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Walton search warrant executed

Environmental crime unit responds to report of contaminated dump site



Lillian Browne/The Reporter

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation police and Bureau of Environmental Crimes Investigations members in hazmat suits collect soil samples on Loomis Brook Road, Walton, April 20.

By Lillian Browne

WALTON - New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) police and Bureau of Environmental Crimes Investigations members executed a search warrant on unnumbered vacant parcels of land on Loomis Brook Road Thursday, April 20. The property is owned by David E. and Rhonda Stanton of Walton, according to a search of Delaware County's COMIT (Community online mapping information tool) site, and confirmation by the Delaware County

Real Property Tax Department.

DEC personnel were on site for several hours.

Soil samples were collected by members of the environmental crime bureau following a complaint of contaminated soil being dumped at the site, DEC spokesperson Jason Miller said.

The property in question is two parcels, in excess of a combined 32 acres, both owned by Stantons.

The investigation into the report of contaminated soil dumping is ongoing, Miller said, and did not report the source of possible contamination.

Delhi considers simplified parking requirements

By Elizabeth DeFalco

DELHI - Village of Delhi zoning advisory committee members held a workshop meeting Thursday, April 20 to discuss altered zoning codes around parking requirements within the business district. Trustee Ian Lamont said the committee hopes to simplify off-street parking requirements for new and existing businesses.

The goal is to remove hindrances to new businesses wanting to locate in the village, Lamont said, by simplifying Delhi's complicated per-business parking requirements to develop-as-it-goes parking requirements. Lamont presented the town of Canandaigua's parking requirement portion of its zoning code, which are proposed to be used as a model for the village of Delhi.

The proposed changes remove parking requirements, Lamont said, but require new businesses to submit a parking impact review to the planning board which would then determine whether available parking is adequate, or if new spaces must be designated.

Michael Tweed, an architect and professor at SUNY Delhi, questioned how the village would enforce parking requirements should a large building, with substantial impact to village parking, be developed.

Canandaigua's code allows planning board members to modify requirements as necessary, and impose parking requirements on projects with large square footage, Lamont explained, which would be discovered in the required parking impact review. Additionally, Lamont said, planning board members could review a planning impact analysis and reduce the number of necessary parking spaces while considering shared parking, bikes, buses and pedestrians. The proposed changes to village code includes a provision for accessible parking, which will still be required from businesses, Tweed said.

"Why were these codes put into place in the first place?" Mayor Jeffery Gearhart asked.

After review, Tweed said, it appeared Delhi adopted a common, standard parking code with requirements once often

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68th annual Lincoln Day Dinner

Steve Reed named 2023 Delaware County Republican-of-the-Year

Staff Report

HANCOCK - Steve Reed of Hamden was named the Delaware County Republican Committee's 2023 Republican of the Year at the 68th annual Lincoln Day Dinner held Friday, April 21, at the Hancock House Hotel.

County GOP Chairperson Dave Rubera presented Reed with the award. Reed served on Hamden's town council and planning board, as well as the Watershed Agricultural Council. Reed currently serves as Hamden's Republican Committee Chairperson.

Congressman Marc Molinaro, who represents Delaware County as part of New York's 19th Congressional District, was the event's keynote speaker. Molinaro gave rallying remarks about winning the district seat in the 2022 general election.

"On November 8 of last year, we not only flipped the 19th Congressional District, but we won back the House of Representatives," he said. "And we sent Nancy Pelosi on a much needed retirement."

It was New York Republicans that flipped the House, he said. With the election, Molinaro continued, single-party rule ended. "For the first time in a lifetime," he said, "Democrats controlled



the White House, the Senate, the House of Representatives; and in New York they controlled the Governor's mansion, the state Assembly, the state Senate, and in New York City the Mayor and City Council."

The American economy has eroded because of single-party rule, he continued; and was the cause of the highest rate of inflation in 40 years. The federal government spends trillions and trillions of dollars, all approved by

one party, he said, and it fueled inflation.

"They continue to spend money we don't have. Tax more than we can afford and they are borrowing away your grandkids, my grandkids, their grandkids future," he said of Democrats.

Now there are checks and balances in Washington, Molinaro said. Republicans are pushing back on policies which are undermining law enforcement and See **Lincoln Day Dinner...** page 4

OFA: Older residents on waiting lists for home care

Golf tournament, senior prom, fun day planned

By Elizabeth DeFalco

DELHI - Delaware County Office for the Aging (OFA) advisory board members discussed the possibility of seeking county approval to hire in-home care aides to reduce the number of older adults on the EISEP (Expanded In-Home Services for the Elderly Program) waiting list, at a meeting April 24.

Currently, 19 older adults receive EISEP services while 20 remain on a waiting list, OFA Director Wayne Shepard reported. Shepard previously alerted board

members to changing Medicaid income guidelines which could usher nearly 50% of EISEP recipients into services provided by New York State Office of Long-Term Care, but according to state OFA guidance, those clients are not to be discharged from OFA to the Office of Long-Term Care.

To reduce the number of older adults waiting to receive EISEP services and help support older adults staying in their homes as opposed to being placed in nursing homes, Shepard asked board members to consider authorizing the request to hire PCAs (personal care aides) to accom-

modate the program's demands. "Do we want to consider serving our seniors, to keep them home and provide the services they need, versus a nursing home?" Shepard questioned.

Colchester Supervisor Art Merrill gave a short answer, "Absolutely."

He and Walton Supervisor Joseph Cetta, advisory board member, requested Shepard provide figures to show what funding would be necessary.

Masonville Supervisor Betty Scott suggested Shepard gather figures and information such as the county's share of costs for Medicaid recipients placed in a nursing home, how many older adults one aide could serve, what their salaries and benefits would cost, as well as the cost of an agency car - which OFA does not have available, Shepard said.

The group requested Shepard have the information available for the next meeting, and suggested Shepard's largest hurdle will be finding staff, not receiving approval.

Also discussed:

- Since Jan. 1, just over 50 new applications for Medicaid and Medicare have been completed, New York Connects Coordinator Lyndsay Komosinski said. New York Connects staff will serve on planning committees for the Big Wheels Golf Tournament May 12, Senior Prom Sept. 9 or 10, Senior Fun Day, Aug 24, and the

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Office for the Aging advisory board members with the Elli-Q, an artificial intelligence device to motivate older adults to lead more active and healthier lives.

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WALTON

By Patty Wood

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The Sons of the American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary of New York are proud to announce their partnership in the 2023 annual Walk-A-Thon. The "official" date of the Walk-A-Thon is April 29. The focus this year for the Sons will be the homeless veteran programs at the 13 medical centers in New York state operated by the Department of Veteran Affairs, the four Veteran Homes operated by the NYS Department of Health and the veteran home operated by the SUNY. The American Legion Auxiliary focus this year will be the Honor Flight Network of Hubs. Support the event at Vet's Plaza April 29. Make a donation, whether you walk or not, at the plaza from 1-3 p.m. There will also be a bake sale during that time. If you want donations to walk, contact Kimberly Jacob on Facebook or at 607-437-8327.

If you haven't filled out the UHS survey on Walton, you still have until Sunday, April 30. The 4W's of Walton - Who, What, Where & When is being conducted to gather both the town and village of Walton residents' input regarding the activities they take part in and those they don't or can't take part in and what is preventing them from participating. Check out the United Health Services Facebook page, and I've shared it to my personal page too. Click the link - it's only about a dozen questions. Easy and quick and it can benefit all of us.

A gospel music night will be held at the Northfield Community Church, 5118 Co. Hwy. 23, Walton, Sunday, April 30 at 6:30

p.m. All are welcome to attend. If anyone is interested in sharing their talents to Praise the Lord, contact Karen Eckhardt at 607-865-4395 to be added to the evening's schedule. A collection will be taken at the service to support a Filipino church that's trying to rebuild following a typhoon.

The Walton Chamber is hosting a new fundraiser: Saturday, May 6 there will be Mother's Day Designer Bag Bingo. For the \$40 admission price, you get 12 game cards (three chances each game) for a chance to win bags by Dooney and Bourke, Michael Kors and more. There will also be 50/50 tickets and chances on raffle baskets; finger foods and a cash bar available to purchase. To reserve your spot contact Sheryl Crandall at 607-434-0777, or Tim Gutliph at 607-201-2360; pay with PayPal at paypal.me/waltonchamber

The spring flowers the Girl Scouts planted at Vet's Plaza are looking beautiful. The daffodils that bloomed last week are now being joined by tulips. Thank you to Taylor Townsend, Richelle and Delana Wood, and their moms Becky Townsend and Donna Wood for this beautiful new addition to the plaza.

There will be an indoor yard sale at Riverside Alliance Church, 110 Stockton Avenue, every Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. starting Friday, April 28 and continuing through Monday, May 29. Furniture, craft supplies, household and other items. See pictures of available items on the Good News Around Walton Facebook page. Other days and times

may be available by appointment - call 607-865-8474.

Upcoming events at the library this week include the Afterschool Art lesson of Georgia O'Keeffe on Friday, May 5, at 3 p.m. Kids eight and up are invited to the library to create beautiful paper poppies inspired by Georgia O'Keeffe. Together, learn about her life and works. Supplies and snacks provided free of charge. Bring your own smock if desired.

Saturday, May 6, at 11 a.m., meet local author Mel Steinbrecher at Ogden Library who will read her new book, "Becoming Sawyer." Following the reading, there will be a book signing and the opportunity to purchase the book, along with light refreshments.

It's National Library Week. Ogden Library is a great resource for fun programs for all ages, as well as all the books.

Little League is underway! Mark the date and come help support the Youth Walton Little League with a bottle drive, bake sale & chicken barbecue Saturday, May 13 at the Walton Bus Garage from 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

Walton Little League is having a gun raffle fundraiser to help support the league. The drawing for the winners will be held at the closing ceremony in June. Parents that want to sell tickets can pick them up at the concession stand during practice or games or message through Facebook and tickets will get to you. Without the fundraisers and sponsorships this league wouldn't be available for our youth, so help support them if you can.

The Walton Trap Team is selling tickets for YETI merchandise, a GCI rocker and a Traeger Tailgater grill to benefit the team and buy supplies. Tickets are \$10 and drawing is June 25. To purchase tickets see any team member or call Beth Howland at 607-643-3003.

Walton's First Friday of the season is May 5 - the perfect time to go with a Cinco de Mayo theme. Are you a business that wants to be involved? Contact the "Wal-

ton Friday" Facebook page and do a friend request. That will get you on a message thread that will give you information on how to let them know what your business wants to organize for the event. Business owners will be responsible for their own ideas for advertising, but it will be included in the First Friday advertising if you get it to the page. Let's get everyone to open on at least these First Fridays for the whole season, May through December. And customers, mark your calendars for all eight First Friday events in Walton.

The Walton Chamber has signed out Vet's Plaza for all the First Fridays so pop-up shops can be a part. If you have a home-based business but would like to get in on the excitement of First Fridays, contact me for more details. We have two businesses signed up, will yours be next?

Upcoming dates to be aware of for concerts from the Townsend School. The Townsend School Recital is May 10 at 6 p.m. in the Townsend auditorium. There will be instrumental solos and small group performances as well as beginning band directed by Theresa Bolton and beginning orchestra directed by Giancarlo Sidoli.

On May 18 at 6 p.m., plan to come to the high school auditorium for the Spring Concert featuring the third grade chorus and advanced band directed by Ms. Theresa Bolton, and the fifth grade chorus and orchestra directed by Mr. Giancarlo Sidoli. The public is invited and admission is free.

The Walton Grange will host a shopping event Saturday, May 6 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Snack and drink concessions will be available and vendors are being sought. Contact Beverly at 607-510-4255 or Sharon at 607-865-5999.

The Townsend School fifth grade is currently collecting donations for their Museum March, a fundraiser so the class can go to New York City to the Museum of Natural History. You can donate

a flat amount, or by the mile; the class will walk a two mile loop during gym class April 28 (tomorrow!). If you would like to make a donation, contact any fifth grade student or call the office.

The Walton FFA is having a benefit breakfast to help the members get to convention this year. Breakfast will be a pancake buffet breakfast with local ingredients. The free will donation will help the kids get to the FFA Convention in Buffalo. Breakfast will be from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at New Hope Community Church Saturday, May 6. They would really appreciate your support. Also, mark your calendars for a chicken barbecue dinner and cornhole tournament June 4 - their next event.

If you can't attend these fundraisers but want to help, contact advisor Vanessa Merrill for a sponsorship form. Each sponsorship costs \$150 a student.

We went with my sister and her husband to the Rockland House for dinner Saturday night. That almost turned into a bad mistake. The food was good as usual, but all the phones in the restaurant went off warning of the tornado, just as the winds and rain picked up. I had no idea that they actual had a funnel cloud right by their school, which was no more than a mile away. They had some extensive damage over there but no loss of life, thankfully. It was a tough ride home with the rain coming down so hard we couldn't see; we stopped in Downsville to let it pass. Thankfully we didn't know of the real danger until we were out of it.

The village of Walton Summer Recreation program is accepting applications for lifeguards, mowers, and a basketball supervisor. Pick up applications at the village clerk's office, 21 North Street.

The Walton First Baptist Church and Delarc will co-sponsor a Spring Fling dance Saturday, May 20 from 2-5 p.m. at the church, 55 Townsend Street. Dancing, refreshments, games and more; come celebrate spring with the community. All are welcome.

Free rabies vaccination clinic in Sidney May 8

There will be a free rabies vaccination clinic for dogs, cats and ferrets Monday, May 8 from 5:30-7:30 p.m., at Sidney Fire Hall, 74 River Street, Sidney.

- If you are not feeling well,

stay home.

- It's the law - every dog and cat must be vaccinated against rabies.

- Cats and dogs may receive their first rabies vaccine at three months of age.

- Bring the animal's previous vaccination record to verify if your pet is eligible for three year coverage.

- Dogs must be on a leash and under proper control. Cats and ferrets should be in a carrying case.

- Local organizations have volunteered their facilities for the clinic. It is the pet owner's responsibility to clean up pet waste. It's the law, you can be fined.

- Vets are only available at the advertised clinic time-no earlier.

For questions or more information call 607-832-5200 or visit www.delawarecountypublichealth.com

Vendors sought for Walton Farmers Markets

Cornell Cooperative Extension sponsors the Walton Farmers Market and would like to expand the number of produce vendors this year. The Walton Farmers Market participates in the Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (FMNP), redeeming produce coupons for WIC clients and senior citizens, and also partici-

pates in the Produce Prescription Program which provides coupons for UHS clients to purchase fruits and vegetables.

Walton Farmers Markets are held every Friday, July 7 through Sept. 29, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Those interested in participating as a vendor at the Walton Farmers Markets should contact

Maegan Freeman at 607-865-6531 or email mef265@cornell.edu.

To learn more about Cornell Cooperative Extension of Delaware County's community programs and events call 607-865-6531 or visit www.ccedelaware.org

Catskills Pathways to Recovery to hold community summit May 12

Catskills Pathways to Recovery (CPR) will hold its annual Community Action Summit Friday, May 12 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Pine Hill Community Center and online at www.catskillspathwaystorecovery.org/2023-cpr-community-summit.

This year's summit focuses on reducing the stigma surrounding pregnancy and parenting in the context of substance use disorders (SUD). Guest speakers will lead conversations with attendees that aim to increase awareness of the issues faced by people

with SUD/addiction and their families, and the community resources available to them in our region.

The Summit will bring together health care and social service providers, families, and people in recovery from SUD/addiction, as well as other key stakeholders concerned about the health and well-being of our communities.

Key speakers:

- Laura MacCarald, a certified nurse midwife who specializes in addiction care for pregnant people, will present "Reducing

stigma, saving lives: Best practices for treatment of opiate use disorder in the childbearing years.

• Elizabeth Marigliano, of SUNY Delhi and Dr. Shelly Bartow, executive director of Delaware Opportunities, will present "Trauma Informed Care: An overview for the Catskills region (ACES)."

• David McNamara, founder & executive director, Samadhi Recovery Community Outreach Center, will present "Mindfulness-based Recovery."

Advance registration at www.catskillspathwaystorecovery.org/2023-cpr-community-summit, is required for both on-site and virtual attendance. In-person participation is limited to 60 registrants (breakfast and lunch will be provided for free); those who choose to participate via Zoom will receive a link after registration. Continuing education credits will be available for nurses who participate.

Catskills Pathways to Recovery — formerly the Catskills Addiction Coalition, an initiative supported by the Mark Project from 2018 to 2023 — is a community-based organization that aims to better promote and improve access to compassionate and stigma-free care for people living with substance use disorders and mental illness aiming to fill the gaps in efforts to prevent SUD/addiction, ensure access to treatment, and support people in recovery in the Catskills Region, with an emphasis on Delaware County.



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Veterans Stand Down, Komosinski reported. Additionally, a student from the county Youth Bureau will work with Komosinski this summer for approximately 200 hours, she said, to distribute farmers' market coupons to older adults.

