingfish-Mike King will host his annual car show at the Funplex at 589 Columbia Turnpike, East Greenbush 12061. The free show will feature race cars from big block modifieds to Go-Karts, from 10:00 am. until 3:00 pm.

Do you have an interest in automobiles? The Saratoga Automobile Museum is working to build the next generation of car lovers and they can't do it without your help.

Do you have a love of cars? Do you have time to give? Do you have a special skill set or knowledge to share? Do you want to forge new friendships?

If you answered YES to any of those questions, the S.A.M. wants you to join their team of dedicated Museum Docents and Auction Volunteers. The S.A.M. will begin its spring and summer hours of 10:00 am. until 5:00 pm. seven days a week on Monday, April 3.

If you would like to know more, or sign up, please contact Andrew Hennessey via phone at (518) 401-5187 or by email at andrew@saratogaautomuseum.org

2023 is shaping up to be a busy year! The current S.A.M. exhibit Bond in Motion has already proven to be a huge hit

With the busy summer tourism season just around the corner, they are looking to add even more Volunteers to their roster for help with day-to-day Museum guests and at their many special events. With shifts available weekdays and weekends, mornings or afternoons, they can work with just about any

schedule. Volunteers receive discounts on Museum items and events, plus invites to Volunteer only events like private garage tours and dinners. Preferably anyone over 18 years of age can Volunteer, please share this with someone you think would make a great Museum Volunteer.

Last Saturday modified driver Stewart Friesen was racing in the NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series race in Austin, Texas at the Circuit of the America's This was the fourth truck race of 2023. Stewart finished 14th. with his no. 52 Halmar-Friesen Racing Toyota Tundra and now sits 13th. in the point standings 83 points behind the current point leader.

Hopefully you were able to get to the Fonda Speedway car show last weekend. There was at least one very interesting rumor floating around, We will have to wait and see if it materializes.

Sad to hear that the Electric City Raceway in Princetown will be closing. Mainly used for motorcycle racing, the track was 60 years old. Hopefully a new location can be found.



Lisa Hamila of Middleburgh serves up some pizza soup.



Dianne MacMillan of Middleburgh enjoys a hearty soup Saturday morning at the Middleburgh Library.

Local Worship Services

Send us your local worship services at mountaineaglenews@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

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Evangelical Lutheran Church - Gallupville
Sunday Worship begins at 9:00 am every Sunday, followed by Adult Study at 10:30 am and Children's Sunday School at 11:00 am.
Sarah's Pantry Second and Fourth Thursdays 12 noon-4pm

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
In-person Sunday Worship Service 10:00am for all ages. All are Welcome.
Pastors Michael & Sherri Meyer-Veen

Summit UMC
2870 State Rt. 10 service

10 a.m. Pastor Jan Benson
Seventh Day Adventist
2861 State Rt. 10
Saturday Service 10 a.m.
Pastor Reid 501-545-8351
Calvary Assembly of God
960 Mineral Springs Rd. 10 AM Sunday service.
www.cagcobleskill.org

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

Schoharie United Presbyterian Church
314 Main St. Schoharie, Worship Service: 10:30 AM Sundays
Lawyersville Reformed Church
209 Phillip Schuyler Road, Cobleskill 9AM service every Sunday

Sacred Heart Church
Saturday, at 4:30pm Sacred Heart Stamford
Sunday, at 8am St. Philip Neri, Grand Gorge
Friday, at 12pm Sacred Heart in Stamford

Harpersfield Methodist Church
343 Colonel Harper Drive Harpersfield, NY Pastor Dawn Richards (405) 808-4407

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Forty Presenters at MCS Career Day



MIDDLEBURGH - Veterinary Science. Public Safety. Acting.

Middleburgh Junior-Senior High School students explored these and many other future opportunities during Career Day on March 16. A diverse group of over 40 experts visited the school to discuss their occupations and answer student questions.

Organizers broke career paths down by "career clusters," including: business, education and training, human services and manufacturing.

Representative Chris Tague (New York 102) delivered opening remarks.

"Events like Career Day are so important because they are opportunities to spark students' imaginations about how they can combine their passion with a means of making a living," Tague said. "Building a career from a place of inspiration, creativity or by fostering a skill or value is a wonderful place to start when the entire world is in front of you, or you feel like you have no idea where to begin."

The MSCD Counseling Center, including guidance counselors Kelly Pacatte and Paul Pierce and staff member Laurie M. McGeary, organized the event. Principal Matt Sloane and Board of Education Member Vicki Hoerz provided additional assistance.

"Career Day is important because it exposes students to careers they may not have thought of, but that are very interesting," Pierce said. "Career day also enlightens students on what education is necessary and what skills are important to be marketable for a chosen field. Our presenters were engaging and made the day enjoyable for all the students."

The presenters offered candid discussions on salaries, benefits and job security for their fields, why they enjoy their professions and what challenges they have faced. Students asked questions at the end of each presentation and developed a broader understanding of the economic marketplace.

"I thought Career Day was interesting," Junior Stuart Shaul said. "I didn't realize how much the trade professions work together."

"If you go into skilled trades, private companies are more 'moveable' and hands-on," Senior Chloe LaBombard said. "Once you are in a job, you never stop learning."

Not all of the Career Day discussions focused on the future. Many presenters talked to students about classes they could take and school clubs they could join to prepare themselves for college and career. Some presenters outlined current opportunities to volunteer or apply for summer jobs with their organizations.

MCS D thanks the following presenters for sharing their career experiences with students.

Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources

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SCS Personnel Moves Sale for a Good Cause

By David Avitabile
SCHOHARIE - Schoharie school board members made a slew of personnel moves at their meeting earlier this month.
 Board members at their March 16 meeting:
 * Accepted the resignation of William Griffin as High School Teaching Assistant.
 * Accepted the resignation of James Kelley Jr. as Custodial Worker.
 * Appointed Kylie Calacone as long-term substitute Teaching Assistant, Salary Step 2 \$16,544, effective March 17.
 * Appointed Richard Russ, one-year proba-

tionary full-time Custodian, Step 9 \$36,573, effective March 17.
 * Appointed Faleasha Lethco, one-year probationary part-time Food Service Helper, Step 4 \$14.39/hour per SCEA contract.
 * Appointed Codie Jones, one-year probationary part-time Food Service Helper, Step 4 \$14.39/hour per SCEA contract.
 * Added five people to the Capital Region BOCES Teacher Substitute Calling Service List.
 * Approved the termination of Cassidy Meisner, Approve, termination as part-time Food Service Helper, effective retroac-

tive to February 8.
 * Accepted the resignation of Eric Croote, as Modified Boys Track Coach, effective retroactive to March 10.
 * Accepted the resignation of Marjorie Croote, as Modified Girls Track Coach, effective retroactive to March 10.
 * Named Daniel DeJong, as Modified Baseball Coach, \$1,550, effective March 17,
 * Accepted the retirement resignation of Kimberly Hileman, elementary school Special Education teacher, effective June 30.
 * Accepted the retirement resignation of Diana Largeteau, elementary school Teaching Assistant, effective June 30.
 * Appointed Shawn Gathen as Co-Interim Transportation Director.
 * Added Shane Barton to SCS Substitute List, Certified with Degree for the remainder of the school year.



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Tannersville Mayoral Race Likely a Tie

By Michael Ryan

TANNERSVILLE - The odds were probably beyond unfathomable that the ongoing race for mayor in the village of Tannersville would end up in a tie the way it did if, in fact, it does.

Those odds might be 100 percent with current mayor, Lee McGunnigle, and opponent David Schneider facing the very real chance of being deadlocked following the March 21 election and a March 23 absentee ballot count.

Schneider was ahead, 94 to 87, on the initial machine count and his margin stayed intact, 103 to 101, after the first round of absentee tabulating.

A second round was

necessary, however, when two absentees had flaws, requiring them to be "cured," which was done by the March 29 deadline.

It had been expected those ballots would be counted on March 29, but the suspense was prolonged when commissioners at the Greene County Board of Elections opted to do the deed the morning of March 30.

That timeframe is too late for this edition but the outcome presents the potential for what could be political and legal upheaval.

When the absentees are read, if McGunnigle captures both, the tie would result in the 4 remaining board of trustees

members choosing an interim mayor for one year, awaiting a new election, in March, 2024.

That person could be McGunnigle or Schneider or neither, according to Board of Elections officials, but it may never reach that point.

The choice would fall upon the four members who take the Oath of Office in early April, including two trustees whose legal status has been questioned.

Questions were raised in mid-February about whether trustees Kimberly Thompson and John Gallagher properly reside within village borders as stipulated by municipal law.

The issue has been turned over to the State

Attorney General's office for clarification but no ruling has been handed down, as yet.

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, a circumstance that could have significant ramifications.

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 including their participation in the interim mayor's selection.

The tenuousness of their status could also give rise to legal challenges of their legitimacy in taking part, and create bureaucratic snafus that might arise should they later be declared to be serving ineligible.

Controversy has surrounded this election since Republican and Democratic Party cau-

ses were held in February.

McGunnigle, the long-time mayor and a two-decade public servant, was denied endorsement by both his own Democratic Party and the GOP.

He formed the "Truth & Integrity" Party for a Day, launching a door-to-door campaign that, no matter the conclusion, again provides proof positive of the old adage that every vote counts.

If the board of trustees chooses a temporary leader, David Kashman, who was re-elected on March 21, and newly-elected Dylan Legg would be joining Thompson and Gallagher, pending an AG's office ruling.

Windham Explores How Pandemic Impacted Equipment Budgets

By Michael Ryan

WINDHAM - The glum reality about buying trucks expressed by Windham highway superintendent Gary Thorington could be made slightly less gloomy, dependent upon actions taken by State government.

Thorington, in a recent report to town council members, rued the New World Order in terms of what used to be an easy breezy process.

Once upon a time, a roads chief could, let's say, order a snowplow, agree to a price and have it delivered within a 12-month period. Piece of cake.

But the ruckus created in the supply chain by the pandemic for virtually everything obtainable has made once upon a time, just the other day.

Thorington advised council members that the town's current Equipment Replacement Program has been rendered utterly old hat.

"The town has a good replacement program but it's become very painful

for municipalities and dealers to fit anything into a fiscal plan with all the changes in pricing and availability," Thorington said.

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

"This is where highway superintendents and dealers are really starting to struggle," Thorington said, noting in bygone days, a contract would be signed and it was a done deal, barring extenuating circumstances.

"Nothing is simple anymore," Thorington said. "Now, we sign a Letter of Intent and the dealer puts in the order, two years in advance.

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

"It has created an awkward situation. We understand the dealer has to take the increase but it puts us in a pickle." Thorington said.

Thorington said.

Thorington, since he was on a soap box roll, also said, "another painful thing is tires are becoming almost impossible to get.

"There is such a shortage that if we want to get them off State bid, Goodyear has to approve that we provide an emergency service.

"I don't know why but Goodyear doesn't recognize us as an emergency service [even though in my mind] we do provide emergency service."

Purchasing the tires off State bid would be less expensive. "When you have twenty vehicles that need tires and you can't get them and they are \$200 more if you do, it's painful," Thorington said.

Thorington won't resort to pulling his hair out, not having much a lot left yank anyway, saying town officials and he will adapt, as they must.

Meanwhile, the mood of the roads chief rose almost to the level of guarded jubilation in a followup report to council members, last Thursday night.

He sits on the executive committee for the New York State Association of Town Superintendents of Highway, a group that

serves as the lobbying voice for highway departments statewide, among other roles.

NYSATSH members assembled in Albany, recently, to the tune of between 600 to 700 strong, advocating for as much money as legislatively possible.

Funding increased, last year, for the first time in nearly a decade and an agreement was made on a five-year plan, locking in the bottom line.

So expectations were low when the decision was made to go to the Capital, letting legislators know costs for fuel and paving materials, etc. have

continued to escalate, putting municipalities in a fiscal bind.

But the State reportedly has budget surpluses so a "nothing ventured, nothing gained" approach was taken, maybe yielding good results.

"You never know until the budget is passed but we might see more funding this year when we thought it would stay flat," Thorington said.

"It looks like both Houses are supporting us," Thorington said, possibly earmarking extra dollars for the CHIPS and PAVE NY programs.

Windham also intro-

duced a different de-icing system for winter roads that Thorington said, "was very successful."

The change was made, at added initial expense, to improve the quality of handling icy road conditions while simultaneously reducing the amount of sand and salt needing to be cleaned up in the spring.

"We haven't crunched the numbers yet but we will be starting the sweeping process [soon] which will tell us more. We definitely stepped up our game [in terms of safety]. It's something to be proud of," Thorington said.

Senior Awards Announced

In April 1963, President John F. Kennedy designated the month of May as Senior Citizen month. Later in 1980, President Jimmy Carter changed the name to Older Americans month. The Administration on Aging, part of the Administration for Community Living, is pleased to announce the theme for Older Americans Month 2023, Aging Unbound. With this theme, we will have the opportunity to explore an array of aging experiences without being boxed in by expectations and stereotypes. We'll be

discussing the positive aspects of growing older, why everyone has a role to play in combating ageism – and how we all benefit when older adults remain engaged, independent, and included in their communities.

Here in Greene County, the county Legislature proclaims May as Greene County Older Americans Month when it expresses appreciation for the commitment and valuable service of outstanding senior citizens throughout Greene County. In conjunction with this, the Advisory Council to the

Greene County Department for the Aging (Human Services) conducts a search for local senior citizens to be recognized for their dedicated and hard work to make our communities a better place to live. In recognition of these significant contributions to the Greene County community, the Legislature will honor all nominees for the senior awards. Two dedicated individuals are chosen to receive special recognition from Greene County Legislature in the

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Obituaries

Brenda Rappleyea



Brenda L. Rappleyea, 83, passed away on Thursday March 23, 2023. She was born in 1940 to Maurice and Hazel Decker who predeceased her. She was also predeceased by her brother Maurice "Bud" Decker, Jr. and two sis-

ters.

Brenda was a graduate of Windham Ashland Jewett High and the Austin School of Cosmetology. She was hairdresser for years but may be best known for teaching an entire generation of mountaintop children to swim as part of the Red Cross swimming program. She loved to visit with her family and especially her sisters-in-law Linda Jaeger and Anita Maben. She also enjoyed going "garage sale-ing" and eating breakfast at the Prattsville Diner with her husband Carl Rappleyea, Sr.

Brenda was a loving

but solid mother to five sons and raised them to be strong and determined. She will be remembered as fun loving, adventurous, sharp-witted and fiercely loyal to all those she loved. Brenda is survived by her husband of almost 65 years, Carl Rappleyea, Sr., five sons Carl, Jr. (Rachel), Tal (Holly), Lee (Chiara), Tracy, and Marty (Amanda). Brenda also has 13 loving grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

There will be private celebrations of life for family and friends only.

LOCAL HISTORY WITH DEDE TERNS-THORPE

Bears Continuing Raids on Livestock

"Platte Clove Farmers Loses Four Sheep-- Mauder Carries Away Trap in Which He is Caught!"

With spring on the way and the black bears waking from a long winter's sleep, it seemed a perfect time to share a short 1925 story from a Catskill Recorder. It tells about Platte Clove farmers taking steps to protect their livestock. Joshua Schoonmaker of Platte Clove lost at least four sheep, killed by bears. He applied for and received a permit extending over a four-month period to trap bears. Other farmers were making plans to do the same.

Mr. Schoonmaker set a trap and when checking it two days later he found both the trap and the bear gone. It was obvious a fierce struggle took place and after some investigating found that a huge bear had been trapped and succeeded in tearing the trap from its fastening, carrying it and the chain away. Mr. Schoonmaker followed



the tracks quite some distance but was unable to find Bruin.

The Recorder said that about fifteen years ago bears were numerous in the mountains and in one winter thirty-four bears were killed in the town of Lexington. As a rule, when the weather gets cold, the bears hibernate and it's rare to see one until spring. Bruin seems to prefer sheep and for

years the Recorder tells us that for years farmers have been annoyed by the raids of Bruin.

Thanks for reading and stay safe. Dede Terns-Thorpe

By Lula Anderson

Another crazy March week. We get a hint of the warm days to come, then BOOM the wind blows in the cold. The sun is so bright though, that we can turn our heat down during the day to conserve on fuel. I have been able to hang my laundry on the line again, the first day I waded through the snow to do it, but now it's clear. The Red Winged blackbirds have been visiting my feeder, the geese are starting to frolic in the lakes. My crocus by the garage have finally bloomed, the Great Awakening has started.

Last Friday night, we had another very successful Dinner Church at the

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VFW POST 1545 – WINDHAM, NY WEEKLY UPDATE



a household income of more than \$150,000.00.

The VFW will be working hard to stop this legislation. You would think that the national budget could find some other way to cut the country's expenditures than taking away earned veterans benefits. We shall see how this turns out.

On a very sad note, our post lost another member this past week. Richard Hughes lost a battle with cancer on Sunday. I highlighted Dick a few weeks back in my article and never thought we would not have him with us this soon.

Dick was a very active member of our Post for many years, from our building renovation days to the present. Always helping in many ways.

He was our Adjutant, Chaplain and trustee many times. Richard served in Vietnam and rose to the rank of Captain in the combat engineers.

He was awarded the Viet-

This past weekend District 3 VFW NY held it's 70th Gold Chevron Dinner and Awards banquet at the Hilton Garden Inn in Clifton Park, NY.

At the banquet, the district officers presented awards for the Voice of Democracy, Patriot Pen, and Teacher of the Year award. The first-place winners read their essays which were amazing. Such patriotism by all who entered.

The teacher of the year award went to our own WA-JCS teacher Melissa Palumbo. I was so proud to have Melissa honored from our community.

She had so much to do with having the students participate in the VFW contests. The students from WAJ were close this year to being honored by the district and I am sure that next year we will see a winner come out of our school district.

Congratulations to her and "thank you" for your continued support of the students and our post.

Last week I wrote about the amount the VFW service officers have recovered nationally for service-connected veterans.

All this work was made possible by the strong legislative workers of the VFW. I mention this because the strength of the voice of the VFW is due to the membership numbers of the VFW.

The fact that so many "younger" veterans are not joining the VFW makes our numbers less each year. Over 70% of the membership are Vietnam veterans which are dwindling which makes the VFW's voice to Congress less powerful.

One amazing budget cutting move by our Congress is to cut disability payments to veterans should they have



VFW District 3 "Teacher of the Year" Award was recently presented to Windham-Ashland-Jewett educator Melissa Palumbo. On hand for the event were (left to right) VFW Post 1545 quartermaster Marc Farnilette, Ms. Palumbo and Jay Palumbo.

Ashland Speaks

Lexington UMC. We had about 43 women, men, children of all ages sharing in abundant food and then we listened to the story of St Patrick. I had a woman come up to me at our WA-JPL meeting asking if she, a Catholic, could come and sing with us. As we age, we want to hear more of the old hymns that we remember from family gatherings of our youth. Remember, this is an Ecumenical gathering. Come join us on April 28th.

Next Sunday (April 2) is Palm Sunday, and the start of Holy Week On Thursday the UMC will be having their services at Windham with their traditional Soup and Bread Last Supper observance and services after starting at 6. Good Friday

services will be in Ashland at 7pm.

On Sunday Ashland Church will be holding their services at 9 with breakfast to follow in the church hall. Then services at Windham UMC for those who want to go after breakfast.

Check your local Parish for times of services and who is having breakfast afterwards.

Happy 90th birthday wishes to Ed Armstrong

Janice Maben spent a couple of days in the hospital, but is now home. Prayers for our dear friend Ellouise Cole. Keep Donny Speenburgh in your prayers.

AS I REMEMBER IT

It seems that as we get old(er), we become fixated on the weather. With mass communication, we can be aware of the devastation from hurricanes, tornadoes and massive snow storms. I have told you how I was left in Florida during hurricanes and had to evacuate to the local shelter with my three sons. How we moved up here and then had to evacuate to the fire house because of a hurricane. Such is my life. I still love living up in the Catskill Mountains the best as the weather is so much more predictable.

A conversation among friends the other night was about gardening and preserving food. A couple from Rockland County asked if it was possible to grow enough food in a household garden to last all winter.

After an invitation to come look at what I have

in my freezer, we spoke of how many of our "old" friends still can tomatoes, pickles, jellies, etc to share with their grown children. How we learned to plan ahead for emergencies. We hear there is going to be high winds, we fill containers with water and leave them in the bathroom for flushing. We check our supplies and make sure we have a manual can opener and fuel for our cook stoves. Bring in extra wood for heat and cooking. Candles are gathered, matches put by them, make sure oil lamps are filled. We are from the old school of survival.

An interesting news story that reinforced my beliefs, a farmer in California is not going to panic about the loss of several fields from flooding. He is not anxious to have them drained, he is taking the loss of his tomato crop to let the water sit in his field, thus filling the natural water reservoir under the ground for the future. We are so busy living for today, that we forget about tomorrow. If you take the time to look at cycles, you will see that there are good years and bad years. Some years the East Coast is inundated with storms, and some years it's the West Coast. If we weren't so greedy, maybe we could share the booms. Let nature take her course and balance out the land.

