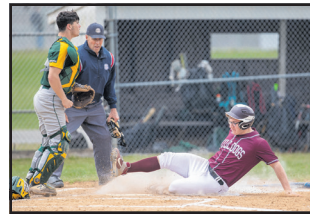
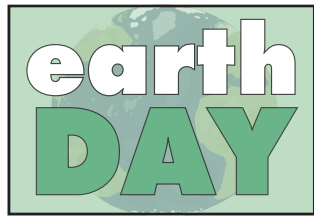


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Politicking Prohibited At Bovina Bicentennial

By Jesse Hilson

BOVINA - Bovina Historian Ray LaFever updated Bovina Councilmembers on the bicentennial celebration slated for July 30 and 31, at a regularly scheduled meeting on April 12.

The subject of whether to allow political candidates to use the event as a campaign stop was discussed. Supervisor Tina Molé said that she knew this year would be a campaign year for state and federal elections and political candidates may want to take advantage of the celebration as part of their campaigns. LaFever said he wanted to get councilmembers' opinions on the issue, so there would be a unified position if campaigns contact the town.

Molé said she heard from organizers of the Meredith Dairy Fest on the same subject. Councilmember Marni Greenberg said the policy used at Bovina Farm Day, another celebration in town, was that politicians could come and mingle with the crowd but that no tables or literature distribution is permitted. LaFever said that

at past celebrations, elected officials from outside Bovina had sometimes given proclamations or resolutions congratulating the town on the event. He said that he had a tentative response from Congressional Representative Antonio Delgado, but nothing definitive, and that he was not planning to inform any other politicians about the event.

After discussion, councilmembers agreed that political candidates would be welcome to attend the event but that they are not allowed to set up tables, make speeches, or have floats in the parade planned for the event.

LaFever reported there was a lot of interest in a parade, particularly in having floats. The parade committee comprised of Molly Brennan, Bovina Fire Chief Kevin Brown, and Councilmember Donna Dickson-Noonan, created a parade-participant form which can be obtained from LaFever.

Parade float registration will help ensure that floats and participants are family-friendly and appropriate. LaFever said that he and Brown have sponsored **Politicking Prohibited** page 2

Snow Day



Benjamin Patton/The Reporter

Tuesday's snow storm left Delaware County covered in a blanket of snow. Pictured is a barn at the intersection of Bennett Hollow and Snake Hill Roads in Franklin.

Delaware County Opposes State Climate Action Plan

Countywide Ambulance Service Vote Delayed

By Mary A. Crisafulli

DELAWARE COUNTY - Delaware County Supervisors opposed New York Climate Action Council's Draft Scoping Plan at their regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, April 13.

The climate council was formed in 2019 under New York State Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act to develop a scoping plan to achieve New York's clean energy and climate goals. The draft plan was released in January for a public comment period to end on Dec. 31.

According to Delaware County's opposing resolution, the goals of the scoping plan could disproportionately impact communities and economies. Plans for renewable energy production do not take into account food production, the resolution states. The state's clean energy and climate rec-

ommendation to prohibit gas or oil equipment in new construction by 2024 will be costly to residents and businesses,

ed in decision making during review and implementation of the scoping plan. Supervisors would also like to see property owners incentivized to protect farmland.

A second resolution was passed by supervisors authorizing the submissions of comments and a "white paper," authored by Attorney Kevin Young, special counsel to Delaware County, regarding the draft scoping plan. In summary, the resolution reads, supervisors support the Climate Act initiative, but ask it be accomplished through consumer incentives as opposed to forced legislation.

Young explained problems with the current draft plan, stating biomass is no longer considered a renewable energy source in New York, leaving wind and solar as the only viable options. Studies conducted

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"It empowers attorneys, empowers the wealthy, empowers the wealthy municipalities, at the expense of the rest of us."

SPECIAL COUNSEL TO DELAWARE COUNTY, KEVIN YOUNG

the resolution continues.

Supervisors want the climate council to expand the time frame for its shift from natural gas to renewable energy. They also want local officials includ-

Housing Shortage In Stamford?

Surge in Short-term Rentals Highlights Lax Regs

By Duane Martin

STAMFORD - Stamford Councilmembers met on Wednesday, April 13 with a presentation by Brooke White, sales manager from Don's Dairy Supply. White spoke about the growing lack of housing in the region due to a rise in Airbnb or short-term rentals, compounded by lack of regulation enforcement of those properties.

"We recently lost a good, reliable and highly skilled employee because she and her boyfriend could not find any place to rent after losing their last residence when the owner converted it to an Airbnb. The employee and her boyfriend made too much money for low-income housing or housing assistance and could not afford to buy a home, so they left the area," White said. "Half of our employees rent, and the ability

for any business to attract and keep help is in jeopardy."

White said that though she does not like regulations, the lack of housing is affecting the local community, and that something needs to be done. She said other communities across this part of the state have adopted a variety of regulations for short-term rentals. Jefferson, for example, requires Airbnb to pay an annual fee of \$250, provide proof of insurance, requires yearly inspections, and must have a property manager within 30-miles of town. The towns of Gardiner and New Paltz have capped the number of Airbnbs at 100 in each town. Redhook limited how long a guest can stay at a short-term rental and where the rentals can be located. Woodstock requires Airbnb owners to live on-site and recently placed a moratorium on additional short-term rentals. White asked how many short-term rentals were located in Stamford and how they were inspected.

Supervisor John Kosier said the town has requested that answer from the Delaware County Economic Development Department, which oversees the county's tourism program. Economic Development Director Glenn Nealis, who was at the meeting, stated there are 940 short-term rentals in the county, according to Granicus, a company hired by the county. Kosier said one-third of the short-terms

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DEP Violated MOA, Supervisors Say

By Mary A. Crisafulli

DELAWARE COUNTY - Delaware County Supervisors declared the New York City Department of Environmental Protection to be in violation of its 1997 Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), which created a cooperative partnership to develop and implement a watershed protection program to protect New York City water quality while sustaining and enhancing the economic vitality of watershed communities, including Delaware County, at its April 13 meeting.

The violation is related to a recent arbitrary reduction in

the amount of septage DEP will accept at its municipally-funded sewer plants.

DEP agreed to accept septic waste for disposal at wastewater treatment plants west of the Hudson River at no charge as part of its Septic Rehabilitation and Replacement Program, detailed in the MOA.

DEP's water supply permit is contingent on the agreement. The permit is issued by the New York Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC).

Watershed Affairs Coordinator Nick Carbone reported that in 2016, DEP agreed to take 71,000 gallons of septage

at its funded sewer plants per week. DEP told septage haulers in February that it will only accept 26,000 gallons per week due to staffing shortages, said Carbone. Haulers are now trucking septage to Albany.

"It is at a cost of between \$800 and \$1,000 to truck that material," he said. "Your average homeowner will no longer be able to afford that service," presuming waste haulers will pass on the additional expense to customers.

Approximately 6,000 homeowners are participating in the septic program and another 26,000 homeowners will potentially

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BY THE NUMBERS

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WALTON

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Those shopping at Elijah's Closet, corner of Mead and North streets, Walton on April 22 and 23, will be donating to a fundraiser to benefit Michelle and Christina Ritter, Walton sisters whose mother recently lost her short battle with leukemia. Michelle, 19, is a college student but has taken the semester off to support her sister and make arrangements for them. Christina, 17, is a high school senior. Elijah's Closet is open 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Proceeds from all sales will be donated.

There will be a benefit spaghetti dinner and basket raffle April 23 from 3-7 p.m. at New Hope Community Church, 45 Stockton Ave. The dinner and raffle will benefit Rich and Vicky Seaman of Trout Creek who are both undergoing treatments for cancer.

There will be a breakfast, basket raffle and baked goods fundraiser for the Class of 2023 at TA's Place, Saturday, April 30 from 8 a.m. - noon. Donations of raffle items should be dropped off at TA's Place by Thursday, April 28. Baked good donations can be dropped off Saturday, April 30 by 8 a.m. Donations appreciated.

There will be a benefit spaghetti dinner for Buzzy Boice Saturday, April 30 at the Castle on the Delaware, Stockton Avenue. Corn hole, foosball, darts and pool tournament, raffle/Chinese auction and more. Donations are greatly appreciated for the raffle. The event will run from noon to 5 p.m. Proceeds will help Buzzy and Deb with expenses for travel to doctors and hospitals. To donate to the family or to donate a raffle item, call Deb at 607-353-2583 or Jared at 607-644-6414.

There will also be a craft/vendor fair fundraising event at the Castle on May 14 from 9-5 to benefit the Conklin family who lost everything in a fire. There will be a basket raffle, 50/50 and Chet the Clown. Contact Allison Copeland to donate a basket for the raffle.

First United Methodist Church, 101 North Street, will sponsor a Mother's Day Dessert fundraiser May 7. Homemade apple, blueberry, cherry, and raspberry pies; one dozen

decorated sugar cookies, four cream puffs, four chocolate cupcakes with white frosting, or four white cupcakes with strawberry frosting. All items: \$15 each. To place an order contact them no later than April 30. Leave your name/number and selection with Kathy at 607-865-6776 or email fumcwalton@gmail.com. Twenty percent of the proceeds will be donated to the Delaware Co Big Buddy Program. Pick up May 7 only, between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. in the church dining room. Canned goods for the Walton Food Bank will be gratefully accepted.

The William B Ogden Library offers a NYS Defensive Drivers Course Tuesdays, May 24 and 31, from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.. Cornell Cooperative's Linda Karpovich, certified instructor, will present the six-hour defensive driving course on the lower level of the library over the two separate days - three hours in each session. Upon completion, participants will receive certificates to submit to their insurance companies for a 10% savings off their basic liability and collision insurance for three years. The total cost to participate is \$35. Space is limited to ten. Stop by the library with payment to secure your spot

The New Hope Community Church will present "The Chosen" at the Walton Theatre Tuesdays, April 26, May 3, 10 and 17 - showing two episodes per week. Admission is free but the concession stand will be open. The movie starts at 7 p.m. Enjoy free "soup it up" dinner at the New Hope Church at 5 p.m. each Tuesday.

Hamden Senior Citizens will meet for the first time since the pandemic Wednesday, April 27 at noon at the Hamden Town Hall. Those coming should bring a dish to pass and their table service. Following the meal and time to visit, Rosemarie Tiesler will play the accordion and lead a sing-along. Those willing to help set up should be there at 11:30. Everyone from the surrounding areas or visitors to this area are welcome to join the group for a good meal and visits with

old and new friends.

American Legion Auxiliary and the Sons of the American Legion will gather at Veterans Plaza on April 23 at 12:30 p.m. to participate in Walk-A-Thon NYS. Titled "They Marched for Us, Let's Walk for Them," the proceeds will benefit NYS VA Medical Centers Healthcare for Homeless Veterans Program, and the NYS America's VetDogs Program. You can walk, or donate on the day, or mail a check to payable to The Detachment of NY, with "Walton Walk A-Thon" on the tag line, 1304 Park Blvd, Troy, NY 12180.

Earth Day is Friday, April 22 and the YMCA Jumpstart program is teaching their friends about recycling and reusing. The classroom will participate in the Great Crayon Project. Students will collect donated broken crayons through April 20. To donate broken/old crayons there is a collection box in the Jumpstart classroom at the Townsend School. On Earth day, the crayons will be donated to The Great Crayon Project and our friends will be able to bring home a "new" recycled crayon in a fun shape. This is a great opportunity to teach our children about recycling and taking care of our planet. Thank you in advance for your donations.

Music on the Delaware will host Take 3 in concert at the Walton Theatre on Saturday, April 30 at 7:30 p.m. Purchase tickets on the Music on the Delaware website for this in-person and livestreamed concert at www.musiconthedelaware.org.

Learn to paint cute gnomes with Country Artworks by Diane Negrin at the Trout Creek Schoolhouse. Come and enjoy the company and paint a 10x11 stone slate tile with your choice of gnome character. Contact Tammy Wagner by May 13 with payment and your choice of Happy Camper or the Welcome slate. The fundraiser will benefit the Trout Creek Community Committee: cost is \$40 per project.

The Southern Tier Chapter of the Nam Knights Motorcycle Club will cook breakfast for you on May 15 at the White Birch Airport, 333 Airport Road, Hancock; \$8 for adults, \$4 for children under 12, free to pilots who fly in. Serving from 8 a.m.-12 noon.

The Walton Chamber of Commerce will host a "fundraiser" pet portrait event May 21 - have a picture taken of your pet or pets. One family at a time will be allowed in the Booster Club football building at Austin Lincoln in the building from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Pets must be leashed or caged at the park.

The Walton Lions Club will sell spring flowers and baskets at Vet's Plaza Memorial Day weekend, May 27-28-29. The Walton Chamber will hold a Marketplace event on Saturday, May 28. Vendors - email Tara@waltonchamber.com for a spot, and to make it more festive for the holiday weekend, there will be free children's games with prizes, and a DJ. Walk, bike (motor or pedal), or even float down to the plaza that day to kickoff summer.

That evening, come back for 110 Whitehall Street - they will play in the pavilion at 6 p.m. Bring lawn chairs and dancing shoes; Boice's barbecued chicken will be offered for sale from 11 a.m. until sold out.

We hadn't used many snow days this school year, but it sounds like one might be coming our way. I would rather go to work than have 8-10 inches of snow now. Hopefully they're wrong, but we will know by the time you are reading this.

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ken about enlisting the Delaware County Sheriff's Office to handle traffic control for the parade, which would start at Lake Jillienne and travel to Creamery Road to the flat owned by Roger McIntosh. He added that the town needs to provide proof of insurance for the use of McIntosh's flat.

LaFever has contacted a bagpipe band from Albany to march in the parade. A tent will be rented and local vendors will promote and sell products. But, LaFever said, they were trying to limit vendors to businesses and individuals from Bovina. Food vendors may be from outside Bovina. A musical program, including local band College Farm, will be scheduled for the late afternoon and ending by 6:30 p.m., so there will be no need for lighting. A vintage baseball game with the Bovina Dairymen will take place at Creamery Field. Artwork reflecting historical "missing buildings" from Bovina's past, including two churches and a hotel, will be set up the day before the celebration.

Parking in Bovina will be an issue, LaFever said, since Brennan does not want vehicles parked on McIntosh's flat. The Bovina United Presbyterian Church has offered its parking lot for the event.

The bicentennial was originally scheduled to take place in the summer of 2020, but was postponed due to the pandemic. "It's got to happen this year because my sanity can't handle putting it off again," LaFever joked.

Also discussed at the April 12 meeting was the decision which had come down from the Delaware County Supreme Court upholding the town clerk's rejection of a petition asking for a permissive referendum on allowing cannabis sales in Bovina. The town passed a local law opting out of cannabis sales in fall of 2021 and a group of Bovina residents circulated a petition to challenge the opt-out by holding a referendum vote. The petition was denied because it failed to state the signors were residents of Bovina. The petitioners challenged the town clerk's decision in Delaware County Supreme Court and were denied. Bovina Attorney Allyson Phillips attended the meeting virtually and explained the ruling. She added that according to the New York state cannabis law, the town board is not empowered to hold a special election on the matter beyond the scope that would have been allowed had the referendum occurred. In previous discussions, the town floated the idea of holding an informal survey of the town on the subject of cannabis sales and consumption, to provide information to the town council as to how

to proceed. Molé said she researched the issue of a survey found that it would cost the town \$5,000; money the town's budget does not have. As a result of the Supreme Court ruling, Bovina's opt-out stands. Bovina resident Hannah Leighton, who was a petitioner in the referendum, said the opt-out and the lack of ability for a survey was "discouraging" and "an unfortunate situation."

In other business:

- Highway Superintendent Ed Weber was authorized to purchase a telehandler for \$104,000 from Eklund Farm Machinery in Stamford. Weber said the equipment is needed for loading and to more conveniently trim brush and trees branches from the sides of roads. Weber said that due to rollover funds, Bovina has more than \$440,000 in CHIPS (Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program) funding, and that the telehandler payment will come out of that. Councilmembers Evelyn Stewart-Barnhart and Dominic Gullow opposed the motion.

- Bids were opened for lawn mowing contracts. Ed Rossley won the contract for \$10,650.

- The decision to open the Bovina Community Hall to the public will be tabled for another month pending further discussion and observation of COVID numbers. Councilmembers discussed the difficulty of establishing an appropriate policy for the community to use community hall once it is opened, since Town Clerk Cathie Hewitt said that some community members have abused the privilege and there should be a fixed policy for scheduling use of the town hall, which includes 24 hour advance notice.

- A ballot for candidates to the Coalition of Watershed Towns (CWT) was presented by Molé to the rest of the town board, including the names of Wayland "Bud" Gladstone, Andes supervisor; Christine Viafore, Delhi councilmember; and Will Outsen, Meredith Councilmember. Shayne Moshier, Andes Councilmember was nominated as an alternate. The ballot was approved.

- April bills were approved for Bovina, including: \$31,390.98 for general bills, \$118.12 for lighting, \$2,932.43 for water, \$21,618.09 for septic, and \$21,501.21 for highway.

- Molé said there is a likelihood that New York Governor Kathy Hochul will announce that town council members can no longer cast votes by attending meetings virtually, so the next Bovina Town Council meeting will happen in person. That meeting will take place on May 10 at 6 p.m. at the Bovina Community Hall.

Hobart Cannabis Cultivation License Issued

HOBART - Fifty-two conditional marijuana cultivation licenses were granted to New York hemp businesses on April 14, including one located in Hobart to Michael D. Warholic Jr., doing business as Township Valley Farm.


The approved licenses are from a pool of more than 150 that submitted to the Office of Cannabis Management (OCM) following the March 15 opening of the online ap-

plication portal. The OCM will continue to review applications on a rolling basis and will work to get them to the board for approval as quickly as possible. A list of the approved licenses can be viewed at cannabis.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2022/04/cdb-conditional-cultivator-resolution-4.14-amended-v2.pdf.

The licenses are the first adult-use cannabis licenses granted in New York and advance the Seeding Opportunity Initiative, one of the first steps toward ensuring an adequate supply of cannabis when the state's adult-use market launches later this year.

The Cannabis Control Board (CCB) also approved revised regulations to allow medical marijuana patients to grow their own plants for personal use following a public comment period on initial rules that were proposed last year.

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Lactalis Faulted for Walton Sewer Plant Violations

Sewer, Water Rates Increased

By Elizabeth DeFalco

WALTON - Walton Trustees met April 4 and announced Trustees Steve Sehen and Richard "Dick" Doig were reelected, unopposed in March's election and will serve two year terms. Dr. Michael Freeman was appointed as the village health officer.

Wastewater Treatment Plant operator Jason Craig reported turbidity from the plant as a concern during March. Lactalis, the company that purchased Walton's Kraft Heinz Company, has increased production which led to the plant being cited for two violations. The first violation was for exceeding the village turbidity limits on March 16 and March 19.

Craig explained the wastewater appeared white and milky, and assessed it to be dairy by-product. Craig said the Lactalis plant is consistent in reporting spills or leaks, so he is unsure what is causing the increased turbidity.

Craig is concerned, he said, that people who want to build larger structures in Walton may be turned away by the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) due to ongoing issues with Lactalis, and reminded trustees that if the village is fined for violations involving turbidity, district users will be assessed the fine. The village violated turbidity limits by 10,692 minutes over the permit. The allowed time over turbidity the limit is 2,160 minutes. Craig reported multiple emails have been sent to Lactalis, but little communication in response has been received.

In other business, Gail McNeen was issued a conditional use permit to convert a single family home at 15 Platt Street into a three family/unit, following no comment or objection at a public hearing, immediately preceding the meeting.

"There are a lot of apartment owners in the village. Many of them are absentee owners which I would be probably in objection to. Yours are one of the cleanest, most kept-up

places. I see you out there every morning working. I wish everyone followed the same ways you take care of your properties," Mayor Ed Snow said to McNeen.

"You make the village a much better place. Thank you," Doig added.

Following an unattended public hearing to increase water and sewer rates, the capital charge for water was increased \$1 to \$48 per quarter and the sewer capital charge was increased to \$16 per quarter. The rates are kept as low as possible, Snow said, to reduce financial stress on district users. Trustee Eric Ball called the increase, "A very moderate raise to keep our water running."

Village resident Wade Hulse told trustees he "felt very disrespected" by them following a letter he received from the village in response to a request he made for a street light to be placed near his driveway at 47 Shepard Street.

Hulse said his request was declined in the letter, which was signed by a trustee. The decision, he said, was predetermined. Snow responded that trustees discussed his request at a budget hearing, and the majority of the board was opposed to the request. Hulse felt the discussion and vote should have taken place at the April 4 meeting.

"I'm going to let them (the public) know maybe they should reconsider who they elect and vote for, so think about that before you say yes or no, because I'm going to let the residents I've made friends with know." Trustees voted publicly against installing a new street light.

Other business:

- The village was awarded a \$30,000 matching grant by New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation (NYSEFC) to conduct an Infiltration and Inflow (I & I) study. The village will initially receive \$15,000 from the grant and must pay for the remaining costs up front. Once the project is completed, NYSEFC will reimburse the remaining \$15,000. Delaware Engineering will begin

the study in May. The wastewater treatment plant requires equipment repairs. Delaware Engineering's Bill Brown recommended the village advertise for bids for a service agreement for the equipment. Walton received an agreement to provide \$200,000 grant from Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY) to replace the highway garage building. Tweedie Construction of Walton was awarded the building contract. DPW staff will demolish the old garage in the spring, and Tweedie Construction will build the new garage over the summer. It is anticipated the new garage will be completed and in use this winter.

- The village is seeking for lifeguards for the Walton Pool for the summer swimming season. Lifeguards must be over the age of 15. Water safety instructors must be 16 years or older. The pool will tentatively open in June.

- Trustees authorized the purchase of five new police radios, at a cost of \$5,000 each. Police Chief Joe D'Addezio said his officers are unable to reach Delaware County Sheriff's Department in Delhi on the current radios.

- The sale of the former Walton Bowling Alley at 10 Bridge Street is underway. It is anticipated the site will be converted into a community center. Snow reported the contract between the village and new owner has been signed, but there has been difficulty in completing a survey.

The new owner said if he is unable to have the property surveyed by April 15, he will proceed with the closing without the survey. The former Tom's Tire Barn building at 2 Liberty Street will soon house a franchise, Snow reported. The new owners closed on the property earlier this month.

- At the request of the Walton Lion's Club, trustees will apply for a permit to hold a parade on Memorial Day.

The next regularly scheduled Walton Trustee meeting will be held on May 2 at 6 p.m.

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rentals are not registered with the county. Nealis said short-term rentals are supposed to be inspected by town code enforcement officers. Part of the problem, Nealis said, was unregistered short-term rentals, that are not known to code enforcement officers. Those unregistered short-term rental are not inspected safety and they fail to pay occupancy tax, which funds the county's tourism efforts, Nealis said.

White asked how short-term rentals are taxed and why Delaware County's occupancy tax is 2% compared to neighboring Otsego County which is 6%. Nealis explained that Otsego County created and set their occupancy tax before state regulations went into effect which require occupancy tax revenue to be used solely for tourism promotion. Otsego County uses their tax dollars to fund their county government operations, Nealis said. Delaware County instituted its occupancy tax after state regulations went into effect and the revenue was earmarked for tourism promotion. Kosier said few of the Economic Development Committee members support raising the occupancy tax.

The discussion shifted to whether a short-term rental should be assessed and taxed as residence or a commercial property. Nealis also pointed out a number of short-term rentals have been purchased by non-Delaware County residents.

"Something needs to be done to help the local residents," White said. Councilmembers said regulations will be drafted.

A resolution to allow the town to apply for and be a pass-through agency for a \$100,000 state Community Block Grant for improvements to the Hidden Inn was approved. The grant will be used to purchase equipment and dining room furniture and to complete remodeling.

In other business:

- The highway department reports it has hauled stone for summer work, grader patch, on Roses Brook and Red Rock Roads; swept roads and cut brush in March.

- Kosier reported that Utica Mack notified the town the down payment for a new truck has locked in the price. The lock-in, Kosier said, netted a savings of \$7,500 on the chassis alone.

- Stamford voted for Andes Supervisor Wayland "Bud" Gladstone, Walton Mayor Ed Snow and Fleischmanns Mayor Winfred Zubin as Delaware County representatives on the Coalition of Watershed Towns. Councilmember Brent Tremble was nominated as an alternate representative.

- John Lampert was appointed to the Board of Assessment Review.

- Tremble reported that New York City Department of Environmental Protection will cut the amount septage it will allow to be discharged at municipal sewer plants. Kosier said Delaware County is threatening legal action against New York City if it continues with the decreased volume.

The next meeting of the Stamford Council will be May 11 at 6 p.m.

Delhi Failed To Accurately Maintain Records, Comptroller Says

The New York State Comptroller determined that the town of Delhi did not accurately maintain employee leave records, in a report issued earlier this month.

The report found that town officials overstated accrued leave balances for former Highway Superintendent Brian Rosenthal.

Rosenthal, 63, was arrested on Sept. 10, 2020 by the New York State Police, and charged with third-degree grand larceny, accused of "failing to charge himself 201 hours of leave, valued at \$4,434.60," according to a felony complaint, filed in Delhi Town Court.

Rosenthal allegedly misstated accruals from 2015 to 2019 for a total of 272 hours, which was revealed during a routine audit and subsequent investigation by the comptroller's office.