• OFA has installed seven of the 10 state-provided Elli-Qs, an artificial intelligence device known as "The sidekick for healthier, happier aging," according to the Elli-Q website. The device is programmed specifically for the older adult it's provided to, and is designed to motivate them, help them adopt healthier habits, and support their social, mental and



file photo
Delaware County Office for the Aging Director Wayne Shepard

physical well-being, Shepard said.
• Board members considered advertising for volunteer drivers in areas of the county where rides

are repeatedly denied due to a lack of drivers. "With the drivers we have, sometimes we can't provide all the rides requested," Shepard said, and mentioned a county transportation committee has formed in attempt to develop public transportation. "That won't fill all the needs, but definitely might help."

• During farmers' market season from May to November, stops have been added to the bus route for Frog Pond Farm and Pine Ridge Grocery, Bainbridge, and The Carrot Barn and Apple Barrel Store + Café in Schoharie, Shepard said.

• Senior Prom will be held

at Birdsong Farm Sept. 9 or 10. Cornell Cooperative Extension of Delaware County (CCE) Horticulture Educator and Master Gardener Carla Crim offered to provide the event space, corsages for the older adults made from flowers grown at the community garden, and set up a flower arch. OFA will need to pay for food and drink, Shepard said. A king and a queen will be crowned, though a voting process has yet to be decided, and a DJ will be hired.

• Since the beginning of the year and the reopening of all senior dining centers, 19,307 meals have been provided including both at-home and congregational meals, Shepard said. If the trends continue, by December

it's anticipated between 80,000 and 83,000 meals will be served, meeting pre-Covid numbers.

Hamden Supervisor Wayne Marshfield highlighted the importance of home delivered meals for older adults who cannot cook for themselves or travel to town to purchase food. Home delivered meals ensure older adults are eating nutritious foods, Marshfield said, and called the service a "tremendous benefit to older adults."

Merrill suggested meals be packaged in plastic or cardboard takeout containers rather than aluminum to spare older adults the hassle of handling the containers, and putting the food into a microwave-safe container.

New Davenport supervisor chairs first meeting

By Duane Martin

DAVENPORT - Deputy Supervisor Patricia Valente, wife of late Supervisor Dennis Valente, chaired the town council meeting held April 18. Patricia Valente was appointed last month as deputy supervisor. Dennis Valente died April 4. He served as Davenport supervisor for 17 years.

The meeting started with privilege of the floor to Delaware County Republican Election Commissioner Maria Kelso. "When there is a death to elected office, the town board must appoint someone, whether it is the deputy supervisor or another town resident to serve out the remainder of the deceased elected officials' term until next election," Kelso stated. Denis Valente's term ends January 1, 2024.

Kelso explained appointing someone supervisor would allow the town representation on the county board of supervisors. The deputy supervisor can run town meetings, sign town financial documents and represent the town at supervisors meeting, she said.

"Are you okay, Patty, with being appointed as supervisor?" asked Councilmember Jackie Losie.

"Yes, this way we can have a second signer on the books, and I can represent Davenport on the county board," Patricia Valente said.

Losie made the motion, seconded by Trevor Bell. Councilmembers unanimously voted to appoint Patricia Valente supervisor.

"Thank you for your support and vote of confidence," she said.

Deputy Highway Superintendent Mark Utter, filling in for Highway Superintendent Fred



Duane Martin/The Reporter
Davenport Supervisor Patricia Valente.

Utter, gave the department report. He said the new radios would be installed this week, giving the highway department access to all public agency communications channels, such as school buses, 911 calls, fire, police and other highway departments. The highway department is waiting for a new trailer and new truck to be delivered.

Councilmember William Hanson asked Utter about the replacement of the smaller Dodge 5500 that could no longer be insured at replacement value. Utter reported they found a new truck that the city of Oneonta was going to purchase but backed out of at last minute. They are awaiting a price from the local dealer.

Utter also reported a local garbage hauler had backed into the two doors at the transfer station. The replacement cost: \$6,200. Councilmembers authorized John Harris to replace the doors.

Discussion shifted to this year's road repair projects. Rathbun Hill Road, starting at town line is going to be paved with two-inch subbase and some culvert replacement and drainage work for \$125,801.49.

Coe Hill Road will get a three-inch base of processed gravel

crusher run and oil for \$80,981, then two additional applications of oil and processed crusher run will be applied for total of \$112,064.67. One thousand tons of cold patch will be applied to Coe Hill Road for a cost of \$71,745.00.

Remaining funds will be used to work on Prosser Hollow Road and Southside Road.

Valente introduced Paul Mueller, who oversees Charlotte Valley Central School's water system and supply. Dennis Valente operated the Davenport water district, and with his death, Patricia Valente asked councilmembers to appoint Muller as Davenport's water district operator for stipend of \$3,700. Councilmembers approved the request.

Councilmembers discussed New York state's requirement that water districts find and survey all lead pipes in their systems by 2025. Mueller explained that the district did not have map of its pipes and a company needs to come and find the pipes. The town also has a violation with the failure of one pump. Valente must submit a letter to New York state explaining what happened.

In other business:

• The property tax credit for volunteer firefighters and EMTs was put on hold. Valente will attend a firefighter meeting to find out how beneficial it would be to members.

• Losie and Bell will audit town justice books.

• Kevin and Harriet Smith, who run town food bank, asked councilmembers to authorize an application at Walmart to allow the food bank to shop four times a year for items at discounted rate. Councilmembers approved the request.

The next Davenport town council meeting will be May 16.

DelCo reallocates state funds for veteran support services

By Elizabeth DeFalco

DELHI - Delaware County Board of Supervisors authorized a budget transfer of \$100,000 in state funding to the mental health department for peer-to-peer veterans support programming at a meeting held Wednesday, April 26.

The Dwyer veteran peer-to-peer state fund was created to support services and programs for veterans suffering from PTSD (post-traumatic stress disorder), other combat stress disorders, or in need

of counseling services.

The Dwyer program, named in recognition of veteran Joseph P. Dwyer, was piloted in 2012 and was such a success that New York State Office of Mental Health made peer support programs a requirement for all agencies, said Veterans Services Director Charlie Piper.

To provide these services, Delaware County will contract with Clear Path for Vets, a not-for-profit organization originating from Chenango County, to direct, coordinate, and allocate funds for peer-to-peer veteran support services.

"It's a support program for veterans, from veterans," Piper said, overseen by the county's mental health department to ensure veterans in need are getting the individual and small group services they need, and the programs are working as intended, he said. Though many veterans receive mental health support services through Veteran's Affairs, mental health specialists are properly trained to oversee programs such as peer-to-peer veterans support, Piper said.

Bassett and Oneonta Family YMCA reach agreement

FoxCare Fitness space to remain open

Bassett Healthcare Network and A.O. Fox Hospital announced April 17 that they have reached an agreement with the Oneonta Family YMCA to keep FoxCare Fitness open to the public.

Effective June 6, Bassett will begin leasing the space to the Oneonta Family YMCA and the facility will remain open, operated by the YMCA.

The two organizations are currently working to finalize details on operations, membership, staffing, specific space features and other provisions

for the Oneonta Family YMCA's oversight while maintaining key services to the community. The facility will continue to offer cardiovascular exercise machines, weightlifting and body-building equipment, a fitness studio, a strength and conditioning studio with functional training amenities, and pool facilities - including both the lap pool and therapy pool.

More information will be forthcoming. Services will remain uninterrupted up to and through the transition date.

A.O. Fox Hospital will contin-

ue to operate outpatient cardiac, physical, occupational, and pulmonary rehabilitation services within the FoxCare Fitness space.

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Assembly Representative Chris Tague makes remarks at the 68th Lincoln Day Dinner held Friday, April 21. Also pictured are Delaware County GOP Chairperson Dave Rubera, Congressman Marc Molinaro, Assembly Representative Joseph Angelino and Senator Peter Oberacker.

public safety, he continued. "Cashless bail is a disaster that is threatening public safety." Democrats in New York believe cashless bail is a success, he continued.

China is invading the United States, he continued, through our air space.

"That balloon that came into American airspace was a device meant to spy on Americans and we found out only weeks later after saying so," he said. "Enough is enough."

American liberty is under assault, he continued. "Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness are

under attack. We can not have a free press without freedom of speech," he said. "And we can not have freedom of religion without freedom of association."

Guest speakers included Senator Peter Oberacker and Assembly Representatives Chris Tague and Joseph Angelino.

"If we do our jobs," Tague said, "We will create a foundation for the next generation of Republican leaders."

No one person is bigger than the Republican party, he said, and putting oneself above the party will never be a path to victory or success.

"We the people are best to make our own decisions. Not government, or bureaucrats or elitists in Albany or Washington, D.C.," he said. Republicans are the party of common sense, he said. "I am proud to be one of your voices to lead the charge to save our state and our nation."

Democrats and socialists are trying to destroy the nation's freedoms and everything that makes the United States great, he said.

Angelino announced with redistricting, he will no longer represent Hancock, Colchester or Walton.

Weather Words with Frank Ward

Cold, windy, wet and brrrr!

"Thursday, April 20, it started at 32 degrees, then we hit 66. You know what? That wasn't bad at all. Then came Friday, and we hit an incredible 81 degrees and it was real warm Friday night at 49. Then Saturday came. You woke up. It was warm, it got to 66 by noon and then the temperature started to drop. We had rain starting about 7 p.m. Right before that happened, Delaware County had two severe thunderstorm warnings and a tornado warning. Unfortunately the tornado did actually touch down in the Roscoe area of Sullivan County and did a whole lot of damage.

In fact, when the National Weather Service came out to look at it, they rated it as an E2 - on a scale of 1 - 5. It caused all kinds of damage there, which will have to be fixed and repaired - and that rainstorm gave us 1.1 inches of rain by Sunday morning.

On Sunday, April 23, it got to 55 degrees and we had another 28/100ths of an inch of rain and



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Walton Weather Observer
Frank Ward

it was needed, because it was rather dry out there. The ground soaked it all up. But, we started Monday, April 24 at 32 and we got to 51. On Tuesday, April 25, it was 33 degrees and it only got to 49.

Normal temperature this time of the year is upper 50s. Taking the rain that did fall, we ended up with 2 1/2 inches for the month. That's also an inch and a half short. But we got some on

Wednesday, and believe it or not started at 25 degrees. There was quite a frost out there. Wednesday, it got into the mid-50s.

Then it is going to warm up to be normal, Thursday and Friday, and then Friday night its going to start raining again. It's going to rain Friday night, it's going to rain Saturday and it's going to rain Sunday. By the time it's all done we might end up with a normal month for precipitation. I certainly hope it becomes a normal month for temperature. Believe it or not, come Monday, we're looking at May.

People who were rushing to put things out, let's hope you covered them, because with this type of frost you might be disappointed with what you might find. I don't think its going to effect too much yet, because things are not overly blooming, as far as the fruit trees. We'll keep our fingers crossed that we don't end up with an ugly spring.

I feel sorry for the people over in Roscoe and that area of Sullivan County. What we had here (last year) was an E1 - what they had was an E2 - and it's a mess. Good luck to everyone repairing and we'll keep our fingers crossed that we won't see any more of those. Have a good one!"

~ Frank

Weather Words with Frank Ward video forecast and summary reports are available at the-reporter.net on Mondays and Thursdays.

Pond presented with 60 year service award



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At the monthly meeting of Truman C. Tobey Post 32 American Legion April 18, Richard 'Dick' Pond was awarded a certificate for 60 years of continuous service. The ceremony was led by Commander Leonard Rutherford Jr. Pond is veteran of World War II; he served in the South Pacific campaign including Okinawa and The Philippines.

Have a Humane Day with Erin

What's a shelter for?

By Erin Insinga

My daughter, India, was at work with me yesterday as she usually is after school. She sits next to me in the office and tells me about her day, talks about funny things her teacher may have done, or of course, inundates with me pictures of things on her "must have" list. I always look forward to this time with her. These are the tender moments when I so intensely want to pay attention to her every word while juggling the weight of my day.

But yesterday weighed particularly heavy and as I cupped my head in my hands, taking a deep breath before responding to the person on the other end of the phone, I could feel my daughter next to me. She gets it and she always has, and just her presence next to me in that moment gave me the strength to have a very difficult conversation with the person on the phone. There lies this lifelong mental nuisance lying dormant in the heart and the head of anyone in rescue and that is this: There will be ones that you cannot save.

Animal shelters are a lot of things. They are safe places, warm, abundantly compassionate, and merciful. They are what bridges the gap between what makes a stray or unwanted animal become an adopted, wanted one. So when we receive a call in regards to an animal that we are not able to help, it weighs



very heavy on our hearts and in our minds, even after we leave the shelter.

This is about the dogs that we cannot take here because they attacked a child, or the dog that will tear into any other animal that crosses his path.

This is about the 12 feral cats that someone wants to "drop off" at the shelter.

Animal shelters are about reuniting lost pets with their loved ones. We are about successful and safe adoptions. We can facilitate programs for you to help reduce your feral cat population. We can provide you with resources for sanctuaries or behaviorists better equipped to handle dangerous animals.

We can't handle your dog that has attacked your child. We cannot handle caring for cats that want to rip our faces off (although sometimes we try) and it is really hard for us to tell you no. If you cannot safely handle your animal, then most likely we can't, and more importantly, we will probably never be able to adopt that animal out.

So today, I am focusing on the ones that we can save - the ones that we have saved - and the ones that we will. Today I am thinking of all of my friends in rescue and I hope that they know how impactful and important they truly are.

Erin Insinga is DVHS manager; www.dvhsny.org

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Dirt Road Camp, storage building top Delhi Planning meeting



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Dirt Road Camp co-owner Brad Lockwood presents documentation and architectural drawings to Delhi Planning Board members on April 24.

By Elizabeth DeFalco

DELHI - Delhi Planning Board members accepted the special use permit application submitted by Brad Lockwood, co-owner of Dirt Road Camp, on Monday, April 24. Lockwood was issued a stop-work order by Delhi Code Enforcement Officer Dale Downin in July 2022 due to a lack of required building and special use permits.

Though Lockwood admitted to building structures without the required building permits, he said until a special use permit is issued, Downin will not issue his building permits. Nothing in the campground's site plan has changed, Lockwood said, and with camps state-wide opening in just one week, there is added pressure to get the permitting issue remedied so the campground can reopen.

Lockwood also provided architectural drawings drafted by McGiver Design Services-Architecture and Engineering in Cobleskill, which he claimed addressed each and every code issue or violation Downin has cited since July 2022.

Additionally, according to Lockwood, Dirt Road has pull offs every 200 feet for emergency vehicles, though he did not provide documentation to prove it. To supplement his application, Lockwood presented photos of New York Power Authority vehicles working at Dirt Road Camp to prove large vehicles could easily access the property. Planning Board Member Steve Hood, the county's emergency services director, said once four sites are active the roadway must be 20 feet wide to accommodate emergency vehicles.

Lockwood presented site plans which include 10 primitive sites, though planning board members only have the authority to authorize four sites, Delaware County Planner Kent Manuel explained; proposing all 10 sites now, while acknowledging approval is only for four sites, will save planning board members review time in the future. Once the Department of Health (DOH) receives Lockwood's special use permit, they can initiate their side of approval to allow for more active sites, Lockwood said.

Planning board members accepted the special use permit application and directed Lockwood to provide additional informa-



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Storage units along state Route 28.

tion prior to the scheduled public hearing on May 22, including a written emergency plan, and a more detailed architectural drawing. Manuel encouraged Lockwood to provide the additional information prior to the public hearing so changes or additions could be made, and board members can potentially approve the special use permit following the public hearing.

"We're on the right path here, and moving forward," Planning Board Chairperson Josh Morgan said.

In other business:

- Owners of properties neighboring the site of a storage facility owned by John Petschauer on state Route 28 voiced multiple concerns about the proposed expansion of the facility and requested planning board members not authorize the expansion due to light pollution, aesthetics, and questionable permitting.

At a meeting in January, planning board members requested Petschauer screen portions of the property with trees or shrubs to shield neighbors' views of the facility, and conduct a lighting study to address light pollution concerns. Presented plans included screening of two sides of the facility and installation of anodized, aluminum light covers over the existing lights on the facility, and on the new building. Lights will be directed downwards with 40 feet of light shed.

Neighbors, who planning board members allowed to view the site plan, claimed the facility would "stick out like a sore thumb" even when screened by shrubs, and requested the screening be extended around the front, and both sides of the facility. Additionally, property owner Candice Giudice questioned if the proposed structures were planned to be built within the floodplain. The proposed buildings are within the 500-year floodplain, not the 100-year

floodplain, Morgan explained - though projects proposed to be developed within any special flood hazard area can be approved with a floodplain development permit.

Manuel explained there must be balance between advertising the business and meeting requests of property owners. "They can't screen it completely, people need to know there's a business there," Manuel said, but recognized the disadvantageous position of neighbors who own property on the hill overlooking the facility.