As for our old folk, we will sit with our memories, and be proud of the way we can live on what God and Nature has given us.

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Out Lexington Way

By Christine Dwon

Great turnout for the Potluck Dinner Church on March 24 at the Lexington/West Kill UMC. Over 40 attended and enjoyed the fellowship, food, hymn sing and story of the life and mission of Saint Patrick.

The Lexington Scrap Yard is reopening March 30 at 8 a.m.

The next Fish Fry Dinner at the Hensonville Hose Company will be Friday, March 31 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. One more dinner on Friday, 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.

Happy birthday to Louise Van Etten on Friday, March 31.

Saturday, April 1 is Jeanette Becker's birthday.

Fran Driscoll celebrates his birthday on Sunday, April 2.

Best wishes to everyone.

The Easter Bunny is going to be very busy visiting on the Mountain Top. Here are some of the locations:

There will be an Easter Egg Hunt at CD Lane Park, Maplecrest, on Saturday, April 1 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., sponsored by Best Hot Tubs. Easter egg hunts will be divided by age groups. Be sure to bring your own basket. Pre-registration is requested — <https://tinyurl.com/bdevfy2>. Rain date is April 8. If you have questions, please contact Windham Chamber of Commerce at windhamchamberofcommerce@gmail.com.

Hoppy Easter Party at the Blenheim-Gilboa Visitors Center, 1378 State Route 30, North Blenheim, on Saturday, April 1 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., rain or shine. There will be photos with the Easter Bunny, egg hunt and prizes for everyone, crafts and treats for the kids, fun interactive exhibits all free admission and parking. NYPA is the sole promoter and sponsor of this event.

On Sunday, April 2 the Easter Bunny is coming to Grand Gorge and will be leaving the Grand Gorge Firehouse at 4 p.m., traveling 30 South to Rick's Tire, 23E to Hitching Post, 30N to Civic Center and 23W to Sundae's. Join everyone at the Grand Gorge Firehouse after the parade to meet the Easter Bunny.

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

Here are the Holy Week Worship Services:

Maundy Thursday, April 6, Soup and Bread Supper at the Windham-Hensonville UMC, Windham at 5:30 p.m.

Maundy Thursday, April 6, service 6:30 p.m. in the Kaaterskill UMC, Tannersville.

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

Easter Sunday Sunrise Service, April 9, 6:30 a.m. in the Lexington Cemetery

followed by a breakfast in Fellowship Hall in the Lexington/West Kill UMC, Lexington. Worship at 9 a.m.

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

Easter Sunday Worship Services will be held as follows:

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

The Greene County Department of Human Services Senior Nutrition Program menu for the week of April 3 – April 7 is as follows: Monday—BBQ chicken thighs, baked beans, corn, cornbread, banana pudding; Tuesday—Tortellini marinara with sausage, Italian mixed vegetables, fruit cocktail, cookie; Wednesday—Easter Lunch—Baked ham with raisin sauce (low sodium diet substitute-breaded chicken cutlet); scalloped potatoes, glazed carrots, cherry pie; Thursday—Beef chili, California vegetable mix, brown rice, fresh fruit; Friday—Shrimp Scampi, tossed salad, green beans, linguini, 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 Lex-

ington/West Kill UMC will meet after church services on Sunday, April 2.

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

Wednesday, April 12, 6 p.m. in the church hall is the next Administrative Council meeting of the Lexington/West Kill UMC.

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

Be sure to mark your calendars for the annual Maple Brunch sponsored by the West Kill/Lexington Community Improvement Association on Sunday, April 16, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., \$12 per person, kids under 5 are free, at the Community Hall, 141 Spruceton Road, West Kill.

Special shout out and thank you to Danny Dymond for stopping to help when he saw me trying to untangle my American Flag. Greatly appreciated.

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

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

Interview: "Cash on Cash" Coming to Mountaintop

By Bradley Towle

HUNTER - Robert Burke Warren knew there had to be more to Johnny Cash's story than had been told. The brooding "Man in Black" persona had loomed large in American mythology for decades and has persisted alongside the legendary singer's increased popularity in the twenty years since his death in September 2003. The popular and award-winning 2005 "Walk the Line" focused heavily on Cash's struggles with addiction and other demons before finding redemption. The film was widely praised, although A.O. Scott, film critic for The New York Times, thought Joaquin Phoenix's performance seemed "stuck in the kind of off-the-rack psychological straightjacket in which Hollywood likes to confine its troubled geniuses." It was precisely this ongoing portrayal of Cash that Warren decided to challenge with his 2022 book, "Cash on Cash." Through Warren's friendship with Cash's daughter Rosanne, he knew the late star to have been a doting grandfather. Interviews and television appearances offered glimpses of Cash's great sense of humor and his passionate insight into the world of music. "I knew there had to be more to the story," says Warren. With so much focus on Cash's demons, Warren wanted to focus on the aspects of his life that had been overlooked and, to Warren, were simply more fascinating. To do so, Warren decided to let Johnny Cash speak for himself by pouring through roughly fifty years' worth of interviews. As one journalist had noted, "Cash spoke in prose," offering Warren not only Cash's own words to tell his story but "perfectly formed sentences and paragraphs." Warren gave himself one mandate while researching for the book: use no source available on the internet. That meant he found himself deep in the archives, surrounded by rarely viewed materials—the dream of many a researcher. Ultimately, Warren utilized thirty sources for his final edit.

Since 2022, Robert Burke Warren has been promoting the book with a stage performance called Cash on Cash. Warren will be at The Doctorow Center for the Arts in Hunter Saturday,

April 1st, at 7:00 p.m. telling stories and "illustrating Cash's life in song." Warren noted that without fail, someone approaches him after each show to say they learned something new about the late singer.

Warren recalled a 2018 Cash tribute he put together (prior to the book's completion) at the Colony Café in Woodstock. As he looked around at the packed theater, he couldn't help but notice the crowd's diversity and that Cash's broad appeal seemed to know no particular demographic or type. Warren cited Cash's authenticity as the reason. With all of the noise and falsehoods perpetuated by our internet culture, Cash's powerful voice continues to ring true. "The only other performer that seems even close in the broad scope of Cash's appeal is Dolly Parton," says Warren. Despite the similarities, Johnny Cash's voice,

legacy, and popularity are unique, with an appeal not limited to only the United States, as Cash's years of intense worldwide touring have given him a well-established global fanbase. "The road," says Warren, "was his bread and butter." Warren himself will be on the road throughout 2023 with stops in Saratoga Springs, Chicago, and Johnny Cash's boyhood home in the former Dyess Community of Arkansas.

Tickets for Robert Burke Warren's performance in Hunter are available at <https://www.catskillmtn.org/events/performance/2023-04-01-robert-burke-warren-cash-on-cash-1183.html>. "Cash on Cash" is available through The Chicago Review Press at https://www.chicagoreviewpress.com/cash-on-cash-products-9781641606356.php?pa_ge_id=30.

Senior Awards, From C1

categories of Senior Citizen of the Year and Outstanding Contribution by a Senior Citizen. These two county winners will also be submitted to NYS for special recognition.

This year, Patricia Elsbree of Greenville has been honored as the 2023 Senior Citizen of the Year and Robert Knighton of New Baltimore will receive the Outstanding Contribution by a Senior Citizen award.

Patricia Elsbree was nominated by Amelia Scarlata. She has lived in Greene County for over 60 years, and has served as a volunteer for the majority of those years. Pat is the mother of six children, twenty grandchildren and eighteen great-grandchildren. For many years, she was employed as a teacher's aide at the Greenville Elementary School. She has given to her community through the United Methodist Women, Greenville Volunteer Fire Co. Ladies Auxiliary, Greenville Rescue Squad, Greenville Quilters, Red Cross blood drives, Clematis Garden Club and the Asbury United Methodist Church. At over 90 years of age, Pat has a compassionate heart and positive attitude.

Robert Knighton was nominated by Janet Angelis. He has served Greene County as a volunteer since he moved here 34 years ago. He retired in 2003 as a NYS employee. He has served as President and Treasurer of the New Baltimore Conservancy, and President of the Greene Land Trust. Bob volunteered his time to develop a comprehensive plan for the Town of New Baltimore. He continues to donate his time monthly for the New Baltimore Food & Fellowship Luncheons. For all his selfless acts, in 1990 Bob was awarded the Pride of New Baltimore Award. Per Bob, "volunteering always returns as much or more than you put into it." John Pulice of Athens will receive Merit Recognition. He was nominated for the awards by Judith McClung for his service to the Athens Community Food Pantry and St. Patrick's Church in Athens.

In May, these outstanding seniors will be recognized at the Greene County Legislature meeting. Later this year, they will be recognized by NYS at a special ceremony as part of the 2023 Older New Yorkers Day celebration in Albany.



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The Prattsville Scoop

By Abby and Gabby
PRATTSVILLE – Our best of everything to our doctors and nurses, first responders, volunteer firemen and essential workers. You are appreciated. Congratulations to Beth and Mike Camna on the birth of their son, born on March 22. He is now registered in the birthday book for our area and an official resident of Prattsville. The Camnas are the owners of the Prattsville Diner and you are encouraged to stop by for a meal and offer your congratulations. The little boy will be known as Nicholas Michael. Good names.

Regardless of the weather, the ladies of Prattsville are on the move, and are as follows:

The Ladies of the Last Friday of the Month Luncheon Club got together at the Windham Diner on Friday the 24th. Those attending were their fearless leader Carol Landers, Ginny Kennedy, Joanne Dunphy, Mabel?, Diane Eklund and Shelly Brainard. No news on what the topics of conversation were.

Shelly Brainard and daughter Stephanie Braswell had the pleasure of taking in the play "Hamilton" at Proctor's on Thursday the 23rd. They returned with the opinion that it was one of the best plays they were privileged to see. Good for them. Proctor's does present top of the list plays and one very good organists when her physical condition allows her to perform. Isn't that right Claudia? Others attending Hamilton on one of the days were Bonnie and Lester Chase, Chris Tompkins and daughter Anna, Heather Gockel and her mother. Glad we have a facility to bring us the plays to enjoy.

Members of the American Legion Auxiliary Virgil E. Deyo Unit 1327 made a shopping trip to Kingston to purchase eggs and candy for their Easter Egg Hunt to be held on Saturday, April 8, 11 AM, Young's Ace Hardware Store, Prattsville. The EASTER BUNNY will be in attendance. The public is invited to come and enjoy the EASTER BUNNY and refreshments. Photos are permitted and encouraged.

Debbie Baker and granddaughter Sophia and daughters Stephanie and Samantha spent a weekend together in the City. Debbie, Sophia and Samantha took in the Ice Cream Museum. Stephanie had to work, and no one had brain freeze even though they did get to sample a different flavored ice cream in each of the 40+ rooms.

In place of brain freeze they all got a little light headed with the less than normal wall paper. Regardless, it was a fun time for the Baker Girls. The next Baker lady to be celebrated will be the clan's matriarch Mary who will be celebrating her 92nd birthday on April 2. Make it a super one Mary.

Many attended the calling hours for the late Frankie Hermance at Aston Basag Funeral Home in Hunter on Tuesday, the 21st. His family, co-workers and friends were there to pay their final respects and share memories of Frankie. His memorial services followed on the following day. Everyone knew Frankie, and his many friends were there from Lexington, West Kill and Prattsville and other mountaintop towns. Our condolences to his family.

A belated birthday dinner for Rob Gurley was held Saturday, the 25th at his dad's, Bob Jr. with a corned beef and cabbage dinner. The menu was also a week late, being the annual St. Patrick's day dinner. Bob Jr. is proud of his way around the kitchen and the corned beef dinner is one of his best. Delicious. Those enjoying the dinner were assistant chef Jen Traver, Bob and Ginny Gurley, Rob and friend Amanda, and Christina Gurley and her son Tanner. An ice cream birthday cake for Rob, his favorite, was the dinner dessert.

Did you hear Chad O'Hara's name mentioned on TV? He was MC'ing the fund raiser, not sure now what the cause was for, in Saratoga. Chad is the son of our Ann O'Hara and Prattsville can lay claim to a part of him. Chad's daughter Katy is following in her Dad's footsteps. You will hear her name as leading some fundraiser. We thank them both for their volunteerism and generosity of their time and efforts.

Anita Creazzo can use our prayers and best wishes for a speedy and complete recovery. Husband Al and great friends Pat and Tony Bifolco and the Breigles are watching over Anita's care and well being. Get well Anita.

It was an enjoyable time for all when Bob and Ginny Gurley and Cathy Martino visited with Ginny's cousin Freda Howard Fancher and her husband Ron and daughter Rhonda Margiasso. Freda was full of smiles and she and Ginny shared memories and were just glad to see each other. Rhonda is busy making game bags in patchwork designs for her husband Jim's artisan

unique game board, as in his own ideas. Not to be outdone Freda and Ron's daughter Pamela excels in crochet and knitting – either stuffed animals, designer children's hats, sweaters, etc. - they get this from mom Freda. Have their phone numbers and email addresses if you are interested in specific items. Or attend the Arts and Craft Shows sponsored by the Greene County Women's League for Cancer Patients. Where does this leave craft activities Ron? He loves his vintage cars and keeps his family ladies under control. Rhonda is looking for material of the game/sporting type for the game bags, either 2 yards or anything larger than 6" X 6". We send love to all.

The following was submitted by Joyce DeVivo, "Friday evening March 24, a full van and several cars took off from Discover Life Church headed for the Windham Theater for the Jesus Revolution movie. The theater graciously invited students (12-18) to view for free, along with popcorn and soda, and a large number of teens did attend. The story focused on individuals like Pastor Chuck Smith and confused teenager Greg Laurie and how they were affected by a movie of God that took place among hippies in California in the 1970's. As this revival spread throughout the country it led to Christian awakening of many who are now the "oldsters" in churches even if they weren't hippies then! The story was fascinating as plot lines and characters were neatly woven together with the drama moving along at a good pace. When it was over, there was the bonus of seeing friends from other towns and churches that we had not known were there, so there were many happy greetings." We are always glad to share your news and submissions. Thanks Joyce.

Happy Birthday wishes to Randy Briggs on April 1. On April 2 we wish Mary Barry, hello Mary, a special Happy Birthday. Also on April 2 we wish Kerrianna Aurigema Dibble a Happy Birthday. To John Zacco, Happy Birthday on April 4.

We can use your news to fill up the column so send birthdays, anniversaries, etc. to gurleyrv@gmail.com or call 518 299 3219. Thanks.

WAJ Kindergartners Visit the Windham Highway Department

By Michael Ryan
WINDHAM - The adventures are continuing for the kindergarten kids in Mrs. Corrigan's class at Windham-Ashland-Jewett school.

They travelled to the town of Windham highway department on their latest field trip, an annual and highly-anticipated event.

"It's always pretty neat stuff," roads chief Gary Thorington said following the whirlwind visit. "They were here for a little over an hour."

"As usual, we set up a makeshift work zone so the kids could see how it's done and why it's important. To make it fun, we let them pick what car or truck they would be, coming into the area."

"Right away you see their different personalities. One kid was on fire," Thorington said, laughing. "He said he would be a Lamborghini."

"I asked him if he could spell it and he just kind of looked at me and said, 'I know I'm going to have to have three jobs to pay for it.'"

There is a shortage of highway workers nationwide, including in Windham, with the department operating one employee down.

That shortfall might be remedied, however, in the person of Riley Maynard who eagerly sat behind the steering wheel of a giant snowplow.

"We could put her right to work, delivering a load of sand up on Begley Road," Thorington said, noting another driver would have been helpful during the 40-inch snowstorm, two weeks ago.

The kindergartners didn't need to go anywhere to pay tribute to Cody Rogers, the in-house School Resource Officer (SRO) at WAJ.

They recently celebrated "SRO Recognition Day" with Rogers adding to the festi-



This is either a very very tiny kindergartener and policeman with a normal-sized pencil or an eight-foot long "Number 2" scribbler brought to class by School Resource Officer Cody Rogers (with a helping hand holding it up from regular-sized Parker Benton).



Riley Maynard is a few years short of getting her Commercial Driver's License (CDL) but is ready to roll for the Windham highway department.

ities, bringing in a 100-inch long pencil made by his brother.

"Every child brought in 100 things to share," Mrs.

Corrigan says. "We counted to 100 by 1's, 5's and 10's. At the end of the day we enjoyed making our own ice cream sundaes."



"Thumbs up" from the kindergarten kids at Windham-Ashland-Jewett school, taking a field trip to the local highway department where they got a nuts and bolts education on a front end loader from (left to right), shop foreman Troy Aplin, roads chief Gary Thorington and motor equipment operator Devin Drum.



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Clubhouse Celebrates Harm Reduction Heroes in Catskill

By K. Fleig

CATSKILL / GREENE COUNTY — In one of the Columbia-Greene Clubhouses, a colorful and welcoming space on Main Street in Catskill, dozens of family, friends, and community leaders came together on Monday to acknowledge the work of 10 people who had completed the Harm Reduction Heroes (HRH) program. Attendees of the event shared food and conversation prior to presentations given by the creator of the program, Phoebs Potter, and two of the "Heroes." The atmosphere was joyous, and it was clear that the Clubhouse is a space where all are welcome.

The Columbia-Greene Youth Clubhouses - one in Catskill and one in Hudson - are funded by New York State's Office of Addiction Services and Supports, and is a program of the Mental Health Association of Columbia-Greene Counties (MHACG.) There are several state-funded Clubhouses throughout New York.

Both the Catskill and Hudson Clubhouses opened in 2017. Kai Hillman, has been the Director of both from the start. Serving as a drop-in center of sorts, the Clubhouses play an important role by providing "a consistent, open, accepting, and empowering environment for young people to engage and lead," Hillmann said.

The mission of the Clubhouses "is to provide resources to all young individuals . . . who are in recovery, who are seeking re-

covery, or who have been impacted by Substance Use Disorder (SUD)." Each of the two Clubhouses serve approximately 50-75 youth and adults, ages 12 to 17, and 18 and older, in any given month.

Drug use is widespread in society, and addiction impacts not only individuals, but families and communities. In 2021, opioid related deaths in New York State rose 14% from the previous year, according to the state's Department of Health website. The state of New York has implemented certain harm reduction measures such as needle exchange programs, and promotes the use of Naloxone and Fentanyl test strips. The epidemic of overdoses, however, continues and the impact is felt by thousands of people.

On Monday, Potter welcomed everyone to the Open House. In 2021 Potter, a former staff member of the Clubhouse, developed HRH as a learning tool. The program takes into account that an abstinence-only approach to substance use is often unrealistic and ineffective. The 10 Harm Reduction Heroes are archetypes who represent different harm reduction approaches and practices to the real danger of substance use.

Potter spoke briefly about the widespread and varying forms of addiction, and ways in which people self-medicate - whether it be with drugs that are not legal, or with substances such as alcohol, tobacco, or food. "Be-



Youth Clubhouses Harm Reduction Heroes (HRH), Clubhouse Staff, and supporters from AmeriCorps and Tobacco-Free Action of Columbia Greene Counties celebrate their successful Open House held 3/27/2023. From left to right are, front row: David King, Kai Hillmann, Roman Rosado, Brian Zimmerman; second row: Nate Richardson, Phoebs Potter, Noah Martinez; back row: Sha-He Cross, Alexis Adams, Kenneth Jackson, Nina Woodson and Amanda Craig. Photo by Jane Feldman.

ing safe applies to every thing we put into our bodies," he said. "No one deserves to die."

He then described each of the 10 Harm Reduction Heroes, grouping them into three categories; those who know what their own body needs, those who know how

to keep their body safe in a dangerous world, and those who promote safer community responses to substance use.

"The Detective" for example, is part of the first category of Heroes. The Detective researches and understands the chemical composition of substances and how they affect the body, is aware of drug interactions, side effects, and how po-

tency may vary.

The five youth participants in the program, Sha-He Cross, Kenneth Jackson, Noah Martinez, Roman Rosado, and Nate Richardson met with Potter, Bryan Zimmerman (a Youth Engagement Coordinator from Tobacco-Free Action of Columbia and Greene Counties.) Clubhouse staff, and Americorps volunteers for a year and a half on "Harm Reduction Mondays."

Throughout that time, the participants conducted research, and learned helpful information that they will then share with others. By doing so, they will "foster opportunities for young people to overcome the current culture of addiction," which is a significant part of the Clubhouse's Vision Statement.

"The HRH program has been an innovative framework for young people to tangibly practice self-care, safety, and community care and community response," Hillman stated.

At the Open House on Monday, Rosado and Jackson gave presentations. Rosado, a high school senior who is "The Alchemist Hero," demonstrated how to make a healing salve, and she offered her own blend of herbal tea to the crowd. Her exhibit included an impressive pamphlet that encapsulates some of her research. "Using herbs in place of drugs can regulate your serotonin and dopamine production the same way substances do."

Jackson, "The Lawyer Hero" gave a slide presentation and discussed appropriate ways to interact with

a police officer, and ways in which to de-escalate a situation. Jackson hopes to attend culinary school after high school.

An impressive photo exhibit was on display, with photos taken by Cross. Martinez was responsible for publicizing the event, and did trainings in the use of Narcan (an opioid antagonist) on site. Nate Richardson is a Youth Peer Leader, supporting the other Heroes.

