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Economic Development Year-End Report, Program Grant Summary Bramley Mountain Fire Tower & Tiberio Custom Meats Discussed

By Mary A. Crisafulli
DELHI - Delaware County Economic Development Director Glenn Nealis provided economic development committee members with a 2022 year-end report and updates on ongoing projects on May 3.

One critical project from 2022 was the low-interest business loans program which typically offers over \$1 million annually. Due to the global pandemic, there was a decrease in applications for this program, which started to increase once again in 2021. Over 2022, economic development provided 11 business loans from \$15,000 to \$250,000 and totaling \$435,000. The department works in collaboration with local banks to administer loans. Businesses receiving funding include Johnston & Rhodes Bluestone, Hancock; Delhi Hospitality, Delhi; Shackleton Auto, Hancock; Hidden Inn, Stamford; Polar Bear, Franklin; Kennedy PHC, Delhi; Zada's Bar & Grill, Middletown;

Maple Shade Farm, Delhi; River Bend Cabins, Colchester; and Birchwood Films, Delhi. The projects resulted in 41 new jobs in Delaware County. Approximately five loans have already been approved in 2023.

The department also issued \$752,739 in grants for 96 projects countywide. The grant opportunities stimulated approximately \$3.2 million in new economic investment in the county. In addition, the department oversaw grants totaling \$232,921 to support 58 tourism promotion projects, \$128,000 for 35 businesses to train employees, and \$492,000 for 27 businesses to create new job positions.

Critical projects for 2023 include developing an outdoor recreation map and issuing pandemic relief funding through the CARES Act Program.

After the initial grant proposal of \$400,000 was denied by Empire State Development, the county reapplied with a narrowed plan

and was awarded \$250,000. Funding will support the development of an interactive recreation map to be accessed on greatwesterncatskills.com or by application on cell phones. The map will feature recreation access sites countywide, including boat launches, hiking trails, parks, snowmobile trails, and more.

According to Nealis, the plan initially included businesses such as kayak or ski rentals and events, however, this fell outside the grant criteria and will be excluded. He said the department will look into other grant opportunities to include these businesses in the future. Economic Development Specialist Sean Penchoff is working to develop a county event calendar in which all events can be found in one central location.

Nealis expects the project to take approximately ten months and to be completed by May 2024.

The county also secured \$940,000 in state CARES

Act funding to assist small businesses with the impacts of the global pandemic. While the funding was secured nearly two and a half years ago, Nealis said, state adjustments to regulations have delayed distribution leaving businesses needing redemption. Nealis called the situation a "nightmare" and said it has consumed significant staff time. Businesses are eligible for half of the economic loss experienced or half the costs of implementing new business practices during the pandemic. The department has made tentative awards and each business must provide invoices for projects or losses. Each invoice will be reviewed individually by the department and then the state before funding can be dispersed. The program ends on Sept. 7 and Nealis believes the county will need to apply for an extension due to the lengthy review process.

In another discussion, Nealis reported on findings regarding the Friends of

Bramley Mountain Fire Tower project. The Friends have been working to resurrect the original fire tower on Bramley Mountain in Delhi for several years and have since raised over \$100,000 for the project. Due to the property being owned by New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) the Friends are required to have a municipal entity take liability responsibility. Delhi Town Council members denied the contract in February. The group requested Nealis research the possibility of the county taking liability responsibility. Nealis reviewed the contracts, requested several adjustments for clarity by the group, and planned to meet with DEP for further clarification. There may be additional insurance-related costs with signing the contract, explained Nealis. He will review the arrangements with the county insurance company and get a quote if any adjustments to cost are needed before presenting

a resolution to the committee.

"I think it is a really important project," said Bovina Supervisor and Chairperson to Supervisors Tina Molé.

Nealis also reported that Tiberio Custom Meats, proposing a meat processing facility in Walton near the fairgrounds, is ready to approach banks for lending opportunities. The nearly 2.7 million dollar project has already received a state grant for \$320,000. The proposal is for a highly technologically advanced processing facility of beef. Nealis said each butcher will be on individual lift machines to maneuver safely and efficiently around the cattle. Business owners have scheduled their second cutting demonstration for local farmers. The event will occur on Friday, May 19, from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. at the Downsview School House.

The next economic development committee meeting is scheduled Wednesday, June 7, at 9 a.m.

Centralized Arraignment Plan Discussed

By Mary A. Crisafulli
DELHI - Josh Shapiro, representative of the special counsel of the 6th judicial district, presented information on planned centralized arraignment procedures to Delaware County Public Safety Committee members on May 1.

Shapiro explained that a centralized system was made available to municipalities by the state approximately five years ago to develop a more efficient arraignment process. Since the adjustment of the state, counties have been organ-

izing and implementing plans. Broome County was the first to execute a centralized arraignment process in 2017.

If approved by supervisors, the magistrate association, and the state, arraignments will take place at the public safety building on Phoebe Lane, Delhi. Town justices will be scheduled for arraignment times held daily at 8:30 a.m. and 8:30 p.m. The process will eliminate long waiting and holding periods for individuals that require arraignment, explained Shapiro.

It will also cut back on staff time searching for available judges, he added. Other counties which have implemented systems, according to Shapiro, saw an increase in personnel due to an additional officer stationed at the arraignment court but a decrease in patrol needs. The system has been more efficient across the board, he added.

The magistrate association will secure the state grant supporting the costs of building the courtroom, including a new bench.

The state will pay the

justices on a per-diem basis, \$120 for half a day plus mileage. There will be no additional costs for the towns, and the county will only be responsible for office supplies.

President of the magistrate association and Hamden Justice Gay Merrill said association members unanimously approve the plan. Supervisors are expected to vote on a finalized plan at the next board meeting on Wednesday, May 10.

In other business, Emergency Services Director Steve Hood reported on continued plans to increase communication in Hancock. Due to its topography, the town has the most radio communication issues in Delaware County. "It has some of the deepest valleys in the state," he said. The department has been looking into radio tower sites on Abe Boice Road and White Birch Airport. With use of state equipment, Hood said, the sites will be set up for increased radio signal, and drive tests will be performed this month.

Hood is working on completing contract negotiations for a new computer-aided dispatch system. The total cost is estimated at \$72,000. According to

Hood, state grants will pay for most of the expenses. He hopes to split the contract into two years so that state grants can fully cover costs.

Code Enforcement Officer Dale Downin reported the new Department of Public Works (DPW) administrative building on Main Street, Delhi is nearing completion. He expects staff to move into the structure by next month. Final construction phases were delayed several times due to flooring installation scheduling issues with the contractor. Downin reports floor installation is complete, elevators have been hooked

up and inspected, and only minimal items remain.

Steel exterior has been installed for the Walton facility on Neale Road, which will house a DPW heavy equipment maintenance shop. Contractors are working on underground water testing at the site.

The Bloomville facility, which will house plow/salt/sand trucks and specialty sign shop, and guide rail fabrication, is almost complete. The roof was started last week, reported Downin.

The next public safety committee meeting is scheduled Monday, June 5, at 11:30 a.m.

School Districts Prep For Annual Budget Votes, School Board Elections

All school districts will be holding budget votes on Tuesday, May 16 from noon to 8 p.m. at their respective schools. All have scheduled budget hearings for the public to receive information and ask questions as the budget is presented. Those dates vary by school district.

Schools are developing spending plans that adjust for the loss of recovery aid related to the pandemic, in August of 2024, and an inflation rate of 8 percent. It finds them working to main-

tain existing programs that have provided academic and emotional recovery from the pandemic and to look ahead to continue those programs. Despite increases in appropriations, districts are utilizing fund balances to keep budgets within the allowable tax caps.

Charlotte Valley Central School

The budget hearing is set for May 9 at 6:30 p.m. in the elementary gym and a budget hearing and breakfast for senior citizens will be held May 10 from 8:30 a.m.

to 10 a.m. in the cafeteria (you must RSVP to 607-278-5511). The budget vote will take place from noon to 8 p.m. on May 16 in the school's APR room.

Superintendent Eric Whipple believes the district has created a responsible budget that is balanced, yet will keep the strong programming that is needed as school districts across the state look 15 months into the future, when recovery funding for the programs

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Obituaries

Carolyn Sturgess Pardy

Carolyn Sturgess Pardy, age 74, a former resident of Hobart NY and Catskill NY, passed away April 27, 2023 at the Miller McClure Respite House in Colchester, VT. She was born May 22, 1948 to the late Stanley and Elizabeth (Rowe) Sturgess in Hobart Township, New York. A 1965 graduate of South Kortright Central School she married Victor Stevens in 1967 and they had a daughter, Jennifer Stevens, who survives her in Shelburne VT. Later she married John Pardy who died in 2019 after 36 happy years of marriage. Upon moving to Catskill Carolyn became the Village Clerk of Catskill, a position she

held for 35 years. After her husband's death she moved to Vermont to be closer to her daughter and grandson.

In addition to her daughter, Carolyn is survived by two sisters, Gray (and Andrew) Mason of Oneonta NY and JoAnn O'Neill of Rochester NY, a grandson Cooper Guerriere of Shelburne VT, stepdaughter Terri Pardy (and Marcia Genthner) of Palenville NY, step-grandson Daniel Koerner of Stamford NY, niece and nephew Deanna Cartenuto and Phillip Cartenuto of Rochester NY and three half siblings, Ken Sturgess and Shelby Meister of St. Louis MO and Scott

Sturgess of Winter Springs FL. In addition to her husband Carolyn was predeceased by a stepson Matthew Pardy. Carolyn was a beloved and devoted mother, sister, grandmother, aunt and friend who will be deeply missed.

A celebration of her life will be held in Hobart NY at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Miller McClure Respite House, 3113 Roosevelt Highway, Colchester, VT 05445.

Arrangements are in the care of Ready Funeral and Cremation Services. To send online condolences please visit www.cremationsocietycc.com

Key Pairings For Delaware League Softball To Decide Championship Seats

DELAWARE LEAGUE – There are still some key games taking place this week as Charlotte Valley, Gilboa and Roxbury were all tied up without any league losses heading into this week. Gilboa and Charlotte Valley were set to play each other on Thursday, after press time. Roxbury is at Gilboa next Wednesday. The league championship is set for Thursday, May 11 at 4:30 p.m.

at Oneonta's Neahwa Park. It remains to be seen which teams will be paired for the league finale.

Gilboa picked up an 18-7 win over South Kortright on Tuesday. Olivia Ross picked up the pitching win and helped her cause with a pair of hits. Bailey Hughes added a pair of hits for four runs. On SK's coin, Carlee Dropp scored a pair of runs.

Hunter-Tannersville squeezed out a 25-24 victory over Jefferson/Stamford on Tuesday. Julia Legg connected on a pair of triples, scoring three runs and batting in four runs. Hedda Flynn had five runs on five hits and Emma Constable drove in Four RBI. For J/S, Tryhnati Donato scored five runs and Paige VanEtten collected six hits on the day.

In action on Monday, Roxbury defeated H-T 30-10. Kylie DeMaio had four hits in her five trips to the plate, scoring four runs and teammate Mikayla Wright added four hits and four runs. H-T was led by Saleema Poladian's trio of RBI.

Charlotte Valley defeated Windham 19-4 on Monday. Brinlee Wright struck out 12 Windham batters for the win and helped the cause with a pair of hits and five RBI. Natalie Amadon and Laila Wheeler each scored four runs, and Abby Vroman and Cadence Santiago contributed three RBI each. Windham was led by Megan Carroll's two runs.

Gilboa defeated Margaretville 28-13 last Friday. Olivia Ross picked up the pitching win and was helped by Bailey Hughes' trio of hits, which included two doubles and a triple for three RBI. Kayla Clark crossed the plate three times.

Windham defeated Stamford/Jefferson 35-8 last Friday. Hannah Tuttle collected seven hits, including five singles, to score five times and drive in eight runs. Megan Carroll had five hits and Emma Drum connected on four hits.

Delhi/Downsville defeated Roxbury 11-7 in a non-league game last Friday. Kimora Brown went 4 for 4 behind the bat for two runs for the Lady Rockets and Ryleigh Goodchild was 2 for 3 on the day for Roxbury.

The night before, Roxbury fell to non-league Edmeston/Morris 15-4. Kylie DeMaio had two hits in the action for Roxbury.

Windham defeated non-league Middleburgh 18-9 last Thursday. Ashtyn Hansen had a pair of hits to score three runs and had three RBI to lead the win. Teammates Hannah Tuttle and Breana Hoyt each had a trio of hits, while Caherine Coe and Emma Drum contributed two hits and two runs each.

SK Baseball Closing In On A Perfect Season

DELAWARE LEAGUE – The South Kortright Rams blanked Gilboa 6-0 on Tuesday and Charlotte Valley 3-0 last Friday to pick up its final two Delaware League wins and finish with a perfect 6-0 league record. They improved to 11-0 on the season with Tuesday's win and are again destined to play in the league championships, set for Neahwa Park, at 4:30 p.m. on May 11.

Adam Champlin struck out 20 and walked five Gilboa batters to finish the day with a no-hitter on the mound. Once again, he helped his cause with a trio of hits that included a triple.

Last Friday's 3-0 win over Charlotte Valley also went to Champlin's win column as he struck out 10 and had two hits. Teammates Logan Reinshagen and Chase Rockefeller also added hits to the win. Davenport got one hit each from Mike Camarata and Ezra Ontl in their first league loss of the season.

The two wins by SK put Gilboa and Charlotte Valley

in a tie for second place, each with one league loss.

Gilboa fell 9-4 to Delhi/Downsville in a non-league game last Friday. William Cipolla had one hit and scored one run to lead the Wildcats in the loss.

Jefferson/Stamford picked up its first win of the season last Friday with an 8-6 victory over Windham/Hunter-Tannersville. W/H-T went out to a 4-1 first inning lead, but J/S returned in the top of the second to score three runs and tie it 4-4. W/H-T added two more runs in the bottom of the fourth and S/J answered back with two runs in the top of the fifth to leave them tied at 6-6. Stamford scored the final two runs in the top of the seventh and held W/H-T in the bottom of the inning to take the win. Jon Michael Leas led J/S with three hits in his five trips to the plate, driving in one run and scoring a pair of runs. Brandon Harris added a pair of hits for two RBI and Jacob Mirozik had two hits and one run scored. Leon Honge

led W/H-T with a pair of hits to score two runs and teammates John Garzone, Connor Schiefer and Devin Schlosser each had a double.

On Monday, W/H-T fell to Charlotte Valley 15-0 as Trevor Waid picked up the pitching win, striking out 14, walking one and giving up just one hit. Mike Camarata had four hits in his five trips to bat, scoring two runs and driving in three RBI. Jamison Quigley went 3 for 5, including a double, scoring two runs and batting in two runs. And Waid helped his own cause with three hits, including a triple, for four runs scored and a pair of RBI. Ezra Ontl had three hits for the Wildcats, including a double for three runs and one RBI. For W/H-T, Connor Schiefer and Connor Aplin each had one hit.

In baseball action last Wednesday, Schenevus defeated Gilboa 3-1 in a non-league pairing. Dakota Oliver scored Gilboa's lone run and Joe Wille struck out nine from the mound.

Human Resources: Quick Updates & Contract Negotiations

By Mary A. Crisafulli

DELHI - The Delaware County Human Resources Committee met briefly on May 3 to discuss ongoing projects before entering two executive sessions.

Personnel Officer Carrara Knoetgen reported attendance at the Walton Central School District college and career week. Knoetgen attended with representatives from the Department of Public Works (DPW), Sheriff's Department, and other personnel staff. All representatives participated in a workplace panel where stu-

dents could ask questions.

DPW representatives provided students with information on upcoming openings for summer positions. The Sheriff's department highlighted the inspectors exam scheduled for May 12. Students who are 18 years old by the exam time are eligible to take it, explained Knoetgen. Personnel staff also conducted mock interviews with students.

In another discussion, committee members approved possible overtures to the Adobe software fees. Knotgen anticipates the

quote being close to the \$500 budgeted amount.

The first executive session was to discuss personnel issues. Upon exiting, no decisions were made. Committee members immediately entered a second executive session to discuss insurance contract adjustments. Committee Chairperson and Meredith Supervisor James Ellis did not expect any decisions to be made following the session.

The next human resources committee meeting is scheduled Wednesday, June 7, at 1 p.m.

Grand Gorge Man Sentenced To State Prison

DELHI – Patrick T. Combs, 24, of Grand Gorge, New York, appeared in Delaware County Court on April 24, 2023, and was sentenced on his convictions for Grand Larceny in the Fourth Degree, a Class E Felony, and one Count of Driving While Ability Impaired by Drugs.

At the sentencing hearing, Delaware County Court Judge John L. Hubbard sentenced the de-

pendant to an indeterminate term of one to three years in state prison for his conviction of Grand Larceny in the Fourth Degree. Judge Hubbard sentenced the defendant to 364 days incarceration for his DWAI conviction. The 364 days of incarceration will run concurrently to the state prison sentence. The Court imposed a \$500.00 fine, \$475.00 surcharge, \$195.00 supplemental

DWI fee, \$50.00 Crime Victim Assistance fee, and a \$100.00 DNA fee. The defendant was also ordered to provide a DNA sample for inclusion in the State DNA databank.

Acting District Attorney Shawn Smith Stated, "This is an appropriate sentence which will deter others from committing larcenies in our County. I am thankful to the New York State Police for their work on this case."

Writers Circle Reading in Hobart

Liberty Rock Bookstore in Hobart NY will host the Stamford Library Writers Circle for an afternoon reading of original works on Sunday, May 7, at 2 p.m. Authors will present a diverse program of short readings across multiple genres including poetry, short fiction and memoir. Members of the group, that meets monthly in the Stamford Library, who will be reading Sunday are Sandra Arnone, T.M. Bradshaw, Valerie Cole, Christine Hauser, Brian Kletchka, Priscilla Martin, Chris Santomassino, Ralph Stuppel and Rick van Valkenburg. This event is free and open to the public. Liberty Rock Bookstore is located at 678 Main St, Hobart NY.




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School Budgets, Continued from A1

developed to close the learning gap and provide social and emotional support systems related to the pandemic will end. He calls it the "funding cliff" as school districts are also faced with high inflation rates.

The proposed \$12,091,774 budget is up \$ 99,619 over the current budget. It retains all current positions and programs. This year's proposed tax levy increase is 2.99 percent, which is under the district's tax levy cap of 3.38 percent. He points out that it is an increase after two years of no, or a negative increase. This year's tax levy increase is being fueled by inflation and the "funding cliff" in order to avoid a larger increase in program costs in the future. It was developed in a series of workshops that involved community input.

In his newsletter, Whipple said the budget provides opportunities for students to grow and learn. The District continues to offer Academic Intervention Services (AIS) in ELA and Math in the elementary, along with various AIS services in the middle and high schools. Students will be offered extended day programming through tutoring, Regents preparation, and summer school. The District has placed an emphasis on providing students learning opportunities in the field of STEM by fully furnishing the dedicated STEM room with a variety of materials and supplies. The CVCS Robotics team has grown by both numbers and prestige. Social and emotional learning have become a necessary, but valuable aspect of the school's learning program. The District continues to provide school counseling, social work, and whole group skill building. The dedicated middle school/high school teams have developed a mentoring program focused on building strong peer-to-peer and student-adult relationships. Students have opportunities to engage in co- and extracurricular activities, distance learning classes and in-person electives for both college and high school credit. The strong relationship with BOCES provides students the programming option that best fits their learning style and interest.

What they have found, according to Whipple, is that the programs created by the recovery funding and added staffing have provided great gains, not just academically, but emotionally.

Therefore, they are striving to continue those programs and to build on them.

He said they are also excited about a \$13.3 million project that will provide for renovations and upgrades of existing space, such as a new kitchen and cafeteria, new library and media space, new vocal instruction classroom and other items. It is currently being developed and will hopefully go to the state Education Department for approval over the summer with construction beginning in the spring of 2024.

There are two candidates to fill two available three-year terms on the school's Board of Education and the incumbent board members, Jeff Vroman and Becky Garrison, are seeking re-election to their seats.

South Kortright Central School

A hearing on the proposed budget for the 2023-2024 school year is set for 7 p.m. on May 9 in Harbaugh Hall at SKCS. The budget will be reviewed at that time with the public able to ask questions and make comments. The proposed budget totals \$11,227,903, which is up

\$346,433 over the current spending plan. The increase falls within the allowable 3.34 percent tax cap.

According to the budget newsletter, \$220,000 will be used from the fund balance to keep the budget within the allowable tax cap.

Voters will also seat a board member to a five-year vacancy for the expiring term of Mary McMullen. She has filed a petition for re-election to her board seat, with no opposition on the ballot.

A new 65-passenger school bus is on the ballot, the cost not to exceed \$150,000 and will be funded from the school district's bus reserve.

The final proposition voters will decide is the reauthorization of its transportation capital reserve fund for acquisition, construction and reconstruction not to exceed \$2 million.

School Superintendent Douglas Wyant, stated the biggest increase includes an additional pre-kindergarten section that will allow all students registered, to attend pre-K. There are also increases in health insurance, board documents and ad-

ditional extracurricular activities for students. A capital outlay project, not to exceed \$100,000 that will receive state aid, will complete the water tank replacement project started in the 2021-2022 year and to purchase replacement windows.

Wyant praised the students, staff, Board of Education and the community for his warm welcome as superintendent and that the school community is second to none. He stated it is demonstrated daily through all of the departments, programs, organizations, staff and volunteers working together to make SKCS the best.

The proposed budget reflects the priorities outlined in the district's Strategic Plan, such as family and community connections, engaging opportunities for everyone, well-being and a cultured climate.

Stamford

The proposed \$10,786,870 budget for the Stamford Central School District is up \$409,863, or 3.93 percent, but falls within the allowable 3.34 percent tax cap. The budget hearing is scheduled for May 9 at 6 p.m. in the school cafeteria. The budget vote will be held

May 16 from noon to 8 p.m. in Room 111. Voters are asked to enter the school building through the north entrance.

The proposed budget maintains all academic programs, interscholastic sports and extra curricular programming. It includes safety and other updates, through a capital project. The process has involved advisory workshops to allow for community input.

This year's budget allows for the inflation that is impacting all school budgets and every family.

SCS is also planning for a \$7.3 million project, ap-

proved by voters in December. The district is using \$2.7 million from capital reserve funding to help pay for the project.

Voters will also be asked to authorize the purchase of a new 65-passenger bus, the cost not to exceed \$140,742. It will be paid for out of the established bus reserve fund and/or unappropriated fund balance.

Voters must decide two seats on the school's Board of Education, each three-year terms. Three candidates will appear on the ballot and include Megan Buel, James Eklund and Ellen Hager.

Join the Living Archive Project for "Traces + Reflections" Exhibition

DELHI - The Living Archive Project invites you to attend the opening of their latest exhibition, "Traces + Reflections: An In-Progress View of the Living Archive Project", on Saturday, May 6 from 5-8 p.m. at Bushel Collective located at 106 Main Street in Delhi. The exhibition will run from May 6 through May 14, and admission is free and open to the public.

"Traces + Reflections" is a group exhibition curated by Christina Hunt Wood, featuring the work of artists, writers, and other creatives in the upper Catskills who have participated in Living Archive Project programs. The exhibition explores the personal archive and highlights the unique ways radical noticing, memory, experience, and place can intertwine through storytelling and the arts.

The exhibition includes multimedia art, text-based images and objects, photographs, and video from participants of both youth and adult workshops. In addition to the exhibition, there will be interactive activities where visitors can contribute to the Living Archive Project. There will be live readings and performances at the reception on May 6 beginning at 6 p.m.

"We are thrilled to present 'Traces + Reflections' to our community," said Christina Hunt Wood, lead artist for the Living Archive Project. "This exhibition is an opportunity for us to showcase the incredible work of the artists, writers, and creatives who have participated in Living Archive Project programs.

It also highlights the power of storytelling and the arts to bring people together and enrich our understanding of the world around us."

The Living Archive Project is a multidisciplinary collaboration between artists, community members, and organizations throughout the Northern Catskills. It aims to enrich and rethink rural tradition and culture through an inclusive representation of the histories of people living in the area through storytelling practices. The Living Archive Project is made possible with funding from a Creatives Rebuild New York grant.

Visit www.bushelcollective.org for open hours. For more information about the Living Archive Project, please visit www.livingarchive-catskills.org.



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Letters to the Editor

Contrary to Needs and Opinions

Dear Editor:

In over 70 years as an active citizen, voter, business owner, and agency director, I will never become accustomed to the way so many of our elected officials' actions differ so much from their words. They say they work for us, yet introduce bills that are good PR but do little or nothing to help us and/or solve real problems. Their votes, which express who they really work for, are so often contrary to the needs and opinions of the vast majority of the people they are supposed to represent.

Unfortunately, our current Congressman, Marc Molinaro, fits this description perfectly. In his newsletters and district visits, he talks about how much he is doing for us; the facts are just the opposite. Just yesterday he voted for a bill to drastically cut funds for veterans (which will, in part, cut up to 30 million veteran outpatient visits), take meals on wheels away from 1 million seniors (including many of us here in rural New York), drastically cut funds for education, (including cutting 100,000 teaching jobs, eliminating preschool for hundreds of thousands of kids, and disrupting school for millions of students), and cut nutrition assistance from low-income women, infants and children.

Fortunately, this bill will not pass, but it shows our Representative Molinaro really works for - billionaires and giant corporations who fund him. He seems to conveniently forget that this would not only hurt our future, and put a damper in the current economy, but the excuse he uses that it is necessary to cut the deficit rings hollow in the face of the fact that the largest deficits in the nation's history were experienced under the President he supported, Donald Trump, due to his tax cuts, that benefited only the super-wealthy. (some of us did receive, brief, minor, tax benefits). And the bill that Molinaro just voted for contains even more benefits for the rich - among them tax credits for wealthy real estate investors who are driving up costs of rentals for working people in our area.

I will continue to plead for all of us to look carefully

at real facts, and act as responsible citizens and not just blind followers of liars, hate-mongers, disingenuous politicians, and foreign-owned media interested only in profits.

Ron Lipton
Lexington

Hussain Trial

Dear Editors:

The criminal trial of Nauman Hussain begins on May 1st. The local press has produced extensive reporting on the Hussain family's origins, ultimately finding Nauman guilty of being his father's son while ignoring major questions in the limousine case and the prosecution. The local reporting misdefines justice as for the victims when American justice (taking nothing away from the victims) is for the accused upon conviction beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of competent jurisdiction.

Some basic questions about the Nauman Hussain case procedure that have gone unasked in the news coverage:

1) If Justice Lynch was convinced at the sentencing hearing that Nauman Hussain had incriminated himself in the culpable mental state of manslaughter owing to exhibits of evidence, how did Justice Lynch not reject or dismiss the guilty plea to criminally negligent homicide itself? If Judge Lynch cannot accept the terms of the plea bargain as stemming from a non-factual plea, how could he have accepted the non-factual plea itself and sentence Nauman to prison on it?

2) If Justice Lynch already says the culpability for criminally negligent homicide is nonfactual, how can Hussain then fairly be tried by that same judge for counts of both negligent homicide and manslaughter together?

3) If the key procedural error was judicial, in County Judge Bartlett's acceptance of two years of pre-sentencing interim probation when the law allows for only one year, how did Justice Lynch use that error against Nauman Hussain? How was the error later used to prosecute the defendant's state of mind ex parte at the sentencing hearing if Justice Lynch was willing to ultimately allow the lower charge at trial?

4) How does the Third Department miss these procedural problems, then deny

the defendant's leave to the higher Court of Appeals where interlocutory relief is reasonably sought? Through what other interlocutory method of relief can the defendant avail himself to than the Article 78 proceeding, in a process already so distorted?

I believe this trial is fatally flawed from a denial of due process for the defendant and corruption of the Supreme Court of New York State. Prosecution has been furthered from the bench, by the judge ambushing the defendant into a (now) prejudiced trial through pre-trial declaration from the bench of culpable mental state (recklessness instead of negligence). What Justice Lynch did is wrong. It hurts a pre-trial defendant who faithfully accepted a negotiated plea. It then forces that defendant to defend himself against his own earlier faith in that plea. The Third Department is corrupt for denying ripe and reasonable interlocutory appeal to the higher court when they know it is required to correct miscarriage of justice.

In their decision the Third Department at one point insinuates it is Nauman's own fault for not doubling up on volunteer hours and himself foreclosing the necessity of the second year of interim probation. Shame on them for writing rubble. The criminal case against Nauman Hussain should be dismissed with prejudice, as justice for Nauman Hussain cannot ever be found for him in his judicial process. It is by no fault of the victims of the limousine crash, nor their families, that this is the case, and the infamy of the crash is certainly established in the record of space and time.

Sincerely,
Robert Kerley
West Fulton

Substance Use and Myths That Harm

Substance use disorder (SUD), including addictions and overdoses, persist nationally and in our rural communities. Over 20 million people were diagnosed with SUD before the COVID pandemic and few of these received treatment. More than 100,000 overdoses occurred in 2022 alone and, unfortunately, the Catskill region has contributed to these numbers.

One of the major barriers to responding to opioid use disorder (OUD) in our region is the stigma that arises when people see SUD/OUD as a flaw in someone's character rather than understanding the physiological basis for addiction. Whether your addiction is nicotine,

coffee, alcohol, opioids, eating, or some other substance, no one sets out to be addicted to a substance. Rather, physiological changes occur that can shift someone from occasional use to addiction, just as diabetes can take hold and become a life-threatening chronic illness.

The stigma seeps into all corners of our community, including health care, it is often based on misinformation that can quickly become "untruths" or myths. This is particularly so for people with SUD while pregnant or as parents. We want to dispel three of these myths that can cause enormous harm to pregnant people and their families.

Myth #1: Using opioids while pregnant causes long-term harm to the child.

Fact: Opioid use during pregnancy can cause short-term discomfort to newborn babies, because once they are born, they no longer have access to the opioid from the parent's bloodstream, and they go through a process called withdrawal. These symptoms are easily treatable and occur between 24 hours to five days after a baby is born. Long-term, babies born to parents with untreated opioid use disorder have similar outcomes to their peers. No birth defects are associated with opioid use disorder.

Myth #2: Breastfeeding while on medication for opioid use disorder can kill or harm the child.

Fact: It is safe to breastfeed a child while using opioid use disorder treatment medications such as methadone and buprenorphine, which are the prescribed treatments for pregnant people with opioid use disorder. Studies have shown that very small amounts of opioids pass through breastmilk to an infant, and some suggest that breastfeeding this way can make a baby's withdrawal symptoms less severe.

Myth #3: If you are pregnant and using an opioid, you must immediately stop using opioids.

Fact: Pressuring a pregnant person to stop using any opioids ("detox") is dangerous and can lead to death. If a pregnant person (or any person) stops using opioids suddenly, their tolerance for opioids can lower, which can make it easier for them to overdose the next time they use. Overdose is a large risk in pregnancy, and endangers the lives of both the parent and the child. No one should ever be pressured or coerced into detox, especially when pregnant. Medications for opioid use treatment should be offered as a first line treatment for opioid use

disorder in pregnant people.

We invite people to discuss these issues and identify how our communities can support people with SUD by coming to the Catskills Pathways to Recovery (CPR) 5th Annual Community Action Summit on Friday, May 12th at the Pine Hill Community Center in Pine Hill, NY, from 9:00 to 3:00 (breakfast at 8:30 and lunch provide for free) or participate virtually. The event is free but everyone must pre-register at www.catskillspathwaystorecovery.org, where you can find more information about the agenda and speakers. Let's work together to make sure those among us with SUD are surrounded by support and evidence-based care.

Julia Reischel, Project Director, Rural Opioid Response Program, Margaretville Hospital, WMC Health Network

Diana J. Mason, PhD, RN, is Chair of the Board of the Catskills Addiction Coalition.

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Julia Reischel
Diana J. Mason

Caring for Pets

I have written before about the lack of help for our pets. We need better care facilities which includes home visits, and ambulette pick up for both pet and owners. There are many people who have pets and have come to a point where their transport is limited due to various reasons. I wrote this a long time ago and I am now in need of help. If a dog can not get into the car we should have help. Going to Albany or Latham is not an option.

It really unsettles me watching this mountaintop build more housing, etc and more places to drink.

Instead of rehabs, wanting

to legalize drugs, but nothing for our pets who for many are our only friends. They look to us for help...there should be vans that are low to the ground so the that the dog, goat ...whoever can easily get in a long with their owner.

Putting a faithful companion down should not be an option. Would you put your family member down? I surely would not and my dog is my best friend and family. We need to focus on being compassionate .this is a service we need. Remember God created all of us.

Lucy Zorzi Veneski
Lexington

State Budget Update

The 2023-24 New York State budget has finally passed - it is a month late and spends at a reckless rate that will hike costs for all.

The budget spends a record \$229 billion, which is more than \$8 billion over our last fiscal year. This spending spree is funded by raiding county Medicaid funds, which will raise your property taxes by 7-14%. It outlaws gas appliances in new homes, fails to make substantive changes to bail reform, and forces additional costs on already struggling businesses.

This budget was cobbled together by one-party in complete secrecy and rushed to the floor for a vote without allowing any opportunity for substantial review by legislators or the public. The Senate Republican Conference has a plan to Rescue New York but, sadly, the Democrats ignored these commonsense ideas.

New York is number one in outmigration and this budget will do nothing to reverse that sorry status. Simply put, this was another wasted opportunity to enact the changes needed to improve public safety, rebuild our economy, and return affordability to the communities I represent.

State Senator Peter Oberacker



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Middleburgh Mayor Resigns

Pandemic Snafu Clouds New Leadership, For Now

By David Avitabile
MIDDLEBURGH - First-term Middleburgh Mayor Trish Bergan resigned last Wednesday after three and a half years in office. Unfortunately, due to a mix-up

during the COVID-19 pandemic, a new mayor cannot be named until action is taken by the state legislature.

In a letter to the village board last week, Mayor Bergan wrote, "As you

all know, my original reason for serving was to finish the very important public works projects, which were started by Mayor Matt. "Those projects have reached their conclusion and with the elections just around the corner I strongly feel that it's time for me to step back.

"In addition, the demands of office are starting to affect my health and well-being.

"That being said, I am proud of what this administration has accomplished and will continue to accomplish in my absence. I know I'm leaving the Village in good hands. It's been an honor to serve with all of you."

Board members Monday accepted the resignation with regrets.

Normally, a board faced with such a resignation would normally just ap-

point the deputy mayor, in this case Trustee Tim Knight, as the mayor to fill out the remaining term of Mayor Bergan, which would be to the end of the year.

Unfortunately for Middleburgh officials, the failure of three board members (one of which was Mayor Bergan) to sign their oaths of office during the pandemic leaves the mayor's post in limbo, at least for the time being.

"During the course of the Village Government's operations, it came to the board's attention about two weeks ago that three Board members - former Mayor Bergan; Trustees Knight and (Bob) Tinker - had not executed an oath of office within 30 days of assum-

M'burgh to "Harden Up" Village Hall After Security Incident

By David Avitabile
MIDDLEBURGH - After a visit from an irate resident caused the village clerk to hit the panic button and summon police last week, Middleburgh village board members Monday agreed to get quotes to "harden up" and beef up security for the village hall.

The incident occurred last Thursday morning when local resident David Jeremenko came in to the office of village clerk Melanie Laraway to complain about receiving a parking ticket.

The resident was "not acting professionally" and made the employee not feel comfortable, according to Trustee Bob Tinker. The employee used

her security button to contact police and have the person removed from the office.

The clerk was not at Monday night's meeting, which was moved from the village to the Middleburgh library after 10 minutes.

On Thursday, village officials announced on a post on Facebook, the "Village Hall is accessible only by appointment today. Please call 518-827-5143 to make an appointment with Clerk Laraway, Deputy Clerk Kelly, or Code Enforcement Officer Stannard.

"We apologize for any inconvenience, but we are acting in protection

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OPINION

Mayor Felled by Own Creation

By Matthew Avitabile

As seen elsewhere on this page, last week's security incident in Middleburgh and resignation of former Mayor Patricia Bergan did not grow out of a vacuum and instead followed more than a year of escalating tension between the elected government and an unelected clique.

For more than a year, there were three effective mayors: the titular Mayor; Patricia Bergan, who ceded working on the budget or day-to-day activities in March 2022 to the village trustees, Deputy Mayor Timothy Knight, who ran the administrative side of the village, and David Jeremenko, who became the driving force behind a number of controversies and given wide latitude by former Mayor Bergan.

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Middleburgh Development May Be Back On

By David Avitabile
MIDDLEBURGH - A controversial Middleburgh housing development appears to be on again.

Middleburgh village board members agreed Monday night to hold a public hearing at their June 5 meeting at 7:30pm on a sketch plan submitted by farmer and developer Fred Risse for a 13-unit development off of upper Main Street. In March, it appeared

the controversial housing development might be dead before it was born after Mr. Risse, told town board members that he might pull out of the project because of costs.

Mr. Risse, who is chairman of the village and town joint planning board, said in March that the village zoning laws are so outdated, the planning board would have to follow the town subdivision laws which would require a state en-

vironmental quality review as well as requiring a payment of \$250 for each proposed lot.

If he has to follow the town subdivision rules and costs, "I might not go ahead with the project because of that," he said in March.

According to a sketch revealed at Monday's village meeting, the development two of the parcels would be accessed off of Main Street and another by a road into the development. The other 10 would be accessed via a cul-de-sac.