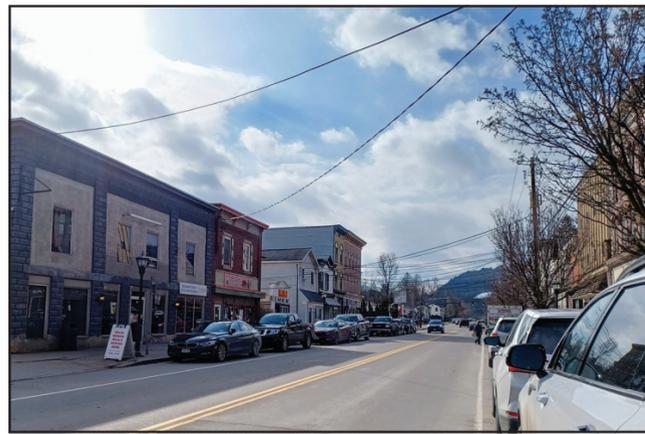
Neighbors also stated the structures violate deed restrictions, claiming their deeds state no property within the subdivision shall be permitted to construct commercial structures, siding that is not wood, or signage. Giudice claimed she attempted to erect a metal shed on her property, but was approached by the code enforcement officer for violations of code.

"You needed a building permit for the shed, which is why you were approached," Morgan said. Planning boards do not have jurisdiction over enforcing deed restrictions, Manuel explained. Planning board members approved the application contingent on updated plans to include expansion of shrub screening around three sides of the facility, and motion-sensor lighting to reduce the light pollution impact at night. Members also authorized Morgan to approve the application after reviewing the adjustments once David Wakin, planning board clerk, provides them.

- Planning board members approved a land transfer to Randy Brown from his parents, who own a collected 217 acres of land on Federal Hill Road. Using stone walls to define the boundary, Brown's parents will transfer 132 acres of hayfield and forested land to Brown,

Delhi considers...

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Parking along Delhi's Main Street, in its business district.

seen within village business districts. In recent years, communities across the country are removing or drastically reducing their parking requirements,

Lamont said.

Trustees will discuss the committee's recommended changes to zoning parking requirements at their next board meeting.

Colchester to modernize payment system

Cooks Falls water to be tested

By Elizabeth DeFalco

DOWNSVILLE - The Colchester Town Clerk's office will soon be able to process online payments for water bills, dog licenses and other town fees following councilmembers' approval of Clerk Kirstie Mattson's request to establish an online payment system at a council meeting held Wednesday, April 19.

The system will allow residents to pay bills online using the invoice number on their bill, Mattson explained, and will be charged a small debit card processing fee in addition to their bill so there will be no cost to the town to process payments. Councilmembers also authorized Mattson to purchase a card reader for the system to process debit and credit card payments in office.

Once set up, Mattson suggested the online payment system be linked to the town's website to make it accessible to the residents. The system has become necessary, Mattson said; younger residents don't use cash or checks as often anymore.

Supervisor Art Merrill agreed, "In this day and age, we have to have these things available."

In other business:

- Supervisor Art Merrill will file a parade permit for the James S. Moore American Legion Post 167, as he does annually, for the Memorial Day parade. Councilperson Janet Champlin has spoken to a legion member about replacing the flag displayed at the cemetery due to complaints about its current state. Legion

members are responsible for replacing the flag and are working to do so, Champlin said.

- Doors for the mobile office unit have been ordered but not yet delivered, Merrill said, but walls have been erected to divide the office into two separate units and create rooms. Electrical and plumbing design and implementation are still in progress, and a generator is due to be delivered in July.

Due to unforeseen changes throughout the development and huge price increases, the project cost will go over budget and an amendment will be needed at the next meeting to use money from the town's general fund balance. "What's the point of having a budget?" Councilmember Julie Markert questioned, and felt if work on the building had been completed when the building was delivered originally, it wouldn't have been as costly.

- Titan Drilling Corporation, Arkville, will remove the water pump at the Cooks Falls water system and will reinstall a smaller, temporary pump to test the water quality, Merrill said. The water quality was good when the pump was first installed, Merrill said, but wants to test to ensure the water quality remains up to changing DOH (Department of Health) standards. If the water is good, then the town can begin applying for grant funds to upgrade the water system, he said. If not, "we'll need to figure out an alternative," Merrill said.

- Councilmembers authorized the hire of Shantel Knorr for seasonal cemetery employment at rate of \$15.20 per hour.

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Judge warns witnesses against sharing testimony in Fleischmanns ballot challenge case

Anti-Semitism allegations continue; lawyer requests witness ID proof

By Lillian Browne

DELHI - Testimony continued for the fifth day in the Fleischmanns absentee ballot challenge April 19, with presiding Acting Delaware County Court Judge Brian Burns cautioning witnesses not to discuss their testimony with witnesses who have not yet testified.

A legal challenge to 81 absentee ballots cast in the March 21 Fleischmanns village election was filed by Todd Pascarella, Yvonne Reuter and Elizabeth Hughes who ran for trustee and mayor seats in the election.

In the election, mayoral candidate Elizabeth Hughes received 69 votes and challenger Samuel Gil received 42 votes. Incumbent Trustee Stewart Cohen received 35 votes; trustee candidate Miguel Martinez received 40 votes; Yvonne Reuter received 72 votes and Todd Pascarella received 69 votes.

Hughes, Pascarella and Reuter are challenging the legitimacy of the absentee ballots, questioning residency of the 81 voters.

Absentee ballots remain unopened pending a Supreme Court ruling.

After hearing from two of the day's 10 witnesses, Burns announced that one of the attorneys requested that each witness present identification before testifying. Burns denied the request, citing difficulty with exhibit retention. Instead, Burns said, petitioner's attorney Daniel Belzil could make a record if he felt witnesses were testifying falsely. Of the 27 witnesses who have testified so far, Burns said, only one or two are from Fleischmanns. "If their ID is from elsewhere it becomes duplicative of their testimony. I am not going to have members of this group (Hasidic religious community members) produce a government ID to verify their identity," he said.

The witnesses have been subpoenaed by the petitioners and are those who cast absentee ballots.

Each of the witnesses, members of the Hasidic religious community, testified their "home" is elsewhere, in Brooklyn, Monroe, or Monsey. Each witness also testified they received help filling out absentee voter paperwork from Josef Horowitz, son of Rabbi Abraham Horowitz, who leads the religious sect and dictates to Hasidic community members in Fleischmanns.

Witnesses had difficulty answering questions regarding days and time spent in Fleischmanns, many of them indicating they follow a Jewish calendar rather than the Gregorian calendar.

A court-appointed Yiddish interpreter was virtually present to translate questions and answers for many of the witnesses.

Each witness with children testified their children attend school outside of Delaware County and that they come to Fleischmanns in the summer to follow the rabbi (Rabbi Abraham



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Lawyers in the Fleischmanns absentee ballot challenge have a sidebar conversation with Acting Delaware County Supreme Court Judge Brian Burns between witness testimony, Wednesday April 19.

Horowitz). Those that have driver licenses and file tax returns use a non-Delaware County address for those purposes with the exception of Josef Horowitz who testified he uses a Fleischmanns address for his driver's license.

Many witnesses have been coming to Fleischmanns in the summer for years and all stated they started voting within the last couple of years, at the direction of Rabbi Horowitz.

Shemuel Masri testified that he began coming to Fleischmanns seven or eight years ago, and like each witness before him, testified that Josef Horowitz helped him complete voter registration documents and an absentee ballot. Masri testified, like all other witnesses, that he did not know who the candidates were in the Fleischmanns elections in 2022 or 2023, or what positions they were seeking. He voted for who the rabbi recommended, he said.

Most witnesses echoed the testimony of others saying they kept clothes in Fleischmanns.

Josef Horowitz testified he lives at 590 Main Street, Fleischmanns in a basement apartment that contains four bedrooms, a living room, two bathrooms and a kitchen. When asked, he could not answer how many bedrooms were at the address, though he does a "walk through" of the property at the end of the summer. "I don't feel comfortable with people in my apartment, so I don't go to their's," he said.

"In the summer, when we are in Fleischmanns, we spend time outside. We are not in the houses," he said. "In the summertime," he continued, "I'm not focused on the bedrooms - 95% of the time we are outside. We love grass and nature. We really like it except the hate that goes on in Fleischmanns. It's very painful for us."

He helped congregation members prepare absentee ballots, he said. Voters stated different reasons for needing an absentee ballot, he said. "Some told me

they were working, some said, 'Do me a big favor,' he testified.

Each of the 2023 absentee ballots had a date range of unavailability of March 9 through May 15, 2023, Bezil said, and asked Horowitz what the significance was of the date range. "Some people told me to put the most dates as possible," Horowitz said.

Most of the absentee ballots were sent to Brooklyn, the community's synagogue. People choose to use the address of the synagogue, Horowitz testified, because they are there several times per day. "It's a community service," he said. "To get mail there."

When ballots were purged in 2022, Horowitz said, "We decided we can't trust the village of Fleischmanns post office anymore," and chose to have mail sent to Brooklyn. "Brooklyn doesn't interfere," he testified.

Horowitz has been coming to Fleischmanns for 29 years, spending the entirety of the summer - about 10 weeks - there; as well as weekends throughout the year, he testified.

Like the witnesses who testified before him, he does not take part in any social or political activity in Fleischmanns, he said, but enjoys attending village board meetings. Like all witnesses before him, he testified that he intends to stay in Fleischmanns this summer as he has in the past.

When asked by Delaware County Attorney Jeremy Rase, substitute counsel for Amy Merklen representing the Delaware County Board of Elections, whether he intended to give up ties to Brooklyn and move to Fleischmanns full time, he responded, "I would love to but most Hasidim stay in Brooklyn. I would love my father to decide to all move up to Fleischmanns. But it depends on what my father says."

The Hasidic community, Horowitz testified is "very loyal to the Grand Rebbe. They are ready to do whatever the rabbi asks for."

Another witness and challenged voter, Hersch Kahana, testified that he forgot letters in his name when completing his voter documents, explaining a spelling discrepancy in his name. Of the time he spends in Fleischmanns, he testified: "Depends on when the rabbi goes. If he goes, the family follows him." He later stated, "My wife and children stay in Brooklyn and do not stay in Fleischmanns." He, like other challenged voters, stated he plans to come to Fleischmanns each summer as he has in the past. "If the rabbi asks me to go there under any circumstances, I would go," Kahana testified.

He began voting in Fleischmanns recently, he said. "Because of the hate is more and

more against Jews. I've decided it's important to vote for people to think of our needs and prevent the hate that is prevalent now," Kahana said.

Day 7: Police, process server testify

The seventh day of trial continued Friday, April 21, when two witnesses, a process server and a sheriff's investigator, answered questions about their attempts to locate, interview and serve the challenged voters.

First to testify was Richard Cecce, who identified himself as a private investigator and process server. Cecce testified that he was hired to serve 67 subpoenas at 11 or 12 addresses in Fleischmanns. He went to each address three



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Witnesses, members of a Hasidic community who are alleged to have cast absentee ballots unlawfully, at the Delaware County Courthouse.

times, he testified, and each time the residence was unoccupied. He was unable to locate the absentee voters to personally serve them, he said. The third time he went to a residence, he posted the subpoenas to the door and mailed a copies of the subpoenas to the challenged voters, with \$30 checks representing the required witness fee.

Each mailed subpoena was returned to him as undeliverable, he testified. He also mailed copies of subpoenas to alternate addresses in Brooklyn, provided to him by petitioners' attorney Belzil, he said.

Next to testify was Chris Erwin, a senior investigator at the Delaware County Sheriff's Office, who began testifying on day two of the trial, April 4. Belzil and respondent Stewart Cohen's attorney, James Curran, agreed then to allow Erwin to conclude his testimony when his investigation into the voter registrations of the challenged voters was complete and his final report in evidence.

Erwin's 48 page report detailed his attempts to locate each of the challenged voters, which included a canvass and background check. His 2022 investigation into

similar claims spanned the time period September 2022 to February 2023, he said; and was turned over to the federal government. His 2023 investigation began Feb. 17, he testified, and is ongoing.

Erwin stated he ran a credit report, motor vehicle check, property ownership and a criminal check, as well as other public document searches to obtain residence information for the challenged voters. He did not include public assistance information, though Belzil requested it be included, he testified.

In his report, he testified, he included the definition of residency as it pertains to election law - which is a residence where a person intends to return, he said. He was advised by former Delaware County Deputy Republican Election Commissioner Robin Alger that a person can vote from a residence which is not a fulltime residence, he testified. "They can vote from a secondary residence," he said.

Erwin testified that most of the Fleischmanns residences showed no signs of inhabitation at the time of his investigation.

He had extreme difficulty making contact with any of the challenged voters at the start of his 2023 investigation, he testified. "Rabbi Horowitz told me he would get his people to contact me," Erwin said, then it was very easy.

Erwin concluded his testimony by stating he was asked by the Delaware County Board of Elections to investigate 114 voter registrations; 81 of those cast a ballot in the March 21 election.

Erwin said he used publicly available information, made available to a data base, by a

third-party, to conduct a background check on the challenged voters. "I was looking for addresses and associations," Erwin testified.

Erwin also accessed information from the Division of Criminal Justice Services, which provided a criminal history and the address of the person at the time of conviction.

Testimony in the trial is delayed due to illness.

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The entrance to the village of Fleischmanns at the intersection of Main Street and state Route 28.

Margaretville water infrastructure upgrade could cost \$1.55 million

By Jesse Hilson

MARGARETVILLE - Margaretville trustees received a report from Lamont Engineering on suggested upgrades to the water infrastructure system that could cost \$1.55 million April 18. Lamont's representative and Project Engineer Jason Preisner took Margaretville trustees through the ins-and-outs of the project, which will include the construction of a new 83,000 gallon water tank behind Margaretville Memorial Hospital to replace the current water tank, refurbishing the Bull Run reservoir which has a similar storage capacity, 296 new household water meters, and an updated control system. Preisner answered questions and outlined steps that the municipality will need to take to seek financing for the water infrastructure project.

Preisner spoke about the different options the village has in replacing the "hospital tank," suggesting a glass-lined tank. Land acquisition will likely be a factor in that the village currently owns a "postage stamp size" piece of land that the current water tank is positioned on, and could possibly need to ac-

quire a parcel of land from the Margaretville Memorial Hospital next to the current one to build the new tank. Other options include demolishing the old tank and its foundation and rebuilding there. Reflecting on the costs of construction, Preisner spoke about how, in the construction industry, the consumer price index had increased by 30% since 2019 due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, and construction costs reflected this reality.

The Bull Run Reservoir, which Margaretville Mayor John Hubbell estimated had an approximate storage capacity of 80,000 gallons, will need a new liner and the construction of a new superstructure covering it, likely made of pressure-treated wood and a metal roof, Preisner said.

The new meter readers would allow the village to monitor water usage with more detail than it has so far, Preisner said.

Trustee Jeff Warren asked Preisner questions about how accurate a homeowner's water usage is displayed and what that could do to insurance liability on the village's part in the event of water damage to residents homes. Preisner said that by his interpretation, if water users' pipes froze and water damage was done to

their property, for example, it would be the homeowner's responsibility, not the village's. He also said that the new water meter reading system was not one which would be running constantly and feeding ongoing information on homeowners' usage to a central location. Instead, it would provide periodic "snapshots" of water usage throughout the village as it was collected. If aberrations in water usage were detected that way, water users could be alerted that they had a running toilet or leak, for example.

Preisner said that since Lamont's report had been written and a budget created, the next step was to submit the report to the state department of health for approval, and to begin setting up the necessary environmental reviews and the bonding process. Preisner said financing for the project could then be sought from a Water Infrastructure Improvement Act (WIIA) Grant or from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF). The WIIA would pay 60% of the costs for the project, or about \$932,000. "A 60% grant is nothing to sneeze at," Preisner said, adding that he thought Margaretville's water infrastructure

project as outlined by the report could have favorable chances of getting a WIIA grant. He added that even if Margaretville didn't get such a grant, the report from Lamont Engineering could serve as a useful tool for finding other grant opportunities. Once financing is secured, the design and development staff of the project can begin.

Preisner urged the village to get the ball rolling as soon as possible since the window for applications for WIIA grants opens on May 3. Trustees passed a resolution authorizing the grant application procedure for the water system upgrade.

During public comment, a resident of Swart Street who did not give her name complained about water needing to be pumped out of her property. Hubbell said the village is aware of the problem, and that with the wet season, it was expected. He informed the resident that the village would be seeking public input during its upcoming Local Flood Analysis (LFA) conducted by Delaware County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) and that the resident should attend future LFA public sessions. Hubbell said he expected that the LFA process would gather information

about flooding from Margaretville residents by the end of this summer. Hubbell also said that he had heard from SWCD that the LFA planning was progressing, and that approval was being sought from the New York State Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). The LFA area is expanding beyond Margaretville to Arkville and Dunraven, Hubbell said.

In other discussions:

- Two new roads in the park behind Freshtown Market will be designated as village roads and named Park Road and Pavilion Lane. Hubbell said that the purpose of designating the roads would put another half-mile of road "on the books" making the village eligible for more money from the Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS). Hubbell said that three years ago these roads were maintained at a cost of \$15,000 which the village was not reimbursed for.

The next Margaretville Trustee meeting will be held at 5 p.m. May 16 at the Gottfried Office Building, 773 Main Street, Margaretville.