Several members of the Greene County Sheriff's Department, the County Legislature, The Commissioner of DSS, a Greene County Social Worker who works with the Sheriff's Dept., and a candidate for Greene County Judge dropped by the event. "We're pleased to see community support here today," Hillman remarked.

The Youth Harm Reduction Heroes will continue their work as Peer Leaders. Potter hopes they will take their mission even further, and expand the program in ways in which they, themselves, feel best. He is no longer a staff member, but he is rooting for the Heroes and looks forward to hearing about their future successes.

"The event came together beautifully," Hillman reflected. "We were honored to highlight the work, passions, and creativity of our peer leaders. They are truly "champions" in harm reduction."

LEGISLATURE STUFF

Keeping a Close Eye on the Key

By Michael Ryan

CATSKILL - The new security cameras weren't in place yet but that didn't stop some Home School kids from slapping the cuffs on Greene County administrator Shaun Groden, last week.

Greene County Legislature members, during their recent monthly meeting, approved a resolution authorizing the establishment of Capital Project #137, focused on upgrading camera systems at multiple locations.

Surveillance capability will be modernized at the county building (411 Main Street), historic Catskill Point (along the Hudson River), at the Emergency Operations Center (in the town of Cairo) and elsewhere.

Lawmakers agreed the county is, "committed to protecting, securing and preserving the property it obtained with taxpayer funds," authorizing the county treasurer's office to execute a \$150,000 interfund transfer.

The decision to move ahead came after a report from county Information Technology director Greg Orin, who noted the work will be put out to bid.

While the project is expected to cost in the \$300,000 to \$400,000 range, expenses will be shared with the village of Catskill which has its police department and government offices located adjacent to 411 Main.

"That's where this got some momentum," legislature chairman Patrick Linger said in a followup interview, emphasizing the initial motivation emerged from Police Reform Committee recommendations.

Police Reform and Reinvention talks were ordered by then-Governor Mario Cuomo in 2020, reflecting "years of outrage in communities of color about excessive force, over-policing

and the deaths of Black men at the hands of police," including George Floyd in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Greene County quickly rose to the moment, forming a countywide group of residents, clergy and civic leaders to examine all aspects of policing in the sheriff's department and municipal agencies working conjunctively.

No incidents with racial overtones were discovered. Several improvements aimed at maximum transparency became part of the final report, ensuring safeguards for the public and law enforcement.

Body cameras for sheriff's department officers sprang from that report and now updates are needed for aging equipment and hidden spots.

"We're getting up with the times and there have been issues on Main Street where the Catskill police tried to look at our camera videos," Linger said.

"We could not get a clear picture. To have surveillance cameras where you couldn't tell if a person was male or female, we need to be well beyond that," Linger said.

"They will have access to our cameras and we will have access to theirs but this won't just be about Catskill. There will be bid language that lets other municipalities be able to piggyback," Linger said.

"Any town or village in the county that is looking for more services will be able to purchase equipment at the same price as our bid," Linger said.

Orin, in his report, noted installing vital infrastructure will be the focal point while replacing old cable with Digital Age fiber optics.

"We need to build up the technology to bring connectivity. The infrastructure we are putting in will be longer lasting," Orin told lawmakers.

No bonding will be re-

quired as lawmakers previously set aside the dollars, merely transferring them to the freshly created Capital Project Fund.

In addition to the trio of aforementioned sites, attention will be afforded to the county's Buildings and Grounds facility, on Allen Street, as well as parking areas around the 911 Center and the county courthouse.

Clearer views will be provided at Dutchman's Landing, both in the village park and across the road at the vintage freight masters building.

"Many of our cameras are defunct," Groden said in a phone interview, noting the village will have access only to county exterior cameras.

No electronic eyes were needed to clasp Groden in wrist irons, last week, when a group of home schoolers, teachers and parents went on a field trip to the county building, last week.

Kids educated at home, from throughout the county, got a firsthand look at how county government operates, participated in a simulated election and witnessed what can happen to repeat lawbreakers.

Probation Department staffers were on the scene, demonstrating how someone who violates their probation is returned to incarceration.

Groden volunteered to take the perp walk, keeping a very vigilant eye on who had the key. "The kids had a blast," the county administrator said.

"This was a really good experience for the students and for us. Afterwards, a lot of the kids said their favorite part was seeing Shaun getting hauled off," Linger said, laughing.

"They came to us a while ago, asking to make the visit. We were happy to have them and would enjoy doing this anytime," Linger said.

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TRADITIONALLY SPEAKING BY PAT LARSEN New and Old Pearls of Wisdom Part II

As promised, I'm continuing with the Pearls that are so helpful to remember especially when life is overwhelming.

These next few concepts are wise words and are quite interesting to reflect on.

Learn from the reflection that you see outside of yourself.

-If you judge yourself, you open the door for others to judge and criticize you.

-If you hurt yourself, others will hurt you.

-If you lie to yourself, others will lie to you.

-If you act irresponsibly, you'll open the door for irresponsible actions to be taken against you.

-If you don't listen to your feelings, no one will listen either.

-If you love, respect, trust, are gentle and honest and compassionate with yourself you will notice these kindnesses are easily returned by others.

To continue with another gem from the book the

FOUR AGREEMENTS that I shared from Part 1 of this column...

DON'T TAKE ANYTHING PERSONALLY. When you allow others power over you and take something they do or say personally, you are giving into their dream, their ideas about living life that are not necessarily in alignment with you. Remember these "agreements" are ones your soul made for your lifetime, not anyone else. By the



way, if you haven't read this book, here's the full title and author. It's brilliant.

Wisdom from the Four Agreements by Don Miguel Ruiz.

For some reason, I guess because we give into our own limitations in the heat of the moment, we easily forget how we managed to navigate our way out of difficult situations from the past until we're faced with the same challenge again. Take some time to think about a difficult time in your recent past, when a situation presented itself that was unplanned and yet "easier" for you to deal with. Can you figure out what the "key" was then that helped you easily unlock that issue? Unlocking these positive outcomes and more accessible reactions are often buried in our minds, not giving us access to that bigger voice to quiet our self doubts and fears.

Before defaulting to overreacting, take the time to reflect and reframe your next move. Begin to celebrate those

positive reactions and how you managed to calibrate a response. It then becomes a strength to tap into in the future much more easily.

DON'T SPEND ALL YOUR ENERGY ON "THE HOW"...of getting something done.

I think we sometimes get bogged down on the exact details of

how we're going to figure out exactly how we're going to do something. When you live your life through the simpler principles of "faith and trust" that the universe will provide, you can steer clear of the "how" the heck am I going to make this happen and trust that it will with far less stress associated with it. Of course, there will be a decent amount of effort that you have to put into a project but stop losing precious sleep time over it.

DO NOT ALLOW ANYONE TO PLANT SEEDS IN YOUR PERSONAL GARDEN. Big concept here but one that will serve you if you are clear and confident when you state this. Oftentimes, the experience of others is shared, "well meaningfully", but...without thought to how it will impact you. When you are at the beginning of a journey and have lots of options, it's better to work through the direction you want to take clearly from the vantage point of the most knowledgeable and trustworthy sources that are being offered to you. Generalized statements

and commentaries are useless and crowd out your own ability to grasp the details that make the most sense for you. Can you see how these pearls of wisdom begin to integrate and work together for your benefit? I certainly hope you've found them to be useful.

Your worthiness for living a blissful life isn't dependent on anything but being open to the

new wonderful experiences that await you. Have fun on your journey. Use these "pearls of wisdom" as your keys to unlocking your potential.

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Trout Season, a Welcome Sign of Spring

By Larry DiDonato
A sure and welcome sign of spring is opening day of trout season. New York's statewide trout season opens each year on the first of April. Warm breezes on sunny or even overcast days over the past weeks have given us hints of the exhilaration and optimism for better weather, better known as spring fever. For trout fishermen, the alternating warm and brisk winds of early spring have special meaning. Soon it will be April 1st and they will

be on the banks of their favorite trout stream. Many will use the tried-and-true tactic of dunking them on the bottoms of pools and eddies, hopefully right passed the snout of a wary holdover trout causing a reflexive strike. Flyfishers may fish beaded nymphs, drifting them deep and slow, trying to put them as close as possible to lethargic trout, still sluggish from the cold waters of the past winter. While you can have success with silver or gold bladed

Rooster Tail, Mepps, Blue Fox, Panther Martin or other popular brands of spinners, these lures work better on stocked fish or when used for native and holdover trout later in the season when water temperatures are warmer. The same theory holds true for small Phobes and Kastmasters. Whether you're a veteran, first timer, worm-dunker, avid fly fisherman, or something in-between, getting outdoors and connecting with nature while "hunt-

ing" wary trout on the banks of New York's trout streams can be a great boost to your mental and physical health. Especially since it always arrives just after what seems to have been a long winter. Stream conditions vary according to their location and the size. Other factors are the amount of rain we get leading up to opening day, in addition to snowpack and air temperatures that might accelerate melting. Right now, streams are generally in fair to good shape. They are a bit high and turbid, but fishable. Of course, if we get heavy rains with lots of snow melt, that can change things quickly for the worse. The forecast is for some rain but slightly cooler temps just before opening day so streams should stay in fairly good shape by opening day. Expect mountain and many valley stream temperatures in the high 30's.

Trout stocking in Greene and Albany Counties won't begin until after April 1st except for Vly Creek in New Scotland which will be stocked during the last week of March just before the opener. Kinderhook Creek will similarly be stocked in the week just prior to April 1st in both Columbia and Rensselaer Counties, joining the Walloomsac River in Hoosic as the only waters stocked in those counties before the trout season opener. No stocking will take place in streams, reservoirs, and ponds in Delaware County before April 1st and Schoharie County trout waters don't begin stocking until the third week of April.

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Each year, the first of April signals the official start of trout season in NY. A spring ritual you don't want to miss. A beautiful brown trout like this may be tough to come by when fishing opening day of trout season, but you never know!

Go to <https://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/30465.html> to get specific information and timetables for trout stocking in every county of New York State. So, it's time to get out your favorite trout rod and truly enjoy the annual ritual of the first cast of spring! Happy hunting, fishing, and trapping until next time! Remember to report poaching violations by calling the 24-hour ECO Dispatch at: 1-844-DEC-ECOS.



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BETTER THAN HEARSAY

For Whom the 911 Tone Tolls

By Michael Ryan

ASHLAND - More than a few possibilities emerged from a meeting of officials representing the towns of Ashland, Lexington and Prattsville, this past Monday morning, regarding a proposed ambulance alliance.

It appeared certain, at the end of that session, that an already months-long stalemate in getting the deal done would continue, potentially killing the merger and threatening the stability of hill town emergency services.

However, late Wednesday afternoon, a verbal agreement was reportedly reached between Ashland town supervisor Richard Tompkins and Prattsville town supervisor Greg Cross.

Ashland has reportedly agreed to the terms and the contract will reportedly be signed at a special Prattsville town board meeting on March 31, paving the way for what could be an innovative medical response future.

Ashland has been providing primary coverage for Lexington and Prattsville over the past several years, using contracts that obligated the other two towns to basically pay for how often they used the system.

In the fall of 2022, though, Tompkins advised both Lexington supervisor Jo Ellen Schermerhorn and Cross that fiscal times have drastically changed.

Tompkins proposed a

major transformation in the program, requesting that Lexington and Prattsville sign on to a new arrangement whereby all three towns would pay one-third of Ashland's annual operations costs.

The one-year pact would result in Lexington and Prattsville paying more than before but still far less than if running their own ambulance.

Between last fall and now, for reasons no one could quite pinpoint, Ashland and Lexington agreed to the original contract but Prattsville didn't.

And between last fall and now, in lieu of having no agreement from Prattsville, the breakdown for each town was adjusted.

Tompkins, a couple of months ago, sent out a new contract offer that would have Prattsville paying 41 percent of the freight, based on actual call volume, leaving Ashland at 29 percent and Lexington at 30 percent.

Prattsville, earlier this month, left that proposal unsigned, instead signing the original deal (splitting things three ways) which, in turn, Ashland rejected, leaving the whole situation in limbo.

There was more at stake than a 1-year ambulance deal. Tompkins, during this whole process, has repeatedly said, "we all know that train is coming down the track," meaning the uncertain rumblings in emergency services.

The bottom line, lis-

tening to Tompkins, is that Ashland had been carrying the load for Lexington and Prattsville and can't do it anymore.

Tompkins didn't put it exactly in those words but those are the words and when the tones go out in Lexington and Prattsville, it is Ashland that answers the call, buys the rigs and has the paperwork headaches.

Lexington has a quality First Responder unit but they are not available full-time and are the last of what is likely a dying volunteer breed.

This long story can't be made short. Suffice it to say there's a much bigger picture than the one-year pact between the so-called "Ashland 3."

Tompkins is looking over the horizon, envisioning the "Ashland 3" forming what would evolve into one mountaintop ambulance district, similar to volunteer firefighting agencies that exist in all area towns.

Over the next year or so, the "Ashland 3" would then meld with the towns of Windham, Jewett and Hunter to create a Mountaintop Corporation, a promising but never-before-tried ambulance system.

For reasons no one can pinpoint, or at least agree upon - and probably boil down to money and who's calling the shots - that vision got bogged down by what might have been a series of misunderstandings. Or maybe not.

Tompkins says that

what could have been a simple process began at least five or six months ago, giving everyone ample time to sign on the dotted line before January 1, 2013, putting everybody's ducks nicely in a row.

That didn't happen. Schermerhorn reportedly signed the documents in late December, 2022, but Cross says he didn't receive the paperwork until February, 2023, and says after that the numbers kept changing.

And, said Cross, "everyone is saying it's Greg Cross not signing but I can't sign if I don't have the votes to do it" from the town board.

And also, "I was never told there was any urgency to this," says Cross, all of which befuddled Tompkins who says all three supervisors have been kept fully in the loop since the outset.

Meanwhile, the town of Prattsville received a "Final Notice" letter from the State Department of Health warning them that the "Health Ambulance Service Certificate issued to your agency expired on January 31, 2023."

"This is a lapse of 51 days. Your agency is in violation of the New York State Health Law...your EMS agency no longer holds a valid Ambulance Service Certificate," the letter, dated March 24, states.

"Further, until such time as the Department receives the complete renewal application and required attachments, the

negative impact on your EMS agency may include, but not be limited to the following:

"If applicable, cause your EMS agency to default on existing contracts for service [and] the issuance of a Statement of Deficiency," the letter states.

That bureaucratic issue has reportedly been easily resolved. Cross says he did not receive the first or second DOH notification due to mailing mix-ups and if he had, the town would have attended to the matter.

The paperwork snafu would have no impact on the "Ashland 3" plan, but at the latest gathering, this past Monday, it was clear Tompkins was prepared to move on, Prattsville or no Prattsville.

Pressed for information on how that would work by Liza Dwon, the head of operations for Lexington's First Responder Unit who attended the session, Tompkins was non-committal.

Dwon, who is also affiliated with Greene County EMS Inc., said she was there, "trying to make peace between all three towns and get the best coverage we can get."

Dwon has been very vocal about the issue at recent Lexington town board meetings, urging Tompkins to return to the original 3-way split, suggesting he was "sticking it to" Prattsville for them disrupting his timeframes.

"We're not trying to stick it to anyone. We are burning a lot of gas. It's up to Prattsville at this point," Tompkins said, noting his intentions have always been, and will continue to be, doing what is best for all concerned.

"Do I want Prattsville out? No," said Tompkins. "But if someone had handed me the [one-third] deal we gave to Prattsville, last fall, I would have signed it before the ink dried."

"When the dust settles, will [Prattsville] get a new contract? I will tell you this much," Tompkins said. "This will move forward," apparently with or without the town of Prattsville.

Bureaucratic issues with the Department of Health have long loomed over Ashland's servicing of Prattsville that will hopefully, one day, be resolved, although it is a deeply-woven, tangled web.

Plowing through all that, Tompkins says, "this is a human issue for me. I don't want to see anyone left out in the cold. There is no winner in this."

"We've had several meetings on this and I came away from those meetings with the idea this was done," Tompkins said.

"This is a flash in the pan agreement, for one year, to get us from where we are to where we need to be. After a year, this can be whatever we all make it. We're all fighting the same people," Tompkins said.

Greene County Releases Health Data

County Health Rankings and Roadmaps, completed by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, releases data each year to estimate the general health of residents in each county across the country. These rankings provide a "cookie cutter" approach to measuring health outcomes: defined as both length and quality of life in residents.

While this report may provide some insight for the health of counties across the United States, this approach cannot be applied equally to all counties. This is because counties can vary

vastly in population size, amount of resources available, and geographical location.

For the year 2022, Greene County ranked #51 of the 62 counties in New York, in the lower 25% of the state. The goal of Public Health has always been to continue to prevent disease, promote and protect health, and provide education supporting healthy lifestyles.

Over the past 7 years, Greene County Public Health was able to do just that for its residents. In the year 2015, Greene County ranked #60 out of 62 coun-

ties. In that short time, the health of our residents gradually improved, moving Greene County up in the ratings by nine places.

While this information is valuable to both county officials and residents, much of this data has a significant lag time. The majority of data collected for these county rankings ranged from 2016-2020, before the start of COVID-19. While COVID-19 negatively influenced the health and wellness of the residents in our county, these effects were also felt across the state, country, and globe. Several of the positive

health benefits for residents in Greene County can be attributed to the Community Health Assessment (CHA) and Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP), created specifically by and for each county in New York. The CHA provides insight to the health factors and needs in each county, while the CHIP gives each county an action plan to fill in the gaps of health programming needed in our community.

Greene and Columbia Counties are unique in that one single plan was written to represent both counties. These assessments and plans were completed with the help of Columbia Memorial Health and Healthy Capital District. Through analysis of data from the Community Health Assessment, Greene and Columbia County medical and health professionals identified three health factors that have made the greatest impact on our community: Obesity/Diabetes, Substance Use Disorder, and COVID-19.

Some well-known programs supported by the CHIP are the Biggest Loser Contest, Greene Walks competition, medication and sharps drop boxes, and the promotion of COVID-19 vaccinations. For more information regarding Greene County's CHA or CHIP follow the link on our website: www.greenegovernment.com/departments/public-health.

While efforts such as the CHA/CHIP are in place, Greene County still struggles with the effects of Social Determinants of Health (SDOH). SDOH are conditions in the environment where people are born, live, work, play, and learn; these affect the health, functioning, and quality of life in individuals.

Social Determinates of Health (SDOH)

- Physical Environment
- Safe Housing
- Reliable Transportation
- Access to Healthy and Affordable Foods
- Education
- Community and Social Context
- Healthcare Systems
- Health Coverage
- Provider & Support Systems Pharmacy
- Availability
- Food
- Food Security
- Early Childhood Education
- Social Integration
- Literacy & Language
- Chronic Stress
- Vocational Training
- Walkability & Safe Sidewalks
- Geography
- Higher Education
- Exposure to Racism, Violence, & Trauma
- Access to Culturally Appropriate & Community Engagement
- Respectful Care
- Parks & Playgrounds
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- Medical Bills
- Health Outcomes
- Morbidity - Mortality - Life Expectancy - Health Status

hard to change, such as the number of healthcare providers in the county; other factors have already positively affected the community. The health rankings from the 2022 report show that 23% of youths in Greene County were disengaged, meaning they were not in school or working. Just 4 years earlier, in 2018, approximately 41% of youths were disengaged. This rate improved drastically, likely due to a number of community programs put in place over the past few years. For example, the popularity of the Youth Clubhouses in Catskill and Hudson has continued to grow; engaging the youth in a community based, peer-driven recovery program that encourages positive peer, family, and community involvement.

Health Educators, Public Health Nurses, and Emergency Preparedness Coordinators from Public Health are very active in providing education and resources for our community members. Free health education lessons are provided in Greene County schools, libraries, senior centers, mental health facilities, and more. Topics taught by Public Health Staff including Tick-borne Illnesses, Lead Poisoning/Safety, COVID-19, Immunizations, Naloxone Training, and Stop the Bleed Training.

It is well known that Greene County, along with the rest of the country, is struggling with a Public Health crisis regarding substance use disorders and overdoses. Greene County Public Health Department, with the help of Kathode Ray Media, has created an online dashboard with live updates regarding substance use and overdoses in Greene and Columbia Counties.



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Trial of Shakespearean Proportions Why are we so Interested in Spectacle?

Sometimes there are criminal trials that catch our attention due to the spectacle involved. Human beings are drawn to spectacle because they are curious about how others run their lives and ruin their lives. Even though everyone's life is full of traumatic difficulties, there is a certain safety in knowing that the newest trial does not involve us; it is the curiosity and inability to turn from it that holds our attention. True Crime is the most watched network of all, because of this insatiable draw to the problems of others. When Shakespeare's plays were viewed in the Globe Theatre, during the Elizabethan Period, audiences of the time were glued to their seats or their mats, as those who had no money had to sit on the ground, when Shakespeare's tragedies unfolded. Knowing that others struggled with similar problems and went to extremes to deal with them gave them a certain feeling of success in their own humdrum lives, where they were able to keep it all together. Today, we flock to bloody, extremely frightening movies to watch the "Chainsaw massacres," to see "Freddy" or "Michael" reappear again and so forth. We also crane our necks to see the results of car accidents and if not there to observe the collision, we get on social media to get all the details. People stood and cheered as friends and neighbors were hanged during the Salem Witch Trials. Early people spit and threw stones, as Christ walked toward Calvary, before being crucified. We are a strange breed.