Leave time was not properly recorded, the report states. Of the time, 89 hours should have been used for lost time due to an on-the-job injury. That resulted in an overpayment of his health and dental premiums in the amount of \$6,411, the comptroller's report stated.

There were six other employees who had overstated accruals, valued at \$2,094, the report continues.

Adequate procedures were

not in place to ensure records are inaccurately maintained, the comptroller found.

To rectify the issues, the comptroller's office recommended that an independent person maintain the leave records and properly calculate and deducts time from employee balances in accordance with the union contract; ensure errors in leave records identified in the report are corrected and work with the highway superintendent to adopt written procedures outlining how employee leave records should be maintained and monitored by someone independent of the record-keeping process, and to seek reimbursement for overpayments received by Rosenthal.

Delhi Supervisor Mark Tuthill disputed the findings in a written response attached to the audit.

The comptroller's key findings were "confusing" to Tuthill, he said in his response, because at various times during the audit, the town was given numbers that ranged from \$4,400 to over \$13,000 as the valuation for misreported time accruals.

Tuthill further states that the town and the town's attorney were both denied copies of documents, worksheets or other calculations which com-

prise the amounts claimed by the comptroller's office. Additionally, Tuthill states in his response, neither he or the town has the authority to compel the highway superintendent, as an elected official, to take specific action. The town, Tuthill said, has no control over the highway department's time cards, computer programs or calculations regarding leave time.

At the conclusion of the audit, Tuthill said, "Your investigator simply lied to me regarding facts related to the investigation." Tuthill stated that he completely disagrees with the way in which the audit was handled and that it appeared that the audit was driven by a predetermined outcome rather than facts.

Highway Superintendent Daren Evans also responded in writing to the comptroller's findings providing a corrective action plan which includes requiring employees to complete a daily breakdown of time earned and used in conjunction with their time cards. Employees must also now sign a time sheet certifying the data entered, he said. The bookkeeper also now provides each employee with a report indicating time used and accrued, with each paycheck.

The audit covered Jan. 1, 2018 through Dec. 31, 2019.

Walton Easter Sunrise Service



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On Sunday, April 17 Walton residents attended a 6:30 a.m. Easter sunrise service at More Park, sponsored by the Walton Ministerial Churches.

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tially participate, he explained. A resolution passed by supervisors asks DEP to increase the volume of septage accepted into wastewater treatment plants to the historical average of 44,000 gallons per week. The adjustment will be pending formal adoption of a long-term plan, the resolution states.

After the meeting, Planning Department Director Shelly Johnson-Bennett said the county was alerted of the changes by septage haulers.

"DEP is currently reevaluating proposed changes to the

amount of septage it can accept at our wastewater plants to ensure we fulfill our watershed commitments and work towards the best overall protection of source water quality," said DEP representative Edward Timbers. According to Timbers, DEP announced its plans to reduce the amount of septage it could accept due to sludge - a byproduct of the treatment process - handling challenges and ongoing projects focused on reducing greenhouse gas emissions to fight climate change.

Delhi Business Scavenger Hunt Planned

Italian Restaurant To Open, Harvest Fest, Bridge Run Dates Announced

By Mary A. Crisafulli

DELHI - The Greater Delhi Chamber of Commerce is planning a business passport scavenger hunt for June 11.

At the April 12 meeting, chamber members discussed plans, inspired by a Stamford Business Alliance event. Customers/shoppers will obtain a "passport" or sheet of paper listing participating businesses. When a customer/shopper gets signatures from each shop, their name will be placed in a raffle drawing to win a basket filled with local products, said President Hope Knapp. "The idea is to bring people to town when nothing is going on."

Knapp will solicit participating retailers with storefronts to allow farmer's market or home-based businesses to have a pop-up shop in their store front the day of the event.

Chamber members discussed whether a purchase is required to obtain a shopkeeper's signature. "Any person who steps foot in my business, that's exposure," said Knapp. Chamber members agreed the requirement to purchase an item or product could discourage participation. Instead, shops will be encouraged to do something extra or different on the day of the event, said Vice-President Christina Viafore.

Delhi Mayor Sridhar Samudrala suggested a one-day coupon issued by a retailer be attached to the passport. He suggested the coupon be paid for by the chamber. The number of customers/shoppers is hoped to exceed participant



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DEP Reverses Septage Limits

Coalition of Watershed Towns Elects Directors,

SAP Talks Continue

By Lillian Browne

ARKVILLE - At its regularly monthly meeting held on April 18, Coalition of Watershed Towns Chairperson (CWT) Ric Coombe announced that following pressure from Delaware County, the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (NYC DEC) reversed its February decision to decrease sludge hauling from 71,000 gallons per day to 26,000 gallons per week, and restore levels to previous limits.

"It appears that there was an oversight in the process. In the watershed supply agreement, when they were reevaluating septage usage and climate change, they focused entirely on the MOA (memorandum of agreement) and did not pay appropriate attention to the side agreement," Coombe said.

Coombe characterized NYC's sludge-limit decision as an oversight. "They conducted a study based on incomplete information," he said. The original MOA stated that NYC was solely responsible for Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) septage, Coome said. But in 2017, a side agreement extended the obligation watershed-wide. NYCDEP Deputy Commissioner Paul Rush acknowledged the misstep, saying he was embarrassed by the oversight, according to Coombe.

"I am interested to see what they are willing to put on paper as a commitment," CWC Executive Director Jason Merwin said.

Coombe anticipates written confirmation from NYC of the reversal by Wednesday, April 20. Coombe explained that NYC is "capacity constrained," according to a conversation he

had with Rush. "They no longer want to take sludge to landfills in an effort to reduce landfill use," Coombe said. "They want to dry and compost the waste."

As a precautionary measure, CWT Attorney Jeff Baker was authorized to file a complaint, or make a referral to Partnership Counsel as outlined in the MOA for disputes, consistent with Delaware County's resolution calling for a reversal of the decreased sludge limit. CWT will seek dispute resolution in the event of unsatisfactory action by NYC to restore the sludge limit, to be held in abeyance until a written commitment is received by CWT.

"I believe what Paul (Rush) said," Merwin said, "Hopefully we get the letter sooner rather than later." An emergency meeting is anticipated to be held on Friday, April 22 to evaluate the letter that is expected to be received on Wednesday, April 20.

In other business, NYC's land acquisition program and extension of its streamside acquisition program beyond the Schoharie basin was discussed. Baker reported he had encouraging discussions with NYC last week regarding flexibility in the proposal. "The hope is we can present a collective view to the state that has buy-in from communities," Baker said. "I'm encouraged by the city's attitude about this."

NYC needs permission to purchase property from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, Baker explained. When the MOA was last renegotiated, he said, NYC and CWT "were on the same page," and partnered against DEC (the state).

"The dynamics around the table have changed," Baker said. "This looks like it might

be another opportunity to do that."

The water supply permit expires in 2025, Baker said, and is in the process of being renewed.

The Coalition has taken a similar position to the National Academy of Sciences which conducted a study and determined that land acquisition has diminished returns and NYC should focus its efforts on streamside acquisition - purchasing narrow buffers along waterways to protect water quality, Baker said. The CWT tries to avoid "one-size-fits-all" scenarios for communities. Instead, he said, the goal of CWT is to create a framework to exercise Home Rule.

"What we hope to do is come up with program that provide incentives for communities that want to join the SAP program," Baker said. Discussions are also continuing regarding conservation easements. When NYC acquires an interest in watershed property it is required to give a conservation easement to the state, which is an independent watchdog over NYC to make sure it doesn't fail to steward the land, Baker said.

New directors from Delaware County were also elected, including Andes Supervisor Wayland "Bud" Gladstone, Walton Mayor Ed Snow, Fleischmanns Mayor Winifred Zubin; and alternates Andes Councilmember Shane Moshier, Delhi Councilmember Christina Viafore and Meredith Councilmember Will Outsen.

Officers were also slated for one year terms: Chairperson Ric Coombe, Vice Chairperson David Kukle, and Treasurer Wayland "Bud" Gladstone.

The next regularly scheduled CWT meeting will be held on Monday, May 16 at 6:15.

DelCo Chalkboard Bus Promotes Events

By Mary A. Crisafulli

DELAWARE COUNTY - Local artist Linda Lutz of Bloomville is driving The Black Pearl, a short school bus painted in chalk paint, to various fairs and events in Delaware County to encourage people to get creative and sketch pictures on the bus.

So far, the bus has been decorated with flowers and smiley faces, she said. A local artist, Lutz said, wants to create a mural on the side of The Black Pearl.

"I said you go, girl," Lutz responded to the artist. Lutz has also been promoting local craft fairs, farmers' markets, and other events on the bus while advertising where The Black Pearl will next appear.

The bus is perfect for Lutz's business, Huckleberry Cottage Creations, she said. A larger space was needed for unloading and reloading during each event, she explained. The five-passenger bus leaves enough room for her large Labrador retrievers to accompany her to events, "which was a plus," said Lutz.

The bus was painted in chalk paint by previous owner Sledge Wolf, an extreme metal band from the Hudson Valley. They would go on tour with the bus and decorate it in various ways, she explained. They were once in a Halloween parade where the bus was decorated in theme, said Lutz.

"As an artist, I enjoyed the chalk," said Lutz, "It's an event wherever I take it - even to the grocery store." It is also an opportunity to share art with everyone, she said.

The Black Pearl had to carry on with its capability to display art, "She's (the bus) going to continue to do this," said



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Local artist Linda Lutz stands by The Black Pearl, a short school bus painted in chalk paint.

Lutz. First, the bus needed a Facebook page if she is going to be out in the community, Lutz said. "It's gaining traction." Lutz is working on designing stickers for The Black Pearl. Stickers will be given in exchange for donations to keep the bus rolling, said Lutz.

Lutz administers the Facebook group "Crafters and Vendors of Delaware County NY." The group has helped reduce the number of scams craft and other vendors are subjected to and has helped provide advanced notice of events, Lutz

said. "Scams are happening a lot in Delaware County," she said, "It's also common to not know about an event until the last minute." Lutz hopes The Black Pearl will help with these issues as well by promoting vetted events.

The Black Pearl will make its next appearance at Stamford Market Vinyl Day on Saturday, April 23. Other events the bus will be at are This & That Saturday markets in Delhi, Bird Song Farmers Markets in Hamden, The Castle on the Delaware Craft Fairs in Walton, and more.

Sidney Shares Service, Averts Septic Failure

East Sidney Lake to Get Internet Service

By Sara Andros

SIDNEY - The Sidney town council met for its regular monthly meeting on April 14. Councilmember Frank Selleck called attention to the tremendous help received from the village of Sidney and the town highway department when the septic system backed up in the town hall last week. Nate Ouimet, the head of maintenance for the town, led the effort to deal with the issue. They discovered that roots had grown up through the clay pipes, so everything needed to be dug up and new pipes installed.

Selleck said in addition to providing equipment and sand, the village shared village employees to assist with all aspects of what turned out to be a large project. "It was a really good experience with shared services," said Selleck. Supervisor Eric Wilson said that the town appreciated the help received from the village. Councilmembers extended a special thanks to Ouimet for dealing with the mess during what was supposed to be his vacation week.

In his report from the Information Technology (IT) Committee, Councilmember Paul Muratore said that Delhi Telephone Company (DTC) evaluated East Sidney Lake Park and said they can provide internet service there. A line of sight connection with a bandwidth of 250M x250M, can be installed, he reported. Phase one would be done in the east side of the park. If successful, service will be extended to the rest of the park at a later date. The cost for the service is \$240 per month, which is slightly more than the town was paying for phone service at the site.

The service will be provided to campers free of charge for the first year and the town hopes to attract advertising from local businesses to help cover the cost. The board voted to approve the installation by DTC.

In other business:

- Highway Superintendent James Roberts said the bids for mowing were opened April 7 and Velten's Landscaping in Walton had the lowest bid. The bid of \$2,500 for the season was comparable to last year's bid. The playground and three town properties will be mowed weekly. Velten's bid was ap-



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East Sidney Lake.

proved. Roberts announced that the town of Sidney spring clean up is May 6 and 7 from 7 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Items must be brought to the highway garage on county Route 23. Metal, appliances, computers and TVs, tires with rims removed -limit of 20 tires per person - will be accepted. No wood, brush or trash accepted. Upon Roberts' request, the town will advertise for fuel bids to be opened at 10 a.m. on May 5 and results will be presented at May's monthly meeting. Roberts reported his department dealt with a snowstorm on March 12 and 13 and minor flooding on April 8 and 9. Cold patching and sweeping are ongoing. During the winter, the highway crew plowed/sanded/salted 65 times and used 2,852 yards of sand, slightly less than last year. They applied 385 yards of salt, about the same as in prior years.

- The board approved payment of general fund vouchers totaling \$50,570.80, highway fund vouchers totaling \$29,389.09 and CM Hospital fund vouchers totaling \$12,431.27.

- Town Clerk Sheila Paul submitted checks totaling \$1,076, representing revenue received by her office, for the month of March. Paul said the town will not collect taxes after May 2. After that date, unpaid property taxes must be paid at the county treasurer's office.

- Wilson said that there might be a new tenant coming to the hospital once the town receives approval from Bassett. Wilson said that with the cost of everything going up, having another tenant would be an asset.

- Ouimet said that he received four quotes for sidewalk installation at the hospi-

tal. Steve Clark submitted the lowest bid of \$19,200 to do all of the work on the sidewalks except blacktop. The board approved Clark's bid.

- Selleck reported East Sidney Lake Park will open April 29. Available positions have been filled with returning staff. A new "held harmless" form is required for people renting the pavilion. Wilson said a truck to haul sewage at the park was purchased for \$11,050.

- Wilson said that the board of supervisors postponed voting on a new ambulance service until their next meeting. Three options are being considered and supervisors wanted time to do research.

- Selleck proposed three changes to the procurement policy, which the board approved. For purchases up to \$2,000, the wording was changed from "purchase order" to "supporting documentation." Purchases between \$2,000 and \$5,000 require two different oral and written quotes and purchases from \$5,000 to \$19,000 require three oral and written quotes; where quotes are required, the bid goes to the lowest responsible bidder. The town can make purchases online following established guidelines for regular purchases. The board approved the changes to the procurement policy.

- Councilmember William Heath, the dog control officer liaison, said there has been an uptick in the number of animals in the shelter. Animals adopted during the pandemic are being surrendered which could account for the higher numbers, he said.

- The Sidney Justice Court asked that security cameras be installed in courtroom, which the board approved. Paul said there are problems with the lock system between the court and the offices. Attorney Joseph Ermeti said he would set up a meeting between the court and town officials to address the concerns.

The next regular town board meeting will be May 12 at 7 p.m.

Transportation to Employment

GetThere Provides Short & Long-Term Transportation Solutions for Staff



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Katie Blaine, representing the GetThere Program, was the featured speaker at an April 15 business networking event at the Hamden Inn. Blaine is pictured with Delaware County Chamber of Commerce President Ray Pucci.

HAMDEN - Katie Blaine, representing the GetThere Program, a program of the Rural Health Network of South Central New York, was the featured speaker at the Delaware County Chamber of Commerce monthly Business & Breakfast networking event at the Hamden Inn on April 15.

Blaine outlined various short and long-term transportation programs available to business owners, to help eliminate potential employment barriers.

Free, short-term transportation programs available to employees are fuel cards, a private paid taxi-type service and volunteer drivers. Volunteer drivers are reimbursed 58.5 cents per mile, making it more affordable than private paid transportation.

The short-term solutions allow the employee time to find a carpool or another sustainable type of transportation. "A lot of people can't afford transportation when they start a job," Blaine said. "We don't want them set up for failure."

Short-term solutions are capped at \$500 per person, per

year. The program is available in Delaware County.

The majority of Delaware County participants, Blaine said, are self-referred.

A longer term transportation program offered by GetThere is a van pool. GetThere has two 12 passenger vans, which use volunteer drivers and are funded collaboratively by GetThere, the employer or business and through a contribution by the employee/rider. The van pool is an option for businesses to provide low-cost transportation to and for employees, while helping to sustain and support the local economy, Chamber President Ray Pucci said.

The event, Blaine said, was the perfect venue to promote the availability of the program to employers.

For more information about the Delaware County Chamber of Commerce and upcoming programs and events visit delawarecounty.org. For more information about the GetThere Program call 607-692-7669 or visit gettherescny.org.

Court Dismisses Petition For Cannabis Sales in Bovina

Staff Report

BOVINA - Delaware County Acting Supreme Court Judge Brian Burns dismissed a petition seeking to uphold a permissive referendum to allow cannabis sales in Bovina, in a decision and order dated April 7.

Though Burns granted latitude to petitioners who were not represented by counsel, he determined that the petition

filed Nov. 25, 2021 did not contain the required affirmation citing the addresses listed were the petition signors' current place of residence.

"As such, the town clerk's rejection of the petition was lawful," the decision and order stated.

Bovina Town Clerk Cathie Hewitt, upon the advice of town attorney Allyson Philips, rejected the petition for permissive referendum.

Powered Down



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Tuesday's late-season snow storm brought down trees and utility lines causing 9,607 NYSEG-serviced homes and businesses in Delaware County to lose electricity. Here, a tree on Woolerton Street in Delhi has jeopardized utility lines.



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by New York Independent System Operator, which manages the energy grid, have found the Climate Act zero-emission electricity target of 2040 to be not feasible, said Young. "When they performed the model - what it would take to run the grid - they still needed 30,000 megawatts of capacity," he said. The megawattage corresponds to three million acres of wind turbines.

The Climate Act requires all future legislation to be in line with the climate initiatives, he said, and gave an example of infrastructure projects being shutdown due to the possibility of it increasing carbon emissions. "It empowers attorneys, empowers the wealthy, empowers the wealthy municipalities at the expense of the rest of us," Young said.

In rural areas, it is not viable to heat homes with electricity, or meet driving needs with electric cars, said Young. "What we are urging is not that they don't try. What we are urging is they don't mandate it," he said. If New York wants to meet the objectives, build charging



Mary A. Crisafulli/The Reporter
Special Counsel to Delaware County, Kevin Young.

substantially over the last five years and is reaching supply limits, according to Pick, "We are 10% less than max (electricity available on the grid.)" It will cost approximately \$1 million to upgrade the substation to meet residents' needs if operating on 100% electricity.

Charging stations for electric vehicles are also an issue. Twenty-five percent of homes don't have acceptable amperage to employ charging capabilities, said Pick. He estimates a \$10,000 - \$20,000 cost to upgrade wires. "All this is coming out of our pockets," Pick said. "We are not going to be able to live here (in rural areas)."

The draft plan is a power move by the state government for more control over municipalities, that could be detrimental to rural Delaware County, said Harpersfield Supervisor James Eisel. "The state is trying to move away from fossil fuel too fast and renewable energy is not able to pick up the slack." Eisel urged supervisors to promote a letter-writing campaign.

"The Governor is downplaying the impact," said Franklin Supervisor Jeffery Taggart. He discussed how costs for farmers will be unmanageable as electric bills have already gone up. Legislation on solar farms has left local municipalities without a voice on the scale or location of projects, he said. "Delaware County will become a ghost town." Without state grants and support, the objectives are not possible, said Taggart.

Solar does not create enough electricity needed to run farms efficiently, said Masonville Supervisor Betty L. Scott. "How can we put all our eggs in the solar basket?"

Taggart responded that wind energy would be a better option because farming could function in areas surrounding wind turbines.

Hamden Supervisor Wayne Marshfield had a different take on the issue. "Climate change, on the whole, is a big deal. Can New York change it by themselves? No. But certainly it is a

step in the right direction for our children and grandchildren." Marshfield acknowledged the needs of Delaware County are different than other parts of the state and that often larger communities prevail. "What's important to changing climate change is not in our 46,000 people, but the downstate 19,000,000 people and businesses," Marshfield said.

The climate council has representation of rural communities by the State Agriculture and Markets commissioner, Department of Transportation commissioner, Cornell University representatives, New York Power Authority representative, and more, he said.

What affects the county the most is the push to grow forests for carbon neutrality and strategic land use planning, said Marshfield. "Land use, forest growth won't occur in New York City," he said, "It is happening now and has been for 25 years, we are a part of the big plan. We need to sign the resolution to let the council and state know our concerns and encourage them to offer incentives," he added.



file photo
Hamden Supervisor Wayne Marshfield.

In other business, at the request of Hancock Supervisor Jerry Vernold a resolution to establish a contracted, county-wide ambulance service with AMR (American Medical Response) in the amount of \$1.9 million annually with a two-year contract, was tabled. Proposed ambulance service will include two basic life support vehicles and one advanced live support vehicle on a 24-hour-a-day, seven-days-a-week schedule. The weighted vote was 1,280 against holding the resolution until April 27 and 3,144 in favor. Those in favor of tabling the vote included Davenport Supervisor Dennis J. Valente, Delhi Supervisor Mark Tuthill, Taggart, Vernold, Scott, Meredith Supervisor James Ellis, Sidney Supervisor Eric Wilson, Stamford Supervisor John Kosier, Tompkins Supervisor William Layton, and Walton Supervisor Joe Cetta.

The next regularly scheduled Delaware County Board of Supervisors meeting will be held April 27 at 1 p.m.

Meredith Solar Law Adoption Postponed

American Rescue Funds Earmarked

By Mary A. Crisafulli

MEREDITH - A scheduled discussion on a draft solar law and PILOT (payment in lieu of taxes) agreement was postponed to May 17 to allow for additional information collection at the Tuesday, April 12 meeting of the Meredith Council.

An information session will take place Tuesday, May 17 at 7 p.m. at the East Meredith Fire Department, 6192 County Highway 10. A public hearing on the proposed law is scheduled for Tuesday, June 14 at 6 p.m. at the fire department.

Meredith resident Penny King thanked councilmembers for developing the law. She then asked if Stonewall Solar LLC - which is in the planning stage of a solar project in Meredith - has provided an explanation for how cutting down trees in the proposed area will help the environment. Councilmember John Janiszewski said Stonewall Solar Spokesperson Michael Doud addressed this concern at the board's Feb. 8 meeting. The explanation did not make sense to him, Janiszewski said. Doud said at the Feb. 8 meeting the carbon offset of solar panels outweighs the amount of tree removal needed for Stonewall's proposal.

The Meredith Planning Board has been collaborating with councilmembers on the law and will continue to do so, Chairperson Sue Dapkins said.

The town has not yet received official notification of the project from Stonewall, said Councilmember Wayne Oliver. When a proposal is received, he said, size and scope will be identified.

Stonewall Solar is considering an 800 - 1,000 acres commercial solar project, which including portions of land north of Meridale-Davenport Center Road and east of state Route 28.

"I have yet to find one (solar terrain that Stonewall is trying to," said Janiszewski, "I think they will be lucky if they can find a couple of hundred acres that they can put down on." Large flat open areas are where most solar panels are constructed and not in the mountains, he said. Oliver agreed, adding that he believed that is why Doud did not commit to

project size.

The project is not feasible, Janiszewski opined, and thought there is a good chance it will be withdrawn.

There are large meadows at peak elevation in the proposed project area, Ellis said, in disagreement. The area is feasible for solar construction. The project will be constructed in phases where open areas are employed first, then more difficult terrain will be employed, he explained.

Oliver asked if councilmembers could take a walking tour of the proposed project property. Ellis said he would seek permission from the property owner. County supervisors have had the opportunity to walk the parcel, Ellis said.

Megawatt regulations have been added to the proposed solar law. A special use permit is also being discussed, Oliver said.

Councilmembers said the public hearing regarding the law has nothing to do with the Stonewall project and that will be made clear in the advertisement.

In other discussion, councilmembers agreed to spend approximately \$80,000 of its American Rescue Plan Act funds to replace an Elk Creek Road culvert. The town was awarded \$144,000 in American Rescue funds. No official resolution was passed. A bid was accepted from LaFever Excavating Inc., Bovina, in the amount of \$24,600 to provide the labor for the project, which is expected to be completed by Sept. 30. Materials will cost \$55,000, according to Superintendent of Highways Jason Noble.

In other business:
• Resident Shirley Niebanck said the new Meredith Dairy Fest sign is almost completed. Festival leaflets have been printed and distributed.

• A bid from Double M for hauling gravel was accepted at \$25.80 per yard, delivered.

• The town clerk collected \$796 in revenue from fees, permits, copies and other sources, in March.

The next Meredith Town Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 17 at 7 p.m. at the East Meredith Fire Department, 6192 County Highway 10.

"Climate change, on the whole, is a big deal. Can New York change it by themselves? No, but certainly it is a step in the right direction for our children and grandchildren."
HAMDEN SUPERVISOR WAYNE MARSHFIELD

centers, pay for the expansion of the grid, and don't put these costs on the consumers, he added.

Young will draft a resolution for each of the 19 towns to pass separately. Young, with assistance from Planning Director Shelly Johnson-Bennett, drafted a letter for residents and supervisors to send independently to NYSERDA. Copies can be acquired from the clerk of the board's office, 111 Main Street, Delhi. Digital versions are also available by calling 607-832-5110.