Village officials agreed to be a lead agency for the development.

Trustee Bob Tinker said it would be difficult for the village board to handle the leadership for the development, but it might be a necessity since the planning board cannot since Mr. Risse is the chairman of that board and has other relatives on it.

"We have to do it," Trustee Tinker said. The development is in a planned development district and there is a precedent for the village being lead agency, said Trustee Tim Knight. The village served as lead agency for the Cliffside Development project about 15 years ago.

The proposal has been controversial since it was revealed at the February

village board meeting. Three days later, a resident asked that the town conduct an ethics board review since Mr. Risse and his niece are on the planning board.

Town Supervisor Wes Laraway said he was going to speak to the town attorney before moving ahead.

On Monday Mr. Laraway said he did speak to town attorney Mike West about Mr. Risse and his niece.

His niece, Denise Lloyd, Mr. Laraway, "could technically vote as a relative but we all agreed that it would be most appropriate for Fred to recuse himself from all issues involving himself personally."

At the March town board meeting, Mr. Risse said that in the past a relative was allowed to vote as long as there was no financial gain.

Mr. Laraway said he disagreed.

He noted that when the town votes on fuel oil bids and Laraway Oil is involved, he removes himself from the conversation and the vote.

Mr. Risse said he did not vote on the issue and neither did Ms. Lloyd.

"Good," Mr. Laraway responded, "because I think it's inappropriate."

Village resident Dave Jeremenko issued the town board a letter in February requesting an

ethics board review on the project proposed by Mr. Risse, Mr. Risse is the chairman of the planning and his niece is the vice chairman.

Last month, Mr. Laraway noted that when a planning board member proposes a project, it should mean the member goes "beyond recusing yourself."

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

The proposed housing development would be on the fields behind Andy's Auto. Phase one would include six acres. The plans still have to go to an engineer to lay out.

Mr. Risse would have

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

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

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

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

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

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Valley Briefs

2023 Village Of Middleburgh Meeting Schedule

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

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

Schoharie 5K Set for May 6

SCHOHARIE - The 2023 Schoharie 5k will benefit the Scho-Wright Ambulance Service this year. Registration is online at:

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. There is no race day registration.

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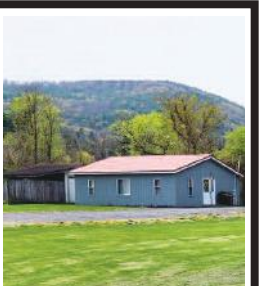


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Obituaries

Roxanne F. Hewitt

Roxanne Fairchild, January 1, 1952 - April 9, 2023 in Philadelphia, PA at age 71. She was the daughter of Ryland "Hugh" and Rowena (nee: Fairchild) Hewitt. She was preceded in death by her dear sister Becky Coughtry and is survived by her beloved family: wife Janet Meyers; sister Ruth Wiseman; nephews Lindsay (Bethany) Coughtry, Jordan (Nisi) Coughtry, Caleb (Alex)

Wiseman, and Ryland (Tara) Wiseman; great nephews Noah Wiseman and Owen Coughtry. Her loss is also mourned by her extended family in Georgia and Maine, dear friends, colleagues and former students.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, May 6th at 10AM at Germantown Friends Meetinghouse, 47 W Coulter St, Philadelphia, PA 19144. Contact family for Zoom link. In

lieu of flowers, contributions can be made in her memory to Delaware Valley Friends School to continue her legacy of teaching reading and writing to children with learning differences. Delaware Valley Friends School, Attn: Development Office, 19 E. Central Ave., Paoli, PA 19301, or www.dvfriends.org/gift/. Arrangements by Laurel Hill Funeral Home www.laurelhillphl.com

Lois Kohler

Lois Kohler, 85, of Roxbury, returned to her maker peacefully on Saturday, April 29, 2023.

Lois was born May 22, 1937 in Blenheim, NY. She was the daughter of Bernard Beers and Edna Brandow Beers. Lois attended and graduated from Gilboa - Conesville school.

Lois married Miles Kohler Jr. on October 10, 1954.

Lois is survived by their 4 children Mark (Terri) Kohler, Michelle Kohler, Melissa Albanese, and Matt (Geri) Kohler. She had 13 Grandchildren and 18 Great-grandchildren and 1 Great-Great-grandchild.

Lois worked in both the Roxbury and Stamford

School systems for over 25 years, retiring and then substituting at BOCES.

Lois loved to knit and crochet, making countless blankets and afghans, sweaters, and scarves. She also made all of her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren a Christmas Stocking with their names at the top of each.

Lois was also an avid Bingo player and enjoyed going to Bingo with a group of ladies from Roxbury. She was also a member of Roxbury Senior Citizens Group and the Roxbury Methodist Church.

Lois was also a wonderful baker and enjoyed making cakes, pies, breads, fudge and cookies for the community.

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to the Miller Funeral Home in Roxbury, 53905 State Highway 30, Roxbury NY. Calling hours will be held on Wednesday, May 10, 2023 from 2-4 and 6-8 pm. Memorial Services will be on Thursday, May 11, 2023 at 11:00 am at The United Methodist Church of Roxbury. Burial will follow in Gilboa Cemetery where Lois will be laid to rest next to her husband. A reception will follow at the Carriage House behind the Jay Gould Reformed Church in Roxbury.

In lieu of flowers, a donation can be made to either the United Methodist Church of Roxbury or the Jay Gould Reformed Church of Roxbury.

Attempted Scam in Conesville

CONESVILLE — Conesville residents are advised to be aware of a scam attempt on a local resident today in Conesville. Two trucks occupied by six men pulled up to an elderly resident's home stating they just finished a local job, and they had a remaining truckload of gravel and no place to put it. An offer was made to leave the so-called surplus gravel on the homeowner's driveway for free. The offer was accepted. After the gravel was offloaded onto the driveway, the men demanded \$2400 in payment from the homeowner.

Thanks to the vigilance of the homeowner's son and daughter-in-law who live next door, the demand for payment was



challenged. An ensuing argument resulted in the sheriff being called and the six men in their two trucks beating a hasty departure. But not before a photo of one of the trucks was taken with New York State license plate number 74152-MN

on a white Chevrolet Silverado. If you know of any attempted scams that prey on senior citizens or see the truck in question, please contact the Schoharie County Sheriff's dispatch at 518-295-8114.

Middleburgh Hopes for Good News on Huge Sewer Grant

By David Avitabile MIDDLEBURGH - After being blocked by "arcane" federal laws last year when Congressman Antonio Delgado was promoted to lieutenant governor, Middleburgh once again has high hopes that the federal government will come through with a major grant for its new sewage treatment plant.

Trustee Tim Knight, who spearheaded the drive for the grant last year, announced on Monday, that he had, "very, very good news concerning our Village Wastewater Treatment Plant tonight."

The village, he explained, was in line last year on a list of "earmarks" by former Congressman Delgado last year to pay off the remaining \$2.6 million debt for the treatment plant, which was a "state-mandated, necessary project to repair and renovate our sewer plant."

Unfortunately, he added, "Due to the arcane rules of the House of Representatives, when Mr. Delgado was appointed Lt. Governor and resigned from Congress, we lost that earmark - but we never lost hope that our representatives would come through for us."

Village officials continued to battle for the funding.

"I am very, very happy to announce that Senator Kirsten Gillibrand has included our request for \$2.6 million in funding to pay off the remainder of our sewer plant debt in her list of proposed earmarks to the Senate Appropriations Committee," Trustee Knight said.

"There is a long way to go, as her request needs to be approved by the Senate Appropriations Committee, but if it survives this process, then we will be able to reduce everyone's debt redemption charges by next year and have the project paid in full. Fingers crossed that Senator Gillibrand does not get appointed to some other office..." The earmark, along with other similar funding, has to be approved by both the House of Representatives and Senate and signed by President Joe Biden.

The sewage treatment plant, which is being completed behind the high

school athletic field, cost the village and its users \$5.7 million with grants covering all but \$2.6 million.

Earlier this year they agreed to resubmit their application in hopes of either Congresswoman Elise Stefanik or Senators Gillibrand and Schumer.

The funding would be good news to the village's 219 sewer district users who would be spared paying off \$2.6 million in bonds for the new sewer treatment plant, a cost that will begin this summer.

SCS Club Has an Adventure

SCHOHARIE - The Schoharie School Adventure Club took a rock climbing class at Clark's Sports Center in Cooperstown on Wednesday. They had a great time and picked up some new skills and knowledge.



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**Middleburgh Central School
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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.

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Summer 2022: Feeding Burt the parrot with wildlife educator Bernadette Hoffman

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Noon - 8pm
at the Schoharie High School**

The Town of Fulton is forming a committee to update the Town Comprehensive Plan. The committee will meet weekly for 2 to 3 months to complete the process starting this summer. To apply to be on the committee, send a letter of interest to

1168 Bear Ladder Rd,
West Fulton, NY 12194
or stop in at the Town Hall or email

TOWNOFFULTON@MIDTEL.NET.
For questions, call
518-827-6365. Applicants should be a resident of the Town of Fulton.

Chilly Little League Opener in Schoharie

SCHOHARIE - It was a cold opening day for the Schoharie Little League Saturday. Players, coaches, parents, siblings, and family members braved the intermittent rain showers, wind, and gray skies to enjoy the parade of players onto the field, announcements of the teams, the Pitch, Hit and Run activities, and a day full of game.



Upcoming Dana Cudmore Lecture at the Old Stone Fort

SCHOHARIE – Late in the 19th century, stone was king of building materials and much of the cut stone which helped transform New York into the Empire State came from Schoharie County.

The Schoharie County Historical Society invites you to join local author Dana Cudmore for a look at how that demand for stone impacted Schoharie County during his lecture Boom and Bust: The Abandoned Stone Quarries of Schoharie County on Sunday, May 7 at 2 p.m. at Schoharie's Lasell Hall.

"In the decades before concrete, there was cut stone," stated Cudmore, the author of three books on

the caves and limestone quarries of Schoharie County. "In the final years of the 19th century, Schoharie County quarries supplied millions of tons of it to help build New York."

From the Brooklyn Bridge to New York's expanding barge canal system, the numerous engineering marvels of the period created a huge demand for cut building stone from upstate (and elsewhere). However, explains Cudmore, the boom was short-lived.

There were eight limestone quarries in the town of Cobleskill, with six in the village alone. The largest, located near Barnerville, employed 450 men to fulfill a huge contract with the city of New York, worth the equivalent of approximately

\$65 million today.

These are not the same quarries we see today; they have all since been abandoned. This presentation looks at some of the largest and catalogs the others, long forgotten. A Q and A will follow the presentation.

Signed copies of Cudmore's 2021 book Underground Empires: Two Centuries of Exploration, Adventure, and Enterprise in NY's Cave Country will be available to those attending and can be found locally and online at Barnes and Noble and Amazon.

Admission is by donation. Lasell Hall is located at 262 Main Street, Schoharie, NY, 12157.

This event is sponsored by the Schoharie County Historical Society. The society is in its 134th year at the Old Stone Fort Museum Complex, publishing the semi-annual Historical Review of county history, and organizing lectures and historical events such as Stone Fort Day, Decoration Day, and much more. For more information, visit TheOldStoneFort.org.

Upcoming Classes at Middlebrook

This spring, we have begun hosting bi-weekly class series at Middlebrook Arts Research + Residency Center in Jefferson, and we want to see you there! Join us to get your body moving with Zumba, relax, stretch, and strengthen with yoga, or both! We look forward

to sharing the space with you for this exciting class series! See the schedule below:

Zumba - Friday, May 12th, 5:30-6:30pm

Yoga - Sunday, May 14th, 10:30-11:30am

Zumba - Friday, May 26th, 5:30-6:30pm

Yoga - Sunday, May 28th, 10:30-11:30am

Ongoing bi-weekly through June

For more information or to register, send an email to education@bodystories-fellion.org. The suggested rate for each class is \$10-15, which can be fulfilled

through an online payment, or with cash or check upon arrival. If you need any financial assistance, please do not hesitate to ask.

If you are planning to register for a class, we ask that you do so at least 24 hours before the class start time, if possible. Upon re-

ceiving advanced registration, we will provide the exact street address, and a quick form for all participants. We have limited supplies available, but we strongly suggest bringing your own mats, blocks, and straps, to those who have them.

Library News

Middleburgh Library

5/8 - 4:00-5:00 PM - Solutions to Leg Problems. If your legs are giving you problems, find out the best and easiest solutions. It may be Varicose Veins, and we have solutions. Instructor: Dr. Eric DFohner 5/9 - 10:30-12:00 - Introduction to Art Journaling - This class is an introduction to art journaling which is combining writing and art. There will be prompts provided to help getting started with writing and exposure to a variety of art supplies to use in journal art making. Class size is limited. Registration is required.

5/9 - 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.

5/9 - 12:00 - 8:00 PM - Middleburgh Library Budget Vote. If you live in the Middleburgh School District, please come and vote for our library so we can continue to serve you. Thank you.

5/9 - 3:00-4:30 PM - Smartphone Savvy - iPhone - Gain confidence with your Smartphone. Learn the basics about apps, settings, and general use.

5/10 - 1:00 PM - Homeschool Elements with Ms. Wendy - Join Ms. Wendy on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month, to explore art! Topics that will be covered are color, value, line, shape, texture, space, and form.

This class is for home-schooled students ages 10 and up. Siblings are welcome! Registration is required.

5/11 - 11:00-12:00 - Homeschool Explorers - Join us on the 2nd Thursday of each month through June for crafts, games, experiments, and lots of fun! This program is for homeschooled students ages 5 through 18. Registration is required.

Please check our calendar on our website at www.middleburghlibrary.info for future

programs. Also, don't forget our Facebook page.

Cobleskill Library

Libby users now have access to e-books and audiobooks from three partner Library Systems, Mid-Hudson, Upper Hudson and Southern Adirondack. To access these other collections, open your Libby App and go to the menu. Once there select "add library." You will be prompted to search for a library. Enter any of the partner Library Systems mentioned. Tap "Sign In with my Library Card." Under "Partner Libraries" select your home library and sign in. Reminder that if you are still using the Overdrive app it will expire on May 1.

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

Tuesday, May 2 and 16 at 6pm Adult Gaming Group: Adult Gamers interested in role-playing games, card and board games are invited to gather at the library for fun and games with other game fans.

Wednesdays Mid-Days in May Movie Matinees from 1-2:30pm All this month we invite you to stop by for a midday matinee, every Wednesday. Adult Services Librarian Don LaPlant will introduce short films and lead discussions of them with the audience. Open to anyone over 17 years old. Free admission and free popcorn!

Wednesday, May 3 and 17 at 3:30 We've got the LEGO, just bring your imagination! Each session we'll have a different building theme to challenge participants, but you can build anything that inspires you. Open to kids in grades K-8.

Thursday, May 4 at 6pm Teen Video Game Night Stop by for some video game time on our new Switch! We've got multiple controllers and some great games for groups, so bring some friends along! Open to middle and high schoolers (ages 11-18).

Friday, May 5 at noon Fan Favorites Book Club. Join us on the first Friday of every

month for our casual conversation about the books, tv series, and movies we love. No assigned readings, just a chance to meet people, talk about things you love, and perhaps pick up a few suggestions on things that will become your new favorite obsession.

Saturday, May 6 Check Mates at 11 Longtime chess lovers and those just learning the game are invited to drop in Saturday morning for a pick-up game and a chance to meet new friends and learn new things from other players. We'll provide the chess sets and some snacks for players.

The Library continues to offer curbside pickup.

Saturday, May 6 SAT Study Group: Reading and Language 10-11:30 Prepping to take the SAT or PSAT this year? Join our SAT Study Group, where we will switch between independent practice and small group study with sample tests and study guides. An adult tutor will be available to answer questions and introduce study strategies. This session will focus on the Reading and Language sessions. On May 13, we will focus on the Math section.

Tuesday, May 9 at 6:00pm Do you love anime and manga? Or maybe you're curious about these Japanese stories but aren't sure how to get started? Check out our Anime Club for teens! We meet once a month to watch anime episodes, eat snacks, and try Japanese-inspired crafts. Open to 6th-12th graders (ages 11-18). No registration required.

Tuesday, May 9 and 23 at 6:00 pm The Short Fiction Workshop: This monthly writing workshop for teens and adults features writing prompts, exercises, and moderated feedback sessions where authors working on short fiction can practice their craft, develop new skills, and get constructive input from other writers.

Thursday, May 11 at 1pm Library Board of Trustees monthly meeting. The Trustees meet upstairs in the Community Room and meetings are open to the public.

Thursday, May 11 at 4 All Ages Craft Buffet Patrons of all ages are invited to join us for open craft time. We'll have tables full of craft supplies

available for participants to use, along with plenty of snacks and beverages. Come let your imagination inspire you to create whatever you choose!

Paws for Reading, join our favorite therapy dogs, for reading and cuddles! This is a great, relaxed opportunity for kids to practice their reading with a friendly face. All ages welcome. No registration necessary. Tuesdays May 16, 23, 30 and Thursdays May 11, 18 and 25 at 4:30.

Thursday, May 11 at 5:30 pm Teen Advisory Board Help us make the Community Library a better place for teens! Join our new Teen Advisory Board and help the library choose new teen books, plan programs, and make our teen zone a fun space for teen patrons. Snacks provided. Open to 8th-12th graders (ages 13-18). For more information, email clittle@mvlis.info.

Saturday, May 13 SAT Study Group: Math 10-11:30 Prepping to take the SAT or PSAT this year? Join our SAT Study Group, where we will switch between independent practice and small group study with sample tests and study guides. An adult tutor will be available to answer questions and introduce study strategies. This session will focus on the Math section.

Thursday, May 18 at 6:30 Explore the Erie Canal at Schoharie Crossing through strange bits of history that feature murder, mayhem, arson, accidents, and more! David Brooks, Education Director at the Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site in Fort Hunter, NY, will present this program uncovering aspects of the site's history related to the canal, railroad, and people that otherwise might never be known. Free admission.

Thursday, May 25 Trivia Night@ the Library 6:30 pm. If you would like to be a 2023 sponsor, please contact the Library. Special thanks to The Friends of The Community Library for sponsoring the snack table.

Saturday, May 27th the Library will be closed for the Memorial Day holiday.

Want to learn a new skill, enhance your hobby skills, or try something new? Watch classes online, anytime from anywhere, just log in to Creativebug with your Community

Library card and the last four digits of your phone number to get started. Once you create an account you can save your progress and save your favorite videos. The Library's landing page is <https://www.creativebug.com/library/communitylibrary>

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

To receive Library News by email sign up here <https://bit.ly/CommunityLibraryNews> Follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter! It is easy to find age-appropriate programs on the event calendar visit <https://bit.ly/CommunityLibraryEvents>

Schoharie Library

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www.schoharielibrary.org

Schoharie Library Hours: Tuesday, 10am-8pm. Wednesday, 12pm-7pm. Thursday and Friday, 11am-6pm. Saturday, 10am-2pm. Closed Sunday and Monday.

Virtual UFO Club: Thursdays, May 4 & 18, 10am. Work on projects and chat on Zoom. Sign up : <https://bit.ly/SchoharieLibraryPrograms>

Middle Grade Book Group: Thursdays, May 4 & 18, 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/MGBBookGroupSHO>.

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

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

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Proposed Highbridge Development Crossed Another Hurdle, Now Heading Toward Line

SCHOHARIE – The County Planning Commission and the Town of Schoharie Zoning Board of Appeals each held meetings last night regarding the proposed warehouse project and its height variance request for the proposed Route 30A development. The Zoning Board of Appeals and Town Planning Board are still accepting written comments until Tuesday, May 9th.

Currently, the Town Planning Board guided by Lamont Engineers and Young/Sommer law firm is Lead Agency conducting the State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR). The Zoning Board of Appeals cannot move forward with any decision until SEQR is completed. The SEQR process is required in New York State and serves as an extensive review prior to project approvals. The Town Planning Board has met more than 16 times to review the project materials in consideration.

The SEQR has three possible outcomes:

Negative Declaration: The project will not significantly impact the environment.

Conditioned Negative Declaration: The project is determined to impact the environment, but adjustments can be made to reduce the impacts.

Positive Declaration: The project has potential impacts on the environment and adjustments cannot resolve the impacts, so an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) must be prepared for public review. EIS will then analyze reasonable alternatives to identify ways to avoid or reduce adverse impacts.

Draft comments from the SEQR process will be presented by the Town Attorney, Dave Brennan, at the next Planning Board meeting on May 16th at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall. The Zoning Board of Appeals will next meet on June 5th and will review comments from the public

hearing process and SEQR status.

Additionally, the Schoharie County Planning Commission held its meeting last night. The Planning Commission recommended approval of the area variance and recommended approval of the site plan and special use permit with a recommendation of an additional sidewalk connection between the warehouse parking and the two proposed retail pad sites. The Town Planning Board will consider this recommendation in its decision-making process.

The public is encouraged to submit written comments to the Town Clerk by Tuesday, May 9th, and to attend the upcoming Planning Board Meeting on May 16th and the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting on June 5th to learn more about the comments from the SEQR process. More information about the project can be found at www.seecny.org/highbridge.

Reflections from the Centerpiece of Gallupville: A Gallupville House Association Presentation

GALLUPVILLE - The Gallupville House Association continues its programming about the historic Gallupville House and on local history with a free presentation and a showing of a Chester Zimmer history video at the Gallupville House, May 20 at 7:00 PM. All are invited and welcome to attend.

This event titled "Reflections from the Centerpiece of Gallupville" will center around a newly donated item of furniture that now finds itself back within the walls of the Gallupville House after an absence of more than 100 years. The Cornwell Hall

Tree, recently donated to the Gallupville House Association by the Michael Cornwell family is directly tied to the original owners of the House.

The Gallupville House, now with its Hall Tree intact, remains a centerpiece of the hamlet of Gallupville and the non-profit Gallupville House Association will start the evening off with a presentation of one of the Chester Zimmer Local History Interviews. This will be followed by a discussion about Gallupville in the late 1800s. We will explore some interesting events and examples of

daily life in Gallupville, as gleaned from historic newspapers in the area, that took place when the Hall Tree still resided in the Gallupville House during the 1880s to the 1910s.

The Gallupville House Association invites all to help us celebrate the Cornwell family's donation of this historic piece of furniture and explore more local history on May 20 at 7:00 PM. A reception will follow the program.

The Gallupville House is located at: 913 SR 443, in the Hamlet of Gallupville, Schoharie County.

Helen Condon Rug Braiding Workshop

The Schoharie River Center, located in Burtonsville near Esperance, NY, announces a two-day workshop with Master Rug Braider, Helen Condon on Saturday and Sunday, June 10 and 11, 2023. The workshop time is 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. both days.

Over the space of a weekend (14 hours), participants will complete a Egg-Gathering Basket with instruction provided by Adirondack Rug Braider, Helen

Condon. She will teach the traditional method of making a braided rag rug out of recycled materials. Participants will learn how to take apart old woolen clothes and blankets and recycle them into beautiful handmade colorful traditional braided rugs and other items, including the completion of a braided basket. Skills learned to make a basket are transferable to creating a round rug.

Pre-registration is required: \$100.00 SRC mem-

bers, \$125 for non-members of the Schoharie River Center. There will be a materials cost of \$45.00 which includes all materials and equipment (twine, clamp, needle, and instruction booklet). Materials cost for just the wool is \$25.00.

Please indicate your color choices when registering for the workshop. Register on-line www.schoharierivercenter.org or call 518-875-6230. The workshop is limited to eight participants.

History At The Juried Center



Kristen Wyckoff leads a group of Hudson Valley Community College students on a tour of the Gilboa Museum. Photo courtesy Cynthia Mattsen.

Meatloaf For A Good Cause



The Middleburgh United Methodist Church Friday hosted a drive-through meatloaf dinner to raise money for needed repairs on-site. Photo by Matthew Avitabile

Community Calendar

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.

- The historic Charlotteville Schoolhouse is available for community use and events and school groups during their April-October 2023 season. It is located at the corner of Baptist Church Road and Charlotte Valley Road in Charlotteville. The Schoolhouse provides a large well-lit space, seats up to 48 people, has a full kitchen, ample parking and lovely grounds for picnicking. For Schoolhouse availability and further information please email csrc641@gmail.com or call Joe Dahms at 607-397-9180.

- The historic Charlotteville Schoolhouse in Charlotteville, NY is inviting non-profit organizations and school groups/clubs to fundraise through the sale of baked goods during their monthly Pancake Breakfasts, which are held from 8-11 on the third Sunday of the month. Dates that are currently available to hold a Bake Sale during the Pancake Breakfasts are 4/16, 9/17 and 10/15. Send email inquiries and requests to csrc641@gmail.com.

- Long Point Camp is offering 1 week long camping sessions: Summer camp for ages 6 to 12, Teen Camp for ages 13 to 17. Visit longpointcamp.org for more information, to enroll a child in camp, or to apply to work.

April 28

-National Historic Marker Day at 6:30 PM

LOCATION: Corner of Bear Kill Rd and State Rte 990V

Join us at the "Stone Bridge" historical marker sign at the corner of Bear Kill and State Route 990V for a fun evening of cleaning historical markers and enjoying our time with each other. We will split our group and some will head down to the Richmyer Tavern to clean that sign.

Our hope is that as years go by, we will have more historical markers to clean and can make this an annual event in our community. We are on track to double our signs for next year!

To find out more about this nation wide event: <https://www.wgp-foundation.org/national-historic-marker-day/>

April 29

- Annual Spring Hawk Watch & Hawk Identification Workshop Houseplant Swap at Landis Arboretum, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

- 2023 Daffodil Jazz Brunch, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm.

Tom Morgan and Erna McReynolds invite you to the 2023 Daffodil Jazz Brunch benefiting those cared for by Helios Care. There will be wonderful music and delicious food amidst 100,000 daffodils at their lovely country home in Franklin. RSVP by April 21st at helioscare.org/events.

Home of Tom Morgan and Erna McReynolds
1077 Otego Road
Franklin, NY 13775

- Yoga at Headwaters, located at 66 Main St. in Stamford. Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8:30 a.m.. Drop in rate is \$10 - \$20 sliding scale, bring your own yoga mat. Optional blocks, blanket, towel, strap, water.

- 1Family Day at the Conesville Town Field, 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m.. Join in with churches from across the region for hours of faith based activities including: Bible lessons, music, prayer walk, crafts, and games. Need more information e-mail conesvillesundayschool@gmail.com or call Kim 607-588-3258.

April 30

Nature Writing Houseplant Swap at Landis Arboretum, 1:00 - 3:00 PM

May 1

- Garden Discussion Group, 7 p.m. every first Monday of the month at the Stamford Village Library, 117 Main St., Stamford. Share garden methods, successes and failures. Bring cuttings, samples, and favorite tools to show and to share!

May 11

- Legends of Lore, 6-8 p.m. at the Stamford Village Library, 117 Main St., Stamford. Every second and fourth Thursday.

May 13

- Celebrate Spring with a Saturday Night Dance on May 13th, 6-10pm at the Hobart Community Center, 80 Cornell Ave. DJ KDC plays old and new favorites. 20s-theme and country-theme Best Costume Contests. Sponsored by Hobart Rotary. Refreshments provided. Admission Free.

May 16

- Join us on May 16th at 6 p.m. for The Catskill Geologists. A brief membership meeting will be held following the program. Light refreshments will be provided.

LOCATION: Conesville UM Chapel Church, 1295 State Route 990V

May 21

- 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

May 24

2023 Adult Grief Support Group
Cobleskill United Methodist Church, 107 Chapel Street, Cobleskill, NY 12043, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

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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.

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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 2-14

Sicily tour, small group 20 spaces available - grouptoursite.com/rosemariekeller

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 kellerr22@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

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October 8

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All About Racing

By Ed & Betty Biittig

Utica Rome Speedway continued the rain interrupted "Honoring Alex" Modified event on Friday night and an even larger crowd came out to see the action. Matt Sheppard of Savannah, NY continued where he left off last season in victory lane and took the \$6800 winners share for the 30-lap main event. Stewart Friesen finished second in a No. 68 Modified honoring his Uncle Alex and Billy Decker of Unadilla was third.

Other winners at Utica-Rome on Friday were: Payton Talbot, 602 Crate Sportsman; Pro Stocks, Bret Belden; Limited Sportsman, Zack Welch; Four Cylinder, Justin Pope; All Star Slingshots, Brett Putnam; Junior Slingshots, Bodie Marks.

This Friday it's \$5.00 Friday at Utica-Rome with racing beginning at 7:30 p.m.

At Albany-Saratoga on

Friday Ronnie Johnson of Duaneburg snapped a 67 race losing streak with a win in a back-up car after wrecking his primary car the week prior and not getting it back together. Johnson started on the front row and pulled out to an early lead and had to endure six cautions and two red flags before taking the checker at the end of the 35-lap Modified feature. Following Johnson to the checker was Marc Johnson and Scott Huber to complete the podium.

Other winners on Friday at the Great Race Place were: Tony Farone, Sportsman feature No. 1 and Travis Witbeck, Sportsman feature No. 2; Kim Duell, Pro Stocks; Dakota Green, Limited Sportsman No. 1; Ron Deleuse, Jr., Limited Sportsman No. 2; Joey Wilson, Street Stocks; Micah Grant, Four Cylinders.

This Friday at Albany-

Saratoga the card includes all divisions, with Sportsman running for \$1000 and Limiteds running for \$500 and racing beginning at 7 pm.

Friday we saw a familiar name in the 602 Sportsman line up. Tony Farone, of Rotterdam Junction, driver of the No. 18, is one of the veteran drivers in the Sportsman ranks but said he has only been to the Malta oval seven of eight times in his career. His last time was during Covid when he finished second to Connor Cleveland and it was his first time on coils. Tony has raced for 27 years, however most seasons he has not been able to race a full season because of his concession business that takes him to many local fairs and other events. "I race for the fun of it" said Farone and Friday nights seem to be a great fit for him and his concession obligations.



Tony Farone of Rotterdam Junction stands next to his No. 18 Sportsman in the pits on Friday prior to his first time win at Albany-Saratoga. Biittig photo

Tony has eight wins at both Fonda and Glen Ridge and as of Friday night he now has his first win at Albany-Saratoga. One of his biggest fans throughout his career was his mother, Christine, who he lost this past September. On Friday we believe she was looking down from heaven with a big smile on her face.

Note from the Becker Race Team, they are wait-

ing for the motor for their primary car and have pulled out the back up car and dropped a DIRTcar legal small block in to run a few races at The Ridge.

This Sunday, May 7, Glen Ridge will open the season with \$1.00 hot dogs and free popcorn courtesy of the The Man with the Red Chair and Classic Muscle Parts. Show up points (track

points only). Full points for Hoosier Tire DIRTcar Weekly Championship.

Also this Sunday, the New York State Stock Car Association will hold their Hall of Fame Inductions at the Fonda Speedway Museum beginning at 10:30 am. Induction is open to the public.

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

Auto Racing News

By Tom Coughlin

Don't miss out tonight as the Utica-Rome Speedway will host \$5 Night. All weekly divisions will be racing and grandstand general admission is only \$5. Gates will open at 5:00 pm., hot laps 6:45, racing 7:00 pm.

The local Go-Kart season will begin next week when Dodge City Speedway in Howes Cave opens next Friday, May 12. Points will begin in all classes. Gates open at 5:00 pm., hot laps 6:30 pm., racing 7:00 pm.

Saturday night will find the Lucas Oil-Empire Super Sprints 360 winged sprint cars paying a visit to the Track of Champions presented by Supply Wagon Rentals. Grandstand general

Mohonasen Downs Schoharie

Schenectady/Mohonasen defeated Schoharie 6-1 in tennis.

Singles

Josiah Spivey (S/M) defeated Sean Gallagher (S) 6-0,6-0

Noah Spivey (S/M) defeated Josh Ringuette (S) 6-1,6-0

Hassan Seville (S/M) defeated Tyler Mason (S) 6-0,6-0

Phin Oliver (S/M) de-

admission will be \$20. Gates open at 4:00 pm., hot laps at 6:00 pm., and racing at 7:00 pm. Don't forget that next week is \$1 Night hosted by Holmes & Kugler Towing.

Also don't forget that Fonda offers infield parking for those fans looking for a different experience. You must contact the speedway ahead of race night to secure a spot on the infield for this unique experience.

Sunday will find Glen Ridge Motorsports Park opening for their 20th. season. A full card of DIRTcar racing is on the schedule including Red Chair 358 modifieds, Classic Muscle Parts crate 602 sportsman, Yurkewecz Auto Crushers

feated Jacob Ringuette (S) 6-1,6-0

Brian Schneider (S/M) defeated Josh Guasp (S) 6-1,6-0

Doubles

Vincenzo Diconstanzo/Tyler Lecuyer (S/M) defeated Alex Egnor/Braeden Beck (S) 7-5, 6-3

Sofia Styles/Ryan Snyder (S) won by forfeit

pro stocks, limited sportsman, Leatherstocking Credit Union mini stocks, and both the All-Star & Junior division Northeast Paving & Sealcoat slingshots. On top of that hot dogs will be \$1 and free popcorn. Pit gates open at 3:00 pm., grandstands 4:00 pm., hot laps 5:30 pm., racing 7:00 pm.

Also on Sunday the Super DIRTcar series will be at the House of Power in Middletown, competing in a 75-lap race for \$7,500. Pit gates at Orange County Fair Speedway will open at 3:00 pm., grandstand and drive-in 4:30 pm., hot laps 5:30 pm., racing 6:30 pm.

Tuesday, May 9 will bring the Short Track Super Series to the Accord Speedway for the Battle of the Bullring. The STSS modifieds will race a 50-lap feature for \$6,000 and the sportsman will compete 25-laps for \$1,500. Gates open at 4:00 pm., hot laps 6:15 pm., and racing 7:15 pm. Wednesday, May 10 will be used as a rain date if necessary.

Last Friday night out west at the Utica-Rome Speedway Matt Sheppard claimed the \$6,800 Alex Friesen tribute 30-lap 3 Bartrds Brewing modified feature. Joining him on the podium were Stewart

Friesen and Billy Decker.

In the Worthington Industries 25-lap crate 602 sportsman feature Payton Talbot earned the victory over Matt Janczuk and Jeremy Slosek.

The 20-lap Next Generation GraphiX pro stock division feature was taken by Bret Belden, ahead of Jason Morrison and A.J. Walters. I'm not quite sure what was happening in the pro stock feature, but I don't ever remember seeing three flips in a feature before. Including first year driver Kyle Money destroying #9.

Zack Welch won the 20-lap Fastline Performance limited division feature over E.J. Gallup and Connor Prokop

Also on Friday Albany-Saratoga Speedway had a full pit area of racers. In the NAPA modifieds 35-lap feature Ronnie scored his first win in a couple years, while having to use his backup #2RJ. Marc Johnson and Scott Huber filled out the podium.

Tony Farone won the first of two Northeast Paving & Sealcoat crate 602 sportsman 20-lap features held.

Following Farone across the finish line were Chris Crane and Mike Coffey Jr. Farone dedicated the victory to his mother Christine who unfortunately passed away last fall.

Travis Witbeck earned the second 20-lap crate 602 sportsman feature as he beat Chad Edwards and Drew Cormie to the finish line.

Kim Duell claimed the 25-lap Saratoga Masonry pro stock division feature over Chuck Dumblewski and Rich Crane.

In the Lake Auto street stock division feature Joey Wilson led all 20-laps

Rain canceled the program at Fonda and pretty much every Saturday track

The open practice at Glen Ridge Motorsports Park was also a victim of inclement weather.

Next Friday, May 12, Utica-Rome will host the Lucas Oil- Empire Super Sprints 360 winged sprint cars. Grandstand admission will be \$22.



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"Moose" Author Visits SCS



SCOHARIE - Schoharie Elementary had its final author visit of the year on Tuesday by Vicki Adesso. She read her "Longshot the Moose" book and did a craft activity with pre-K and kindergarten.

Indians Down Knights 15-0

SCOHARIE - Schoharie downed Middleburgh 15-0 in a five-inning game Friday at SCS, likely the last game the Indians will beat the Knights.

Due to a state edict, Schoharie had to get rid of their long-time mascot, the Indian, and residents have chosen the Storm as the new mascot.

On Friday, SCS pitcher Amanda Stalker allowed only three hits in a game shortened to five innings because of the 10-run rule. Payton Yung and Kaitlyn Wood pitched for MCS.

Schoharie tallied once in the first inning and then broke the game open with six runs in the second and eight more in the third.

Cierra DuPont had a single and triple for the Knights and Stalker was one of the hitting stars for Schoharie.

MCS fell to 0-6 in the league and 0-8-1 overall with the loss.

On Thursday, Windham-Ashland-Jewett rallied to beat Middleburgh on the road 18-9.

WAJ scored four runs in the top of the first inning and MCS tallied once in the bottom of the frame. After a scoreless second inning, WAJ took a 5-1 lead with one run but the Knights rallied in the bottom of the inning scoring four times to tie the game at 5-5. Each team scored once in the fourth but then WAJ took over scoring seven runs in the sixth and five more in the seventh. Each team had 10 hits. WAJ was aided by six Middleburgh errors.

Hannah Mattice and Ashtyn Hansen pitched for WAJ as Wood and Yung hurled for MCS.

BOCES Fields State Winners at SkillsUSA



ALBANY/SCOHARIE - Congrats to the dozen SkillsUSA New York State Champions and medalists from the Capital Region BOCES Career & Technical Education Center - Albany and Schoharie campuses!