Trials where children go missing, only to be found dead, enrage us. Caylee Anthony was an innocent three-year-old and due to a jury's inability to convict the most obvious person, no one will ever know who disposed of this little girl, right down the road from her mother's home. Nicole Simpson and Ron Goldman were massacred by someone who had more presented evidence against him than any trial in history, but he was found innocent due to racial tensions involving a racist police officer. Jon Benet Ramsey's case is still unsolved, but we tune in regularly for updates, because we need closure for this little one. Scott Peterson sits on death row for the murder of his pregnant wife, Laci, even though the circumstantial evidence against him was weak. His conviction was probably more of an emotional response, due to his continual lying and nonchalant manner of dealing with Laci's supposed disappearance, and the notorious affair with Amber Frey, than a judicial one. Christopher Watts also sits on death row due to his annihilation of his beautiful wife, Shannan and daughters CeCe and Bella. How can a father dump his two- and three-year-old daughters' bodies in two separate oil tanks and bury his strangled, pregnant wife's body in a shallow grave, in the shadow of these oil tanks? Everyone loved Shannan. Shannan adored Chris. Chris adored Shannan. They were loving parents and then, SNAP!

And now there is the Alex Murdaugh Esq. trial and conviction. Millions of people around the world were consumed with this story of greed, deceit, addiction, and murder. How can a successful attorney, with everything to live for, cheat his clients, law partners and family out of millions upon millions of dollars and decide to gain sympathy for himself to distract from an upcoming civil trial he had been named in? He was to be listed as a knowing father, who chose to do nothing about his son's drinking (in fact, he condoned it at a very young age at home parties,) and when tragedy struck and his son took the life of one of his young friends in a boating accident, interfered with the witnesses trying to keep them silent about who was driving the boat (obstruction of justice.) The why of what he came to do, however, was the sticking point. Gaining sympathy for his own problem, with this civil action looming in front of him, he murdered his wife and son (the son that was driving the boat,) and blamed it on people who had been writing demeaning and threatening things to his son, since the boat case. At the end of a rifle and a shotgun, that both belonged to the Murdaughs, he shot them separately, and the town, as he expected it to, turned itself around and offered him sympathy and cancelled the legal proceedings in the wrongful death suit of his now dead son's dear friend, which was going to cost him millions

and millions of dollars. Little known to these grieving friends and family was the trail of tears to come. A few months after his wife and son were found murdered, his Ponzi-like scheme came unraveled and the damage he had done to all his trusting clients, friends and family members was exposed. His addiction to opiates was also discovered. His insatiable need for money was staggering. He was a well-paid lawyer, who owned three properties, a boat, beautiful cars, and on and on. His family had been involved in the law for 100 years, as his father, grandfather and great-grandfather were all solicitors (district attorneys.) Although he had not ascended to his family throne yet, it was expected that he would, but his inability to say, "no" to opiates and "no" to those things he wanted but could not afford, ended his chances of this and sadly ended the lives of the people he said he loved the most. All who were called to testify commented on what an incredible family-man he was; "adored his wife, worshipped his kids." These are the cases that make us wonder: How can this happen?

Using Shakespeare's own words on the stand, the defendant said, "Oh what a tangled web we weave..." He was a real-life Shakespearean character. He had the world at his fingertips and destroyed it all because of money. The twist, of course, in Shakespeare's plays, along with the tag names he gives his characters are always interesting, just like the names and twist in this continual unfolding story. Yes, he was convicted of murdering his son, Paul and his wife, Maggie, but chances are he would have been found not guilty had his son's evidence not come

from beyond the grave. Unbeknownst to him, Paul had captured 50 seconds of his father's voice and arm in a snap-chat, at the scene of the crime, just 5 minutes before he and his mother were killed. Although Murdaugh swore he had been nowhere near the crime

scene, a video-clip from his victim-son accused him and put him at the crime scene. There were other circumstantial pieces of evidence, but his son's preserved video was the ironic twist and it saw to his mother's and his justice. The name Murdaugh, in the deep South,

certainly sounds like "Murder," and Alex Murdaugh's real first name is Richard, which of course speaks for itself in terms of wealthy tag names. One simply cannot make this stuff up.

The conclusion in next week's paper.

A CONVERSATION ABOUT

They're Out To Get Us

By Jean Thomas

I just walked around the perimeter of my little property. They're out to get us for sure. There is ample evidence that the furry foes have begun their onslaught already. The soil bucked beneath my feet as evidence of moles. I saw their scornful mounds of fresh soil tossed up to annoy me. I saw the winding trails that had served the voles beneath the snow, and the dainty holes they used. They're more discreet than the moles, even though if one ran in front of me I couldn't tell you for the life of me which it was. That's a problem, though you might not think so. Each requires a different remedy, because each has different dietary needs. Remember the little hint that goes, "Voles are Vegetarians and Moles are Meateaters." There are baits appropriate for both, as well as traps to catch or kill them. The good news for pacifists like me is that a little defense goes a long way. You can stomp mole tunnels down and rake the vole trails away. Both are very shy and rarely reach any dangerous population density. As long as they stay underground and at a respectful distance I can be pretty laissez-faire.

That live-and-let-live attitude fails me when the chipmunks start roaring around. Yes, I know... they're adorable. However, they're bad neighbors. They can make a tunnel village that covers a half acre. And they love to come inside to



visit. A cellar or crawl space is a grand banquet hall for them, and they love to explore from there. If, like me, you live surrounded by oak or nut trees, you're in great demand as a host. If they were quiet it would be no problem. I'd happily co-exist. But they start bowling with hickory nuts between the floors at five A.M. They are also a nuisance outdoors as they have a habit of climbing the tomato and other veggie plants and taking a single bite out of the best fruit.

It's legal to shoot them, but in New York you must have a small game license and there are local regulations you should check before you head out hunting. Trapping is an option, whether kill traps or live traps, but both types have problems. Disposal of the dead ones is yucky, and the removal of live ones in traps is problematic. Get this... it is not legal to carry a trapped animal, whatever kind, across property lines. So legally you can't trap them, toss them in the truck and drive them to somewhere far away. By law you must release them on the property where they were trapped or face a fine if caught. This is obviously

not optimal unless you are amused by taking them to the outer perimeter of your property and racing them home.

Making the area inhospitable to rodents will keep the population down to acceptable numbers. If the invasion indoors is out of hand, you may need to call in a professional. Your county Cornell Cooperative Extension Service can refer you to local animal control companies that are certified in correct removal procedures. Or check with DEC at <https://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/81531.html>.

You may have noticed a lack of advice about poison. Living in our area, you probably enjoy watching the return of the beautiful Eagles, and listening to the various owl sounds in the evening. Well, all the predator birds like to feast on chipmunks, moles and voles. If these rodents are caught with poison in their systems they will pass the poison into the bird and kill it. So what I call hand to paw combat is my preferred defense system. Some other methods are discussed in episode 2 of the podcast "Nature Calls: Conversations from the Hudson Valley."

THE CATSKILL GEOLOGISTS BY PROFESSORS ROBERT AND JOHANNA TITUS

Opus-40 – Its Walls and its Art

We have been wandering around the bottom of the quarry at Opus 40, that fabulous and curious work of art - that sculpture by Harvey Kite. If you have never been there then you should plan a day trip sometime this summer. If you have been there, then you should save these columns and bring them there and see Opus as you have never seen it before. Take a look at our photo. It's a fine look at a wall of bedrock. If you read our last two columns, then you might recognize this wall as being something called a geologic joint. That's a fracture in the rock that resulted from stresses generated by the collision of Africa with North America about 390 million years ago. That vertical wall of rock formed when the quarry was still being worked. Quarry activities broke free all the rock on this side of the joint. The woman is standing on a horizontal joint. The rock that was lifted out of all

that empty space was likely chiseled into sidewalk slabs, their square shapes being from joint surfaces.

We always like to say that the hardest thing to see is that which is not there. Look again, can you see what is not there. We will give you ten seconds. 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, and 1. The answer is that what's missing is all the rubble that should have been left behind by the quarrying. Harvey Kite likely cleaned it all up. We are guessing that he wanted a tidied-up quarry; that was part of his art. Also, he made use of the debris in other parts of his sculpture. Let's find out where it all went. Look at our second photo.

A short distance away are another two walls. The one on the left is a very good image of one more vertical joint. That person is walking on another horizontal joint. But the wall on the right is very different; it is manmade. It's com-



posed of blocks of rock that Harvey picked up all around the quarry and stacked up to create that wall. Look carefully and imagine for a moment how much work went into this. He created a hallway in between a natural wall and manmade one. Now you should be beginning to understand how hard Harvey Kite worked on this sculpture. He wasn't just making a wall and a hall; Harvey Kite was creating an experience. He wanted people to feel something - perhaps awe - as they walked this way. We did, indeed, experience just exactly that! In our explorations, we were developing a sense of what Harvey Fite had done here and perhaps what he had been thinking. We wish we could have met him and walked the quarry with him.

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ing to be disbursed by ORES to local agencies and potential community intervenors to help pay expenses, including attorneys and consultants, associated with participating in the 94-c Process. Within thirty (30) days of the date of the filing of the Transfer Application, any local agency or potential community intervenor seeking funding from the local agency account must submit a request for initial funding to the Office of Renewable Energy Siting at 99 Washington Avenue, Albany, New York 12231, Attention: Request for Local Agency Account Funding.

This notice and the Transfer Application will be available on the Applicant's Project website: https://carenw.com/rock-district/. Applicant contact information: Cypress Creek Renewables, 4th Street, Troy, NY 12180, or contact Emily Protrey: emily.protrey@carenw.com, or Barclay Damon LLP, Jeff Davis: jdavis@barclaydamon.com

Public Notice - Lexington

Notice is hereby given that the Town of Lexington Planning Board shall conduct a public hearing on Wednesday, April 11, 2023 at 6:30 PM at the Municipal Building, 3542 Route 42, Lexington, NY, with the regular meeting to immediately follow. The purpose of said hearing is to consider a subdivision by Roseann West, 5792 route 23C, Lexington, NY tax map #110.00-01-37. Interested parties are encouraged to attend or send signed correspondence to the Planning Board at PO Box 30, Lexington, NY 12452.

Public Notice - Waj CSD

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Budget Hearing of the qualified voters of the Windham-Ashland-Jewett Central School District, Greene County, Windham, New York, is scheduled to be held in the School Library in said District, on Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. prevailing time, for the purpose of presenting the school budget as adopted by the Board of Education for the fiscal year July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, and for the transaction of such other business as is authorized by law.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual Meeting and School District Vote will be held on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria at the Windham-Ashland-Jewett Central School, 5411 State Rte. 23, Windham, New York at which time the polls will be opened to vote to adopt the school budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, for the purpose of approving any propositions, and to authorize the required portion to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the District; for the election of one member of the Board of Education, and for the transaction of such other business as is authorized by law.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to Section

1716 of the New York State Education Law, a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required for the ensuing year for school purposes, exclusive of public monies, may be obtained by any resident of the District during the fourteen (14) days immediately preceding the vote, during the business hours of 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., except Saturday, Sunday, or holidays, at the Windham-Ashland-Jewett District Office.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education, shall be filed with the District Clerk of said School in the District office starting Monday, April 3, 2023 at 9:00 a.m., and not later than 5:00 p.m. Monday, April 17, 2023, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., by appointment. Each petition must be signed by at least twenty five (25) qualified voters or 2% of the number of voters who voted in the previous election, whichever is greater, must state name and residence of the candidate; and must describe the length of the term of office and the name of the last incumbent.

One seat for the Board of Education, for a 5 year term, beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2028 will be filled; this seat is currently occupied by Debra Bunce.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that personal voter registration for persons not previously registered in the District will take place between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 2, 2023 to Friday, May 5, 2023, and Monday, May 8, 2023 to Thursday, May 11, 2023 in the District Office at Windham-Ashland-Jewett Central School. Any person shall be entitled to have his/her name placed upon such register provided at such time he/she is known or proven to the satisfaction of the Board of Registration to be entitled to vote at the district election to be held on May 16, 2023. The register containing the names of qualified voters will be available for inspection in the District Office between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on each of the five (5) days prior to the election, except Saturday, May 13, 2023 by appointment only, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., and at no time on Sunday, May 14, 2023. 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) resident within the School District for a period of thirty (30) days next preceding the annual vote and election. The School District may require all persons offering to vote at the budget vote and election to provide one form of proof of residency pursuant to Education Law 2018-c. Such form may include a driver's license a non-driver identification card, a utility bill, or a voter registration card. Upon offer of proof of residency, the District may also require

all persons offering to vote to provide their signature, printed name and address.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that military voters who are qualified voters of the School District may apply for a military ballot by requesting an application from the District Clerk at 518-734-3400, ext. 1129 or kvanvalkenburgh@wajcsd.org. For a military voter to be issued a military ballot, the District Clerk must have received a valid ballot application no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 20, 2023. In a request for a military ballot application or ballot, the military voter may indicate their preference for receiving the application or ballot by mail, facsimile transmission or electronic mail.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that applications for absentee ballots will be obtainable during school business hours from the District Clerk beginning April 17, 2023; completed applications must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. Qualified voters are eligible for an absentee ballot when absent from the district while polls are open due to business, occupation, military service or studies; confined in a hospital or jail; has physical disability or illness; or are absent due to vacation. All absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m., prevailing time, on the date of election May 16, 2023.

A list of persons to whom absentee ballots are issued will be available for inspection to qualified voters of the District in the District Office at Windham-Ashland-Jewett Central School on and after April 17, 2023, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on weekdays prior to the day set for the annual election and on May 16, 2023, the day set for the election, and said list will be posted at the polling place at the election. Any qualified voter present in the polling place may object to the voting of the ballot upon appropriate grounds for making his/her challenge and the reasons therefore known to the Inspector of Election before the close of the polls.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that voters at the annual meeting, shall vote upon the following proposition, which shall appear on the ballot in the following form:

PROPOSITION #1 - ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET

Shall the following resolution be adopted, to wit:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Windham-Ashland-Jewett Central School District #1, Towns of Ashland, Durham, Jewett, Lexington, Prattville and Windham, County of Greene, State of New York be and hereby is authorized to expend the sum set forth in the annual operating budget for the operation of the

schools in said school district for the school year 2023-2024 and that said sum be raised by tax upon the taxable property of said school district after first deducting the estimated money available from state aid and other sources.

Public Notice - Jefferson

Notice is hereby given that the Town of Jefferson Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 19, 2023, at 7:00 PM, located at the Jefferson Town Hall, 677 N. Harpersfield Rd., Jefferson, NY 12093. This hearing is to discuss The Jefferson Art Group located on Main St. in Jefferson. All citizens are urged to attend and participate. The Town Hall is handicapped accessible. Written comments can be brought to the meeting or sent via email to:

Sarah Abbatine, PB Chair, PO Box 34, Jefferson, NY 12093 or via email at sabbatine34@gmail.com

Public Notice - Jefferson

Notice is hereby given that the Town of Jefferson Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 19, 2023, at 7:00 PM, located at the Jefferson Town Hall, 677 N. Harpersfield Rd., Jefferson, NY 12093. This hearing is to discuss a dance studio located at N. Harpersfield Rd. in Jefferson. All citizens are urged to attend and participate. The Town Hall is handicapped accessible. Written comments can be brought to the meeting or sent via email to:

Sarah Abbatine, PB Chair, PO Box 34, Jefferson, NY 12093 or via email at sabbatine34@gmail.com

Public Notice - Jefferson

Notice is hereby given that the Town of Jefferson Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 19, 2023, at 7:00 PM, located at the Jefferson Town Hall, 677 N. Harpersfield Rd., Jefferson, NY 12093. This hearing is to discuss RevSpirits building a distillery located at State Route 10 in Jefferson. All citizens are urged to attend and participate. The Town Hall is handicapped accessible. Written comments can be brought to the meeting or sent via email to:

Sarah Abbatine, PB Chair, PO Box 34, Jefferson, NY 12093 or via email at sabbatine34@gmail.com

Public Notice - Prattville

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Town Board of the Town of Prattville will hold a Public Hearing at the Prattville Town Hall, 14517 State Route 23, Prattville, New York on April 10, 2023 at 7:15 PM for the purpose of discussion on Local Law #3-2023 providing for Volunteer Fireman's and Ambulance Workers Tax Exemption

Public Notice - Prattville

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a public hearing will be held by the Town Board of the Town of Prattville, Greene County, New York at Town Hall, 14517 State Route 23,

Prattville, New York on April 10 2023 at 7:30 o'clock PM in the evening for the

purpose of establishing a town-wide ambulance district in and for the Town of Prattville.

Copies of the engineering report and maps of the proposed district are available for

review at the Town Clerk's Office at the Town Hall.

ALL persons interested in the matters will be heard at such time and place specified.

Public Notice - Wright

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Town of Wright will be accepting sealed bid proposals for lawn care for the 2023 season for Town properties until 7:00p.m., Wednesday, April 26, 2023, at which time bids will be publicly opened and read during the monthly working meeting of the Board.

Bid specifications are available by contacting the Town Clerk, Paula Monarch-Palmieri at 518-872-9726 Ext 1 and/or via e-mail at wrighttown-clerk@yahoo.com. Bidders are required to submit proof of insurance and liability if they receive the award.

The Wright Town Hall is located at 105 School Street, Schoharie, New York 12157. Sealed bids may be submitted by mail, to the following address:

Town of Wright 105A School Street Schoharie, NY 12157 All bids must be clearly marked as follows: "LAWN CARE BIDS". The Town reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bid proposals and is not bound to accept the lowest bid and further reserves the right to accept the bid deemed to best serve the interest of the Town of Wright.

Middleburgh Library Public Hearing Notice 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 Poland 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.

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING AND VOTE GILBOA-CONESVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Budget Hearing A budget hearing for the inhabitants of the Gilboa-Conesville Central School District qualified to vote at School District meetings will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, May 8th, 2023, where there shall be presented the proposed school district budget for the following school year.

Date of Vote The vote upon the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures or for any propositions involving the expenditure of money or the authorizing of levy of taxes, as well as the election of a member of the Board of Education shall be held on Tuesday, May 16th, 2023, 12p.m - 8 p.m.

Absentee Ballots All eligible voters are entitled to an absentee ballot. You are an eligible voter if you are 1) a U.S. citizen, 2) eighteen years of age or older, 3) a resident of the school district for at least 30 days before the vote, 4) and not otherwise disqualified to vote by law. The District Clerk shall mail absentee ballots to registered voters. Applications for absentee ballots may also be applied for at the office of the District Office. Such applications must be received by the District Clerk at least seven days before the vote set in this notice if the ballot is to be mailed to the absentee voter or the day before the vote if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the absentee voter. Absentee ballots must be received in the office of the District Clerk of the District not later than 5 p.m. on the day of the vote.

A list of all persons to whom absentee voters' ballots have been issued shall be available for public inspection during regular office hours which are between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Any qualified voter, may upon examination of such list, file written challenge of qualifications as a voter of any person whose name appears on such list, stating the reason for the challenge. Such written challenge shall be transmitted by the Clerk or designee to the Inspectors of Election on election day.

Statement of Money Required for Next School Year A copy of the statement of the amount of money which would be required for the next school year for school purposes and the tax exemption report shall be completed seven days before the budget hearing and may be obtained by any resident of the District during the period of 14 days immediately before the annual meeting and election, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., except Saturday, Sunday or holiday.

Vote for Board Member Petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the

Board of Education must be filed with the Clerk of the District between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., not later than 5 p.m. on Monday, April 17th, 2023. The following vacancy is to be filled: A five-year term commencing July 1, 2023 and expiring on June 30, 2028. A five (5) year expired term of Michael Fleischman.

Each petition must be addressed to the Clerk of the District, shall state the residence of each signer, shall have the name and address of the candidate, and shall describe the specific vacancy of the Board of Education for which the candidate is nominated, which description shall include at least the length of the term of office, and the name of the last incumbent.

Additional Propositions

Any proposition that is required to be included for vote shall be submitted in writing by means of a petition signed by at least 25 qualified voters, stating the residence of each signer, which proposition shall be filed with the Board of Education not later than 30 days before the date of the election as set forth in this notice unless a greater number of days is required by statute. Any proposition shall be rejected by the Board of Education if the purpose of the proposition is not within the power of the voters or where the expenditure of monies is required for the proposition, and such proposition fails to include the necessary specific appropriation.