Sidney adopts \$5.4 million budget, encourages residents to schedule water meter installs

SIDNEY - Sidney trustees passed the village's \$5.41 million budget for fiscal year 2023-2024 Monday, April 24 which includes a real property tax of \$20.78 per thousand of taxable assessment — up \$0.93 from last year.

In the big picture, spending from the village's general fund — everything except water and sewer — will see an overall increase of 4.9% over the past year, which includes a mix of increases and decreases.

For example, as needs have changed, the village will be spending 16.3% less on the civic center and Getman Building and 11.3% more on the central garage. Public-safety spending is up a modest 3.0%, mostly to cover utilities, while animal control's budget is down 9.3% thanks to lower costs to run its vehicles.

The biggest overall changes include the village's spending 44.5% more on "Culture and Recreation" — parks and rec and youth programs — and 14.5% less on the airport. Employee benefits and service on the village's debt will also increase.

Thanks in part to an end to federal aid, total revenues were down 3.1%, meaning to balance the budget the village needed to take \$543,000 from its reserve fund.

"I know it concerns everyone one of us," said Mayor Ray Baker, that the village had to dip into that fund. He's spoken to the

various department heads "and asked them to be very careful with their spending for the rest of this year to see if we can carry some (money) over and put it back in the fund balance."

"I have also asked every department head to look seriously at the budget we just adopted

and see if they can cut it by 10% in hopes to not have the same issue next year," he said. "We have looked at every single thing we can look at to save money."



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Sidney Trustees Victor Tartaglia and Barry MacPherson with Village Clerk Lisa French.

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Water meter installation warnings

As part of the upcoming new water system, the village is scheduling water meter installation in every home. The problem: of the 60 homes targeted in the initial rollout, only half

to the first two, or it could be a final warning to schedule the meter installation or have the water turned off.

"I say let's be aggressive," said Baker. "We gave them two letters. I say we let's give them a third letter and tell them, whatever days you guys pick, if they haven't made an appointment by then we'll shut their water off." Those residents would also incur the village-standard \$300 fee to have

the water turned back on.

After some discussion the trustees agreed to that plan so as not to fall behind in the overall meter-installation schedule. Those third letters will be hand delivered to ensure homeowners are clear on the consequences of not making an appointment.

Trustee Victor Tartaglia registered his dissent to the \$300 reconnection fee. "This is a unique situation," he pointed out.

New permit fees

Trustees approved the village's updated code enforcement fee schedule, which includes building permit fees of \$0.20 per square foot for new construction and additions (up \$0.05); \$30 for driveway permit (up \$10); \$0.20 per linear foot for fence (up \$0.05); \$30 fee for a roof (up \$10); \$50 for wood, coal or pellet stove and solar (up \$15); \$150 for any manufactured housing; \$0.20 per square foot for demolition (up \$0.05); \$50 for the first 500 square foot renovation or rebuild (up \$15); among other fees.

Newly added are fees for electric vehicle charging stations: \$25

per stand for standalone stations and a \$25 flat fee for residential stations. The full list of building/permit fees is available at the village clerk's office or on the village website at villageofsidney.org.

In other business:

- Trustees voted to postpone the installation of culverts near the river as part of the Green-Plain project.

- The village will file an insurance claim for the broken well water pump motor that was damaged due to an electrical surge in March, although the motor might be covered under the manufacturer's warranty.

- Trustees approved the June 20 senior parade, which will cover the same route as last year.

- Trustees discussed, but didn't come to a decision, about where to install the two electric vehicle charging stations to be built with an \$80,000 grant from New York state.

- Trustees discussed the process of re-levying properties with unpaid water and sewer bills and possibly shutting water off to those properties.

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Earth Day celebrated at Birdsong Farm Community Garden

By Elizabeth DeFalco

DELHI - To celebrate Earth Day Saturday, April 22, Birdsong Farm Community Garden in Delhi held an "Earth Day Extravaganza." The farm was open to the public to hear speakers, engage in hands-on activities and crafts, visit farmers' market vendors, and participate in a guided nature walk - among other activities.

While the regularly planned farmers' market continued from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., live music was provided by Ron Richards, and Birdsong Farm master gardeners and Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) educators offered visitors insight to their work on the farm.

The Birdsong Farm Community Garden was created in partnership between CCE and the Lamson family.

CCE Horticulture Educator Carla Crim led tours of the flower farm and vegetable gardens. The gardens are different from allotted-style community gardening, Crim explained, and are a shared garden, where participants work

together and share in the harvest while other portions of the harvest are donated to local organizations. Crim is passionate about growing flowers locally, she said, rather than having them shipped from other countries and continents, which can help reduce the carbon footprint.

The community garden aims to be sustainable, including the material used in the gardens, Crim explained. Landscaping fabric is used to keep the weeds down in



Elizabeth DeFalco/The Reporter

Cornell Cooperative Extension's Horticulture Educator Carla Crim, in front of a bed of tulips, led tours of Birdsong Farm's community garden during the Earth Day Extravaganza April 22.

the flower beds, and though the fabric is plastic, the material will last farmers 15 to 20 years, she said. A corn-based, biodegradable film is also placed beneath the landscaping fabric, to suppress weeds, Crim said, and over time the film breaks down into the soil. "Hopefully we won't be battling too many weeds this year."

Flower varieties grown locally, including dahlias and tulips, are

more fragrant and vibrant, Crim said.

Wendy Buemi, CCE master gardener and beekeeper was among vendors with samples of honey produced from the hive she manages, and available to speak with visitors about her work as an apiarist.

Catskill Forest Association members were also on site to

lead nature walks, where participants were taught tricks to identify both native and invasive plant and tree species during early spring, "when everything kind of looks the same," Crim said.

For questions or inquiries about joining the community garden, contact Crim by email - ceh27@cornell.edu, or call 607-865-6531.



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Delhi Homegrown National Park members Kathy Mario, left, and Eileen Kline, right, helped provide Eric Plaud and Lisa Pierce with native plants to combat invasive species for their yards.



Elizabeth DeFalco/The Reporter

Beekeeper Wendy Buemi was among the vendors and displays at Birdsong Farms Earth Day Extravaganza to meet with visitors and provide information on local beekeeping.

SUNY Delhi students volunteer at Sheldon Park Community Garden

'Lasagna-style gardening'

By Elizabeth DeFalco

DELHI - As part of Community Service Day, SUNY Delhi students engaged in numerous community projects, events, and cleanup efforts across the village of Delhi including constructing, placing and filling raised beds at Sheldon Park Community Garden, on April 22 - Earth Day.

Members of Zeta Delta Tau and Delta Omega Epsilon, a sorority and fraternity at SUNY Delhi, joined Park Steward Amy

Randall in constructing raised vegetable garden beds.

Because community garden participants vary in age, Randall suggested younger bodies do the heavy lifting - and work in the lower raised beds. The high beds are reserved for older adults who participate in the garden. "They've earned it," Randall said.

Students also assisted in gathering sticks, grass clippings, and soil to use in the beds, which follow a "lasagna gardening" method, Randall said. Instead of piling planting soil into the beds, which

wastes nutrients and is much more costly, the beds are stacked with cardboard, logs, sticks, clippings, dirt, then nutrient dense potting soil, she said. The compostable material decomposes over time, releasing nutrients into the soil on its own, Randall explained.

Delhi Resident Jessi Raber, who designed the layout of the community garden beds, said the beds are placed intentionally

from lowest to highest in height, with lower beds on the left side of the garden, in line with the path of the sun. Soon, a fence will be placed around the garden beds to keep deer and woodchucks out of the plants, Raber said.

A few of the students volunteering their help with the community garden will remain local over the summer, and have already claimed a bed of their own, Randall said. "And I'm going to

help guide them but we have a long way to go. When I asked them what they wanted to grow the first suggestion was hot dogs."

Students who volunteered with Randall include Zeta Delta Tau members Brianna Migliaro, Kimberly Harding, Sasha Nizhnik, Lila Burley, Gabrielle Fragliossi, and Kaitlin Litland, along with Delta Omega Epsilon fraternity members Isaiah Duffin-Williams and Chase Anglero.



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Zeta Delta Tau members at Sheldon Park Community Garden on Earth Day, April 22.



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Jonah Mathieson works at Brideside Park in Delhi Saturday, April 22.

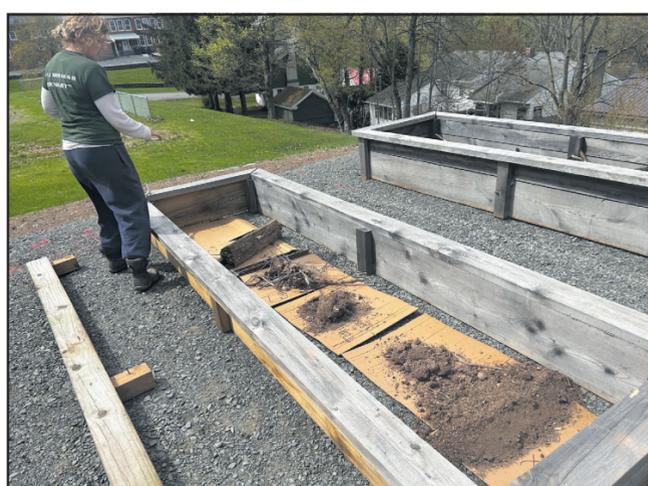
The Delhi Beautification Committee and volunteers from SUNY Delhi, coordinated by the O'Connor Center for Community Engagement & Veteran Student Support, cleaned up BridgeSide Park, Hoyt Park, Courthouse Square and the county-owned gardens Saturday, April 22, for Delhi Clean up Day.

Work also included painting the Courthouse Square bandstand by SUNY Delhi volunteers under the direction of Sarah Poole. The Delhi Beautification Committee with volunteers from the college, community and local businesses care for the county-owned gardens, Courthouse

Spring cleanup!

Square Bandstand, BridgeSide Park, Cannon Memorial - under renovation with expertise and labor from SUNY Delhi Design Build students - Hoyt Park, Sheldon Park and Triangle Park.

The Delhi Beautification Committee also maintains gateway signs to the village and is looking for community volunteers. Find Delhi Beautification Committee on Facebook.



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A raised bed at the Sheldon Park Community Garden.



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Luke Damon and Patrick Schulok clear trash on Earth Day, Saturday, April 22.

Roxbury attorney left justice seat for Chief ADA post

Rikard responds to reports of suggested wrongdoing

By Lillian Browne

DELHI - Delaware County Chief Assistant District Attorney David Rikard, appointed to the post in February 2023, resigned from his position as Prattsville Town Justice in January after determining that he could not serve as both a town justice and prosecutor, he said.

During the transition in positions, Rikard said, he was advised via a letter dated Jan. 12 from the state's Commission on Judicial Ethics, that he was to appear and testify before the commission about undisclosed allegations.

He resigned as justice on Jan. 6, in a letter penned to the Prattsville Town Council which stated, "I have accepted an appointment as Chief Assistant District Attorney in neighboring Delaware County. While I am excited about embarking upon this new chapter in my legal career, my acceptance of this position also unfortunately requires that I must resign as Town of Prattsville Justice. Thus, I hereby respectfully, yet regretfully, submit my resignation as Town of Prattsville Justice, effective immediately."

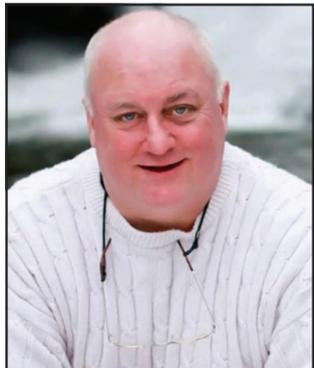
Rikard "declined the invitation," to appear before the commission, he said, upon the advice of his attorney. "My attorney had advised not to do it," Rikard said. "I had already resigned." The request to appear before the commission was not an "invitation," Rikard said. Rather it was an "order." In addition to requested testimony, the commission also directed Rikard turn over documents.

Because he failed to comply with the commission's direction, Rikard said, a formal charge, made Jan. 26, was filed against him alleging that he refused to appear and testify concerning three complaints of misconduct against him; and that he refused to provide the commission with requested records relevant to the Commission's investigation.

"My demeanor on the bench was never questioned," Rikard said. "I was never accused of anything that would be considered criminal or anything of that nature."

Instead, he said, he was accused of refusing to participate in an ethics proceeding. There were never any allegations proved against him, nor was there any type of adjudication, he said.

Acting Delaware County District Attorney Shawn Smith said the incident does not diminish his confidence in Rikard's ability to effectively do his job. Instead, Smith said, the allegations, as he understands them, were "relatively benign."



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Delaware County Chief Assistant District Attorney David Rikard.

The underlying allegation of misconduct against Rikard, Smith said, was that Rikard verbally complained about bail reform. "That isn't troublesome to me, even if he admitted he said it. I don't know a single judge that hasn't complained about bail reform," Smith said.

The fact is, Rikard said, he resigned as justice before he knew anything about an allegation. And, he continued, he agreed with the commission that he failed to cooperate with the commission's investigation. "To which I fully admit. I did not cooperate. Why would I? I had already resigned from the position," Rikard said. To resolve the complaint of his failure to cooperate, Rikard agreed to not seek or hold a judge seat in the future. "I signed a stipulation saying I would never run for justice again. I don't have a dog in this fight," he said.

Rikard said he resigned from the town justice position, a part-time job that pays approximately

\$4,000 per year, with no benefits, to accept a 32-hour-per-week job, that pays much more, with full benefits, in advance of knowledge of allegations against him.

The stipulation was made public by the ethics commission April 20, along with a companion decision and order.

An April 24 *Times Union* article titled "Judge just barred from bench takes job for Delaware County DA," regarding the court filings, timelines and facts, is fraught with inaccuracies, Rikard said. "It was a nasty, unfair and inaccurate piece intended to spin a situation into something it is not. It made it appear I had been removed from office, which is not true. It also made it seem that I resigned under a cloud of pending investigation - which is also untrue," Rikard said. "It's like comparing apples to oranges - my resigning my position as justice and the acceptance of a Delaware County ADA position and an investigation with which I refused to cooperate," he said.

Employment talks between Smith and Rikard began in December 2022, they both said; and Rikard was, at that time, given a start date of February 2023, which would allow him time to make the transition to the new position. "I was hired at the (Delaware County) district attorney's office before I knew about this (commission investigation)," Rikard said.

Rikard is a Roxbury resident and prosecutes criminal cases in the towns of Roxbury, Middletown, Stamford, Harpersfield, Davenport, Kortright and Delhi. He also prosecutes felony cases.

Rikard began practicing as a lawyer in 1989. He was Prattsville Town Court Justice from January 2014 to Jan. 6, 2023, when he resigned. His current term would have expired on Dec. 31, 2025.

To read the commission's decision and order in its entirety, visit: cjc.ny.gov/Determinations/R/Rikard.David.A.2023-04-20.DEC.pdf

To read the stipulation and letter of resignation in their entirety, visit: cjc.ny.gov/Determinations/R/Rikard.David.A.2023.03.10.STIP.pdf

OPINION

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Fleischmanns is welcoming!

Regarding Lillian Browne's article, "Legal battle over Fleischmanns absentee ballots continues" in *The Reporter*, her piece concludes with a Hassidic defendant complaining of anti-Semitism in Fleischmanns.

Let it be known that Fleischmanns has long been a wel-

coming village, embracing immigrants, Holocaust survivors and victims of war, and visitors from New York City and those from all walks of life. It has never been "anti-Semitic," as you report through the eyes of the non-resident Hassidic man who may have voted illegally.

GLORIA ZOLA-MULLOY
FLEISCHMANN'S

The Reporter welcomes letters to the editor. Letters must include the writer's name, address and phone number for verification, but only the writer's name and town of residence will be printed. Letters to the editor are not to be used as a community calendar. The Reporter reserves the right to edit letters for length and / or content. Letters deemed inappropriate will be rejected. Opinions expressed in this section do not necessarily reflect those of The Reporter. Endorsement letters for political candidates are not accepted and are considered paid advertisements. A paid endorsement notice can be purchased in three sizes: 50 words or less for \$15; 51-175 word endorsement - \$50 or 176-300 words for \$75. Submit letters by email to editor@The-Reporter.net or by U.S. mail to 39 Elm St., Delhi, NY 13753

Middletown Historical Society offers headstone cleaning



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A headstone in the Roxbury Methodist Church Cemetery before and after cleaning in 2022.

Memorial Day is right around the corner and the Historical Society of the Town of Middletown wants to help you pay tribute to your loved ones by offering a unique headstone cleaning service.

A team of HSM volunteers is ready to clean monuments at cemeteries in and around Middletown this spring, using a safe and effective cleansing agent and method. A donation of \$30 cleans a single one-sided headstone; a \$50 donation will clean two headstones or a two-sided

monument.

Before-and-after photos will be provided to those who take advantage of this offer, available only during the month of May.

Send a check and contact information to HSM, PO Box 734, Margaretville, NY 12455. Someone will be in touch to collect details. For more information call 845-586-4973 or email history@catskill.net.

Information about HSM events and programs can be found at mtownhistory.org.