State champions in the CSI contest are Criminal Justice students Rhiannon Islip from Sharon Springs, Jeffrey Caron from Berne-Knox-Westerlo, and Mason Welch from Duanesburg; State champion in the Precision Heavy Equipment Operations contest is Construction/Heavy Equipment student Justice Ebert from Schoharie and State Champion in the Esthetics contest is Cosmetology student Olivia Harris from Mohonasen and model Madison Davern from Ravena.

Also earning medals from Capital Region BOCES were: Second place finishers: Game Design & Implemen-

tation students Tyler Ferguson, Schenectady, and Vincent Unser Schalmont, in the Interactive Application Video contest, and Culinary Arts student Emily Tice, Guilderland, in the Baking and Pastry Arts contest.

Third place finishers included Two-Year Sequence of Health Careers student Riley Fisher; Guilderland, in the Basic Health Care Skills contest, Cosmetology student Ruby Sutphin, Shenendehowa, in the Job Skill Demo, Building Trades student Elijah Edwards, Schenectady, in the Job Skill Demo Open contest and Manufacturing student Jackson Stone, Guilderland, in the CNC 3 Axis Milling contest.

Nearly 70 students from 19 area school districts represented Capital Region BOCES during the statewide competition that ran from Wednesday until today.

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National Historic Marker Day!



On Friday, April 28th the Conesville Historical Society gathered at the Stone Bridge marker at the end of Bear Kill Rd to celebrate National Historic Marker Day. The William G. Pomeroy Foundation, the founder of National Historic Marker Day, provided cleaning cloths and brushes and volunteers carefully cleaned the marker. Volunteers also cleaned the Susquehanna Turnpike mile marker on site as seen in the photo. Thank you to everyone who came out & to Laurie for providing refreshments. We are looking forward to next year's event on April 26, 2024!

Scouts Host Bridging Ceremony



Schoharie Cub Scouts Pack 4 held their Bridging Ceremony earlier this Spring. Ten Pack 4 Webelos Scouts received their Arrow of Light badge, the highest Cub Scout award available, and then bridged (or moved up) into Schoharie Troop 4. Pictured here are Scouts Clay Karker, Tobias Ball, Jacob Rivera, Ryan Repicky, Corbin Foster, Ryan Stinson, and Mason McKenney; not pictured are Scouts Waylon Plank, Samuel Borst, and Michal Janicki. The newest Troop 4 Scouts have begun working on merit badges and are looking forward to their first Scout Camporee to be held at the Old Stone Fort Museum Complex on May 19-21. If any local youth are interested in joining the Schoharie Scout program, contact information is available on their Facebook page, www.facebook.com/SchoharieScouts4

Mayor, from Page B1

ing their official roles as Mayor and Trustees for the Village, as required by NY Public Officers Law Section 30. This happened during the COVID pandemic. Since Ms. Bergan has submitted her resignation, this situation no longer applies to her," said village Attorney Fred Mauhs.

"The legal effect of this failure was to convert their status to that of 'de facto' Trustees under applicable New York law. The practical effect is that the General Counsel of the New York Conference of Mayors (NYCOM) has recommended that, until the situation is reme-

died, the board should desist from acting on significant, non-routine discretionary legislative proposals until the situation has been remedied. Both the General Counsel and the Middleburgh Village Attorney have advised, however, that the Board may continue performing non-discretionary services for the Village, such as the holding of meetings under NY Open Meetings Law, approving and executing salary payments and other expenses of the Village, taking decisions that protect public safety, and generally undertaking all acts that the public expects

of them in their roles as de facto Trustees. All actions taken thus far by the Village Board should be considered legally valid and binding, and in any case, may be ratified once the situation is remedied."

Unfortunately, the solution is not simple, Mr. Mauhs added.

"The remedy for the situation is not, as one might expect, for Trustees Knight and Tinker to simply sign their oaths of office now.

Rather, the technical legal remedy is for the NY Legislature to enact a law that converts their status from de facto Trustees to Trustees de jure ("by law"). Once this is done, the Trustees will have the same legal status that they would have obtained had they executed their oaths of office within 30 days of their start dates."

The issue did not only happen in Middleburgh, he explained.

"This technical error is hardly unique to Middle-

burgh but happens in other New York municipalities with some frequency. The Village Board has started the remedial process already with our state legislators."

Trustee Knight, who ran Monday's meeting, said Assemblyman Chris Tague and State Senator Peter Oberacker have been contacted in order to expedite the issue.

"We will get this rectified as soon as possible," Trustee Knight said.

After the state legislature approval, Trustee Knight will be named mayor for the remainder of the year. He said Monday that a former member of the board is in line to be named to fill his seat for the rest of 2023.

Mr. Mauhs concluded, "Although executing the oaths of office at this point has no legal effect, Trustees Knight and Tinker nonetheless felt it important to express their support for the federal and New York State constitutions in connection with their service to the Village, and have signed them."

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Village Hall, from Page B1

of Village staffers after an incident this morning that involved local law enforcement."

The village's insurance company has asked for the village to beef up security at the building for several years, Trustee Tinker said.

"We can't put it off any longer," he said.

"We can't allow our employees to be harassed and feel uncomfortable and be threatened" for any reason, Trustee Tinker added.

The building will be undergoing exterior and interior repairs in the coming months due to damage several years ago from construction work done in the Stewart's

parking lot. (See separate story).

Trustee Tinker said there is enough space in the hall by the clerk's office to put in a sliding glass window to serve as a partition between her and the public.

The village will be reaching out to companies for the work to "harden" the village hall.

The front and inner doors will have to be replaced and replaced with full metal doors, he said.

Trustee Tinker was disappointed and saddened by the changes that have to be made.

"It's a darn shame but in society today, you just can't trust people," he said Monday.

"It's terribly disappointing."

Officials, he added, will try to get the hall "hardened" as soon as possible.

Cudmore to Host Talk

Author Dana Cudmore of Cobleskill will present "Farming with Dynamite: The Forgotten Stone Boom in Schoharie County, 1890-1905" to kick off the Schoharie County Historical Society's summer program series on Sunday, May 7 at 2 p.m. at LaSell Hall, Main Street Schoharie.

The program is by donation to the historical society. Signed copies of Cudmore's 2021 book, "Underground Empires: Two Centuries of Exploration, Adventure and Enterprise in NY's Cave Country" will be available.

Schoharie Students Volunteer at Food Bank



SCHOHARIE - SCS Student Government volunteered at the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York on Wednesday, April 19. They sorted produce that will be used to feed people in need in our area. Great job to all who performed this valuable community service.

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Windham Mountain Says Thank You To Town

By Michael Ryan

WINDHAM - A friendly visit by Chip Seamans to a meeting of Windham government leaders, last Thursday night, said gobs about the town.

Seamans is the president and general manager at Windham Mountain, having made a major announcement earlier that same day.

There has been a shift in majority ownership at the ski slope, bringing what Seamans, in a press release, said would result in significant enhancements.

Two trusted and tradition-rooted families have turned their eyes toward the community-oriented enterprise, wanting to become part of it.

The vital business tucked in the hills of Greene County has drawn the attention of the Beall family and Kemmons Wilson family through its investment arm Kemmons Wilson Hospitality Partners.

"Windham Mountain ownership has secured new investment from two

hospitality and resort development families whose combined industry experience is over one-hundred years," Seamans said in the release.

Sandy Beall, the founder of Beall Investment Partners and Rudy Tuesday restaurants, said in the release, "Windham Mountain has remained an independent, multi-generational destination for over six decades.

"The natural beauty of the town of Windham and surrounding mountains provides a fitting platform to offer great hospitality and memorable experiences, which is our passion," Beall said.

"We are grateful to help support Windham Mountain's evolution and the integral role it plays in the town and broader Catskills community," Beall said.

Webb Wilson, chief executive officer of Kemmons Wilson Companies said, "the Wilson family and the Beall family are deeply committed to working with the same great team of current

owners and senior leaders to make Windham Mountain a category-leader in the East over the next five years."

Seamans, in the press release, said, "Windham Mountain will invest further to continue making the destination a truly unique property, building upon an ambitious multi-year investment focused on upgrading Windham's existing ski experience.

"This investment will provide growth capital and additional resources to the current management team," Seamans said.

Stopping by the municipal hall a few hours after issuing the press release and the culmination of a whirlwind of events that stretch back two years, Seamans had a simple message.

"I want to say thank you to the town because these investors would not be coming to the table if they didn't feel good about the community we are in and the relationship we have with the town,"

Seamans said.

"The new majority owners are excited about what they see here and the potential for the future. They have great plans for the future to continue what we're doing here," Seamans said.

The Beall and Kemmons Wilson families "are long term investors who will be here. As we talked to them about the future over the past two years, they talked a lot about the town," Seamans said.

"Those talks have all been very positive. This also serves as an incentive for our current employees and new employees," Seamans said.

"We will be increasing employees over the next few years. The families are putting a big investment into the mountain because of everything we have to offer as a community," Seamans said.

Council members were pleased to hear what Seamans had to say, with town supervisor Thomas Hoyt saying, "I agree with you.

"Windham has much to

offer people willing to invest in our community. This says we are going in the right direction," Hoyt said.

In other matters: —Supervisor Hoyt reported that the first meeting of the newly formed Zoning Commission did not take place in April, as scheduled.

The town, last year, updated its Comprehensive Plan, setting a vision for the next twenty years and beyond, placing at the top of the priority list a vigorous examination of land use goals and regulations.

Modernizations of local site plan review and setback rules have already taken place, leading to the formation of the Zoning Commission which could result in land use legislation being written.

If that happens, it would be an historic change for Windham which in the past has treated the mere thought of zoning as basically taboo.

The rewrite of the Comprehensive Plan, however, is not the first time zoning

has been identified as a possible necessity.

Zoning was also mentioned in the original Master Plan, twenty years ago, gaining some traction before some unified and longstanding business owners successfully worked to shut down those talks.

There is no guarantee zoning will be enacted and the process is expected to take at least a year, including what could be intense public input.

The town has received a \$75,000 grant to pay for an outside consultant assisting with the legalities. While the State dollars have been awarded, delays in passage of the State budget have led to a paperwork snafu.

It is fully expected the funding will come through, officials said, hopeful the initial Zoning Commission session will unfold at the end of May.

—Council members appointed Nathan Holdridge to the local planning board, replacing Matt Jordan who has moved to the State of Texas.

Greene County Receives \$300,000 Business Development Grant

CATSKILL — The Greene County Legislature has procured \$300,000.00 in New York State Funding in partnership with the Economic Development Corporation (GCEDC) which will administer the funds to provide grants ranging from \$5,000.00 to \$25,000.00 to businesses in Greene County with 5 or fewer employees. Under this new MULTI Grant program, Greene County Microbusinesses can be awarded access to expansionary and working

capital for non-construction-related expenses on a reimbursement basis.

The MULTI Grant program received its award of NYS funding under the Community Development Block Grant Program offered through the NYS Office of Community Renewal on April 20th but the initial work on the program began early this year. James Hannahs joined the Greene County Department of Economic Development, Tourism, and Planning in September of 2022, and has

been working diligently to identify the needs of small businesses in the county and provide solutions.

As Executive Director of the GCEDC, Hannahs also noted that "MULTI Grant is just one of the components of a robust series of small business assistance efforts the GCEDC is preparing to launch this year. We will also be providing 'Business Amplifier' workshops and classes that will provide training in business finance, mar-

keting, inventory control, site selection and technology."

Greene County Legislature Chair Patrick S. Linger is very encouraged by the news of the award. "Small and startup businesses with 5 or fewer employees are the key to maintaining healthy communities" he stated. "When people can live and work in a place they love, it not only keeps talent from leaving the county but also attracts new entrepreneurs with a passion to succeed."

"Small businesses are the fastest growing sector of our economy", says Mark Maraglio, Board Chairman of the Greene County Economic Development Corporation. "Access to capital is key to helping them create jobs

and thrive in our communities".

"I'm very pleased that we have been able to bring some of the tax dollars our residents pay to New York State back to Greene County to be put to good use", says Matt Luvera, Majority Leader of the Greene County Legislature. "Helping our small business access available state funds is the good work of our Economic Development team."

Harry Lennon, Minority Leader of the legislature is particularly optimistic about how this funding will support local businesses, especially in our downtowns. "Key to the efforts of our municipalities focusing on downtown development and revitalization, and in part-

nership with local lending institutions, like the Bank of Greene County's targeted low-interest commercial loan funding program, the County's Multi-Grant program will continue to attract new investment in our downtowns."

MULTI Grant applicants are required to submit an application with supporting documents for review and approval of the GCEDC. Successful applicants will also be required to complete an entrepreneurial training course. Businesses interested in applying for the program can visit the Greene County EDC website for more information or contact James Hannahs at jhannahs@greencounty.gov.



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Obituaries

Celebration of Life - Charlie Van Etten

A Celebration of Life for Charlie Van Etten will be held on Saturday, May 6, 2023 at Windham Mountain at 1PM

Hildegard Pauline (Dittmer) Chase



Hildegard Pauline (Dittmer) Chase passed away peacefully on 17 April 2023, with her sons Emory, Jeffery, Christopher and daughter-in-law Tiffany by her side. She was predeceased by her husband (Elbert), son (Kevin), mother (Pauline), father (Albert), 5 brothers, 5 sisters, and several nieces & nephews. She is survived by 3 sons Emory (Debra), Jeffery

(Cindy), Christopher (Tiffany), Daughter-in-law Laura (Kevin), 14 Grandchildren, 5 Great Grandchildren and numerous Nieces & Nephews.

Hildegard was born on 22 February 2025 in Hebron, North Dakota. She married Elbert Osborne Chase Jr. on 22 May 1951. They lived in Hensonville New York with their four sons and were members of the Hensonville Methodist Church. After the untimely death of her husband, she remained in Hensonville raising her four sons. She was the owner of Hildegard Hair-stylist and ran the business for many years. After she closed the business, she worked in the restaurant industry as a

matr-de in Rhode Island, Florida, and New York. When she retired, she moved several times out to Minnesota and back to be with her Siblings. She traveled a few times to Hawaii with her brother Herman during the winter months. She eventually moved back to Cox-sackie New York until she had a mishap and ended up having to move into a nursing home. She resided at St. Peter's Nursing and Rehabilitation Center for the last four years. Her final wish was to be an Anatomical Gift Donator to Albany Medical College to help science and education of future medical profession students. A celebration of Life will be scheduled in early June 2023.

A Prayer for Peace in Ukraine Service at St. John's

Last Sunday, Pastor Ivan and St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church hosted an Interfaith service celebrating the cause for peace in Ukraine. Members of the Mountaintop Interfaith Community participated reading passages from the Ukrainian service as well as inspirational words from other faith traditions. The service had at its core the belief that change can occur by bringing good people of all faiths together in common cause. Where there is community there is hope.

Pastor Ivan spoke of the universality of love and compassion-for both Ukrainians and Russians-not separating one from the other but recognizing that the hope for peace comes from seeking the common bond the exists within each person without exception.

Many from the mountaintop community braved the rain and the cold to join in solidarity with our Ukrainian neighbors here and overseas. The service concluded with the prayer for peace,



culminating with the lighting of candles. There was a moment of silence for all those suffering in this time of great need. Donations of close to \$1,000 were collected specifically to aid in medical and rehabilitation supplies for Ukrainian soldiers and civilians. If you would like to contribute, please make a check out to:

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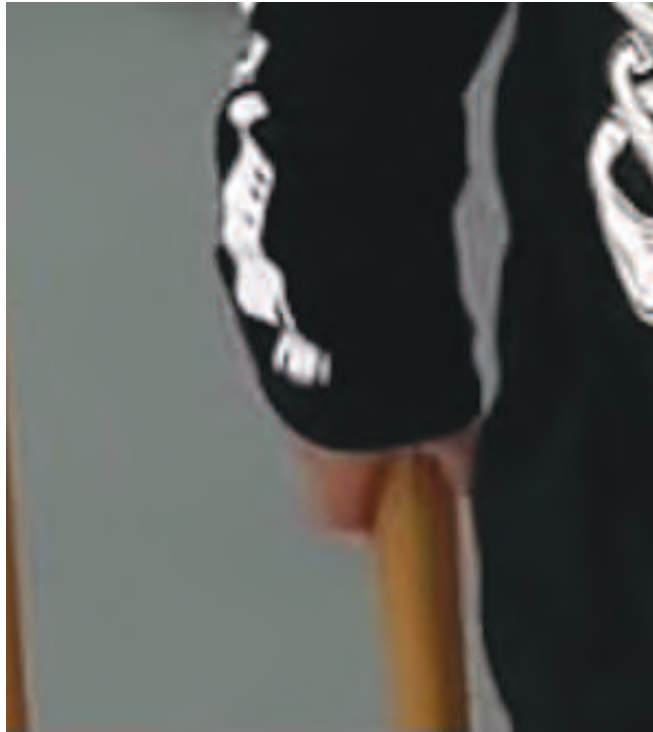
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We are supporting Afya Foundation who has a direct connection with Ukraine where attacks on health care infrastructure have resulted in immense medical needs. Afya deliveries are ongoing. They have delivered over \$5 million in supplies. You can also donate directly. <https://afyafoundation.org/donate/>

The Gottabees: Go Home, Tiny Monster At The Doctorow Center For The Arts

Hunter - Catskill Mountain Foundation presents The Gottabees: Go Home, Tiny Monster at the Doctorow Center for the Arts, 7951 Main Street, Hunter, NY on Saturday, May 6 at 2:00 PM.

After a sudden storm, Sylvie and her loving family of homespun creatures find themselves in need of a new home. Luckily, they have an audience full of people who can help them out! Go Home Tiny Monster is a wildly creative theatrical ode to a community's generosity.

The show, told entirely without words, features The Gottabees' signature mix of puppetry, live music, physical theater, and joyously absurd silliness. The show was inspired by real-life events experienced by members of the group. The audience participates in showing how to help build a home for the characters on the stage.



Tickets can be purchased online at www.catskillmtn.org or by contacting the box office via email at boxoffice@catskillmtn.org or by phone at 518 263 2063. Note that online ticket sales close 5 hours prior to performance

time. Tickets purchased ahead are \$25 for adults, \$20 for seniors and \$7 for students. Tickets purchased at the door are \$30 for adults, \$25 for seniors and \$7 for students. For information about upcoming programs at Catskill Mountain Foundation, please visit www.catskillmtn.org.

Stamford/Jefferson Downs Windham/HT

Stamford/Jefferson downed the Windham-Hunter-Tannersville baseball team Friday, leaving the WHT team at 1-3 in league games and 1-6 overall. Stamford/Jefferson scored two

runs in the top of the 7th to put them over Windham-HT 8-6.

Gavin Van Etten, Brayden Sparkes, and Brandon Harris pitched for Jefferson/Stamford, racking

up 15 strikeouts. For Windham/HT, Jacob Schwartz and Leon Honge pitched the game with 11 strikeouts.

For Stamford/Jefferson, Jon Michael Leas was 3 for 5 with 2 runs scored, and 1 RBI. Tyler Knapp was 2 for 4 with 1 triple and 1 run scored and 4 RBI's. Brandon Harris was 2 for 4 with 2 RBI's. Jacob Mirozik was 2 for 3 with 1 run scored.

For Windham/HT, Leon Honge was 2 for 4 with 2 runs scored. John Garzone, Connor Schiefer, and Devin Schlosser each had 1 double.

Inspiration Point

Brought to you by the Mountaintop Interfaith Community

I sometimes forget that I was created for Joy. My mind is too busy. My heart is too heavy for me to remember that I have been Called to dance the sacred dance of life. I was created to smile. To Love. To be lifted up and to lift up others. O' Sacred One untangle my feet from all that ensnares. Free my soul that we might Dance and that our dancing might be contagious. ~Hafez, 14th century Persian poet

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The Prattsville Scoop

By Abby and Gabby

PRATTSVILLE – Our continued appreciation and thanks go out to all our medical professionals, volunteers, and essential workers. You are doing a great job.

Ginny Kennedy and Laurel Van Aken are now members of the Windham Library. The ladies made the trip to Windham, Laurel was actually the driver, to enroll and they will now be able to read to their hearts content without the cost of buying the latest novels. Our mountaintop libraries give you the latest reading materials either in hard print or books on tape. Think about signing up at one of the libraries. The Hunter Library has a coffee hour with accompanying assorted coffee cakes on Tuesday mornings, starting at 10 AM. Plus the members are very welcoming.

Nancy and Louie Kizy-ma are very proud of granddaughter Emily Soule. Emily has been accepted at New Paltz SUNY in the Master Course for Teaching. Congratulations Emily. Emily and friend will be enjoying a two week vacation in Italy in June. Have fun. Other residents of our area will be visiting Italy/Sicily late in the summer.

Family and friends gathered Tuesday afternoon to pay their final respects to the late John Wilkins at Fairlawn Cemetery, Prattsville. A reception at the Prattsville Hotel followed. Doris, owner of the Hotel, made her famous Cheesecake for the crowning touch. Doris, it was delicious. At every gathering for John, we learned more and more about this quiet gentleman and Korean War veteran. You have left your children and grandchildren a sterling legacy. Rest in peace.

Sympathy to Phyllis and Jerry Raeder. Tragedy struck this family twice recently with the death of their daughter-in-law (Mrs. Jackie) and son-in-law, husband of daughter Sheila. You can never be prepared for this tragedy. Our prayers and condolences to all the family.

The Brainards, Shelly, Elliott and daughter Stephanie Braswell, are now home and trying to used to routine living after visiting daughter Alisa in North Carolina. Shelly and Elliott drove down and Stephanie flew down a few days later. Shelly and Elliott had to dog-sit while Alisa and Stephanie took in some entertainment happenings while off on their own. And a good time was had by all.

To return to Laurel Van Aken, she is well on her way to complete recovery from her knee replacement. She is on a schedule for physical therapy as per knee replacement surgery and feels she did the right thing to have her knee replaced. It makes you cringe when you hear some of the problems that go with having a knee replacement necessary.

The Gilboa Drama Club again gave a performance worthy of Oscars, with an s. The rendition of Nemo Jr. had the most amazing scenery including a simulated underwater scene.

Thanks to Darcy Jaeger-Brand, Amanda Ross, Terry Clark and Becky Town. Becky served as Pastor, along with her husband, of the Reform Church of Prattsville for many years and their ties to families of their former parish remain strong and include many visits to Prattsville. Becky is in charge of the music for all the Gilboa Drama Club plays. Terry Clark retired from teaching some years ago but ties to the plays call her back. Darcy and Amanda continue their teaching duties along with their guidance in the many organizations at the school. Good group and we are lucky to have their leadership with our children.

Donnie Speenburgh enjoyed taking his second Honor Flight to Washington, DC leaving on April 29 and returning April 30. There were 70 plus veterans on this flight including from those from Windham and Greenville in addition to Prattsville. They left on Saturday and returned Sunday. Don said he loved the "mail call" on the flight and so appreciated the letters from his loving wife Theresa, his children and grandchildren. Thank you for your service Don.

Sympathy to the Jeanne (Mrs. Lennie) Hultz family of Grand Gorge. Jeanne was one of those ladies whom everyone always had high praise for. Our condolences.

Knew the East Jewett UMC had a great rummage sale the weekend of April 21 and 22 but heard recently that on Friday the 21st, people were lined up outside the Church Hall waiting their turn to get inside. Glad

they had a successful sale, they deserve it. The East Jewett UMC members are always helping other organizations or neighbors and friends in need. Thank you to all.

Had been hunting for elusive DMC embroidery 501 and you guessed it. Dena Lawrence, one of our most prolific crocheters of veterans' laprobes and baby layettes, had enough No. 501 to help me finish a table topper. Thanks Dena, you are special and appreciated.

Speaking of Churches, St. Philip Neri RC Church, Grand Gorge, is sponsoring a Baby Shower for mothers in need. If you are able to help in any way, you can drop off baby items at St. Philip's any day or time, the door is not locked. A table is set up to the left as you enter the Church. Newborn, infant, and toddler sizes are needed. Gently used and laundered items are accepted. Items will be accepted until May 14, Mother's Day.

May 8th is VE Day. Send thankful thoughts to our veterans, living and deceased.

Happy Birthday to Medora Kizy-ma Soule on May 6. Happy Birthday to Michele Brainard on May 7. Birthday greetings to Allison Soule on May 8. On May 9 Happy Birthday to Marcia Gurley Tocci. Brian Haskin and Stanley Sutton Jr. are wished Happy Birthday on May 10. Happy Birthday to Ray Traver Jr. on May 11. Austin Donisan is sent Happy Birthday wishes on May 12.

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

Ashland Speaks

By Lula Anderson

Another week of real spring weather. One day we look to find shade, the next day we are freezing. Or sometimes while we're working outside. How many layers can we remove? It stops raining long enough to get out the mower. Went down Palenville Mt Saturday and the falls were definitely cascading. Along with every little overflow around. Remember, those who have bird feeders: Bring them in at night. It's officially bear season (along with raccoon, turkey, partridge). Starting to train my chipmunk. Soon he'll be eating out of my hand.

Had our first WJPL executive meeting since early 2020. Read the minutes and How Life Has Changed since then. 3 members of our executive board have passed away, and, recently, 3 long-term members. We have several new members who are very active, and our plans for an active summer were discussed. Judy, Vicky and Albin have set the date of June 14 as the first craft classes. Last year we overlapped Stained Glass and ceramics, but decided that we would hold classes concurrently. As of now, the start time will be 10 am downstairs in the Windham Town Hall building in Hensonville. Cost is free for members, and \$5 for non-members. If you want to do a special project, we will decide on a fair price for use of materials. Our trips are all booked except for the trip to Williamsburg as described in last week's column. For further information, call MaryLouise at 518-622-3397. We are hoping to have a Spring Luncheon in the first part of June, stay tuned for details. The "highlight" of our meeting was our trip to our new home. We got to tour our new room and visualize what we were going to do with it. Oh, to have adequate parking and no steps! We are getting psyched!

At a recent fire meeting Michael J. Scarey received a plaque stating: In recognition and grateful appreciation of 50 years of dedicated service to Windham Hose Company No.1 For 5 decades you have served your community and volunteered countless hours as an active, loyal member of our local fire department Your service and dedication is an outstanding testament to you and your family and we thank you for your many years of service. Michael has held

many offices during this time including fire chief and fire police captain longer than any other member.

Nana Gail's has reopened. Will it still be our brunch meeting place? Only time will tell.

East Jewett had a very successful Rummage Sale last week.

On May 7th, there will be a Plant sale and luncheon at the Jewish Center in Catskill. Plant sale is from 9 – 12.

Thanks to Carl who came from Saratoga to fill in for Claudia on Sunday at the Ashland UMC and in Prattsville. He is Claudia's organ teacher and the music was wonderful. I just wish there were more attendees to hear it.

Welcome Home Bill Mead from his trip to Poland. If you want to stop in, he's got fantastic pictures of his trip that he is eager to share.

Get Well and healing prayers for Jackie K, Pete O'Brian, Jack Jordan, Dolla Conelly, Phillis Thorpe Hillis, Peggy Fromm and Judy Mulford. Please pray for the Confirmation Class in Windham UMC.

Maya reported that Buck is home and doing okay with assistance. Pray for his recovery.

Sincerest Sympathy and Prayers to the family of Ellouise Cole

AS I REMEMBER IT
When we were young, the teacher and our parents always had verses, tongue twisters (How much wood could a woodchuck chuck of a woodchuck could chuck wood), or sayings that fit the occasion. I think of them

often as I sit here, and mull the past in my mind. Cleaning my porch the other day I kept saying "The hurrier I go, the behinder I get. I feel that that is the way the world is going. Who takes time to stop and smell the roses? When we go someplace, do we enjoy the trip, or is the destination all that is on our minds. I have had several people ask where the new center was located. They drive to Windham and don't really notice the construction.

The other day I was listening to WRIP, waiting for my buddy Mike Ryan's voice to come over the airwaves, and they were playing HOT ROD LINCOLN. My mind fished back to the good old days when a car was a tank. Buick, Oldsmobiles and Cadillacs were blunderbusters made of steel. If by chance you ran into the guardrails or a pole, and bent or wrecked your fender, or front grill, your garageman would go to Post Brothers (salvage ie junk yard) and for a mere pittance, pick up a new one. A new headlight was just that. You bought a head lamp, and inserted it. No taking the whole front end apart to change a bulb that if you touch it with bare hand, will burn out in a day. Back then, if someone said "his ashtrays were full, so he got a new car" meant the person was ostentatious and wasted money. Now, it means the job required to take the ashtray out and replace it costs almost as much as a new car. Ahh-hh! Progress !!

LLC Formation

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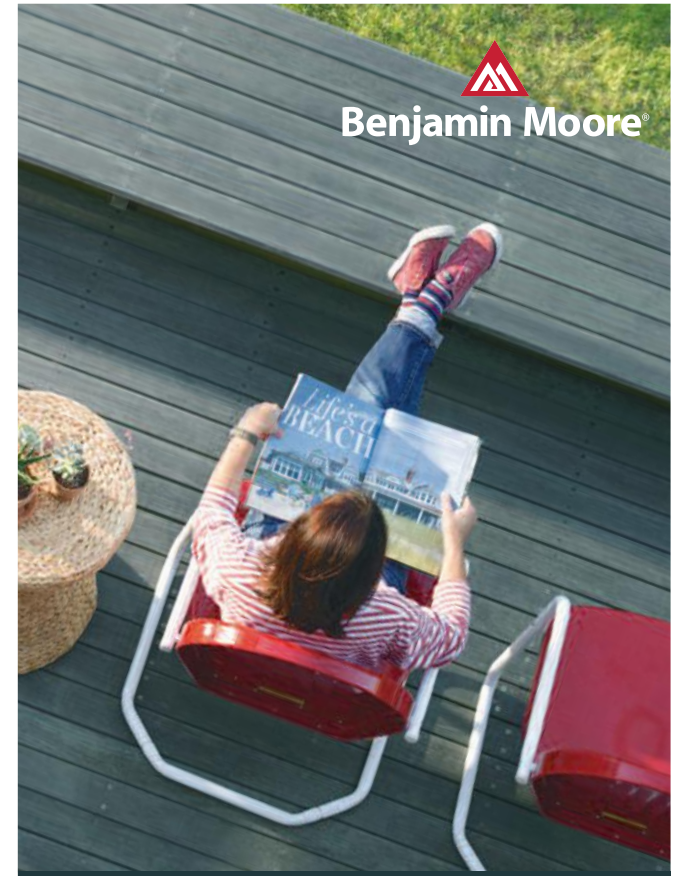
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Out Lexington Way

By Christine Dwon

Deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Ellouise Cole who passed away recently.

Dinner Church at the Lexington/West Kill UMC on April 28, was very well attended with over 40 enjoying the fellowship, topic of discussion "Seeds of Faith," delicious pot luck and singing.

There will be a Mother's Day Cancer Patient Aid Craft Fair on Saturday, May 6, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Historic Catskill Point, One Main Street, Catskill. Proceeds benefit the Greene County Women's League Cancer Patient Aid. There will be vendors, food and raffles. Numbers to call if you have questions are 518-965-4998 or 518-819-1249 or greenecountymom@gmail.com.

Town of Lexington Fire/Rescue Company Ladies Auxiliary will meet Tuesday, May 9 at 7 p.m.

in the Firemen's room.

Happy birthday to Lori Anander on Thursday, May 4.

Charina and Michael Falke celebrate their wedding anniversary on Sunday, May 7.

Birthday wishes go out to Marilyn Dippold on Monday, May 8.

Wednesday, May 10 is Gayle Hoffman's birthday. Best wishes to all.

The Greene County 2023 Rabies Clinics will start Wednesday, May 17, 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. at the Angelo Canna Town Park, Joseph D. Spencer Lane, Cairo. Call to pre-register 518-719-3600. The clinics are drive up only. You must wear a face mask and remain inside your vehicle at all times. Bring record of pet's previous vaccination for a three-year certificate. If no record present, pet will be given a one-year certificate. Public Health law requires all cats, dogs and ferrets to be vac-

inated for rabies starting at 12 weeks old. If you are feeding a stray, please bring it to be vaccinated. Clinics will also be held Wednesday, June 14, 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.; Wednesday, Aug. 16, 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. and Wednesday, Sept. 13, 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

The Greene County Department of Human Services Senior Nutrition Program menu for the week of May 8 - May 12 is as follows: Monday—Turkey burger with peppers and onions, scalloped potatoes, cold beet salad, peaches; Tuesday—Macaroni and cheese, three-bean salad, stewed tomatoes, fruited Jell-O; Wednesday—French onion chicken bake, mashed potatoes, broccoli, chocolate chip cookies; Thursday—Pork chop with gravy, applesauce, mashed sweet potatoes, green beans, fresh fruit; Friday—Beef and broccoli, oriental mixed vegetables, white rice, 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 annual Memorial Day weekend Brooks Chicken BBQ at the Lexington/West Kill UMC in Lexington will be Friday, May 26. More details to follow but mark your calendars so you don't miss it.

You are invited to attend the Annual Meeting of the West Kill/Lexington Community Improvement Association on Saturday, May 27 at 4 p.m. at the Community Hall, 141 Spruceton Road, West Kill. All members who have paid dues this year

are eligible to vote for the Board of Directors. Bring your ideas for future programs. Doors open at 3 p.m. for coffee and cake before the meeting.

Another upcoming Chicken BBQ will be Saturday, June 3 from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Community Hall in West Kill. This is take out only and the usual delicious array of goodies to go with the chicken. Pre-ordering your tickets is suggested but you can also buy tickets with PayPal on the West Kill Lexington Community Improvement Association website, or at the door until sold out. Dinners are \$15 and half a chicken with no sides is \$10.

In the plan ahead department Saturday, July 22, is the 13th Annual Thunder in the Mountains Car Show hosted by the West Kill/Lexington Community Improvement Association. Vehicles 1995 or newer will have their own class. Trophies will be awarded, 50/50 raffle,

gift basket raffle, food and beverages from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. on the Lexington Municipal Building grounds, 3542 Route 42, Lexington. Contact Mary Palazzolo at 518-989-6813.

Thank you to all law enforcement, firefighters, EMS, dispatchers, health care providers, essential workers and so many more.

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

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

I want to express my gratitude for all the prayers and good wishes being extended to me during my healing and recovery. I am so very blessed -- my family and friends, phone calls, cards, prayers. Thank you all and God Bless you.

LEGISLATURE STUFF

One Big Deal and Two Little Deals

By Michael Ryan

CATSKILL - There isn't much to like about a fire breaking out at the Greene County Office Complex but, "what I love about the story is everybody stayed cool and calm," county administrator Shaun Groden says.

The flare-up occurred in the Public Health department on the 3rd Floor of the 4-story structure around 12:30 in the afternoon, April 21, causing the building to be emptied and employees sent home.

"Everybody was evacuated within three minutes and ten seconds which is good and everyone assembled in the back parking lot," Groden said.

"We practice fire drills every quarter and I always know when we're doing a practice so when the alarm went off I thought, 'I didn't approve this. This must be the real McCoy,'" Groden said.

It was indeed genuine and, "could have been much worse," Groden said, noting the steady response of two staffers, Jillian Jenkins and Christy Moon, thwarted the arising of potentially destructive flames.

Fire extinguishers were swiftly put in action and the alarm box was pulled which sounds simple but isn't and there is also more to it.

The lack of hesitation usurped the sprinkler system from doing what it does. "When that happens, water goes every-

where so it saved considerable other damage," Groden said.

Wreckage was limited to one small area of the agency where battery packs are stored and charged, used to power computers and cell phones etc. for Public Health field operations such as vaccinations and rabies clinics.

"One of them decided to blow up," says county Occupational Safety and Health safety officer Thomas Hoyt who was on the scene with security guard David Deyo within moments.

The lithium battery pack that caused the ruckus, "was not being charged at the time," Hoyt said. "[Jenkins] was checking the equipment, left the office and when she returned there was fire in the wall.

"She grabbed an extinguisher, sprayed and knocked the fire down, told the rest of the staff we have a fire and followed protocol," Hoyt said.

Deyo and Hoyt extinguished the fire again, eventually giving way to Catskill firefighters who killed the threat entirely, installed ventilation fans to remove materials and chemical smoke from the building.

County Buildings & Grounds superintendent Craig Seaburg brought in an outside firm to do the cleanup, remove odors and perform repairs to charred ceiling tiles and sheetrock.

Approximately 90 minutes after the alarm was

sounded, workers were allowed to safely return to their offices, retrieve personal items and commence their weekend a few hours before the usual punch out.

"The heads up reaction of county employees saved what could have been a mess," Groden said, noting a thorough evaluation of the equipment will be, and is being, conducted.

"We will research how old these battery packs are and if there is a shelf life to them," Groden said. "We will determine if maybe there is a limit to how many times they can be recharged, and should we be dumping them?"

This is the first fire emergency in the history of the office complex which serves as home base for the county legislature, located in the heart of downtown Catskill.

"Somebody may have left their [microwave] popcorn in too long but nothing like this," said former lawmaker William Lawrence who was part of the legislative Task Force that put together the project two decades ago.

In other recent mat-

ters:

—Lawmakers authorized the sale of a portion of county property within the village of Catskill historically used as a parking lot at the county building.

County attorney Edward Kaplan was made aware of an encroachment on the small plot of land, bounded by Water and Lower Thompson streets.