Supervisors similarly heard from resident Edward "Rusty" Pick Jr., regarding additional concerns with the draft plan. By 2030, eight short years, gas and oil use will not be permitted for appliances or heat in New York or in cars by 2035, he said. Electricity demand in Delaware County has grown

Weather Words With Frank Ward

"There was a winter storm on Monday, but by the weekend it will be real warm. After last Thursday, April 14, it became quite humid out there. The wind picked up, believe it or not, 77 degrees was our high that day. But then it rained. Not a gigantic amount of rain - 16/100ths of an inch. But the big effect was when the rain got here, that 77 turned to 58 degrees in about a half an hour. That's quite a temperature

drop. Then the skies cleared. We had a very bright full moon. However, on Friday morning it got to 29 degrees. It got to 50 by early afternoon with a lot of sunshine with a high of 62. Then the wind started and changed directions, and believe it or not, Saturday, right before Easter - it was 50 and then it started to rain.

The rain, unfortunately, was mixed with snow and Easter morning I expected to get up



File Photo
Walton Weather Observer Frank Ward

and see that it was white out there. Fortunately, it wasn't, but it was 28 degrees and we got another 37/100ths of an inch of precipitation. At 11 a.m. on Easter morning, we started having little squall snowstorms. Between each one, the sun came out, but during the time it came down, it came down pretty heavily, and it stuck - but then it melted. It

started all over again and sort of did that all afternoon.

On Monday it was 22 degrees. The bad part about all of that was what started Monday night into Tuesday morning. We went from a watch to a warning almost instantly on Tuesday between 4 - 5 a.m. It was a terrible elevation storm. The higher up you go, the more snow you got. The highest elevations could get a foot. Where I am, I could get 10 inches of snow. Down in the valleys, it'll be less.

The mess continued into Tuesday morning, April 19. I want to remind everybody that for the entire snow season, the most snow we got at once was 9.6 inches. If we get more than that, it's upsetting to say that the heaviest snow of the entire winter wasn't during the winter, it was during the third week of April. I'm tired of looking at it. There's so many things to do outside, but you can't do them when it's 22 degrees and you can't do them when it's snowing like crazy. But here's the good part - by Wednesday, we're going to be back in the 50s. When

Sunday gets here we could actually hit 70 again and we are going to be looking at upper 50s and maybe into the mid 60s, during the end of the week.

I hope this ends the snow season. I'm tired of the white stuff but I went out to the barn Monday and brought my snow shovel out. Lots of towns have taken their snow plows off. People have taken off their snow tires. It's a very heavy, wet snow. It knocked down branches and took out power. Believe it or not, we are also almost an inch over where we are supposed to be for this month and we are just going to keep adding to it. I'll see you all on Thursday, but between now and then be careful if you have to go anywhere. But, it will be beautiful by the end of the week. I can hardly wait. Have a good week." ~ Frank Ward.

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Sludge Spill Mischaracterized, Walton Mayor Says

By Lillian Browne

WALTON - A report issued by New York state on April 8 indicated a 12-hour discharge of sludge aeration tank overflow into a drainage ditch and neighboring field at the Walton Wastewater Treatment Plant, 54 South Street in the village of Walton.

The ditch and field drain into the West Branch of the Delaware River, the report stated, and more than 100 gallons of water were discharged.

The report cites heavy rainfall and local flooding as a contributing factor to the discharge.

Walton Mayor Ed Snow confirmed with plant Director of Operations John Moffett, that



File Photo

Walton Mayor Ed Snow

there was no sludge released into a drainage ditch, a field or the West Branch of the Delaware River.

Normally, Snow said, the sewer plant takes in 1.5 million gallons of wastewater per day. During the April 8 flooding event, he said, there were

four million gallons flowing into the plant. Water reaches the plant through catch basins and the sewer system. During the heavy rain and flooding, flood water was transported to the sewer plant, topped off and overflowed from the EQ (equalization and wastewater storage), or effluent, tank, which contained biome or bacteria at the bottom of the tank.

"Essentially the tank overflowed with flood water," Snow explained. Plant operators adjusted in-house pumping to lessen the flow which was releasing partially-treated discharge without disinfection, according to the report.

The discharge, according to the state report, was contained by 11:40 a.m. on April 8.



File Photo

Walton Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Kortright Culvert Replacement To Begin

Reduced Speed Zone Discussed

By Mary A. Crisafulli

KORTRIGHT - The Kortright Council approved a culvert replacement on Braehead Road. Work will be completed this summer with road closures for two to three days, said Council member Michael Pietrantonio.

The repair will require the purchase of a 10-foot by 40-foot pipe at an approximate cost of \$60,000, he said. "This is a cheaper way to go than engineering a box culvert," Pietrantonio said. Design and engineering plans were quoted at double the price plus \$30,000 to purchase the box culvert, he explained.

Work will be completed by the highway department. As part of the project the road will need to be raised, said Pietrantonio.

CHIPs (Consolidated Highway Improvement Program) funds will be used to pay for the culvert pipe, said Supervisor George Haynes. New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has approved a permit to work in Kortright Creek for the culvert replacement, he said.

Councilmembers discussed a possible speed change by the South Kortright Central School on state Route 10. Haynes said he read in the *Mountain Eagle* that the state is evaluating the area with radar to determine if there is a need for a posted speed reduction. According to Haynes, the speed limit drops from 55 miles per hour

to 45 miles per hour in front of the school. He believes a further decrease in the speed limit would be a hazard and is not in favor of a change. Further signage would be beneficial, Haynes said. Pietrantonio agreed that a speed adjustment does not seem necessary.

In other business:
• The town clerk issued one marriage license, seven building permits, and received a total of \$13,075 in revenue, including property tax payments, for March.

• The town paid bills from the following funds: general \$9,224.41, water district \$1,147.10, sewer district \$4,324.94, and highway \$137,582.74.

• Kortright was awarded an \$3,500 occupancy tax grant to repair the softball/Little League field located on former school grounds in Bloomville. The O'Connor Foundation provided a matching grant for the project.

• A resolution was passed opposing the New York Climate Action Council's Draft Scoping Plan. The town will send a letter detailing its opposition to be included in the open public comment period on the draft plan.

• Haynes reported Delaware County will begin work this week on its Department of Public Works building behind the town hall. Preliminary drains will be installed.

The next Kortright Town Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 16 at 7:30 p.m.

Occupancy Tax Funds 45 Projects, Events

By Mary A. Crisafulli

DELAWARE COUNTY - Delaware County Supervisors approved 45 applications submitted to the tourism promotion and development grant program administered by the Department of Economic Development. Occupancy tax revenue will fund \$154,793 in projects and events.

The following projects were awarded funding:

• Andes Dance Collective was awarded \$1,200 to promote Delaware County's second annual Dance Film Festival & Choreography Workshop. Funding will also be used for space rental and insurance.

• Bushel Collective, Delhi, was awarded \$850 for exhibition expenses, promotional material, supplies, and more. The event will feature a seed swap, crop planning workshop, land access lecture, and film screening.

• Colchester Historical Society was awarded \$600 to be used to promote its quilt show in August.

• East Branch Delaware River Plein Air Painters, a pop-up art gallery in Fleischmanns, will display landscape paintings of Delaware County. The \$1,000 awarded will be used for event promotion.

• Hancock Arts Alliance was awarded \$1,000 for art supplies and vinyl/canvas backdrops to be used at its Color Your World event. Murals will be painted and hung around Hancock.

• Hancock Partners were awarded \$1,200 to pay for lodging accommodations for artists attending Sumer Nights Live, a live concert series at Hancock Town Square.

• Hanford Mills Museum was awarded \$1,200 for eight themed exploration days called InterActions. Funds will be used for presenter fees and materials.

• Music on the Delaware, Walton, Grant Rogers Project, was provided \$1,100 in funding to pay musician fees and for event promotion.

• Succurro LLC, Meredith, was awarded \$1,200 for equipment, venue space, promotion, food, and supplies for artist space.

• Andes Chamber of Commerce was awarded \$1,200 to promote Community Day Saturday, Aug. 13.

• Farming Bovina was awarded \$1,200 for promotion of an event scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 4.

• Fleischmanns First was awarded \$1,200 to rent a bounce house and street entertainers for Fleischmanns Memorial Day street fair.

• Hancock Chamber of Commerce was awarded \$500 to purchase Christmas lights for its annual Christmas on the Square and Parade of Lights. The chamber was also awarded

\$3,000 to refurbish its welcome kiosk on Main Street.

• Sidney Chamber of Commerce was awarded \$1,200 to pay for fireworks at the Sidney village 250th year event. The chamber was also awarded \$1,200 to pay bagpipers and Irish marching bands at its St. Patrick's Day parade.

• Town of Bovina Historian was awarded \$1,200 to rent tables, chairs, and tents for the Bovina Bicentennial event this summer.

• The village of Margaretville was awarded \$1,200 to promote the centennial anniversary of Galli Curci Theater. Funds will also be used to rent 100 chairs.

• Deposit Chamber of Commerce was awarded \$7,500 to pay for a contractor to pave the parking area at the Community Park.

• Friends of Bramley Mountain Fire Tower, awarded \$25,000 to move and reconstruct the fire tower on Bramley Mountain in Delhi.

• Hancock Junction Pool River access will be refurbished by Hancock Partners which was awarded \$25,000. Funds will be used to create a concrete walkway, kayak slide, picnic tables, and promotion. They were also awarded \$5,000 to set up a skating rink in Hancock Town Square. Funds will be used for electric maintenance, insurance costs, skates, and promotional materials.

• Hanford Mills Museum was awarded \$18,850 for exterior rehabilitation of the Walter Smith Hardware Store. Work will include re-siding the west side of the building, and replacing steps and exterior doors.

• Delaware County Historical Association in Delhi was awarded \$4,000 to fix its parking lot and sidewalk.

• Hancock Community Education Foundation was awarded \$2,600 to construct an interactive ladybug sculpture for children.

• Shinhopple Memorial Center, Downsville, was awarded \$2,441 to refinish its floors, fix the parking lot, and buy tables and 50 chairs.

• The town of Kortright was awarded \$3,500 to repair the softball/little league field on the old school grounds in Bloomville.

• Bluestone College Restaurant, Delhi, was awarded \$1,706 to advertise the restaurant.

• Catskill Mountain Club was awarded \$600 to print brochures depicting trail maps and descriptions for visitors.

• Catskill Recreation Center was awarded \$2,500 to produce t-shirts for participants in its annual cycling events.

• Central Catskills Chamber of Commerce was awarded \$3,000 to develop marketing materials for Margaretville's 18th annual Cauliflower Festi-

val on Saturday, Sept. 24.

• Colchester Chamber of Commerce was awarded \$1,500 to print and develop 7,500 Back Road Cruise brochures. The pamphlet will feature various businesses, activities, hiking trails, recreation, restaurants, shopping, lodging, and markets in Colchester.

• Community Cultural Center of the Sidney Arts & Cultural Exchange Group was awarded \$1,000. Funds will be used to promote its Art Walk & Music Fest to be held in July.

• Delaware County Vintage Baseball Association was awarded \$2,000 to advertise and promote vintage baseball games played throughout the county.

• Delaware Valley Agricultural Society was awarded \$2,500 to promote Delaware County Fair in Walton.

• Delaware Valley Garden Club was awarded \$2,500 to promote the beautification of Main Street in Hancock. The club will add flower boxes, benches, window displays and flags.

• Franklin Stage company was awarded \$3,000 to develop marketing material to welcome back its audience after COVID closures.

• Historic Automobile Endurance Run group was awarded \$2,000 for promotional materials for the 6th annual Catskill Conquest Rally on Saturday, Sept. 24.

• Hobart Rotary was awarded \$2,500 to promote the Sausage and Brew Festival on Aug. 27 at 3 p.m.

• Livestock Foundation was awarded \$2,000 for advertising materials to promote the Bovina Farmers Markets. This year markets will have live music, a kids' corner, and additional vendors.

• Catskill Development Foundation was awarded \$2,000 to develop, design, and install a new Meredith Dairy Fest sign.

• Andes Streetscape Committee was awarded \$3,000 to build a new Main Street welcome kiosk.

• Walton Chamber of Commerce was awarded \$1,200 to promote its Music in the Park events. The chamber was also awarded \$3,646 to promote its Paddlepalooza event. The two-mile canoe, kayak, and float trip will take place on the West Branch of the Delaware River.

• Cornell Cooperative Extension was awarded \$3,000 for promotional materials for its 9th annual Family Farm Day. The event is set to take place on Aug. 27 with approximately 20 farms participating.

Economic Development Committee Chairperson and Davenport Supervisor Dennis Valente said there is still more funding available in the tourism promotion and development grant program.

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Conservation and Community Service

Walton 4H Club Plants 100 Trees

By Lillian Browne

WALTON - Walton's Kountry Kids and Kritters 4H Club, under the supervision of Forester Rod Jones, planted 100 white spruce trees on Tower Road in Walton as an environmental conservation and community service project on Monday, April 11.

The three-year old seedlings were planted in two parallel rows, 12 feet apart, by 4H club members Cameren Howe, Christopher Comfort, Kenneth Young, Richelle Wood and Delana Wood, with club advisors and parent helpers Lisa Nichols, Donna Wood and Ellie Comfort. Not available to participate in the conservation and community service project were 4H club members Dawson and Kimber Bowker, Meadow Wood, Sebastian and Duncan Thompson, Kerry Young, Chasidy Jacob and Kylie Constable.

The trees were not being planted for reforestation or harvest, Jones said, and be-



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Christopher Comfort, left, and Cameren Howe, right, assist Delana Wood in planting white spruce seedlings for a conservation project on Tower Road in Walton on Monday, April 10.

cause the property owner brush hogs the field they were planted in, it made sense to plant the trees in rows. Trees like white spruce - which is a conifer or evergreen species - need ample room to grow. If the trees were being planted in the forest, Jones said, he would plant them eight feet apart. A rule of thumb for reforestation, he said, is to plant one acre of trees eight feet apart, which requires 680 feet to plant 100 trees. Planting the trees in rows 12 feet apart requires 3/10th of an acre.

White spruce is a soft wood, and can be harvested for lum-

ber or paper products. The newly planted trees should sprout buds this week, Jones said, in anticipation of warmer spring weather. The first year trees will typically grow three to six inches. After that, Jones said, trees will grow two feet per year until they reach a height of up to 60 feet. White spruce has a "medium" growing rate and is easy to grow.

Beside providing nesting and shelter, white spruce is wildlife food. Many birds eat the seeds, and foliage is eaten by grouse, rabbits and deer. Squirrels open the cones to eat the seeds and young shoots.



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Forester Rod Jones unwraps 100 three-year old white spruce seedlings to be planted on private property on Tower Road in Walton by 4Hers as part of a conservation project.

Upper Delaware River Receives \$300K For Conservation, Protection, Flood Prevention

New state funds will help mitigate flooding, protect the wild trout fishery, and maintain high water quality, according to Jeff Skelding from Friends of the Upper Delaware River (FUDR). FUDR works to protect and restore the Upper Delaware River watershed for the benefit of local economies, communities, people, and the environment. FUDR engages communities and people to protect the river and the world class wild trout fishery, revitalize local economies, and build strong coalitions at the local, regional, and national level.

In collaboration with our many valued partners, FUDR has brought over \$4 million dollars into the UDR Watershed for stream restoration projects..

Friends of the Upper Delaware River (FUDR) and our conservation partners achieved an historic victory this week when New York Governor Kathy Hochul and the New York State Legislature approved a new \$300,000 line item in the New York State Environmental Protection Fund (EPF) for the Upper Delaware River (UDR).

The EPF is part of the FY 2023 New York state budget and authorizes FUDR to implement a UDR watershed restoration and protection plan, linked to the federal Delaware River

Basin Restoration Program (DRBRP), that will fund on-the-ground watershed projects for multiple economic and environmental benefits.

This accomplishment is the culmination of a three year campaign led by FUDR, the New York League of Conservation Voters, The Nature Conservancy, Audubon NY, the Coalition for the Delaware River Watershed, Trout Unlimited, the Upper Delaware River Tailwaters Coalition, and the Alliance for the Upper Delaware River Watershed.

The enactment of EPF funding for the Upper Delaware River sets the stage for the creation of a comprehensive watershed management program and a source of sustainable future funding to ensure the longterm protection and restoration of the watershed.

Funding from New York state will help support watershed restoration projects that protect the unique UDR wild trout fishery, mitigate the harmful impacts of flooding, ensure healthy aquatic habitat, curb the spread of invasive species, maintain high water quality, enhance recreational opportunities, and strengthen local economies through job creation and tourism revenue.

Since 2018, FUDR and Trout Unlimited, in partnership with government agencies, local

businesses, and non-profit organizations, have secured more than \$4 million in federal funding from the DRBRP to initiate watershed restoration projects in the UDR watershed. This new state EPF funding will complement the federal investment and help leverage additional funding for watershed restoration efforts in the Upper Delaware region.

We extend a heartfelt and resounding 'thank you and job well done' to NYS Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther and her staff who led the charge in the legislature and expertly navigated the state budget process. We also express our appreciation to NYS Senator Mike Martucci who offered a steady voice in support of UDR state funding and helped highlight how the river can benefit from bipartisan leadership. We couldn't have done it without these two river champions representing our interests in Albany.

Enactment of the EPF line item marks the beginning of an exciting new chapter for the Upper Delaware River and there is much more work ahead. Thank you for your support in helping us achieve this historic funding!

For more information email skelding@fudr.org or visit FUDR.org.



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Richelle Wood and Kenneth Young partner to plant trees.



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Seedlings are planted at a depth of three to four inches. Here, Forester Rod Jones demonstrates tree planting to Cameren Howe.

Support Delaware River Litter Sweep

Clean-ups Begin April 22

The Upper Delaware Council (UDC) is grateful for the 36 sponsors who are fiscally investing a collective \$6,000 in a cleaner environment by making the second annual Upper Delaware Litter Sweep a reality. As litter leaders organize clean-ups between April 22-30 in each of the 15 New York towns and Pennsylvania townships surrounding the Upper Delaware River, there is still time to volunteer.

Those willing to help should provide their names and desired locations to UDC Secretary Ashley Hall-Bagdonas at [845-252-3022](tel:845-252-3022) or email ashley@upperdelawarecouncil.org.

In return, litter sweep participants will receive a commemorative t-shirt, supplies, and disposal instructions.

The safety-colored shirt with the litter sweep eagle logo created from original artwork by Happy Tattoo proprietor Dan Nelson will celebrate the following sponsors who contributed money or services to support this Earth Day-inspired event.

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Southern Pine Beetle Migration

Pitch Pine Ecosystems at Risk

New York State's Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) has announced that southern pine beetles (SPB) were found farther north than previously documented and in greater numbers, suggesting their range is expanding and populations are on the rise. SPB are destructive forest pests that pose a significant threat to the state's pine forests, particularly pitch pine forests like those found in the Albany Pine Bush and Minnewaska State Park Preserve.

A joint research project between DEC's Division of Lands and Forests and OPRHP's Division of Environmental Stewardship and Planning resulted in a new trap detection of SPB

at the Saratoga Sand Plains Wildlife Management Area in Saratoga County. Additionally, significantly larger trap catches of SPB were documented at locations in the Hudson Valley where SPB were previously found, and several infested trees were discovered in Taconic State Park, the first infested trees to be identified outside of Long Island. Ecologically sensitive pitch pine habitat in upstate New York will increasingly be at risk if SPB populations continue to increase and expand.

Since 2016, SPB had been detected in low numbers in insect traps in the Hudson Valley but the recent increase in trapped beetles may mean they will soon be established north of Long Island. Trapping efforts in

Schunnemunk, Minnewaska, and Taconic State Parks produced SPB numbers only previously seen on Long Island.

The three infested pine trees in Taconic State Park were found near Sunset Rock during joint survey efforts by DEC and OPRHP crews. A DEC strike team removed and destroyed the infested trees in cooperation with OPRHP staff. Surveys of pine forests near the increased trap catches continue, and experts with both State agencies and partners agree that more infested pines are likely to be found in the next few years as the climate warms.

Native to the southeastern United States, SPB was first discovered infesting pitch pines on Long Island in 2014. Since that time, it has killed

hundreds of thousands of trees on Long Island alone. SPB attack primarily pitch pine and red pine but will attack additional conifers when outbreaks occur. DEC encourages the public to report any signs of SPB that they encounter in pine forests (outside of Long Island) by emailing pictures and location information to

foresthealth@dec.ny.gov. The signs of an infestation include discolored needles (yellowing to brownish-red), popcorn-sized clumps of resin called pitch tubes anywhere along the trunk, tiny holes in the bark in a scattershot pattern, and s-shaped galleries under the bark. For more information, visit DEC's website dec.ny.gov.

Celebrate Earth Day on April 22

During Earth Week, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Division of Water invites you to find ways to help with its mission: "To protect and conserve

the water resources of New York state." Also, start planning for New York's Water Week, May 8 - 14 this year. The theme will be the 50th Anniversary of the Clean Water Act.

Middletown Struggles With Arkville Fire Hydrant Maintenance

Road Maintenance, Abandonment Discussed

By Jesse Hilson

MIDDLETOWN - At the April 13 meeting, Middletown councilmembers discussed what to do about improving fire hydrant maintenance after Arkville Fire Chief Rob Sweeney reported there had been no maintenance on Arkville hydrants beyond flushing of the hydrants once a year. Sweeney said a hydrant behind the railroad station in Arkville had been broken for two years, and that a flange on a hydrant at the top of Pavilion Road was leaking. Sweeney also said that to his knowledge none of the hydrants in Arkville had been flow-tested.

That, he said, had "cost us a lot of points on our last ISO." The ISO is a rating given by the Insurance Services Office, an independent for-profit organization that establishes property insurance costs relative to local fire department readiness. Sweeney said that the Arkville Fire Department has performed drills, but they are sometimes unable to remove caps from hydrants. "If something happens, you're to blame too, and I hope that's on the record," Sweeney charged the council.

Sweeney talked about private fire hydrants in Mountain Laurel Gardens, a residential complex in Arkville, that had little oversight.

Sweeney asked Supervisor Carl "Pat" Davis to send Code Enforcement Officer Hiram Davis to do a fire inspection at the apartment complex. Davis said that they typically do a sprinkler system test, but that Sweeney was correct, they should flow-test their hydrants.

Councilman Nelson Delamater said the subject of hydrants had been talked about for two years and it continues to be a problem according to Sweeney. Davis asked Water Superintendent Bob Payne to inspect all Arkville fire hydrants to determine which ones are problematic. "If this turns into something that's outside your job description, then you let me know why and what's going on," Davis said to Payne, Davis said the town could provide extra help for Payne for the inspection, if needed. Payne said he would report on the condition of the fire hydrants at the May meeting.

In his monthly water re-

port, Payne gave said would be good for the municipality to have new water meter reader technology that automatically reads meters from a vehicle passing by houses. Middletown has been trying to address the need for several months.

Councilmembers discussed whether a new \$2,000 laptop was needed to work with a new \$8,600 reader. Payne said the current laptop could work if programmed correctly. A motion was passed to purchase a new reader contingent upon compatibility with the current laptop. A grant to pay for half the cost of the meter reader can be applied for to the O'Connor Foundation, Davis said.

Also discussed was the lack of winter maintenance on Miller Road in New Kingston, which was previously maintained by the town.

Valerie Masullo came to previous meetings to complain that her father's residence on Miller Road had always gotten winter maintenance but this winter it was stopped. Highway Superintendent John Biruk said that he discovered that Miller Road was not a deeded town road belonging to Middletown. The road was never on the town inventory, he said, and that was why plowing was discontinued. An incident where a trailer at the Masullo residence was blocking the road led to Biruk's inquiry and the end of plowing. Masullo said that the trailer had been moved behind a garage prior to this winter. Biruk also said that parts of Miller Road were too narrow for the bigger trucks to access, and there was nowhere to turn around.

Davis said he conducted his own research and discovered that similar to the situation on Miller Road. "We don't own about half of our roads in Middletown." He said that in spite of that, the roads had always gotten attention due to "prescriptive maintenance and use." Historically, dairy farms had been located on some of these roads and they were plowed in order to give milk trucks access to the farms. Davis said usually the situations had been resolved.

He outlined two pathways to a solution: the road could be formally abandoned by the town or the homeowner could be asked to "feed" a certain portion of land to Middletown so that the town can construct

a turnaround location. Masullo said that she was willing to revisit the subject of putting in a turnaround. Davis said that she should have a meeting with Biruk and the town attorney to figure out a subdivision of property to transfer to the town.

Other business discussed included:

- Middletown accepted a low bid for the New Kingston sewer contract from F.P. Kane Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$4,793,330.00 for a new community septic and collection system.

- Councilmembers circulated amendments to a local law which allows the town to use and connect to the village's wastewater treatment plant. A public hearing is scheduled for May 11 at 6 p.m. at Middletown Town Hall.

- Coughlin & Gerhart, LLP, was appointed to represent Middletown in legal proceedings regarding a challenge to a real property valuation in Fleischmanns, and various prosecutions in local justice courts for code enforcement violations. The law firm, according to the resolutions, will be compensated for services rendered at the rate of \$225 per hour for partners, \$200 per hour for associates, and \$170 per hour for paralegals. The town will review, audit, and approve payments to Coughlin & Gerhart, LLP.

The next Middletown Council meeting will be May 11 at the Middletown Town Hall, after the public hearing on the proposed amendments to the Middletown Sewer Use Law, which is scheduled for 6 p.m.