DATED: March 21, 2023 Mandy VanValkenburgh, Clerk

Board of Education Gilboa-Conesville Central School District

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING, BUDGET VOTE AND ELECTION JEFFERSON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that said budget vote and election will be held on Tuesday, May 16, 2023 between the hours of 12 noon and 8 p.m. prevailing time at the Jefferson Central School at which time the polls will be opened to vote upon the following items:

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

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

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

The School District, acting as lead agency under the State Environmental Quality Review Act and the applicable

regulations promulgated thereunder ("SEQRA"), has completed its environmental review and, on March 21, 2023, has duly issued a negative declaration and has determined that the implementation of the unlisted action as proposed will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts.

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

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that a copy of the statement of estimated expenses for the ensuing year may be obtained by any taxpayer in the District between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. beginning Tuesday, May 2, 2023.

AND FURTHER NOTICE is given that petitions nominating candidates for the office of the Board member must be filed with the District Clerk no later than 5 p.m. on Monday, April 17, 2023. Nominating petitions must be directed to the District Clerk, must be signed by at least twenty-five qualified voters of the district, must state the name and residence of the candidate, and must describe the specific vacancy for which the candidate is nominated, including at least the term of office and the name of the last incumbent. Nominating petitions are available at the District Office during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. excluding weekends and holidays.

AND FURTHER NOTICE is given that any proposition that is required to be included for vote shall be submitted in writing by means of a petition signed by at least 25 qualified voters, stating the residence of each signer, which proposition shall be filed with the Board of Education by no later than 5 p.m. on Monday, April 17, 2023. Any proposition shall be rejected by the Board of Education if the purpose of the proposition is not within the power of the voters or where the expenditure of monies is required for the proposition, and such proposition fails to include the necessary specific appropriation.

AND FURTHER NOTICE is given that applications for absentee ballots will be obtainable from the District Clerk between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on weekdays. Completed applications must be received by the District Clerk at least (7) seven days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election, if the ballot is to be picked up personally by the voter. Absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 16, 2023.

A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots have been issued will be available for inspection to qualified voters of the District in the office of the District Clerk on each of the 5 days prior to the budget vote on May 16, 2023, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on weekdays. Any qualified voter present in the polling place may object to the voting of the ballot upon appropriate grounds for making his/her challenge and the reasons therefore known to the Election Inspector before the close of the polls.

Dulcie Fowler District Clerk Jefferson Central School District

Dated: March 27, 2023 LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING, BUDGET VOTE AND ELECTION

MIDDLEBURGH CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a public hearing of the qualified voters of Middleburgh Central School District will be held in the Junior/Senior High School Library Information Center 291 Main Street, in the Village of Middleburgh, New York on May 3, 2023, at 6:00 PM prevailing time, for the presentation of the 2023-2024 budget for Middleburgh Central School District, and other business as may come before the meeting as is authorized by Education Law.

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual Meeting and a vote, by voting machine, will be held on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, in the Junior/Senior High School Gymnasium Lobby, 291 Main Street, in the Village of Middleburgh, New York, at which time the polls will be open from Noon until 9:00 PM, for voting on the following items:

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

2. To elect one (1) member to the Board of Education to a three (3) year term commencing on July 1, 2023, and expiring on June 30, 2026, to succeed Scott

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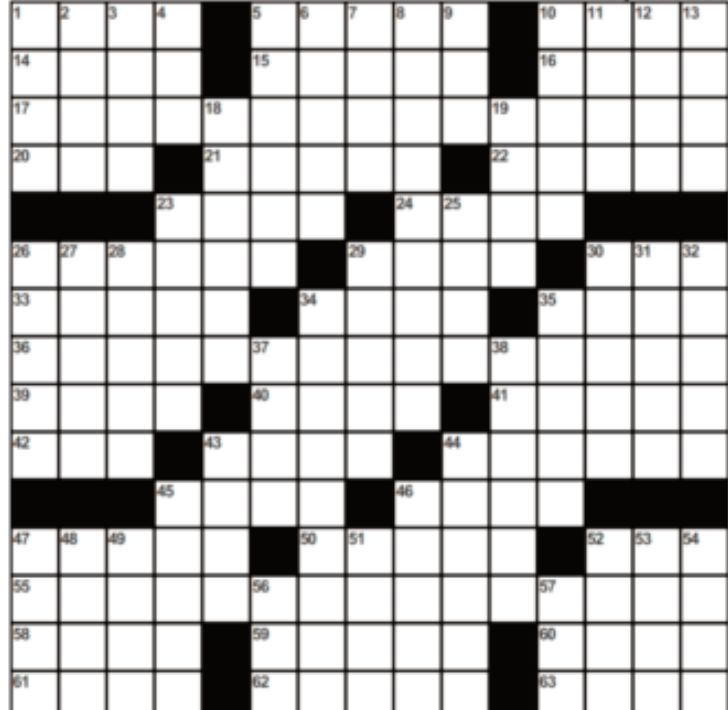
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GET WHATS COMING

By Rob Lee



EDITORIAL

Common Interest

Shorter editorial this week. As the paper has grown more and more it seems like I have less to say. I wanted to extend an idea that I had. We are blessed to have a number of non-profit and faith-based organizations that assist so many people-- often quietly and efficiently. One such case is the need for crucial work done at the Middleburgh Methodist Church. We have a nice photo of a recent fundraiser the parish put on. If you'd like to get involved, contact Pastor MaryEllen Moore at (518) 827-5126 or via email at Melenamoore2323@gmail.com or mail at PO Box 508, Middleburgh NY 12122. I'm not Methodist, but I appreciate what all of our local churches and synagogues have done for our respective communities.

If you have an organization you'd like us to highlight, please contact us. We're here to help, just as so many of our volunteer friends have been for so long. - Matthew Avitabile, Publisher

Parent Shares Bullying Concern at Delaware Academy

By Mary A. Crisafulli DELHI - A Delhi resident and parent of students at Delaware Academy expressed concerns regarding racist bullying at a school board meeting on Mar. 27. Lauren O'Leary, who is Jewish, said over the six years her family has lived in Delhi, there have been several incidents of bullying at the school they have experienced.

O'Leary outlined four incidents where her child was

bullied from 3rd to 6th grade. In two different situations, a photo was drawn of the child, one being violent and the other sexual. According to O'Leary, the school was informed but failed to discipline or follow up on the situation.

In a more recent incident, her child was followed around by another student who said they were anti-Semitic. In O'Leary's words, the student harassed the child, stating they loved

Hitler and peddling Jewish people. In addition, another student called her child a derogatory Jewish slur on the bus.

"Another parent said there was not racism in our school, and I want to tell you as a Jewish person, for my friends who are Black, for my friends who are queer, my friends who are Latino, there is racism in this school and if we don't address it it is just going to get worse," said O'Leary.

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She called board members to action, asking them to review and revise the school handbook to indicate a formal procedure for handling these incidents. When O'Leary checked the student handbook, she found no indication of a system.

Superintendent Kelly Zimmerman said her offer to O'Leary, dated Mar. 10, remains available. The recommendation was to set up a meeting to discuss in detail what the school is doing to address bullying.

Upon review of the school's website, The Mountain Eagle found an anti-discrimination policy, which applies to students, employees, volunteers, and visitors to the district. Violations of the policy include the use of race-based language, unwanted touching or groping, and making fun of someone because of where they come from, their accent, their clothing, gender bias, religious or ethnic traditions, or based on disability. According to the policy procedure, a grievance should be filed to the district's designated compliance officer or elementary principal. The student handbook does not offer a designated individual as a compliance officer. Still, it lists a phone number to contact 607-746-1304, which is the dignity act coordinators and will lead to school counselors. It further states that anonymous complaints can be submitted by

paper form found at the school library, guidance office, and central office. All paper complaints should be submitted to the main office.

When a grievance is received, the compliance officer will launch an investigation. Once the investigation is complete, the complainant should receive any decisions and actions the district took in writing. The complainant can appeal the decision within seven days to the superintendent. If the complainant is still unsatisfied, they can appeal to the board of education and then to the New York State Division of Human Rights.

The district also has a bullying report form which can be submitted online at docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSRV6Q7nCS9U2plAB5xoaJxIFLZyd2RGa2ITUGAGIGFbOzjA/viewform.

While its clear bullying or discrimination is not permitted by the school, there is no indication of specific repercussions or a system for prevention outlined in the policies. It appears the district will take action on a case-by-case basis. In reviewing policy, this is the case with illegal, violent, disruptive, academic misconduct, or insubordinate behavior. The handbook states that engaging in such behaviors is subject to disciplinary action, including suspension from school. However, it continues to state,

as a general rule, discipline will be progressive, starting with a verbal warning.

In other business:

Board members submitted a resolution to enter into the settlement agreement following the lawsuit against Juul Labs. The lawsuit is regarding the increased use of e-cigarettes and vaping devices among high school and middle school students leading to risks of addiction and potentially life-threatening respiratory ailments. The district is estimated to receive at least \$8,325. Board members intend to reinvest settlement funds into vaping detectors to be installed in bathrooms and locker rooms.

The next budget workshop is scheduled Apr. 10 at 5 p.m.

Board members accepted four retirements, including June Barriger, chief information officer and registrar; Steven Lange, middle school science teacher; Stacy Layman, ELA AIS teacher; and Patricia Parsons, teacher aid. The school board, staff, and superintendent celebrated and recognized the four long-time employees.

Donations from St. John's Episcopal Church of \$106 and Karen Zizmor of \$1,000 were accepted for the district backpack program.

The 2023-2024 academic calendar was adopted.

The next board of education meeting is scheduled Apr. 24 at 5 p.m.

WHITTLING AWAY WITH DICK BROOKS

Check Yourself

This morning I decided it was time for my yearly checkup. Oh, I don't mean a medical checkup or anything formal, it's just something I try to do once a year or so. I'd recommend it just to keep in touch with your self. It involves a strong stomach and an open mind. It's an easy procedure, just find a full length mirror and stand in front of it and take a good look. Not a "Is my hair sticking up or Do I have something green stuck in my teeth?" kind of look, Nope! This is a "Do I know that person" look.

Not too bad! It's still hard to think of my self as that pleasant looking older man with the receding hairline and advancing waist line but all in all, not bad. A little less hair than last time, at least in the places where hair would be welcome but that's been going on for some time now. It seems to be sprouting in places where it shouldn't be though. Eyebrows, for instance, seem to be thicker and heavier. Since I want to be Andy Rooney when I grow up, this isn't a problem. I kind of like the look, maybe I'll rub them with Miracle Grow to speed the process.

I seem to be rusting, brown spots are appearing with greater regularity on my face and hands, hopefully they'll someday merge and I'll look like I have a great tan. My skin doesn't fit as well as it used to either, a little saggy in spots and a little baggy in others. I wonder if ironing would help?

I'm a little shorter than I remember and my posture isn't what it should be, I can hear Mrs. Smith, my fifth grade teacher, "Posture, Richard, Posture!" Bless her, wherever she may be, she tried.

I need to lose a little

weight, No, I need to lose a lot of weight. The last T-shirt I bought had more Xs in it than a computer porn site. Your waist shouldn't be bigger than your inseam, should it? I'll have to work on this sometime soon.

Some things are still good, I like the laugh lines, they're a little deeper but I like the way they look. The eyes are still a nice blue and now they work well. I had cataracts removed a while back and it certainly brightened up the world. Thanks Dr. Lynch-Guyette! Of all the medical procedures I've ever had the cataract surgery was certainly the easiest. It's so nice to see how bright the world is once again. There are risks involved in any surgery but the results are certainly worth taking those risks. It wasn't that long ago as time is measured that a diagnosis of cataracts meant blindness. Thanks to this young lady and her skill, I've hopefully got a long time left to look at this wonderful world. There was no pain, it didn't take long and they even gave me juice and a cookie, how good is that? Now I'm looking at myself in the mirror

and I can see myself clearly—guess there are some drawbacks after all.

Well, that's about all the self analysis I can take for this year. All in all, not bad. It's hard to face reality sometimes but it has to be done occasionally. I know mirrors don't lie but I also know that they can distort the truth. I've seen those mirrors at amusement parks that can make you look taller or fatter. I'd like one that could make you look younger. Nah! I don't really need one, I have a mental image of myself, slim, not folically challenged, before gravity won and that mental image can be super imposed on top of any of the mirrors I look into casually for the next year or until the next time I need to do a check up of my progress down life's rocky path. Good bye, Old Man—old friend, see you next year.

Thought for the week—The best way to forget your troubles is to wear tight shoes.

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

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Vankuren, whose terms expire on June 30, 2023.

3. To vote on the following propositions:

PROPOSITION # 2: Shall the Board of Education be authorized to:

(1) acquire school buses and a vehicle at a maximum cost of \$306,500; (2) expend such sum for such purpose; (3) levy the necessary tax therefor (including the levy of a tax to pay the interest on obligations when due), to be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education taking into State aid; and (4) in anticipation of the collection of such tax, issue bonds and notes of the District at one time or from time to time in the principal amount not to exceed \$306,500?

PROPOSITION # 3: SHALL the Board of Education of the Middleburgh Central School District Board of Education be authorized to fund the Repair Reserve in the amount not to exceed \$200,000 from (the 2022-23 unappropriated fund balance) to be used for

repairs of capital improvements or equipment, which repairs are of a type not recurring annually or at shorter intervals?

PROPOSITION # 4: SHALL the Board of Education of the Middleburgh Central School District be authorized to: (1) create a Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of financing the general improvements, construction, reconstruction, renovations or additions to various School District, buildings and grounds, including site work and the acquisition of original furnishings, equipment, machinery or apparatus required for the purpose for which such buildings are to be used; (2) said Capital Reserve Fund not to exceed the ultimate amount of \$4,000,000 plus interest earned; (3) and annually deposit into the Capital Reserve Fund such portion of the General Fund and/or available unappropriated fund balance as determined by the Board of Education. The probable duration of the Capital Reserve Fund is ten (10) years?

4. To transact such

other business as may properly come before the meeting pursuant to the Education Law of the State of New York.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the election and budget vote shall be by machine or absentee ballot. The hours during which the polls shall be kept open shall be from Noon to 9:00 PM prevailing time or for as long thereafter as necessary to enable qualified voters who are in the polling place at 9:00 PM to cast their ballots.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required to fund the School District's budget for the 2023-24 school year, exclusive of public monies, may be obtained by any taxpayer in the District during the fourteen days immediately preceding the Annual Meeting except Saturdays, Sundays or holidays, at District school buildings between the hours of 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM., prevailing time and also at said District Election.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the qualified voters of the School District shall be entitled to vote in said annual vote and election. A qualified voter is one who is (1) a citizen of the United States of America, (2) eighteen (18) years of age or older; and (3) a resident within the School District for a period of thirty (30) days preceding the annual vote

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

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that applications for absentee ballots will be obtainable during school business hours from the District Clerk; completed applications must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. Absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk no later than 5:00 PM, prevailing time, on May 16, 2023.

A list of persons to whom absentee ballots are issued will be available for inspection to qualified voters of the District in the office of the District Clerk on and after May 11, 2023, between the hours of 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM on weekdays prior to the day set for the annual election and on May 16, 2023, the day set for the election. Any qualified voter present in the polling place may object to the voting of the ballot upon appropriate grounds for making his/her challenge and the reasons therefore known to the Inspector of Election before the close of the polls.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education to fill one (1) expired term of three (3) years, shall be filed with the Clerk of the Middleburgh Central School District at 291 Main Street, Middleburgh New York 12122, not later than April 17, 2023, at 5:00 PM. Each petition shall be directed to the Clerk of the District and shall be signed by at least twenty-five (25) qualified voters of the District, and must state the full name and residence of the candidate. Nominating petitions may be obtained from the District Clerk during regular school hours.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that pursuant to a rule adopted by the Board of Education in accordance with Sections 2035 and 2008 of the Education Law, any referenda or propositions to amend the budget, or otherwise to be submitted for voting at said vote and election, must be filed with the Board of Education on or before April 17, 2023, at 5:00 PM, prevailing time; must be typed or printed in the English language; must be directed to the Clerk of the School District; must be signed by at least twenty-five (25) of the qualified voters of the District; and must state the name and residence of each signer. However, the School Board will not entertain any proposition if its purpose is beyond the power of the voters or is illegal, or any proposition requiring the expenditure of moneys which fails to include specific appropriations for all such expenditures required by the proposition.

Kim Lawyer District Clerk Middleburgh Central School District Middleburgh, New York

Correction In our article regarding the I-88 Highbridge proposal last week, the meeting was of the Schoharie Planning Board and not the Zoning Board of Appeals as we wrote last week. We apologize for the error.

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Fleischmanns Vote Court Hearing Set

Judge To Hear Evidence In Case Regarding Legality Of Absentee Ballots

By Brian Sweeney
FLEISCHMANN'S — More than week after Election Day, no winners have been declared in the Village of Fleischmanns election. The outcome will be decided after a State Supreme Court Judge presides over a hearing in Delaware County Court on Monday, April 3 at 9 a.m. during which parties will present evidence regarding the legitimacy of 81 absentee ballots cast in last week's election.

Following the March 21 vote, Elizabeth Hughes held a 69-43 lead over Sam Gil in the race for mayor. In competition for a pair of seats on the Board of Trustees, Yvonne Reuter was the leading vote-getter with 72. Todd Pascarella was next with 69 votes. Placing third and fourth were Miguel Martinez-Riddle and incumbent Trustee Stewart Cohen with 40 and 35 votes, respectively.

Weighing the facts

Following a legal filing questioning the primary residency of dozens of voters who registered and submitted absentee ballots, the outcome of the election has been put on hold until Judge Brian Burns weighs the evidence. Prior to the election, Petitioners Elizabeth Hughes, Todd Pascarella, and Yvonne Reuter, "brought an action pursuant to Election Law §16-106 and §15-138 to declare invalid approximately 112 ballots cast in the Village of Fleischmanns Election, held March 21, 2023. Petitioners allege that such ballots were cast by individuals who were not residents of the Village of Fleischmanns. Subsequent filings have narrowed the

number of challenged ballots to 81. In each case, the challenged ballots were cast by absentee ballot."

The decrease in the number of ballots the Petitioners are seeking to be declared invalid is a result of some of the registrants voting in-person on Election Day and others not returning the absentee ballots they had requested.

Named are Respondents in the filing are the Delaware County Board of Election, and Diane Rossman in her capacity as Village Clerk, Miguel Martinez-Riddle, Sam Gil, and Stewart Cohen.

In a typical year, the leads compiled by the top three candidates on Election Day would indicate clearcut winners. That situation has not been the case in Fleischmanns during the past two elections. A heavy influx of absentee ballots in 2022 and again this spring have turned Fleischmanns elections into contests that have drawn far-reaching legal scrutiny, including ongoing investigations by the US Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York. The US Postal Inspection Service is looking into allegations of mail fraud related to the ballots.

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

Last year a surge in absentee ballots turned the tide against the candidates who had been leading after in-person voting. Many of the absentee ballots were ultimately challenged based on allegations that most of the voters did not qualify as village residents and their votes should therefore be disqualified.

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Spring Spin

There's still plenty of snow at higher elevations, but Thursday brought temperatures into the low 50s, making it kind of feel like spring. No sign of the owners of these bikes parked on Main Street, Margaretville,

but the riders must have been feeling a bit of spring fever. We likely haven't seen the last of winter for this season, but temperatures are forecast to rise next week. — Photo by Brian Sweeney

Snowmaking Keys Record Belleayre Season

Mtn.'s Investments Offset Shortfall Of Natural Snow

By Brian Sweeney

HIGHMOUNT — A dip in natural snowfall amounts was more than offset with snowmaking improvements that have resulted in record skier visits and season pass sales at Belleayre Mountain in Highmount.

Belleayre's Marketing Director

Joe McCracken said mountain officials always aim to keep skiing and snowboarding going until at least the second week in April, but that date can be earlier or later, depending on conditions and patron interest.

"With all of our investments the snowmaking system over the

past couple of years, our snowmakers were making as much snow as possible during the early season to keep us skiing and riding into the warmer spring months," Mr. McCracken explained.

No matter how long into April the season stretches, the 2022-23 season will rank among the mountain's best.

Pass sales, visits up

Mr. McCracken said season pass sales and skier visits for the season established new Belleayre records. He pointed an early opening, opening snowmaking terrain as quickly as possible (and keeping it open), being 100% open in early December, and "offering a great

skiing and snowboarding experience" as keys to keeping things humming from Day One.

On average, Belleayre receives about 130 inches of natural snowfall. The mid-March storm that brought the first significant snowfall of the season pushed that total to 116 inches so far. Despite the lack of consistent snowfall, the significant investment in snowmaking in recent years continued to pay dividends.

"We have a hardworking dedicated snowmaking team kept us going through the season even though we were lacking natural snow. Even before the big March snowstorms, we were consistently open with 86 percent of our

terrain, with only our natural snow trails closed, such as our glades," Mr. McCracken pointed out.

He noted that with all the snowmaking system upgrades over the past couple of years, the snowmaker crew was producing as much snow as possible during the early season. This work has made it possible for skiing and riding to continue at Belleayre into the warmer spring months.

Belleayre's General Manager Bruce Transue reflected on the current season, "Even with the challenges our team faced with Mother Nature this season we offered a great, consistent product. The staff

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Halcottsville 'Chain Gang' Preps For World Record

HALCOTTSVILLE — The Halcottsville community is planning a Guinness-World-Record-breaking event on May 20, the Pull Tab Challenge.