It was discovered that two concrete pads were placed upon a bed of gravel beds supporting garbage dumpsters on what is .016 acres, plus or minus.

A legislative resolution states that the county "has determined that the encroached upon area is no longer needed for any further public use," selling it to the highest bidder.

—Lawmakers, in a separate transaction, approved the sale of a piece of real estate measuring 0.17 acres, plus or minus, to the village of Catskill.

The county had acquired the parcel on Main Street in Catskill, contiguous to the entrance to Dutchman's Landing, through Rem tax foreclosure.

It has likewise been determined the land, at

Catskill Point, no longer serves a public purpose,

charging the village ten bucks to take ownership.



A fire in the Public Health Department at the Greene County Office Building in Catskill was fortunately short-lived.

LIFEGUARDS NEEDED

The Town of Windham is now accepting applications for NYS Certified Lifeguards for the summer season at C.D. Lane Park in Maplecrest, NY. Lifeguard applicants must have waterfront lifeguard training, standard first aid and be certified in CPR for the professional rescuer. Positions to open May-June 2023. Salary \$16.00 per hour based on experience. Send resume to: Windham Town Clerk, P.O. Box 96, Hensonville, NY 12439. For more information contact the Supervisor Tom Hoyt at (518) 821-3462 during regular business hours for a list of requirements and job description. If applicant needs to be certified, please contact (518) 291-6335.

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OUTDOORS BY LARRY DIDONATO

Lead Ban Bill Passes in Assembly

A bill that seeks to ban the use of lead ammunition for hunting on state-owned land, and on lands contributing surface water to the New York City water supply has passed the assembly.

Its companion bill, S4976A, has been introduced in the NYS Senate's Standing Committee on Environmental Conservation. It is currently "in-committee." If passed in the senate and signed by the governor, the measure would ban hunting with lead ammunition on all state lands throughout the state and on all private and public lands that drain into the NYC watershed.

Ammo Prices, Access to Game a Concern

Rifle ammunition prices have drastically increased in recent years, more than doubling in price in many instances. Non-lead rifle ammunition is significantly

more expensive than its lead counterpart and not generally available in NY, especially during big game hunting seasons.

So, who does this bill impact? Who hunts deer, bear, and small game on state land across the state, and NYC Department of Environmental Protection lands in the Catskills? Not those who pay untold sums to join hunting clubs with thousands of leased acres to hunt. Nor those well off enough to own hundreds of acres of land to hunt on. Of course, it's once again the little guy who pays the price. The average hunter who relies on state and DEP lands for a place to go hunting and put food on the table.

Of the nearly 700,000 licensed hunters in NY, untold numbers rely on harvesting venison and other wild game as an important source of lean pro-



The NYS Senate has been advancing a bill banning lead ammunition on state and certain public and private lands. Impacts upon the average hunter in NY can be significant.

tein. Now, for those who cannot afford or even find non-lead rifle ammunition, that food source option may be in jeopardy.

Environmental Group Makes Astounding Claim

Environmental Advocates NY, a non-profit based in Albany, provided a "memo in-support" of the lead ban bill. That

memo makes the assertion that lead bullets and their fragments in carcasses "...enter our waterways... threatening our water supplies."

Considering the combined storage capacity of NYC Department of Environmental Protection's reservoirs is approximately 550 billion gallons, that

declarative assertion is hard to reconcile. I contacted Environmental Advocates to ask for any science or studies that back up that incredulous claim but as of press time I have not heard back.

According to NYC DEP's website, "New York City water is virtually lead-free when it is delivered from the City's upstate reservoir system, but water can absorb lead from solder, fixtures, and pipes found in the plumbing of some buildings or homes."

Routine testing of NYC reservoirs shows lead at a non-detect level.

Environmental Advocates state on their website, "Lead service lines are unfortunately not limited to Flint and Newark. An estimated 360,000 of these pipes, among the highest numbers in the nation, are buried across New York State. From Newburgh to Amsterdam to New York City, we are already seeing drinking water contamination caused by lead service lines across the state."

Their work to eliminate lead in drinking water and to replace lead service lines across the state is commendable. But their unsupported assertion that lead bullets in hunter-killed animal carcasses are contaminating billions of gallons of NYC drinking water is absurd and defies common sense.

State Working Group Opposes Ban; Urges Voluntary Adoption

In 2020, NYS formed the "Lead Ammunition Working Group." They were tasked to "...conduct a comprehensive examination of the risks posed by lead hunting ammunition to wildlife and people and recommend actions to minimize those risks."

The group is comprised of staff from NYS DEC, NYS Department of Health, Cornell University's Wildlife Health Program, the Venison Donation Coalition, the NYS Conservation Council, and Audubon New York.

Their Executive Sum-

mary contained the following recommended actions:

- Advancing strategic educational outreach to increase public understanding of the potential and realized impacts of lead hunting ammunition on wildlife and people and encourage hunters to use non-lead alternatives;

- Developing and disseminating best management practices to hunters, deer processors, and food pantries to minimize the presence of lead on the landscape and in game meat consumed by people;

- Developing programs to increase supply, availability, and use of non-lead hunting ammunition; and

- Conducting research to further understand the scope and extent of impacts of lead hunting ammunition on people and wildlife.

The working group does NOT recommend a ban on the use of lead ammunition to take wildlife. In fact, their report notes such a ban "...could compromise the effectiveness of other conservation efforts."

Namely, the voluntary election of hunters to choose non-lead ammunition alternatives based upon their group's findings and recommendations.

To view their full report, go to: https://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/wildlife_pdf/leadammunitionreport2022.pdf

This state legislation once again disproportionately adversely affects marginalized citizen-hunters. Rather than taking a balanced, positive approach, such as that recommended by the professional working group, they're forcing a ham-handed non-solution not backed by any science. If you would like your voice heard on this important issue before the senate makes its final decision, consider contacting your state senator. The best way to go about that is to visit their website:

<https://www.nysenate.gov/find-my-senator>

"Renewal" Art Reception & Music

Saturday, May 27 5:00 – 7:00 PM

Featuring a vibrant selection of artwork, this event offers an opportunity to explore the transformative potential of art.

Landscape painter Elissa Gore paints from both observation and memory. H.M. Saffer II combines the art of Japanese brush painting, Sumi-e techniques by applying Western styles of painting in his art. Trained in the modernist tradition, Kim Do incorporates abstract

expressionism, interaction of color, figure and ground exchange, and a keen awareness of space in his paintings.

Saxophonist, Anthony Michael plays mostly as a solo performer covering several musical genres including Smooth Jazz, Traditional Jazz, Classic R&B, Soul, Pop, Bossa Nova and 50's Instrumentals.

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LOCAL HISTORY BY DEDE TERNS-THORPE

The Pine ORchard - The Catskill Mountain House

A few tidbits relating to the Catskill Mountain House and its view; a Mountain Top treasure for just under 200 years. (President Adrienne Larys and the board of the Mountain Top Historical Society are excited to be celebrating the hotel's 200th opening next year. The year 1824 was the beginning of much growth on the Mountain Top, largely due to the opening of the CMH).

We often read about the Catskill Mountain House, but seldom do we find stories hinting at the personality of the owner, Charles Labatt Beach. This was found in a St. Paul Globe newspaper, of July 19, 1900, and it begged to be shared as written! The story gives insight into the warmer side of Mr. Beach when normally, we only read about his business skills.

The article spoke of

Beach's thoughts on the summer maidens of three periods. This ran under the title, "THINGS A WOMAN WANTS TO KNOW. Summer Girl Chat." It said that Mr. Beach, a seventy-year manager of the CMH was at this time, the oldest hotel man in the world, and for three-quarters of a century, he has studied the ever-fascinating "summer girl" in all her varying phases. "No, I'm not going to say which was the sweeter, the old-fashioned girl or the new. The young men have found both charming and that is enough. There was no comradeship between the boys and girls then. There had never been any talk about the equality of the sexes. The summer girl would sit contentedly among the old ladies, in their stiff black silk gowns and white kerchiefs, and sew diligently on a piece of white embroidery, never joining in the conversation unless she was asked a question.

Now, this young creature did not suddenly vanish from our midst. She merely gradually merged into the summer girl of today. Half a century ago there were some girls who, even with the disadvantages of hoop-skirts and high-heeled shoes,

went in for outdoor sports. These girls were called tomboys. After a while, they found a sedate outlet in croquet.

When the short-skirted bicycling young woman first came along she was voted masculine. But she would mount her wheel and go for a spin through the shady roads and come home with such a healthy color, as well as a healthy appetite, that her critics became her admirers. This marked the popularity of the athletic girl. In the summer of 1900, a girl is an outdoor creature. She scorns being hampered by long skirts or feminine

frills. She is tailor-made, independent, and joyous." He went on to say that he wouldn't exchange today's girls for any of the old-fashioned types, even if he could.

A fun little CMH tidbit. An 1873, Bloomville Mirror paper tells us "The Catskill Mountain House horses, which have been kept at H.R. Washborn's farm in Otsego County during the winter, passed through Stamford last Friday en route for the CMH. There were thirty-eight, Morris Chronicle says, their appearance here made market for about 180 tons of hay during the winter." June 3, 1873.

As sad as it is that the C.M.H. was burned in 1963, it had to be. It stood in ruins. The wood was rotten, staircases missing, looting took its toll, and many doors were missing; it was beyond salvaging. It makes one wonder if the historical society had started years earlier if any part of it could be saved. We'll never know.

Thank you to all the 1973 MTHS members and directors for their foresight in protecting the rich history of the Mountain Top, and to the past and present directors and members for keeping it alive.

Thanks for reading.

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TRADITIONALLY SPEAKING BY PAT LARSEN

Pet Medicine

To experience the unconditional love of a pet during trying times is to know a connection to another living creature that is deeper than any other that I've ever known in the non-human world. It's a relationship that is expressed with sincerity that transcends the spoken word. Didn't matter how much emotion I unleashed during the hardest of my post-op days, my little ones were there at my side, snuggling. Giving me the connection that I needed to know I was not alone. Their actions said, "go ahead and cry your head off and take all the time you need, we're here!"

That's what "pet medicine" is. THEY knew I needed them to just "be there". Oftentimes, there were those incredibly generous occasions when I was also offered their most precious possessions known as their "baby" toys that were dropped on my sobbing chest in a gesture that said... "Here Momma, you can play with these until you feel better."

Without fail, that drew me right out of the depth of emotion and brought a sincere smile to my face that healed the wound that had broken open at that moment. My smile warmed their



hearts and got their tails wagging exuberantly. They and I knew all was well, at least for now.

So what is this magical elixir? The nectar that fuels the psychological need to be shown "love" without the actual words that might be said by another. Human or Pet...

In my field of work, whereby I delve into what's known as "energy medicine", I've learned the power of just "being with another as a witness to an experience. I've been just that... a version of "pet medicine". I may not wag my invisible tail, but I definitely can show love and support through eye contact and a gesture that says "I'm here for you by sitting quietly and matching the breathing pattern of the person I'm working with. Eventually, that closeness and the calm-

ing of both of our energies results in a shift of complacency and trust.

This is the duality of being on the needing side of compassion and actively just "being" alongside.

Obviously our pets, in this case my two pups, came with this program already installed and they showed me how much they were capable of by helping me to get through a really tough time by just having them with me.

Of course, my gratitude was shown by perhaps giving back an extra treat of two, which only tends to happen on the holidays.

Could this be their motivation? I doubt it but it's left me wondering.

Pat Larsen is a fitness instructor bringing Baby Boomers and Seniors music and movement mornings at The Shamrock House, in East Durham. Presently on a medical leave, soon to return.

She also is a certified clinical hypnotherapist working in Greene County to uncover solutions to help those seeking to live their best life at any age. Contact Pat at 518-275-8686 or via email at pelarsen5@aol.com On Facebook, Pat Larsen.

BETTER THAN HEARSAY Swooping Swallows and Watching Our Backs

By Michael Ryan
MOUNTAINTOP - Any person, reading this, could easily conclude that one has nothing to do with the other and they might be absolutely right.

If they were swimming in a little mountain lake with water temperatures probably somewhere in the high 40's and swallows dive-bombing the surface, however, they might see the connection.

They would understand that the logical question for the swimmer, watching the dozen or so birds swooping and swerving for grub is - will they think I am a scrumptious bug big enough to feed them for weeks?

One beak driven into my head would be embarrassing to explain to the poor rescue worker who had to come fish me out of the drink, and me dressed in a hideous wet-suit Aquaman wouldn't wear if you paid him.

But drag me out they would, doing a job that may finally be getting the financial recognition it deserves in an irreversibly changing world.

Officials in the town of Lexington, earlier this week, held the second of two required public hearings aimed at forming a special ambulance district.

The district is part of a delicately evolving partnership between the towns of Lexington, Prattsville and Ashland that could ultimately transform emergency services throughout the mountaintop.

No opposition was voiced at the Lexington public hearing, Tuesday night, meaning the district will become a done deal in thirty days if the citizenry does not petition for a permissive referendum.

There have been no indications a town-wide vote will be demanded with a similar scenario unfolding in Prattsville and Ashland.

Government leaders in those two towns have already held a pair of public hearings, opting to move forward with forming ambulance districts.

Lexington and Prattsville have also signed

new contracts with Ashland to continue providing primary ambulance coverage for them.

Ashland, over the past several years, has answered the call for Lexington and Prattsville, charging each town for the service based upon the total number of times they used the system annually.

It has been successful but has become unsustainable under the previous circumstances, according to Ashland town supervisor Richard Tompkins.

Tompkins, last fall, notified government leaders in Lexington and Prattsville that a fresh agreement was necessary, requiring the two towns to absorb more of the financial burden.

Multiple discussions took place and some misunderstandings emerged (related to money, of course) before the new contracts were signed.

Tompkins, when preparing his revised budget, included payments from the other two towns based on a fulltime paid staff, on duty 24/7, which has not yet come to fruition for various reasons.

All of those reasons are directly linked to why Tompkins, seeing the writing on the wall, started moving in this direction, fully aware it would not all happen overnight but also knowing it had to happen.

The days of volunteer or oncall personnel are going the way of the dinosaur and the entire system, not just locally but statewide, is in transition.

It will take some months before Ashland is able to field a full, professional work force, a problem shared by virtually all ambulance units.

Details were eventually ironed out as Tompkins made it clear any budget overpayments made by Lexington or Prattsville would be reimbursed to them at year's end or carried over to the next budget.

And the formations of

ambulance districts in the three towns are merely the initial pieces in a much bigger picture envisioned by Tompkins.

Down the road, perhaps as soon as this year, the three towns will form one ambulance district with a shared Certificate of Need, setting the stage for a ground-breaking unification of all mountaintop towns.

Talks have been ongoing for many months at Mountaintop Supervisors and Mayors Association meetings about a consolidation involving the so-called Ashland 3 and the towns of Windham, Jewett and Hunter.

That consolidation would be similar to existing fire districts governing local volunteer fire departments, raising funds through taxation on assessed property values and administered by an Ambulance Commission.

Tompkins is slated to meet, this Friday, with Tal Rappleyea, who serves as attorney for Lexington, Prattsville and Ashland, and an attorney who specializes in drafting Certificate of Need documents.

How slow or fast this whole process unfolds depends greatly on the results of that meeting, perhaps establishing a model useable by municipalities similarly struggling with emergency services across the State.

"This is all a timing thing," Tompkins says, noting the concept has actually been on the table for decades, dating back to when the late T. Patrick Meehan was supervisor in the town of Windham.

Tompkins was the new kid on the block in those days (which is hard to fathom, given his growing crustiness) but the need is not different.

And for a guy too lame-brained to stay out of chilly mountain lakes being buzzed by hungry swallows, it is a comfort knowing these folks are watching our backs before we know they even need watching.



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VFW POST 1545 – WINDHAM, NY WEEKLY UPDATE

The VFW Department of NY is an organization that works tirelessly for veterans.

As a past District 3 Commander (there are 11 districts in NY), I know firsthand the camaraderie and devotion to doing everything for Veterans.

The officers of the Department of NY have many projects that support veterans, homeless, drug addiction, PTSD and filing for service-connected disabilities through their qualified service officers.

As I write this, I just want to give you a personal example of the camaraderie and service to veterans.

My father-in-law Thomas Bristol ("Sparky" to many) has been in hospice for over a year and currently it is believed that his end is very near.

Besides the heartbreak that our family is going through currently, the VFW Department of NY has shown honor for his service in WWII.

The Commander, Michael Hoag, and Adjutant, Robert Mitchell, came to visit him. The visit made Tom so happy, that they took time out to see him and wish him well.

Tom has been a member of the VFW for 79 years, which is amazing to say the least.



When his 490th Bomb Group flew from Mississippi to India in 1944 to enter the China-Burma-India campaign, his father, who was a Spanish American War veteran and member of the VFW in Fair Lawn, NJ, had him installed as a member at the age of 20.

It is sometimes hard to believe how much being a member of the VFW is so rewarding. The fact that your service is not forgotten. This continues throughout the entire organization.

We honor all conflicts from WWII to today's service men and women serving in harms way. As a result of veterans helping veterans, there is also a gentleman I would like to introduce you to.

His name is Andrew Biggio, a former U.S. Marine Corps infantry sergeant, and a member of the police force in Boston.

A veteran of Iraq and Afghanistan, he is the president of the nonprofit support organization New England's Wounded Veterans, Inc.

He earned a master's degree in homeland security at Northeastern University. He has written

two books, "The Rifle" and "The Rifle 2."

These books are inspirational stories and a hero's journey of a 28-year-old U.S. Marine, Andrew Biggio, who returned home from combat in Afghanistan and Iraq, full of questions about the price of war.

He found answers from those who survived the costliest war of all -- WWII veterans. He came to Windham a few years ago and interviewed two of our WWII veterans, Louise Mc Roberts, and Thomas Bristol, who also signed his M1 Garand rifle.

His book, "The Rifle," has combat stories from "America's Last WWII Veterans, Told Through an M1 Garand." Should you want a copy of this book, I am sure that Briars & Brambles [bookstore in Windham] can get a copy for you.

Just a reminder that VFW Post 1545 will be holding our Memorial Day service at WJCS at the front of the school with the students participating with us.

The service will be on Friday May 26th starting at 8:30. The community is invited to attend, and I hope to see you all there.

Marc Farmillette – Commander



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Fourth Dimension Architecture Thrives

By Michael Ryan
WINDHAM - There is what we see and then there is what we feel with in any structure which is where Fourth Dimension Architecture creator Elizabeth K. Saunier believes she brings a certain sensitive touch.

Saunier has established a home office on Main Street in Windham, in the Gallery Condominiums, a few steps from the post office.

In the not too distant future, the plan is for the condo to become exclusively an office. "I am looking forward to building a house here," she says.

Saunier moved to the area eight years ago and says she is happily (and light-heartedly) "halfway to becoming a local."

"When I first came here," Saunier says, smiling, "people told me you had to be here thirty years to become a local. Then somebody else told me they let you in after fifteen years. I'm halfway there."

Fourth Dimension Architecture already understands what has inspired folks to settle in these

mountains. "I joined a ski family," Saunier says, noting she leans - in a very balanced way - toward snowboarding.

"Windham is a special place to my fiancé and his family and it has become special to me," Saunier says, adding her own perceptions.

Saunier received a Bachelors of Architecture degree from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in 2012, working in the field ever since.

She secured a license three years ago. "In my first ten years, I apprenticed with 9 architects and participated in 277 residential architecture projects, including my own independently run projects," Saucier says.

"I earned my license just as the world shut down in a global pandemic and everyone retreated to their homes," a serendipitous situation.

"This time inside strengthened my resolve to design houses that are more than just 2x6's covered with drywall; to become homes, our houses need to provide more than shelter from the elements," Saucier says.



Cascading stairway leads to the home interior where the exterior is then comfortably welcomed in, courtesy of renovations by Elizabeth K. Saunier and Fourth Dimension Architecture which has established a presence on Main Street in Windham. (Photography by Alon Koppel).



"A home is a sense of safety, a place of belonging, a space to gather with those who mean the most to us, and a healthy environment to grow in and become our best selves."

Opening her own office, last fall, Saucier specializes in anything related to residential architectural - new or remade - doing precisely and poetically what she aspires to do, going beyond structural Height, Width and Depth.

"The fourth dimension is Time, the way our homes effect us over time," Saucier says. "When we renovate a home, we flip the hour

glass and extend the life of that house."

One of her favorites is a cozy spot in Austerlitz, across the Hudson River, transforming the interior and exterior for a return client.

Another treasured spot is her poetic imagination, manifesting personally and professionally, such as in her poem, "Threshold."

Focusing on the "meaning of home," Saucier writes..."arriving upon a stone doorstep presided over by a judicious stand of birches,

"Rustling leaves chattering on a passing breeze, protectively shading a stately door of dark



Fourth Dimension Architecture creator Elizabeth K. Saunier brings a deep sense of home to her designs that go beyond the usual visuals of height, width and depth. Telephone (518) 734-6700 for consults.

The Time Machine at PAC

By Michael Ryan
PRATTSVILLE - She will be arriving in the usual earthly fashion even as Cassidy Bua presents the premier of "The Time Machine Ride" at the Prattsville Arts Center on Saturday, May 6, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Clocks, other than getting you there at the proper hour, will be largely irrelevant for the playful event (with no money needed to attend.)

The Time Machine Ride is the first performance installation and animated film by writer & musician Bua, introducing the character GE Fox.

GE Fox is a young girl who survives an early life of trauma by traveling to the future. She returns as the first flying human through the magic of "cre- alitation." Her journey en-



"The Time Machine Ride" (right) character and tour guide Cassidy A. Amaz (Cassidy Bua) with Prattsville Arts Center collaborator Zach.

ables her to "remember the future."

"The idea is you are supposed to become a flying human," Arts Center director Nancy Barton says, without blinking an eye at the concept.

"It's very interesting. When the character GE Fox returns from the future, she remembers how to solve everything and helps others with their problems," Barton says. "Basically, the center-

piece of Cassidy's project is a film you see by going into the time machine. Cassidy is the tour guide.

"It is very interactive, a little like Disneyland, an enclosure you enter that is almost like a gypsy camp with drawings and fabric. It's very easy to follow and there are musical sequences," Barton says.

"If you don't create your reality, your reality will create you," is one mantra for the creator of "The Time Machine Ride."

Another is "Do Your Best, Love the Mess," an inspirational theme in the performance artistry of Cassidy Bua, known by many names.

Cassidy A. Maze is the stage and pen name of local Catskills artist, and

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lacquered red wood and inky wrought iron vines climbing up the side-lights, entreating entry into its cool embrace." Fourth Dimension Architecture offers an in-

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Charlotte Valley Crushes Windham



WAJ/HT's Connor Aplin steals second base, beating the throw to Charlotte Valley Wildcats' shortstop Trevor Waid. The Wildcats beat the WAJ/HT team fifteen to zero in the Monday afternoon game at Windham-Ashland-Jewett Central School.



Above left: The rain comes down, as a soggy coach and spectators under umbrellas watch WAJ/HT's John Ronk swing at a pitch. Above right: The throw to Connor Schieler at second base isn't in time to make the tag on Charlotte Valley Wildcats' Ezra Ontl.



Left: WAJ/HT pitcher Connor Aplin, comes in to guard the plate as Charlotte Valley Wildcats' Ezra Ontl steals home after a pitch gets away from catcher Jacob Schwartz. Above: On with a base with a single, WAJ/HT's Connor Aplin safely stole second base, but wasn't able to steal another. Charlotte Valley Wildcats' third baseman John Gonsalves got the throw in plenty of time to tag him out. Photos by Scott Keidong.

The Time Machine at PAC, Continued from C7

community organizer, Elizabeth Astrid Bua (nickname "Cassidy").

"Maze" is the author of the musical fantasy series Crealitation (The Flying Human Series) and she appears as a character within it.

Because of this, the name "Cassidy A. Maze" may refer to either the fictional character or the real person. She is also the world's leading authority on American singer/songwriter - Lizzie West.

Bua, from 1997-2008, performed as actress and recording artist Lizzie West, releasing two albums with Warner Bros. Records and one with Appleseed Records, according to her website.

Her songs were featured in multiple films, TV and on the radio throughout the world. She

also made a homespun, concert film about her personal journey to find poet and singer-songwriter Leonard Cohen.

The owner and creative director of "Camp Now" (Artist and Community Development Since 2012), Cassidy publishes her all original musical fantasy series that teaches The Art of Creating Reality.

She lives with her artist husband Matt Bua, and each of their two daughters on a two-horse homestead in Palenville with a couple of dogs and a cat named Bliss.

Matt Bua is an intuitive builder. He has contributed multiple works to the Prattsville Arts Center and his studio has slowly become a sculpture park experience called b-home, according to his website.

Cassidy and Matt have also created a local artists'



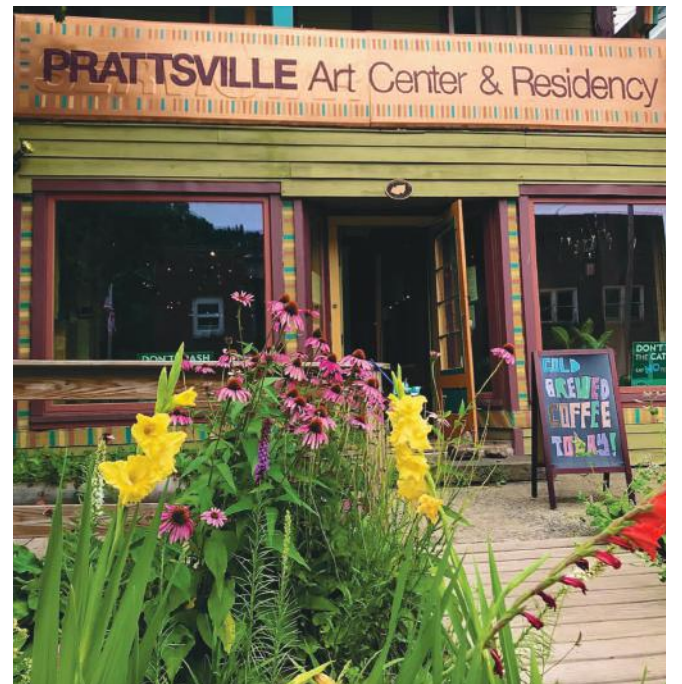
"Lady Moon" provides the singing voice of character GE Fox (in a musical sequence still shot from the "Time Machine")

"Flight Trail" that runs from Catskill up to Prattsville with stops at a series of local businesses. Each venue hosts a handmade kiosk of artists' works.

"The Time Machine

Ride" doors open at 11 a.m. to noon for a pre-journey brunch (espresso chili and corn muffins at the Art Center's coffee bar).

Time traveling runs from noon to 1 p.m., fol-



Prattsville Arts Center, located on Main Street in Prattsville, continues to host imaginative events. There is no charge for admission to the upcoming performance of "The Time Machine Ride" on Saturday, May 6.

lowed by an artists' talk member the future. Space with Cassidy, Matt and Nancy about how to re- is limited so come early for the best seats.

Letters Policy

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THE CATSKILL GEOLOGISTS BY PROFESSORS

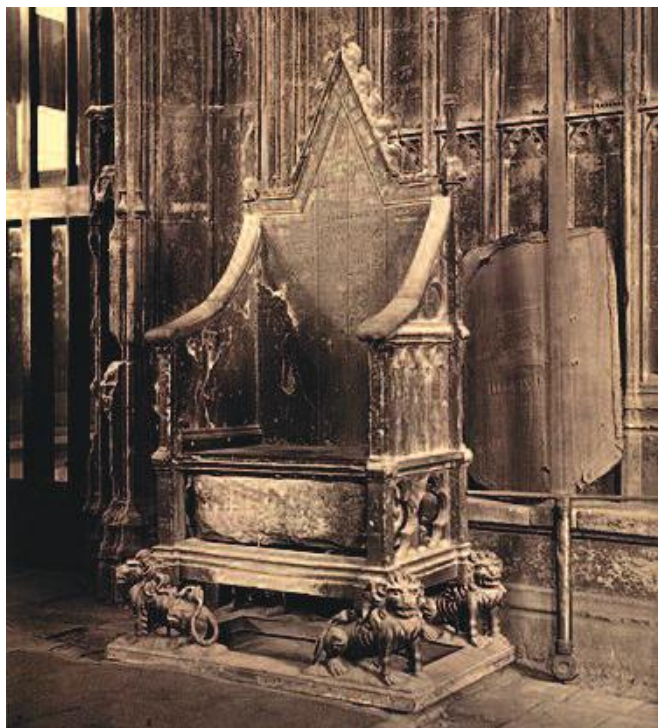
ROBERT AND JOHANNA TITUS

Our Very Own Stones Of Scone?

We don't expect to be getting up early to watch the coronation of King Charles on Saturday. But there is something about the ceremony that did catch our attention. Have you ever heard about the Stone of Scone? See our first photo. It's a 335 lb. rectangular block of red sandstone. For centuries it has been used in the coronations of Scottish and then British monarchs. It was seized by the British during their 1295 invasion of Scotland. Since then, it has been used in English coronations, including Charles' on Saturday. The stone was, long ago, fitted under the wooden throne which Charles will sit upon. See our second photo (both photos courtesy of Wikipedia). The stone is right there, beneath the seat.

Well, naturally we asked ourselves "what's the geological history of the stone." So, we went searching on the internet and found an interesting story with a local twist. It turns out that the stone came from a unit of rock that we have long been familiar with. In fact, it's a unit that turns up in many and perhaps even most introductory geology courses. The stone was, many centuries ago, quarried out of a Scottish outcropping of something called the Old Red Sandstone. It's Devonian in age and that takes us back about 385 million years. Wait a minute "Devonian Red Sandstone" – "about 385 million years old?" That, just like at a British coronation, rings a lot of bells.

The Old Red Sandstone is the European equivalent of our Catskills red sandstone. Our red Catskill sandstones mostly belong to the Oneonta Formation. Both units, ours and theirs, were deposited in large deltas



with tropical climates. There is a broader story. During the Devonian Africa collided with North America and the resulting tectonism included a large rising mountain range along the collision zone. We call those mountains the Acadians. Weathering and erosion of those mountains produced the sediments of the Catskill Delta - here in the northeast. But the same weathering and erosion produced another delta in England and Scotland. That's where the Old Red Sandstone was deposited.

Back in the 1830's the old Red Sandstone was being studied carefully by the

well-respected English geologist, Roderick Murchison. That was in the British County of Devonshire. He was so impressed by what he found that he decided to name this unit of time the Devonian. When the New York State Geological Survey began its studies about ten years later, they were astonished to see how well our rocks matched those of the British Isles. More than a century later, plate tectonics told us why.

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THE TAPESTRY BY DR. DEBORAH HERODES

Tapestry To Become a Once A Month Feature For My Readers

For those of you who know me in person and for those of you who know me only by my writing for The Mountain Eagle, I felt it necessary to inform you about a change in my column from this time forward. Each week, it has been my pleasure to share my words with you and many have sent me notes or spoken with me on the phone or in person to say something about a column they particularly liked or related to on a human level. Unfortunately, I am unable to keep up with the weekly pace of presenting a column each week, as my eyesight is failing miserably, and it is taking me longer and longer to physically create a piece

for the newspaper. I suffered a stroke behind my left eye, leaving me with no vision, and although I had corneal surgery and cataract removal on my right eye, it isn't very good either. My retina was sadly and severely impacted in my left eye and there is no surgical remedy for this loss of vision. Magnifying glasses and regular glasses will not help and so I am left with one eye, which doesn't function very well. In order to write articles, I need to see what I am writing and more importantly proofread what I have written, so the readership gets as perfect a copy as possible. This is becoming very difficult. My insight is still 20/20 and so I still want to

share my thoughts with you, so Matthew Aitable, owner and publisher of the newspaper, has agreed to let me continue writing as a once-a-month feature. I appreciate his understanding and look forward to providing my readership with top-notch reading. Thank you all for your encouragement and for following my column. Look for The Tapestry once a month.

From the words of Carole King's famous song Tapestry
"My life has been a Tapestry
Of rich and royal hue,
An everlasting vision
Of an ever-changing view."
Deb Herodes

A CONVERSATION ABOUT

Pesticides

By Jean Thomas

Pesticides. By "pesticide" I'm referring to rodenticides, insecticides and miticides, herbicides and fungicides, all useful tools in our arsenal to assert our dominance over our surroundings. We casually pick up a spray can to repel a mosquito or wipe out a population of pests on a zucchini plant. We put down mouse poison or spray the lawn for weeds.

Pesticides have saved lives, wiping out great swaths of deadly insect-borne diseases. Pesticides have cost lives, causing innumerable deaths in third world countries from chemical spills in poorly regulated manufacture practices. The intrusion of pesticides into our world has been a mixed blessing. We don't want ants roaming around in our kitchens, but do we want to expose the baby to toxic chemicals? We want the dandelions out of the lawn, but do we want to kill the beneficial insects around them?

I'm old enough to remember when the world was promised "Better Living through Chemistry". The idea was that mankind had conquered the pesky world of nature's inconveniences with a chemical remedy for everything. I'm also old enough to remember "Silent Spring", when Rachel Carson warned of the effects of careless over-use of all the so-called remedies. And I'm thankful to have lived long enough to welcome the American Bald Eagle back from the brink of extinction.

I'm a great believer in the importance of language. Please note that each word in the list of pest removers ends in the syllable, "cide". It comes directly from the Latin verb caedere which means "to kill". We're committing



homicide on insects and rodents and weeds and fungi. As a simplistic thinker, I constantly remind myself that we're dealing with killers here. We should always respect the ability to deal death contained in these chemicals.

I am absolutely not opposed to pesticides. I just respect them. Fortunately, we have government agencies whose job is to do their best to keep us safe. All we have to do is read and follow the instructions on the label. A solid foundation of common sense should always be added. If you have more questions about a product, contact NYS DEC or the federal EPA for help. Both are available on line or by phone. The common sense caveat applies to those of us who find old packages of pesticide in the shed and want to use them up. Look at dates and double check even if the dates are relatively new. The package labels may be out of date, or the item might have been recently been declared a toxin, like Roundup.™ Winning a settlement in a lawsuit due to your own carelessness might be financially good, but the cost to your quality of life could be immeasurable.

You may wonder what inspired this rant about reading the label. It's this. I wrote a piece about the

scourge of ticks. I mentioned the use of a product called permethrin™. I neglected the warning that should accompany any and every recommendation about a chemical: always read the label first. And a nice lady expressed concern about the dangers to cats. The label was unclear. So I called the regional Cornell Cooperative Extension expert on ticks, Joellen Lampman. Not only was she able to reassure me, and our reader, but she gave me further references about the subject. My favorite part of her response was this, "The cat people are right in that permethrin is toxic to cats, but only before it has been properly applied. They are wrong if they say it remains toxic after it has dried on the fabric. My 20-year cat that sleeps on my permethrin protected lap attests to its safety once it has bound to the fabric".

Even if you are using a product you've used for years, READ THE LABEL. As science moves on, sometimes things change. You know, like when the label says "new improved formula". Find out what's changed.

Volunteer Work Day

Do you have a few hours to spare? Roll-up your sleeves and join the fun at the Delaware County Historical Association's (DCHA) Volunteer Work Day from 10 am to 3pm on Saturday, May 6, 2023 at the museum's site on State Hwy. 10, three miles north of Delhi.

Rain or shine, we need your help in preparing DCHA's site and historic buildings for our summer season. Chores will include cleaning the numerous historic buildings at the museum and sprucing up the grounds. We will also be cleaning up the nature trail and cemetery. The museum will have cleaning supplies on hand, and volunteers are also invited to bring gardening tools or their cleaning equipment of choice.

We can always use your help, whether you have an entire day, or just an hour or two to spare. Please join the DCHA family of volunteers. Call 607-746-3849 or e-mail dchadelhi@gmail.com for more information.

Delaware League Standings

Delaware League Varsity Baseball (6 games)

SKCS	5-0	10-0
Gilboa	3-0	6-3
Davenport	3-1	5-3
Jefferson/Stamford	1-3	2-5
Windham/HT	1-3	1-6
Margaretville	0-2	0-6
Roxbury	0-4	0-7

Delaware League Varsity Softball (7 games)

Davenport	4-0	7-3
Gilboa	3-0	5-2
Roxbury	2-0	3-2-1
Windham	3-1	6-2
HTC	3-3	3-3
Margaretville	1-3	1-5
SKCS	1-4	1-10
Jefferson/Stamford	0-6	0-9

Delaware League Varsity Boys Tennis (10 matches)

*Margaretville	9-0	10-0
HTC	6-2	6-2
Windham	5-3	5-3
Stamford/Jefferson	4-5	4-5
Roxbury	2-7	2-7
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LLC Notice
 Dan Hanchett General Contracting and Stone Masonry, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 04/22/2022. Off. Loc.: Schoharie Co. SSNY design. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Daniel E. Hanchett, 176 Hill Road, Cobleskill, NY 12043. General Purposes.

LLC Notice
 D's Munch N Brunch, LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 12/31/22. Office in Schoharie Co. SSNY designated Agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to Danielle Proudman 1152 Bull Hill Road Gilboa NY 12076. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

LLC Notice
 Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC). Name: 607Riders, Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on March 8, 2023. Office location: Delaware County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: 607Riders PO. Box 134 Stamford. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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

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

LLC Notice
 Notice Of Formation Of Domestic Limited Liability Company; Name Of Llc: GILBOA EGG BARN LLC; Date of filing: 02/07/2023; Office of the LLC: Delaware Co.; The NY Secretary of State has been designated as the agent upon whom process may be served. NYSS may mail a copy of any process to the LLC at 380 Wyckoff Rd, Gilboa NY 12076; Purpose of LLC: Any lawful purpose.