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Delaware County Office for the Aging & NY Connects will distribute Covid-19 at home test kits. To receive a test kit, you must be either aged 60(+) and/or disabled. If you are homebound and would like a test, contact the Office for the Aging (OFA) at 607-832-5750 and ask for NY Connects Coordinator Lyndsay Komosinski to schedule delivery.

Representatives will be at the following locations:

Monday, April 18

- Sidney Senior Village, 200 Fox Street, Sidney, from 11 a.m. - noon

- Sidney Civic Center, 21 Liberty Street, Sidney, in the board room across from clerk's office from 1 - 2 p.m.,

Tuesday, April 19

- Grand Gorge Civic Center, 60933 State Hwy 30, Grand Gorge, Tuesday, April 19, 10 a.m. - noon

- Stamford Village Apartments, 125 Main Street, Stamford, 1 - 3 p.m.

- Walton Senior Dining Center, St. John Baptist Church, 25 Benton Avenue, 11 a.m. - noon

Wednesday, April 20

- Margaretville Senior Dining Center, Margaretville Methodist Church, 55 Church Street, Margaretville, 10am - Noon

- Mountain Laurel Gardens, 55 Lamphere Lane, Arkville, 1 - 3 p.m.

- Meridale Fire Department, 50 County Hwy 10, Meridale, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

- Delaware Co. Office for the Aging & NY Connects, 97 Main Street, Suite 2, Delhi, 1 - 3 p.m.

Thursday, April 21

- Hancock Library, 104 Read Street, Hancock, 11 a.m. - noon
- Read Memorial, 266 Leonard Street, Hancock, 1 - 2pm

Friday, April 22

- Hobart Fire Department, 80 Cornell Ave, Hobart, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Tuesday, April 26

- Downsville Fire Department, 15166 NY-30, Downsville, 10 - 11:30 a.m.

- Franklin Fire Department, 351 Main Street, Franklin, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

- Deposit Dining Center, 14 Monument Street, Deposit, 11 a.m. - noon

- Meadow Park Apartments, 85 Fair Street, Deposit, 1 - 2pm

Thursday, April 28

- Davenport Fire Department, 15838 NY-23, Davenport, 10 a.m. - noon

- Bloomville Fire Department, 243 Scotch Hill Road, Bloomville, 1 - 3 p.m.



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Harpersfield Announces 2022 Road Repairs

Town Opposes Compliance With Climate Act

By Duane Martin

HARPERSFIELD - Harpersfield Highway Superintendent Russell Hatch talked about road repair, resurfacing and other planned projects at the Harpersfield Council meeting on April 13. Much of the discussion outlined planning work on the Austin Road culvert project.

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has recommended the current three-inch pipe be replaced with a four inch pipe to better handle water flow. The project is being designed by Delaware Engineering and will cost between \$75,000 to \$100,000. Of that amount, \$50,000 will be used to purchase a fabricated 48-square foot concrete tunnel. The project is slated for work between June and September and awaits DEC and Army Corps of Engineers permits. The new culvert will have no weight limit. Hatch reported the road will be closed for a couple weeks to complete the work.

Hatch also announced planned paving, and oil and stone work for 2022. Portions of Dibble, Hornbeck, Johnson, Odell, Shaver (paving), Streeter Hill, Truax, Truesdell, Upper Champlain, Weaver, West View and Whiskey Hollow roads will be re-worked at a total cost of \$178,000, which is being paid for with New York State Consolidated Highway Improvement (CHIPS) program funding. It is estimated that Harpersfield will receive \$192,000 in CHIPS funding, with \$100,000 balance leftover from the previous year.

Hatch said oil and stoned roads have a four-year resurfacing cycle and paved roads have a 10-year cycle. Hatch also reported the highway department had a truck with spring damage. The in-house repair would cost \$12,500 for parts. The new dump box was schedule to arrive on April 14 and the loader in September. The town is also closing one of its three gravel banks because it's at the end of its useful life, Hatch reported.

In other business, Harpersfield passed a resolution, similar to the resolution passed by

the Delaware County Board of Supervisors, opposing New York State's Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act or "The Climate Act". The Act was passed in 2019 by state legislators and requires New Yorkers to reduce their carbon footprint from current 22.7 tons a year to 13.6 tons by 2030, and three tons by 2050.

The act would eliminate and ban all fossil fueled cars, SUVs, trucks, farm tractors and machinery and construction equipment by 2030 in New York. It also requires all new building construction, appliances, heating and cooling systems be powered either by electric or a renewable energy source such as geothermal, wind power or solar. All new electric generators must also be renewable such as hydro, wind or solar or nuclear, and all gas and coal powered plants be phased out. The act also requires any new heating system replacement in an existing structure to be electric.

During the supervisors meeting, local REA President Rusty Pick reported he could not guarantee enough electric

for local customers if the act is implemented as written. He also said 25% of REA customers would have to upgrade their service, which would cost \$25,000 to \$30,000. The act also outlined the construction of two new power lines, one from the newly constructed Delhi substation, with the adjacent lines under construction at the NYSEG substation, and from Quebec Hydro, which will be financed by higher electric rates.

Attorney Kevin Young who spoke at the supervisors' meeting, said upstate New York is already reducing its footprint and most of its electric needs are produced by hydro-electric plants and nuclear plants. The resolution Young is writing for Harpersfield calls on the governor and state legislature to halt implementation of the act and instead use practical, proven technologies rather than a massive, radical overhaul that would wreck the state's economy.

In other business:

- Approved the Coalition of Watershed Towns nominations of Andes Supervisor Waylon "Bud" Gladstone, Walton May-

or Edwin Snow, Fleischmanns Mayor Winfred Zubin and alternates Meredith Councilmember William Olson, Delhi Councilmember Christine Viafore, and Andes Councilmember Shane Moshier.

- The county is no longer accepting mattresses or tires from farm tractors, heavy equipment or off-road vehicles at the landfill. Eisel reported that it was costing the county \$500 per tire to dispose of farm tractor/heavy equipment tires, and the two companies the county takes tires to can only grind and reuse tires up to 24 inches. He mentioned the county is looking at purchasing a machine to grind tires, because of increasing trucking costs, but the cost of the machine is more than \$1 million.

- Received a check from Delaware County Department of Public Works for \$8,089.99 for snow plowing.

- Collected \$10,227.57 in bottle deposits and scrap metal from the transfer station.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Harpersfield Council is Wednesday, May 11 at 7 p.m.

Hobart Adopts 2022-23 Budget

By Duane Martin

HOBART - A public hearing on the Hobart 2022-23 budget was held on Monday, April 18. The tax rate is \$20.31 per \$1,000 of assessed value, which reflects a .72% increase in the tax levy over last year.

Total spending is \$739,031 for the three funds: general fund \$335,567, water fund \$191,749 and sewer \$213,715. The New York City sewer fund spending is \$362,484, which is completely paid for by New York City Department of Environmental Protection. Fund balance of \$58,539 was used to offset the budget.

The biggest increase in the general fund was for transportation for installation of guide rails on Township Road near the former Blondie's property at a cost of \$6,450. There are also increased costs at the Harpersfield transfer station. Costs increased \$3,453 to \$4,030 and liability and fire insurance jumped \$3,000 from last year. The water budget decreased by \$10,000 because two bonds were paid off. The sewer budget was increased

\$20,000 to provide preventative maintenance and repairs of control panels and sewer lines. The sewer district reflects \$13,000 in additional income from the town of Stamford for the hamlet of South Kortright and South Kortright Central School.

Questions were posed by Hobart resident Mary VanValkenburg who asked the duration of the New York City contract for the sewer budget, and where village employees salaries were located in the budget and who manages the retirement fund for them. Mayor Aaron Kaufmann responded that the contract with New York City is forever, and the retirement fund is managed by the New York State Comptroller. The salaries are accounted for in different funds based on the time the employee works on each task, Kaufman said. Department of Public Works Superintendent Lucas McMullen's salary is accounted for in the general fund under transportation for street maintenance, snow plowing, shared services, and in the water fund for managing the water supply, and the sewer fund under

treatment and disposal lines. Kaufman pointed out that 84% of employees' salaries, benefits and pension contributions are paid for by New York City.

As part of the reorganizational meeting, Kelly Estus was reappointed village clerk, Amy Reinshagen was appointed deputy mayor, and John Hubbard was appointed village attorney.

Other appointments include:

- Water and Sewer committee, Trustees Jim Quarino and Gordy Key.

- Street committee, Kaufman and Reinshagen.

- Building committee, Trustee Kayla Mason.

- Official newspapers, *Mountain Eagle* and *The Reporter*.

- Mileage reimbursement, 58 cents per mile.

- Designated financial depositories, NBT of Hobart and the Delaware National Bank of Delhi in Hobart.

- Rental rates: pavilion \$75, \$65 for non-profits, community center \$75, \$55 for non-profits, community center kitchen \$100, \$75 for non profit.

- Chicken permit fee \$25.

Lucas McMullen, DPW superintendent reported his

department swept Cornell Avenue, Maple Street and Shephard Lane. They cleaned culvert pipes, took sanders, plows and chains off trucks and submitted a request for a tractor broom. Paving is planned for Upper Railroad Avenue, Cornell Avenue, Sheffield Lane and Pearl Street, he reported.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Manager Richi Horne reported micro filters were serviced and that the plant is conducting its five-year wet test. A wet test samples plant discharge for toxins.

Don Thomases of the Hobart Village Business Alliance reported contacting New York State Department of Transportation, Congressman Antonio Delgado, State Senator Pete Oberacker, and Assemblyman Chris Tague about the deteriorated condition of state Route 10 in front of the Hobart Post Office and Blenheim Hill Books, and was told the road was slated to be repaved between 2025 and 2027. The Diner Plate restaurant has moved out of the former Hobart Inn and the building is for sale, listed with Coldwell Banker's Robert Schneider.

Kaufman suggested two community projects for the business alliance including improving street flower baskets and installing benches along the hiking trail.

Zoning Board Chairman Joe Andreno reported that short-term rental zoning laws will be available for trustees to review at the next meeting after the language is adjusted and fee schedule created.

In other business:

- Trustees authorized the purchase of a new AED for the ambulance from Zool Company for \$39,000. The current AED is obsolete and not working properly. The AED will take a year to deliver; Zool will loan an AED to village in meantime.

- DPW Superintendent Lucas McMullen reported he received a phone call from the trucking company that hauled water during the water main/fire hydrant break at Mallinckrodt on Feb. 22, that Mallinckrodt owed the company \$17,000 for hauling the water.

The next Hobart Trustee meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 16 at 6:30 pm.

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Recreation Projects Proposed in Delhi

Tentative budget approved, no increase in taxes

By Mary A. Crisafulli

DELHI - SUNY Delhi students proposed eight outdoor recreation projects with social benefits that support renewable energy and the local economy, at a meeting of Delhi Trustees on Monday, April 18.

The students - Delaney Brown, Morgan Condon, Zoë Meyer, and Jenna Martin - are required to complete a service-learning project as part of their sustainability class.

Each student designed and planned two projects after surveying Delhi residents about renewable energy, said Lissa Tessier, class instructor. Projects were developed that support renewable energy, the local economy, encourage outdoor recreation and have would benefit socially.

Condon proposed a solar canopy and kayak rentals. A solar canopy will generate clean renewable energy and provide shade in a parking lot or paved area. According to Condon, of the 37 community surveys received, 78% favored a solar project. His second pitch - kayak rentals - would be located at Fitches Covered Bridge. Visitors would rent a kayak to paddle the West Branch of the Delaware River to Hoyt Park, approximately three miles, he said. A village employee would then truck the kayaks back to the storage unit. If 12 kayaks are rented per day at \$20 during a 120-day season, \$28,800 would be generated annually, Condon said. Start-up fees would be around \$20,000 and kayak rentals would yield revenue in its first year of operation, he added.

Brown proposed a welcome kiosk and native plant/pollinator pathway. The kiosk would help Delhi establish a "green reputation," highlighting existing efforts and future goals, she said. The kiosk would also provide a shaded area to sit and relax. Outfitted with solar panels on the roof, the kiosk would be functional in the evening, said Brown. The economic benefit of a kiosk would promote local businesses, she said. According to Brown, the design could be used to remodel the current welcome kiosk in front of the

county office building at 111 Main Street. Her second proposal includes beautification of Delhi walkways by planting native species and pollinator-friendly flowers. The aesthetic would appeal to tourists and support local businesses by encouraging walking, she said.

Similarly, Meyer proposed adding native plants and benches to hiking and biking trails around Delhi, encouraging people to spend time outdoors and sustain mental health, she said. Her proposal would support local businesses by increasing foot traffic on Main Street. Meyer's second proposal was to add recycling and composting bins along Main Street that would encourage people to practice recycling and composting by normalizing it. According to Meyer, 75% of 41 million tons of total food waste produced in the U.S. went to landfills in 2017. By composting the waste local farmers could then use it to grow food, she explained. Costs were estimated between \$1,500 and \$3,000 per bin.

Martin proposed updating crosswalks or sidewalk extensions. Both projects would encourage walking, exercise, and increase foot traffic on Main Street. With increased foot traffic, businesses could benefit and make more money, said Martin. Crosswalk updates would provide a safer space to cross the road, she added. According to Martin, crosswalks near Court House Square across state Route 10 should be considered. Sidewalks in the village have gaps where people must enter the roadway before reaching the next stretch of sidewalk, Martin explained. Her proposal would fill those gaps using permeable pavers rather than concrete. Permeable pavers have space for water to drain, making them more environmentally sustainable for stormwater management, she explained. A sidewalk extension could connect Delhi's Main Street to the newly renovated Reservoir Park, added Condon.

Some of the proposals could be connected, said Mayor Sridhar Samudrala. "We could connect walking areas to Res-



Mary A. Crisafulli/The Reporter

Delaney Brown, a SUNY Delhi student, presents a proposed sustainability project to Delhi Trustees in April 18.

ervoir Park and have a kiosk to sit at when you get there," he said. He told students to pursue funding through grants for these projects.

Students will host a walking tour for community members on Saturday, April 30 at 11 a.m. to be kicked off in Hoyt Park.

The tentative budget for 2022-23 was approved with no increase in taxes. There was an increase in assessed property value which allowed tax levy to remain unchanged from last year, said Clerk Kimberly Cairns. The village is projecting an increase of \$112,851 in additional revenue over last year due properties being added to the tax roll.

Total spending is \$4,289,109.41, with an estimated

revenue at \$2,813,125.19. A total of \$524,067.72 in fund balance will be used to offset the budget, rolled over from the previous fiscal year. General fund spending increased by \$182,228, sewer spending increased by \$103,881, and recreation spending increased by \$3,700. Water rates stayed the same at \$7.26 per 1,000 gallons and spending increased by \$103,881. The tax levy increased .02025% over last year.

In other business:

- Trustees made the following appointments and designations: official depository - Delaware National Bank of Delhi, official newspaper - *The Reporter*, financial advisor - Fiscal Advisors & Marketing, Inc.

- Trustee meetings will be held on the first Thursday of every month at 5:30 p.m.

- Police were authorized to pursue the purchase of two new SUV police vehicles not to exceed \$70,000 each including equipment installation. Trustee Jeremy Fitch said two older SUVs will be retired once new vehicles are acquired.

- The wastewater treatment plant was authorized to purchase an auger for \$63,848.51.

- Trustees authorized payment of expenses for a hotel room and mileage for Trustee Jeffrey Gearhart to attend the NYCOCM conference in Bolton Landing May 4 - 6.

The next Delhi Trustee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 5 at 5:30 p.m.

Helios Cares' Five Wishes

In recognition of National Healthcare Decision Day, set aside each year to encourage adults to plan for a serious illness or injury, Helios Care will distribute complimentary copies of the nation's most popular advanced care planning resource, Five Wishes.

Many people avoid thinking about and discussing health care decisions and find it challenging to do so when they are in the middle of a healthcare crisis. Five Wishes is an advanced directive that allows individuals and families to make important decisions in terms that are meaningful and understandable to them, and helps

patients and families more effectively communicate their decisions to health care providers. In addition to important medical issues, Five Wishes addresses "What Matters Most" - matters of the heart and soul (comfort, family relationships, dignity, and spirituality) and encourages people to be specific about their wishes in their own words.

Kelly McGraw, chief operating officer of Helios Care, said it can't emphasize enough - the importance of advanced care planning for all of us. The organization's mission includes providing education and support for those dealing with

a serious illness, and staff is committed to serving as a local resource for people of all ages and in all stages of life.

Helios Care staff is grateful for the community's generous support for our patients and families, so to give back is to provide the 5 Wishes document at no cost to community members.

Additional information about advance care planning is available at HeliosCare.org. To receive a free copy of Five Wishes or for assistance completing the document, call 607-432-5525.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Ogden Library, Walton

Upcoming Events

Knit & Crochet Group: Tuesdays, 3 p.m. Gathering on the main floor of the library for yarn crafts and conversation, bring the project you are working on and enjoy friendly conversation as you knit and crochet.

Mahjong: Thursdays, 6-8 p.m. for everyone who loves to play or learn how. Bring a friend or come alone. All skill levels are welcome. Main floor.

Storytime: Fridays, 10:30 a.m., with Amber downstairs for rhymes, songs, a simple craft and stories to entertain littles!

Seed to Supper: Wednesdays, April 27, May 4, 11, and 18, 6 p.m. Cornell Cooperative Extension presents "Seed to Supper," a series focused on low cost vegetable gardening. Sign-up required.

Treasure Map Puppet Show: Saturday, May 7, 10:30 a.m. Puppetsburg, a Brooklyn based puppet theatre group, will present an interactive, culturally relevant puppet show geared toward infants through five years. The show lasts 45 minutes and includes dancing, instruments, a dress up photo-op, and bubble time. Registration appreciated but not required.

The Victorian Language of Flowers: A Guide to Floriography, Saturday, May 14, 11 a.m. Find out the secret symbolism

behind some favorite flowers, including birth flowers. Then learn some examples of risqué bouquets that may have been used to communicate secret messages during the Victorian era. After the presentation patrons will be given an opportunity to draft some scandalous bouquets of their own.

Book and Film Chat: Tuesday May 17 at 3 p.m. in the third floor board room to share reviews of the titles read and watched. The group enjoys a range of genres and interests. Everyone is welcome. Come and add your recommendations to the conversation.

Crafterwork: Thursday, May 19, 6:30 p.m. This month: create a mini herb garden on the lower level.

Lego Club: Friday, May 20, 3:30 p.m. Kids will be challenged to put their creative abilities to the test. This month: designing gardens on the lower level of the library. Legos are provided.

Teen Meeting: Saturday, May 21, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. May the force be with you! Teens, grade 6+, are invited to make custom lightsabers. Free pizza. Bring a friend.

NYS Defensive Drivers Course: Tuesdays, May 24 and 31, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Cornell Cooperative Linda Karpovich, certified instructor, will present a 6-hour defensive driving

course on the lower level over the two days - three hours in each session. Upon completion, participants will receive certificates to submit to their insurance companies for a 10% savings off basic liability and collision insurance for three years. The total cost to participate is \$35. Space is limited to ten. Stop at the library with payment to secure a spot

Animal Crossing, Island Hop: Tuesday, May 24, 3:30-4:45 p.m. Visit other islands and trade items, tips, and codes. You will need to bring your own Switch with a membership to Nintendo Switch Online, and your copy of Animal Crossing.

Library Board Meeting: Tuesday, May 24, 7 p.m. The public is encouraged to attend.

Book Club Discussion: Wednesday, May 25, 7 p.m. The book club will meet in-person on the lower level. This month reading, "The Brief and Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao" by Junot Diaz ©2007.

Sit with Satch: Saturday, May 28, 11 a.m. Bone up on your reading skills. Bring your favorite book or choose one from the library. Practice your reading skills with our furry friend, Satch. Meet Satch and his owner on the lower level in the reading nook.

"May, more than any other month of the year, wants us to feel most alive." Fennel Hudson, author of Fennel's Journal

There are many reasons to feel alive in May - flowers are blooming, the days are longer and warmer, and winter hats can be left at home. For some us, the weather means dusting off the gardening tools.

Gardening has emerged recently as a scientifically-proven stress reliever. An experiment published in the Journal of Health Psychology (January 2011) showed gardening was more of a stress reliever than reading. According to an article in Discover Magazine (June 2007), inhaling *M. vaccae*, a healthy bacterium that lives in soil, can increase levels of serotonin and reduce anxiety. Imagine listening to an audiobook while gardening.

Not only is gardening good for mental health, it's also good for physical health. The Center for Disease Control considers gardening a moderate-intensity exercise. Using the whole body, it is one you are likely to perform longer and more frequently than other cardio activities. Gardening outdoors can increase vitamin D production, which has been shown to reduce risks of developing health issues including certain cancers, Alzheimer disease, and multiple sclerosis (Derma-

to-Endocrinology 2016).

This May Ogden Library has several programs for plant lovers. The Library has teamed with Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) to offer "Seed to Supper," a four-week series on Wednesday evenings that starts April 27th and focuses on low cost vegetable gardening. Don't have an appropriate space for a garden but still want to learn? Come and ask Cheryl from CCE about a space in the Walton Community Garden. Sign up is required.

For the benefits of a garden on a smaller level, the Crafterwork event on May 19 will be creating a windowsill herb garden. We'll paint and create plant markers then plant three herbs, basil, parsley and chives, in a decorative container.

Do you prefer to talk about flowers and leave the dirty work to someone else? On May 14 come and hear a presentation on "The Victorian Language of Flowers: A Guide to Floriography". Find out the secret symbolism behind your favorite flowers, including your birth flowers, then learn some examples of risqué bouquets that may have been used to communicate secret messages during the Victorian era. After the presentation patrons will be given an opportunity to draft some scandalous bouquets of their own.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Zink & Company To Perform In Bainbridge

To hear a bluegrass band firmly rooted in the traditions of the early decades of bluegrass and country music, don't miss Zink & Company when they perform at the Bainbridge Town Hall Theatre, 15 North Main Street on Saturday, April 23 at 7 p.m. The Zink & Company members have come together to create a recipe of entertainment with a tight, cohesive sound you are sure to love. The doors will open at 6 p.m. Tickets are available at the door or you may reserve ahead by calling 607-288-3882. In the gallery that evening, the works of Keiko Howard will be featured. The gallery opens at 6 before the show through intermission and is free to the public.



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Longyear Gallery Works in Series



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Catskill Choral Society to Present Mozart's Requiem

The Catskill Choral Society will return to the concert stage after more than two years with a spring concert entitled appropriately, "How can we keep from singing?" The concert will be presented on Friday, April 29 and Saturday, April 30 at the First United Methodist Church, 66 Chestnut Street, Oneonta. Both performances are at 7 p.m..

The concert will feature the beloved Mozart Requiem, accompanied by full orchestra and featuring soloists Cynthia Donaldson, soprano, Elijah McCormack, alto, Steven Nanni, tenor, and David Kolb, baritone. The program is under the direction of G. Roberts Kolb.

Lighter choral pieces by such composers as Bernstein, Alice Parker, Samuel Barber, and Gwyneth Walker will begin the program.

The Requiem was selected in remembrance of those lost

to the pandemic, and now, to victims of the war in Ukraine."

Tickets and more information at www.catskillchoralsociety.com. Purchase tickets at Green Earth, 4 Market Street, Oneonta, Cooperstown Natural Foods, 61 Linden Avenue, Cooperstown, or from any society member.

For further information, contact Chris Shields at 607-435-7008.

Longyear Gallery, 785 Main Street, Margaretville, has announced the opening of a special exhibit called Works in Series, by member artist who will display their individual in-

terpretations of the theme. The show will run through May 8. Above, the Gary Mayer Hands Series. Call 845-586-3270 or visit Longyeargallery.org for more information.

Spring Online Auction April 20 - 29

Benefit: Heart of the Catskills Humane Society

Let the bidding begin to help the area's homeless and unwanted pets. Spring is here, and organizers look forward to this year's online spring auction to benefit the Heart of the Catskills Humane Society.

The auction is virtual again,

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and auction packages will be available for viewing and bidding at www.PawsomeAuction.org from today, Wednesday, April 20, through Friday, April 29, with pick up of packages starting Saturday, April 30.

This year's auction will have a variety of packages to bid on, including four passes to Legoland in Goshen; a "Fun in the Catskills" golf package with gift certificates to at least four golf courses, and a Shirley Temple doll retro package called "Baby, Take a Bow." Other packages include a Milton Glasier "I love the Catskills" poster, handmade items and artwork by local artists, jewelry and accessories, health and fitness, family

fun entertainment, and items for furry friends.

View and register to bid on the packages, make a donation toward the event, or sponsor a cat or dog spay/neuter on the auction website. Auction items online must be purchased online and picked up at HCHS. Packages cannot be shipped.

Share the fundraising site with friends and family. Contributions help pay for food, medical care, heat, electricity, maintenance, spay and neuter, and humane education programs.