Walton Historical Society seeks vendors for fall market

The Walton Historical Society announces the Walton Fall Market to be held Saturday, Oct. 7, at the Delaware County Fairgrounds event barn from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Walton Historical Society seeks all types of vendors for this event including:

- Crafters and makers
- Antiques and collectables
- Food and beverage
- Flea market

WHS invites members of the community to bring their flea market and garage sale items and set up a booth. Cultural, educational, and informational booths are also welcome. No political organizations or candidates.

Food trucks are welcome. Further specific information will be available in the near future regarding space for food trucks. If you have a food truck and are interested in participating in the

event, contact Dana Baker at waltonfallmarket@gmail.com.

Booths will be approximately 10' x 15' and electricity will be available in some spaces. Premium booth areas will be available, allowing some vendors to park directly behind their booths at the event barn.

Applications are available by email at waltonfallmarket@gmail.com; put "application request" in the subject line.

Sidney Historical Assoc. to hold annual meeting May 13

The Sidney Historical Association will hold its annual meeting at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 13 in the Sidney Town Hall Conference Room, 44 Grand Street, Sidney.

Use the museum and DMV entrance.

The agenda will include membership voting for any offices whose terms have been com-

pleted, and proposed by-laws changes along with a review and progress reports for various projects.

Members and guests are welcome to visit the museum following the meeting.

Catskills Commerce

4 ways you might be self-sabotaging your business

By Ray Pucci

You give the benefit of the doubt to everyone else. If the customer is always right, and you don't agree with the customer, it stands to reason you are always wrong. For your sanity, the answer must sometimes be "no." Sometimes you must be on your own side. You can't meet the needs of everyone without occasionally impairing yourself. Know when you can help and when you can't. Then draw the line effectively and with kindness to both you and them.

You fixed the problem but it's still plaguing your mind. So, you had a problem with a customer, and you fixed it to everyone's satisfaction. You issued the apology and made it right. The customer feels heard and understood. But

you're still blaming yourself. No good comes out of this extreme penitence. You're more likely to repeat the problem in the future because that's what you're focusing on.

Adapt a piece of advice that is often bandied around the baseball field to your business - baseball is a game of forgetting. When you walk out on the field beating yourself up about your last at-bat or the pop fly you missed, you'll repeat those errors again and again. A successful player learns from the mistake and forgets everything outside of the lesson. Don't dwell, just do. Apply this to your business as well.

You think failing makes you a failure. If you believe that because you failed at something - like launching a new product, hosting an event, etc. - that you are now a failure, you might

want to close shop and go back to work for someone else who hasn't changed their operations since the last century. Innovation and failure go hand in hand. Be thankful that you realized it wouldn't work when you did and move on to the next thing. All successful business owners and innovators don't just start one business and retire or achieve fame. Some go through iterations of ups and downs. Embrace the roller coaster that comes with entrepreneurialism.

You negate self-care or think it's a manicure. Self-care is an ongoing investment in your business because it's an investment in your business' top employee - you. Secondly, an occasional splurge, like a manicure, is not self-care. It can be a part of your larger commitment to take care of your needs/desires,

but a manicure every six months isn't self-care. It's at best a bonus or treat. Self-care is comprised of the things you do to ensure you're able to continue at the level of energy required in your role.

View self-care as a component of professional development. When you replenish yourself with a commitment to maintaining your optimum or peak level of performance, your business will benefit. Just don't tell your accountant a trip to Tahiti is professional development (unless you can find an amazing conference there). Self-care is comprised of things you should be doing every day like making sleep a priority, setting aside time in the evening or day to quietly think, or making time for a hobby that feeds you so you return to your business refreshed each day.

Many business gurus see run-

ning a business as a balance sheet proposition. You want to bring more revenue in than what's going out. But it's more complex than that. If you're not investing in yourself, the revenue won't matter because you're admitting your top employee doesn't matter either.

Ray Pucci is the president of the Delaware County Chamber of Commerce. The Delaware County Chamber of Commerce believes that healthy communities begin with prosperous businesses. By taking action in key areas--ADVOCATE, CONNECT, and GROW--we are the unified voice of business for the improvement of our communities. Visit delawarecounty.org for more information.



Walton FD holds open house, seeks recruits

Explorer Post members demonstrate extrication techniques



Elizabeth DeFalco/The Reporter

Explorer Post 30 members use a glass saw to remove laminated windshield glass from the staged car before cutting and notching the metal posts in order to safely remove the roof and extricate the occupant.

By Elizabeth DeFalco

WALTON - The Walton Volunteer Fire Department (WFD) held an open house to display the department's inner workings, recruit new members and provide members and explorer post members an opportunity to demonstrate emergency procedures Saturday, April 22.

Inside the firehouse, department members created displays with program information including emergency medical services, fire prevention tips, rehab and support members, and a raffle stand where t-shirts could

be purchased to support the department.

Chief Frank Wood and Delaware County Sheriff Craig DuMond took turns in the dunk tank to raise funds for the department. "Every volunteer fire department is extremely crucial," DuMond said, and praised the department's members for their consistent, selfless service to residents.

WFD and Sheriff's Office Explorer Post members held an extrication demonstration, simulating a car accident with an injury.

With direction from Captains Brennon Tompkins and Jesse Thomson, Explorer Post 30

members demonstrated how to locate and disengage air bags before cutting into a vehicle, how to engage a victim during the process, and utilize tools to shatter windshields, cut through posts, and remove the top of the vehicle to extricate an injured occupant.

While on scene, EMTs (emergency medical technicians) make the determination, based on the injuries, on how the extraction process must proceed, Thomson said, and fire department members execute the extrication.

During the extrication demonstration, Delaware County Sheriff's Deputies Collin Roche and Samantha Acuna, and Corrections Officer Brendon Pennington led Explorer Post 108 members through the process of gathering accident information

while on-scene, as sheriff's deputies would at an actual emergency situation.



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Walton Fire Department Captains Brennon Tompkins and Jesse Thomson led Explorer Post 30 members through the process of extricating an injured victim from a motor vehicle accident at the department's open house Saturday, April 22.

After a day of activities, games,

and demonstrations, the event concluded with a public movie night to support the explorer posts.

Bovina Fire Dept. hosts open house, recruitment event

Volunteers desperately needed

By Jesse Hilson

BOVINA - In an outreach effort and as an invitation to prospective volunteers, the Bovina Fire Department conducted an open house Saturday, April 22 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The need for volunteer firefighters and EMS personnel is felt across Delaware County, and the Firefighters Association of the State of New York (FASNY) has sponsored weekend recruitment drives such as this one annually for 14 years, according to Bovina Fire Chief Kevin Brown.

One message repeatedly stressed by volunteer fire personnel: there are a multitude of potential jobs and functions for volunteers.

"What everybody sees on the TV shows, the guy running into

After going through the Basic Exterior Firefighting Operations (BEFO) training, she now drives the department's tanker to shuttle water to fire scenes. Schneider said that it was a specialty of rural fire departments to find and source water for firefighting. She also helps support exterior firefighting efforts on scene.

When asked what potential volunteers could expect if they joined, Schneider said, "In a super perfect world, they would be ready and raring to go through all the training for exterior and interior." In the absence of that, they could work like she does on the exterior side, pumping water, doing scene support, or traffic control. There also is a need for extra hands around the fire hall.

Both Brown and Schneider acknowledged the barriers to vol-

before."

Some barriers to volunteer service can be overcome, Schneider said, giving the example of childcare. Individuals with young families might not be able to answer fire calls with children needing them, but in some fire departments childcare can be arranged, and this could be another support role volunteers could fill.

Mark Day, a newer volunteer, said he got involved a year ago when Brown engaged him in a conversation about it. Day, who had moved to Bovina from New York City, said that in the city people just call 911 and the fire department shows up, and he "didn't know that volunteerism in emergency services was even a thing."

Once he learned what the situ-



Jesse Hilson/The Reporter

Firefighter gear from the mid-to-late 1940s next to a 1948 truck displayed by the Bovina Fire Department.

the burning building, there's those of us who will do that," Brown said. "But we need somebody to run the truck, somebody to pump water, we need fire police, administrative."

People considering volunteering should know that there are other support roles.

Kristin Janke Schneider, a volunteer exterior firefighter, said she volunteers because her husband, Tim, got involved and she listened to his pager and heard how long it takes for fire crews to respond to fires. She wanted to help.



Jesse Hilson/The Reporter

Bovina Fire Chief Kevin Brown with gear including a bunker coat, pants and helmet.

unteer service that might make people hesitate.

"Life is busy," Brown said, referencing that with a job and family, "it's hard to fit that extra in."

Fire calls that come in during working hours on work days are harder to cover - for evenings or on weekend calls there are more people available to respond.

"Our response varies on the time of day," Brown said. Some employers will let volunteer firefighters go, and while the daytime shift is the most poorly covered, Schneider added, "If someone's available even one weekend a month, or one day a month, that's more than we had

ation was in Delaware County - that it was volunteers at the other end of a 911 call - he said, "I would hope someone like me would be answering that call and coming to your house. There aren't that many volunteers."

Day said his first experience was being put on the end of a hose and going to several MVAs (motor vehicle accidents). He is currently undergoing BEFO training - three months of two nights a week training in basic exterior firefighting techniques.

"I'm learning a lot, I'm learning how easy it is for me to set my house on fire, the dangers," Day said.



Jesse Hilson/The Reporter

Bovina firefighters Mark Day, Donna Carlton and Kristin Janke Schneider in front of the department's mini-pumper.

He also admitted that one attraction to the volunteer firefighter life was the adventure. "I'll be honest, there's an element of 'hey cool, I get to drive the fire truck,'" he said.

However, the main reason for participating in volunteering is to protect human life, said Bovina Fire Commissioner Donn Carlton. Carlton is 71 years old and has been involved with the Bovina Fire Department for 14 years. He drives trucks and participates in pumping water from trucks.

"I don't do interior stuff anymore," he said, adding that he prefers to be involved in finding water sources.

"It's a civic duty that gives you great satisfaction," Carlton said of volunteer firefighting. He also described it as a "brotherhood" similar to that found in the military where one could go to another town and find other firefighters who "accept you like a brother."

Other firefighters at the re-

cruitment weekend were John Madeo and Joseph Dibble.

Madeo was involved with the Delhi Fire Department for 20 years and then Bovina's for 12 years. "It's a good way to give back to the community, if you're looking for something to participate in the community," Madeo said, adding that there were, "a lot of challenging aspects, but that just makes it more interesting."

He said that people thinking of volunteering with fire departments shouldn't think there wasn't a job for them to do.

Dibble talked about working with the fire police who maintain traffic in and out of fire scenes or traffic accidents. He said this is his 37th year working with firefighting.

"Being a volunteer firefighter requires a lot in terms of you have to give up time," Dibble said, "and don't look for any satisfaction monetarily - it's more about friends and neighbors."



Jesse Hilson/The Reporter

Bovina firefighters John Madeo, Joseph Dibble and Fire Commissioner Donn Carlton.

DelCo sheriff salary to be increased

By Lillian Browne

DELHI - Delaware County supervisors scheduled a public hearing to increase the salary of Delaware County Sheriff Craig DuMond to \$100,442 from his current salary of \$91,422, at a meeting April 26.

At a meeting held April 12, supervisors scheduled a public hearing for April 26 to increase

salaries for all departments, including DuMond's. DuMond's salary was proposed to increase to \$97,822. There was no comment at the public hearing.

Public Safety Committee Chairperson Wayland "Bud" Gladstone explained DuMond did not make the request for the additional increase in salary; Human Resources and Insurance Committee members recommended it to align with a salary



file photo

Delaware County Sheriff Craig DuMond

increase received by deputies. At a finance committee meeting on April 26, Gladstone explained DuMond's salary was being edged - close to by longtime deputies at the Sheriff's Office and felt the increase was necessary.

Hamden Supervisor Wayne Marshfield disagreed and felt, as an elected official, DuMond was aware of the position and salary, he was running for at the time and his salary should not

be contingent on the salaries of longterm employees.

"The county being cheap is what put us in our current situation with 78 vacancies," Gladstone said. "It's time to step up to the plate. Do we want to be a leader, or a follower? Because right now we're following."

A public hearing on DuMond's salary increase to \$100,442 will be held May 10 at 1 p.m.

Sheriffs' Institute membership drive

The New York State Sheriffs' Institute's annual honorary membership drive has begun. Delaware County Sheriff DuMond states that honorary membership invitations will be arriving in randomly selected mailboxes across Delaware County over the next two weeks.

Sheriffs' Institute honorary membership dues help support the institute's programming for youth and sheriffs' offices which include the Sheriffs' Summer Camp, crime victim services, annual scholarship program, and education, training, and awards programs for sheriffs' offices personnel.

The Sheriffs' Summer Camp is the institute's flagship program on Keuka Lake where 840 economically challenged children from New York participate under the guidance of sheriffs and sheriffs' office personnel volunteers.

The Sheriffs' Summer Camp provides an opportunity to bring children together with deputy sheriffs in a positive and meaningful environment. The week-long camp directly benefits children in our communities who otherwise would not have the opportunity to participate in a summer camp experience.

The Delaware County Sher-



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iff's Office selects children who benefit through the camp's summer recreation activities which are 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.

Sheriffs' Institute also provides an annual scholarship to each of New York State's Community College's Criminal Justice Programs. This scholarship program is designed to help attract the best and the brightest to the criminal justice vocation.

Honorary Memberships help fund the Sheriffs' Camp and other New York State Sheriffs' Institute programs.

If you are an individual who would like to become an honor-

ary member and did not receive a letter, visit www.sheriffsinstitute.org. Your contribution is greatly appreciated and helps support youth, crime victims, and law enforcement in our local community through the institute's programs.

Established in 1979, the Sheriffs' Institute is a not-for-profit corporation and tax-exempt organization. Contributions to the institute are tax deductible, and the Institute is registered with the New York State Attorney General's Charities Bureau. Neither the Delaware County Sheriffs Office nor the Institute solicits donations or memberships via telephone.

For more information about the New York State Sheriffs' Institute's Summer Camp and other important programs, visit www.sheriffsinstitute.org.

Police Blotter

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Delaware County Sheriff's Office

- **Margaret Telian**, 65, Walton, was arrested April 15 and charged with trespass. Telian was issued an appearance ticket to answer the charge in Delhi Town Court.

- **Fredrick Hallstead**, 61, McDonough, was arrested April 16 and charged with fourth-degree criminal mischief and second-degree harassment, accused of making unwanted physical contact with another person and preventing that person from calling 911. Hallstead was issued a criminal summons to answer the charges in Walton Town Court.

- **Barbara Greco**, 83, New Berlin, was arrested April 9 and charged with second-degree criminal trespass, accused of entering and remaining in a residence after previously being warned not to trespass at the location. Greco was issued an appearance ticket to answer the charge in Masonville Town Court.

- **Kyle Oakley**, 31, South Kortright, was arrested April 19 and charged with second-degree burglary and third-degree criminal mischief, accused of forcing entry into a residence and intentionally damaging property in the residence. Oakley was sent to the

Delaware County Jail on \$5,000 cash bail or \$10,000 bond.

New York State Police

- **Stefan Krajovic**, 33, Roscoe, was arrested April 24 by Deposit State Police and charged with petit larceny, resulting from an Aug. 20, 2022 complaint. Krajovic was held at the Delaware County Jail, awaiting further court proceedings.

- **Dylan J. Brooks**, 26, Hancock, was arrested April 24 by Deposit State Police and charged with possession of a sexual performance by a child. Brooks was released on bail.

- **James L. Clark**, 40, Colchester, was arrested April 25 by Deposit State Police and charged with third-degree menacing.

- **Kyle J. Oakley**, 31, South Kortright, was arrested April 18 by Margaretville State Police and charged with second-degree menacing, fourth-degree criminal mischief, petit larceny and fourth-degree grand larceny. Oakley was released on bail.

- **Sean G. Fachner**, 41, Roscoe, was arrested April 19 by Liberty State Police and charged with failure to register address as a sex offender. Fachner was held in custody for a parole violation.

DELAWARE COUNTY COURT

Grand Gorge man sentenced to prison for grand larceny

By Lillian Browne

DELHI - A Grand Gorge was sentenced to 1 to 3 years in prison as part of a plea and sentence agreement in Delaware County Court Monday, April 24.

Patrick T. Combs, 24, pleaded

guilty March 20 to stealing property valued at more than \$3,000 in January and further admitted to operating a motor vehicle in Roxbury while under the influence of Suboxone.

County Court Judge John Hubbard sentenced Combs to 1 to 3 years in state prison on a fourth-

degree grand larceny charge, and 364 days on the driving while ability impaired charge, to be served concurrently.

Combs was also fined \$500 and is required to pay a crime victim assistance fee, among other court fees.

Norwich man sentenced to prison in stolen pistol case

By Lillian Browne

DELHI - A Norwich man was sentenced to 1 to 3 years in state prison following a guilty plea to a reduced charge of criminally possessing a handgun, in Delaware County Court April 24.

Lucas Wright, 26, was arrested by Walton Police Feb. 17 and charged with third-degree criminal possession of a firearm, second-degree criminal sale of a firearm, fourth-degree grand larceny, and fourth-degree criminal possession of stolen property. He was prosecuted in Delaware

County Court on one count of fourth-degree criminal possession of stolen property.