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

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

LLC Notice
 Notice of Formation of Domestic Limited Liability Company: Follow Through Landscaping, filed on May 3, 2022; 137 Souer Road, Stamford, NY 12167. SSNY

shall mail copy of process to the LLC at 137 Souer Road, Stamford, NY 12167. Any lawful activity.

LLC Notice
 Notice of Formation of NYSentencing LLC, a Domestic Limited Liability Company located at 285 Main Street, Catskill, NY. Articles of Organization filed with NY Dept of State 02/01/23. Office in Greene County. NY Sec of State designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. Sec of State to mail copy of any process against it to PO Box 433, Catskill, NY 12414. Purpose: Software publishing and all other lawful purposes.

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

LLC Notice
 Notice of Formation of Sass Squash Fallon Brands, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 02/22/23. Office location: Schoharie County. Princ. office of LLC: SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to Sass Squash Fallon Brands, 597 Shew Hollow Road, Stamford, NY 12167. General Purpose.

Notice of Formation of LLC
 WindyRidge Trading Company LLC filed with SSNY 3/26/2023 Office located in Schoharie County SSNY designated as agent for process and shall mail 4912 NY-30 Schoharie, NY 12157. Purpose: any lawful.

Public Notice - Roxbury BOE
 The Roxbury Board of Education will be holding a special meeting on May 13, 2023 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM with the expected purpose of holding a Board Goals Workshop.

Public Notice - Bids Wanted
 The Robinson Broadhurst Foundation, Inc. will be accepting bids for 2023-2024 on the following work: Plowing with salt and/or sand Sidewalk snow removal Lawncare (mowing, trimming, cleanup, hedges, etc.) Please submit bids by May 30, 2023 Contact Number: 607-652-2508

Public Notice - Summons
 SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS - SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, COUNTY OF SCHOHARIE - ULSTER SAVINGS BANK, Plaintiff, -against- JOSEPH DONNELLY A/K/A JOSEPH C. DONNELLY, HIS RESPECTIVE HEIRS-AT-LAW, NEXT-OF-KIN, DISTRIBUTORS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, TRUSTEES, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS AND SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST AND GENERALLY ALL PERSONS HAVING OR CLAIMING UNDER, BY OR THROUGH SAID DEFENDANT WHO MAY BE DECEASED BY PURCHASE, INHERITANCE, LIEN OR OTHERWISE, ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT HEREIN, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE, Defendants - Index No. 2021-560 Plaintiff Designates

Schoharie County as the Place of Trial. The Basis of Venue is that the subject action is situated in Schoharie County. To the above named Defendants- YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or if the complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff's Attorney(s) within 20 days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. That this Supplemental Summons is being filed pursuant to an order of the court dated April 7, 2023. NOTICE-YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME - If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to the mortgage company will not stop the foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (ULSTER SAVINGS BANK) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of the Honorable James H. Ferreira, J.S.C. Dated: April 7, 2023 Filed: April 7, 2023. The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage and covering the premises known as 679 Bruce Porn Road a/k/a Porn Road, Stamford a/k/a Gilboa, New York 12167. Dated: April 11, 2023 Filed: April 13, 2023 Berkman, Henoch, Peterson & Peddy, P.C. Attorney for Plaintiff, By: Hillary Prada, Esq., 100 Garden City Plaza, Garden City, NY 11530 P: (516) 222-6200

Local Law Adoption
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Schoharie County Board of Supervisors at a meeting held on April 21, 2023, duly adopted on said date Local Law #3-2023 titled: ESTABLISHING THE SCHOHARIE COUNTY PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT. A complete copy of the local law may be obtained at the Schoharie County Board of Supervisor's Office, 284 Main Street, 3rd Floor, Schoharie, NY during normal business hours.

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.

Public Notice - Vehicle Title
 Marty Built Inc. 565 Charcoal Road, Stamford, NY 12167; 607-652-4327. NYS DMV # 7102112; Sell: May 15, 2023 @ 9:15AM; 2017 Texas Pride Trailer VIN: 7HCK2UGT4HB000237 & 9:30AM; 2016 Ram 3ST VIN: 3C63RRGL1G6131457; Braunsdorfs Auto Transport Inc; Citizens Bank NA, Sidney Federal Credit Union

Jefferson
 Notice Is Hereby Given That The Assessor Of The Town Of Jefferson, Schoharie County, New York, Has Completed The Tentative Assessment Roll For The Current Year; That A Copy Thereof Has Been Filed With The Town Clerk, Vanessa Irwin. The Current Tentative Roll Is Available For Viewing On The Schoharie County Website And On The Town Website. The Assessor Is Also Available By Phone For Questions And Complaints Until The Fourth Tuesday In May. Assessor's Office Jefferson Town Hall by appointment only 607-652-7931 Monday 05/08/23 9am-1pm Friday 05/12/23 9am-1pm Saturday 05/13/23 12pm-4pm Tuesday 05/16/23 4pm-8pm

Public Notice - Bids Wanted
 Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received until 10:00 a.m., Thursday, May 18, 2023 local time at Schoharie County Department of Public Works, PO Box 249, 393 Main Street Schoharie, NY 12157. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud on 11:00 a.m. in Room 365 of the County Office Building, 284 Main Street, Schoharie NY 12157. Bids received after the above noted time will not be accepted. All sealed envelopes shall be bids shall be clearly labeled "BID: HIGH STREET BRIDGE REPLACEMENT; PIN 9754.79, D036070". Bids received via facsimile or electronically will not be considered. The work includes providing all labor, materials, machinery, tools, equipment and other means of construction necessary and incidental to the completion of the work shown on the plans and described in these specifications including,

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ESTATE SALE
 Everything priced to sell. Furniture, household items, tools, vintage items and much more. Lift and load your own purchases. Cash and credit cards accepted. May 6th-7th 9am-3pm. 150 Bouck Road, Middleburgh, NY 12122.

SERVICES OFFERED
 Services Offered
 My services of vacuuming and rug shampooing to Schoharie County Seniors. Apartments only. Monday-Friday, Noon to 3:00 PM. \$15 per room. 518-231-2359.

cept 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@wajcs.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 - Vehicle Title
 Marty Built Inc. 565 Charcoal Road, Stamford, NY 12167; 607-652-4327. NYS DMV # 7102112; Sell: May 15, 2023 @ 9:15AM; 2017 Texas Pride Trailer VIN: 7HCK2UGT4HB000237 & 9:30AM; 2016 Ram 3ST VIN: 3C63RRGL1G6131457; Braunsdorfs Auto Transport Inc; Citizens Bank NA, Sidney Federal Credit Union

Jefferson
 Notice Is Hereby Given That The Assessor Of The Town Of Jefferson, Schoharie County, New York, Has Completed The Tentative Assessment Roll For The Current Year; That A Copy Thereof Has Been Filed With The Town Clerk, Vanessa Irwin. The Current Tentative Roll Is Available For Viewing On The Schoharie County Website And On The Town Website. The Assessor Is Also Available By Phone For Questions And Complaints Until The Fourth Tuesday In May. Assessor's Office Jefferson Town Hall by appointment only 607-652-7931 Monday 05/08/23 9am-1pm Friday 05/12/23 9am-1pm Saturday 05/13/23 12pm-4pm Tuesday 05/16/23 4pm-8pm

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but not necessarily limited to the following: The replacement of High Street Bridge over Bear Gulch Brook with a new 94 ft. span prefabricated steel truss and the reconstruction of the approach roadway approx. 225 ft. each side of the bridge. Installation of new steel bridge railing, transition bridge railing, sidewalk and curb is also included. This is a BridgeNY/Federal Aid Project and NYSDOT Standard Specifications, officially finalized and adopted on May 1, 2023 as posted on the New York State Department of Transportation's website must be followed by the successful bidder. The DBE goal for this project is: 6% There are no M/WBE goals for this project. There are no SDVOB goals for this project. The EEO Employment goals for this project are: 2.6% Minority Employment Goal 6.9% Women Employment Goal The use of the NYSDOT approved civil rights reporting software, Equitable Business Opportunities (EBO), is required. Access authorization to EBO can be found at https://ebo.dot.ny.gov/. No residential or geographical restrictions will be in effect for this project. Applicable Federal requirements take precedence over State and local requirements unless state and local requirements are deemed to be more stringent. Contract Documents, including Invitation to Bidders, Instructions to Bidders, Wage Rates, Bid Documents, Agreement, Special Notes, Specifications, Contract Drawings, and any Addenda, may be examined, at no expense, at the following link after Thursday, April 27, 2023: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1pRQC3ZESk05TtVcY0torfhhb6Hgu0C5?usp=sharelink Contractors MUST notify the Engineering Contact at the end of this notification to be placed on the official Plan Holder List, to receive Addenda and any other Bid correspondence. Bids received from Contractors other than those on the official Plan Holders List will not be accepted. Schoharie County and its Engineer will not issue addenda or respond to bidders questions seven (7) calendar days prior to the bid opening unless the stated bid date is postponed. Addenda will be emailed from Greenman-Pedersen, Inc. to Bidders listed on the official Plan Holders List. An emailed response from the Bidder, to the Addendum submitted by Greenman-Pedersen, Inc. will act as proof that the Bidder received the Addendum. In addition to an emailed response, Bidders must acknowledge receipt of all Addenda by signing and dating each Addendum on page 1 of the Bid Form. Failure of any Bidder to receive any such Addendum or interpretation shall not relieve such Bidder from any obligation under this Bid submittal. All Addenda so issued shall become part of the Contract Documents. Questions regarding the Contract Documents should be directed to Engineer contact at the end of this notification through email at: bweaver@gpinet.com. Bidders should promptly notify the Engineer of any errors, omissions, conflicts or ambiguity within the Contract Documents within 14 days of bid opening. All bids must be made on the official Bid Form and Bid Summary Form or an exact copy or reproduction thereof and enclosed in a sealed envelope. A complete bid must contain all documents listed on the Bidder's Checklist in accordance with the Instruction to Bidders. This is a Unit Price bid. No bidder may withdraw their bid within forty-five (45) calendar days after the actual date of the bid opening. Each bid must be accompanied by a Certified Check or Bid Bond,

payable to Schoharie County in the amount of five percent (5%) of the base bid in accordance with the Instruction to Bidders. The Bidder to whom the Contract is awarded will be required to furnish Performance, Payment and Guarantee Bonds from an acceptable Surety Company for an amount not less than 100% of the accepted bid. The successful Bidder and all subcontractors must have an approved CCA-2 on file with NYSDOT prior to being awarded a contract. If the successful Bidder does not currently have a CCA-2 on file with NYSDOT, the Bidder may find the CCA-2 forms and instruction for completion online at https://www.osc.state.ny.us/state-vendors/vendor/vendor-responsibility-forms?redirect=legacy#Construction. The successful Bidder will be required to comply with all provisions of the Federal Government Equal Employment Opportunity clauses issued by the Secretary of Labor on May 2, 1968 and published in the Federal Register (41 CFR Part 60-1, 33 F2 7804). Successful bidders will be required to pay prevailing wage rates on this contract. Schoharie County reserves the right to consider the bids for forty-five (45) days after receipt before awarding any Contract, and to waive any minor informalities in, and to reject, any and all bids. All bids are subject to final review and approval by Schoharie County before any award of contract may be made. Receipt of bids by the County shall not be construed as authority to bind the County. The work will be substantially completed by May 24, 2024 and completed and ready for final payment on July 1, 2024. The New York State Department of Transportation, in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. 2000d to 2000d-4 and Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office of the Secretary, Part 21, Nondiscrimination in Federally-assisted programs of the Department of Transportation and Title 23 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 200, Title VI Program and Related Statutes, as amended, issued pursuant to such Act, hereby notifies all who respond to the related solicitation, request for proposal or invitation to bid that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability/handicap and income status in consideration for an award.

OWNER
 Schoharie County DPW 393 Main Street Schoharie, NY 12157 OWNER'S CONTACT Dan Crandell Commissioner of Public Works 393 Main Street Schoharie, NY 12157 Phone: 518-295-2330 E m a i l : Crandell@co.schoharie.ny.us
ENGINEER
 Brian Weaver, P.E. Greenman-Pedersen, Inc. 80 Wolf Road, Suite 300 Albany, NY 12205 Phone: (518) 998-9552 E m a i l : bweaver@gpinet.com

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

Bovina Highway Superintendent
Help Wanted
 Gerster Trucking Now Hiring For: Class A CDL Drivers Local - Tank Endorsement Required Competitive Salary and Health Insurance Available Immediately. Paid Vacation and Retirement Plan Available after 1 Year Call 607-278-5212 or email prgerster76@aol.com
Help Wanted
 The Village of Stamford DPW is seeking a full-time skilled laborer. This person must have a valid driver's license and be able to report to the job for emergency calls. Some of the job duties include familiarity with general hand tools, physical labor, snow removal, road flagging, landscaping, assisting on construction and excavation sites, etc. Compensation based

on experience. Opportunity for advancement with certifications and great health benefits.
Help Wanted
 The Delaware County Department of Planning & Watershed Affairs is seeking interns for the 2022 field season beginning on May 31, 2022. Pay rate is \$18.939/hr based on a 37.5-hour workweek, M-F, 9am-5pm. Work will consist of data collection on highway infrastructure, drainage features and infrastructure with use of Geographic Positioning System (GPS) units. Interns will be required to operate County vehicles and use County equipment for field surveys in a responsible manner. Applications can be obtained by visiting the Delaware County Personnel webpage: http://www.co.delaware.ny.us/depart-

ments/pers/application.htm. Please mail applications to the Delaware County Personnel Department, 1 Courthouse Square, Suite #2, Delhi, NY 13753.
Help Wanted
 The Village of Stamford DPW is seeking a seasonal summer skilled laborer. This person must have a valid driver's license. One of the job requirements will be to complete a pool operator training course, paid for by the Village of Stamford, to help operate the municipal pool. Some of the other job duties include familiarity with general hand tools, physical labor, road flagging, and landscaping. Compensation based on experience. Please apply in person by April 23, 2023 at Village Hall, 84 Main Street, Stamford, NY 12167 or see our website at www.stamfordny.com to print our em-

ployment application.
Help Wanted
 The Town of Wright Highway Department is seeking two full-time year-round employees. The job is full-time with overtime in winter and benefits package. CDL B is necessary, along with equipment knowledge. Mechanical abilities is a plus. Please call Keith at 518-231-8345 for an application.
Help Wanted
 The Robinson Broadhurst Foundation, Inc. will be accepting bids for 2023-2024 on the following work: Plowing with salt and/or sand Sidewalk snow removal Lawncare (mowing, trimming, cleanup, hedges, etc.) Please submit bids by May 30, 2023

Contact Number: 607-652-2508
Help Wanted
 The Town of Halcott seeks a full-time Truck/Heavy Equipment Operator with Mechanical Skills preferably with computer skills as well. Salary to be determined based on experience.
Help Wanted
 Village of Middleburgh is now taking applications for a DPW Superintendent and Laborer's position. Please visit Village web site: Villageofmiddleburgh.com or contact: Village Clerk at Municipal Building, 309 Main Street; PO Box 789, Middleburgh, NY 12122 or call 518-827-5143 to request application. By Order of the Village of Middleburgh Board

HELP WANTED

LEGAL ADVERTISING

erty located in the Town of Conesville, County of Schoharie, at the eastern end of the Lake of Seven Birches and designated on the Schoharie County Tax Map as lot 195.3-2-31, Defendants. To: JOHN DOE/MARY ROE, said names being fictitious and representing any individual and/or entity, currently unknown to the plaintiffs that claims any ownership interest whatsoever in 1.70 acres of real property located in the Town of Conesville, County of Schoharie, at the eastern end of the Lake of Seven Birches and designated on the Schoharie County Tax Map as lot 195.3-2-31. YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to serve upon plaintiff's attorney an answer to the complaint in this action within thirty days of the publication of this summons with notice. In case of your failure to answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint. Trial is desired in the County of Schoharie because the real property at issue is in the County of Schoharie. LAW OFFICE OF JEFFREY L. ZIMRING Jeffrey L. Zimring Attorney for the Plaintiffs 120 Broadway, Suite 250 Albany, New York 12204 (518) 218-0307 jeff@zimringlaw.com

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 shall be completed seven days before the budget hearing and may be obtained by any resident of the District at Stamford Central School during the period of 14 days immediately before the annual meeting and election, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., except Saturday, Sunday or a holiday. PROPOSITION 2 - Bus Purchase RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Stamford Central School District be authorized to purchase a 65 passenger bus (Freightliner/Thomas) not to exceed a cost of \$140,742, and to pay for such purchases from a previously established bus reserve fund and/or unappropriated fund balance. VOTE FOR BOARD MEMBERS 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 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. but not later than 4:00 p.m., April 17, 2023. The following vacancies are to be filled: A three-year term ending June 30, 2023, presently held by J. Eklund A three-year term ending June 30, 2023, presently held by E. Hager 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 Clerk not later than April 17, 2023, unless a greater number of days are required by statute. Any proposition shall be rejected by the Board of Education if the purpose of the proposition is not within the powers of the voters or where the expenditure of monies is required for the proposition, and such proposition fails to include the necessary specific appropriation. ABSENTEE BALLOTS Applications for absentee ballots may be applied for at the Office of the District Clerk. 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 5:00 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 of voter of any person, whose name appears on such lists, stating the reasons for the challenge. Such list shall be posted in a conspicuous place during the election, and any qualified voter may challenge the acceptance of the absentee voters' ballots or a person on such list, by making this challenge and the reasons for the challenge known to the inspectors of election before the close of the polls. VOTING REQUIREMENTS The qualified voters of the School District shall be entitled to vote at said annual vote and election. 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 School District may also require all persons offering to vote to provide their signature, printed name and address. Public Notice - Written Comments PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that the Public Hearing for the Highbridge Development LLC Special Use Permit and Site Plan has been closed. Written comments will still be accepted until May 9, 2023, at Town of Schoharie Planning Board, P.O.Box 544, Schoharie, NY or schoharietownclerk@midtel.net. Public Notice - Windham Notice is hereby given that the Assessor of the Town of Windham, County of Greene has completed the Tentative Assessment Roll for the current year and that a copy has been filed with the Town of Windham Town Clerk at 371 State Route 296, Hensonville, NY 12439, where it may be seen and examined by any interested person until Grievance Day May 23rd, 2023. The Assessor will be in attendance with the Tentative Assessment Roll for a minimum of four hours on the following days: Monday May 8th, 2023, between the hours of 9am & 1pm & OR by appointment at Windham Town Hall, 371 State Route 296, Hensonville, NY 12439 Thursdays May 4th & 11th, 2023, between the hours of 4pm & 8pm & OR by appointment at Windham Town Hall,

371 State Route 296, Hensonville, NY 12439 Thursdays May 4th & 11th, 2023, between the hours of 8am - Noon & OR by appointment at Windham Town Hall, 371 State Route 296, Hensonville, NY 12439 Saturday May 13th, 2023 between the hours of 8am - Noon & OR by appointment at Windham Town Hall 371 State Route 296, Hensonville, NY 12439 The Board of Assessment Review will meet on Tuesday, May 23rd, 2023 between the hours of 9am-11am and between the hours of 6pm-8pm, at Windham Town Hall, 371 State Route 296, Hensonville, NY 12439, in said town, to hear and examine all complaints in relation to assessments, on the application of any person believing himself to be aggrieved. A publication containing procedures for contesting an assessment is available at the assessor's office at 371 State Route 296, Hensonville, NY or tax.ny.gov/pdf/publications/orpts/grievance-booklet.pdf. Public Notice - Stamford NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Assessors of the Town of Stamford, County of Delaware have completed the Tentative Assessment Roll for the current year and that a copy has been left at the Stamford Town Hall. The roll may be seen until May 23, 2023 at http://www.co.delaware.ny.us/departments/tax/rolls.htm A publication containing the procedures for contesting an assessment is available at the Assessor's Office, or https://www.tax.ny.gov/f or ms/orpts/assessment-grievance.htm. The Assessors will be in attendance with the Tentative Assessment Roll at the Stamford Town Hall, in Hobart, on the following days: Friday, May 5th from 5-9 p.m. Thursday, May 11th from 5-9 p.m. Monday, May 15th from 5-9 p.m. Saturday, May 20th from 5-9 p.m.. HEARING OF COMPLAINTS The Board of Assessment Review will meet on Tuesday, May 23, 2023 between the hours of 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM and 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM at the Stamford Town Hall, in Hobart, to hear and examine all complaints in relationship to assessments on the written application, correctly filled out, accompanied with the required data of any person believing himself to be aggrieved. Public Notice - Stamford Joint FD The Stamford Joint Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners is seeking Request for Proposals (RFPs) for lawn cutting and maintenance for the Stamford Fire Department located at 111 Main Street, Stamford, New York. Interested parties should submit to the Chair of

the Stamford Joint Fire District an RFP and Certificate of Insurance no later than 6:00pm Tuesday, May 9, 2023. All details, requirements and further information regarding the RFP can be found at the following District website: www.stamfordfiredept.com/application/files/2716/8268/4967/sjfd-lawn.pdf. Public Notice - Middleburgh Please take notice the Town and Village of Middleburgh Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Wednesday May 10th 2023 at 7:15pm, located at the Town of Middleburgh Community Shelter Building at 138 Cotton Hill Rd. A submission has been received from John and Karen Miller to subdivide a parcel of 2.01 acres from their surrounding parcels at 211 Frisbieville Rd Schoharie (Tax Maps #83.-5-1.1 Middleburgh and #83.-2-13.1 Schoharie). The proposed new parcel contains a residence. Written comments may be sent to the Town and Village of Middleburgh Planning Board, PO Box 946 Middleburgh NY 12122. You are also welcome to attend and speak at this public hearing. All interested parties will be given the opportunity to be heard. By order of the Town and Village of Middleburgh Planning Board. Public Notice - Hensonville The Regular Town Board Meeting for Thursday, May 11, 2023 has been changed to Wednesday, May 10, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, 371 St. Rt. 296, Hensonville, NY. Public Notice - Jefferson CSD 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 maxi-

mum 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. Public Notice - Lexington Notice is hereby given that the town board of the Town of Lexington, Greene County, New York at a Regular meeting thereof held on the 2nd day of May, 2023

duly adopted a resolution subject to a permissive referendum, the purpose and effect of which is to cause the Town to establish an ambulance district pursuant to Article 12-A of the NYS Town Law. Copies of all documents associated with the establishment of the district are on file with Town Clerk of the Town of Lexington and are available for public inspection. Please take further notice that the foregoing resolution shall become effective without the action of the Town Board on the 2nd day of June in the year 2023 unless a petition requesting that a referendum thereon be submitted to the voters in the manner required by law. Public Notice - Lexington Notice is hereby given that the assessor of the Town of Lexington, County of Greene, has completed the tentative assessment roll for the current year, a copy of which is filed with the town clerk. The assessor or designee will be in attendance with such tentative roll at 3542 Route 42, Lexington, NY on the following days: May 2, 2023 between the hours of 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. May 9, 2023 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. May 13, 2023 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. May 23, 2023 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Written complaints with respect to assessments may be filed with the assessor any time prior to or on Grievance Day and shall be transmitted by the assessor to the board of assessment review on or before Grievance Day. The form needed to contest an assessment is available from the assessor online at https://www.tax.ny.gov/pdf/current_forms/orpts/rp524_fill_in.pdf. Public Notice - Lexington Grievance Day Thursday following the Fourth Tuesday in May - (Section 508 RPTL)(Section 525 RPTL) Notice is hereby given that the board of assessment review for the Town of Lexington, Greene County, shall hear and determine complaints in relation to assessments at 3542 Route 42, Lexington NY. Telephone (518) 959-6476 ext. 104. The board of assessment review will be in attendance on the following day: Thursday, May 25, 2023 between the hours of 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. The board of assessment review will then file a copy of the determination with the town clerk to become a matter of public record.

Delaware County DA Welcomes William J. Diggs

DELHI - Delaware County Acting District Attorney Shawn J. Smith welcomed William J. Diggs, of Colchester, as an Assistant District Attorney (ADA) on Monday, April 24, 2023. Diggs will be responsible for prosecution in the Hancock, Deposit, and Colchester Town Courts. Prosecuting duties include traffic violations, violation-level offenses, misdemeanors, and DWIs. Diggs, who studied law at Seton Hall University in New Jersey, has over ten years of experience in court. Diggs was an active-duty Air Force officer for over four years, working as a prosecutor and then defense attorney for military personnel. After leaving the Air Force, Diggs was employed at various international law firms

working complex litigation. In 2022, Diggs opened a private practice, Diggs Law PLLC, which he will continue while serving as ADA. "My wife and I moved to Delaware County because we love it here, including the culture, people, and everything it offers," said Diggs, "Being on DA Shawn Smith's team will allow me to serve this wonderful area, help keep it safe, and preserve it." "I am thankful to have William join our office. He has a wealth of knowledge as a former prosecutor and defense attorney in the United States Air Force," said Smith, "Diggs will be a great addition to our team and a benefit to Delaware County. I have a tremendous amount of respect for veterans, who risked their lives serving our Country, and it is an honor to have him working with us."

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

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- Airport info, informally
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- Affirmative action
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- Jackie's "O"
- Gunky stuff
- Dull as dishwater
- Japanese currency
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- Ladies' men
- "The King and I" heroine
- Cone-hatted one
- "Silent Night," for one
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- Having regrets
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- Roman robe
- Boy doll
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- Holly Hunter in "The Piano"
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- "You ___ the only one!"
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- Indian flat bread
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- Honey holder
- Metal-in-the-rough
- Swerve, as a ship

EDITORIAL

Stability Needed

Last week's shocking news of a political upheaval in the community that I love hit me pretty hard.

I have plenty of other thoughts, which you'll find on the cover of the Schoharie News section. However, I wanted to take this space to be more positive.

Congratulations to acting mayor Knight, who writes a column for this paper, and I will offer anything I can to help Middleburgh.

- Matthew Avitabile, Publisher

RUSTY AND LILA BY BILLY SHEARS



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Skimming Scam in Delaware County

DELHI – Sheriff Craig DuMond advises that recently, the Delaware County Sheriff's Office has received several reports of residents having found unauthorized charges on their personal debit and credit cards. Some of the charges were in small amounts (\$1) whereas others amounted to \$300 or more.

Following an investigation into the complaints, it was discovered that an illegal and fraudulent type of activity referred to as "skimming" had occurred. The victims all report that they had utilized their debit and/or credit cards for gas purchases at an outside gas pump. Unbeknownst to the victims, it appears that the gas pumps had illegal devices referred to as "skimmers" installed upon them. These skimmers steal/harvest the personal information of the debit/credit account and ultimately, were used to re-produce "new" cards which are then used in the illegal and unauthorized transactions. None of the victims reported losing their cards, hence, they were simply "cloned".

We offer the following tips and suggestions to help prevent you from falling victim to a "skimmer".

SKIMMING: Skimming occurs when criminals install illegal devices called "skimmers" on ATMs, point-of-sale (POS) terminals, transit ticket dispensers and/or gas-fuel pumps to capture data or record cardholders' PINs from the magnetic strip. Criminals then use the data to create fake debit or credit cards and then steal from victims' accounts. It is estimated that skimming costs financial institutions and consumers more than \$1 billion each year. Once thieves steal your card's data, they either sell the stolen data to other criminals or use your credit card number to make fraudulent purchases. If you don't check your bank or credit card account regularly, you probably won't even know your card number has been stolen or used for fraudulent transactions.

As thieves become more savvy, it's important for you to keep your eyes open when using your credit or debit card. Card skimming devices can be difficult to spot. They are typically installed on the outside of machines and look as if they belong there. High-quality devices are attached over the card slot and others are placed inside the card slot. The reader can

record your card information.

Sometime, a tiny camera might be installed nearby to record your PIN as you enter it or an artificial keypad could be placed over the existing one to record your keystrokes.

Here's what you need to know about skimming in order to protect yourself.

Tips to Avoid Being Skimmed-

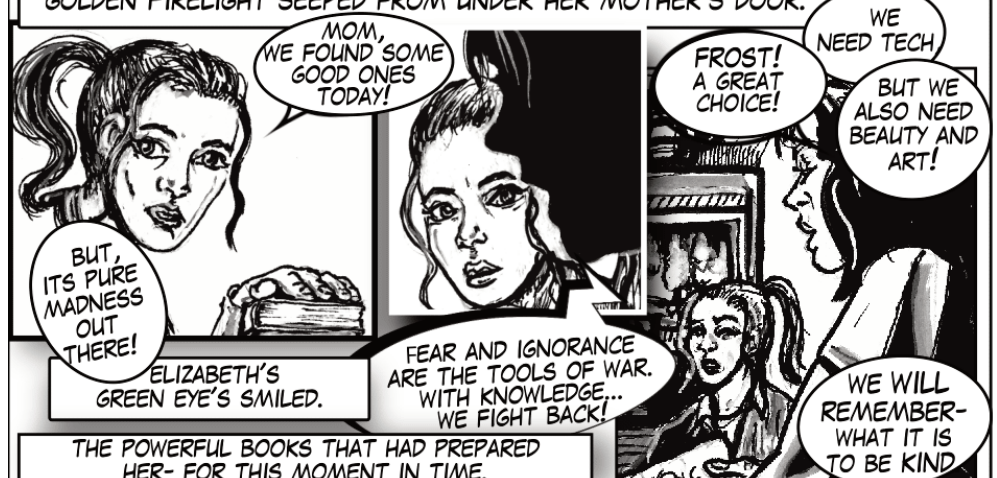
Follow these guidelines every time you use your card.

Do a quick scan. Before using any machine, take a look to make sure it hasn't been tampered with. If the card reader seems loose, crooked, or damaged, if the graphics aren't aligned, or if part of the machine is a different color, don't insert or swipe your card. If there is another machine nearby (such as two ATM machines next to each other) compare them to see if there are obvious differences. For example, if one machine has a flashing slot to insert your card and the other doesn't, that may be an indication that there is something wrong.

Be wary of non-bank ATMs. FICO reports that 60% of skimming occurs at privately-owned ATMs. These are typically cash-dispensing machines and

MIGHTY MEAGAN & THE LEGIONS OF LIGHT

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THE POWERFUL BOOKS THAT HAD PREPARED HER- FOR THIS MOMENT IN TIME.

A MOMENT OF SOLACE-ON THE MOUNTAINSIDE, OVERLOOKING THE VALLEY THE LEGIONS OF LIGHT HAD CLAIMED FOR THEIR OWN.



MEAGAN, AND HER MOTHER SPOKE IN HUSHED TONES, ALLOWING THE SIMPLE SOUNDS OF NATURE TO RING LOUDER THAN THEIR DESPAIR.

THEY DIDN'T SEE ONE OF THE LEGIONS RUNNING TOWARDS THEM WITH CONCERN ACROSS HIS BROW.

tend to be located in convenience stores, bars, restaurants, grocery stores, or check cashing establishments.

Check the keypad. If the numbers are hard to press or feel thick, it might have a false keypad installed and you should move on to the next machine.

Block your PIN. When entering your PIN, cover the keypad with your other hand in case a camera is recording your number.

Use mobile wallet. An alternative to swiping your card is paying by "mobile wallet" including

Apple Pay, Samsung Pay, or Google Pay. This form of payment is secure because your credit card information is tokenized and rendered useless if a thief where to get a hold of it.

Pay inside. If your local gas station hasn't yet updated their pumps to accept mobile wallet or you aren't sure if the machine is safe to use, go inside the service station to pay. Taking an extra minute to walk inside could save you a whole load of problems later on.

Above all, trust your instincts. If you suspect foul play, or if you're in

doubt about the authenticity of a machine, use a different machine or payment method.

If You Suspect a Skimming Device:

Report it to the manager of the location immediately!!!

If You Suspect Your Card Has Been Compromised

Contact your financial institution immediately so they can monitor your account or cancel and re-issue your card. In addition, we recommend you sign up for fraud text alerts to help monitor your accounts.

WHITTILING AWAY WITH DICK BROOKS

Annual Division

Spring has arrived in our yard with all the subtlety of a pink bulldozer. The gardens that I raked just a couple of weeks ago, pulling off their winter covers to look for signs of green life underneath, now have plants a foot or more tall. The older I get, the more comfort I take from this annual resurrection. The shrubs, bushes and trees are adding their colors and aromas to all the excitement. I can't seem to make it past the lilac tree near the back walk without pausing for at least one good sniff and a moment to admire the myriad of small blossoms. There are buds growing and swelling everywhere, what a great time of the year, a real celebration of the ending of the brown and white times.

The only problem comes when I try to raise my energy level to match Mother Nature's. All this activity needs to be matched with human labor. I wish I could get a few of these plants on the list would be grass. I've mowed the lawn twice already and it needs it again. It wouldn't be so bad if this was city grass or that kind of grass that grows only on The Home and Garden Channel. That kind never seems to have to be mown, it doesn't seem to have bald spots or weeds in it. My grass has hair on its chest, it's a particularly hardy strain of crab grass that seems to be able to survive every thing from drought to nuclear attacks. It grows like bamboo, a foot or more per day. It will turn brown if there's a long period with little rain, but let there be a five minute drizzle and its green and growing again. I suppose I shouldn't complain, it does make the lawn green, in fact it looks quite pretty now, dotted as it is with all the dandelion blossoms. Dandelions are one of my spring favorites. They are

under loved and not appreciated by those perfect lawn guys on The Home and Garden Channel who are out there with all kinds of toxic chemicals and major weapons of mass destruction, including flame throwers, to wipe out these small little harbingers of spring. I don't understand the bad rap these little guys get. I think they're really pretty, I don't have to plant or weed them. You can eat them, they make a great salad green. You can drink them, my Father used to make a dandelion wine that could make a one-legged man tap dance. They are one of the first blooms of spring and is there anyone who as a toddler didn't pick some and give them to their Mommy who promptly melted like a Pop-suckle on a warm day. They are one of the few flowers that can be picked with impunity, something a child learns at an early age.

To make room for all the plants appearing in the gardens, I put away the bird feeders this week. It kind of ticked off the little free-loaders, I told them to come back in the fall when the soup kitchen would be re-opened. I then shooed the remaining twelve pound Chickadees out of the yard. I checked the bird seed bag tally that I've kept in the

garage near the seed container. The little feathered friends chowed down on two hundred pounds of black oil sun flower seeds this year. No wonder I raked up three wheel barrow loads of seed hulls from around the feeders.

It's almost time for The Queen of our house to supervise the annual division of the plants. She points out the clumps to be dug up and then she performs surgery and suddenly there are a multitude of new plants that need a home. This usually means the birth of a new garden. This has been a rite of spring for years, resulting in a yard full of beautiful gardens where there were none before. How lucky I am even though finding homes for the leftover plants is kind of like getting rid of a batch of kittens, they need love and care but give back more than they receive. That's all for now, I think I'll go stand under the lilac for a while.

Thought for the week— You're never too old to learn something stupid.

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

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Law Enforcement Drills in Delhi

On Saturday, April 29th, the Delhi Police Training Division held a one day practical training exercise for law enforcement, security officers and civilians. This event was based on the Reality Based Training protocols to instruct officers how to respond to active shooter incidents.

The scenarios included; church setting, school bus, shopping mall, high rise apartment and handling emotionally disturbed individuals. Verbal de-escalation was stressed as a way to defuse any situation, before having to resort to any use-of force.

Five NYS master police instructors coordinated this class and provided up to date training for the following agencies;

Delhi Police, Cairo Police, Cooperstown Police, Dolgeville Police, Durham Police, Elmira Police, Fallsburg Police, Hancock Police, Oxford Police, Walton Police, Nassau County Sheriff,

Sullivan County Sheriff, Windham Police, Spring City Police, N.Y. Racing Association Police and Allied Security.

Church Safety Teams were represented from Otego Christian Church, Delhi First Presb. and the Hill City Church, Oneonta, NY.

School bus and staff provided by Delaware Academy School, Delhi.



Above left: Knife attack! Being prepared is a must. In this scenario, the officer fends off the attacker and fires his weapon stopping the attacker. Photos by Robert Duso.



Above right: During the training class this scenario "man with a gun on the bus" is handled as fast, and discreetly as possible. It could be a good guy or a madman. You won't know until you clear the bus. Guns are ready just in case. Photos by Robert Duso.



Above left: In this scenario a person moves upon an officer, and is in his space. The officer keeps calm and at the ready, just in case this person becomes a threat.