This project was conceived as a dramatic environmental statement meant to raise awareness of our looming landfill crisis. Prodigious effort has produced a chain of pull tabs (those ringed plastic container tops, not recyclable) that is already more than 400 feet long.

The event will be officially witnessed and recorded by the Guinness World Record organization, with which organizers have been in regular correspondence. The criteria for establishing a world record have been clearly defined and communicated to the group. Organizers said they are confident that all requirements to establish world record status set by Guinness will be met.

Principal Pull Chain Challenge officials are long-time Halcottsville George and Sherry Sues. They are in the process of recruiting the two official witnesses required by Guinness to record the occurrence. There is a good possibility that one or both of these people will be (news)worthy of note.

Breakfast For Business At Bluestone Restaurant

DELHI — Join the Delaware County Chamber for Business and Breakfast on Thursday, April 20 from 8:30 to 10 a.m. at the Bluestone Restaurant, located at the College Golf Course in Delhi.

Business and Breakfast is a targeted networking and contact-building event designed to give attendees an opportunities to meet and share their business information with other Chamber members.

Informal networking begins with coffee, followed by a breakfast buffet. A brief Chamber update and a word from from event sponsor, 30-second pass-the-mic to all attendees, and door prizes complete our program.

Bring a company swag item for the business card door prize drawings. Don't forget to bring your business cards to share and enter to win a door prize.

This month's event will be held at Chamber member Bluestone Res-

taurant & Pub, located at the College Golf Course at Delhi. The restaurant is a partnership between the SUNY Delhi Hospitality Management Department and the College Association at Delhi, Inc. (CADD).

Offering breathtaking views of the course and rolling foothills of the Catskill Mountains, Bluestone serves as a progressive learning laboratory that bridges classroom learning with industry experience.

This breakfast is sponsored by Ravens View Genetics of Delhi. RVG is a company that has been 22 years in the making as dedicated legacy growers, specializing in the cultivation of various rare landrace strains of cannabis, as well as the breeding of heirloom seed genetics.

Cost of the breakfast is \$20 per person. To register, please visit: delawarecounty.org. For more information, e-mail: info@delawarecounty.org or call 607 746-2281.



Middletown Candidates Set

The Middletown Republican Committee is proud to announce its slate of candidates for the 2023 local election to be held in November. These candidates have completed the petitioning process and are committed to running for office. Candidates are as follows, from left: Nelson Delameter, Town Council; Ken Taylor, Assessor; Meg Balcom, Assessor; and Hiram Davis, Supervisor. Middletown Republican Committee is confident these candidates will bring much needed experience and leadership to these positions.

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Getting Out There

By Peter Manning

Overlook Mountain

Hiking at this time of the year is usually both tricky and rewarding. The snowline currently resides at about 2300', courtesy of the mid-March storm. The lower hills, especially the south facing ones, bask in the sunlight and draw you in for an early spring jaunt. Gazing over their shoulders, however, the ground of the higher slopes is still dressed in white. It's the perfect time to climb out of early spring and right into late winter.

Setting out, the deer and robins are reveling in the newfound open ground, as the bank-full waterways sparkle in the high March sun. Moving further up the valley of the Little Delaware, the err-queeeee of the Red-winged blackbird soon gives way to the roaring winds that swirl about the steeper bowls that flank Plattekill Mountain.

As the valley walls seem to grow higher with each upward step, it sounds as if there's a huge waterfall nearby. But there is no moving water here, only the persistent gusts playing upon the cirque-like slopes as if they're a topographical wind instrument. After a brief micro-spike stint, it's obvious that snowshoes are the only reasonable way to continue into the secluded forest.

Challenging terrain

The going is tough. This snow is not quite snowman-building material, but it's a close, icy relative. With the extra weight of the snowshoes compounded by the snow that clings to them, this could be an epic trudge in the making. But the consistent ground plain belongs to the hiker. No sticks, rocks, roots, or holes; only the smooth, endless surface of snow. There are no deep powder plunges, only repeated, secure foot plants on a solid base. I pick my lines from a considerable distance, avoiding blowdown and open rock and moving up pitches that are less offensive to the body.

As my heartbeat approaches drum-solo levels, the ridgeline comes into view. Though forested, the views span from the western farmland across the knobs of Plattekill Mountain and on into the higher peaks of the Catskill Range. Plattekill itself has three points above 3000'. The USGS maps place the name of the mountain on the 3260' summit, while the highest point, at 3340', goes unnamed. Nearby, Round Top (3060') rises

with enough prominence to merit its own name.

Years ago (upwards of 20), the state constructed a major road connecting the entire arc-shaped holding that fully embraces the upper reaches of Thompson Hollow. The earth work was so striking at the time it reminded me of some of the coal mining landscapes in West Virginia. Today, however, much of this road is barely a tunnel through a sea of three-inch caliper hardwoods. Nevertheless, the roadbed is a significant feature in the landscape, a 20-foot shelf through much of its route.

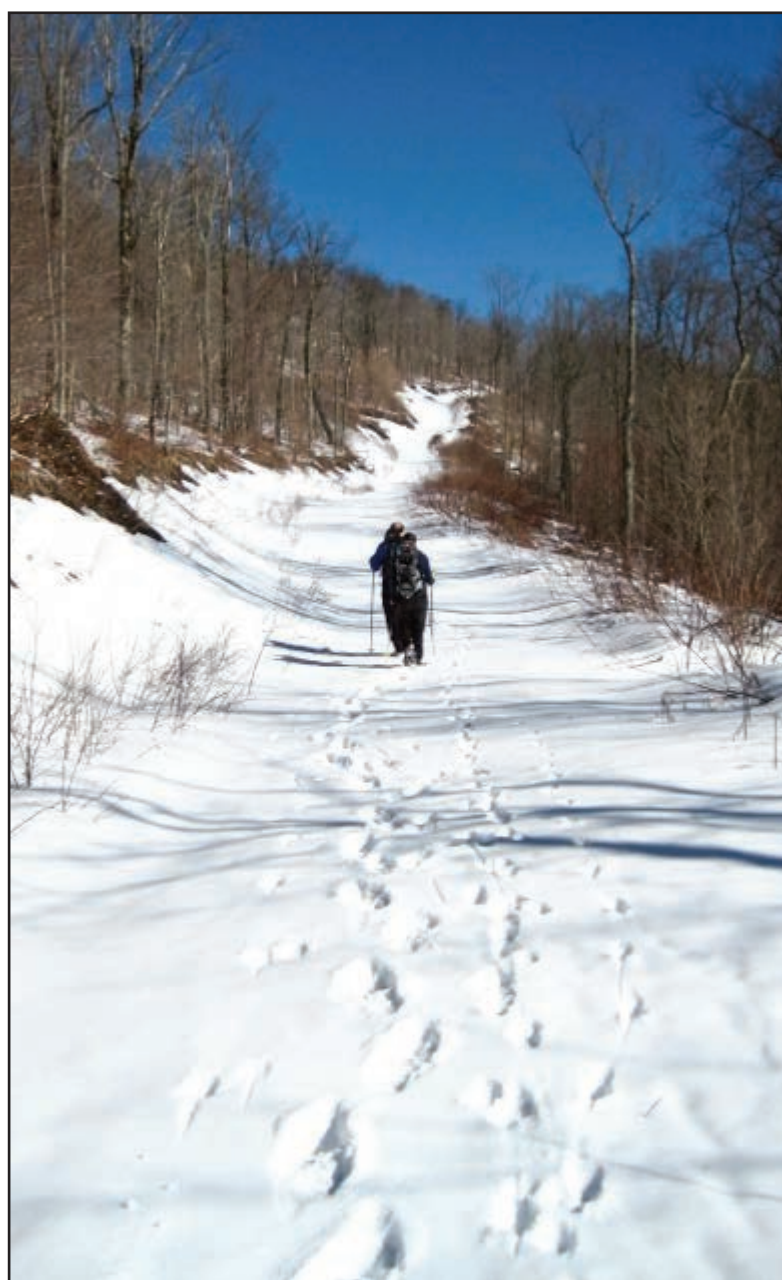
At 5.5 miles, it is entirely on state-forest lands and connects the Mountain Brook and Thompson Hollow access points. The northern portion of this state forest looks like the letter "C" on the map, with the private lands of the Plattekill Ski Center occupying the open section of the letter. Several DEP parcels now complement the connectivity of public open space.

To the summit

On the way out, I take the opportunity to summit Round Top, which is also on state land. Descending the western slopes there are some mashed-potato sections that can take you right off your snowshoed feet. Turning this way and that like a slalom skier, but still walking, the trees are like flags, except that I grab each of them to ease the effects of gravity and catch some views.

Eventually the prominent straight away of the road appears. Stepping onto it, this relatively flat stretch is packed by old snowmobile tracks. It's totally skiable, but it's loose and crystalline, so the skier would be best served by the fish-scaled bottoms of waxless skis.

Descending another 500 feet, I finally detach the snowshoes and secure them to my pack. My gait has both a pronounced lift and a lightness to it that last for the concluding five miles. The swift current of the Little Delaware and the warmth of the sun lend a sense of return. But the birds have already packed it in for the even-



Plattekill Forest Road as it appeared in 2009.

ing, and soon the sun rests like a giant ball on the last ridge in the western skyline.

I've been privileged to enjoy the longer sunlight, even as the white snow patches illuminate the cold stillness of the Bovina twilight. Though I'll be feeling the physical consequences of this aggressive outing, the excitement of the experience generates the prospect of the next outside adventure.

Peter Manning is the Executive Director of the Catskill Mountain Club. To learn about CMC events, membership, and projects please visit catskillmountainclub.org.

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Here's The Scoop

Here We Go Again

By Brian Sweeney

In addition to getting really important news from weekly newspapers such as this one, it's also possible to go on the Internet and get a bunch of stories that don't really qualify as news. Entertainment best describes these stories. For better or worse.

I mention this because the other day I came across a story detailing a man's quest to lose 50 pounds by eating nothing but food from McDonald's for 100 days. I don't think "Kevin" is the first person who has ever tried such a diet, but apparently he's gained a lot of followers online who are interested in his diet plan. If you're thinking Kevin's pursuit is another dumb time suck for the TikTok fans, you're right.

Before I go too far, I must admit that, over the years, I have eaten more than my share of meals from McDonald's. Oddly enough, I vividly remember my "first time" sampling a burger from the fast-food chain. This was quite some time ago. Decades, in fact.

Mouth was made up

You know how you sometimes "think" you won't like something because you already have your mind made up? Such was the case when I ordered my first McDonald's burger and only ate about half because I was aware that onions were part of the mix.

Later, half-starved, I began to more tastefully consider the experience. As a teenager who was not aware of the hazards of consuming lots of processed foods, I ultimately realized, "Maybe those onions weren't so bad. The pickles were pretty good, too!" I was right. After that, during monthly trips to the orthodontist, I always placed the same order: Five burgers, fries and a soda. My teenage metabolism could easily handle the load every 30 days.

At that time, there was little competition in the fast-food arena. Some years later I discovered the joys of Burger King and crowned that restaurant as my new favorite. Never ceasing my commitment to discovering tastier fast-food, my burger place of choice for more than a decade has been Five Guys.

Please pass the salad

I've got to admit, as much as I've enjoyed dining at these places during my culinary consumption career, I don't ever see me eating at any of them 100 days in a row. Particularly if I were trying to lose weight. Or avoid dying. Maybe it's my newfound commitment to being more health conscious, but I now only visit Five Guys about once a year. Or, maybe it's the fact that a double-cheeseburger, fries and a beverage comes pretty close to wiping out a \$20 bill.

But back to Kevin. In the last story I saw, he had been consuming nothing but McDonald's food for 34 days. He had somehow dropped 29 pounds. This, of course, makes no sense. Have you ever looked at the calorie numbers that these restaurants are obligated to post? There's a catch, in Kevin's case. He revealed he only eats half of what he orders. He saves the rest and eats that for his next meal. This is a good money-saving plan too, I'm sure.

Kevin is aiming to lose 50 pounds when his 100-day "diet" is up. Adding drama to the episode is the fact that his wife has now joined Kevin in the all-McDonald's, all-the-time experiment. Will this become a craze? Book deal? Movie? Guess we'll have to wait and see.

Fleischmanns Vote Court Hearing Set

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The charges were investigated by the Delaware County Sheriff's Department. As a result, approximately 60 of the voters were found not to be qualified voters in the village. The recommendations were turned over the Delaware County Board of Elections and those names were purged from voter rolls. Because the formal challenges were made after the election, the absentees were allowed to be counted.

A similar scene took place before this year's election, with an influx of new voter registrations — reportedly including many of the same names that had been purged from the rolls. This time, a legal challenge was raised within the allowable timeframe and the absentees have yet to be counted.

On March 23, Judge Burns heard oral arguments in connection with a challenge of the absentee ballots filed by the Petitioners.

In his initial ruling last week, Judge Burns wrote, "the Court has determined the Petitioner has made a sufficient showing to merit the imposition of a stay prohibiting the Village and/or the Board of Elections from certifying the election and swearing-in the purported winners until further order of this court.

The judge also provided a timeline for the Respondents and the Petitioners to submit additional briefs sup-

porting their positions.

In a related matter, following last week's balloting, Mr. Martinez-Riddle announced that he had submitted a Certificate of Declination to the village clerk. This document, provided by the Delaware County Board of Elections, was intended to withdraw his name from consideration as Village Trustee. The candidate was subsequently informed that the filing was made too late and votes cast in his favor would be counted.

Snowmaking Key To Record Belleayre Season

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worked hard to make the guest experience one they would enjoy and come back to again and again.

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Lodge, to the Catskill Thunder Gondola, we've aimed to make Belleayre into a leading family destination and our customers will see even more improvements in the coming years," Mr. Transue added.

As for the off-season, it's been reported that

Belleayre Mountain may again play host to some live music this year. In July 2021, the venue teamed up with WDST Radio Woodstock to present a show headlined by Nathaniel Rateliff & The Night Sweats. The triple-bill also featured Allison Russell and The Marcus King

Band, that even drew rave reviews from the approximately 5,000 concertgoers.

Is there more music on tap for this summer? Mr. McCracken said he could not confirm at this time.

"We do not have any definite details to share just yet," he responded.

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Since the advent of TED, storytelling has become a buzzword. But it's a trick speechwriters have been using for centuries to help speakers connect with audiences and persuade them of their message. In this intensive two-day course you will: learn the basics of speechwriting and how to use it to tell your story; learn how to take your story, structure it into something that works for an audience, and use language to

make it more compelling; connect your story to a broader message that moves hearts and minds; practice telling your story to an audience. Join Felicity for this interactive session where you'll learn the tricks of the speechwriting trade, tell some epic stories that share something important about who you are, and have some fun along the way.

Reserve Presidents, and the CEO of Lloyd's of London. She has won Cicero Awards for her speeches on financial regulation and culture in financial services and she is an advisory board member of the Professional Speechwriters Association. Fun fact: Felicity once wrote a book that was given as a gift to the late Queen Elizabeth II.

Background

Felicity Barber is Founder of Thoughtful Communications, a consultancy doing thought leadership, speechwriting, and training. She has spent more than a decade writing speeches and managing the executive communications of CEOs in financial services. Prior to starting her own business she wrote for the CEO of BlackRock, two Federal

To register for this class, e-mail writersinthemountains@gmail.com. To register online, visit writersinthemountains.org. Class fee is \$100.

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Wednesdays, April 19-May 24

Writers in the Mountains (WIM) presents Just Hit Send: Submitting to Literary Journals, a six-week long workshop with Sally Simon, April 19 – May 24, 2023. The class will be held online Wednesday from 4 to 6 pm. To register, e-mail writersinthemountains@gmail.com. To register online, visit writersinthemountains.org. Class fee is \$125. Registration deadline is April 12.

Through April 23

A Special exhibit Farms, Farmers, and Farming: A Tribute to Local Agriculture at Longyear Gallery in Margaretville opened March 24. The show runs through April 23. Longyear Gallery is located at 785 Main Street, Margaretville. For information, please call 845 586-3270 or visit: longyeargallery.org. Hours are Friday-Sunday from 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Thursdays, through May 4

Writers in the Mountains (WIM) presents Ekphrastic Poetry: A Jump Start from Other Art Forms and Everyday Objects, a six-week long workshop with Sharon Ruetenik, March 30 – May 4. The class will be held online Thursdays from 6 to 8 p.m. To register, e-mail writersinthemountains@gmail.com. To register online, visit writersinthemountains.org. Class fee is \$125. Registration deadline is March 23. Class limited to ten students.

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

HSM Names Cemetery Tour Cast

MARGARETVILLE – The Historical Society of the Town of Middletown (HSM) has announced cast members for its 10th Living History Cemetery Tour to be held Saturday, June 17 at Margaretville Cemetery.

In addition to the walking tour, offered in six time slots from 4 to 6 p.m., there will be a special early bird performance at 2 p.m. on stage at the Open Eye Theater to accommodate those whose mobility issues may prevent their enjoyment of the on-site event.

This year's tour will feature portrayals of six people from Middletown's past. Tour goes led by costumed guides

will meet these spirits and learn about their lives while strolling through the scenic cemetery with its beautiful views across the East Branch valley.

New additions

HSM welcomes two actors new to the tour: Rebecca Newman will portray Mary Elizabeth Osborn, professor, poet and author whose novels reflected people and places from her home town; and Kevin Bewersdorf playing Howard Baker, who served with the US cavalry in Cuba before his tragic death in a railroad accident.

John Bernhardt is returning for his 10th cemetery tour, this time

portraying Amos Sperling who was a cook for circus man Charles Ringling. Another veteran tour actor, Agnes Laub, will appear as Huldah Allison Austin telling of the changes that rocked her world in the mid-19th century.

Gary Falk will portray Herman Henry Rotermond, a German immigrant wagon maker and Civil War veteran. Ken Taylor will play Margaretville farmer and creamery manager Calvin Davis.

Connie Jeffers will roam the grounds as a peripatetic 'gypsy' whose like traveled through Middletown in the early 1900s. Yet to be named are other at-large players who will

appear in silent vignettes throughout the cemetery. If you would like to be one of them, or a tour guide, please contact Diane Galusha at 845-586-4973.

Directors of this year's production are Frank Canavan and Joyce St. George, back for their eighth tour. Scriptwriters include Diane Galusha, Erwin Karl, Sue DeBruin, Mary Barile, Amy Taylor and Ellen Stewart.

Reservations are required for both the tour and the Open Eye performance. Details will be announced.

For more information on HSM events and to become a member, visit us online at: mtownhistory.org.

'Come What May' Opens Diamond Hollow Art Series

ANDES — Diamond Hollow Books in Andes welcomes artist Denise Corley to start the Spring/Summer exhibition series. DENISE CORLEY - COME WHAT MAY, RECENT WORK will open on Saturday, May 6 with a reception for the artist from 12-4 p.m. The show will run through June 11 and be open during regular business hours, Thursday-Sunday 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Denise Corley, working in a wide variety of media, has developed an astounding body of work over the past fifty years, and Diamond Hollow is pleased to present a selection of some recent pieces, largely from a series of paintings made on molded commercial packaging material. Vibrantly colored, sometimes brooding abstract forms explore the history of painting itself and the magnificence of the natural world, and

reflect the deep seeing of an artist who strives to bring some order to a chaotic universe. The recent molded works represent a kind of epiphany which resolves but also extends issues raised by a many of her earlier series such as the wire works and the Tectonic and Synchronous paintings of past decades.

A native of Detroit, Corley studied at Wayne State University with John Egner, Judy Rifka, Ron Gorchoff and others. She has exhibited steadily in solo and group formats in New York City since the early 1980s. For an excellent overview and documentation of Corley's oeuvre, please refer to: djcorley.com/home.

The book store is located at 72 Main Street, Andes. For more information visit www.diamondhollowbooks.com or e-mail: biz@diamondhollowbooks.com



At Diamond Hollow Books there's a revolving selection of Contemporary Art in the shop's three main rooms. Beginning with the Denise Corley exhibition, Diamond Hollow Books will hold regular formal exhibitions. The June show will feature Susie Bellamy, Sharon Horvath and Tom Pappas. For more information visit www.diamondhollowbooks.com

Flora & Fauna Featured At New 1053 Gallery Exhibit

FLEISCHMANNS — 1053 Gallery in Fleischmanns is currently presenting Flora and Fauna, an exhibition of 26 artists who work in and around the Catskills

Mountains or who engage the regional biodiversity in their art-making practice.

Curated by Ryan Steadman and Haley Mellin, local biodiver-

sity 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 show runs through May 7, with a public reception on May 7. Info: 845 254-3461 or visit: 1053gallery.com

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Deputy Honors

DELHI — Delaware County Sheriff Craig DuMond welcomed members of the Delaware County Sheriff's Office on March 20 who gathered in the Multi-Purpose rooms of the Public Safety Building for the presentation of the Sheriff's Office Annual Service Awards. Among those receiving recognition was Samantha Acuna was honored as Deputy Sheriff of the Year. She also received a Perfect Attendance Award.