Wright admitted that he knowingly possessed a stolen firearm Feb. 17 in the village of Walton.

Wright has been held in jail without bail since his arrest.

Walton man charged with manslaughter arrested for violating court orders

By Lillian Browne

DELHI - A Walton man who pleaded not guilty to manslaughter charges in March who was out of jail on bond has been arrested again, accused of possessing a firearm, a violation of a court order.

Vincent Balsamo, 71, Walton, was arrested April 20, and charged with three counts of second-degree criminal contempt and one charge of criminally purchasing a firearm, violating an order revoking his pistol license signed by Delaware County Court Judge Gary Rosa March 20, and a violation of a temporary extreme risk protection order signed by Acting Supreme Court

Judge John Lambert March 22, which prohibited Balsamo from possessing any type of firearm.

Balsamo, who was out on bail/bond on charges of second-degree manslaughter, second-degree assault and second-degree reckless endangerment, accused of causing the death of 52-year-old April Kestner of Pennsylvania, is being held at the Delaware County Jail without bail on the most recent arrest by Walton Town Justice Michael Ripa.

Acting Delaware County District Attorney Shawn Smith asked Rosa Monday, April 24, to revoke Balsamo's bail or modify the previous bail order which set bail at \$50,000 cash or \$150,000 partially secured bond, citing Balsamo's

violation of both Rosa and Lambert's orders.

"The defendant had purchased the gun off the street in Walton and was in the process of possessing a 30-06 Savage rifle and was trying to purchase another rifle," Smith said. Balsamo has demonstrated that he is not willing to follow a court's order, Smith said.

Balsamo's retained attorney, Ryan Smith, asked Rosa to schedule a hearing on bail. Rosa responded that there was no reason for him to revoke his bail order, if he was being held on other charges without bail.

A "global disposition" of all pending and uncharged crimes is being discussed, Smith said.

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Gardening is a worthwhile endeavor that not only passes the time, but can be a form of exercise and relief from the daily grind. Gardens also provide ample opportunity to experiment, as individuals can produce everything from vegetables to bountiful blooms.

Recent years have witnessed a growing emphasis on eco-friendly gardening that aims to reduce reliance on chemical fertilizers

and pesticides in an effort to protect the planet. One way to do so is to rely on native plants.

What are native plants?

Native plants are indigenous to particular regions. The National Wildlife Federation says native plants grow in habitats without human introduction or intervention. Native plants have formed symbiotic relationships with local wildlife over thousands

of years, which the NWF notes makes them the most sustainable options. Native plants help the environment and thrive with little supplemental watering or chemical nutrients.

Natives vary by region

Native plants vary by region. In arid climates, certain succulents may be native because they don't need much rainfall to thrive. In lush wetlands, succulents might be out of place.

Start native planting

The NWF offers native plants for 36 different states that can be shipped right to customers' doors to help replenish native varieties. In addition, gardeners can visit local gardening centers to select native plants. Small and independently owned centers often feature knowledgeable local

staff whose expertise can prove invaluable to individuals seeking native varieties.

It's important to keep in mind that native varieties may look less cultivated than more exotic blooms and foliage designed to sell for their unique appearances. Wildflowers and native grasses may be the types of native plants found in abundance, which may grow up and out quickly. These other tips can help the process.

- **Plan and prepare the site** by removing weeds and turning over the soil. This will give seedlings an opportunity to take root without competition from weeds. Seedlings will give gardens a faster start than waiting around for seeds to germinate. However, gardeners can start seeds indoors and then move them outside once they are seed-

lings.

- **Avoid planting native plants in rows**, as that's not how they're likely to grow naturally. Vary the placement so the plants look like they sprouted up haphazardly.

- **Gardeners can still exert some control over native gardens prone to growing a little wild.** Borders and paths can better define the growing areas.

- **Grow Native!** An initiative from the Missouri Prairie Foundation, **suggests planting two to four species in broad sweeping masses or drifts.** Mix grasses with flowering plants. The grasses produce dense, fibrous roots that can prevent weed growth.

Native plants should require minimal care. Keep an eye on them and supplement with water if conditions have been especially dry.

The basics of fertilizing a lawn

Spring marks the return of lawn and garden season. Lawns often bear the brunt of winter's wrath, so spring is a great time to nurse them back to health, and fertilizing can be an essential component of that process.

Fertilizing a lawn can be intimidating. An array of fertilizers, with each seemingly designed to address a different issue, can make homeowners' heads spin

when visiting their local lawn and garden center. However, fertilizing is a very simple task that any homeowner can tackle. In fact, fears about fertilizing are often unfounded and can be overcome with some basic knowledge of the process.

- **Identify which type of grass is in the yard.** The home improvement experts at HGTV note that turfgrass is divided into two



categories: cool-season grass and warm-season grass. A local lawn and garden center can help homeowners identify which type of grass is in the yard, and this often depends on location. Fescue, bluegrass and perennial ryegrass are some examples of cool-season grasses, while Bermuda, bahia, St. Augustine, and zoysia are considered warm-season grasses. Identifying which type of grass is in the lawn is important because that will indicate when to fertilize. Cool-season grasses are typically best fertilized in early spring, while warm-season lawns can benefit from an application just before especially warm temperatures arrive.

- **Survey the lawn to identify which spreader to use.** A small yard or a thriving lawn with only a few bald or unsightly patches may not need a full application of fertilizer. In such instances, a hand spreader can suffice. For larger lawns and areas, a broadcast spreader is the ideal option. Spreaders have multiple settings, and the fertilizer package will indicate which setting to utilize when using the product.

- **Test the soil prior to purchasing fertilizer.** The lawn experts at Pennington® note that a simple soil test can reveal soil pH and phosphorous and potassium levels. Soil tests can be purchased at most home improvement stores and lawn and garden centers, and they can help homeowners determine which fertilizer will most benefit their lawns.

- **Water the lawn prior to fertilizing.** The experts at Scotts® recommend a good watering a few days prior to fertilizing a lawn. Such an approach ensures the soil is ready to accept the fertilizer once it's applied.

- **Follow the instructions carefully.** Detailed instructions are typically provided on fertilizer product packaging. Once homeowners have identified and purchased the product they need, they can simply follow the instructions on the packaging, including how and when to water after application, which can make fertilizing less intimidating.

Fertilizing in spring can help a lawn recover from the previous summer and winter, ensuring it's lush and green when summer entertaining season arrives.

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How to make a backyard safe for dogs

Dogs, particularly puppies, can be full of boundless energy. Channeling that energy into exercise with long walks or play sessions can help stem dogs' propensity to get into trouble around the house as they burn off extra adrenaline. Pets who don't have an energy outlet may chew off-limits objects or get into other mischief.



According to the American Kennel Club, the amount of exercise a dog needs depends on the animal's age and breed. For example, border collies or Siberian huskies may require much more exercise than English bulldogs, simply because the former are working breeds. Pet owners with large backyards often find those outdoor spots are ideal for when their dogs get the "zoomies," something that tends to be a daily occurrence. Letting their dogs run around yards, whether on their own or chasing tossed tennis balls, is an ideal way to provide exercise and tire out pups. In such scenarios, it's vital that pups have a dog-friendly yard in which to play.

Use safe lawn care products
An expanse of grass is the perfect place to frolic or enjoy some sunbathing — for people or pets. But contact with chemically treated lawns can cause a number of health issues for dogs, such as allergies or intestinal upset.

Switching to native grasses can reduce the need to use chemicals to get lush lawns. When supplementation is needed, homeowners can switch to organic products or natural compost as safer alternatives than chemical-based products.

Fence off the yard
Off-leash running and bounding through the yard will make any dog smile. However, a fence is a must-have to ensure a dog doesn't become an escape artist. Be sure the fence is high enough so that the pup cannot jump over it. Burying chicken wire in the dirt beneath the lower edge of the fence also can help prevent dogs who like to dig from exiting by crawling underneath the fence.

Consider installing a lock on the fence gate so that no one can wander in and surprise the dog, which may startle the animal and prompt it to defend the property. A lock also helps prevent dog theft.

Keep the yard tidy

Maintaining a clean yard also is key to safety. Inspect the yard regularly to make sure nothing is around that can prove harmful, whether it's poison ivy, felled branches or broken fence panels. Also, keep shrubs and grass trimmed to reduce flea and tick populations on the property.

Avoid poisonous plants

Certain plants can be dangerous if they're consumed by curious pups. Chrysanthemums, peonies, irises, and hydrangeas are some plants that can be poisonous. For a full list of poisonous plants, visit the ASPCA website (aspc.org).

Keep an eye on animals

Dogs can spend some unattended time in the yard, but check in from time to time. Should wildlife get into the yard, dogs may get hurt by tussles or bites. Birds of prey, such as owls, hawks and even vultures, may attack small dogs in a yard. According to Pat Silvosky, director of the Milford Nature Center in Kansas, some birds can be territorial. While they might not view a dog as an easy meal, they could swoop down and attack to defend territory. The same may occur with other wild animals.

A dog-friendly yard may require a little effort to create, but it's worth a little sweat equity to keep pups safe.

Questions to ask your renovation contractor

Individuals looking to renovate their homes typically reach out to a number of professionals for estimates before choosing a contractor. Once that decision has been made, it's customary to sign a contract to ensure all parties are protected during and after the work.

A renovation contract outlines the details of a remodeling job. The construction company or the general contractor will create this legal document, which will list the steps of the job and how issues will be resolved should problems arise. Prior to signing a contract, however, homeowners should engage in a conversation with the contractor and ask key questions.

• **How long have you been in business?** Verify the information that the contractor and/or company provides by doing a search with the Better Business Bureau and perusing online reviews to confirm the company is dependable.

• **Are you independently owned?** Some companies are independently owned businesses while others are franchises. Franchised businesses may have to follow a strict set of rules, while independent contractors may have more leeway in terms of policies.

• **What is your license number?** Obtain the licensure information as well as the contractor's insurance details. A contractor's general liability insurance protects your home and property in the event of an accident.

• **Are you familiar with local building codes?** Check

to see if the contractor has worked in the area before, and if he or she is familiar with the permit process. Make sure a contract documents who will be securing the permits.

• **How will the project be supervised?** Some contractors sub-contract out the work and may only stop by to check on progress. Understand how often those drop-ins will take place, and how to get in touch with the person in charge should a problem arise.

• **Is there a warranty?** Certain contractors will stand behind their work for a period of time, even coming to make repairs if there are any issues. Check to see if a warranty policy is in place.

• **What is the policy for home protection and cleanup?** You'll want to ensure the rest of your home doesn't become damaged or soiled due to the construction. Have the contractor spell out plans for mitigating mess during demolition, and whether the construction company will be responsible for removing the debris.

• **What is the final price?** One of the more important questions to ask is if the price stated on the contract will be the final price, or should incidentals be expected if issues are unearthed during construction? Some contractors may need to tack on charges for extra materials, and that can stretch homeowners' budgets.

It's important to touch base with the contractor and ask key questions about the project, which will be reflected on the contract both parties eventually sign.

Spring FIX UP

Did you know?

Vinyl siding is not something that many homeowners may consider painting, but it can be done. However, some contractors may not recommend it as the best option to overhaul a home. Painting siding means it will only be as durable as the paint used. It's also essential to determine if painting vinyl will void any warranties. Wood or engineered wood or fiber cement siding tend to be better options than vinyl should you want to switch colors down the line. But vinyl siding can be painted if it is done right, and it can be an affordable way to change the look of a home without investing in new siding.

According to Benjamin Moore Paints, vinyl siding that will be painted will need to be cleaned

thoroughly, including the removal of any mildew, chalk or dirt, to enhance paint adhesion. Pitted or porous vinyl siding always must be primed, but others may not require priming. Choose an exterior paint designed for painting on vinyl. Benjamin Moore has a palette called Colors for vinyl that can be used in select exterior paint lines. Two coats of paint are recommended. According to BobVila.com, paint for vinyl has acrylic and urethane resins that accommodate the expansion and contraction of vinyl and help the paint stick. Also, for the best results, the home improvement experts on the site advise painting when temperatures are mild and there is low relative humidity and an overcast sky.

Did you know?

A recent survey of home renovation industry professionals conducted by Fixr.com found that creating indoor spaces outdoors was homeowners' biggest priority regarding renovations in 2022. Sixty-two percent of renovation-minded homeowners surveyed indicated outdoor dining areas are their most sought-after living space. In addition, 41% of respondents felt outdoor kitchens were their biggest priority. The survey found that certain outdoor living space features were especially popular, none more so than comfortable outdoor furniture. Firepits, outdoor fireplaces, swimming pools, hot tubs and outdoor connectivity were some additional popular features among homeowners focused on their outdoor living spaces.



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WCS adopts 2023-24 preliminary budget with 5.98% increase

By Mel Steinbrecher

WALTON - Walton Central School (WCS) Board of Education (BOE) members met April 18 and approved a preliminary \$24,233,793 budget for 2023-24, reflecting an increase of \$1,367,455 over the current budget. The budget proposes a 2.92% tax levy increase of \$205,000. It is expected that the district will receive \$15,186,223 in state aid in the coming year - an increase of \$262,385 over the current year.

As of March 31, the capital reserve account had a balance of \$2,550,113. The Townsend School flooring project will use approximately \$500,000 from the account. Other reserve accounts, including workers compensation, retirement contribution and unemployment insurance, are used to cover claims.

BOE President Graydon Dutcher commended the finance committee on their "excellent job" keeping the number down as low as they could.

Rachel Trimbell, senior class president, and Makara MacGibbon, senior class treasurer, presented the senior class trip itinerary. The class's three day, two night trip to Philadelphia, Pa. and Wildwood, N.J. will cost \$23,757, with \$7,500 funded by the class treasury. The remaining \$16,257 is divided between the 40 students attending the trip, costing each student \$296.51, according to MacGibbon. Combined with the \$100 collected from the attending seniors, percentages from several fundraisers throughout the year are going toward the cost of each individual's trip.



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From left, Josie Schmidt, Megan Leonard, Taylor Wist, Vanessa Wickham and Parker Curley receive tenure certificate. David Burnsworth, not pictured, received a certificate as well.

Ronda Williams, BOE vice president said the trip is one of the more expensive senior trips.

"I was shocked when I planned the bus, but with the cost of everything increasing..." said Tracie Dieter, class advisor.

With only 40 seniors out of a class of 70 attending the trip, Williams inquired if there was funding available in extra classroom accounts that could assist a student who was not able to afford going.

"Even if they did do some fundraising and, to an extent, didn't raise enough and still had to come up with the additional \$100 to \$200 - that still could be a financial burden to some," Williams said.

"We do have some clubs that do have a balance that could help out the students that are in a situation like that - whether it be student council or yearbook. Those conversations would happen with Tracie Dieter one-on-one and then she would bring that to my attention and we would kind of sort it out from there," said Art Loomis, high school principal.

Loomis announced that 97% of students in the class of 2023 are still currently enrolled. Superintendent Mike MacDonald added

that this was the largest number he has seen dating back 20 years. MacDonald and Loomis agreed that this percentage could be a reflection of the recent addition of the school social worker and the testing flexibility that COVID provided.

Loomis said this is the time of year that the staff zeros-in on seniors to make sure they get "as many walking across that stage as possible."

A "Buddy Bench" was donated to Townsend Elementary School by Cathy Backus, allowing students to ask for and provide new friendships. Melanie Hector, elementary principal, stated the bench has already made an impact on the playground during its few weeks there.

A communication board featuring written words and icons was also added to the campus playground. There are students who use AAC (Alternative and Augmentative Communication), like Speech Generating Devices (SGD), Hector reported. Those students do not bring their iPads with their assisting programs with them onto the playground, due to the difficulties it poses while running, jumping and climbing. The addition of the communication board will assist nonverbal and minimally verbal students in communicating with adults and peers during recess.

Plans are in the works for the elementary school to pair with DCMO BOCES conservation and building and trades students to construct a greenhouse at the Townsend campus.

Several tenure appointments were made, effective as of Sept. 1, and include:

- David Burnsworth, a permanent certificate for social studies 7-12 with no expiration.
- Megan Leonard, an initial certificate for biology 7-12 expiring Jan. 31, 2024.
- Parker Curley, a professional certificate for physical education.
- Josie Schmidt, a professional certificate in students with disabilities grades 1-6.
- Taylor Wist, an initial certificate in childhood education grades 1-6, expiring Aug. 31, 2024.
- Vanessa Wickham, a professional certificate in agriculture.

In other business:

- Katherine Jeffers was appointed as an occupational therapist effective April 19 at the rate of \$52,124, prorated, per annum.
- MJ Coloney was appointed as a volunteer assistant baseball coach for the 2022-23 spring sport season.
- Board members approved Energo's natural gas bid of \$4.1580/DTH which covers the 24-month term between November 2023 and November 2025. A "price discrepancy" over or under .10 that may occur as of April 19, was also approved.
- On April 28, the Stop DWI - Save a Life Tour will be at WCS covering topics including improper driver experience, safety restraints, impaired/distracted driving, and motorcycle awareness.
- DCMO BOCES CTE open house and senior showcase is scheduled for May 23 at 5:30 p.m.
- The vote on the 2023-24 school budget will take place Tuesday, May 16 at the school bus garage, Delaware Street, from noon to 9 p.m.
- There are two, three-year term seats up for election currently held by M. Graydon Dutcher and Paul F. Wood. Dutcher is seeking reelection and a petition has been filed by Kevin Verweire to fill Wood's seat.