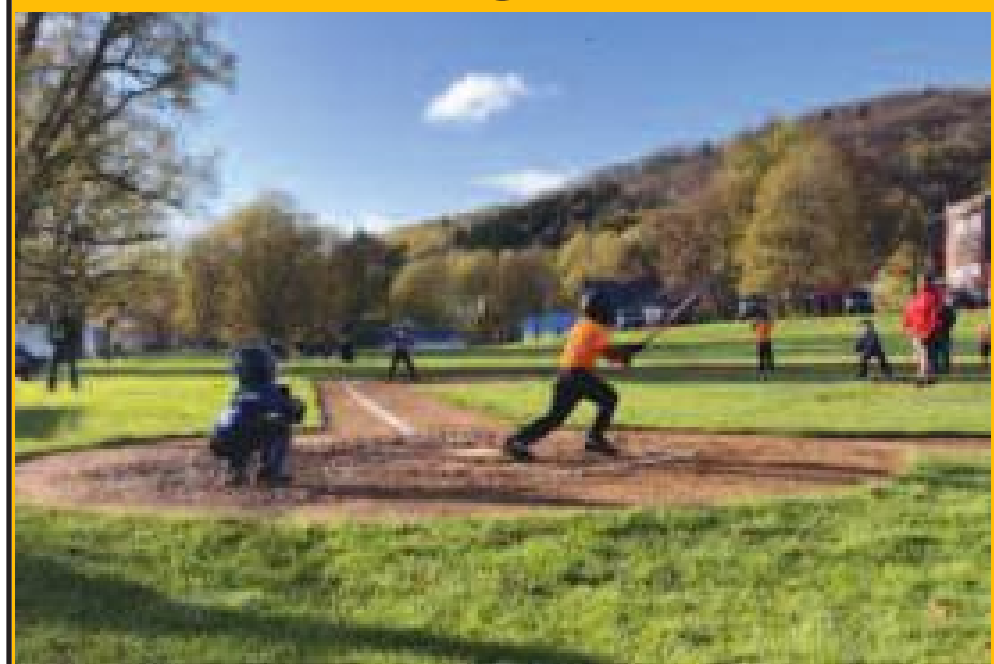
Above right: After each event the officers and people go through, they are critiqued. What worked well, and what they should have, or could have done differently?

SFD Donates to Christmas Feeling Fund



Stamford Fire Chief Don VanEtten presents a \$500 check to George Bergleitner, founder of the annual Christmas Feeling Fund, which helps nearly 200 families in the area at Christmas time. The SFD held a boot fundraiser at Stewart's Shoppe last December to raise the funds. VanEtten thanked Bergleitner for initiating the fund more than 50 years ago that helps so many others have a better holiday. Pictured, from left, are: First Assistant Fire Chief AJ Vamosy, Second Assistant Chief Joe Hornbeck, Chief Don VanEtten, George Bergleitner, Fire Captain Dusty King, Fire Lieutenant Doug Cole, Dale Darran, Alex Roberts and Fire Police Captain Don Reed.

Little League Opening Night



After the rain washed out the Catskill Mountain Little League's Opening Day festivities over the weekend, the clouds parted just long enough for the first game of the season last Monday night in Hobart. Photo credit: Collin Miller

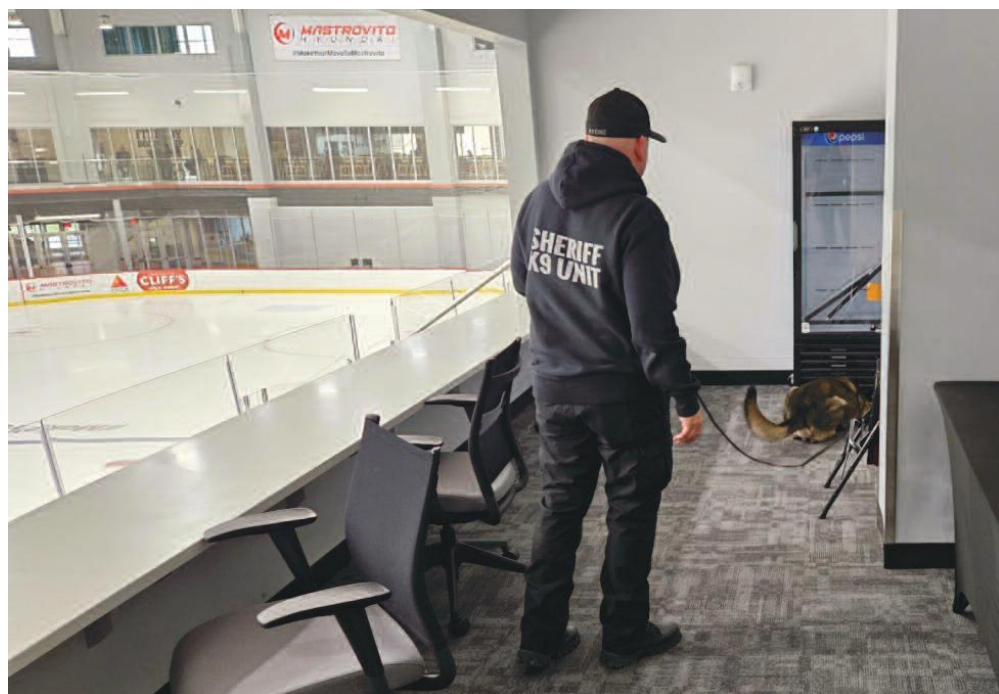
Canine Team Attend Training

DELHI - Sheriff Craig DuMond announced that Corporal Jeffrey Clark and his K9 partner Edge, continue to hone their Explosion Detection Skills.

Beginning on Monday April 24th 2023 the K9 team attended a week long training hosted by the Department of Homeland Security at the New York State Preparedness Training Center in Oriskany, NY. The training event known as "Canine Week" brought together over 50 Explosive Detection Canine Teams and 33 instructors/trainers from across NYS. Also in attendance were teams from other States, two teams from Canada, and one from the Country of Belgium.

This was the third annual Canine Week held at the state of the art one of a kind facility.

Canine Week gives every handler and his



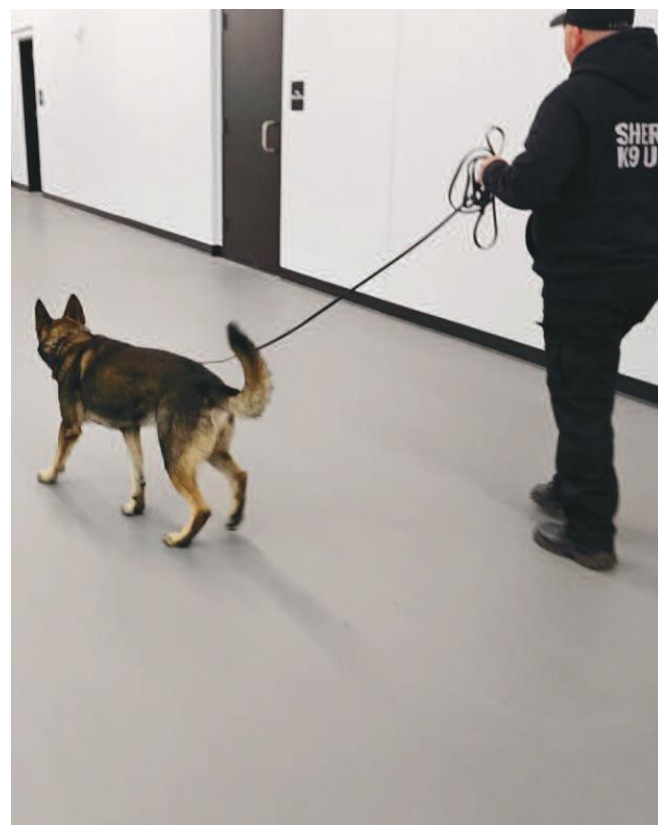
partner real world experiences throughout the entire week by utilizing reality based training scenarios consisting of 9 skill lanes; special event security, discharged firearms searches, initial EDC response to managing critical incidents, EDC Team coordination

with accelerant detection assets, helicopter socialization flights, bomb technician/EDC team integration, effective search strategies, medical support operations for K9's and odor recognition testing.

This was an amazing opportunity for Corporal

Clark and his partner to test their skills in real world situations, helping their development into a more effective K9 team better prepared to serve the citizens of Delaware County and their fellow Law Enforcement professionals.

Homeland Security



covers all cost associated with this weeklong training including lodging.

Through residential courses, third party facility usage, and mobile training programs, the

State Preparedness Training Center (SPTC) provides contemporary, cutting-edge training to thousands of first responders each year.

Rams Dominate Over Gilboa 6-0

The Rams dominated Gilboa on Tuesday, May 2 finishing the game with 6 runs, 8 hits, and 0 errors. Gilboa ended the game with 0 runs, 0 hits, and 2 errors. South Kortright's Adam Champlin had a record game on the mound with an 11-0.



Above left: Rams Logan Reinshagen rounds into home plate while Gilboa's Joe Willie attempts an out. Above right: Rams Adam Champlin runs to first base while watching his ball that hit far in the outfield.



Above left: Rams Chase Rockefeller wacks the ball against Gilboa on May 2. Photos by Mary Crisafulli. Above right: Rams Chase Rockefeller races off to first base in the first inning against Gilboa on May 2.



Gilboa's Joe Willie winds up another pitch against the South Kortright Rams on May 2.

The Nude Party Coming to WKC



East Meredith - The Nude Party will play at the West Kortright Centre on May 27th at 4pm. A septet formed at Appalachian State University in Boone, North Carolina playing electro-pop and stripped down country. Known for their "Energy and irreverent wit...and a musical and lyrical ambition that makes them one of the best under-30 rock bands around." — Paste Magazine. The Nude Party has performed with Orville Peck, Jack White, and Arctic Monkeys. They have given concerts at Bonnaroo, Lollapalooza, Shaky Knees and Newport Folk Festival. Their Communal Catskills studio is not far from the West Kortright Centre and we are excited to have them perform here as the last concert on their Spring tour. Tiny's will be serving hot sandwiches and we are selling drinks from the concession stand starting at 3pm. This is an outdoor concert, bring your own lawn seating; Tickets are \$25 general admission, members receive 10% discount, kids 12 and under are free. Visit westkc.org to purchase tickets. Event schedules and guidelines are subject to change. Call (607) 278-5454 or contact info@westkc.org with any questions.

No Empty Chair Traffic Initiative

This past week, April 24th – April 28th, 2023, The Delaware County Sheriff's Office participated in the "No Empty Chair" traffic initiative. The goal of "No Empty Chair" is to direct traffic enforcement efforts to ensure safe and responsible driving amongst teens and to further prevent accidents so that every young person is in their chair come graduation day. Across the week, Delaware County Sheriff's Deputies took part in traffic enforcement across each of the following targeted infrac-

- tions:
 - Monday April 24th – Speeding in School Zones
 - Tuesday April 25th – Seatbelt/Child Restraints
 - Wednesday April 26th – Cell Phone and Texting
 - Thursday April 27th – Operation Safe Stop
 - Friday April 28th – Underage Drinking/Impaired Driving
- A total of 35 traffic citations were issued during the course of this initiative:
- Seatbelt: 2
 - Unregistered Motor Vehicle: 2
 - Vehicle Equipment Violations: 6
 - Failure to Stop for School Bus: 1
 - Disobey Traffic Control Device: 1
 - Failure to stop for stop sign: 1
 - Operating a Motor Vehicle while using Mobile Device: 3
 - Improper/No Turn signal: 1
 - Uninspected Motor Vehicle: 5
 - Speeding: 13
- Members of the Delaware County Sheriff's Office wish its youth the very best of luck in the coming graduation days ahead, and that no chair will be empty.



Catskill Scenic Trail Reopens East Of Stamford After Locals Lend A Helping Hand

ARKVILLE — On April 6th, Catskill Revitalization Corporation (CRC) executive director Todd Pascarella received a call from a Stamford farmer alerting him to a concerning condition on the Catskill Scenic Trail. A large culvert measuring five feet in diameter was apparently clogged and the water was backing up into adjacent farm fields and had been rising up the side of the rail bed about a foot each day.

It was quickly deter-

Opinion, from Page B1

Recent events have resulted in a wide sentiment, which I will place as my opinion that he has become the community bully.

Unfortunately this was a role I believe, and ample evidence shows, was encouraged by the departed mayor.

Mr. Jeremenko emerged as a key ally of the former mayor last year, including sparking several moments of crisis within village and town government.

Jeremenko falsely claimed that Code Officer Lloyd Stannard had incomplete keeping in a meeting in March, which, in my opinion, seemed to be a crude, but apparent move by Mayor Bergan and Jeremenko to shut down the Middleburgh Meadows apartment complex. This resulted in the village trustees voting 4-0 to censure the mayor during a meeting she declined to attend.

Then-Mayor Bergan asked the state to come to the village to review Mr. Stannard's work in mid-2022, who stated that he had all of the appropriate paperwork. Neither the mayor or Jeremenko apologized.

Jeremenko has also been cited by other local residents. He allegedly entered the unfinished Middleburgh Meadows apartments and allegedly confronted a number of people on the site, resulting in a restraining order against him.

Last year, Jeremenko complained about a homeless veteran camping near his property. The veteran's name was then published in another local newspaper, after which the veteran was attacked by young people.

Most recently, Jeremenko has bombarded the village board with a number of Freedom of Information requests (FOILs) and complained about handicapped accessibility. He claimed that the village hall must, by law, be ADA-compliant, which is not true. The village board agreed to purchase a wheelchair lift to improve accessibility to the building, but Jeremenko responded by parking a trailer with a sign blasting three of the members for not moving meetings to an ADA-compliant site earlier.

He also stated that there were a number of handicapped-accessible spots required by law on Railroad Avenue. This was also not true. After the village installed one in my direction, Mr. Jeremenko came to the office and complained because other handicapped people were using it.

Mr. Jeremenko was photographed allegedly using his wife's handicapped placard to illegally park the trailer on Main Street. Following complaints regarding the trailer being there all day, the village government ticketed the vehicle.

The issue appears to have been the final straw in the mayor's abrupt resignation Wednesday afternoon. This followed alleged harassment by Jeremenko against Bergan across the village, including at a local business

mined that the old 100-foot-long metal culvert pipe had completely collapsed in the middle under the trail and virtually no water could pass through. "The farmers along the trail immediately offered help, there was a large excavator there by the end of the day, and more equipment on its way the next" said Pascarella.

The owners of Eklund Farm Machinery and Prospect Livestock were situated to lend a hand and beyond. One business owner had to ask him to leave after confronting the mayor in public.

Mr. Jeremenko did similar to Deputy Mayor Knight.

Mayor Bergan announced to trustees and fire department leadership in November 2022 after a budget meeting that she would be resigning to 'get my social life back.' However, she changed her mind two days later.

In addition, several weeks ago one local resident held a sign stating that Jeremenko was the same person who harassed the homeless veteran, leading Jeremenko to pull up near the Post Office, shouting obscenities and saying something to the effect of 'same time tomorrow?'

The parking tickets allegedly led to the confrontation Thursday in which Jeremenko allegedly yelled at Village Clerk Melanie Laraway and began throwing papers around the village office. The Clerk pushed her panic button, summoning local police, who escorted him from the property.

Jeremenko recently announced on social media that he was seeking a seat on the village board in this November's elections on a ticket with former Mayor Gary Hayes.

I wanted to make sure to include something I wrote after the no-confidence vote last year, in which a number of false claims were used to defend Mr. Jeremenko, who released a recording of him berating Mr. Stannard, and the mayor: Mayor Bergan, who effectively ended public comment at meetings in 2021 after similar conduct by Jeremenko, broke the rules she set unilaterally to unleash Jeremenko and a clique of allies against the elected village government.

Unfortunately, the *Times Journal* wrote up a snide editorial slamming the public officials without the proper background information, continuing what I've seen for more than a decade as a grudge against Middleburgh.

Without the aid of Mayor Bergan and others who knew better; they would not have had the ability to try to tear down our local government and incredible progress since the flooding of 2011. Unfortunately, this is not the first time this has happened, nor will be the last, I'm sure. There likely will be a mealy-mouthed attempt to cobble together some "accomplishment" of the ex-mayor that asks you to disbelieve what you've already seen with your own eyes. If you keep supporting it, it will keep happening.

Instead, "co-mayors" Jeremenko and Bergan used the bully pulpit as a means of humiliating the village employees and elected officials rather than dealing with the betterment of the community. That time would have been better used shoring up Fourth Fridays or restarting the summer concert series Bergan canceled or ensuring sewer plant funding or getting the

work area. The CRC is a not-for-profit that maintains the rail trail as a community resource, and it generates no revenue from the trail itself. The costs associated with the trail are covered by a few grants from local foundations and with donations from trail supporters. The annual budget is limited though, and as the scope of the culvert project became apparent, Pascarella realized this single project could cost more to complete than the CRC typically spends on the entire 26-mile

Gorge Creek flood remediation project completed, which was delayed into the school year after the mayor promised it would not be (and had been told by engineers that it would).

Last March, following the vote of no confidence caused by Mayor Bergan encouraging Jeremenko's abuse of Code Officer Lloyd Stannard, I wrote that "I also know through local politics that a small-town politician that bends meeting rules to shut down dissent, does not feel accountable to votes of the majority of the elected body, and heading a clique pursuing its own interests is how some of the worst effects of local politics come."

This is precisely what came to pass, with major implications. The abuse of Stannard pushed him to a part-time role. Jeremenko targeted Village Clerk Melanie Laraway, a diligent public servant (and frankly, a good person) with harassment last Thursday, coupled with poor treatment of the Department of Public Works and volunteers by the former mayor.

Power granted by the people is an opportunity to help the community, not use it like a kid who found her dad's gun. To abuse power for personal gain or glory is a disgrace.

Replacing the flood volunteers with unelected community bullies was a deliberate choice.

Shame doesn't wash away easily, especially when you have been destroyed by the creation used against the people who demonstrated time and time again that they actually care about the community.

Sometimes the shame is forever.

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Catskill Scenic Trail in an entire year. Such a large and unexpected project could overwhelm the organization, "But when I turned to Billy Eklund for a cost range to complete the entire thing, he simply said don't worry about that he would provide whatever was needed so that the trail could open back up," Pascarella said.

As it turns out, the project was a great example of true community collaboration motivated by generosity and the desire to take care of a cherished local asset, the Catskill

Scenic Trail. "If ever a major culvert had to collapse, it could not have found a better place to happen than Stamford, these farmers are amazing here, totally inspirational."

The Catskill Scenic Trail is now open again to all hikers, bicyclists, runners, and horseback riders.

If there are any questions or concerns about the Catskill Scenic Trail, please contact Todd Pascarella, Executive Director of both the Delaware Ulster Railroad and Catskill Scenic Trail at director@durr.org.

EVERYONE HAS A STORY

Sharon Brookhouse Suess

By Elizabeth Mami Livingstone

Inside each person is a creative soul. For some, an undiscovered ability lies dormant waiting to be shared. And... if they have found that spark, that passion, what do they do with it?

Some are born with the desire to create: a sonnet, a poem. Others, a masterful piece of fine art or sculpture. Melodic vibrations create a buzz in the ear of musicians or songwriters. Some find their way along a criss-crossing path, in and out of creativity, somehow able to define their idea and bring it to a finished product.

Then there are the ones on the sidelines- observing these cultural artisans- giving support; they encourage and assist. They are as important as the artist themselves.

In this Catskill newspaper, stories will be shared. To let others know of the brave, depressed, exciting, lost, complicated and incredible people that bring beauty to our communities and beyond.

A caring, vibrant light shines from Halcottsville, Sharon Brookhouse Suess.

Let me begin by stating her last name is pronounced as "Cease," not like Dr. Sues.

But that's the only difference between the two, for Sharon (Sherry) is like the charming beauty and effervescence that poured into Dr. Sueses' children's

books. She carries a light, a light that shines from her and falls on everything in her path. Her aura is the kind of illumination that as humans, we all strive to be.

A kindness and generosity of spirit, beaming with a crystal blue and dazzling silver shroud; you just want to be under it with her. A rainy day and she's the one with the pink umbrella.

She has added to her resume throughout the years, it is vast. A designer, an artist, a teacher, writer and poet. She's a soft-spoken woman, with a gentle nature, but the strength she holds inside is revealed by everything she touches.

Sherry came out of the incredible New Paltz SUNY Art Education course, Farmingdale for Graphic Design and used those skills as a graphic designer at Frost Valley YMCA and At-A-Glance (Meade West-Vaco).

Her luminous and bright watercolors, colored pencil work brings lightness to every heart that looks upon them. A force of nature in her writing, reminiscent of a "Grandma Moses painting," in written form. Memories of a way of life we all wish we could remain in forever.

She's designed many things as a graphic artist, from designing the soccer ball for the Soccer hall of fame in Cooperstown to her children's book, "The Mean

Green Cleaning Machine. A wonderful story with incredible colored pencil work. Within, a common story within its lines: how to be self motivating, sticking with a job even though you don't want to and the pride that is learned from accomplishment; a teaching and learning book for all ages.

Sherry's poetry is thoughtful and sweet, bringing tears to your eyes, a heartfelt thump to your heart and a swish from a clear morning breeze that brings fond emotions to your mind.

She is a wonderful instructor; teaching Introduction to Watercolor classes, from beginner to advanced; her classes and workshops are in many venues throughout our community. Frost Valley has Sherry to its campus in the incredible sheltered woods and also teaches at the Stamford Headwaters site with Roxbury Arts Group. A love of family, friends and a home in the Catskills, are displayed in each of her swift, intense brushstrokes.

Currently, she is working on a Guinness world record, called "The Pull Tab Challenge." The common white plastic tabs we pull off of milk and juice cartons, then discard without a thought as to where it's going.

She had the idea to bring notice to this at first glance a very small item, but... in the millions- they clog our riverways and beaches and end up polluting everything and everyone. They are around us... and in us, it seems for the next thousand years.

The community has gathered around her, having Pull Tab parties, linking the pull tabs into long streams of white glaring plastic, connecting them into something useful and creative, and also... connecting those around her. And isn't that the idea? Connection?

From a simple Birch Tree watercolor to a children's book, to a garland of plastic "Pull Tabs", her message is clear. Family...friends...community and the self. Love and empathy for others is what makes us human and in Sherry, you will find that quality abundant.

If you see Sherry at the local post office, say "Hello", because guaranteed, she will say it first.

You can find Sherry's books on: Amazon.com, and in local places where books are sold.

You can find her on Facebook, Instagram and at suess@catskill.net

Support her Guinness World Record Pull Tab Challenge on Facebook. Let's support Sherry's quest to educate others about single-use plastics and bring awareness to everyday things we can do to help fight climate change.

Please Join

Senator **Peter Oberacker**, Assemblyman **Chris Tague**,
and Assemblyman **Brian Maher**

For a Reception In Honor Of

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Friday, May 19, 2023

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LEGAL ADVERTISING

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - DELAWARE COUNTY LOCAL LAW INTRO. NO. 19 OF 2023 SALARY INCREASE DELAWARE COUNTY SHERIFF

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Delaware County Board of Supervisors on Wednesday, May 10, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. in the Supervisors' Room of the Senator Charles D. Cook County Office Building, 111 Main Street, Delhi, New York, concerning proposed Local Law Intro. No. 19 of 2023 entitled, Salary Increase Delaware County Sheriff.

All persons interested in speaking concerning the proposed local laws

will be heard at the aforementioned time and place. Disabled citizens who require assistance in attending said public hearing or in furnishing comments or suggestions should contact the Clerk of the Board's office to request assistance at (607) 832-5110.

Dated: April 26, 2023

Penny A. Bishop
Clerk of the Board
Delaware County
Board of Supervisors
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 AUCTION

NOTICE is hereby given that on Saturday, May 20, 2023 at 9:00 A.M. the following properties will be sold by the Schoharie County Treasurer for non-payment of taxes. These parcels were acquired by the County of Schoharie pursuant to Article 11 of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York. The parcels will be individually sold to the highest bidder, and the sale will take place at the Cobleskill Fairgrounds located on 113 Sunshine Drive in Cobleskill, New York.

Pursuant to Article 11, full title has been transferred to the County of Schoharie. On May 20, 2023 said title, deed and ownership will be sold to the highest bidder at the public auction.

A description of the parcels to be included in the auction is listed below along with the assessed valuation of the parcel. The County Treasurer reserves the right to reject any and all bids on any parcel. Bidders must pre-register at the Treasurer's Office by Thursday, May 18, 2023.

LIST OF PARCELS TO BE AUCTIONED ON MAY 20, 2023

TOWN	#	PRIOR OWNER	TAX MAP #	ACCOUNT	ASSESSED:	MKT VAL	ACREAGE	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION
TOWN OF BROOME	01	FIGARO	130-1-17	4151100265	119,700	119,700	3.80	263 WINDY RIDGE RD	1 Family Residence Abandoned house on 3.8 acres with 350 feet of frontage on nice blacktop road. Small pond on property. Nice views.
TOWN OF BROOME	02	GAJRAJ	152-4-3	4151100653	5,000	5,000	0.22	1127 STATE ROUTE 145	Vacant with improvement Dilapidated structure on small 0.22 acre lot with 206 feet of frontage on State Route 145.
TOWN OF BROOME	03	HIGGINS	164-1-29	4151185018	31,600	31,600	1.86	817 STATE ROUTE 145	Mobile Home Dilapidated old single wide trailer on a surveyed triangular lot which borders the Catskill Creek. Parcel has designated wet lands.
TOWN OF BROOME	04	LUCERO	130-2-6	4151188005	14,100	14,100	6.10	OFF MARY TAYLOR RD	Rural Vacant For sale to adjoining property owners only. Parcel is landlocked with no direct access. Adjoins Auction Parcel #5
TOWN OF BROOME	05	LUCERO	130-2-6	4151183008	6,700	6,700	4.8	OFF MARY TAYLOR RD	Rural Vacant For sale to adjoining property owners only. Parcel is landlocked with no direct access. Adjoins Auction Parcel #4
TOWN OF BROOME	06	SALOMON	163-3-11	4151179004	82,600	82,600	3.95	412 KEYSERKILL RD	1 Family Residence Abandoned 1 family home on a surveyed lot with a pond. Nice country setting with 744 feet of frontage on blacktop road.
TOWN OF BROOME	07	SPROVERO	175-3-2	4151100629	144,000	144,000	58.75	172 MACE HILL RD	Private Forest Large abandoned structure on a large wooded parcel with 1,380 ft of frontage on a seasonally private road off of Sagedoff Corners Rd. Private county setting. May be occupied. Adjoins state land.
TOWN OF CARLSLE	08	POLIZI	35-3-21	425101425	82,000	164,000	7.70	129 POLIZI RD	1 Family Residence Single family home with large barn. Access via Rd. Private county setting. May be occupied.
TOWN OF COBLESKILL	09	THORPE	57-4-1-9	4351100128	8,900	15,614	0.30	673 BARNERVILLE RD	1 Family Residence Abandoned single family home on a small lot with 160 feet of frontage on good blacktop road. Parcel has 130 feet of frontage on quiet good blacktop road.
TOWN OF COBLESKILL	10	TROTOWN LLC	56-13-4-18	431A101088	25,000	43,860	0.20	113 PINE ST	1 Family Residence Large abandoned village home on a quiet dead-end street with 89 feet of frontage on good blacktop road.
TOWN OF CONESVILLE	11	BENNETT (ESTATE)	195-1-18	445209006	1,000	1,000	0.98	BATES FOREST RD	Abandoned Ag Mostly wooded parcel on a private road off of East Conesville Road. Adjoins state land.

TOWN OF ESPERANCE	12	MOORE	19-1-2-19	4851100236	3,800	5,421	0.18	212 PRIDDLE RD	Rural Vacant <10 Small 0.18 acre lot with 100 ft of frontage on good road. & 100 ft of frontage on Schoharie Creek. setting. Great spot for a RV. Flooded in 2011.
TOWN OF FULTON	13	LODEN	115-1-8	4851101054	4,100	8,716	3.30	OFF PLEASANT VALLEY RD	Private Forest Wooded 3.3 acre parcel which borders a stream and adjoins state land.
TOWN OF FULTON	14	MARTIN	150-1-27	4851177004	52,900	112,487	1.00	1119 GUINEA RD	Manufactured Home Abandoned single family home on a rectangular lot with 205 feet of frontage on good blacktop road.
TOWN OF JEFFERSON	15	REDFERN	178-5-42	4851187101	7,862	17,767	5.33	CASTLE MOUNTAIN RD	Rural Vacant Surveyed 5.33 acre wooded parcel on a private road. Quiet and secluded country setting.

TOWN	#	PRIOR OWNER	TAX MAP #	ACCOUNT	ASSESSED:	MKT VAL	ACREAGE	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION
TOWN OF MIDDLEBURGH	16	BUSH LUMBER CO INC	106-15-6-10	491A100074	136,000	266,667	0.50	109 CHESTNUT ST	Lumber Yard Former lumber yard on a village lot with some outbuildings.
TOWN OF MIDDLEBURGH	17	SNIFFEN III	118-1-27	4951183003	20,000	39,216	1.00	109 BUNNY HILL LN	Manufactured Housing Older single wide mobile home on a 1 acre lot with 150 feet of frontage on Huntersland Rd.
TOWN OF RICHMONDVILLE	18	FALZARANO	78-14-1-6	501A208007	3,500	4,834	0.30	HARROWAY RD	Rural Vacant Small wooded parcel with frontage on 2 good roads - Karas Rd and Harroway Rd.
TOWN OF SCHOHARIE	19	14 MAIN STREET LLC	72-17-5-1	511A100838	15,300	23,039	1.0	MAIN ST	Residential Vacant Land Rectangular 1 acre village lot with 74 feet of frontage on Main St.
TOWN OF SCHOHARIE	20	ANTHONY	72-4-25	5151100089	1,000	1,506	0.30	RICKARD HILL RD	Rural Vacant Small vacant lot with 219 feet of frontage on good blacktop road.
TOWN OF SCHOHARIE	21	LIDDLE	72-4-16	5151100415	8,600	12,950	0.20	396 RICKARD HILL RD	1 Family Residence Single family home on a small lot with 50 feet of frontage on good blacktop road. Parcel will be sold with and combined with Auction Parcel #22
TOWN OF SCHOHARIE	22	LIDDLE	72-4-18-2	5151196004	600	903	0.04	RICKARD HILL RD	Rural Vacant Parcel too small to be of any use. Parcel will be sold with and combined with Auction Parcel #21
TOWN OF SCHOHARIE	23	MADSEN	71-18-2-10	511A100922	20,500	30,869	0.50	155 BRIDGE ST	1 Family Residence Abandoned single family home on a 0.50 acre village lot with 105 feet of frontage on Bridge St. Parcel flooded in 2011.
TOWN OF SEWARD	24	MELLITAS	52-1-12	525101485	20,500	41,000	5.02	734 WEST RICHMONDVILLE RD	Seasonal Residence Seasonal residence on a nice 5 acre wooded lot with 300 ft of frontage on Bridge St. Mostly wooded lot. Nice quiet country setting.
TOWN OF SHARON	25	WHITE	5-17-1-15	531A100826	22,500	45,000	0.30	517 HIGHWAY ROUTE 20	1 Family Residence 1 Family Residence on a 0.3 acre lot with 42 feet of frontage on Highway Route 20 in the Village of Sharon Springs.
TOWN OF WRIGHT	26	COCKER	63-1-12	5551185009	80,800	158,431	10.41	937 STATE ROUTE 146	Rural Residence House & outbuilding on a nice 10.41 acre surveyed lot on Albany County line. 600 ft of frontage on State Route 146. Nice county setting. May be occupied.

STAMFORD NY SUMMER CONCERT SERIES 2023

Veterans Park Stamford Village

**Hi-Noon Tunes Every Thursday Noon til 1PM
June 15th through September 14th**

June 15th—Jim Kopp	July 27th—13 For Life	August 31 TBD
June 22nd—Surprise the Rat	August 3rd—Doug Decker	September 7 Randi Hulse
June 29th—Randi Miritello	August 10—Krystal Lee	September 14—Catskill Mt Boys
July 8th — Pat Fowler	August 17—Pam West	September 21—Jim Kopp
July 20th—Bobby Curious 4 Kids	August 24 TBD	

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School Budget Votes Set For May 16

Board Of Ed. Candidates Also On Ballot

By Brian Sweeney

MARGARETVILLE — Area voters will go to the polls on Tuesday, May 16 to cast ballots on school budgets and board of education candidates.

Margaretville

The Margaretville Central School District will present a spending plan totaling \$12,646,513. The overall budget reflects an increase of \$787,561 or 6.64 percent. Utilizing fund balance and reserves totaling \$1,575,885 will offset the rise in spending and keep the tax levy with a 0.0 percent increase.

Among the major changes is an increase of 29.8 percent

(\$50,039) under the Administrative Budget. This is a result of the district hiring a full-time superintendent. For the past several years, the district had utilized a shared superintendent with the Andes Central School District. That agreement was ended last June.

Under the Program Budget, the line for Total Teaching – Regular School is up 5.46 percent, representing an increase of \$143,903. This figure is largely due to rises in salaries, BOCES services, and alternative education placements for students. In all, Total Program spending was up \$669,678, representing a 7.52 percent rise.

The Capital Budget shows an increase of 7.54 percent or \$114,572. The changes primarily reflect higher

costs for utilities and staff compensation.

The three budget components show the following totals under the proposed budget: Administrative: \$1,437,815; Program: \$9,574,613; and Capital: \$1,634,085.

An additional item on the ballot will be a bus purchase for \$160,685.

The estimated Basic STAR Exemption has been calculated at \$529.

Voters will also decide on a candidate for a three-year term on the MCS Board of Education. Doris Warner has filed a petition seeking re-election.

Balloting for MCS District residents will take place on Tuesday, May 15 from 2-8 p.m.

Andes

The Andes Central School District proposed 2023-24 budget

totals \$4,675,426, an increase of \$116,392 or 2.55 percent. The tax levy shows a 0.0 percent increase.

A breakdown of the primary budget components shows the following changes from the current spending plan: Administrative Component, from \$784,359 this year to \$773,687 under the proposed budget. Program Component, rising from \$2,976,690 to \$3,139,046 and the Capital Component reflects a slight decrease, from \$797,985 to a proposed \$762,693.

A bus purchase for \$77,388 is also on the ballot.

The estimated Basic STAR Exemption for the Andes District is \$214.

One term on the ACS Board of Education is expiring this year and Alice DeVita is running unopposed for re-election for another term.

Voting the Andes Central School District will be held on Tuesday, May 16 between 2-8 p.m. in the fitness center, across from the school building.

Roxbury

The Roxbury Central School District's proposed 2023-24 budget of \$10,635,373 reflects a spending increase of 4.12 percent. The tax levy increase is 2.5 percent, which is below the tax cap calculated by NYS.

RCS District voters will decide cast budget votes on Tuesday, May 15 from 3-9 p.m. in the cafeterium.

A Budget Hearing is set for Tuesday, May 9 at 6:30 p.m. in the Chorus Room.

Under the budget plan, the Administrative Component totals \$1,561,187, up 0.52

percent. The Program Component totals \$8,118,309, up 6.59 percent. The Capital Component is set at \$955,877, a decrease of 8.49 percent.

Proposition 2 asks voters to decide on the purchase of a 48-passenger school bus with a cost not to exceed \$265,000, with payment derived from the Capital Reserve Fund.

The district is again proposing a Capital Outlay project that would allow for updating and increasing the number of cameras inside and outside the school building and bus garage as a means of improving the safety of students and staff. Capital Outlay projects are now allowed to exceed \$100,000 including architect and attorney fees. The district receives a reimbursement **continued on E4**



A well-deserved honor! Dan Flanagan holds a gift certificate to Aegean Flavor, a Greek restaurant in Fleischmanns. The New Kingston Valley Association awarded Dan the gift in recognition of his years of photo documentation of NKVA's events. NKVA Board Members pictured with Dan are, from left: Glen Faulkner, Annie Pevear and Michael Moriarty. More photos on E4.

Volunteers Keeping NK Clean

NEW KINGSTON — The New Kingston Valley Association, a non-profit organization that helps neighbors in the New Kingston area get to know each other and works to improve the New Kingston community, sponsored a Road Cleanup Day April 22.

Approximately 20 residents and friends pitched in on a beautiful spring day to pick up and bag trash along New Kingston's biggest roads and streams.

The Catskill Watershed Corporation contributed gloves, trash bags and wildflower seeds for the volunteers. After the work was done, volunteers attended an after-party hosted by John Exter and Lisbeth Firmin. This year's cleanup was the community's Fourth Annual event.

Fleischmanns Voter Hearing Testimony Has Wrapped Up

Judge Expected To Rule Soon On Absentees

By Mary A. Crisafulli

DELHI - Final testimonies were provided on Tuesday, May 2 for the alleged voter fraud case regarding the 2023 Fleischmanns village elections.

Mayoral candidate Elizabeth Hughes and trustee candidates Todd Pascarella and Yvonne Reuter challenged 81 absentee ballots that remain unopened by court order. The Petitioners allege that votes were cast by individuals who don't live in the village of Fleischmanns.

All 81 voters in question were subpoenaed to testify in court. While several voters testified in weeks prior, 24 were called for a final chance to testify on Tuesday. None of the 24 voters appeared in court.

Following the final

call, Delaware County Supreme Court Justice Brian Burns provided an opportunity for attorney summation. Attorney James Curran, attorney for Stewart Cohen, one of the Respondents, was the only lawyer who provided a verbal summary.

Judge Burns requested that the Petitioners' attorneys submit written summations with a deadline of noon on Thursday, May 4.

Attorney's argument

In his closing, Mr. Curran argued that the petitioners provided no evidence of a sham or scam during court proceedings to warrant invalidation of the absentee ballots.

He referenced the 2001 court case People v. O'Hara, which found that, according to Curran, an ora of sham must be established. The case further found

that an address used for voting purposes should be one the individual has a connection, he noted.

Mr. Curran surmised that voters who testified all stated their Fleischmanns address to be one they have been visiting for years and, in some cases, decades. Each individual testified they owned personal items that remain at these residences year-round, he said.