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NOTICE OF VACANCY SCHOOL YEAR 2022-23 TEACHER AIDE

Margaretville Central School District has an opening for a Full Time Aide to start on May 1, 2023 until the remainder of the 2022-23 School Year. Starting pay will be as per the MESPA Union Contract. All applicants must have a High School Diploma and pass NY State Fingerprinting. Interested applicants should complete an application and submit to the District Office by March 24, 2023. Contact: Michelle Osterhoudt, Superintendent of School Margaretville Central School 415 Main St, PO Box 319, Margaretville, NY 12455. (845) 586-2647

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

The Organizational Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Margaretville will be held Tuesday April 4, 2023 at 5:00 pm in the Village offices, 773 Main Street, Margaretville.

By order of the Village of Margaretville Board of Trustees
Diana Fronckowiak,
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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

Pursuant to Section 5-508 of Village Law, the Tentative 2022-2023 Budget for the Village of Margaretville has been prepared and filed with the Village Clerk. Copies of said budget may be requested by any interested party via email at villageofmargaretville@catskill.net or by telephone at 845-586-4418 to request a copy via postal mail.

Said Tentative Budget includes maximum compensation for the Mayor of \$7,000.00 per annum and for the Trustees \$2,200.00 per annum.

A Public Hearing of the budget to consider same before final adoption will be held Tuesday April 10, 2022 at 2:00 pm.

By order of the Village of Margaretville Board of Trustees
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING, BUDGET VOTE AND ELECTION ANDES CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 OF THE TOWNS OF ANDES, DELHI, BOVINA, HAMDEN AND MIDDLETOWN, DELAWARE COUNTY, NEW YORK

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing of the qualified voters of the Andes Central School District, Towns of Andes, Delhi, Bovina, Hamden and Middletown, County of Delaware, New York will be held in the Distance Learning Room of

the Andes Central School, Andes, New York on Thursday evening, May 4, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. for the presentation of the annual budget document.

And further notice is hereby given, that said vote and election will be held on Tuesday, May 16, 2023 between the hours of 2:00 and 8:00 p.m. prevailing time, in the fitness center of the Andes Central School Technology and Bus Garage building, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by paper ballot upon the following items:

PROPOSITION 1 School District Budget 2023-24

A copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required for the ensuing year for school purposes, exclusive of the public money, may be obtained by any qualified voter in the District during the fourteen days immediately preceding the budget vote (May 5, 2023), except a Saturday, Sunday or holiday, at the office of the Superintendent of Schools from 9:00AM to 4:00PM.

PROPOSITION 2 Shall the following proposition be adopted, to wit?

Shall the Board of Education of the Andes Central School District be authorized to: (1) acquire a school bus at a maximum cost of approximately \$91,888 (2) expend such sum for such purpose; (3) levy the necessary tax therefore, to be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education taking into account state aid and trade-in value; and (4) in anticipation of the collection of such tax, issue bonds and notes of the District at one time or from time to time in the principal amount not to exceed \$77,388, and levy a tax to pay the interest on said obligations when due?

ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBER TO FILL A VACANCY

To elect one member of the Board of Education for a five year term commencing July 1, 2023 and expiring on June 30, 2028.

Notice is hereby given that petitions nominating candidates for a five year term of office currently held by Alice DeVita; shall be filed with the clerk of said school district not later than April 17, 2023, before 5:00 p.m. Nominating petitions must be signed by at least 25 qualified voters of the district, must state the name and residence of each signer and must state the name and residence of the candidate. Nominating petitions are available at the Andes Central School District office, Delaware Avenue, Andes, New York.

And further notice is hereby given, that applications for absentee ballots will be obtainable during school business hours from the district clerk; completed applications must be received by the district clerk at least (7) seven days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election, if the ballot is to be picked up personally by the voter. Absentee ballots must be received by the district clerk no later than 5:00 p.m., prevailing time, on May 16, 2023.

Any person who appears on the County of Delaware Board of Elections registration list pursuant to subdivision 3 of Section 5-612 of the Election Law of New York as a permanently disabled voter shall be entitled to receive an absentee ballot by mail in the manner prescribed by Section 2018-a of the Education Law.

Military voters who are qualified voters of the School District may apply for a military ballot by requesting an application from the District Clerk. For a military voter to be issued a military ballot, the District Clerk must have received a valid ballot application no later than 5:00 pm on April 21, 2023. In a request for a military ballot application or ballot, the military voter may indicate their preference for receiving the ap-

plication or ballot by mail, facsimile transmission or electronic mail. The School District will transmit military ballots to military voters on April 21, 2023. Completed military ballots must be received by 5:00 p.m. on May 16, 2023, in order to be counted.

A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots have been issued will be available for inspection to qualified voters of the district in the office of the district clerk on each of the five (5) days prior to the date of the Annual Meeting and, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on weekdays prior to the day set for the annual election. Such list will also be posted at the polling place at the Annual Meeting and Election of members of the Board of Education.

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JK Tinting	53.5	38.5	Amanda Goodchild 158
JM Lawncare	50	42	
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Making A Splash

The Margaretville Central School Scitamad Society presented *Anything Goes* on March 24 and 25. The play received rave reviews from the audiences that packed the auditorium each evening. Above, the cast posed for a photo after a performance.



MCS Seniors, from left, Joan Caamano, Willbert Martinez, and Emma Rotella enjoyed their roles in *Anything Goes* over the weekend.

Bovina FD Hosts Open House April 22

BOVINA CENTER — As part of RecruitNY Weekend, the Bovina Fire Station will open its doors on Saturday, April 22 from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. The department is located at 36 Maple Ave (Just off County 6 behind the playground).

The Bovina FD will join hundreds of volunteer fire departments across New York to raise public awareness regarding the need for volunteers and to highlight the rewards of being a member of a volunteer fire department.

Volunteer fire departments across New York state have been faced

with decreased membership and increased call volume. Like most volunteer fire departments, Bovina needs to bolster its ranks so it can continue to provide the optimum level of protection for its residents.

Throughout the day, they will conduct tours of the station and apparatus, allow visitors to try on gear, demonstrate firefighting activities, provide information, and address questions on becoming a member. These activities give visitors a taste of what it means to be in the fire service. Volunteer fire-

fighters will also be on hand to discuss the requirements and rewards of joining. "We welcome the community to join us during RecruitNY Weekend," said Chief Kevin M. Brown. We are always looking for new members, and it is our hope that after meeting us, more people will be interested in becoming part of our family. There is a role for everybody in the volunteer Fire and EMS services! No experience is necessary we will train you."

Bovina is listed at recruitny.org as participating in the RecruitNY open house weekend.

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4/1 Sat	<p>6:00PM - Delaware County News Update - Julia Marks and Matt Avitable bring you the latest news from the Delaware County Region.</p> <p>6:30PM - The Hiker Trash Husbands. Join Jeff and Moe as they hike the Blackhead Mountain Loop with a side of Black Dome Mountain.</p> <p>7:00PM - Focus on the Arts - Elizabeth Mami talks with R.Nemo Hills, a well-traveled, adventurer, skilled writer and poet, expressing life and contentment in his words of grace and beauty.</p> <p>7:30PM - Solid Waste Management Center and Compost Facility - Jezz Harkin talks with Tyson Robb, Solid Waste Coordinator, about the facility.</p> <p>8:00PM - CabaRadio - Recorded at the Pine Hill Community Center. Guests include: Lee Jackson (Musician and Poet), Margaret DiBenedetto (Author), Bruce Balmer (Musician) and Dave Holden (New York State DEC Licensed Hiking Guide).</p>
4/2 Sun	<p>6:00PM - Grocholl Homestead - Ashton Grocholl shows how to harvest wild leeks. Then it's into the kitchen as she makes leek butter.</p> <p>6:30PM - "Wind Wide Enough" - The Andes Dance Collective presents a film produced during their 2021 season.</p> <p>7:00PM - WARK Community Television Archives - The Dictionary Game (Episode 3) Michael Finberg hosts two teams of four as they try to stump each other with "trick definitions". One of the four definitions is correct. Tune in for the fun!</p> <p>7:30PM - The Sonny Rock Show - Join Sonny as he visits with Sean Doolan, a magician from Magic on Main in Windham.</p> <p>8:00PM - The Catskill Center - Jezz Harkin talks with Jeff Senterman, Executive Director, about the Center and funding from New York State.</p> <p>8:30PM - 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.</p>
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Crucial Grant Aids Gathering Place Juried Plays Key Role

By Matthew Avitabile

COBLESKILL — Thanks to a collaboration between volunteers, dedicated staff at the Gathering Place, and a timely donation by a community benefactor, the Gathering Place 50 Plus Community Center in Cobleskill will be expanding again.

The latest expansion is well underway, said Gathering Place Executive Director Kim Witkowski. The

progress is thanks to a \$220,000 donation from the Nicholas Jr. Juried Family Foundation. Mr. Juried, who grew up in Gilboa, has been instrumental in the center's expansion.

"Thanks to two grants from Nicholas Juried, we have been able to double the size of our building with the addition of The Nicholas J. Juried Great Room to accommodate our growing membership

which is now reaching 900 hundred members! This Great Room will be used as additional space for programming and events, additional office spaces, two additional ADA bathrooms, a three-season covered porch, as well as a removable stage area for our own musical events and guest speakers."

Witkowski added that the Gathering Place will be adding an adult respite

program, which may be ready by autumn 2023.

Witkowski said, "We have so many aging adults in our community that are trying to stay in their homes as long as possible. We hope by creating an adult respite program we will be able to help our aging community stay active as long as possible, while providing a safe and supportive environment, and give their caregivers

some much-needed time to do their errands and focus on their own mental and physical health as well. This new Great Room will give us the space to run programs such as this."

The senior center's success has attracted hundreds of members from across Schoharie County and beyond. The center is staffed by a number of professionals and has received considerable aid

from volunteers and the Schoharie County Council of Senior Citizens.

The director added, "We could not have done this without all of the support from the community, and such generous donors like Nick Juried. Nick has made such an unbelievably positive impact in our county and we are so blessed to have his support!"

Radez Hosts Spaghetti Dinner



Left: Baskets abound, Raffle baskets line the table as you walk into the school. Photos by Bob Duso.

Right: The line starts moving. The kids can't wait during the spaghetti dinner held at Radez Elementary School in Richmondville Wednesday.

Below right: Fill er' up. Plenty of to-go dinners out the door, and on their way.

Below: More spaghetti to the line. Large helpings being put on the plates, and in the to go containers. No need to ask for seconds.



Cobleskill Briefs

Do you have any events you'd like to see featured in the Cobleskill Herald? Let us know at cobleskillherald@gmail.com.

Senior Congregate Meal Sites Open

Local residents are invited to enjoy socialization and a hot meal at 12 noon at one of Schoharie County Office for the Aging's congregate meal sites:

-Jefferson (Tues./Wed./Thurs.), Community Center, Rte. 10)

-Sharon Springs (Mon./Wed./Fri.), Firehouse, Beechwood Rd.).

Reserve a meal by calling Schoharie County OFA at 518-295-2001 the day before you want to go. A suggested donation is accepted from those 60 years old and older. Under age 60? You're welcome to participate and will be charged a set fee.

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 crcsffasale@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.

Sharon – Town Board

The Sharon Town Board will be holding its monthly meeting on Wednesday, April 5th at 6:30 PM at the Sharon Town Office. Meetings are also available for viewing on the SHOPEG website.

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.

Carlisle – Town Board

The Carlisle Town Board will be holding its monthly meeting on Wednesday, April 5th at 7:00 PM at Town Hall.

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 XLIX

By Timothy Knight

Although the frontline has remained stagnant and the conflict appears to be bogged down in Bakhmut, there is a flurry of behind-the-scenes activity in the Russo-Ukrainian War that is favoring our allies in their fight to resist Russia's illegal, immoral invasion of Ukraine.

Briefly, let us survey some recent headlines:

UK, Poland to build new temporary villages in Ukraine (Reuters)

British Challenger 2 tanks arrive in Ukraine to join fight against Russia (The Independent)

France to double munitions supplies to Ukraine – defence minister (Reuters)

Hungary parliament backs Finland's NATO accession, Swedish bid pending (Reuters)

More than one year after Russian forces began streaming over the Ukrainian border, western allies remain aggressively supportive of Ukraine's sovereignty and right to self-defense, offering both humanitarian and military aid that directly benefits the Ukrainian populace.

In anticipation of a Ukrainian counteroffensive either this spring or summer, members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) have been flooding Ukraine with advanced weaponry, munitions, and other supplies to well-equip a battle-hardened, western-trained army as they seek to dislodge Russia's forces in the east and south.

Concurrently, we must discuss the accession of Finland into NATO. Following a year of foot-dragging by both Hungary and Turkey – predominantly in opposition to Sweden, which has no



The accession of Finland into the North American Treaty Organization (NATO) represents not only a step forward strategically against Russia, but exposes fear of NATO expansion was never the cause of Moscow's aggression against Ukraine

problem chastising both authoritarian-leaning countries – our Finnish friends are set to expand the borders of NATO along 830 miles of western Russia.

This accession accomplishes two things: (1.) strategically, it represents a continuing shift of Europe into an alliance that is militarily opposed to the greatest force of destabilization on the continent, and (2.) in terms of narrative, it erodes Moscow's talking points that this conflict is being waged against NATO aggression, because if so...

...why not threaten and posture to invade, bombard, or assault Finland?

Because – and despot, and wanted war criminal Vladimir Putin has already said as much – this conflict is being waged for one reason: the re-constitution of Russia's hegemony in eastern Europe. Viewing the former Soviet Republics as a part of Moscow's sphere of influence, it explains their aggression towards Georgia, Moldova, and Ukraine.

Ultimately, there are two components to this conflict occurring simul-

taneously: (1.) the ongoing fighting along the eastern and southern fronts, where Russian forces are exhausted and losing momentum against Ukraine's defenses, and (2.) the NATO-led delivery of advanced weaponry, munitions, and other supplies in support of the looming Ukrainian counteroffensive.

The latter component also includes the expansion of NATO, the issuance of arrest warrants for Vladimir Putin for war crimes by the International Criminal Court, and other means of western support for Kyiv. All may appear quiet along the front on the Ukrainian side, but that is merely the appearance of deep calm before the impending strike.

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. Cheerio.

Esperance Elks Installs Officers



The Esperance Elks Lodge #2507 recently installed their Lodge officers for 2023-24. They are: Exalted Rules, Donald Schoeffler; Leading Ruler, Rich Webb; Loyal Knight, David Devall; Lecturing Knight, Josh Diamond; Secretary, Betty Webb; Treasurer; Venus Louise, Esquire, Michelle Parks; Chaplain, Cathleen Houlihan; Inner Guard, Bruce Grass; Tiler; Tyler Schoeffler; and Lodge Advisor, Jeff Largeteau, PDDGER.

Court News

William Ferris, 68, was convicted of Aggravated Driving While Intoxicated with a Child, a class E felony. Mr. Ferris was sentenced by the Schoharie County Court on March 15, 2023 to a five year probation term with Drug Court Treatment terms and 5 days in jail. Mr. Miller is required to pay a fine of \$2,500.00, surcharges in the amount of \$520.00, an assessment fee of \$750.00, install an ignition interlock device on all vehicles owned or operated, pay the DNA surcharge of \$50.00; obtain a substance abuse evaluation; attend a victim's impact panel, his license is revoked, and he waived his right to appeal. Trooper Dehont of the New York State Police was the arresting officer.

David Miller, 38, was convicted of Driving While Intoxicated, a class D felony. Mr. Miller was sentenced by the Schoharie County Court on March 15, 2023 to a five year probation term with Drug Court Treatment terms and 5 days in jail. Mr. Miller is required to pay a fine of \$2,500.00, surcharges in the amount of \$520.00, an assessment fee of \$750.00, install an ignition interlock device on all vehicles owned or operated, pay the DNA surcharge of \$50.00; obtain a substance abuse evaluation; attend a victim's impact panel, his license is revoked, and he waived his right to appeal. Trooper Dehont of the New York State Police was the arresting officer.

Larceny, a class A misdemeanor, and was sentenced by the Cobleskill Town Court to 3 years' probation, \$100.00 fine, DNA surcharge of \$50.00. Cobleskill Village Police Sgt. Rorick was the attesting officer.

Jonathan R. Weber, 25, was convicted of Aggravated Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle, a unclassified misdemeanor, and was sentenced by the Town of Cobleskill Court to a \$200.00 fine, \$93.00 surcharge and a one year conditional discharge. Cobleskill Village Police Officer Rippel was the arresting officer.

Scott D. Cottam, 34, was convicted of Menacing in the 3d degree, a B misdemeanor and was sentenced by the Town of Cobleskill Court, on the recommendation of the Schoharie County Probation, to a one year conditional discharge, \$400.00 fine, \$205.00 surcharge, Order of Protection and DNA surcharge of \$50.00. Cobleskill Village Police Officer West was the arresting officer.

Christopher A. McClish, 24, was convicted of Petit

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Hannaford Donates to Esperance Historical Society

The Esperance Historical Society & Museum has been selected as April's Hannaford Bloomin' 4 Good Program beneficiary.

For the entire month of April, The Esperance Historical Society & Museum will receive \$1 do-

nation from every Bloomin' 4 Good bouquet with the red circle sticker sold at Hannaford's Esperance/Duanesburg location.

The Hannaford Bloomin' 4 Good Program is an easy way for shoppers to give back to

their communities. Every month, leadership at each Hannaford store selects a nonprofit to benefit from the sales of Bloomin' 4 Good bouquets. Since the Program launched in August 2021, more than 2,000 organizations have received

over \$160,000 in donations.

"Brighten someone's day while giving back locally!" said Ken Jones, President of The Esperance Historical Society & Museum. "Purchasing a Bloomin' 4 Good Bouquet at the Esperance/Duanesburg Hannaford in April will help our organization serve our community better."

The Esperance Historical Society & Museum is a nonprofit based in Esperance, founded in

1969. The Esperance Historical Society & Museum has grown to include an agricultural heritage building and a research library operated by an all-volunteer staff. Besides preserving our historical past the museum is a resource to those doing regional history or genealogical research. The Museum is open free to the public from memorial day through Labor day weekends 1-4 and by appointment. Community mem-

bers have enjoyed our holiday open house, Summer programs and October Soup and Stroll historic walking tour not to mention our Chocolate Jumbles celebration. Learn more about The Esperance Historical Society & Museum by visiting <https://www.facebook.com/EsperanceHistoricalMuseum>.

For more information about the Hannaford Bloomin' 4 Good Program, please visit hannaford.2givelocal.com.

NOTICE *revised & re-issued*

A vacancy exists in the Schoharie County Health Department in the position of

PUBLIC HEALTH PREPAREDNESS COORDINATOR

Starting Salary: \$54,810 (CSEA grade 18)

The work involves responsibility for planning, preparing and completing projects relative to an emergency-ready public health department. Incumbent upgrades, integrates and evaluates local public health preparedness for responses to terrorism, pandemic diseases, and other public health emergencies with federal, state, local, private and non-governmental organizations. These efforts are intended to support continuous improvement of a national system of public health emergency preparedness that uses Centers for Disease Control preparedness goals and associated measures to monitor public health system response performance. Incumbent may be assigned either to lead major projects or complete phases or projects. The work may also involve the coordination of grant-funded activities with other municipal departments, collecting and analyzing data, and preparing documents necessary for community and economic preparedness activities. The work is performed under the general supervision of the Public Health Director. Does related work as required.

This will be a provisional appointment; permanent appointment will be contingent upon successful completion of a Civil Service examination and becoming reachable on the resulting eligible list.

Candidates interested in being considered for this position must submit an employment application to the Schoharie County Department of Personnel & Civil Service, 284 Main Street, PO Box 675, Schoharie, NY 12157, (e-mail: civilservice@co.schoharie.ny.us) by the close of business on **APRIL 18, 2023**.

Applications may be obtained in the Personnel Office or online at: www.schohariecounty-ny.gov

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

(A) Graduation from a regionally accredited or New York State registered college or university with a master's degree or higher in Public Health; OR

(B) Graduation from a regionally accredited or New York State registered college or university with a bachelor's degree in Public Health, Education, Health Science, Nursing, Emergency Management, Human Services, the Natural Sciences, or a closely-related field; and two (2) years of paid professional experience in Emergency Management, Emergency Medical Services, or in planning, implementing, coordinating or administering a public health program; OR

(C) Graduation from a regionally accredited or New York State registered college or university with an associate's degree in a field listed in (B); and four (4) years of paid professional experience as outlined in (B).

NOTE: Part-time experience can be pro-rated to equal full-time, based on number of hours worked per week, and a higher level of education in Education, Health Science, Nursing, Emergency Management, Human Services, the Natural Sciences, or a closely-related field can be pro-rated for experience up to one year under minimum qualification (B).

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT: This class requires frequent travel. Incumbents will be required to possess a valid, appropriate level, New York State Motor Vehicle operator's license, or otherwise demonstrate the ability to meet the travel needs of the job.