Walton school budget public hearing May 2

The Walton Central School District public hearing on the 2023-24 school budget will be Tuesday, May 2 at 6 p.m. in the board of education room in the O'Neill High School. The hearing will be immediately followed by the regular business meeting.

Masks are optional for anyone in attendance.

Meetings are livestreamed and

may be viewed on the district's YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/channel/UCeNyGfgqoZkRPqVwVc3VD1g

Items to be discussed in public session will be posted on BoardDocs accessible through the school website Board of Education page prior to the regular meeting at go.boarddocs.com/ny/waltoncsd/Board.nsf/Public

Townsend School 3rd quarter honor rolls

The following students are on the third quarter superintendent's list, principal's list and honor roll at Walton's Townsend Elementary School.

Grade 5:

Superintendent's list: Hayley Goodspeed, Ava Hoover, Mason Jesek, Finn Kane, Zoey Kille, Callan Neale, Tylee Northrup, Noah Scofield, Averie Williams.

Principal's list: Haven Barnes, John Blanchard, Amelia Darling, Emma Freel, Autumn Gerace, Madison Hoffman, Brystal Hunt, Reed LaTourette, Korbyn McDonald, Danielle Miller, Giovanni Roselli-Lattimer, Preston Roy, Madison Scofield, Connor Stanton, Annabelle Wagner and Jayden Wright.

Honor roll: Lillie Beers, Dawson Bowker, Aliya Carman, Nico

Catalano, Blaze D'Angelo, Patrick Ford, Martie Foster, Ava Hall, Zena Mills, Alastriona Owens, Robert Roach, Anthony Salvia, Levi Wickham.

Grade 4

Superintendent's list: Lena Storrer, Henry White.

Principal's list: Kate Bowker, Caillet Corder-Ryan, Tanner Neale, Eli Northrup, Liam Russell, Daphne Schmidt, Miranda Schmidt, Heidi Tucek, James White.

Honor roll: Kylie Constable, Eli Dunbar, Tinsley Endress, Lexi Henley, Elijah Houck, Emmett Murray, Kara Neville, Trent Neville, Ava Serra, Hayden Schmidt, Melody Sprague, Quintin Thompson, Jesse Tompkins, Preston VanLoan, Harper Walley, Elijah Williams.

SUNY Delhi College Council meeting May 2

The SUNY Delhi College Council will hold a meeting Tuesday, May 2, at 4:30 p.m. at 131 Bush Hall, on the SUNY Delhi campus. The meeting is open to faculty, staff, students and the community.

Attend via Zoom link: delhi.zoom.us/j/88674067478

To learn more about the College Council, including the agenda for this upcoming meeting, visit SUNY Delhi College Council.

SUNY Delhi students receive Chancellor's Award for Excellence

Odametey and Thomas recognized

Two SUNY Delhi students received the prestigious 2023 SUNY Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence.

Reginald Odametey, Bronx, and Grace Thomas, Apalachin, were among a group of exceptional students to be recognized for their outstanding achievements throughout their SUNY experience in areas including academics, leadership, campus involvement, community service, and the arts. The Chancellor's Award is the highest honor bestowed upon a student by SUNY.

Thomas is a standout student in the rigorous veterinary science technology program at SUNY Delhi. Her dedication to her studies is demonstrated not only by her 4.0 GPA but also achieving multiple professional certifications while a student, including infection prevention and puppy raising for Guiding Eyes for the Blind. She is also a peer mentor, generous with her time helping other students succeed.

She has actively participated in various volunteer projects on campus from animal clinics to suicide prevention walks. She is an accomplished student-athlete on the women's volleyball team, where she made the NAC all-academic team.

A first-generation college student graduating with a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from SUNY Delhi in May '22, Odametey has made a lasting impact on the campus community through his academic achievements and activism. Extraordinarily engaged on campus, he has served in key roles in student clubs, Greek life, residence life, and student programming. He has empowered fellow students through his work in the multicultural center, advocating for DEI and social justice. His compassion, generosity, and drive embody authentic leadership which will serve him well as he goes on to pursue his career goals in the criminal justice field.

College News

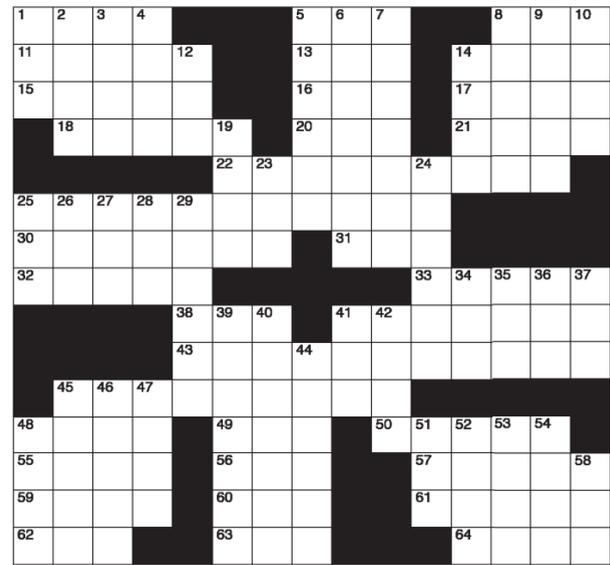
Noah Heyn of East Meredith was among top-performing SUNY Delhi students inducted into the Phi Eta Sigma honor society in a recognition ceremony on campus this month. Phi Eta Sigma is the third oldest university honor society in the U.S. Its mission is to award students for achieving high scholastic performance during their first year in the baccalaureate programs. SUNY Delhi students must achieve a cumulative GPA 3.50 and maintain full-time enrollment in a four-year program to be invited into the society.

Top-performing SUNY Delhi students were inducted into the Phi Theta Kappa honor society in an April recognition ceremony. Phi Theta Kappa is the interna-

tional honor society of two-year colleges and academic programs. To be eligible for membership, a student must have completed at least 12 hours of associate degree coursework with a cumulative 3.5 GPA. **Ryan Hunter** of Delhi, **Tammy Budine** of Delhi and **Timothy Maguire** of Walton were among those inducted.

Elmira College released its dean's list for academic achievement for the winter 2023 Term. The dean's list recognizes full-time undergraduate students who were registered for at least 12 computable credit hours and who earned a term grade point average of 3.6 or higher and includes **Emily Andersen** of Andes and **Laura Walker** of Roxbury.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. It's all over the beach
5. A cirque
8. Corpuscle count (abbr.)
11. Influential report author
13. Satisfaction
14. Recurring only at long intervals
15. Islamic calendar month
16. Neither
17. Gelatinous substance
18. American electronic music producer
20. Old computer system
21. Professional organization
22. Malaria mosquitoes
25. Not composed of matter
30. It's in the ocean
31. Peyton's little brother
32. French commune

CLUES DOWN

1. Soviet Socialist Republic
2. Zoroastrian concept of holy fire
3. Venomous snake genus
4. Uninteresting
5. Straightforwardness
6. Expression of wild excitement
7. Arrange in order
8. East Indian cereal grass
9. Hillsides
10. Bird beak covering
12. Baseball stat
14. Edge of a surfboard
19. Wrapping accessory
23. Express approval
24. Deduce
25. Similar
26. Born of
27. Automobile
28. Obligated to repay

33. Eyelashes
38. Equal (prefix)
41. Quality of little or no rain
43. One who beheads
45. Sung to
48. Influential punk artist
49. Amount of time
50. Polio vaccine developer
55. Abba __, Israeli politician
56. Job
57. Flat-bottomed sailboat
59. Japanese wooden clog
60. Folk singer DiFranco
61. FL city
62. Naturally occurring solid
63. Language of indigenous Asian people
64. Dark brown

29. Live in
34. Influential journalist Tarbell
35. Set aflame
36. OJ trial judge
37. Scottish town
39. African nation
40. Egg-shaped wind instrument
41. Mimic
42. Frees
44. In slow tempo
45. Sword
46. Related on the mother's side
47. Mars crater
48. Plant of the lily family
51. Suitable in the circumstances
52. Hillside
53. Metrical foot
54. Amazon river tributary
58. Adult male human

Solution to last week's puzzle on page 15

IT'S Academic

DA proposes \$12 million capital project

Turf field questioned at community forum

By Elizabeth DeFalco

DELHI - Delaware Academy (DA) Superintendent Kelly Zimmerman presented proposed capital improvement project plans during a community forum held Monday, April 17. The public sought clarity on the projects, including the synthetic turf athletic field included in the proposed plans.

The proposed project is estimated to cost between \$12 and \$14 million, with the synthetic, multi-use soccer and football athletic field with stadium lights assuming \$2 million of the cost.

Other improvements include a multi-use softball and soccer field, paving the elementary and middle/high school parking lots, redeveloping a technology and agriculture lab, masonry repairs, upgrading safety and security measures, contingency funds for the project, and more.

A technology and agriculture innovation lab is necessary, Zimmerman said, in order to provide students with a modernized education in these fields, using state-of-the-art technology, to allow students the best education possible before graduation. The current technology equipment at DA limits the potential for courses students are offered, Zimmerman said. A fabrication and design lab, pre-engineering and architecture software, and agriculture and building spaces

are included in the proposed lab based on surrounding schools' innovation labs, Zimmerman stated.

Most attendees were present to discuss the proposed synthetic turf athletic fields, Zimmerman addressed, and explained why developing the fields on DA's campus was necessary.

Currently, DA contracts with the Delhi American Legion for between \$10-\$12,000 annually for use of the legion fields for practices, sports games, daily instruction, and physical education classes, in addition to maintenance costs DA is responsible for. Because the legion fields are not owned by DA, and are not adjacent to DA's campus, no money invested into the legion fields could be reimbursed by the state, Zimmerman explained; New York state reimburses DA 73.3% of capital improvement project costs. The Delhi Legion is not interested in selling the fields to DA, said Zimmerman. Developing the athletic fields on DA's campus would bring athletics and day-to-day instruction back to DA, she said, and also allow for extended hours of field use. The proposed stadium lights would allow night games to be hosted at DA, and the synthetic field would allow for use later into winter seasons, and earlier in spring seasons, Zimmerman said.

Zimmerman presented financial plans to pay for the project,

using debt reserves to pay between \$1.4 and \$2 million of the project. Taxpayers will also bear responsibility for funding the project, Zimmerman explained, but there will be no increase to tax rates due to the use of the debt reserves. The district has a target vote date of October, Zimmerman said, and if approved, construction would begin spring or summer 2024. The goal of the project is to be tax neutral regardless of the size of the project, Zimmerman said, aligned with district goals, and ensures long-term sustainability of programs and facilities.

Raegan Reed cited studies conducted in 2019 by Yale University which named 306 chemicals in crumb rubber, the base of artificial turf, 52 of which were classified as carcinogens, Reed said, which is a major concern as a mother. Zimmerman, who prefaced she was not trying to convince anyone of anything but just looking to educate both sides, said informational packets provided to attendees suggested the opposite.

Reed also questioned the cost of maintenance, or replacement, of the artificial turf field in comparison to a natural field. Zimmerman presented a cost breakdown of maintaining a natural versus artificial field; a natural field was estimated to cost \$1.1 million over 15 years, including the initial investment, and an ar-



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Delaware Academy.

tificial field would cost \$2.12 million over 15 years.

The difference, Zimmerman highlighted, is 300 two-hour games can be played on an artificial field annually, whereas only 50 can be played on a natural field due to wear and tear.

The National Football League (NFL) plans to move away from synthetic turf fields, and return to natural fields, Reed said, due to the amount of injuries sustained by football players due to the turf.

Zimmerman's understanding was the NFL was not unilaterally removing the turf fields, and felt comparing DA to the NFL was not "comparing apples to apples." Additionally, students from other teams who do not practice on turf fields are at a disadvan-

tage when playing against teams who do, Reed said.

Other attendees expressed concern with parking at sporting events, transparency in voting, capital project improvement formalities and regulations, and showed their support of the project.

The project will continue to be discussed at board of education meetings in the future, and Zimmerman encouraged parents to attend to be continually informed as the progress moves forward.

To view a video of the forum and the materials discussed <https://delawareacademycsdny.sites.thrillshare.com/o/dacsd/page/delaware-academy-capital-project>.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

SEVA Workshop: Fermenting Miso with Uhlmann-Bower

A SEVA (School of Environmental Vocational Arts) workshop led by Marguerite Uhlmann-Bower called "Fermenting Miso Made Easy" will be held Saturday, May 20, from 1 - 4 p.m. at the SEVA Kitchen, 488 SEVA Lane, South Kortright.

To register call 607-538-1130 or email sevaprogams@gmail.com. There is a \$45 fee.

For more information, email 3moonsisters@gmail.com or call 607-437-1218; www.sevafoundationny.org

Illustrated Talk - Arctic Explorer Frederick Cook

Virtually and in person at Time and the Valleys Museum



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A virtual and in-person illustrated talk on Frederick Cook the Arctic Explorer will be held Sunday, April 30 at 2 p.m. at the Time and the Valleys Museum state Route 55, Grahamsville.

Frederick Cook (1865-1940) is a fascinating and controversial figure in the history of polar exploration. He was an explorer, skilled photographer, physician and ethnographer, creating breathtaking images of the polar region and the native Inuit. He is remembered for his disputed claim of having been the first person to reach the North Pole.

Focusing on preserving the legacy of Cook's outstanding accomplishments, director of the Frederick Cook Society Carol Smith will give an illustrated talk on photographs taken by Cook on his expeditions between 1897 and 1908. The photo collection includes Arctic and Antarctic wilderness, exploration ships and portraits of the native Inuit.

Admission to the program is free for Time and the Valleys Museum members, and \$5

for non-members. To join the program virtually, register by email at info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org with Frederick Cook Talk in the subject line, or call 845 985-7700. A link will be sent to you. Non-members will be asked to first make a donation on the museum's website: www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org. For more information about this program, contact Donna Steffens by at 845 985-7700 or email info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org or Smith at carolsmith2223@gmail.com

Answers From Preceding Week

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ReImagine the Local Arts: A Benefit for CANO

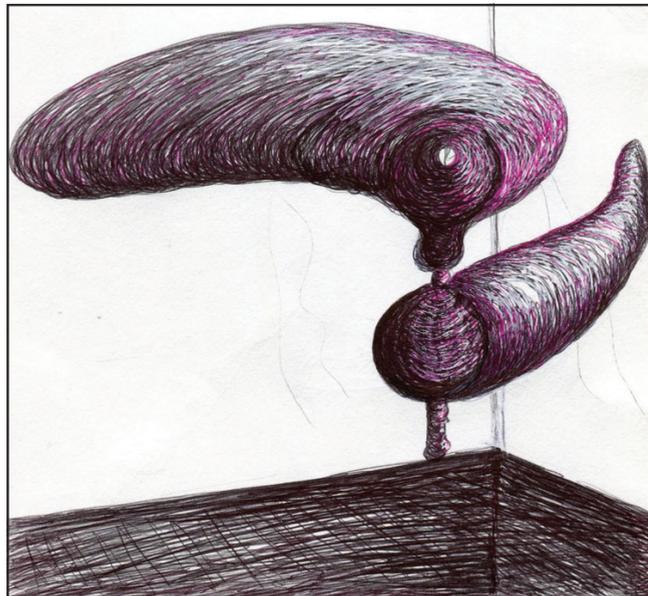
The Community Arts Network of Oneonta (CANO) will host ReImagine the Local Arts, a benefit for CANO, in the historic Wilber Mansion, 11 Ford Avenue, Oneonta on Saturday, April 29, 2023, 4-6:30 p.m.

ReImagine the Local Arts has two critical reasons for being. The first is to gather community members and leaders to talk over ideas on how to best meet the needs of our residents and visitors. Along with this conversation about the future of the local arts there will be hors d'oeuvres, drinks, music, and a silent art auction. The second reason is to raise funds for CANO to help expand staff, offer more artistic presentations, and continue our popular educational programming.

Guest speakers for ReImagine the Local Arts include Hartwick College President Darren Reisberg; Oneonta City Councilwoman and artist Emily Falco; Foot-hills Performing Arts and Civic Center Executive Director Geoff Doyle; Otsego Media Producer Alysa Blasetti; and artist/business owner James McIlroy.

Musical performances will be by Hartwick student Ben Hulbert and SUNY Oneonta student Lily Soleil. A silent auction will feature artwork by Charlie Bremer, Jamie Barnes, Karin Bremer, Diana Cozzens, Terry Fox, Madeline Silber, Joseph Von Stengel, Richard Barlow and others.

Tickets for ReImagine the Local Arts can be purchased at www.canoneonta.org/reimagine-the-arts-benefit, or at the



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Art by Madeline Silber

door. Donation levels for the event are per person: \$100 donor, \$200 supporter, \$300 sponsor, \$400 patron, and \$500 benefac-

tor. For more information about CANO, visit Facebook and Instagram or canoneonta.org.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

'Drawing on the Right Side of the Brain' workshop in Stamford

Headwaters Arts Center will host a five-day drawing workshop May 15-19 at Headwaters Arts Center, 66 Main Street, Stamford.