Mr. Curran went on to cited a 2015 case which found that individuals had a right to vote in an area where they had long-established visiting patterns that were not developed for the sole purpose of voting.

Voter testimony established the individual's view Fleischmanns as a place to visit often for religious purposes or vacations, Mr. Curran argued. In their testimony **continued on E4**

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Andes volunteers taking part in last week's cleanup project were, from left: Linda Dunn, Joanne Kosuda-Warner, Judy Morse, Sarah Lewis, Brenda Oxley Doherty, Sarah Blakley-Cartwright, Ann Roberti, Suzanne Fortin, Nancy McShane, Jim Andrews, Frank Winkler, Mark Ohe, Mary Davis. Missing from photo is Tina DeSanto. The group, assisted by Andes Central School students, covered a lot of ground.

Litter Gathering Habit Spurred Annual Andes Cleanup Effort

ANDES — Volunteers in Andes turned out in force this year's annual cleanup on April 26, which was held in conjunction with Earth Day. There were 14 helpers in one group and the Andes Central School Outdoor Club, led by teacher Lauren Green, had nine participants. The workers picked up roadside litter from the school to Calhoun Road, and then from Herrick Road over Palmer Hill almost to Crescent Hill Road as well as miles of the Tremperskill Road and Cabin Hill Road. The

volunteers forged ahead despite a pretty cold start - 36 degrees! Key organizer Ann Roberti recalled that it was about 20 years ago when she was picking up litter along the Tremperskill Road when I was spotted by Jack McShane. He pulled over and commented, "My wife would do that with you." Both Ann and Nancy were inveterate litter pickers and they started doing informal cleanups for a few years. Inspired by their passion, Jack suggested that they reach out to see if

others would be interested in participating. It was in 2008, when they posted flyers around town and let folks know about their plan, and the group of volunteers began to grow. They eventually turned the pickup a two-day event - one on a Wednesday and the other on Saturday because some interested volunteers could only assist on a weekday or a weekend. Ann said many of our litter pickers have been participating since the beginning, some doing both the weekday and

weekend day pickups. When trying to recruit new volunteers, they often repeat what Mark Ohe, one of the group's most dedicated volunteers, said after his first stint, "It is surprisingly fun." Several years ago, staff and students Andes Central School got involved under the guidance of Lauren Green. The kids agree that it is fun and rewarding. "We are thrilled that the students feel that way. Some Andes residents can't participate in the group litter

pickup but join us by picking up litter on their local roads at their convenience and that thrills us too," Ann noted. She is especially pleased that the efforts in Andes have inspired some other communities to organize litter cleanups in their area. Ann recalled that her group has picked up as many as 187 bags of trash plus other non-baggable items like tires, two sets of a paired double hung

windows, a sink and toilet and other strange items. She was pleased to note that, over the years the amount of litter is decreasing - not enough, of course, but she said it's heartening that it is decreasing. She said a few years ago the Delhi Rotary Club offered to fund the purchasing of four litter pick sticks. In addition, the Catskill Watershed Corp. supplies garbage bags and small thank you gifts for participants.



Andes Central School staff and students were eager to assist with the community cleanup. Lauren Green organized the students for their volunteer effort in helping with the project.

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Getting Out There

By Peter Manning

Bluestone Wild Forest

I pulled into the parking area for the Ashokan Quarry Trail on a gray, drizzly day. I was immediately taken by the brilliant colors of what at first appeared to be a garden ornament of a Pileated Woodpecker affixed vertically to a nearby tree. The staring contest ended when the bird, in expected fashion, scurried around the backside of the trunk. Fumbling to ready my camera, I figured even if I was able to take a photo, it wouldn't come anywhere close to the thrill of the sighting. Sure enough, in patented flap, flap glide form, the 18-inch woodpecker left me with a final glimpse of its undulating flight as it disappeared into the forest. It's exactly these tap-you-on-the-shoulder moments we especially appreciate. And this wasn't even where we were going hiking, it was just the day's meeting place.

Chris and I were on another mission toward completing the Catskill All Trails Challenge. This time we needed to move along six miles of trail in the Bluestone Wild Forest. Coming from the northwest on Route 28, the entrance is found at the base of the commercial-plaza strip that occupies both sides of the highway in the town of Kingston. This entrance is four miles west of the Kingston exit of the NYS Thruway.

Out of place?

A Wild Forest at this location appears to be out of place with the surrounding land uses. Yet, this seems to only enhance the experience of pulling off the main drag and immediately finding yourself in constitutionally protected Catskill Forest Preserve. In a short distance, the bustle of cars on this four-lane highway soon gives way to the peaceful shores of Onteora Lake. In our case, the transition was complemented by an Osprey calling and flying above the shallow waters.

The lands of the Bluestone Wild Forest (BWF) were incorporated within the Catskill Park when the Park's blue-line boundary was expanded in 1957. Today, the BWF totals about 3000 acres on both sides of Route 28 in the towns of Woodstock, Kingston, Hurley, and Ulster. The focal areas for public access and recreational use are those state lands north of Route 28. Being classified as "wild forest" enables a greater range of recreational uses than lands classified as wilder-



Mountain biker tackles an uphill section.

ness. The BWF's location on a busy thoroughfare, its proximity to Kingston, and a history of intensive land use has influenced the land classification and several improvements made by NYSDEC. In addition to accessible fishing piers, a network of recently built multi-use trails is designated for mountain biking. These trails accompany the earlier mountain biking trails known as the Jockey Hill Trails in the eastern section of BWF. Collectively, the trails are a tremendous resource, offering a full range of options for the mountain biking community. The beginner will not be too intimidated, while more advanced riders will find no shortage of challenges.

The hummocky terrain that provides for quality riding is influenced by natural processes, while past human activity, particularly bluestone quarrying, has left a proliferation of haul roads in the landscape. During our jaunt along these looping, wet trails Chris expressed that the landscape reminded him of the Binnewater Lakes area in nearby Rosendale. I was experiencing the same feeling!

And it's fitting that Onteora Lake is also known as Binnewater Lake, especially on older maps. Binnewater and binnekill are of Dutch origin and mean inner water and inner stream, respectively, according to a 1903 article in the Kingston Freeman. And binnekill is said to be particular to the Catskill Region. Comparing terrain maps of both areas reveals similarities, however, the BWF shows orthogonal jointing patterns from its horizontal layers. As sedimentary beds erode, they are down cut along the weaker joints, resulting in patterns that result

from differing types of bedding, e.g. horizontally deposited, slanted, or uplifted. In the Rosendale area, the linear features run primarily north to south and are partially due to folded strata running generally in the same direction. And then came the glaciers. From here, I'll turn it over those more qualified.

In a recent presentation (Hidden Gems in the Bluestone Wild Forest) sponsored by Catskill Mountainkeeper, Paul Rubin, a geologist, shared the results of his fascinating explorations of the area. One of the most revealing explanations pertained to the origins of these linear, mini canyons we encountered along the trails. Calling the glaciated landscape "a jumble of kames and kettles" (geologic terms for mounds and large, melted ice cubes turned ponds) he pieced together glacial evidence and convincingly posited what took place.

Out of place?

Blocked by massive ice, the outflow of what is now the Sawkill Creek (and its large watershed) needed an outlet for all its glacial meltwater and found its way southward, carving these steep-walled channels that Chris and I had peered over in wonderment. As Russell Waines (SUNY New Paltz Geology Professor for 43 years) once told me, we can envision this process like the overflow hole in a giant sink. These experts can take thousands and millions of years of geologic processes and bring it all to life in a five-minute narrative, thereby enriching one's experience of the present-day landscape.

More readily understandable along our hike was the bluestone quarrying process, also explained by Rubin and illustrated in the since-updated 1997 BWF Unit Management Plan. Despite his seemingly exhaustive amount of field research and collected information, Rubin ensured the audience that there was much more to be discovered. Encouraging further "geoarchaeologic reconstruction," the talk concluded with discussion of a potential nomination (for a portion of the BWF) being developed for listing on the State and National Register of Historic Places. A sense of intrigue seemed to rise from the audience with the prospect of further exploration. One might discover an old wagon wheel or just be happy to see a Pileated Woodpecker.

Peter Manning is the Executive Director of the Catskill Mountain Club. To learn about CMC events, membership, and projects please visit catskillmountainclub.org.

Letters

Addressing Issues With Story

To the Editor:

Reading through the last two weeks of reporting on the Fleischmanns Voter Fraud case, and having personally attended every court session, I came across some misleading reporting which I would like to address.

First, In the April 21, 2023 issue, your reporter wrote that Rabbi Horowitz and his family testified they pay taxes. This is not true. None of the witnesses testified to this. All of Rabbi Horowitz's properties are listed as belonging to Yitzchok Kahal Bais of Brooklyn, NY and enjoy a religious tax exemption, meaning they do not have to pay village, town, county or school taxes. The payment of taxes is one of many criteria used to determine whether someone maintains a domicile that qualifies them to vote. Payment of taxes (or rent in lieu of taxes) is an indicator of the degree of connection or "stake" that someone has to a place.

Assertions that they "love Fleischmanns," as many of the witnesses made, carry little weight if they are not sup-

ported by tangible evidence of residency. All of the witnesses admitted that none of them have a fixed place where they stay, but are assigned to different rooms and apartments by the rabbi, including to motels and other properties rented by the rabbi for the summer.

Second, in the April 28, 2023 issue your reporter cites Delaware County Board of Elections Deputy Commissioner Robin Alger as stating that "individuals are permitted to vote from a residence where they don't live full-time, such as a secondary residence." This is correct but beside the point. The issue at the heart of the case is not whether second homeowners can vote (of course they can) but whether individuals who pay no rent, taxes, utilities, have no fixed or permanent place to stay, whose children go to school elsewhere, whose driver's licenses and passports list a different address, can be classified as "second homeowners."

Vicky Szerko, Fleischmanns

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Feels Like Starting Over

By Brian Sweeney

Last week I provided some details of our search for a new mattress — one that was comfortable, but didn't involve having a huge stash of money hidden under our current mattress. I don't want to put anyone to sleep with more details on that quest. However, I would like to share some info on a related topic.

Simply purchasing a new mattress is a welcome addition. On the other hand, the process rises to a whole different level if it's part of a complete bedroom update. So, I've been told. Plus, everything goes up two levels if the adjacent bathroom is part of the redecorating.

Decisions, decisions

Much like the search for a new mattress, the journey to agree on a new paint scheme was a long one. With many detours. My wife and I looked online at hundreds of color combinations. Then ordered samples. Then we ordered more samples. Followed by a few more samples for good measure. Once we finally settled on a trio of paint colors, I immediately placed the order — just in case one — or both — of us changed our minds.

After more than a year of talking about and researching this makeover, we were ready for takeoff. Or, more accurately, coverup. I've tackled many painting projects and there are varying levels of difficulty. The good news is this job didn't involve any scraping. That's always a bonus. On the other hand, applying a light color over something darker is a challenge. Because the bathroom is smaller (but certainly not small) than the bedroom, I decided to knock that off first. Twenty hours in, I'm still not done.

Agreement. Finally

The good news is we like the updated colors. Whew. The odd thing is, at some point I began to look at this paint job not so much as a creating a new color scheme, but simply erasing the old look. There's a difference. Although I had always liked the soothing color, I began to view it as the enemy — with every trace needing to be vanquished. You could say it was like watching paint die.

I'm not exaggerating about my time on the clock, either. The more I painted, the more I began to feel I was in a battle with the status quo. My motivation was sky high. And it wasn't simply because of the paint fumes.

I mentioned that ours is a good-sized bathroom. Of course, it doesn't really feel that way when you're painting behind the toilet. Then, it's a tight fit. I guess that's a good place to be when you're feeling cramped.

On and on and on

Not bragging here (yes, I am) but I barely took any "bathroom breaks" as I worked to transform the appearance of this space. Optimist that I am, I thought it was a reasonable goal to be finished by the end of Sunday, but that would have taken a bunch more strokes of luck. It's on the schedule for this week. I can't wait — because then I can tackle the much larger bedroom!

That's not exactly true. While I'm inspired by the transition of the bathroom, the bedroom redo will take much longer than a weekend. Not sure that I want to predict a finish date. I'm just gonna roll with it. I'll keep you posted. I don't want anyone to think it's a coverup. Wait. Yes, I do.

Fleischmanns Voter Hearing Testimony

continued from E1 testimonies, many of the individuals who appeared court said they visit Fleischmanns for 10 to 12 weeks in the summer and weekends

throughout the year. Curran further argued that section 5-104 of election law indicates that voters already established a right to vote in the area as they filled

out and were awarded voter registrations and absentee ballots by the board of elections. Curran asked the court to rule the 81 votes to be opened, and the elec-

tion be certified. Justice Burns expects to have a decision on the registration allegations shortly following receipt of written summations.



Cleaning Crew

Safety first! Equipped with safety vests and gloves, the New Kingston Volunteers get set to clean the roads. See story on E1. — Photos by Dan Flanagan



Ping Pong buddies Lisa Tait, left, and Tina Mohrman on the road again!

School Budget Votes Set For May 16

continued from E1 of 35 percent when a project is completed.

One five-year term on the board of education is to be voted upon. Tracy Sanford will be running unopposed for re-election.

Onteora

The Onteora Central School District proposed 2023-24 budget totals \$58,052,550. This figure represents an increase of \$829,347 from the current budget, up 1.45 percent.

The tax levy for the district is set at \$47,023,416, a rise of \$922,028, resulting in a proposed 2.00 percent increase.

The budget shows the following changes in allocations: General Support, \$2,311,465, down 5.53 percent from \$2,446,777 currently budgeted. Operations and Maintenance: \$3,308,883, up 5.19 percent. Instruction: \$29,231,853, up 1.89 percent; Transportation: \$5,456,693, an increase of 7.87 percent; Employee Benefits, \$19,757,036, up 3.20 percent; Community Service, \$20,000, unchanged; Debt Service, \$271,620, unchanged; Interfund Transfers, \$965,000, a decrease of 20.57 percent.

Potential Capital Work included in the budget includes support

a sixth-grade move to Middle School, with a new grade 6-8 Middle School configuration, as well as classroom furniture and design work. This project would involve a \$500,000 transfer to Capital Funds.

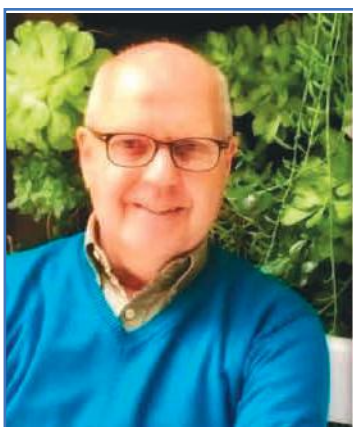
A second potential Capital Project would utilize up to \$8.8 million in Reserve Funds for the following:

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entrance at the Onteora Middle/High School, and including original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus, appurtenances and incidental improvements and expenses in connection with these projects.

Voters will also cast ballots for the following terms on the OCS Board of Education: Two Board Trustee terms starting May 16, 2023; One Board Trustee term starting

Voting is set to take place on Tuesday, May 16 from 2-9 p.m. and will polling in the OCS District is at the three elementary schools, Phoenicia, Woodstock and Bennett.



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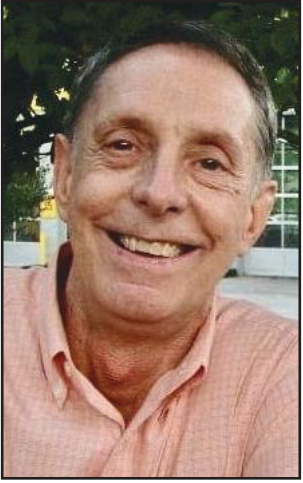
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Obituaries



Fred Griffin

Fred L. Griffin, 72, died unexpectedly on Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at his Adams Morgan home in Washington, DC.

Well loved by all who knew him, Fred was born March 22, 1951 in Margaretville, the son of Sherwood and Betty (Delameter) Griffin. He was graduated from Hartwick College in 1973 having sung in the college choir and studied in Mexico and Spain during his years at the school.

Fred served as an Assistant Director of Admissions at Davis and Elkins College in West Virginia before moving to Washington, DC where he opened his own business, Griffin Graphics Design. After running the business for more than two decades, Fred sold it to an ad specialties firm and went to work for the new owners.

He was remembered

by a close friend as someone who “didn’t just live a life.” Fred “kicked it into overdrive and drove it over the cliff...” He was always hopeful and joyful, kind and loyal and “wickedly, delightfully salacious.” Fred engaged with every person he encountered, learning something from everyone he met then sharing what he learned with all those around him. He was passionate about life, music, politics, food and friends and relished each day of his nearly 50 years in the nation’s capital.

A serious and accomplished musician, Fred sang with many different sacred and secular choirs in Washington. He was an avid member of the City Choir of Washington and The Washington Chorus, among the foremost symphonic choral groups in the nation, when they were under the direction the distinguished Robert Shafer. Fred travelled extensively with choral groups, particularly relishing their experiences in Europe and participated in Grammy winning choral performances.

Equally passionate about his Washington home and his Catskill Mountain roots, Fred loved being outdoors, biking everywhere he could. He enjoyed

prowl through museums and cathedrals, watching baseball games and television, and celebrating the capital’s cherry blossoms each year. But more than anything, Fred loved his friends, hanging on to them for decades, sharing their accomplishments, their woes and their stories. He kept in touch, always.

Fred was predeceased by his parents. He is survived by a sister JoAnn (Griffin) Lanzi and a brother and sister-in-law, George and Gina Griffin as well as much loved nieces and nephews Julie (Griffin) Byron and her husband Sean, Neil Griffin and his wife Julie and Anne (Lanzi) Schweitzer and her husband Eric. Additionally he is survived by grand nieces and nephews Grace and Calleigh Byron, Spencer and Sloane Griffin and Hannah Schweitzer, as well as cherished aunts, uncles, cousins and scores of dear friends from every walk of life, ambassadors to Uber drivers.

Family and friends will hold two celebrations of Fred’s life, one in Washington and one in Margaretville, NY. The dates will be announced when plans have been completed. In the meantime, those wishing to remember

and honor Fred can do so by making donations to The City Choir of Washington, PO Box 9673, Washington, DC 20016.

Lauren Quarltere

I would like for everyone to know that my soul mate, my loving wife, Lauren Hollins-Quarltere has passed away on April 21, 2023 at the age of 71. We have had a lifelong true love from dating in high school, taking her to the senior prom, to marrying her at 40 years old. And, having a 32-year loving and caring marriage.

She lost her five-year battle with cancer and passed away gently in my arms at home.

Lauren and I had lived in Patchogue and Bellport our whole lives until 1998. We moved to Roxbury and we became a part of the community. Lauren has a true gift of touching everyone’s heart, especially mine. She immediately was loved by everyone and by her many projects to better the community. If you talk to anyone who knows her, you will find out.

Lauren will be missed by us all, but not just us, also by her three children, Nicole, Gabe, and Noah; her nine brothers and sisters and six grandchildren.

To celebrate her life,

we are giving Lauren a celebration of her beautiful life on Wednesday May 17, 2023 at 11am at the Jay Gould Memorial Reformed Church. Following will be a reception at Kirkside Park, where Lauren and I would walk to help her recover.

In lieu of flowers, a donation in Lauren’s name may be made to her favorite charity, St. Jude’s Research Hospital.

Barbara Pugliese

Barbara Elizabeth Pugliese, 86, went to be with the Lord on Saturday, March 18, 2023.

She was born Barbara Elizabeth Neidig to Herbert and Dora Neidig (Bivins) on January 22, 1937, in Union Grove, NY. Barbara was no stranger to country life born in one of the thriving communities the Pepacton Reservoir would later claim, leaving Barbara with only memories of the beautiful valley. Those memories were shared with her family for a lifetime.

In 1955 Barbara was married to Victor Gleason Fairbairn, by whom she was pre-deceased. They had three children; Darlene Cea (Frank) of Oneonta, Jeffrey Fairbairn of Paso Robles, CA and Victor J. Fairbairn (Susan) of New Kingston. Barbara worked as a chambermaid for

most of her life at Kass Inn, waitressed at the Andes Hotel and in her later years provided elder care. When not working, Barbara could be found gardening, fishing, ginseng picking or blueberry picking. Early days of blueberry picking yielded trunks full that were later sold to local bakeries. Barbara could also be found at the Big Round Barn square dancing. She enjoyed collecting miniatures for doll houses, cookbooks and trinkets alike.

Barbara could always be found at an auction and yard sale. Her eye for nostalgia was unmatched and displayed brilliantly in the making of each year’s Christmas Tree.

Among Barbara’s greatest treasures were her grandchildren Christine, Nikki, Megan, Rhiannon and Garrett, and her great-grandchildren Victoria, Brea, Noah, Austin, Abby and Rory. She was pre-deceased by her great-grandson Parker. Shortly before her death she met her great-great grandchildren, Gideon and Kinsley.

There will be a private service at Hynes Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations be made to Mountainside Residential Care, Margaretville, NY 12455.

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Events Calendar

Saturday, May 6

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- Located at 72 Main Street, Andes. Info: diamondhollowbooks.com or e-mail: biz@diamondhollowbooks.com

A full-screen televised running of the 149th Kentucky Derby will be the highlight of this afternoon and evening full of fun, great food, and the company of good friends beginning at 3 p.m. at the MTC headquarters on Academy Street, Margaretville. Tickets are \$45 per person. Reservations: 845 586-3500 or email admin@markproject.org.

Zada's Bar at 850 Main Street, Margaretville is hosting a Kentucky Derby Bash from 4-9 p.m. Live music, food and drink. Info at: zadasbar.com

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. The exhibition runs through May 7, with a public reception on May 7. For info, please call 845 254-3461 or visit: 1053gallery.com

Tuesday, May 16

A Margaretville Community Blood Drive sponsored by the Margaretville Hospital Auxiliary will be held from 1:30-6:30 p.m. at the Margaretville Firehall, 77 Church Street, Margaretville. To schedule an appointment, please call 1-800-733-2767 or visit: Redcrossblood.org

Thursday, May 25

All area senior citizens are cordially invited to attend Margaretville Central School's Senior Citizen Dinner-Dance on Thursday, May 25 beginning at 4 p.m. in the auditorium. Please contact Carol Norwick @ 845-254-5072 to make a reservation (needed to determine the amount of food), or for more information.

Through May 29

Margaretville's Longyear Gallery is featuring artist Victoria Scott's solo exhibition, "Frontier Horizons," and a group show including all Longyear Gallery member artists. Displayed through Monday, May 29. For information, please see Longyear Gallery's website, www.longyeargallery.org, or call 845 586-3270.

Ongoing Saturdays

A chess club for experienced players will be held Saturdays from 10:30 a.m. to The club is open to all ages and levels and sign-up is required as space is limited. They will teach chess once the group gets established in the future. The library is located at 48 Main Street. The phone number is 845-688-7811 and the email is phoenicialibrary.org.

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Senior Citizen Dinner-Dance May 25 At MCS

MARGARETVILLE — All area senior citizens are cordially invited to attend Margaretville Central School's Senior Citizen Dinner-Dance on Thursday, May 25 beginning at 4 p.m. in the auditorium.

Margaretville Central School students, faculty and staff honor our area senior citizens by holding this special event to recognize and express thanks for all they do and their continued community support.

The event will be a free evening of fun, food,

and dance. Mary's Cooking will provide the dinner and Greg Passarelli will be our DJ.

Margaretville CROP students will be interacting with guests and middle school and high school students will assist with greeting and serving.

Please contact Carol Norwick @ 845-254-5072 to make a reservation (needed to determine the amount of food), or for more information.

Hope you can join us for an evening of fun.

Inaugural Pink Street Festival Set In Bovina

BOVINA CENTER — Join us for the inaugural Pink Street Festival for children and families hosted by Bovina Center Montessori School on Saturday, May 20 between 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

The Pink Street Festival celebrates much of what Delaware County has to offer: food, music, agriculture, environmental awareness and work, education, small business vendors, farming, families, and arts!

There will be activities for families of all ages including a large play area on the school's great lawn with a student-made obstacle course, bouncy house, family sing-along with BCMS music guide Jenna Tucker, story time and instrument petting zoo led by Miss Pam from the Andes Library, a scavenger hunt organized by the Catskill Mountain Club,

putt-putt hole and Paint-the-man with Putt Putt van Winkle.

There will also be a block printing workshop by Caroline Fay, a flower arranging station for kids organized by Birdsong Farm, Tree and Leaf identification activities by the Catskill Forest Association, live music sponsored by The West Kortright Centre, Linda Lutz' Chalk Bus, a tie-dye station, tours of the classrooms for interested families, and much more.

In addition to local organizations, artisans, and craft vendors, families can enjoy food by our growing list of food vendors including Catskill Momos, The Tulip & The Rose, Babysmoker NYC, and Sweet Pea Supply Co.

Admission to the festival is by donation and all proceeds will go towards enrichment and educational opportunities for children

through the KidSkill Fund, a locally based, 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

Bovina Center Montessori School is located at 2121 County High-

way 5 (aka Pink Street), Bovina Center.

Please e-mail Jenna Tucker at jenna@bovinamontessori.com with any questions about the festival.

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Del. Sheriff DuMond Announces Sheriff' InSTITUTE Member Drive

DELHI — The New York State Sheriffs' Institute's annual Honorary Membership drive has begun across New York State. Sheriff DuMond states that Honorary Membership invitations will be arriving in randomly selected mailboxes across Delaware County over the next two weeks.

Sheriffs' Institute Honorary Membership dues help to support the Institute's robust programming for youth and sheriffs' offices which include the Sheriffs' Summer Camp, crime victim services, annual scholarship program, and education, training, and awards programs for sheriffs' offices personnel.

The Sheriffs' Summer Camp is the Institute's flagship program located on Keuka Lake. Each summer, 840 economically challenged children from across New York State participate under the direct guidance of sheriffs and sheriffs' office personnel who volunteer their time to help make the camp a success.

Positive environment

The Sheriffs' Summer Camp provides an opportunity to bring children together with deputy sheriffs in a positive and meaningful environment. The week-long camp directly benefits children in our own local communities who otherwise would not have the opportunity to participate in a summer camp experience.

Delaware Sheriff's Office selects children from our local communities who benefit through the camp's summer recreation activities which are de-

signed to teach an understanding of, and respect for, our laws and the men and women who enforce them. The strong can Iper to counselor ratio allows for individual attention with an emphasis on the development of self-esteem.

"The Delaware Sheriff's Office is proud to support the Sheriffs' Institute and the excellent work they do in supporting our youth and personnel. The incredible summer camp experience and educational and training opportunities provided by the Institute are invaluable assets to our county residents and sheriff's office. We encourage anyone who is interested to become an Honorary Member and help support these great programs," states Sheriff DuMond.

In addition to the Sheriffs' Summer Camp, the Sheriffs' Institute also provides an annual scholarship to each of New York State's Community College's Criminal Justice Programs. This scholarship program is designed to help attract the best and the brightest to the criminal justice vocation.

Honorary Memberships help fund the Sheriffs' Camp and other New York State Sheriffs' Institute programs. If you are an individual who would like to become an Honorary Member and did not receive a letter in the mail, please visit www.sheriffsinstitute.org. For more information about the New York State Sheriffs' Institute's Summer Camp and other important programs, visit: sheriffsinstitute.org.



Bike Crash

ARKVILLE — State Police are continuing to investigate an accident on Friday, April 28 on Route 28 in Arkville. A motorcycle was struck by an unknown vehicle, but police did not have further details at press time. The Margaretville Hospital Ambulance and Arkville Fire Department assisted the the scene. — Contributed photo

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NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF TENTATIVE ASSESSMENT ROLL

Pursuant to Section 506 & 526 of the Real Property Tax Law. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Assessors of the Town of Middletown, County of Delaware have completed the Tentative Assessment Roll for the current year and that a copy has been left at the Middletown Town Hall, Town Clerk's Office, where it may be seen and examined by any interested person until the Fourth Tuesday in May (May 23rd, 2023), or at the Delaware County Office of Real Property Website: <http://www.co.delaware.ny.us/departments/tax/rolls.htm>, a publication containing procedures for contesting an assessment is available at: https://www.tax.ny.gov/forms/orpts/assessment_grievance.htm and at the Assessor's Office.

The Assessors will be in attendance with the Tentative Assessment Roll at the Middletown Town Hall, Assessors' Office, on the following days: Tuesday, May 16th from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM Thursday, May 18th from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM Friday, May 19th from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM Saturday, May 20th from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

HEARING OF COMPLAINTS

The Board of Assessment Review will meet on Tuesday May 23rd, 2023, between the hours of 4:00 PM and 8:00 PM at the Middletown Town Hall, in said Town, in person, to hear and examine all complaints in relationship to assessments on the written application, correctly filled out, accompanied with the required data of any person believing himself to be aggrieved.

Dated this 19th day of April, 2021
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Kenneth R. Taylor, Assessor
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LEGAL NOTICE

The Town of Middletown Planning Board will be a holding public hearing in accordance with the Town of Middletown Zoning Ordinance for the following application:

Application 23-1 Joseph McCann would like to do a 2-lot subdivision on Ben Meeker Road in Margaretville. Tax map # 305-1-44

Said hearing will be held on Thursday, May 11, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Hall, 42339 State Highway 28, Margaretville. At this time all interested parties will be heard.

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Paks Karate of Margaretville held its promotional test on April 28 at the Margaretville Firehall. Pictured in the bottom row, from left, are: Onneka Johnson, Lucie Suyama, Jaxx Hoffman, Deliah Ferran, Tucker Johnsmeyer, Dallas Faucett, second row from left is Sayge McDermott, Everley Marks, Stella Sines, Tessa

Marks, Ryan Steen, Then third row from left is Julia Marks, Aurora Riley, Lily Landes, Maydyn Hoffman, Robin Williams, River Williams, and instructor Master Bergmann. Back row: Eli Taylor, Micah Faucett, Steve Sines, Alexandra Sines, Gabby Sines, and Lily Taylor. — Contributed photos

Karate Students Kick It During Promo Test

MARGARETVILLE — Everyone in these pictures demonstrated their martial art skills when Paks Karate of Margaretville held its promotional test on April 28 at the Margaretville Firehall.

The students displayed their forms, techniques, boxing patterns, self defense skills, board breaking and sparring skills.

Children, teens and adults who practice karate are more responsible and have a higher sense of self-esteem, explained Master Terry Paks Bergmann.

She noted that karate instructors are trained to keep classes fun and energetic yet set clear limits insuring discipline and structure. Along with the much-needed physical exercise that will lead to a healthier life also included in the benefits of martial arts training are self-defense skills and character development



Julia Marks, left, and Lily Landes demonstrating kicks during the Paks Karate promotional test.

skills that will help children succeed in all areas of their life. This program helps them develop a positive attitude and strive to be the best that they can be.

For information, please contact Master Terry Bergmann at 845 586-6064.

ACS Honor Students Named

ANDES — Honor students for the third quarter have been named at Andes Central School.

Grade 8: Faith Sass, Jesse Wright-Bourke
Grade 7: Matthew Liddle, Laney Mondore
Grade 5: Darbey Mondore, PJ Chakar

Superintendent's List

Grade 12: Katherine Edelson, Rylee Burton
Grade 11: Christina Chakar
Grade 10: Emma Robson, Erysse Elliott
Grade 9: Lilly Temple
Grade 6: Abel Weaver
Grade 5: Landon Colfer, Charles Orio

Honor Roll

Grade 10: Isis Brannen
Grade 9: Gavyn Mahon, Gabriellah Bene
Grade 8: Jacob Ventimiglia, Mason Leal
Grade 7: Duncan Foster-Allen
Grade 6: Caitlyn Schultz, Myaleigh Rabon, Brooklyn Maroney, Joseph Maxim
Grade 5: Emily McGowen, Benjamin Liddle, Liem Sass

High Honors

Grade 11: Vincent Spanburgh
Grade 10: Shane Edwards

HCHS Dinner Dance, Auction Returns June 17 At Belleayre

DELHI — The Heart of the Catskills Humane Society will host its 24th annual HCHS Dinner Dance & Auction on Saturday, June 17 at the newly renovated Belleayre Mountain Ski Resort Discovery Lodge in Highmount.

The last time the HCHS held this event in person was 2019, and organizers are looking forward to catching up after four years with all their shelter family and friends!

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5/6 Sat	6:00PM - Delaware County News Update - Julia Marks and Matt Avitabile bring you the latest news from the Delaware County Region. 6:30PM - The Hiker Trash Husbands. Join Jeff and Moe as they stroll along the Windham Path. The Windham Path is a scenic, family friendly trail loop near downtown Windham, NY in the Catskills. 7:00PM - Focus on the Arts - Elizabeth A Mami talks with Sharon Woodhouse Suess, an author and writer embarking on a challenge for the Guinness Book of World Records. 7:30PM - Delaware County Board of Supervisors meeting - Tune in to watch the meeting which was recorded on April 12. Thank you to the Delhi Telephone Company. 8:00PM - Catskill CabaRadio - Tune in for the Earth Day edition of Catskill Cabaradio as recorded at the Pine Hill Community Center.
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5/8 Tue	6:00PM - Delaware County News Update - Julia Marks and Matt Avitabile bring you the latest news from the Delaware County Region. 6:30PM - WARK Community Television Archives - The Dictionary Game (Episode 4). 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! 7:00PM - The Hiker Trash Husbands. Join Jeff and Moe as they stroll along the Windham Path. The Windham Path is a scenic, family friendly trail loop near downtown Windham, NY in the Catskills 7:30PM - The Delaware County Chamber of Commerce Legislative Forum. Tune in to hear from your elected official as recorded on April 12. Special thank you to The Reporter.
5/10 Wed	6:00PM - Grocholl Homestead - Ashton keeps busy inside during the Winter months. Adding decorative tongue and groove around her "fireplace" and shows us how to create a "shiplap" look without using wood. 6:30PM - Mostly Folk with Artie Martello - Artie talks with Antje Duvekot who has solidified her reputation as one of Boston's best singer-songwriters, winning some of the top songwriting awards. Antje will be performing in Phoenicia at the end of May. 7:00PM - Focus on the Arts - Elizabeth Mami talks with Kate Quarford who is a multifaceted artist, teacher and performer. 7:30PM - 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. 8:00PM - Mountain Athletic Club - Tonight we learn about the Mountain Athletic Club, who play their games at Fleischmanns Park.
5/11 Thu	6:00PM - Citizen News Bureau - Lori Fairbairn brings you the Weekend Weather Report for the Catskill Region. 6:30PM - Mostly Folk with Artie Martello - Artie's guest for this show is Dan Pallotta. Dan is an American entrepreneur, author, and humanitarian activist. He is best known for his involvement in multi-day charitable events. 7:00PM - The Catskill Center - Jezz Harkin talks with Danielle Tucker and David Hans about the upcoming 2023 Catskill Center Summer Gathering and the Greater Catskills Outdoor Expo. 7:30PM - Delaware County Board of Supervisors meeting - Tune in to watch the meeting which was recorded on April 12. Thank you to the Delhi Telephone Company. 8:00PM - Catskill CabaRadio - Tune in for the Earth Day edition of Catskill Cabaradio as recorded at the Pine Hill Community Center.

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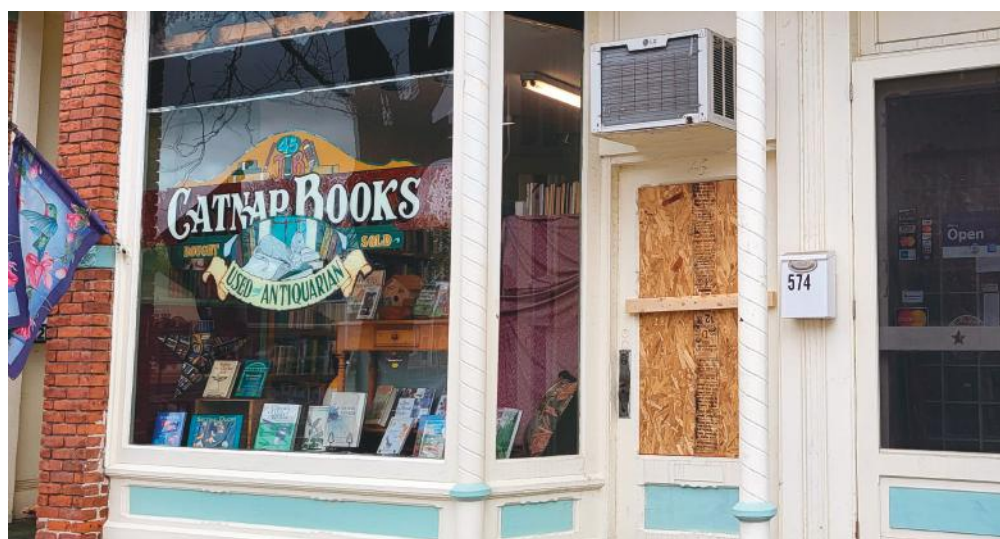
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Vandal Hits Catnap Books Owner Cites Lack of Police Night Patrols



An interior and exterior view of the damage. Photos by Scott Bennett, Jr.

Carlisle Citizens Stand Against Solar

By Joshua Walther
CARLISLE - Last Wednesday evening, the Carlisle Town Board held their regular monthly meeting as they listened to a presentation from CASA.

Citizens Against Solar Assault, or CASA, is a local

and vocal advocacy group that bands together citizens that don't want to see solar developers take advantage of rural land. As there may be a potential solar project in Carlisle, members gathered to hold a counter presentation for the Board, claim-

ing to be armed with knowledge and facts rather than opinions.