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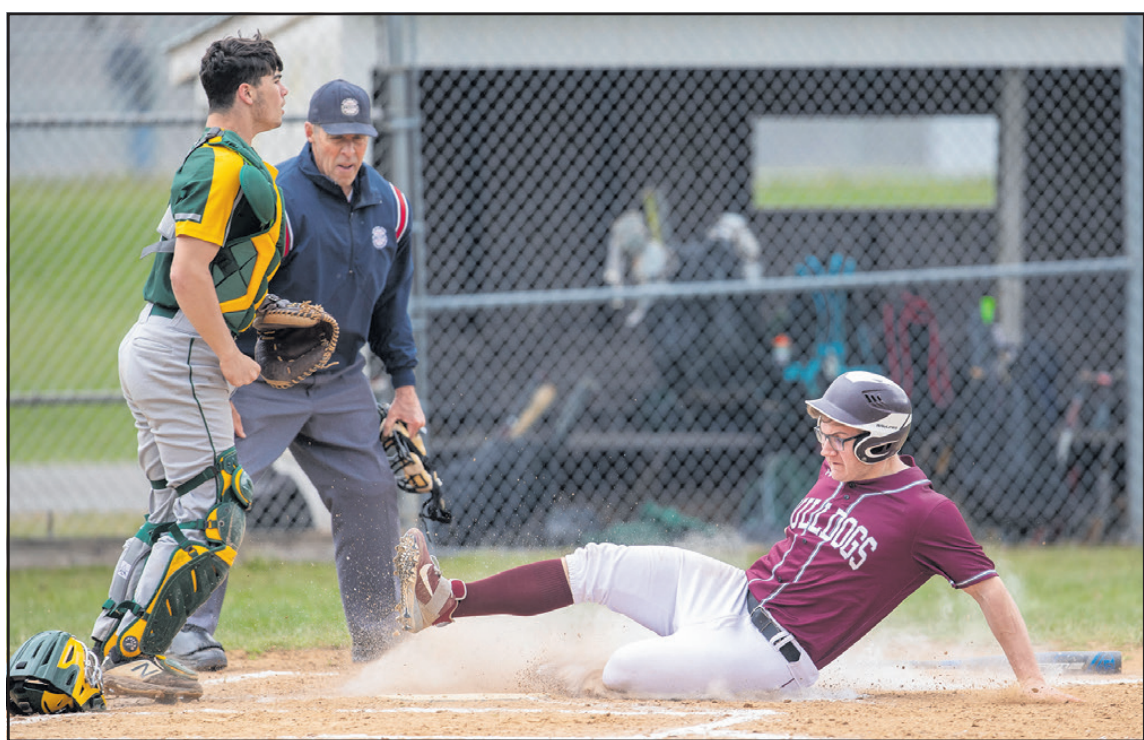
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SPORTS REPORTER

Delhi Baseball Falls to Greene



Benjamin Patton/The Reporter

Delhi's David Reese slides home to score a run for Delhi in their 8-2 loss to Greene on Saturday, April 16.

By Brianna Schmitz

DELHI - Greene/Oxford Trojans baseball defeated the Delaware Academy Bulldogs 8-2 on Saturday, April 16.

Greene/Oxford's Grayson Flanagan finished with nine

strikeouts on the mound. He also added two doubles. Trent Rapp added three runs, three hits (two doubles), and two RBIs to the Trojan's victory.

Delhi's Logan Nealis contributed one hit and one RBI for the Bulldogs.



Benjamin Patton/The Reporter

Delhi's Cody Sage pitches during his team's Saturday game with Greene.

Bobcats Win Back-and-Forth Battle Against Panthers

By Brianna Schmitz

EDMESTON - Bainbridge-Guilford Bobcats softball defeated the Edmeston/Morris Panthers 9-6 on Monday, April 11 on the road in a non-league matchup.

The Bobcats got on the board early, scoring two runs in the first inning with Gabriella Cuozzo and Celeste Baldwin crossing home plate. In the bottom of the first inning, E/M tied the game 2-2 after back-to-back singles brought in two runners. In the bottom of the third inning, the Panthers took the lead 3-2 after a Bobcats' error allowed them to score.

BG took back the lead in the top of the fifth inning when Celeste Baldwin doubled to left field scoring Alessandra Cafasso and Gabriella Cuozzo for the 4-3 lead. E/M took advantage

of a few wild pitches to score the tying run. Things continued to go the Panthers' way as they scored two more runners off wild pitches with two outs to take a 6-4 lead after five innings.

In the sixth inning, BG stayed focused and Jordyn Parsons scored on a ground out to cut their deficit to one. The Bobcats tied the game when Tara Fitzgerald hit a line drive to center field to send Breanna Casey home.

In the top of the seventh inning, the Bobcats took the lead when an error allowed Gabriella Cuozzo to score. BG added runs with an Abigail Wombaker double to score Celeste Baldwin; and an error allowed Abigail Wombaker to score for a 9-6 lead.

The Bobcats held on in the bottom of the seventh inning to earn a 9-6 victory on the

road.

BG's Celeste Baldwin led her team with two runs, two hits, and three RBIs. In the circle, she lasted four innings with four strikeouts. Abigail Wombaker drove in two RBIs for the Bobcats' victory.

E/M's Hannah Wist dominated in the circle with 13 strikeouts for the Panthers.

On Tuesday, April 12 the Bobcats suffered a loss to the Greene Trojans, 16-0 at home, in a MAC matchup.

Greene's Olivia Kennedy had an outstanding performance, finishing with 14 strikeouts and only allowing one hit. At the plate, she added two home runs and a double. She scored three runs and drove in six RBIs.

Abby Yahner brought in three RBIs on two singles for the Trojans' victory.

Oneonta Softball Clinches Win Over BG With Late Surge

By Brianna Schmitz

ONEONTA - Oneonta Yellowjackets softball defeated the Bainbridge-Guilford Bobcats 12-6 on Thursday, April 14 at the Oneonta All-Star Village.

Oneonta got on the board first when a wild pitch allowed Brooke Burrows to score in the bottom of the first inning.

In the top of the third inning, BG took the lead when Bre-

anna Casey hit a ground ball single to second base, scoring Gabriella Cuozzo and Celeste Baldwin. With two outs, Casey stole home to give the Bobcats the 3-1 advantage.

In the bottom of the third inning, Oneonta took advantage of two errors to get runners in scoring position. With a wild pitch, the Yellowjackets scored a run, then Natalie VanZandt doubled to center allowing another runner to score, tying

the game 3-3. Oneonta retook the lead after a BG error led to a single, scoring VanZandt, giving them the 4-3 lead after three innings.

In the fourth inning, BG moved Alessandra Cafasso around the bases and she stole home to tie the game. In the bottom of the fourth inning, Oneonta added three runs - Jordan Bellinger singled allowing Maddie Denning to score after an error on the throw. The next batter hit a sacrifice fly to send Bellinger home for the 7-4 Oneonta lead.

At the bottom of the fifth inning, the Yellowjackets saw another three-run inning after they took advantage of a single, error, and another single to score three runs. Oneonta's lead was 10-4 after five innings.

In the sixth inning, BG's Cuozzo scored after a pitch snuck past the catcher to cut her teams' deficit to 10-5. In the bottom of the sixth inning, Oneonta added to their lead when two runners came in after a single and another Bobcat error, to lead 12-5. In the top of the seventh inning, BG scored when Cuozzo hit a sacrifice fly sending Jayslin Henderson home.

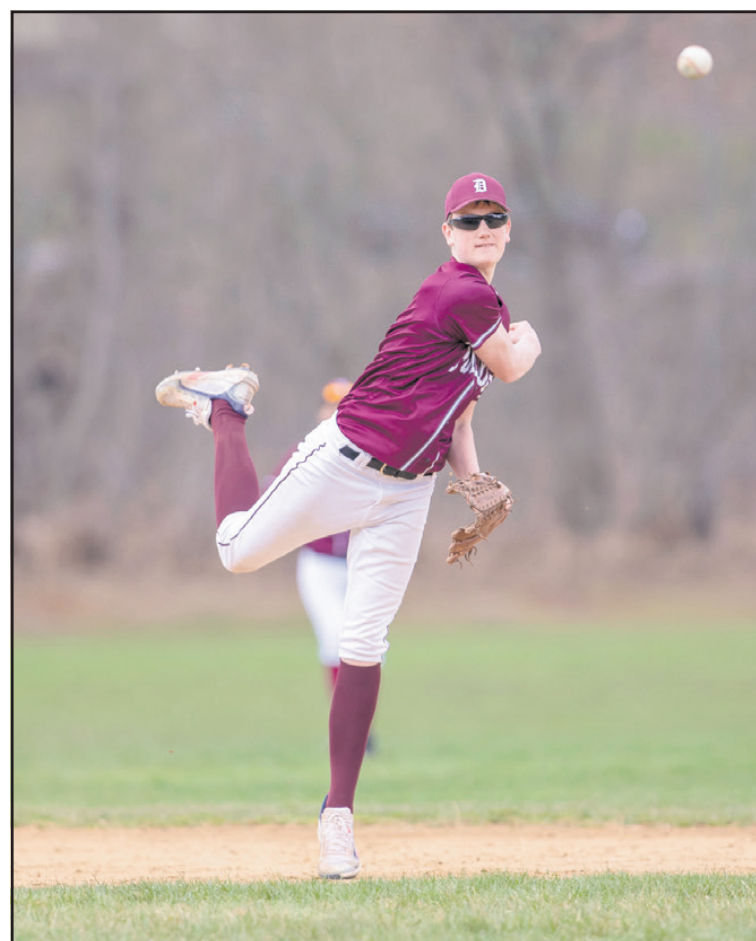
Oneonta held on to win 12-6. Oneonta's VanZandt led her team with two runs, two hits, and two RBIs. Bellinger added two hits and two RBIs. Maddie Denning finished with 12 strikeouts in the circle for the Yellowjackets' victory.

BG's Casey led her team with two RBIs, one hit, and one run. Cuozzo added an RBI and two stolen bases. Celeste Baldwin finished with two hits for the Bobcats.



Benjamin Patton/The Reporter

Delhi's Luke Sanford runs to first base after making contact during his team's game with Greene on Saturday, April 16.



Benjamin Patton/The Reporter

Delhi's Andrew Liddle throws a pitch for an out during his team's game with Greene on Saturday, April 16.

Sports Slates

Baseball

Wednesday: Afton at BG, UV/GMU at Delhi, Walton at Unatego/Franklin, Downsville at Margaretville, Sidney at Greene, Morris at Stamford

Thursday: Laurens/Milford at CV, D/H at Harpursville, Greene at D/H, Schenevus at Roxbury, Worcester at SK

Friday: Harpursville at BG, Downsville at CV, Delhi at Afton, Chenango Valley at Sidney, H-T at SK, Gilboa at Stamford, UV/GMU at Walton

Saturday: BG at Sidney Tournament, Tioga at D/H, Windham at Downsville

Sunday: GMU at Downsville Monday: Unatego/Franklin at BG, D/H at UV/GMU, SK at Margaretville, Sidney at Walton, Worcester at Stamford

Tuesday: H-T at CV, SK at Walton,

Softball

Wednesday: Afton at BG, UV/GMU at Delhi, D/H at Harpursville, Sidney at Greene, Morris at Stamford, Walton at Unatego

Thursday: Laurens at CV, Greene at D/H, Roxbury at Schenevus, Worcester at SK

Friday: CV at Downsville, Delhi at Afton, Richfield Springs at Franklin, Windham at Margaretville, Sidney at Norwich, SK at H-T, Stamford at Gilboa, UV/GMU at Walton, Oxford at Unatego

Saturday: Tioga at D/H, Downsville at Windham, Sidney vs Harpursville at BG

Sunday: GMU at Downsville Monday: Unatego at BG, Oxford at Delhi, D/H at UV/GMU, Margaretville at SK, Roxbury at Windham, Sidney at Walton, Worcester at Stamford

Tuesday: CV at H-T, Worcester at Franklin, Sidney at Unatego, SK at Walton

Track

Wednesday: BG at Walton, CV at Milford/Laurens, Delhi at Walton, Franklin at Milford/Laurens, Sidney at Walton, SK at Milford/Laurens, Stamford at Cherry Valley/Springfield, UV/GMU at D/H, Unatego at D/H

Thursday: Downsville at Sidney,

Saturday: BG at Sidney, D/H at Sidney, Downsville at Milford/Laurens, UV/GMU at Sidney, Unatego at Sidney, Walton at Sidney

Boys Tennis

Thursday: Delhi at BG, Greene at D/H, Roxbury at H-T, Oxford at Sidney, Stamford at Andes

Friday: Greene at BG Monday: Delhi at Oxford, Roxbury at Middleburgh

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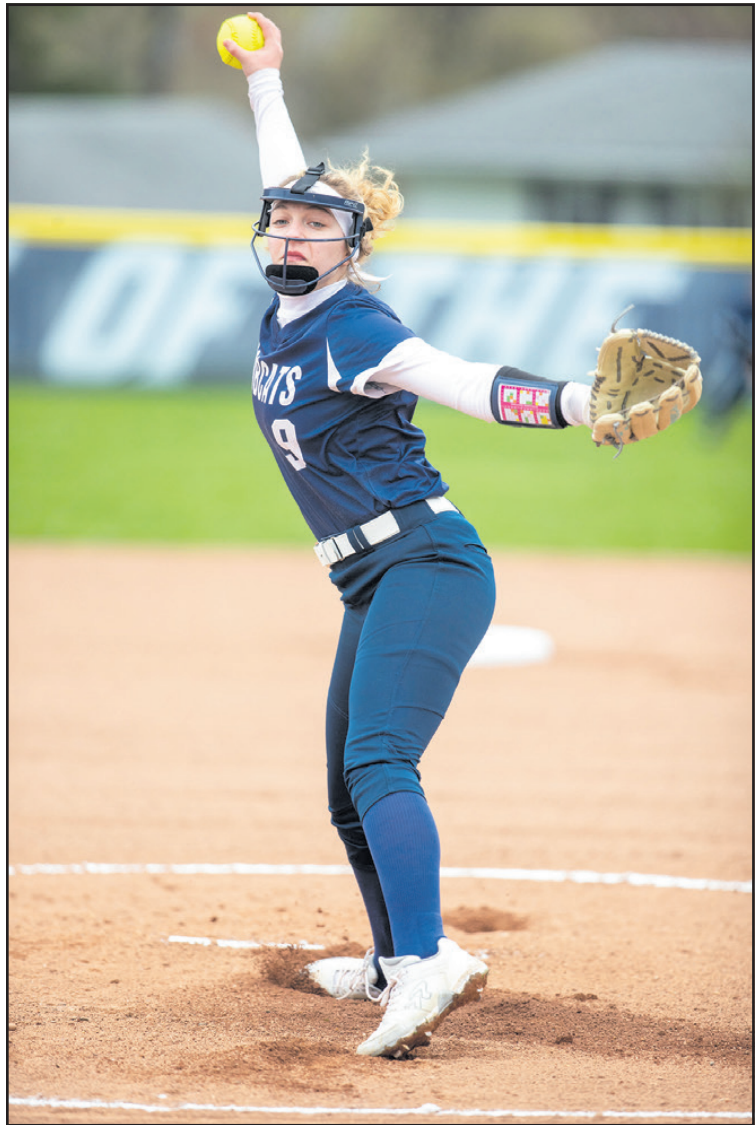
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BG Softball Edges Out Delhi

Bainbridge-Guilford girls softball defeated the Delhi Bulldogs, 7 - 6, on Monday, April 18 at home, in a MAC match-up.



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BG's Gabriella Cuozzo pitches during her team's win on Monday, April 18.



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Delhi's Sammie White slides safely into second base under the tag attempt of Bainbridge-Guilford's Celeste Baldwin during BG's 7-6 win on Monday, April 18.



Benjamin Patton/The Reporter

BG's Breanna Casey is hit on the helmet by a pitch during her team's 7-6 win over Delhi on Monday, April 18.



Benjamin Patton/The Reporter

Delhi's Shelby Lowe connects for a hit during her team's game with BG on Monday, April 18.



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Bainbridge-Guilford's Celeste Baldwin reacts after scoring a run while Delhi's Alli Ferrara looks on during their game on Monday, April 18.



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Delhi's Shannon Monahan tosses her bat after hitting the ball during her team's Monday game with BG.

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Ballplayers Wanted!

Delhi Polecats Vintage Base Ball Club will play home games at Crawford Field in Hamden this year. Those interested in playing or would like to know more, reach out on Facebook at Delaware County Vintage Base Ball Association or via email at DelhiPolecats@gmail.com. Practice begins in April. The first game is at Bovina in May, and the first home game is in June.



Photo From Delaware County Vintage Base Ball Association Facebook Page



Photo contributed by Scott Evangelista

Sidney Baseball Holds Off Delhi

By Brianna Schmitz

SIDNEY - Sidney Warriors baseball team defeated the Delaware Academy Bulldogs team 10-7 at home Thursday, April 14.

Delhi took the early lead 1-0 over Sidney when Garret Fitch scored on a pitching error. In the bottom of the first inning, Sidney scored two runs with two outs. Quinton Beckwith lined one to shortstop, scoring Lucas DeMott. Next up, Chris Moreno doubled to center field allowing Damien Smith to reach home plate giving the Warriors a 3-1 lead.

In the second inning, Delhi's Matt Griswold reached home after Garret Fitch popped-up

to the pitcher, cutting the score to 3-2. In the bottom of the second inning, Sidney's Casey Hingos hit a grounder for the RBI scoring Lincoln Constable. Both teams went scoreless in the third inning.

In the top of the fourth inning, the Bulldogs tied the game, scoring Griswold and Cody Sage off a Carter Tarrants single to left field. Sidney regained the lead 5-4 when Delhi's pitcher got called for illegal motion, advancing all runners and scoring Chris Hingo.

The Warriors added to their lead in the bottom of the fifth inning when a Beckwith double scored Damien Smith. They pushed the lead to 7-4 when Chris Moreno hit a double

sending Beckwith home. Moreno then scored off a Ben Miller single.

After holding Delhi in the fifth and sixth innings, Sidney added two more runs for insurance - Lucas DeMott stole home and Beckwith scored after Moreno reached on an error. In the seventh inning, Delhi fought back, scoring three runs but were unable to complete the comeback. Sidney held on to win 10-7 at home.

Sidney's Beckwith finished with three runs, three hits (two doubles), and two RBIs. Moreno added two hits and three RBIs to the Warriors' victory.

Delhi's Fitch and Griswold both contributed two runs and two hits for the Bulldogs.

Little Leaguers Learn From a Pro

More than 40 boys and girls and their coaches from the region participated in a Little League skills clinic last week at the Grand Gorge Civic Center. The clinic was led by Nate Fish, a former coach in the L.A. Dodgers organization and current head coach of the Israel National Baseball team. The event was hosted by the Catskill Mountain Little League, whose season kicks off on May 7.

Serrao Gets Pitching Win For Spartans

By Brianna Schmitz

SIDNEY - Unatego/Franklin Spartans baseball defeated the Sidney Warriors 16-1 on the road Wednesday, April 13.

Unatego/Franklin's Matt Serrao finished with 10 strikeouts for the pitching win. He also scored five runs. Xander Johnson added four hits. Shea Barber and Ryan Marshall contributed three hits apiece. Marshall added four RBIs to the Spartans' victory.

Sidney's Damien Smith led his team with two hits. Quinton Beckwith and Chris Hingo

both contributed one hit for the Warriors.

On Monday, April 11, Unatego/Franklin defeated the Unadilla Valley/Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Storm 28-0 on the road.

Unatego/Franklin's Shea Barber got the pitching win with eight strikeouts and Logan Utter added five strikeouts for the combined shutout. Ryan Marshall added a home run. U/F connected for 27 total hits. Shea Barber finished with three runs, four hits, and four RBIs. Braeden Johnson contributed four runs, four hits, and four RBIs to the Spartans' victory.

Gross Leads D/H Eagles To Back-to-Back Victories

By Brianna Schmitz

SPENCER - Deposit/Hancock Eagles baseball defeated the Spencer-Van Etten/Candor Panthers 20-8 on the road Wednesday, April 13.

D/H's Chris Gross finished with three runs, four hits, and five RBIs. Blake Fortunato and Caden Fortunato both contributed three runs, three hits, and two RBIs. Wyatt Jacobs added three hits to the Eagles victory.

Deposit-Hancock also defeated Morris/Edmeston Mustangs 6-2 at Fireman's Field in Hancock Tuesday, April 12.

D/H's Chris Gross blasted a home run to break open the game. He finished with two hits and two RBIs. Nick Locke and Caden Fortunato both added triples.

Morris/Edmeston's Kyle Ough finished with two hits.

Ronnie Hickling contributed six strikeouts for the Mustangs.

B/G Shines In Double Header

By Brianna Schmitz

NEW BERLIN - Bainbridge-Guilford Bobcats baseball defeated the Unadilla Valley/Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Storm 29-7 on the road Friday, April 15.

BG's Connor Davy dominated

on the mound with 12 strikeouts and added two doubles. Damon Seymour crushed a long home run. Ethan Beames contributed three doubles to the Bobcats' victory.

UV/G-MU's Dalton Proskine finished with two runs, two hits, and three RBIs for the Storm.

Earlier that day, BG defeated Whitney Point 20-7 on the road.

BG's Connor Davy led the way with four runs, three hits (a double and a home run), and four RBIs. Kaiden Seymour added four runs and Jack Winn contributed three hits to the Bobcats' victory.

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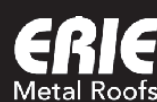
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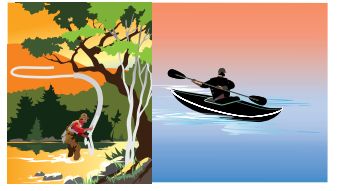
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Spring is a Great Time to Explore the Outdoors

With the snow melted, increasing day length, and warming temperatures, there's a lot to discover. Head to your local trout stream and wet a line or begin scouting for the spring turkey season. Look for American woodcock at dawn and dusk exhibiting their dis-



Photo by Barbara Kraft

tinctive call and display flight. Search for antlers shed by the bucks you saw in the fall. Listen for spring peepers and wood frogs calling in wetlands or seasonal pools. Look up and see birds migrating back to the area. It's a great time to explore the outdoors.

Try To Appreciate Bats This Spring

International Bat Day was April 17, and spring is a great time to appreciate New York's nine bat species. When temperatures become warm enough, bats will leave their hibernation sites and may be seen flying in search of insects. Unfortunately, many species of bats, including little brown bats, have faced severe population declines due to white-nose syndrome.

Some bat facts:

- They are insect-eating machines and can eat thousands of mosquitoes and other flying insects in a single night.
- Bats use echolocation (rapid pulses of sound that bounce off an object) to detect and catch insects.
- Bats are more closely related to primates than to mice.
- They are the only mammal that can fly.



To view bats, check out your local park or forested area, especially near water and along trails. Even your own backyard can be a great place to view bats if you have trees near your home.

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DELANCEY

By Linda Shepard lshepard@delhitel.net 607-746-6860

Services for the DeLancey, Hamden and West Delhi Presbyterian Churches during April will be held in Hamden at 11 a.m. with Rev. Connie Stone.

Youth Group meets Tuesdays at 6 p.m.

I welcome news from folks. Give me a call: 607-746-6860 or email me: lshepard@delhitel.net.

Alice Blackman had an enjoyable week recently when her daughter Kathy and husband Bob Tehan from Alanta, Ga., came to visit her. They all had fun when they took her shopping and helped her do things around the house. Before they left they had an early Easter and celebrated Alice's birthday a little early.

A meeting of the Hamden Senior Citizens will be held on Wednesday, April 27 at noon at the town hall. Bring a dish to pass and your table service. Rosemarie Tiesler will entertain by playing her accordion.

These folks have April birthdays: Rosemarie Bryden, Bill Bryden, Ann Marie Scobie, Bill Gromley, Savannah Wake, Bill Moody, Karen Marshfield, Roger Bolles, Susie Pearson, Barb Palmatier, Maria Costa, Emily Gray, Alice Blackman, Verna Loker, Dennis Miller, Teresa Burczak, Ginny Wilcox, Jamie Dugan, Josh Shepard, Peter DeBrock, Ashlynn Piroha, Grace Reynolds, Jim Hutson, Riley Wake, Dyer Schriver, Larry Soule, Shane Moshier, Ralph Dandignac, Vi Laing, Darlene Boise, Brayden Marshfield and Jim DeWitt. Having another anniversary are Karl and Lois Bender, Wilbur and Joyce Malory, Jeremiah and Sara Anderson. For Bill and Patsy Moody it was 45 years on April 2 and they enjoyed time with their family going out for dinner, they looked through their wedding album and had time off from milking the cows.

Andy Landsman, one of co-captains of Delhi Polecats Baseball Team says they are looking for players to begin practicing in April on Crawford Field in Hamden. Their first game is May 22 in Bovina. Home games will be played on Crawford Field beginning June 12. Those interested in playing should contact Andy at Delhi-Polecats@gmail.com.

Bingo at Delhi American Legion, Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Bring a friend.

Interesting Facts: National Parks: Death Valley National Park, Nevada. In this below sea-level basin, steady drought and record summer heat make Death Valley a land of extremes. Yet each extreme has striking contrasts. Towering peaks are frosted with winter snow. Rare rainstorms bring vast fields of wildflowers. Lush oasis harbor tiny fish and refuge for wildlife

and humans. April 16 is orchid Day, April 22 is Earth Day, and April is Hope month.