****In accordance with NYS Public Health Law, appointee must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 at time of appointment and provide proof of vaccination status****

"Spring Awakening" This Weekend Only

By Alexis Pencar

This weekend, Saturday and Sunday, April 1st & 2nd from 11:00 am until 5:00 pm, check out the shops in The Village of Sharon Springs for the "Spring Awakening" special event!

Come out to celebrate Spring and the reopening of shops in the Village with lots of shopping, flowers, and activities! Each shop will "interpret their feelings of spring flowers"!

With flowers as the theme, check out: the Bluebell The Vintage Flower Truck, TikTok Star - Walleye The Rescue Goat, Easter Egg Hunt - for All Ages, Crafting Paper Flowers, DIY Fragrance Bar, Floral Tastings, and much more!

Participating "Spring Awakening" businesses include Austintacious at 197 Main Street, Beekman 1802 at 187 Main Street, Brimstone Bakery

at 922 Chestnut Street, Cobbler & Company at 189 Main Street, McGillycuddy's Naturals at 197 Main Street, Rural Provisions at 197 Main Street, and Sharon Sprigs Fine Dried Florals at 200 Main Street.

As the snow melts and the flowers begin to bloom, come out to the Village of Sharon Springs for activities and excitement for all!

SUNY Cobleskill Fighting Tiger Weekly Recap

The SUNY Cobleskill Hunt Seat Equestrian Team captured Reserve Champion Team honors at the 2023 Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA) Zone 2 Region 3 Championships hosted by Skidmore College at the Van Lenep Riding Center in Saratoga Springs, N.Y. on Saturday. Fighting Tiger freshman Casey Van Nostrand, Schenectady, N.Y., Guilderland High School, was the reserve champion in the Intermediate Flat Zone to qualify for the IHSA National Championships in Lexington, Ky.

The Fighting Tiger baseball team dropped an 8-7 road loss to SUNY Cortland on Tuesday in Cortland, N.Y. to fall to 4-8 overall on the year. Sophomore second baseman David Flora, Windsor, N.Y., Windsor High School/Herkimer Community College, went 2-for-5 in the game with a double and a pair of RBI.

The men's lacrosse team opened the 2023 North Atlantic Conference (NAC) season by losing a 19-5 decision to the host Broncos of SUNY Delhi on Saturday in Delhi, N.Y. to fall to 2-1 over-

all including a 0-1 mark in NAC action. Junior attackman Sean D'Amaro, Northport, N.Y., Northport High School, scored four goals and passed out an assist in the contest.

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

NOTICE

A vacancy exists in the Schoharie County Health Department in the position of

DEPUTY PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTOR

Starting Salary: \$73,084

Incumbent has responsibility for assisting the Public Health Director in the overall administration of health department programs and activities. Responsibilities include budget preparation, fiscal management, data collection, cost analysis studies, and assisting in the planning and development of programmatic policies and procedures. The work is performed under the general direction of the director, with a high level of autonomy. Incumbent acts for and in place of the director in their absence. Supervision is exercised over assigned departmental staff. Does related work as required.

This will be a provisional appointment; permanent appointment will be contingent upon successful completion of a Civil Service examination and becoming reachable on the resulting eligible list.

Candidates interested in being considered for this position must submit an employment application to the Schoharie County Department of Personnel & Civil Service, 284 Main Street, PO Box 675, Schoharie, NY 12157, (e-mail: CivilService@co.schoharie.ny.us) by the close of business on **APRIL 17, 2023**

Applications may be obtained in the Personnel Office or online at:

www.schohariecounty-ny.gov

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Possession of a Bachelor's degree in Public Health, Health Administration, Nursing, Environmental Health, or a closely-related field; and two (2) years of professional supervisory or administrative-level experience in a recognized public or private health-related agency.

NOTE: A higher level of education can be pro-rated for experience up to one year.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT: Incumbent must possess a valid New York State driver's license or otherwise demonstrate the ability to meet the travel needs of the job.

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SUNY Welcomes Miarka-Grzelak as VP for Strategic Enrollment and Innovation

COBLESKILL, N.Y. – SUNY Cobleskill is excited to welcome Anna Miarka-Grzelak as Vice President for Strategic Enrollment and Innovation. In this newly created, senior-level position, she will oversee the College's Admissions, Marketing, and Student Financial Services divisions while working closely with faculty to foster program innovations that prepare the next generation of young leaders for entry into career fields across the agriculture and technology landscape.

Born in Poland, Miarka-Grzelak earned a Master's degree in English Philology from the University of Warsaw and a second Master's in Adult Education from Indiana University. She is currently completing her doctoral dissertation in

Higher Education Administration from the University of Wyoming. Before immigrating to the United States, she served as an interpreter for the Polish Ministry of Labor and Social Policy and as an English language instructor at various learning institutions.

"This entire campus is thrilled to be working alongside Anna as she develops this new role of championing our faculty and supporting our programs by connecting the needs of the national and global workforce with our academic programs and the students we enroll," said Dr. Marion Terenzio, president of SUNY Cobleskill. "Through Anna's leadership, this College will continue its relevancy through innovation in the way we reach our stu-

dents and send them out into the world as graduates to contribute to a healthy and prosperous society."

"I purposefully sought this position after reading President Terenzio's white paper, 'A Pivotal Moment,'" said Miarka-Grzelak. "I am very excited to join a college that is passionate about aligning its offerings with the needs of the changing world around us for the purpose of improving communities in very practical and sustainable ways."

Miarka-Grzelak most recently served as Dean of Enrollment Management at Clinton Community College and previously held high-level enrollment and marketing positions at SUNY Empire State and Purdue University Fort Wayne.

Mountain Eagle's Baseball Trivia Contest

Win Tickets to Yankee Stadium or Citi Field
2nd Place: Tickets to the Hall of Fame,
3rd Place \$20 Gift Certificate

It looks like it could be a banner year for the Mets and Yankees! Let's make it a banner year for you too as a winner in the second annual Mountain Eagle baseball trivia contest!

The first place winner will receive two tickets to a Mets or Yankees game this summer. The second place winner will receive two tickets to the Hall of Fame in Cooperstown. The third place winner will get a \$20 gift certificate for Yastrzemski Sports on Main Street in Cooperstown.

Just answer the five questions each week and mail in your answers.

Despite my love of the Mets, I have always been a student of baseball. All teams and all eras. I admit

I am not as much as of the WAR, exit velo, launch angle, or sabermetrics brand of baseball. And don't get me started on the use of "ghost runners" for extra innings!

Since we live in New York (most of us anyway!), the questions will center around the Yankees and Mets. Now we know, in the age of the Internet, you can Google the answer to almost anything in five seconds, and we can't stop you from doing that. But, TRY, to answer these questions on your own.

This week's questions will focus on opening day:

1. What former Brooklyn Dodger was the starting pitcher for the first two Mets opening days?
2. The Yankees last won

the World Series in 2009. Who was their opening day starting pitcher?

3. The Mets last won the World Series in 1986. Who was their opening day starting pitcher?

4. What year was the first that Babe Ruth was in the opening day lineup for the Yankees?

5. This is a two-parter. In 1962, who had the first hit for the New York Mets and who hit the first home run?

Mail your answers with a clipping of this quiz to:
 The Mountain Eagle
 PO Box 162
 Schoharie NY 12157

Good luck and keep rooting for the "home teams."
 David Avitabile

Christian Support Group Meetings Thursdays at 6:30

COBLESKILL — Calvary Assembly of God at 960 Mineral Springs Road, Cobleskill announces the launch of Overcomers Outreach, a Christ-based 12-step support group for individuals and families struggling with life-controlling issues.

Meetings will be held on Thursdays at 6:30 PM (starting 3/30) in the church's fellowship hall

(Please use back entrances).

Calvary will be observing Good Friday (April 7th) with the facility open for prayer from 9-10 AM, Noon-1:00 PM, and 3:00-4:00 PM. In the evening at 6:30, there will be a one-hour service of remembrance focusing on the seven sayings of Jesus from the cross along with a celebration of the Lord's

Supper. All are welcome to attend.

For more information on these or our other ministries to children, youth, young adults, singles, men and women, visit the church's webpage at www.cagcobleskill.org, our YouTube page (Cobleskill Calvary Assembly of God), Facebook (promisesofgod), or call 518-234-4182.

Police Blotter



Saturday, March 25, 2023

At 4:30 PM, Cobleskill Police executed an arrest warrant from Cobleskill Town Court and arrested

Jerome King, 44, of Cobleskill, N.Y. for harassment in the second degree. He was arraigned at Schoharie County CAP Court at 6:15 PM. and released on his own recognizance to appear in Cobleskill Town Court on 04/04/2023 at 2:00 PM.

At 9:25 PM, Cobleskill Police arrested Kayla Busch, 32, of Cobleskill, N.Y. for violating the local noise ordinance. She was issued an appearance ticket to appear in Cobleskill Town Court on 04/11/2023 at 3:00 PM.

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NOTICE

A vacancy exists in the
Schoharie County Health Department in the position of

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT I

Starting Salary: \$33,299 (CSEA grade 8)

Performs routine administrative support and accounting functions for a department or a unit. Tasks involve a substantial amount of time operating a computer and completing tasks to ensure the efficient workflow of the office. The position requires trust and confidence and may involve the exchange of confidential information. Incumbents work under general supervision of higher-level staff. Does related work as required.

This will be a provisional appointment; permanent appointment will be contingent upon successful completion of a Civil Service examination and becoming reachable on the resulting eligible list.

Candidates interested in being considered for this position must submit an employment application to the Schoharie County Department of Personnel & Civil Service, 284 Main Street, PO Box 675, Schoharie, NY 12157, (e-mail: CivilService@co.schoharie.ny.us) by the close of business on **APRIL 12, 2023**

Applications may be obtained in the Personnel Office or online at:

www.schohariecounty-ny.gov

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

(A) Graduation from a regionally accredited college or university or one accredited by the New York State with an Associate degree or higher in Business Administration, Accounting, mathematics or a closely related field; OR

(B) High School diploma or possession of a high school equivalency diploma AND two years of paid professional clerical experience working with accounts or budgets.

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SUNY Cobleskill, NYSDOT and Anderson Equipment Co. Train Capital Region BOCES Students

SCHOHARIE -- A partnership between Capital Region BOCES, SUNY Cobleskill, New York State Department of Transportation and Anderson Equipment Company is helping area high school students gain new skills that will strengthen their employability.

Students in the Construction/Heavy Equipment program on the Capital Region BOCES Career and Technical Education Center - Schoharie Campus recently completed training in hydraulics and hydraulic repair led by experts from



the college, NYSDOT, and Anderson Equipment Co.

"The training allows students to gain professional skills that they can use to build their resume and expand their employment options," said Nancy Liddle, Managing Program Coordinator-Business & Community Partnerships for Capital Region BOCES.

Students say they enjoyed the training.

"I thought it was cool to understand how things around us work and how these companies have job opportunities for us," said Trenton Swartout, who at-

tends BOCES from Cobleskill-Richmondville High School.

Business partners also found the event rewarding.

"We are so pleased to continue to partner with Capital Region BOCES," said Anderson Equipment's Ed Wallace. "Supporting student education is part of the mission of Anderson Equipment, and we truly believe real-world experiences are important for students, not only to engage in learning but to discover viable career pathways."

Star Students Honored at CRCS



Michael Erik Kauffmann receives his induction into the National Honor Society from Nicolas Plunkett. Photos by Robert Duso.



Nicolas Plunkett lights a candle signifying service, one of the four criteria to be a member of the Society. The others are Scholarship, Leadership, and Character.



Group photo of all the members of the Cobleskill-Richmondville High school National Honor Society.

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YOUR LOCAL HAPPENINGS FOR SHARON SPRINGS

Sharon Things

By Alexis Pencar

Hey Neighbors!
It felt more like Spring this past week, even with a surprise snowfall on Monday evening. Highs will jump up to the 40s and 50s with some more rain coming up.

Trees have just started budding and some of the first Spring sprouts have come up all around the Village! It's quite the sight for sore eyes.

A pipe burst under Main Street on Wednesday morning leaving the Post Office, NBT Bank, and others without water! There were repair crews and flaggers at the intersection of Route 10 and Route 20 and down Route 10 (Main Street) the whole day! The Village of Sharon Springs Superintendent of Public Works Vladimir Jones was spotted on the scene!

Though we've become used to lots of Water and Sewer Project construction, this extensive repair was not planned.

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

Saturday, April 1 is a big day at the library. Complicated by Covid, our Annual Great Book Giveaway is back now and scheduled from 10 to 4 in our Community Room, Saturday, April 1. Bring a bag or a box and

take home as many books as you would like. We have fiction, non-fiction, biography, cook books, gardening books, art books, romance novels, mysteries, history books, westerns and everything in between. This is not a typical library book sale. While we have weeded some books from our shelves, other books have been donated by patrons and other members of the community. The object is to share books you no longer want or need and to pick up some others to refill your shelves and refresh your reading lists. It is a time of coming together. It's not too late. You have until tomorrow, 3/31 to donate books. Or, just come enjoy this family-friendly, community event on Saturday.

April 1 also marks the end of our abridged winter hours. Winter is officially over! We will now be here for you until 8:00 pm Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Our regular hours, Monday and Thursday hours 10 - 6, remain the same, as does our Saturday schedule, Saturday 10 - 1.

We have selected a book for our April discussion. On Friday, April 21 at 6 pm we will discuss "The Department of Rare Books and Special Collections" by Eva Jurczyk.

Trivia question. TRUE or FALSE: Conservators require white cotton gloves when handling rare books.

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 pre-

school to third grade. For more Library information please contact (518) 284-3126.

Worship Services

The Sharon Reformed Church (6858 State Route 10, Sharon Springs, NY 13459) offers weekly service at 10:30 am. Contact at (518) 234-2387 for more details.

The Sharon Springs United Methodist Church (511 State Route 20, Sharon Springs, NY, 13459) offers weekly service at 10:30 am. Contact at (518) 284-2200 for more details.

The St. Thomas The Apostle Catholic Church (24 Maple Avenue, Cherry Valley, NY 13320) offers weekly mass at 10:00 am. Reminder: confession is available 30 minutes before every mass. Contact at (607) 264-3779 for more details.

The Zion St. John's Lutheran Church Seward (114 Mesick Ave, Cobleskill, NY 12043) offers weekly service on Sundays at 9:00 am. Contact at (518) 234-3222 for more details.

Cornerstone Baptist Church (7274 Route 10, Ames, NY 13317). Sunday Service is at 10:00 am. All are welcome. Contact (518) 673 3405 for more details.

Food Pantry

The Sharon Springs Food Pantry is an excellent local resource for all! They are located in the United Methodist Church on Route 20, across from the school (511 US Route 20, Sharon's Springs, NY 13459).

They are always accepting donations! If you or someone you know is in need of the Pantry, the hours are Thursday 9:00 am -10:30 am and 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm.

Senior Congregate Meal Site

Local residents are invited to enjoy socialization and a noon-time meal at Schoharie County Of-

fice for the Aging congregate meal site in Sharon Springs (Mon., Wed. & Fri., Firehouse, Beechwood Rd.). Reserve a meal by calling OFA at 518-295-2001 by 1 pm on the day before you

want to go. A suggested donation of \$4 is accepted from those 60 years old and older. Under age 60? You're welcome to participate and will be charged \$5.

To share community

news, upcoming events, business specials, adjusted hours, birthdays, anniversaries, or even an outstanding resident, please reach out to: (772) 971-1410 or alexis.pencar@gmail.com.



Repair crews working on a burst pipe under Main Street (3/29) in the Village of Sharon Springs leaving the Post Office and Bank without water all day.



The Village of Sharon Springs Superintendent of Public Works Vladimir Jones was seen speaking with the repair crew at the busy intersection of Route 10 & Route 20 on Wednesday afternoon (3/29)

Bassett Healthcare Network and Helios Care Offering Public Town Hall About Advance Directives

COOPERSTOWN – Bassett Healthcare Network and Helios Care are pleased to invite community members as well as their own employees to a conversation with Sallie Tisdale, best-selling author of Advice for Future Corpses (and Those Who Love Them) on Thursday, April 6, 2023, at 6 p.m. The town hall event will take place in Bassett Medical Center's Clark Auditorium in Cooperstown. Participants may also attend via Zoom.

Ms. Tisdale will be hold-

ing an upbeat discussion about the importance of establishing advance care directives such as a Health Care Proxy or a Living Will - and how to approach these conversations with loved ones.

Details:
Event: A Town Hall Discussion with author Sallie Tisdale

When: Thursday, April 6, 2023 at 6 p.m.

Where: In-person at Clark Auditorium at Bassett Medical Center (1 Atwell Road in Cooperstown) or via Zoom

Details: Visit www.bassett.org or Bassett's Facebook page for details, including the Zoom link and toll-free dialing information.

Bassett and Helios are offering this event in anticipation of National Healthcare Decisions Day (NHDD), which is April

16. On NHDD, people of all ages are encouraged to establish, review, or update their advance care directives to ensure that their wishes are accurately reflected in these important documents.

People sometimes avoid establishing advance care directives because they think they may lead to emotionally difficult decisions and discussions. Using kindness and wit, Ms. Tisdale will cover why these documents are too important to put off and offer suggestions about how to overcome any reluctance.

To learn more about NHDD and advance directives, visit:

<https://theconversationproject.org/nhdd/>

https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/conditions/dementia/adv_care_planning.htm

To learn more about Sallie Tisdale, visit:

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Left: Mrs. Elizabeth Borkowski all smiles because she likes what she hears from the chorus as they warm up.



Right: The students are warming up before the show. They sounded great during the performance Thursday. Photos by Bob Duso.



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Annual Meeting
Conesville Historical Society
Monday April 3rd 2023
6:00 PM
at the Horseshoe Cafe
 2102 State Route 30 in North Blenheim
 Featured Speaker:
Richard Sears Walling
 The Mondores: A Family History in Black and White
 A Black family with Caribbean roots settled in the Catskills in the 1830s and established an amazing tale of Appalachian life across the generations.

Italian Buffet! **50/50** Review of 2022 and future plans
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Family Support Services
 Hi Everyone, There is now a New Family Support Group meeting being held every Monday evening from 5:30 – 7:00pm at Open Arms Recovery Center on Main Street in Schoharie. Everyone is welcome, feel free to join us for some or all of the meeting. We are here to help you and your family navigate the complexities of being and/or loving someone with a Substance Use Disorder. If you have any questions at all, please feel free to contact me. Bushnell.Chrystal@SCCASA518.org Cell: (518)605-4180

American Legion Donates \$500 to SSCS Team

By Alexis Pencar

The American Legion met with the Sharon Springs Central School Clay Target League Team on Tuesday (3/21) to award the team with a generous donation of \$500.

The SSCS Clay Target League Team is 100% self-funded making this donation a windfall for the group. The Team is made up of 24 students and 7 coaches with their season starting April 1st and running until the last week of May.

This is the first year SSCS will participate in the USA High School Clay Target League, which is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. According to the League, they are "an independent provider of shooting sports as an extracurricular co-ed and adaptive activity for high schools and students in grades 6 through 12. The organization's priorities are safety, fun, and marksmanship - in that



American Legion donates to SSCS Clay Target League Team, 7 of 24 members pictured.

order."

The League attracts student-athletes that have earned their firearm safety certification to participate in shooting sports while creating a "virtual" competition among high school teams at no cost to the schools. If inter-

ested in learning more contact your local school!

Members of the SSCS Clay Target League Team would like to give a huge "thank you" to the American Legion for their support since "all money is so appreciated".

The Sharon Springs

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 1269 led by Commander Paul Todd, is a tremendous part of the Sharon Springs community.

The American Legion was chartered and incorporated by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic vet-

erans organization devoted to mutual helpfulness. The American Legion's mission statement is: To enhance the well-being of America's veterans, their families, our military, and our communities by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.

The Legion is looking

for new members! If you are interested in becoming an American Legion member, volunteering, or even donating to the many wonderful causes they support, please contact Commander Paul Todd at (518) 649-0024 for more information.

KNK Sponsors Easter Hunt at SSCS

By Alexis Pencar

SHARON SPRINGS — This Spring KNK Landscaping sponsored and organized quite the Easter Egg Hunt at the Sharon Springs Central School for Saturday, April 15th at 10:00 am.

This Easter Egg Hunt

will be the 2nd Annual and offers big prizes to happy kids of all ages! There will be larger prizes for "golden tickets" found and even a brand new bike per age group for the lucky ones that find the "bike ticket"!

The organizers have sectioned off areas by age

group this year, putting safety first! There will also be an 'allergy free' hunt in the teacher's parking lot.

All children should meet at the front of the school before the Easter Egg Hunt for directions on assigned areas. Little ones will be

at the front of the school with older age groups behind. Volunteers will also be available at each station to help in any way.

Ken Kennedy of KNK Landscaping LLC said, "Let's have a great day for the kids and the community and don't forget to

get your picture with the Easter bunny."

There will be additional goodie bags at the church across from the school, compliments of the A.C.T.

KNK Landscaping LLC is a Sharon Springs local business that always goes above and beyond to do

special things for the children of the community.

In case of poor weather, a 'rain or snow' date of April 22 has been given as a backup. If you have any questions, please contact (518) 729-7410 or check out KNK Landscaping on Facebook.



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