First, CASA took a moment to state their mission, explaining that they were against solar developers destroying valuable farmland, building too close to endan-

gered species, devaluing property, and taking away citizens' rights.

They also said that they are not "rabble-rousers" that want to tell people what to do with their land, but a collective of people wanting to strike back at agendas pushed by Corporate America.

With their intentions clear, they dove into the presentation, which consisted of progressing through their mission checklist and pointing out how solar developers planned to dismantle the area.

CASA began by calling to attention how solar developers wanted to build their "power plants" upon rich farmland and quoted an article from the New York Constitution that sought to protect agriculture in the state.

They went on to say that developers could target "brownfields," parking lots, or traffic corridors, but instead, they made a conscious decision to deprive Carlisle of future farms.

Furthering their environmental debate, they claimed that an endangered species of bat, specifically the Northern Long-eared Bat, lives within approximately three miles of the proposed solar site, adding to the disruptions to the natural habitats and ecosystem.

They also spoke at length about property devaluation. They asserted that property devaluation studies have been done by solar developers, alluding to tampering with the results of the studies and that it's not quite as easy to hide solar panels as these companies make it out to be.

They showed a size comparison of the solar panel in question along with a twenty-foot tree and claimed

By Scott Bennett

COBLESKILL — In the early predawn hours on Friday, April 28 while most of Cobleskill was asleep, a local business was vandalized. The physical damage to the building overall was minor. Nothing was stolen. There were no reports of any injuries.

Catnap Books is soon to mark its 29th year in business in mid-May. Owned and operated by James and Roberta Brooks, the business has already survived the rise of e-books, recessions both great and small, and will no doubt survive this unfortunate act of vandalism.

The suspect threw a nearby planter through an unused front door of the building. This action caused the window to shatter, spewing glass on the inside of the store. The repair will be handled by Cobleskill Glass and will be replaced with safety glass costing an as of yet untold amount.

Mr. Brooks strongly believes that this situation would not have escalated to the point of property destruction if certain recent policy changes had not been

made. Those recent changes include budgetary disagreements that lead to the elimination of Cobleskill Police Department's night patrols. Such patrols were a safeguard and a deterrent against such unlawful and unwelcome behavior. The village has been without them since earlier this year.

He is also recommending to the landlord of the building that security measures, such as cameras, be put to use so that going forward. He hopes that such an incident can possibly be avoided due to the deterrent factor and should something happen in the future, there will be a record to serve as evidence.

State Police have confirmed that this is still an ongoing investigation. They urge anyone with any information to come forward. They also request anyone that who might have cameras from a nearby business or residence that might have recorded the crime to please contact the State Police in order to turn in such material. You can contact Troop G of the New York State Police at 518-783-3821

Cobleskill Briefs

Do you have any events you'd like to see featured in the Cobleskill Herald? Let us know at cobleskillherald@gmail.com.

Chicken and Ribs BBQ Set for Saturday, May 20

COBLESKILL - The Knights of Columbus Council 4475 will hold a Chicken & Ribs BBQ on Saturday, May 20 at Noble Ace Hardware, Main Street Cobleskill beginning at 10 a.m. until sold out. Chicken dinner at \$15 and rib dinners at \$16. Dinners include coleslaw, baked potato and a roll. BAR-B-QUE DELIGHTS will cook. Proceeds will support the youth ministry at Our Lady of the Valley Church in Middleburgh and a local seminarian.

Senior Congregate Meal Sites Open

Local residents are invited to enjoy noon-time meals and good company (except holidays) at one of Schoharie County Office for the Aging's two congregate meal sites:

-Jefferson (Tues./Wed./Thurs.), Community Center, Rte. 10)
-Sharon Springs (Mon./Wed./Fri), Firehouse, 137 Beechwood Rd.) Reserve a meal by calling Schoharie County OFA at 518-295-2001 before 2 pm 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.

Cobleskill - Author's Hour

The Jeff Tufano Gallery will be hosting an Author's Hour with Susan Fantl Spivack on Saturday, May 7th at 2:00 PM. Presented by Schoharie County Arts, this event is funded in part by Poets & Writers with public funds from the New York State Council on the Arts. Refreshments will be provided.

Cobleskill - Board of Education Meeting

The Cobleskill-Richmondville Central School Board of Education will be meeting on Monday, May 8th at 7:00 PM at the Golding Middle School Library. Meetings are also available for viewing afterwards on the SCHOPEG website. Prior to the Board of Education meeting, there will be a "Meet the Candidates" event starting at 6:30 PM.

Seward - Town Board Meeting

The Seward Town Board will be holding its monthly meeting on Monday, May 8th at 6:30 PM at the Seward Town hall (795 Lowe Road, Suite 1).

Cobleskill - Town Board Meeting

The Cobleskill Town Board will be holding its monthly meeting on Monday, May 8th at 7:00 PM at the Cobleskill Firehouse. Meetings are also available for viewing afterwards on the SCHOPEG website.

Esperance - Village Board Meeting

The Esperance Village Board will be holding its monthly meeting on Monday, May 8th at 7:30 PM at the Village Hall Meeting Room (113 Church Street).

Sharon Springs - Board of Education Meeting

The Sharon Springs Central School Board of Education will be meeting on Monday, May 8th at 7:30 PM. The school is located at 514 State Highway 20 in the Village of Sharon Springs.

Family Recovery Support Group

Every Wednesday evening from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM., SCCASA hosts Family Recovery Support Group Meetings facilitated by Maggie Jackman Pryor, a Family Support Navigator, and Tom Moran, a Peer Engagement Specialist and Recovery Coach at 349 Mineral Springs Road.

Richmondville - Town Board Meeting

The Richmondville Town Board will be holding its monthly meeting on Thursday, May 11th at 6:00 PM at the Town Municipal Building (104 Municipal Lane off of Podpadic Road).

OFA and The Gathering Place Offer Grab & Go Meals

The Office for the Aging provides healthy grab and go meals for individuals 60 years +, daily (M-F) at The Gathering Place, 127 Kenyon Rd., Cobleskill. Each person may make a suggested \$4 voluntary contribution for a meal. Interested individuals must reserve grab and go meals 24 hours in advance by calling 518-920-3757 and speaking to Judy between 10:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Meals are 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 at 518-295-2001.

that "unless they're bringing in mature redwoods," there's no feasible way to effectively hide the view of a solar farm.

Additionally, there may be up to seven inverter pads installed within the site, which emit a high-frequency humming to add to noise pollution.

To top it off, there may be unavoidable glare from the sun that reflects off the solar panels, further decreasing the resale value of any adjacent plots of land.

CASA closed its presentation with a quick word on the reduction of rights within the state. The organization is growing increasingly concerned with New York Power Authority's reach for greater eminent domain, warning that they may be able to

take anyone's land if it could aid an energy project.

CASA urged both the Board and the audience to reach out to their government representatives and advocate for a decreased push for renewable energy projects if developers mean to hurt the residents that could be impacted.

As they finished, Supervisor John Leavitt was the first to thank them, saying "Well, thank you for what I can only say is a very good presentation, and we're going to look at this a lot more in executive session."



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War in Europe LII

By Timothy Knight

"We know that Ukrainians are planning a counterattack in the coming weeks," said United States Secretary of State Antony Blinken in a recent interview with Voice of America. Seemingly confirmation of what we have long known to be the case, Mr. Blinken's comments were likely not made without our allies in mind.

As we have discussed over the past couple of columns, the looming Ukrainian counteroffensive is the worst kept secret in global affairs. Everyone from the lowest ranking mobilized Russian soldier in the Bakhmut trenches to the inner circle of Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky knows it's a matter of when not if.

However, with the armchair intelligence experts and pseudo military analysts becoming obsessed in recent weeks with reading every Ukrainian tea leaf for signs of movement along the eastern and southern fronts, it has become increasingly imperative to maintain operational silence regarding this conflict's next theatre.

That is why my in-

stincts tell me that Mr. Blinken's comments are either intended as a diversionary tea leaf for pseudo experts and Kremlin analysts alike or a blunt warning that the decisive third act of the Russo-Ukrainian War is drawing closer than we anticipate.

Regardless of the Secretary of State's intentions, Kyiv has been dropping enough hints between the toehold established on the eastern bank of the Dnipro River, the recent destruction of a crucial Russian oil depot in occupied Crimea, and the successful countermeasures just this week in Bakhmut that they mean business.

When millions of Turks head to the ballot box next weekend, they will not only be deciding who leads their country, but whether or not Sweden will be allowed to join the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO).

Held up by Ankara's domestic politics and Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's grievances with the Nordic country's pro-Kurdish sympathies, Sweden's bid to join the military al-

liance in response to Russia's illegal, immoral invasion of Ukraine has languished.

Initially opposed to both Finland and Sweden's applications to join the alliance, Erdogan reversed course earlier this year on Helsinki's bid and permitted the accession of Finland by claiming they had taken steps to alleviate some of Ankara's concerns and demands.

Turkish opposition leader Kemal Kilicdaroglu, who is leading the presidential election by a slim majority according to most surveys, is supportive of Stockholm's accession to NATO. Ankara's opposition has been a cause of consternation for Brussels this past year.

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.

Obituaries Deborah Smith



Deborah Elaine Smith entered heavenly grace on April 25, 2023, at her home in Howes Cave, NY.

Born October 18, 1950 in Poughkeepsie, NY, she was the daughter of the late Vernon L and Betty Jane (Riley) Ballard of Quaker Hill in Pawling, NY. She graduated from Pawling High School in the class of 1969. Deborah earned her Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) degree. She excelled in this career for many years. She married Richard C. Smith, June 20, 1970 at Christ Church on Quaker Hill in Pawling, NY.

Together they raised three children and owned and operated Will-A-Way Dairy Farm for many years. Deborah cherished her Jersey cows and was proud of achieving back to back years of highest production of milk for a cow in the state of New York in the mid-1980s.

She retired from Basset Healthcare after 25 years as not only an LPN but also as a Certified Professional Coder (CPC). Deborah spent her entire life putting others needs before her own, seeing friends and family through the hardest of times while never losing track of the good things in

life. She loved gardening, walking, dancing, bowling, traveling, and gatherings with love and laughter. She was amazed with the beauty of God's earth and the finer things in life like a good book, sitting in the sun and watching the birds, especially the Bald Eagles and her Mallard ducks who came every year to her pond. Deborah was passionate about volunteering, giving time to others across various states and in the local community. When her children were in high school, she chaperoned several FFA trips and was the proud recipient of The Honorary State FFA Degree. Her giving also included numerous blood and platelet donations.

Her greatest pleasure came in caring for and loving children. After raising her three children, who all have become exceptional parents, she decided to further her education and in 2004 she graduated with high honors from SUNY Herkimer County Community College with an Associate's degree in Health Service Management.

Deborah had a strong faith in God and enjoyed walking to and from the Grovenors Corners United Methodist Church where she worshiped and participated in church committees and functions. She just recently was thrilled to be notified that her application to the Daughter of the American Revolution (DAR) was approved. Additionally, she had gathered ample documents to trace her ancestry to the Mayflower Compact.

She was predeceased by her parents, in-laws, brother-in-law David McConnell,

grandnephew Ethan Price, daughter-in-law Lori (Patryn) Smith, and brother-in-law Alvin L. Smith. Deborah is survived by her husband of nearly 53 years Richard C. Smith, sons Steven E. and Erin Smith of Schoharie, NY, and Benjamin M. Smith of Dallas, TX, and a daughter Rebecca J. and Mark Maroney of Red Hook, NY. Deborah is survived by her identical twin sister Denese J. (David) Price, of Walworth, NY and Suellen (Chris) Pentz, of Keyesville, VA.

She is survived by the treasures of her life, her grandchildren Riley, Reece, Audra, Ian and Aidan Smith, and Liam and Owen Maroney. She also leaves behind several nieces, nephews, cousins, as well as step grand and great-grandchildren she treasured as her own. She shared such loving relationships with a vast number of friends and family throughout her life.

A period of visitation will be held Saturday, May 6th from 2-5 PM at Langan Funeral Home, 327 Main street, Schoharie, along with a celebration of life and a time for sharing memories. Interment will take place at a later date in the Union Valley Cemetery in Mahopac, NY.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Deborah's memory to The Community Hospice Foundation, www.givetocommunityhospice.org, 310 South Manning Boulevard, Albany, NY 12208, Helios Care Hospice, 297 River Street Service Road, Oneonta, NY 13820 or Marathon For a Better Life, PO Box 268, Warnerville, NY 12187.

Karin Stevenson



Karin Stevenson - May 1, 1932 - November 27, 2022 - was born in Germany, and moved with her family to Switzerland and Argentina before arriving in the USA in 1938. The family lived in Bayside, NY, and Karin spoke fondly of her years there, living in a big beautiful home overlooking the Long Island Sound. In her teens the family moved to Cooperstown, NY. She graduated from Milford High School, where she met her late husband, Thomas

Stevenson. They lived in Brentwood, NY, where they enjoyed their plane, cabin cruiser, fishing, and swimming with their children. Wanting to own their own airstrip, they moved to Esperance, NY. In later years Karin resided in the Village of Cobleskill. She was very active in the Schoharie Valley Ward of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, where she had many wonderful friends. She called everyone on their birthdays with birthday wishes. Karin loved Christmas and the traditions of her childhood. She enjoyed baking and created beautiful crocheted handiwork. Karin worked for the phone company for years. Later in life she provided in-home care to many. Karin was the daughter of Klara Eugenie (Brombacher) Tetens and Fredrick

(Fritz) TH Tetens. She was predeceased by her siblings Ruth (Bill) Weber, Ursula (James) McHugh, Sophus (Shirley) Tetens, Uwe Tetens, Tete (Joan) Tetens, Regina Tetens, and Ingrid (Vincent) Waithe. Karin is survived by her children: Greg (Jane) Stevenson, Alan (Denise) Stevenson, Marcia (John) Mango, Vicki (Kurt) Jacobs, Eric (Anna) Stevenson, Bonnie Stevenson, John (Renel) Stevenson, David (Vicki) Stevenson; and 28 grandchildren, 9 great grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Friends and family are invited to attend Karin's memorial service on Saturday, May 27, 2023, at 10:30 AM at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 141 Church Street, Central Bridge, NY 12035.

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Cutting a Path to Knowledge at CRCS



ABOVE LEFT: Demonstration of a two person saw. Timing is important to cut the piece of wood. Involved in the event was: Tagen Decker, Will Manning, Garrett Sculewski, Andrew McConnelee - CRCS Alum - there in the morning, Britton Cook, Hannah Somers - CRCS Alum - there in the afternoon, AJ Fletcher - CRCS alum - there all day

ABOVE: Chainsaw layer cutting is a timed event. Cut as many pieces in a short period of time to gain points.

LEFT: Seen here the use one a one person saw. This is also a timed event.

LEFT, CENTER: Students get a chance to look at some of the equipment members of the team use while cutting wood with an axe. What they are looking at is chainmail socks. While cutting with an axe members wear sneakers to keep from slipping, and chainmail to keep their toes from getting cut off. Photos by Bob Duso.

Schalmont Tops CRCS

Schalmont downed the Bulldogs Tuesday 16-3 in softball action. The game remained close for the first three innings, with Schalmont opening a 3-0, then 5-2 lead. However, a 7 run top of the 5th put the game away as Schalmont scored 11 runs in the last three innings. Schalmont ended the game with 17 hits and 4 errors, and the Bulldogs with 4 and 4, respectively. Ava Webber had a good night at the dish for CRCS, going 2-3 with a double and a run batted in. Sarah Schweigard scored two runs, stole a base, and drove in a run.

Fun in the Park



ABOVE LEFT: Family out fishing in Veterans Park Saturday as part of the wildlife event there.

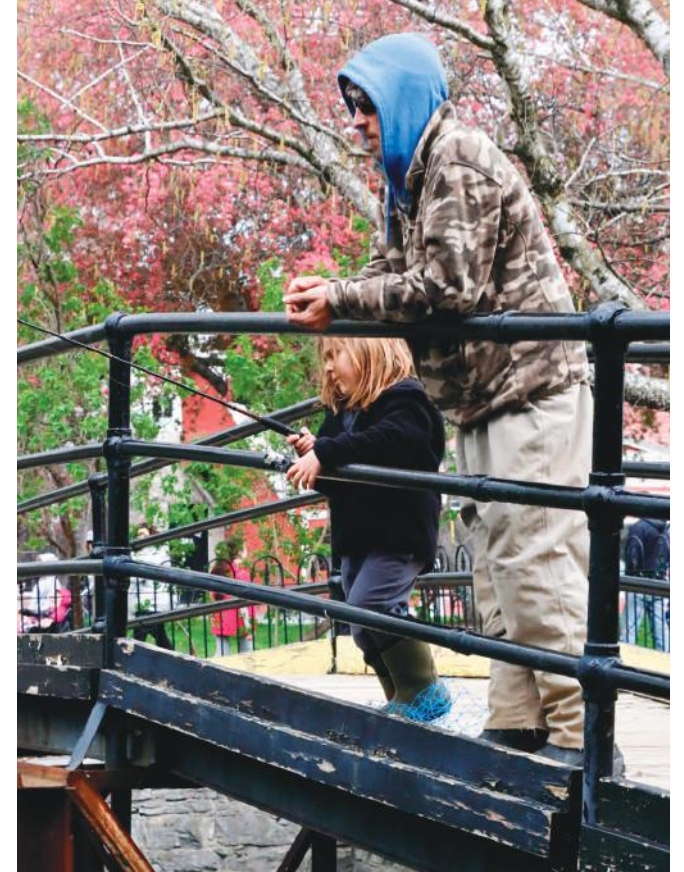
ABOVE RIGHT: North Country WildCare is a rescue organization for wild animals. They can be reached by calling 518-964-6740 or online. Photos by Bob Duso.

LEFT: The sun may have been in and out, but people were enjoying their time outside. Fishing was a major part of the day.

RIGHT: Young lady trying her hand at catching the fish. For some reason, they just aren't biting today. Freshly released fish need to get acclimated to their new surroundings.

R'ville Hunter Safety Course Tomorrow

The Richmondville Fish and Game Club will hold a Hunter Safety Course on May 6th. To register for the class, go to the New York Department of Environmental Conservation website, click on search, and type in Hunter Education Courses to register. For more information, contact Stephen Kosier at 518-231-3176.



Free Concert at Cobleskill UMC

On Saturday, May 13 (Mother's Day eve) at 7 p.m. you are invited to bring your family, your mother, your friends and anyone else to the Cobleskill United Methodist Church for a free concert that will be the best way to celebrate Spring and all of the Mothers that we have ever known. The performance by the Caroga Lake Music

Festival strings will be held in the Church Sanctuary located at North Grand and Chapel St.. For those of you who have attended the previous concerts, I don't have to tell you that the musicians you will hear are advanced trained professionals with recent performances at Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center in NYC and similar venues

across the country. We are honored, in Cobleskill, to host this select group of musicians from the Caroga Lake Summer Music Festival as a Spring Tour preview to their summer Music Festival events. The local acapella singing group, New Day, Voices of Schoharie County, will join the Caroga Quartet in a special number in the program.



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SUNY Cobleskill Fighting Tiger Weekly Recap

The SUNY Cobleskill baseball team won three-of-four home contests during the week defeating Utica College on Tuesday 7-6 and SUNY Oneonta 17-15 in non-league action then splitting a pair of North Atlantic Conference (NAC) games on Saturday versus SUNY Canton taking the first game 2-1 in extra innings before losing the second game by a 6-4 margin to move to 20-13 overall including a 13-2 record in NAC play to claim their third consecutive NAC Western Division Championship. Fighting Tiger sophomore outfielder Zach Ducorsky, Oceanside, N.Y., Oceanside High School, went 8-for-10 on the week for a .800 batting average with eight stolen bases, five runs scored and an RBI.

Junior distance runner Nick Logan, Queensbury, N.Y., Queensbury High School, was the Fighting Tiger men's track & field team's top finisher at the 2023 North Atlantic Conference Outdoor Track & Field Championships hosted by the league at Colby College in Waterville, Maine

over the Weekend winning the 1500-Meter Run in a conference record time of 4:02.90 while placing third overall in the 800-Meter Run with a time of 1:59.60. Led by Logan Cobleskill posted a team total of 59 points to finish in fifth place overall in the eight-team field.

The Fighting Tiger women's track & field team posted a team total score of 58 points to place fifth overall in an eight-team field at the 2023 North Atlantic Conference Outdoor Track & Field Championships hosted by the league at Colby College in Waterville, Maine over the weekend. Sophomore jumper Lilah Ward, Arlington, Vt., Arlington High School, won the High Jump at the event clearing a height of 4'11 3/4" at the meet.

The men's lacrosse team closed the season with a pair of NAC road losses during the week losing to SUNY Canton in Canton, N.Y. on Wednesday by a 15-5 margin then losing on Saturday at the SUNY Polytechnic Institute on Sat-

urday 10-8 to close the season with an 8-5 overall record including a 3-5 record in NAC action. The Fighting Tigers were led by junior midfielder Sean D'Amaro, Northport, N.Y., Northport High School, who scored four goals, passed out two assists and picked up seven ground balls on the week.

The Fighting Tiger women's softball team lost four-of-five games to NAC opponents during the week splitting at home with SUNY Delhi on Tuesday taking the opener 7-3 then losing the nightcap by a 5-1 score. Cobleskill then lost three games over the weekend at Cazenovia College in Cazenovia, N.Y. losing twice on Friday by scores of 7-1 and 12-4 then dropping a 12-6 decision on Saturday to move to 11-23 overall on the year including a 6-6 record in conference play. Sophomore designated player Olivia DeMott, Sidney, N.Y., Sidney High School, went 10-for-15 during the week for a .625 batting average with a double, two home runs, five runs scored and three RBI.

Cobleskill Tops Vorheesville

The Cobleskill Bulldogs downed Vorheesville Friday in a close 5-4 softball contest. The Bulldogs scored a run in the eighth to walk off the game at home. Vorheesville had seven hits and two errors while Cobleskill had six hits and three errors.

Ally Palmer was the winning pitcher with seven strikeouts, while Alli Prezorski picked up the save with three strikeouts.

Ava Webber went 3-4 with two doubles, an RBI, and scoring two runs. This included the winning run. Ainsley Mummmenthey had a double and an RBI.



Runners safe at first and second on an over thrown ball at first base.



Too high a throw to the short stop at second base, Ava Yorke makes her way to third base.

Photos by Bob Duso.



Sarah Schweigard #1 steals third base. Safe.

Police Blotter



Thursday, April 27, 2023

At 3:26 PM, Cobleskill Police arrested Catherine Tremarzo, 19, of Patterson, N.Y. for petit larceny. She was issued an appearance ticket to appear in Cobleskill Town Court on 05/16/2023 at 2:00 PM.

At 4:26 PM, Cobleskill Police arrested Deanna Rumph, 18, of Schoharie, N.Y. for petit larceny. She

was issued an appearance ticket to appear in Cobleskill Town Court on 05/16/2023 at 2:00 PM.

At 10:34 PM, Cobleskill Police arrested Clint Layne, 43, of Cobleskill, N.Y. for driving while intoxicated, driving with BAC of .08 of one percent or more, and one other vehicle and traffic law violation. He was issued traffic tickets to appear in Cobleskill Town Court on 05/16/2023 at 2:00 PM.

Saturday, April 29, 2023

At 5:22 PM, Cobleskill Police arrested Linda Smith, 58, of Jefferson, N.Y. for petit larceny. She was issued an appearance ticket to appear in Cobleskill Town Court on 05/16/2023 at 2:00 PM.

At 7:45 PM, Cobleskill Police arrested Jaquoi Grayton, 21, of Cobleskill, N.Y. during a traffic stop, on a bench warrant from Cobleskill Town Court for bail jumping in the third degree. He was issued an appearance ticket and traffic tickets to appear in Cobleskill Town Court on 05/02/2023 at 2 PM.



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A Great Performance



"Into the woods" by Stephen Sondheim is being played, with solos by Burke Herrick on Trumpet, and Ed Truax on the French horn. Photos by Bob Duso.



American Legion Honors Flags Every Year in Sharon

By Alexis Pencar
American Legion Unit 1269 puts up American flags in the Village of Sharon Springs every year and they are raising money for new flags this Spring.

Every year this group gathers to place the American flags on the light poles along Route 10, Route 20, and Chestnut Street in the Village of Sharon Springs.

As a group of proud veterans, taking good care and respecting the American Flag is essential so the flags are taken down in the Fall and put back up in the Spring. Some flag make it to a second season but most are too tattered and need to be retired.

The American Legion members have been putting the flags up for over 12 years. They started off using

ladders but now use a much more efficient and safe bucket lift.

Commander Paul Todd, the leader of the Sharon Springs American Legion said he's "honored to be allowed to publicly display the symbol of our Country and to be allowed to put these American flags up".

The American Legion does its best to raise money throughout the year but can definitely use your generous donation to go towards the new flags!

This is another fantastic example of the hard work and dedication of our local Sharon Springs American Legion Unit 1269. The American Legion was chartered and incorporated by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic veterans organization devoted to mutual help-



Above left: Members of the band arrived and warmed up the instruments before the show during the Schoharie Valley Concert Band performance Sunday.

Above right: Martin Zavadil Conducts the song "Covenant" by Robert W. Smith.

HGTV Casting Historic Homes For New Series

By Jennifer Patterson
Attention homeowners – do you own a historic home in Upstate New York in need of some TLC?

If so, you could be chosen to have your fixer-upper brought back to its original splendor with help from a team of professionals on an upcoming HGTV restoration reality series.

The casting team from PUBLIC and HGTV are looking for historic homes located within 90 minutes driving distance of the Saratoga Springs/Greenwich area to be the next stars of a renovation series.

HGTV is an American television channel that primarily broadcasts reality programming related to home improvement and real estate, and as of 2016 has invested at least \$400 million annually in original content.

"We are currently looking for homeowners in the Upstate New York area who are interested in receiving professional help to restore parts of their historical home," said casting agents from HGTV.

In order to be considered,

homes need to meet the following criteria: be at least 100 years old and purchased for \$150,000 or less within the last 12 months (or be currently empty); homeowners should have a budget that can be put toward the restoration project; and most importantly, HGTV is looking for homes that are filled with history.

Homeowners will be part of the renovation process, will be featured prominently on the reality series, and will learn some of the history of their homes as they are restored.

This isn't the first time that the TV channel has featured home restorations in Upstate New York. HGTV's "Cheap Old Houses" series chronicled dreamy fixer-uppers in the Mohawk Valley in 2021, and a renovation series was cast in the Hudson Valley last year.

Interested homeowners should apply as soon as possible online at <https://cheapoldhouses.castingcrane.com>. Additional questions can be sent to hello@publictheagency.com.

SCHOPEG On The Rebound

By Alexis Pencar
SCHOHARIE COUNTY — Schopeg Access Inc., the video recording service in Schoharie County is on the rebound this Spring!

With new support from the community, this non-profit organization has gained Board Members as well as new Staff to best cover the Town and Village Board meetings across Schoharie County.

With a renewed contract from the Schoharie County Board of Supervisors, Schopeg has satisfied the needs and changes brought forward and has provided an affordable local service for the community at large.

Schopeg is also excited to announce they were able to purchase new video cameras, microphones, and tripods for the first time in many years.

Though there was a gap in coverage for a few months, new and skilled staff have been able to pick back up quickly.

Schopeg Access is a not-for-profit 501c corporation, started in 1989 to "bring the advantages of public, educational and governmental access programming to the citizens of Schoharie". The programming is broadcast on the Time Warner cable television system channels 1301 and 1303.

Their mission is: "to enhance local communication

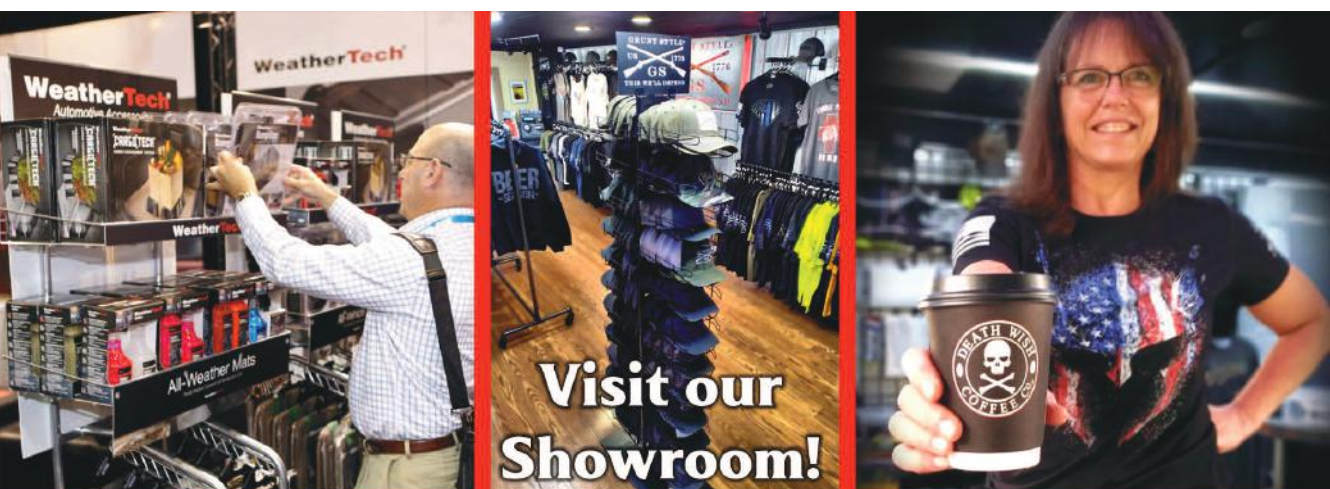
access for the citizens of its cablecasting area by cablecasting television programs created by Schopeg volunteers, independent producers, students and local individuals trained to use the equipment."

Do you know any interested volunteers who want to learn how to tape, write, edit or produce videos for people of the community? Becoming a volunteer is a fantastic way to assist in developing more local programming.

Schopeg does not receive any tax monies from the county, towns and/or villages but instead receives a portion of the franchise fee paid by cable subscribers to the municipalities through Spectrum Cable. Schopeg then uses this money for training, purchasing, upkeep of equipment, and operating expenses.

Schopeg has or continues to receive equipment, grants and funding from: The Appalachian Regional Commission, local businesses, private individuals, and Spectrum Cable subscribers.

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YOUR LOCAL HAPPENINGS FOR SHARON SPRINGS

Sharon Things

By Alexis Pencar

Hey Neighbors!

What a cold and chilly week we've had! Looks like there is some relief from the rain this weekend. Temperatures are expected to rise back into the reasonable 60s with lows averaging 40 degrees at night. Sunshine and blue skies are coming soon!

Bison Island Ranch Days start this Saturday May 6th from 10-1! Visit the Ranch at 194 Engleville Road in Sharon Springs for all your bison needs! They are planning this every first Saturday of the month through Fall! Visit their social media for more information and updates!

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the "Mother's Day Make A Bouquet" event, followed by the Summer Garden Parties each 2nd Saturday, June through August hosted by The Sharon Springs Chamber of Commerce!

Village Construction

The Water & Sewer Project team has come down Main Street past the Library into the downtown Historic District marking water shut-offs and dig sites with blue spray paint. Look out for that highly anticipated construction soon.

Sharon Springs

Free Library

Define petition: a written document signed by a number of people, usually a large number, asking for some form of action from some somewhere, usually a branch of government. The first documented petitions were made by slaves building pyramids in Ancient Egypt who petitioned for better working conditions. If you are registered to

vote in the Town of Sharon, we hope you will sign our library petition. What we are asking for is to be placed on the back of the November ballot so voters can decide whether or not additional taxes should be collected to support the library. Signing the petition does not mean you are voting for a tax increase. It only means that you think we should be on the ballot to request an increase. The Library has not had an increase in funding since 2014.

Book Discussion, Friday, May 19 at 6:00 pm on "The Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper" by Phaedra Patrick

Our used clothing drop-off shed is always open. There are four good reasons to bring your used clothing, shoes, belts, purses, blankets, towels, sheets, stuffed animals and curtains. The reasons are; one - it reduces waste in landfills, two - the clothing is used worldwide and three - your donation is tax deductible, and four - the library earns pennies per pound for these donations. Please be sure to tie your things into plastic bags, and please do not bring other items leftover from garage sales that are not on this list.

Thursdays at 10:00 am, Story Time for preschoolers includes books read by Mrs. Fralick, crafts and snacks.

Board of Trustees Meeting, Thursday, May 25, at 7:00 pm. Board meetings are open to the public and all are welcome to participate.

The library's regular hours are Monday and Thursday 10 - 6, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 3 - 8 and Satur-

day 10 - 1.

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 year round (except holidays) at the Schoharie County OFA's

"Spa Ritz" Sr. Congregate Meal Site at the Firehouse at 137 Beechwood Rd. M-W-F Lemon baked fish, meatloaf with gravy and chicken & biscuits are some of the entree features for the month of May. All orders for meals must be called into the OFA office at 518-295-2001 before 2 p.m. for the following day. A suggested donation of \$4 is accepted from those 60 years old and older. Under age 60? You're welcome to participate for a fee of \$5.

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.

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Meal and Learning at Silver & Gold Club



Nancy Ackerbauer RDN shares practical steps for cancer prevention with members of Sharon Silver & Gold Senior Club

By Alexis Pencar
SHARON SPRINGS — The Sharon Silver & Gold Senior Club will hold its next meeting at 12 noon on Friday, May 12th at the Office for the Aging's Meal Site in the Village of Sharon Springs at the Firehouse (137 Beechwood Road).

The Silver & Gold Senior Club meets each month and positively contributes to the lives of so many! Members of this Club come from surrounding areas including Sharon, Cherry Valley, Cobleskill, Ames, and beyond.

With Seniors of all ages, this enthusiastic group is warm and welcoming to all! It's a great place to make new friends and catch up!

For the Silver & Gold May luncheon, expect a delicious and nutritious meal of chef's salad with 1/2 hard boiled egg, roast beef, cheese and cucumber; broccoli-cauliflower salad, marinated tomatoes, whole grain roll and chef's choice of dessert. A nutrition presentation by Nancy Ackerbauer RDN, a business meeting,

and Bingo will follow lunch.

Area Seniors interested in more information about the Club should contact Anne Lennebacker, President, at 607-547-9055. Those interested in attending the May 12th luncheon meeting must call the "Spa Ritz" Meal Site by May 10th at 518-284-2883 on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday between 10 AM and 2 PM.

Sharon Sr. Congregate Meal Site

Local residents are invited to enjoy socialization and a noon-time meal year round (except holidays) at the Schoharie County OFA's "Spa Ritz" Sr. Congregate Meal Site at the Firehouse at 137 Beechwood Rd. M-W-F. Lemon-baked fish, meatloaf with gravy and chicken & biscuits

are some of the entree features for the month of May. All orders for meals must be called into the OFA office at 518-295-2001 before 2 p.m. for the following day. A suggested donation of \$4 is accepted from those 60 years old and older. Under age 60? You're welcome to participate for a fee of \$5.



Recent meal served to participants at OFA's "Spa Ritz" congregational meal site

Free Trees and Education in Sharon



By Alexis Pencar
SHARON SPRINGS — The Village of Sharon Springs celebrated Arbor Day this past weekend with a Native Tree Giveaway and educational event!

This Celebration was this past Saturday, April 29th, and Sunday, April 30th from 12 noon until 2:00 pm both days at the Sharon Springs Community Building located at 129 Main Street.

Trustee Joyce Slater started the event off by reading out loud the Tree Proclamation signed by Mayor Doug Plummer.

Volunteers for the Native Tree Giveaway had to brave the wet and cold but were more than happy to educate their neighbors about native trees and shrubs in

the Sharon Springs community.

With the free Sand Cherry and Virginia Rose, residents also got information about their new trees and even a special bookmark.

Along with the tree giveaway, local Arborist, and longtime Village resident Elliot Adams was on the scene to answer questions and provide tree care instructions too!

Kids got to do a fun craft indoors creating a special tree with their name on it, decorating it while learning more about trees, flowers, berries, and more. Participating children also got to take home their special tree, a garden critter toy, and of course some bubbles!

Weather aside, it was a

pleasant weekend of meeting new neighbors and catching up with the community! According to one volunteer, "This event made it clear that the Sharon Springs community is thinking forward to the future."

Big "Thanks" to Trustee Joyce Slater for leading the charge in establishing and running the Tree Board for the Village of Sharon Springs.

The Village of Sharon Springs is working towards becoming one of 3,652 other communities that have satisfied the requirements to be called a Tree City. This program is responsible for nearly 1 million trees planted since 1976!

The Tree City USA program, through the Arbor Day Foundation, provides communities with a framework to maintain and grow their tree cover. It also gives them an avenue to celebrate their work, showing residents, visitors, and the entire country that they're committed to the mission of environmental change.

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Maple Fest Draws A Crowd



Above left: Keeping warm in his uniform made of wool, and turning butter. Members of the Old Stone Fort Schoharie, including Dan Beams (seated) attended the Festival.

Above: Nicky Dean shows his creations in metal. He can be found on Facebook. Photos by Bob Duso.

Left: Dad to the rescue, giving up his jacket for his little one. Temps were just on the edge of being nice.

Below: Kicking back and relaxing to the music. Nice day to be at the Maple Festival at the Cobleskill Fairgrounds this past weekend.

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