Grandma's Recipe for Tuna Mushroom Casserole: 1 package wide noodles, cooked and drained, 2 cans tuna, drained, 1 can mushrooms, drained, 1 can cream of mushroom soup, 1 1/3 cups milk, 1/2 tsp salt, 1/4 tsp pepper, 1/2 cup crushed saltines, 3 Tbsp butter or margarine, melted. In a bowl combine noodles, tuna and mushrooms. Combine soup, milk, salt and pepper, pour over noodle mixture and mix well. Pour into a greased 2 1/2qt baking dish. Combine saltines and butter, sprinkle over noodles. Bake uncovered at 350 for 35-45 minutes. If desired sprinkle with paprika.

My Thoughts of the week: With the heavy rain a week ago Friday due to flooding in the area, school was closed and here in DeLancey water was over the road by the bridge so traveling was done using different routes. I kept watch on how much water was going down along the river in back of me as it could cause flooding in my cellar. Thank goodness I didn't get any and the rain did stop in time. It was nice as due to problem of water over the road here it was like it use to be years ago with very little traffic going by.

We here in the Hamden area are very sorry to learn of the closing of the Hamden Bank/Wayne Bank in May. The bank opened in 1921 and will be a great loss for our community.

Lynn Kinch's joke of the week: A man goes to his lawyer and says, "My neighbor owes me \$500 and he won't pay up. What should I do?" "Do you have any proof he owes you the money?" the lawyer asks. "No." "OK, then write him a letter asking him for the \$5,000 he owes you." "But it's only \$500." "Precisely. That's what he will reply and then you'll have your proof."

Senior Moments: When men reach their 60s and retire, they go to pieces. Women go right on cooking.

A cute saying: Happiness is something we create in our mind, it's not something you search for and so seldom find.

Helpful Hints: Clever uses for rubber bands: To prevent lockouts, hook a rubber band around a doorknob then twist it and slip the other end over the opposite knob to keep the door from latching. To open a jar, if you have a tight lid put a rubber band around the edge of it for extra grip.

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Notice of Qualification of BMG Portfolio 2022 MT LLC. App. for Auth. filed with Secy of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/28/22. Office location: Delaware County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 2/16/22. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: InCorp Services, Inc., One Commerce Plaza, 99 Washington Ave, Ste 805-A, Albany, NY 12210. DE address of LLC: 1201 N. Orange St, Ste 7044, Wilmington, DE 19801. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy of State, PO Box 19903. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of Overtime Woodworks LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2022-03-04. Office location: Delaware County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Legallnc Corporate Services Inc: 1967 Wehrle Drive, Suite 1 #086 Buffalo NY 14221. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

Notice of Formation of The Beez Kneez LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2022-01-04. Office location: Delaware County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Tracy Ross: 158 Skytop lane Sidney center NY 13839. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

Qualis Marketplace LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/06/2022. Office: Delaware County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, PO Box 46 Meridale, NY 13806. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of DELHI 1 LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/9/22. Office location: Delaware County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 939 Central Ave, Peekskill, NY 10566. Purpose: any lawful activity.

Arts. of Org. of WyneBar, LLC ("LLC") filed with Dept. of State of NY on April 11, 2022. Office location: Delaware County. Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: 6 Loomis Drive, Sidney, New York 13838, principal business address. LLC does not have a specific date of dissolution. Purpose: All legal purposes. Filer: Lavelle & Finn, LLP, 29 British American Bl., Latham, NY 12110.

Rotman Tree Farm LLC. Filed with SSNY on 2/11/2022. Office: Delaware County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 1644 Todd Mountain Rd Arkville NY 12406. Purpose: any lawful

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town of Kortright Planning Board will have a public hearing on April 27, 2022 at 7:00pm at the Town Hall, 51702 State Highway 10, Bloomville, NY, regarding the proposed Minor Subdivision located at the intersection of Kelso Road and Turnpike Road, application #03-22-01. Kristin A. Craft Kortright Town Clerk

Westway Retreat LLC filed w/ SSNY 4/5/22. Off. in Delaware Co. SSNY desig. as agt. of LLC whom process may be served & shall mail process to the LLC, 206 21st St, Apt. 1A, Brooklyne, NY 11232. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of MAMFAS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State on 7/27/21. Office location: Delaware County. NY Sec. of State designated agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served, and shall mail process to 499 Main St, Franklin, NY 13775. Purpose: any lawful activity.

Arc Smart Systems LLC Arts of Org. filed SSNY 2/8/22, Delaware Co. SSNY design agent for process & shall mail to Konstantinos Lambiris 3457 Johnson Hollow Rd Prattsville, NY 12468 General Purpose

Notice of Qualification of BJ's Raw Pet Food LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/22/22. Office location: Delaware County. LLC formed in Pennsylvania (PA) on 09/29/16. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Unisearch, Inc., 99 Washington Ave, Ste 805A, Albany, NY 12210-2822. Address to be maintained in PA: 1518 Millport Rd., Lancaster, PA 17602. Arts of Org. filed with the Secy. of the Commonwealth, 206 North Office Bldg., 401 North St., Harrisburg, PA 17120. Purpose: any lawful activities.

REDCABIN 345 LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/01/22. Office: Delaware County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 220 E. 87th Street, Apartment 1G, New York, NY 10128. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Chora Group LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 2/7/2022. Cty: Delaware. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to Altschul & Altschul, 18 East 12th St., #1A, New York, NY 10003-4458. General Purpose

STU-ART 7 MUSIC, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/02/22. Office: Delaware County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Brief Carmen & Kleinman LLP, 488 Madison Avenue, Suite 1120, New York, NY 10022-5719. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Town of Walton is accepting bids for installation of a concrete floor in an existing 60' x 80' storage building located at 25091 State Highway 10, Walton, NY 13856. Proposals shall be submitted with a non-collusive form, in a sealed envelope clearly marked "Concrete Floor". All work needs to be completed by September 30, 2022. The Walton Town Clerk, Ronda Williams, will accept all proposals until 11:00 AM on May 3, 2022 when they will be publicly opened and read. For more information and bid specifications, contact Highway Superintendent Jeff Offnick, 25091 State Highway 10, Walton, New York 13856, 607-865-5120. The Town of Walton reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Jeff Offnick Supt of Highway

Notice of Formation of 249 Broadchannel, Andes LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/8/22. Office location: Delaware County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 939 Central Ave, Peekskill, NY 10566. Purpose: any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of Grays Tree Service, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2022-03-26. Office location: Delaware County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Andrew Gray: 16298 State Highway 8 Sidney NY 13838. Purpose: Any lawful purpose



Sealed bids will be received as set forth in instructions to bidders until 10:30 A.M. on Thursday, May 19, 2022 at the NYSDOT, Office of Contract Management, 50 Wolf Rd, 1st Floor, Suite 1CM, Albany, NY 12232 and will be publicly opened and read. Bids may also be submitted via the internet using www.bidx.com. A certified cashier's check payable to the NYSDOT for the sum specified in the proposal or a bid bond, form CONR 391, representing 5% of the bid total, must accompany each bid. NYSDOT reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Electronic documents and Amendments are posted to www.dot.ny.gov/doing-business/opportunities/const-notices. The Contractor is responsible for ensuring that all Amendments are incorporated into its bid. To receive notification of Amendments via e-mail you must submit a request to be placed on the Planholders List at www.dot.ny.gov/doing-business/opportunities/const-planholder. Amendments may have been issued prior to your placement on the Planholders list.

NYS Finance Law restricts communication with NYSDOT on procurements and contact can only be made with designated persons. Contact with non-designated persons or other involved Agencies will be considered a serious matter and may result in disqualification. Contact Robert Kitchen (518)457-2124. Contracts with 0% Goals are generally single operation contracts, where subcontracting is not expected, and may present direct bidding opportunities for Small Business Firms, including, but not limited to D/W/MBEs.

The New York State Department of Transportation, in accordance with the 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 the Secretary, Part 21, Nondiscrimination in Federally-assisted programs of the Department of Transportation and Title 23 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 200, Title IV Program and Related Statutes, as amended, issued pursuant to such Act, hereby notifies all who respond to a written Department solicitation, request for proposal or invitation for 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. Please call (518)457-2124 if a reasonable accommodation is needed to participate in the letting. Region 09: New York State Department of Transportation 44 Hawley Street, Binghamton, NY, 13901 D264780, PIN 980747, Delaware, Schoharie Cos., JOB ORDER CONTRACT (JOC), HIGHWAY & DRAINAGE, Bid Deposit: 5% of Bid (~ \$40,000.00), Goals: MBE: 5.00%, WBE: 10.00%, SDVOB: 6.00%

LEGAL NOTICE

REQUEST FOR BIDS

The Watershed Agricultural Council (WAC) is accepting sealed bids for one (1), 2001 Mack RB688 Manure Spreader truck with a mounted 2014 Meyer 9520 20 foot Crop Max Spreader assembly. Vehicle is being sold "as-is where is". Specific details of vehicle/spreader and bid sheets are available immediately and can be obtained by contacting Wendy Hanselman at 607-865-7790 ext. 115 or via email at whanselman@nycwatershed.org. Vehicle can be viewed and inspected by appointment only by also contacting Wendy Hanselman. Bids will be accepted until the bid opening on Monday May 16, 2022 at 12:00am. All bids must be sealed and clearly labeled "Sealed Bid for Vehicle". Late submissions will not be considered. Vehicle must be paid for with a certified check or cash and picked up by May 26, 2022. WAC reserves the right to reject any and all bids received. EOE.

TOWN OF DELHI HIGHWAY GARAGE ROOF REPLACEMENT NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Please take notice that sealed bid proposals will be accepted by the Town of Delhi for a roof replacement at the Highway Garage in Delhi, NY 13753 as set forth in the District's bid specifications.

Scope of Work:

The project is being undertaken to repair and replace the existing failing Town Garage Roof. The existing metal roof is continuing to exhibit signs of failure. The Town is seeking bids to remove and replace the existing metal roof with a new, exposed fastener metal roofing system.

Schedule:

All work shall be complete by September 30, 2022. The Town recognizes that material supply chains are currently unpredictable, and are willing to discuss adjustments to a completion date as necessary.

Prebid Conference:

A pre-bid conference will not be held. Bidders are encouraged to visit the project site and encouraged to contact Principle Design with any questions or concerns.

Bid Opening:

Bids will be received by the Town of Delhi, 5 Elm Street, Delhi, NY 13753, until **May 9th, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.** Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud during the subsequent Board Meeting.

Bidders are responsible for the timely delivery of their Bid proposal to the proper person and location as indicated. Bidders are advised not to rely on the Postal Service or any other mail delivery service for the timely and proper delivery of their bid proposals.

Bid Documents:

Copies of the Contract Documents may be obtained on or after **April 18, 2022** by contacting Principle Design at (607) 204-0609 or PrincipleDE@outlook.com. Plans will be emailed electronically only.

Bids may be held by the Owner for a period not to exceed forty-five (45) calendar days from the date of the openings of Bids for the purpose of reviewing the Bids and investigation of the qualifications of the Bidders and subsequent approval of the Bids and related documents by the owner. Bid proposals received after the date and time specified in the invitation shall be considered unresponsive and will be returned to the Bidder unopened. **The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all Bids or waive any formalities in the Bidding.**

It is the policy of the Town of Delhi that Minority and Women's Business Enterprises and Small Business Enterprises shall be encouraged to participate in all request for proposals and/or bids.

Questions should be directed to Principle Design Engineering, PLLC, phone: (607) 204-0609 or moreillype@outlook.com

DATED: April 18, 2022

Elsa Schmitz, Town Clerk
Town of Delhi
5 Elm Street
Delhi, NY 13753

townclerk@townofdelhi.org

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF DELAWARE Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee, on behalf of the holders of the J.P. Morgan Mortgage Acquisition Trust 2007-CH3 Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2007-CH3, Plaintiff AGAINST Jean LeTennier a/k/a Jean Michel LeTennier a/k/a Jean M. LeTennier; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated January 26, 2022, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Delaware County Courthouse, 3 Court Street, Delhi, NY 13753 on May 24, 2022 at 10:00AM, premises known as 1580 State Highway 357, Unadilla, NY 13849. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Sidney, County of Delaware, State of New York, Section 95. Block 1 Lot 35.1. Approximate amount of judgment \$715,959.99 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# EF2018-290. The auction will be conducted pursuant to the COVID-19 Policies Concerning Public Auctions of Foreclosed Property established by the Sixth Judicial District. Stephen Baker, Esq., Referee LOGS Legal Group LLP f/k/a Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 430-4792 Dated: April 1, 2022 71675

The Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) is seeking qualified entities for the demolition of one structure in the Town of Hunter, Greene County on a property purchased pursuant to the NYCDEP funded Flood Buyout Program and approved by the Village of Tannersville. A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held on May 4, 2022 at 10:00 AM. Bids must be received at CWC by 3:00 PM, May 12, 2022. For bid documents please contact John Mathiesen or Timothy Cox at 845-586-1400. EOE

Notice of Formation of Monet Flowers LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2022-02-17. Office location: Delaware County. SSNY designated as agent of upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Patricia Poole: 361 West Highland Rd Hobart NY 13788. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

Notice of Formation of Lost Bookshop. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2022-02-11. Office location: Delaware County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Emily Helck: 2906 Scotch Hill Bloomville NY 13739. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

**Legal Notice
Town of Delhi Planning Board
5 Elm Street, Delhi, NY 13753**

The Town of Delhi Planning Board has changed its monthly meeting time from 7:30pm to 6:30pm effective April 2022. Planning Board meetings are held the 4th Monday of the month at the Town of Delhi, 5 Elm Street, Delhi NY 13753. By Order of the Delhi Town Planning Board



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THE MULTI TOOL COMPANY, LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 3/22/22. Office in Delaware Co. SSNY design. Agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to C/O Olenderfeldman LLP 422 Morris Ave Summit NJ 07901. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Brussel Sprouts LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 3/16/2022. Cty: Delaware. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to 53 Main St., Delhi, NY 13753. General Purpose.

**New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
Notice of Complete Application**

Date: 04/07/2022
Applicant: DELAWARE COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
44 West St Ste 1
WALTON, NY 13856-1217

Facility: Ouleout Creek Stabilization
St Hwy 357
Franklin, NY 13775

Application ID: 4-1232-00350/00001

Permit(s) Applied for: 1-Article 15 Title 5 Stream Disturbance 1-Section 401 - Clean Water Act Water Quality Certification

Project is located: in FRANKLIN in DELAWARE COUNTY

Project Description:
Delaware County Soil and Water Conservation District is proposing to address a large section of Ouleout Creek, a class C(ts) stream, which is currently experiencing severe erosion. The project consists of grading the stream channel to appropriate dimensions, stabilizing the streambanks along the lateral stream migration and erosion areas, and installing riparian buffers. Total project impacts will be approximately 1,002 linear feet of stream, ~711 CY of rip-rap, and an equal balance of cut/fill.

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

State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) Determination
Project is not subject to SEQR because it is a Type II action.

SEQR Lead Agency None Designated.

State Historic Preservation Act (SHPA) Determination
Evaluation using a Structural-Archaeological Assessment Form or other information has concluded that the proposed activity will not impact registered, eligible or inventoried archaeological sites or historic structures.

Availability For Public Comment
Comments on this project must be Submitted in writing to the Contact Person no later than 04/28/2022 or 15 days after the publication date of this notice, whichever is later.

Contact Person
Lucas Cipperly
NYSDEC
65561 St Rte 10
Stamford, NY 12167-9503

Notice of Formation of Esther's Listings. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2022-04-08. Office location: Delaware County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to The LLC: 50 Maple Lane Roxbury NY 12474. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT DELAWARE COUNTY QUICKEN LOANS INC., Plaintiff against MATTHEW C. RUSSELL, et al Defendant(s) Attorney for Plaintiff(s) Stern & Eisenberg, P.C., Woodbridge Corporation Plaza, 485B Route 1 South, Suite 330, Iselin, NJ 08830. Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered March 4, 2022, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at Delaware County Courthouse, 3 Court St, Delhi NY 13753 on May 10, 2022 at 9:00 AM. Premises known as 1 Elm Street, Deposit, NY 13754. Sec 349.17 Block 10 Lot 11.2. All that tract or parcel of land, together with the buildings and improvements thereon, situate in the Village and Town of Deposit, County of Delaware and State of New York. Approximate Amount of Judgment is \$116,674.95 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No EF2019-539. During the COVID-19 health emergency, Bidders are required to comply with all governmental health requirements in effect at the time of the sale including but not limited to wearing face coverings and maintaining social distancing (at least 6-foot apart) during the auction, while tendering deposit and at any subsequent closing. Should a bidder fail to comply, the Referee may refuse to accept any bid, cancel the closing and hold the bidder in default. Bidders are also required to comply with the Foreclosure Auction Rules and COVID-19 Health Emergency Rules issued by the Supreme Court of this County in addition to the conditions set forth in the Terms of Sale. Daniel S. Ross, Esq., Referee NY20190000573-1

**Town of Delhi Zoning Board of Appeals
5 Elm Street, Delhi NY 13753**

Please take notice that the Town of Delhi Zoning Board of Appeals will be holding a public hearing at 7:00pm for a variance application on 476 Mostert Road on Tuesday, April 26, 2022 at the Delhi Town Hall, 5 Elm Street, Delhi New York. The public is required to wear face coverings if attending in person or you can contact the Town Clerk's office at 607-746-3737 between the hours of 8:00am - 3:00pm Monday through Friday for a ZOOM link to participate remotely.
Lois Haight, Chairperson
Town of Delhi Zoning Board of Appeals

LEGAL NOTICE
Notice of Sale of Town Owned Real Property
Resolution 22 of 2022 Sale of 29467 State Highway 28

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE Town Board of the Town of Andes on April 12, 2022 adopted Resolution 22 of 2022 "Advertisement of Resolution 13 of 2022 Sale of 29467 State Highway 28, Andes, NY for Permissive Referendum".

SUMMARY OF RESOLUTION

Be it resolved by the Town Board of the Town of Andes to accept the bid of \$80,000.00 from TAB Construction for the purchase of the Town property at 29467 State Highway 28, Andes, NY (tax map number 238.-1-22) as is and to authorize the Town Attorney to prepare a quit claim deed and to authorize the Supervisor to close on the property. Closing costs are to be paid by the bidder.

By order of the Board
Kimberly A. Tosi
Andes Town Clerk

The Catskill Watershed is seeking to hire a qualified Administrative Assistant. Duties may include a variety of clerical and administrative tasks such as answering telephones, arranging meetings, and managing schedules. Proficiency in Microsoft Office products required. Salary \$40,000. Excellent Benefits. Please send resume to Mr. Jason Merwin, 669 County Highway 38 Suite 1, Arkville, NY 12406. EOE

Verum Staffing LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/05/2022. Office: Delaware County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, PO Box 46 Meridale, NY 13806. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company Name: JZM Services LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State (SSNY) on 03/23/2022. Office Location: Delaware County. SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and SSNY shall mail copy of process to 8032 State Highway 23 Oneonta NY 13820. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

TEN SECOND STREET LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/30/22. Office: Delaware County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 326 N. Montgomery Street, Newburgh, NY 12550. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Bagel Works Staten Island LLC. Filed 3/23/22. Office: Delaware Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 1060 Richmond Rd, Staten Island, NY 10304. Purpose: General.

Notice of Formation of Blue Sky Getaway Mgt. LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2022-04-06. Office location: Delaware County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Susan Ann O'Rourke: 646 Cemetery Rd. Margaretville NY 12455. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF DELAWARE

LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC Plaintiff,
Against

ROBERT C. MCDOWELL, ET AL Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, duly entered 07/06/2018, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction, the Delaware County Courthouse, 3 Court Street., Delhi, NY, on 5/9/2022 at 11:00 a.m., premises known as 215 Vestal Avenue Hancock, New York 13783 and described as follows: ALL that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Village and town of Hancock, County of Delaware and State of New York, Section 429.13 Block 2 Lot 46. The approximate amount of the current Judgment lien is \$163,906.48 plus interest and costs. The Premises will be sold subject to provisions of the aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale; Index # 2017-118

Gary J Grayson, Esq., Referee.
McCabe, Weisberg & Conway, LLC, Suite 3C20, 1 Huntington Quadrangle, Melville, NY 11747. Dated: February 14, 2022 File Number: 17-300496 PP

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING AND ANNUAL BUDGET VOTE AND SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION FOR DELAWARE ACADEMY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AT DELHI, 2 Sheldon Drive, Delhi, New York

Budget Hearing
A Budget Hearing for the inhabitants of the Delaware Academy Central School District at Delhi qualified to vote at the School District Meeting will be held at the Delaware Academy High School Auditorium, commencing at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 9, 2022 where there shall be presented the proposed school district budget for the following 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 members of the Board of Education shall be held on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 in the Delaware Academy Middle School Building, ground floor, between the gym and the agriculture classroom, between the hours of 12:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

Statement of Money Required for Next School Year
A copy of the statement of the amount of money which shall 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 each schoolhouse, during the period of 14 days immediately preceding the Annual Meeting and Election and on the day of the election, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., except Saturday, Sunday or holidays.

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 signed, and proposition shall be filed with the Clerk of 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 may 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 by the proposition, and such proposition fails to include the necessary specific appropriation.

Vote for Board Members
Petitions nominating candidates for the Board of Education vacancies must be filed with the district clerk during regular business hours between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. and no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 18, 2022. The following three (3) vacancies are to be filled:
A three-year term ending June 30, 2025, presently held by Seth Haight
A three-year term ending June 30, 2025, presently held by Lucy Kelly
A three-year term ending June 30, 2025, presently held by Sean Luddy

Each petition shall be signed by at least twenty-five (25) qualified voters of the District and must state the name and residence of the voter. Nominating petitions are available at the district office during regular business hours (8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.).

Absentee Ballots
Applications for absentee ballots are available to Delaware Academy Central School District at Delhi residents at the district clerk's office during regular business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. except Saturdays and Sundays or holidays.

All absentee ballot applications must be received by the district clerk no later than seven (7) days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or by the day before the election if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter.

Military Absentee Ballots
Applications for military absentee ballots are available at the district clerk's office during regular business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. except Saturdays and Sundays or holidays. The military application must be returned by mail or in person to the office of the School District Clerk not later than 5:00 p.m. on the twenty-fifth day before the election. A military voter is defined in section 122.2(f) of the commissioner's regulations. Military voters may indicate their preference for receiving the application either by mail, facsimile transmission or electronic mail (8 NYCRR§ 122.5(a) (3)). A list of persons to whom absentee ballots have been issued will be available for public inspection in the district clerk's office during each of the five days prior to the day of the election, except Saturday and Sundays, during regular business hours of (8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.) and the same list will be posted at the polling place. Dated: March 28, 2022
Lisa A. Kulaski, District Clerk
Delaware Academy CSD at Delhi

NOTICE OF SALE IN FORECLOSURE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF DELAWARE HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR NOMURA ASSET ACCEPTANCE CORPORATION/MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2004-AP3, PLAINTIFF

DIANE E. KNIGHT A/K/A DIANE KNIGHT, ET AL., DEFENDANT

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT In pursuance of a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the office of the County Clerk of Delaware County on January 07, 2022, I, Robert Carey, Esq., the Referee named in said Judgment, will sell in one parcel at public auction on May 11, 2022 at 111 Main Street, Village of Delhi, NY, County of Delaware, State of New York, at 10:30 AM the premises described as follows:

776 Autumn Breeze Road f/k/a 1 Autumn Breeze Road
Denver, NY 12421
SBL No.: 180.-1-69
ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND situate in the Town of Roxbury, County of Delaware, State of New York. The premises are sold subject to the provisions of the filed judgment, Index No. EF2015-901 in the amount of \$435,742.43 plus interest and costs. The aforementioned auction will be conducted in accordance with the Court System's COVID-19 mitigation protocols and as such all persons must comply with social distancing, wearing masks and screening practices in effect at the time of this foreclosure sale.
Stuart Frame
Woods Oviatt Gilman LLP
Plaintiff's Attorney
500 Bausch & Lomb Place
Rochester, NY 14604
Tel.: 855-227-5072

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING AND VOTE WALTON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT WALTON, NEW YORK

A Budget Hearing for the inhabitants of the Walton Central School District qualified to vote at School District Meetings will be held in the Boardroom located in the O'Neill High School and may be viewed live and recorded on the Walton Central School District YouTube Channel
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCeNyGfgoqZkRPqVwVc3VD1g>, commencing at 6:00 PM, on Tuesday, May, 3, 2022 where there shall be presented the proposed school district budget for the following school year.

Date of Annual Meeting
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 members of the Board of Education shall be held on Tuesday, May 17, 2022, in the School Bus Garage, Delaware Street, between the hours of 12:00 Noon and 9:00 PM. The following propositions shall be put forth to the voters:

Proposition No. 1
Shall the submitted 2022-23 budget as presented by the Board of Education to the voters at the Budget Hearing be approved and be adopted and the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures be appropriated and the Board of Education be authorized to levy the necessary taxes to meet the estimated expenditures?
Proposition No. 2
RESOLVED that, pursuant to Chapter 472 of the Session Laws of 1998, the Board of Education of the Walton Central School District is hereby authorized to lease and expend therefore, including costs incidental thereto and the financing thereof, an amount not to exceed the estimated maximum cost of Three Hundred Forty-three Thousand Dollars (\$343,000.00) for the entire term of the lease, and for a term not to exceed five (5) years, the following motors vehicles: two (2) sixty-five (65) passenger school buses and one (1) thirty-one (31) passenger school bus with a wheelchair lift;

AND, that such sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax collected in annual installments; and that in anticipation of such tax, obligations of the District shall be issued.
Statement of Money Required for Next School Year
A copy of the statement of the amount of money which will 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 each schoolhouse, during the period of 14 days immediately before the Annual Meeting and Election, between the hours of 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM, except Saturday, Sunday, or holiday.
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 AM, and 4:00 PM not later than 5:00 PM on April 18, 2022. The following vacancies are to be filled:
A three-year term ending June 30, 2025 presently held by Kevin S. Charles
A three-year term ending June 30, 2025 presently held by Alan L. Budine
A three-year term ending June 30, 2025 vacated by Miranda R. Grossmann and presently held by Marilyn C. Lewis
Each petition must be addressed to the Clerk of the District and signed by at least 25 qualified voters of the District, shall state the residence of each signer, and the name and address of the candidate. Vacancies upon the Board shall not be considered separate specific offices. The individuals receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected to the vacancies.

Voter 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 may 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 by the proposition, and such proposition fails to include the necessary specific appropriation.
Qualified Voters
Qualified voters of the School District shall be entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting. 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 Meeting. The School District may require all persons offering to vote at the Annual Meeting to provide one form of proof of residency. Such form may include, but is not limited to, a driver's license or a utility bill.
Absentee Ballots
Applications for absentee ballots may be applied for at the Office of the District Clerk at 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 Clerk of the District not later than 5:00 PM on the date 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 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM. Any qualified voter, may upon examination of such list, file written challenge of qualifications of a voter of any person whose name appears on such list, stating the reasons for the challenge. Such written challenge shall be transmitted by the Clerk or designee to the Election Inspectors on election day.
Dated: March 30, 2022
By Order of the Board of Education of the Walton Central School District
S. Corey Phraner
District Clerk

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POLICE REPORT

NYS Sheriffs Fundraising Drive

The New York State Sheriffs' Institute will begin its annual honorary membership drive in Delaware County in April.

The flagship program of the Sheriffs' Institute is the Sheriffs' Summer Camp for economically challenged children. The Sheriffs' Summer Camp, in its 47th year of operation, is located on Keuka Lake; 840 children from across the state attend each summer. The Sheriffs' Institute pays the entire cost of the camp including transportation. Most children attending wouldn't otherwise have an opportunity for vacation travel or a summer camp experience.

The Sheriffs' Summer Camp program combines summer recreation with activities designed to teach an understanding of, and respect for, our laws and the men and women who enforce them. The strong camper to counselor ratio allows for individual attention with an emphasis on the development of self esteem.

The camp acts as a bridge between youth and law enforcement and fosters positive relationships while helping to build mutual trust, Delaware



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Summer Camp is one of many programs funded by the NYS Sheriffs' Institute.

County Sheriff Craig DuMond said. By becoming an honorary member, or donating, communities are strengthened and our communities and kids are given an opportunity to attend summer camp.

The Sheriffs' Institute operates a scholarship program that provides one scholarship to each of New York's community colleges' Criminal Justice programs. This program is designed to help attract the best and the brightest to the criminal justice vocation.

For more information about the Sheriffs' Summer Camp and other Sheriffs' Institute Programs, visit www.sheriffsinstitute.org.

Financial support for many

of the Sheriffs' Institute programs comes from honorary membership dues. Invitations for honorary membership are extended on a non-partisan basis, and the invitees are selected at random. Any persons interested in supporting the efforts of the New York State Sheriffs' Institute by becoming an honorary member can contact the Delaware County Sheriff if they do not receive an invitation in the mail, or visit the website to download an application.

All donations are tax deductible. The Sheriffs' Institute is registered with the New York State Attorney General's Charities Bureau.

Range Safety Officer Training May 25, Delhi

A safety officer certification training will be held at the J. Small Firearms Training Range in Delhi on May 25 and June 2 from 5 - 9 p.m.

Cost is \$50; pre-registration is required at www.dpd-training.com.

Participants must be 21 years old and both sessions must be

attended. No firearms are permitted in this training. There will be a quiz that participants must pass in order to become certified.

The class will train participants to display the skills, knowledge and professional attitude required of a competent range safety officer. A range

safety officer assists a firearms instructor to make a course as safe as possible and helps to supervise shooting activities and range exercises.

For additional information email delhipd519@delhitel.net or call 607-434-6101.

DelCo UnderSheriff To Retire, Sergeant Named Successor

Delaware County Sheriff Craig S. DuMond announced the retirement of Undersheriff Timothy Buckley, effective May 21. Sergeant Kim Smith, a 25-year veteran of the department, will be his successor, effective May 22.

Buckley began his law enforcement career in 1996 working for various municipal police departments in Delaware and Chenango counties.

In 1998 he was appointed as a deputy sheriff at the Chenango County Sheriff's Office where he also served as a school resource officer. Shortly after, he also became a part-time deputy with the Delaware County Sheriff's Office and became full time in 2000.

During his career at the Delaware County Sheriff's Office, Buckley was promoted through the ranks, holding progressive positions such as investigator and lieutenant. He was appointed Undersheriff in 2018 and has since served in that position.

Of his retirement, Buckley said he has enjoyed his career and will miss his friends and colleagues that he has had the pleasure of working with through the years.

He is leaving the department in good hands, he said. "I am proud of what the office has become over the years," he said. He thanked DuMond for being a great leader. "I am looking forward to retirement and being home with my wife, Sandi, and our dogs in sunny California and no longer having to deal with snow," he said.

Smith began her career with the Delaware County Sheriff's Office on July 3, 1997 as a corrections officer. She was appointed as a part time deputy sheriff in February 2000 and became full time in 2001.

She has received several awards over her career including: Sheriff's Department Em-



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From left: Sergeant Kim Smith, Sheriff Craig DuMond, Undersheriff Timothy Buckley.

ployee of the Quarter Award, Delaware County Employee of the Month award, as well as several other letters of accommodation.

In June of 2015, Smith was promoted to corporal, in addition to her deputy sheriff and evidence custodian duties. In 2016 she transitioned from road patrol to agency accreditation manager, agency training director, and director of community relations.

In February 2018, she was promoted to sergeant.

In January 2020, she was nominated by DuMond for the Sheriff Carl Draxler Award given annually by the New York State Sheriff's Institute to a sheriff's office employee whose career achievements and conscientious devotion to duty have demonstrated a spirit of selfless public service. During her career Smith has held the following titles: corrections officer, road patrol deputy, evidence technician, field training officer, certified school resource officer, director of the Delaware County Law Enforcement Academy, agency accreditation manager, director of training, director of

public relations, assistant press information officer, operation safe child coordinator, quartermaster for road patrol division, grant coordinator, road patrol equipment/inventory manager, agency seal order coordinator, agency convicted offender DNA collection and submission coordinator.

Of her impending promotion, she said, "I am beyond humbled and honored, to be considered, let alone, be appointed by Sheriff DuMond to a position which holds an incredible amount of history and public trust. I will continue to serve the Delaware County Sheriff's Office and the citizens of our county in the utmost manner that they so appropriately deserve."

DuMond said he will miss Buckley's calm demeanor, level head and professionalism; but most importantly his friendship and devotion to the department. Smith, DuMond said, brings an impeccable degree of experience, character and integrity to the position. "I am completely confident in her abilities to assist me in leading our agency progressively into the future."

Police Blotter

Incidents published in the Police Blotter come directly from reports provided by local law enforcement agencies. These reports are a record of the actions taken on a given day by these agencies. Nothing in the published blotter should be construed as a finding of guilt.

Sidney Police Department

• **Justin J. Cirigliano**, 27, Bainbridge, was arrested on April 12 on a Sidney Village Court warrant for failure to appear.

• **Donald J. Vanderhoef**, 46, Oxford, was arrested on April 13 on a Sidney Village Court warrant for failure to appear.

• **Heather Sulger**, 39, Sidney, was arrested on April 14 and charged with trespass.

• **Nathaniel R. Baron**, 24, Oneonta, was arrested on April 15 and charged with three counts of second-degree menacing.

• **Steven C. Barrows**, 31, Afton, was arrested on April 16 on a Sidney Village Court warrant for failure to appear.

• **Thomas M. Demuth**, 33, Bainbridge, was arrested on April 16 on a warrant for violating the conditions of a previously imposed sentence.

• **Kristopher G. Kestor**, 43, Cherry Valley, was arrested on April 16 and charged with driving while intoxicated and aggravated driving while intoxicated.

• **Edward J. Petti**, 29, Sidney, was arrested on April 17 on a Sidney Village Court warrant for

failure to appear, resisting arrest and second-degree obstruction of government administration.

Delaware County Sheriff's Office

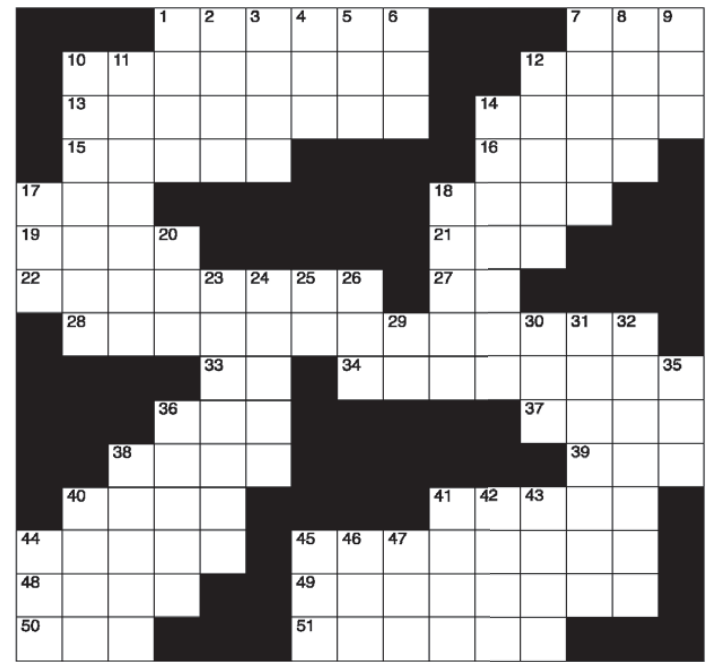
• **Terri Ann Connolly**, 37, Walton, was arrested on April 11 and charged with second-degree aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, unlicensed operator, operating with no rear license plate, improper plates, operating without insurance, unregistered motor vehicle and un-inspected motor vehicle, following a welfare check on an occupant of a parked vehicle.

New York State Police

• **Daniel M. Covey**, 48, Deposit, was arrested by Deposit State Police on April 13 and charged with second-degree menacing, and second-degree criminal contempt. He was arrested again on April 16 and charged with a second count of second-degree criminal contempt.

• **Shane M. Driever**, 29, Roscoe, was arrested by Liberty State Police on April 14 and charged with third-degree criminal mischief. He was issued an appearance ticket to answer the charge in Rockland Town Court.

REPORTER CROSSWORD



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. A woman of refinement
- 7. Body part
- 10. One who imitates
- 12. Tropical Asian starlings
- 13. A type of delivery
- 14. W. Australian capital
- 15. Many wombs
- 16. Wings
- 17. Expression of amusement
- 18. Brews
- 19. Mild yellow Dutch cheese
- 21. Mild expression
- 22. Solitary
- 27. Distance to top
- 28. The rebirth of a soul in a new body
- 33. Police who investigate police (abbr.)
- 34. Begrudged
- 36. Popular sports league
- 37. Autonomous republic of Russia
- 38. Double-headed drum
- 39. Type of light bulb
- 40. Czech River
- 41. Male servants (Span.)
- 44. Previously
- 45. Minor
- 48. Metrical foot
- 49. Days that follow Mondays
- 50. Small European viper
- 51. News shows have one

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Inspiration
- 2. Resembling wings
- 3. Form of Persian
- 4. Consumed
- 5. Extinct flightless bird of New Zealand
- 6. Sea eagle
- 7. Jaguarundis
- 8. Poker stake
- 9. Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!
- 10. South American nation
- 11. A colorless, odorless gas
- 12. Disturbance
- 14. Artist's tool
- 17. Polish peninsula
- 18. Ottoman military leaders
- 20. Bird-like dinosaur
- 23. Drinking glass
- 24. Central Florida city
- 25. One's mother
- 26. To do it is human
- 29. Atomic #10
- 30. Used to write
- 31. The branch of medicine concerned with the car
- 32. Adversaries
- 35. Have already done
- 36. One of conspicuous wealth
- 38. It flies over sporting events
- 40. Geological times
- 41. Net
- 42. Musical phrase
- 43. Chadic dialect
- 44. Private Internet Access (abbr.)
- 45. Lizard genus
- 46. Woman of the church
- 47. Having ten

Solution to last week's puzzle appears on page 12

IT'S Academic

Stamford Central School Honor Roll

The guidance office at Stamford Central School has announced the third quarter honor roll. Cum laude averages are 94.5% or higher; high honor is an average between 89.5% and 94.4%; honor averages are 84.5% to 89.4%, and merit averages are between 79.5% and 84.4%.

Grade 12

Cum laude: Earl Alberti, Darin Mullen

High honor: Lorgan Allen, Emily Clark, Christopher Henne, Georgia Lynch

Honor: Spencer Clareen, Jayden Rivera

Grade 11

Cum laude: Grace Bullard,

Tryhnati Donoto, Shannon Hartwell

Honor: Evangeline Gorke, Kaileb Grizzard, Alayna Stannard

Merit: Skylar Aldrich, Tyler Fallon, Ashlyn Harris, Nathan Lottermann

Grade 10

Cum laude: Jack Glenn, Kylee Hendrickson

High honor: Tyler Knapp, Alexa Tompkins

Honor: Chloe Alberti, Rylie Brewster, Amber Otte, Paige VanEtten

Merit: John Marinaccio, Joseph Stoutenburg

Grade 9

Cum laude: Connor Good-

child, Robin Henne, Meliyah Kiel, Mandy Zheng

High honor: Isabel Hynes, Nora Ortiz, Liam Seeley

Honor: Amelia Morris, Payden Wright

Merit: Sari Hara, Ava Mrozik, Madison Shepler, Gabriella Stannard, Michelle Webster

Grade 8

High honor: Liam Hanway

Honor: Samantha Davis, Emily Eklund, McKenna Hoyt, Lola Shareski, Kaitlyn Stoutenburg, Cameron Tompkins, Gavin VanEtten

Merit: Annalise Fallon, Montgomery Giambastiani, Alek Krom, Hailey Temple, Caiden Tompkins, Xander Tompkins

Grade 7

Cum laude: Tyler Vasta

High honor: Conor Glenn, Mikayla Harris

Honor: Nickolas Aldrich, Benjamin Bullard, Landon Lord, Anthony Oakley, Tristen Thomson, Madison Webster

Merit: Max Eisel, Alexander Kosier, Aryanna O'Bryon.

Elementary Honor Roll

Report for Grades 3-6

Students must have rounded honor average of 90 or above to appear on the principal's list.

Students must have rounded honor average between 85 and 89 to appear on the honor roll

Grade 3 principal's list: Madison Eisel, Harper Gockel, Iris Hager, Matthew McGlynn, David McLean, Charles Offria.

Grade 4 principal's list: Kelsey Brewster, Madelyn Eklund, Lydia Flachs, Sophia Olsen-Radzinsky, Molly Sny-

der, Meghan VanBuren.

Grade 5 principal's list: Abigail Bullard, Julian DePaoli, Ethan Goodchild, Michael Kiel, Marissa Roberts, Anthony Sarter, Allison Vasta, Katherine Wright.

Grade 6 principal's list: Brooke Cole, Lillian Eklund, Nigel Oakley, Riley Rinehart, Cole Seeley, Emily Snyder, Hayden Sutliff.

Grade 3 honor roll: Anastasia Aldrich, Quinn Hartenstine, Cora Nick, Oliver Wojciechowski.

Grade 4 honor roll: Olivia Albanese, Cecilia Hartenstine, Paul McLean, Carter Palmatier, Elyse Snyder, Charlotte Thomson

Grade 5 honor roll: Chase Birdsall, Warren Macedo, Cruz Profera, Bailey VanEtten

Grade 6 honor roll: Thomas Milea, Allison VanBuren.

LM/Roscoe Merger Moves Forward With Survey, Meeting April 26

The Livingston Manor-Roscoe Merger Advisory Committee will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, April 26, at Roscoe Central School. A tour of the building will begin at 5:15 p.m., with the meeting to begin at 6 p.m.. The meeting is open to the public and will be available via Zoom at <https://e2ccb-gst.zoom.us/j/97567176784>.

Livingston Manor and Roscoe district residents are invited to respond to a short, voluntary, anonymous survey to share feedback about the proposed merger. The survey can be accessed at <https://forms.gle/kN1VwvFbfwXqKK1H7>.

The survey will close prior to Tuesday's meeting, but additional feedback opportunities will be available in May and over the summer.

The 18-member Advisory Committee is meeting monthly with the merger consultants during the spring to help inform the study. Meeting locations alternate between the two districts. The committee's role is to provide information and feedback about aspects of the two districts that will be evaluated in the merger study, including staffing, finances,

academic programs, transportation, and facilities. It is expected that the merger report will be presented to the boards of education at the end of the summer.

The April 26 meeting will include a presentation by representatives of Castallo & Silky LLC, who are working with the districts on the merger study. More information about the proposed merger is at <https://www.roscoe.k12.ny.us/page/merger-study> and <https://www.lmcs.k12.ny.us/domain/1136>

Walton CS Board of Ed To Meet April 20

The Tuesday, April 19 Board of Education meeting will be held tonight, Wednesday, April 20 at 6 p.m. in the Walton CSD Board room in the O'Neill High School. The April 20 special meeting items - BOCES administrative budget and board member election - will be

added to the regular meeting agenda.

The full agenda will be available as of midnight a full 24 hours prior to the day of the meeting through the following link www.boarddocs.com/ny/waltoncsd/board.nsf/Public.

DELHI

By Christina Viafore
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Small Town, Bigger Dreams, is a new not-for-profit organization seeking to create opportunities to make an impact for those less fortunate or seeking assistance and to continue telling the small-town story while paying respect to the fabric and traditions that help shape us. The high school students in the community of Delhi will have the opportunity to apply for educational grants that provide opportunities in the names of some very important people who helped shape this dream. Go to www.smalltown-biggerdreams.org to research awards or to donate. No donation is too small and will be appreciated greatly. This is just the beginning. This organization will seek specific areas and causes where it can be of influence that are consistent with our organization and communities core values. If you are interested in getting involved, email Justin Marano at justin@smalltownbiggerdreams.org.

Last week's trivia question: What year did SUNY Delhi introduce the first building construction program in the United States? It was 1933. The program was created to meet an increased demand for builders and carpenters and still exists.

This week's trivia question: On April 17, 1820, what buildings caught fire in Delhi?

Community volunteers of the week are FOR-DO and Kappa Sigma Epsilon who hosted an egg hunt on the square last Friday. There were fun games for the children to play and the Easter bunny came along with several other characters to make the event more fun. Thanks to the volunteers for making this happen for the children of Delhi.

Penny social on Saturday, April 23 at Saint Paul's, 464 River Street, Bloomville. The doors open at 2 p.m. and the drawings will start at 3 p.m. Proceeds will benefit the Bloomville Food Pantry. Bring a nonperishable food item and receive free tickets for the gift basket table.

The Heart of the Catskills

spring auction closes Friday, April 29. Visit www.PawsofmeAuction.org to view over 60 auction packages. This fundraiser acknowledges the staff, volunteers, and donors for their ongoing dedication and commitment to the humane society and its homeless cats and dogs. They depend upon the generous support of individuals and local businesses to raise the funds needed to meet the shelter's operations cost of over \$1,500 a day. The auction will start Wednesday, April 20, and close Friday, April 29, at 7 p.m. Preview the packages and donate to support the event. The Heart of the Catskills Humane Society needs donations of canned cat and kitten food. Drop off at the shelter at 46610 State Route 10. The cages are full of cats and kittens this year.

The SUNY Delhi Hospitality Program will honor the memory of long-time employee and professor Michael Barnes at the Michael Barnes Hospitality Invitational on May 6. Proceeds will benefit the Michael Barnes '75 scholarship. The day includes an 18-hole scramble, lunch, cocktails, and dinner. The tournament will be an opportunity for students enrolled in SUNY Delhi's Hospitality Management classes to apply the skills and theories they have studied through their courses to a hands-on event. Register as an individual, team, or sponsor: secure.qgiv.com/form/sdemmgfmb/event/847451. Registration starts at 9:30 a.m. with a shotgun start at 11 a.m.

In 2020-21, Delaware-Otsego Audubon Society (DOAS) developed a network of community climate leaders and awarded over \$8,000 in grants to local projects, including Delhi's Homegrown National Park that gave native plants to Delhi residents last summer. A fundraiser will help DOAS to continue working in this area, to support local programs and products by providing seed money and support (as possible) for climate action projects in the region. Pre-orders will be accepted through 5 p.m. on Friday, April 22. Pickup of all orders Saturday, May 21 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the DOAS tent at the town of Hartwick EV Car Show at Husky Park, Coun-

ty Rte. 11. Check out the variety of lovely native plants being offered at doas.us/native-plant-sale-2022.

I will be at the town hall, 5 Elm Street, Thursday, April 21 and 28 from 5 until 7 p.m. to aid Delhi residents signing up to receive alerts, advisories and community messages through Nixle. Resident have several ways to register to receive the town's communications: go to townofdelhiny.org to find the link to sign up on the home page, search 13753 in the Everbridge app, text 13753 to 888777 from your mobile phone, call 746-TOWN to sign up, or stop and see me and I can help you.

April 23 is the last Discover Delhi open house at SUNY Delhi. Explore everything SUNY Delhi has to offer. Talk to faculty, tour the campus, and have questions answered about admissions, financial aid, and scholarships. Find the registration form at www.delhi.edu/admission/visit-delhi/open-house/index.php. Check-in starts at 9 a.m.

Maker's market Saturday, April 23 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. at Stonewall at the Meredith, 4206 Turnpike Road. This will be a gathering of local talented artisans selling their handcrafted goods.

Bovina Fire and EMS will have its doors open for the annual FASNY RecruitNY open house on Saturday, April 23 from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m., 36 Maple Avenue, Bovina. Stop by and chat about how you can volunteer for your community.

The Cannon Free Library, 40 Elm Street, will hold a Poetry Month Closeout Poetry Reading Tuesday, April 26, at 1 p.m. Drop in and share your favorite poem - written by you or by anyone else. If you have yet to choose your favorite poem, there will be plenty of poetry books available for you. On Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m., Toddler Rhyme Time - interactive songs, fingerplays and motion or children ages 0-3. Wednesdays at 10 a.m., the knitters group meets - bring knitting, crochet projects, embroidery, or any small handcraft project and sit with others and chat, have a cup of coffee, and share tips, tricks, and techniques.

On Thursdays at 10:30 a.m., Preschool Storytime includes a themed reading of three to four books, songs, and play and a simple craft; for children 3-5.t Thursdays at noon: Majong Meetup. Beginners are welcome to play the ancient game with others - wear your mask. Create-a-Craft is the first Tuesday of the month at 3 p.m. and includes something special for students five and up. Children will participate in a craft to make and take home on Tuesday, May 3. The LEGO Club meets on the third Tuesday of every month at 3 p.m. for children ages five and up. Design your dream structure or take part in a Lego challenge on Tuesday, May 17.

There will be a spring clothing swap Sunday, April 24, from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. at Bushel, 106 Main Street. Time for spring cleaning closets. Trade in your gently used clothing

and accessories and refresh your wardrobe. Swap men's, women's, and children's clothing; bags; and shoes and boots. Bring only washed, lightly worn items or bring nothing but yourself, meet your neighbors, and take something home. The swap will take place on the sidewalk (weather permitting) and inside the space. If you can't make it to the swap, you can drop off clothing at Bushel in advance. Contact us at info@bushelcollective.org to arrange a drop-off time.

Mark your calendar for a spaghetti dinner at the Hamden Ridge Riders clubhouse, 1021 Covert Hollow Road in Hamden, Saturday, April 30 from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. Let the club cook you a homemade spaghetti dinner, with meatballs, homemade rolls, and a side salad. Eat-in or take-out options are available.



The Pastor's Pen

Pastor's Pen

By Barbara Horton

When you hear the word "servant," what flashes through your mind? I often think of my aunt who lived in the south and she had a "servant" or household maid. Do you think of a castle with servants all about, or rich homes of today that are bustling about with help doing the cooking, the cleaning or whatever it takes to meet the demands of the household? Or do you think of the migrant workers in the fields harvesting produce? How about trafficking of humans in the sex trade? I am sure we all can conjure up different visions of the word "servant."

If we turn to our Bible and read what Jesus said about servants - Mark 10:45: The son of man did not come to be a slave master but a slave who will give his life to rescue many people.

In this case "rescue" means the payment of a price to free

a slave or prisoner. Did Jesus Christ do just that so all of us could be free and not a prisoner to our sins? What a joy and peace it is to be free. We should all be servants. Whether it is in the workplace, church or an organization there needs to be leaders. But they must be servant kind-hearted leadership among all. See yourself as one serves, one who gives. It's the attitude that is most important.

One of the best models was the young Jew from Tarsus, Sicily who was radically transformed from a strong-willed official in Judaism to a bond servant of Jesus Christ - this young Jew was Paul. What a remarkable change in a man. Paul begins all of his letters with words to this effect: "Paul, a servant or Paul, a bond slave."

What joy for each of us to be a servant to our Lord Jesus Christ.

Barbara Horton is a moderator at the Trout Creek Community Church.

LOOKING BACK

100 Years Ago From The Pages of The Walton Reporter

100 YEARS AGO,
SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 1922

THE WEEK IN WALTON

**What We Are Talking
About at the County Hub**

BANK BUYS TOWN BONDS

**Masons Going to Utica-
Again is Co. F - State
Money for Fairs-Knocked
Down by Auto.**

The spring timetable on the Ontario & Western railroad will become effective April 30. No changes of importance north of Roscoe are expected.

William Kent has sold his house on South street, formerly the Dr. E. W. Harris property, to Walter Wake-man. The sale was made through the agency of H. M. Robinson.

Woodburn Brothers are erecting a store building 30 by 40 feet in dimensions on Delaware street adjoining Sherwood's shoe store. The store has already been leased when completed.

James McCabe had the end of one thumb severely lacerated on a saw at the novelty works this week when he reached over in back to push a stick out of the way. Dr. Gould dressed the injury.

The Delaware Valley Agricultural society, the Walton fair association, will receive \$3,446.19 as state aid this year. The amount is based upon the premiums paid at the fair last fall. Sums to be paid vicinity fair associations are as follows: Delhi, \$2,778.23; Afton, \$3,772.16; Norwich, \$4,000; Oneonta, \$3,524.82; Morris, \$3,154.27; Cobleskill, \$3,098; Monticello, \$1,839.74.

Many members of Walton Masonic lodge are preparing to take part in the huge parade at Utica this Saturday in connection with the dedication of the recently finished Soldiers' and Sailors' Memorial Hospital at the Masonic home grounds in that city. The parade will be in charge of Lieut. Col. H. J. Cookingham, Jr., as grand marshal and Lieut. J. Carlton Burrhus has been appointed assistant chief of staff for the Delaware-Sullivan Masonic district. The guard of honor will consist of ex-service men in uniform, and all members of Walton lodge who were in the service who can attend are requested to do so in uniform. The special train leaves Walton at 8:50 a.m. The round trip rate is \$3.50 and the excursion is open not only to Masons but to all who may wish to go to Utica to see the parade, which starts from Baggs Square at 1:30, the ceremonies of dedication opening at 3 o'clock.

It is again Company F of Walton. Under date of April 17 an order was issued by the adjutant-general's office making a number of changes in the Tenth Infantry, including the designation of the Walton unit as Company F instead of Company I, which it has held since the old Company F was called out in the summer of 1917, Company H of Binghamton becomes Company E and the machine gun company in Binghamton becomes Company H. The location and designation of the rifle and machine gun companies of the regiment will now be as follows: Companies A, B, C and D, Albany; E, Binghamton; F, Walton;

G, Oneonta; H, Binghamton; I, Mohawk; K and L, Utica; M, Hudson. Companies D, H and M are machine gun units. The redesignation of the local guard unit as Company F will be pleasing to Walton people as that was the official designation for twenty years and many sentimental attachments crowd around the old name.

The \$100,000 highway bonds of the town of Walton authorized for highway improvement have been sold to the First National bank of Walton. Bids were asked on the interest rate and the proposal of the bank was to take the bonds at par at a rate of 4.75 per cent. Six bids were submitted but that of Sherwood & Merrifield of New York was rejected for failure to specify interest rate. The other bids including interest rate and the premium offered, if any, were as follows: First National bank of Walton, par at 4.75 rate; George B. Gibbons company, New York, 100.27 at 4.90 rate; Union National Corporation, New York, 100.03 at 4.95 rate; Clinton H. Brown & Co., New York, 100.25 at 5 per cent; Farson Son & Co., New York, 100.18 at 5 per cent. The proposal of the First National bank was accepted, \$50,000 of the bonds to be issued immediately and the balance as needed. This will save interest charges on the amount unissued.

George Brainard of Howell street was struck and knocked down by the Overland car of Ralph Baxter on Friday evening at the corner of Howell and Mead streets. Mr. Brainard had been at the West End drug store near the Walton foundry building and on his return cut across the street. Mr. Baxter was driving from Delaware street and expected to turn easterly into Mead street. Captain Charles T. O'Neill was coming down Mead street with the intention of turning into Howell. Mr. Brainard was nearly across the street and states he expected the Baxter car to turn westward toward the O. & W. freight office, instead of in the opposite direction and so did not hurry. Mr. Baxter did not see the man until he started to make the turn into Mead street and then it was too late to stop. Mr. Brainard was knocked down and pushed along the roadway a few feet, sustaining a painful cut to the left ear, a bad gash over the eye, and numerous bruises. No blame attaches to the automobilists. Dr. W. R. Gladstone was called to attend the injured man.

BUSINESS MEN BANQUET

**Seventh Annual Event of
the Chamber of Commerce**

MAYOR LUNN WILL SPEAK

**Music and Radio Concert
will be Features of
Evening's Entertainment at
Armory.**

George R. Lunn, three times mayor of Schenectady and a former congressman, will be the principal speaker at the seventh annual banquet of the Walton Chamber of Commerce next Wednesday evening, April 26.

E. R. Eastman, editor of the Dairymen's League News and former Farm Bureau agent in Delaware county, and Hon. James J. Byard of Cooperstown, will also give addresses. Mr. Eastman had an engagement at Carthage, N.Y., that evening, but cancelled this in order to come



Mayor George R. Lunn

to Walton and greet former associates.

The banquet will be served in the armory dining room and arrangements are being made to accommodate four hundred guests. The banquet committee promises a real feed and the entertainment will consist of addresses, music by an orchestra, community singing, and a radio concert on an instrument furnished by R. W. Smith. The amplifier will enable all to hear the radio concert if the weather conditions are favorable.

Tickets are now on sale under the direction of H. M. Barnhart, chairman of that committee, and may be obtained from nearly all business men, or from President Courtney or Secretary S. T. H. Knight. The tickets sell at \$1.50 each.

The banquet will be served at 6:30 o'clock. All boosters for a bigger and better Walton should attend. Invitations have been sent to Congressman John D. Clarke, Senator Walton and Assemblyman L. R. Long among others.

Reservations of tickets should be made not later than Monday evening.

SIDNEY CLERK HELD FOR ROBBING MAIL

**Lynn H. Baker Charged
with Taking Money From
Letters He Handled in
Post Office**

Lynn H. Baker, a clerk in the Sidney postoffice, was arrested Saturday by Postal Inspector M. E. Duryea of Monticello on a charge of stealing money from the United States mails.

Baker, who is 25 years of age, was arraigned later in the day before United States Commissioner Wickham in Binghamton, where the accused, after admitting the theft of money, waived examination and was held for the action of the federal grand jury which meets in Binghamton in June.

Complaints have been made of the disappearance of money from letters addressed to Sidney residents and for more than a month Inspector Duryea has been working on the case. Suspicion fell on Baker and a trap was laid for him by placing marked money in several letters addressed to individuals in Sidney.

Later learning that one of the letters had failed to reach the party addressed, Duryea went to Baker and on searching him found one of the marked bills in his possession. He at once placed Baker under arrest and his arraignment followed later in the day. The amount of money taken is not given out.

Baker was employed in the Sidney postoffice at the outbreak of the war and enlisted in the army. He served overseas with the 108th Machine Gun Battalion and was wounded in action. On returning to Sidney he resumed his former position, married and has two children. His habits

are considered excellent and his attorney feels confident that the court will deal leniently with him in June.

SMITH APPEAL IN MAY

**Attorney Lee Claims
Improper Drawing of Jury.**

Argument in the appeal for a new trial of Herbert W. Smith of Hancock, twice convicted in Chenango county of murder in the first degree for the killing of Louis Johnson at Nineveh in January, 1921, will probably take place before the appellate division the latter part of May, according to David F. Lee, attorney for the defendant.

Mr. Lee alleges many legal errors in connection with the conductance of the trial and contends that the entire case was prejudicial to the accused and further is alleged to contend that "the method and manner of drawing the jury was illegal and improper."

QUEEN OF THE CATSKILLS

**Fleischmanns Claims First
Place Among Summer
Resorts.**

(From Fleischmanns
correspondent.)

Fleischmanns as the Saratoga of the Catskills will outdo herself the coming season as a summer resort She is second to none in the Catskills with a new electric light system, and a large number of hotels which have greatly increased their capacity during the winter months. A number of new buildings are also under construction, one of which is second only to the Grand Hotel in capacity.

Everything indicates a prosperous season and the various hotels will have a busy time, getting ready for Memorial day visitors who are expected to far outnumber those of previous years.

Horse Went Through Window.

A plate glass window in William Close's bakery on Main street, Sidney, was broken Wednesday by the runaway team of William Reed, the liveryman.

TRAIN WRECKS SPEEDER

**Maintainer Couch Jumps
From Machine to
Save Life.**

The motor speeder used by A. B. Couch of Summitville, who on April 15 took the duties of signal maintainer in place of Earl Hinman, was wrecked by the afternoon train on the Delhi branch near the Novelty works Wednesday afternoon. Mr. Hinman has gone into the garage business at Hamden and his successor was not familiar with the running time of the branch trains. He understood the afternoon train left Walton at 3:10 o'clock instead of its actual leaving time of 3:05 and was coming down the branch to the Walton depot on the speeder when he came upon the train after it had left the Bridge street station. Couch took one look and jumped. He escaped serious injury but the speeder was struck by the train and wrecked while the pilot of the locomotive was also smashed.

CRIED "FIRE" FOR BURGLAR

**Alarm at Sidney Caused by
Aged Woman's Screams.**

(From Sidney
correspondent.)

The fire alarm sounding early last Saturday morning startled many from sound sleep. The alarm however was found to be without cause, but started when an old lady on Willow street became frightened thinking someone was trying to break into her house and screamed "fire", which caused the alarm to be rung in.

Enlarge Meredith Church.

(From Meridale
correspondent.)

Ground was broken on Monday for the addition to the Meredith church for dining, social and Sunday school rooms. The material of the vacant church in Meridale is utilized for this purpose.

CADOSIA Y. M. C. A. OPENS

**Former Mountain House
Refilled by Railroad
Company. (From Hancock
correspondent.)**

The railroad Y. M. C. A. at Cadosia was officially opened Tuesday evening, April 18th, when about 250 people assembled and enjoyed a pleasant evening together as guests of the O. & W. Railroad company. The general public are invited to make use of the Y. M. C. A. building at any and all times. The building, the former Mountain House, has been entirely renovated at a cost of about \$10,000, it is stated. Sleeping accommodations are provided for some twenty-six persons.

Railroad men will appreciate the recreational features as well as the sleeping accommodations. Mr. Benedict of Buffalo, a Y. M. C. A. worker, will act as secretary of the Cadosia association

DROVE TEAM INTO TRAIN

**Andrew Bard Escapes
Injury in Accident Near
Unadilla.**

A grain drill owned by Andrew F. Bard, who lives near Trout Creek, was demolished Tuesday evening by a freight train at Potter's crossing two miles from Unadilla.

Mr. Bard was moving his household goods from Trout Creek to Otego and was driving a pair of horses attached to a grain drill which in turn was pulling a wagon. He states that he must have fallen asleep for he does not remember seeing or hearing the train. As the horses came upon the crossing they must have pulled to one side, swinging the grain drill and wagon against the side of the train. The drill was demolished and one horse slightly injured. Although dragged nearly 200 feet Bard escaped with minor bumps and bruises. He was taken to the office of Dr. Whitney in Unadilla where an examination revealed no serious injuries. The train was an extra north bound freight.

AUTO BREAKS STORE WINDOW.

(From Fleischmanns
correspondent.)

Sunday morning a Kaplan boy, son of I. Kaplan, who owns a summer hotel on the Redkill road, while driving a ford car on Main street ran into Walker's butcher shop and broke a large plate glass window,

OBITUARIES



Carl Wood

Carl Wood, 58, of Walton, passed away with his wife Deborah by his side, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Carl enjoyed the simple pleasures in life, like classic rock, bowling with friends, watching NASCAR, cabin camping in Downsville, traveling (including to far-flung places like Cancun, Jamaica and The Dominican Republic) and, above all else, spending time with his family. He loved being outdoors, whether barbecuing or just enjoying a quiet moment. His "happy place" was sitting on the deck overlooking his yard, with a cold drink in his hand and his family by his

side. Carl met his wife Deb in 1985 and together, they never looked back. They married in 1986, and welcomed a daughter, Sarah, in 1987. Carl worked for Del-Ton Sanitation for many years as a garbage truck driver, until his health forced him to hang up his hat. Despite his health problems, Carl was very much a laid back, no nonsense, lighthearted man. He was known for cracking jokes and sharing entertaining stories, even when the resulting laughter was at his own expense.

In 2012, Carl became the world's proudest grandfather to a grandson, Riley. Riley, affectionately nicknamed "Bubba," was the light of Carl's life. For years, they did everything together. Carl was a family man through and through, and cherished every second that he spent with his wife, daughter, and grandson. Early in 2020, Carl and Deb achieved a major life goal and became first-time homeowners. Over the last two years, their home became their sanctuary and the backdrop for countless cookouts and relaxing evenings on the deck. Carl will be missed beyond measure.

He was predeceased by his father, Floyd Wood.

Carl is survived by his wife of 35 years, Deb; daughter Sarah and grandson, Riley; his mother Ramona Wood; brothers Jeff (Wendy) Wood and Richard Wood; special friends Steve Armstrong and Eric Boice, and feline companions Kinger and Trixie.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Carl's memory can be made to the American Cancer Society.

Family and friends are invited to call today, Wednesday, April 20, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon at Riverside Alliance Church, 110 Stockton Avenue, Walton, where services will be at noon to gather and celebrate Carl's life.

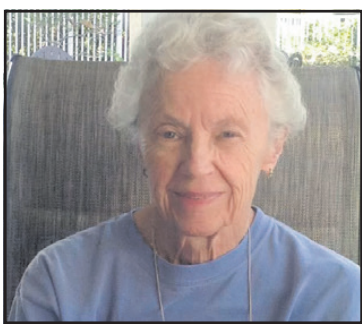
Arrangement are under the direction of Courtney Funeral Home, Walton. Condolences to the family may be made online at www.courtneyfh.com.

Barbara J. Lathan

A graveside service for Barbara J. Lathan will be held Friday, April 22, at 1 p.m. at Walton Cemetery, 55 Fancher Avenue, Walton, with Dr. Janet Schwengber, officiating.

Arrangements are under the direction of Courtney Funeral Home, Walton.

Condolences to the family may be made online at www.courtneyfh.com.



Sharlene Smith Mann

Sharlene (Smith) Mann, age 83, passed away peacefully on April 11, 2022, in Boynton Beach, Fla. She was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother and friend. Sharlene is survived by her loving husband of 63 years, Charles L. Mann Jr., son Michael C. Mann, daughter Michele M. Prince, and five grandchildren - Noah, Rachel, Nicolas, Samuel and Anthony.

Sharlene was born in Walton on May 28, 1938, to Harold R. and Florence (Belknap) Smith. She attended Walton Central High School and was a member of the Class of 1956. She graduated Magna Cum Laude from Ithaca College in 1960, with a bachelor of science degree in physical therapy. Sharlene lived with her family in Hamburg from 1971-2016. During that time, she worked for Western New York Physical Therapy, Orchard Park Healthcare, and Hamburg Healthcare until she retired.

Sharlene enjoyed singing and was a member of the Sweet Adelines Chorus in Western New York, a member of the choir at the Wesleyan Church in Hamburg, and Full Gospel Tabernacle in Orchard Park. Sharlene continued to grow her family when she became active with Catholic Charities and Lutheran Services, hosting Vietnamese refugees from 1982-1990. Sharlene and Charles backpacked across Europe in 1985 and completed a mission trip to China in 1988.

Sharlene was a poodle enthusiast and worked as a volunteer at the Poodle National Convention in Salisbury, Maryland, for almost a decade. She also enjoyed working with her own poodles in agility training. Sharlene enjoyed camping during retirement and traveled throughout the continental United States and Alaska (missing only the state of North Dakota). Sharlene and Charles eventually settled in South Florida.

If desired, friends may make a donation in Sharlene's honor to the Michael J. Fox Foundation which is dedicated to finding a cure for Parkinson's disease (michaelfox.org).



Kenneth M. Finch

Kenneth M. Finch, 86, of Sidney Center, passed away Saturday, April 16, 2022 at the Delhi Rehabilitation and Nursing Center with his daughter Donna by his side.

He was born on Aug. 4, 1935, to Elwood and Marian (Empet) Finch in Sidney. He married the former Dorothy Dunshee on Nov. 20, 1954 in Sidney Center. He was a retired farmer and cattle dealer. He was a well known John Deere Tractor puller, with his 4320 A/K/A "Finch's Fury." He was an avid deer hunter. He will be remembered for riding his "John Deere Gator" around Sidney Center.

He is survived by his wife Dorothy, and six children and their families: Robin and Glen Galley, Sidney Center; Phyllis and Kenny Crandall, Mt. Upton; Patricia Finch and Tom Tubby, Kingston; Kenny and Donna Finch, Sidney Center; Roland "Fred" and Melanie Finch, Sidney Center, and Donna Velano and Zachary Cutting, Saugerties; grandchildren Jerry and Casey Galley, Cory Crandall, Brandy Chartier, Dylan Johnson, Jenn Umbra, Michael Finch, William Finch, Jordan Finch, Dakota Finch, TaShena Velano and Corbyn Velano; 30 great-grandchildren and one on the way; one great-great-grandchild on the way; sister Charlene Rutenber and Ken, Texas, brothers and sisters-in-law Donald "Pete" and Sue Finch, Unadilla; Warren "Duke" and Sonnie Finch, Florida; sister-in-law Carole A. Finch, Sidney Center and also several nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by two brothers, Ernie and Gordon "Butch" Finch.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

Online condolences may be made at www.wmaddenfh.com.

Arrangements by Westcott-Madden Funeral Home, 123 Main Street, Unadilla.

Anita Salvante

Anita L. Salvante, 81, of Downsville, passed away Friday evening, April 15, 2022 at Delhi Rehabilitation and Nursing Center following a long illness.

Anita was born May 3, 1940 in Jamaica, Queens, the daughter of the late John and Catherine (Boertlein) Zupetz. On May 28, 1960, she married Fred Salvante.

Anita was a big NY Mets fan, and watched as many games as she could. She was a member of the Colchester Senior Citizens.

She is survived by her husband, Fred, one daughter, Catherine (Richard) Grande of Brooklyn, and two sons, Christopher (Donna) Salvante of South Carolina and John Salvante of Santa Rosa.

Services will be held privately at the convenience of the family.

Memorial contribution in Anita's memory may be made to Downsville Fire Department, P.O. Box AC, Downsville, NY 13755.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Courtney Funeral Home, Walton.

Condolences to the family may be made online at www.courtneyfh.com.

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REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Grantor	Location	Grantee	Transfer Tax	Grantor	Location	Grantee	Transfer Tax
APRIL 12, 2022				APRIL 14, 2022			
Balcom, Kimberly G (by ref)	Delhi	Mason, Michael J	226.00	Trustees of the Diocese of Albany (AKA)	Middletown	Leach, Terry D.	600.00
Smith, Derek J (by ref)				Trustees of the Diocese of Albany of-			
Jahn, Melinda (ref)				the Protestant Episcopal church in the US			
Schvedjda, Dennis W	Andes	Maendel, Tobias	2396.00	Triple T. Holding Corp.	Middletown	Triple T. Holding Corp.	0.00
Schvedjda, Kristina R		Adams, Kelsey		Inocent, Sylvia	Masonville	Mills, Michael	84.00
Kovacs, Jason J (by ref)	Sidney	Wilmington Trust Company (succ tr)	624.00	Creech, Ian J.	Hancock	William, Marck	220.00
Platt, Thomas C (by ref/aka)		US Bank National Association (tr)				Sena, Darlene	
Platt, Thomas (by ref)		Mastr Alternative Loan Trust		Saladino, Louis J.	Middletown	Maxim, Michael Robert	440.00
Hartmann, James M	Delhi	Hartmann, James M	0.00	Powers Properties Holdings LLC	Colchester	Klonaris, Dimitrios	200.00
Deming, Nancy K							
Saal, Elke A	Kortright	Richelo, Richard	0.00	APRIL 15, 2022			
Saal, Elke A	Kortright	Saal, Elke A	0.00	Kuhn, Jeremy	Walton	Paglia, Gregory D. & Melissa OLeary	700.00
Ruffolo, Joseph E				Stammel, Edward	Stamford	Stammel, Andrew D. (Tr.)	0.00
						Stammel Family Trust (by Tr.)	
					Walton	Rainbolt, Noel	448.00
APRIL 13, 2022				Calhoun, Michael A.			
Roric Rentals Inc	Meredith	Meridale LLC	1000.00	Calhoun, Jeanet P. (FKA)			
Pederson, John	Kortright	Kenton, William	1460.00	Cairns, Jeanet P.			
Siddall, Robin		Kenton, Robin Elizabeth Lester		High Meadows LLC			
Prinsloo, Franz	Kortright	Koogler, Adam J	440.00	Hood, Ann L.	Kortright	Houlihan, Michael	40.00
Kwon, Sun Ah		Tehrani, Pantea R		Gangi, Margaret J. (Exx)	Colchester	96 Corbett LLC	1820.00
Stoodard, Andrea L (heirs)	Roxbury	Keane, Georgette	0.00	Pancucci, Peter J. (Exx of)	Meredith	Bower, Steven C.	54.00
Keane, Georgette (heirs)				Blake, Raymond J. (by Atty)		Uhlmann-Bower, Marguerite L.	
Draves, Roger W (heirs of)				Blake, Susan E. (Atty)	Delhi	Blake, Raymond J. & Susan E.	0.00
Teachout, Donald E (admin)	Andes	Saddleback Church Of New York	240.00	Gardner, Tracey	Kortright	Blake, Tianna	
Kelly, John Joseph (aka/est of/admin of)				Meier, Chris		Fundaro, Samuel	192.00
Kelly, John J (admin of/est of)				APRIL 18, 2022			
Rossi, Anna (surv tenant)	Roxbury	Rossi, Victor F	0.00	Schiffmann, Marilyn (AKA/by atty)	Hamden	Ozpinar, Denise G	1,760.00
Rossi, Victor G (surv tenant of)				Schiffmann, Marilyn (AKA/by atty)		Ozpinar, Denise G	
Rossi, Victor F				Schiffmann, Marilyn (AKA/by atty)		Ozpinar, Denise G	
Smith, Ethan W (exr)	Stamford	Morse, Michael	260.00	Schiffmann, Marilyn T (by atty)		Notti, Ryan Q	
Smith, Stuart W (exr of)				Schiffmann, Marilyn T (by atty)		Notti, Ryan Q	
Upper Delaware Inn LLC	Hancock	Capra Enterprises LLC	0.00	Schiffmann, Robert F Jr (atty)		Notti, Ryan Q	
Farinacci, Philip	Middletown	Ferrynacci LLC	2000.00	Schiffmann, Robert F Jr (atty)			
Farinacci, Jennie				Schiffmann, Robert F Jr (atty)	Hancock	Methol Hunting Club Inc	92.00
Brunenkant, Honor (Ind & Tr)	Hamden	Schenk, Brittany	500.00	Bassett, Tony (AKA)			
Vera G Scott Rev Trust dated 11/24/09				Bassett, Tony (AKA)			
Block, Howard (ref)	Delhi	US Bank National Association (co-tr)	890.00	Bassett, Anthony			
Muller, Lucy (by ref/admin/heir)		Mortgage Equity Conv asset trust		Aviles, Christine (AKA)			
Talmadge, Julie (by ref/admin of/aka)		2011-1 (aka/by tr)		Bassett, Christine	Andes	Luginsland, Fred T	0.00
Talmadge, Julie A (by ref/admin of/aka)				Paczkowski, Lynne (EXX)			
Yungandreas, Julie (by ref/admin of)				Luginsland, Florence (EXX of/est of)	Masonville	Klopchin, Robert	68.00
Knight, Lisa (by ref/heir/dist)				Crosby, Dennis A		Klopchin, Kathy	
Fiore, Anna (by ref/heir/dist)				Barber, John G, Jr	Stamford	Basilion, Nicholas	160.00
				Almeida, Juliana		Basilion, Corin	

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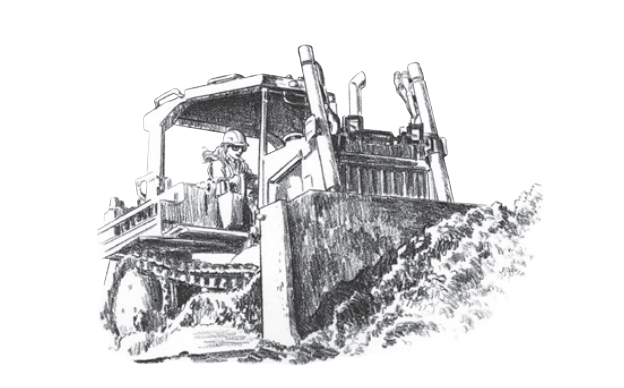
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