Lisbeth Firmin will use Dr. Betty Edwards' techniques from the famous "Drawing on the Right Side of the Brain" book combined with her own drawing skills, to encourage both professional and beginning students

to find their unique ways of seeing. This workshop will feature lectures, demonstrations and studio exercises over the five days. There is a \$240 fee for this workshop which includes a copy of the workbook. Pre-registration is required. For complete details, and to register, visit roxburyarts-group.org or call 607.214.6040.

Firmin is an accredited teacher of Drawing on the Right Side of

the Brain, was trained by Dr. Betty Edwards and has been teaching this for more than 25 years.

For more information about the workshop, connect with Headwaters Arts Center at 607.214.6040, headwaters@roxburyarts-group.org. Registration details are available at roxburyarts-group.org.

Franklin Forum to present 'The Mating Season' April 29

The Franklin Film Forum with Oscar-nominated local resident Michael Paxton, will present a screening of the smart comedy, "The Mating Season" with Gene Tierney and John Luno at the Franklin Free Library Saturday, April 29 at 7 p.m. Discussion to

follow.

Suggested donation is \$5; proceeds go to the Franklin Local Good Neighbor Fund. Refreshments served to benefit the Franklin Volunteer Fire Dept.

For more information, call 607-829-2941 or email FR.ill@4cls.org

DCHA History Conference May 13

Making History in Delaware County

Members of local historical societies, local historians, and interested members of the general public are invited to attend the Delaware County Historical Association's (DCHA) seventh biennial historical conference, Making History in Delaware County. The conference is specifically designed for the town and village historical societies and local historians of Delaware

County.

For 2023 an afternoon's agenda has been created focusing on various topics of interest to historians and historical organizations. Presenters will include Mary Liz and Paul Stewart, co-founders of the Underground Railroad Education Center, and Claire Lovell of the South Central Regional Library Council (SCRLC). Claire will explain the SCRLC's NYS Heritage website and how to upload images there. The conference will end with a round table discussion concerning local history and historical societies.

All sessions will provide for questions/answers and input and participation is invited. Attendees are asked to bring questions of concern for your society for the round-table discussion, as well as dates of planned events, and handouts/brochures which can be shared for cross-promoting.

Advance registration is requested by May 6. There is no charge to attend.

Contact DCHA via phone or email: 607-746-3849, email dchadelhi@gmail.com or mail DCHA, 46549 State Hwy. 10, Delhi, NY 13753.

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Longyear Gallery in Margaretville has announced a special exhibit of artwork by Victoria A. Scott called Frontier Horizons, Recent Original Monoprints. The exhibit is open Friday April 28 - Sunday May 29.

The opening reception is scheduled for Saturday, April 29, 3-6 p.m.

Longyear Gallery, 785 Main Street, Margaretville; 845-586-3270; www.longyeargallery.org

Gallery hours - Friday, Saturday, Sunday and holiday Mondays: 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

The opening reception is

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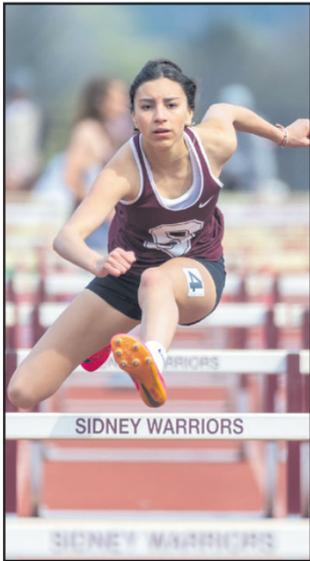
SPORTS REPORTER

Area athletes shine at Quinney Invite

SIDNEY - Track competitors from areas school districts competed at the Doug Quinney Invite 2023, held in Sidney, Saturday, April 22.

Boys results

- 100 M Dash**
 1. Holden Ryan, Norwich, 12.13
 2. Collin Dicks, Bainbridge-Guilford/Afton (BG), 12.49
 3. David Tucker, Oxford, 12.52
- 200 M Dash**
 1. Victor Richette, Oxford, 23.66
 2. Ransom Dutcher, Walton, 23.83
 3. Brandon Hirst, Chenango Valley (CV), 24.14
- 400 M Dash**
 1. Ransom Dutcher, Walton, 50.93
 2. Nicholas Kahl, Oneonta, 53.42
 3. Gavin Brunner, Delhi, 53.96
- 800 M Run**
 1. Finlay Oliver, Oneonta, 2:03.31
 2. Zander Sutton, Norwich, 2:08.47
 3. Noah Pain, Gilbertsville-Mount Upton (GMU), 2:11.79
- 1600 M Run**
 1. Emerson Comer, South Kortright (SK), 4:41.17
 2. Alton Francisco, Delhi, 4:49.43
 3. Caden Sutton, Norwich, 4:54.08
- 3200 M Run**
 1. Emerson Comer, SK, 10:31.07
 2. Carter Stevens, Laurens-Milford, 10:36.24
 3. Michael Doyle, CV, 11:02.43
- 110 M Hurdles**
 1. Jalen Reardon, Sidney, 17.15



Benjamin Patton/The Reporter
 Sidney's Abdieliz Laboy Diaz finishes second in the girls 100 meter hurdles running a 17.43 Saturday, April 22.



Benjamin Patton/The Reporter
 Delhi's Abi Tessier high fives Deposit-Hancock's Allie Dawson before the start of the 800 meter run Saturday, April 22

2. Haywood Edwards, Unadilla Valley (UV) 18.27
 3. Ayden Orezeoli, Sidney, 18.27
- 400 M Hurdles**
 1. Haywood Edwards, UV, 1:013.19
 2. Dominic Scott, CV, 1:05.41
 3. Gage Titsworth, Norwich, 1:05.42
- 3000 M Steeplechase**
 1. Carter Stevens, Laurens-Milford, 10:14.52
 2. Isaac Wright, Franklin, 11:00.76
 3. Brandon Gardner, Oneonta, 11:16.41
- 4x100 M Relay**
 1. Norwich, 46.20
 2. Oxford, 47.59
 3. CV, 47.64
- 4x400 M Relay**
 1. Oneonta, 3:39.43
 2. Sidney, 3:39.54
 3. GMU, 3:47.10
- 4x800 M Relay**
 1. Delhi, 8:41.26
 2. Oneonta, 8:43.38
 3. CF, 9:33.05
- High Jump**
 1. Tyler Norton, CV, 6-00.00
 2. Jalen Reardon, Sidney, 5-10.00
 3. Cooper Bradley, Cooperstown, 5-08.00
- Long Jump**
 1. Jerrell Stokes, Norwich, 19-08.75
 2. David Tucker, Oxford, 10-06.50
 3. Beckett Holmes, Oneonta, 19-06.00
- Pole Vault**
 1. Vincent VanMaaran, Delhi, 12-00.00
 2. Logan Rhodes, Newark Valley, 10-06.01
 3. Cooper Hodgdon, Cooperstown, 10-06-00
- Discus**
 1. Macker Patterson, CV, 135-06.00
 2. Aleksander Smeitana, Norwich, 133-04.00
 3. Gabe Blenis, Norwich, 127-06.00

- Shot Put**
 1. Mack Patterson, CV, 49-00.25
 2. Aleksander Smeitana, Norwich, 44-04.50
 3. Brayden Eastman-Willens, Sidney, 43-02.00

Girls results

- 100 M Dash**
 1. Dejah Taylor, Sidney, 13.66
 2. Hailey Fleury, Oxford, 14.67
 3. Kara Condon, CF, 13.87
- 200 M Dash**
 1. Claire Jensen, Cooperstown, 26.51
 2. Gracie Gorrell, UV, 26.61
 3. Dejah Taylor, Sidney, 27.39
- 400 M Dash**
 1. Claire Jensen, Cooperstown, 58.23
 2. Gracie Gorrell, UV, 58.62
 3. Dejah Taylor, Sidney, 1:01.01
- 800 M Run**
 1. Eleanor Lees, Delhi, 2:26.19
 2. Annelise Jensen, Cooperstown, 2:29.96
 3. Maddie Ingham, BGA, 2:34.74
- 1000 M Run**
 1. Ethne Dugan, BGA, 4:50.34
 2. Annelise Jensen, Cooperstown, 5:18.84
 3. Amy Sloth, SK, 5:28.74
- 3000 M Run**
 1. Ethne Dugan, BGA, 10:51.76
 2. Quinn Sirgany, CF, 12:09.62
 3. Annie Walker, Cooperstown, 13:21.42
- 400 M Hurdles**
 1. Jaiden Schrag, UV, 17.33
 2. Abdieliz Laboy Diaz, Sidney, 17.43
 3. Elaina Neubert, Sidney, 17.61
- 2000 M Steeplechase**
 1. Gretel Hilson-Schneider, Delhi, 7:44.40
 2. Margaret Raffo, Cooperstown, 8:45.90
 3. Madison Fleming, Harpursville-Afton (HA) 9:15.50
- 4x100 M Relay**
 1. Sidney, 52.26

2. Cooperstown, 53.09
 3. Oxford, 53.20
- 4x400 M Relay**
 1. Cooperstown, 4:23.74
 2. UV, 4:26.74
 3. Sidney, 4:28.82
- 4x800 M Relay**
 1. CE, 10:50.90
 2. Sidney, 11:03.10
 3. BGA, 11:13.00

Long Jump

1. Jaiden Schrag, UV, 15-11.50
 2. Hailey Fleury, Oxford, 15-05.25
 3. Isabelle Briggs, Sidney, 15-03.25

Pole Vault

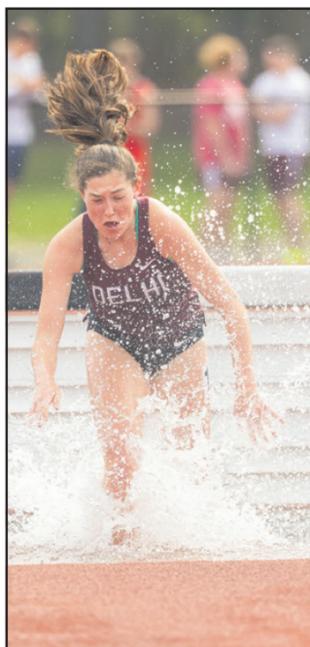
1. Adelle Wilson, CV, 9-07.00
 2. Kathryn White, CE, 7-00.01
 3. Jayle Leonard, Delhi, 7-00.01



Benjamin Patton/The Reporter
 South Kortright's Emerson Comer leads the field during the 1600 meter run on his way to winning with a 4:41.17.



Benjamin Patton/The Reporter
 Franklin's Issac Wright flies over the water barrier on his way to running a 11:00.76 3000 meter steeplechase finishing second at the Doug Quinney Invite.



Benjamin Patton/The Reporter
 Delhi's Gretel Hilson-Schneider cruises to a 7:44.4 first place finish in the 2000 meter steeplechase Saturday, April 22 at Sidney's Doug Quinney Invite.



Benjamin Patton/The Reporter
 Sidney's Dejah Taylor on her way to winning the girls 100 meter dash Saturday, April 22.



Benjamin Patton/The Reporter
 Delhi's Vincent VanMaaren finishes first in the pole vault clearing 12 feet Saturday, April 22.

Rams roll to win over Warriors



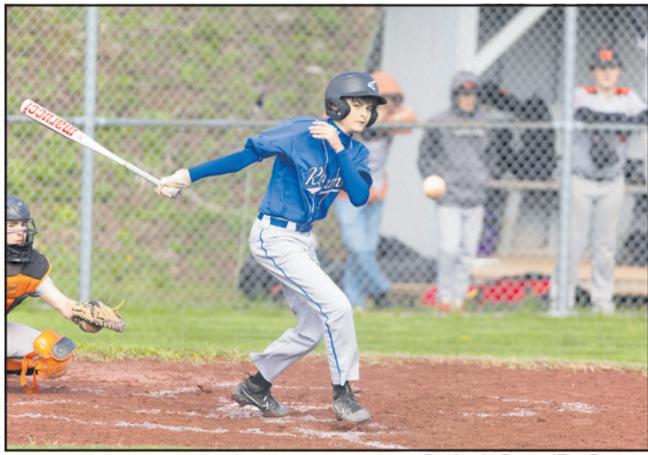
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South Kortright's Adam Champlin pitches during his team's 7-1 win over Walton on Monday, April 24.



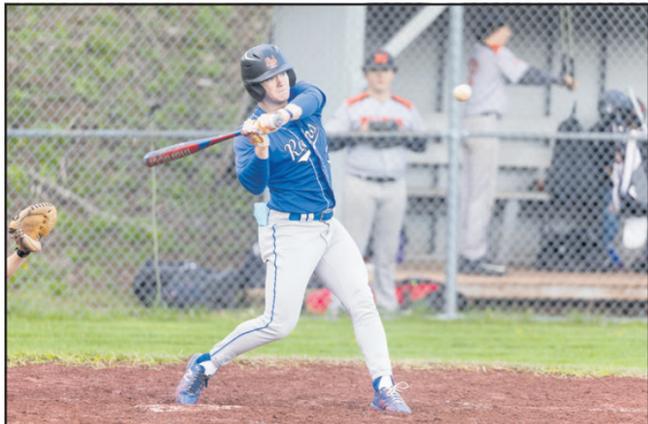
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Walton's Kyle Schamber cheers on his teammates during his team's Monday game with SK.



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South Kortright's Cole Thomas follows through on a hit during his team's win on Monday, April 24.



Benjamin Patton/The Reporter

South Kortright's Darren Dengler eyes up a hit during his team's win on Monday, April 24.

Warriors top Rams in non-league play



Benjamin Patton/The Reporter

Walton's Ava Coons reacts after scoring a run during her team's win Monday, April 24.

SOUTH KORTRIGHT - Walton Warriors softball defeated South Kortright Rams, 31-6, in a non-league match-up, Monday, April 24.



Benjamin Patton/The Reporter

Walton's Havyn Merwin scores a run during her team's win Monday, April 24.



Benjamin Patton/The Reporter

South Kortright's Hannah Collins dives for a ball during her team's game with Walton Monday, April 24.



Benjamin Patton/The Reporter

Walton's Abigail Bojo points to her teammates after reaching base during her team's 31-6 win over SK Monday, April 24.



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South Kortright's Emma Dibble dives for a catch during her team's game Monday, April 24.

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Delhi/Downsville softball swings win over Wildcats



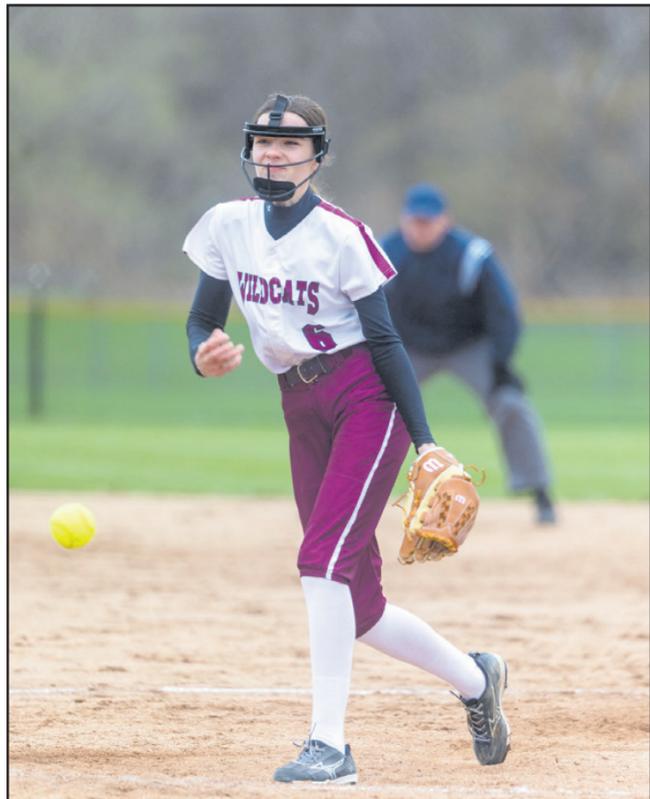
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Delhi/Downsville players - from left, Izzy Pernice, Victoria Ver-spoor and Alli Ferrara celebrate their team's 16-1 win over Charlotte Valley Tuesday.



Benjamin Patton/The Reporter

Delhi's Leah Dennis connects for a hit during her team's win Tuesday.



Benjamin Patton/The Reporter

CVCS's Brinlee Wright pitches during her team's game Tuesday.



Benjamin Patton/The Reporter

Delhi/Downsville's Peyton Garcia throws to first for an out during their team's win over Charlotte Valley Tuesday.

SUNY Cobleskill's Logan Firment named rookie-of-the-week

The North Atlantic Conference (NAC) announced SUNY Cobleskill's first-year Logan Firment, a graduate of South Kortright Central School, has been named the league's Baseball Player-of-the-Week for the week ending April 23.

The Andes native helped lead Cobleskill to five wins in six games over NAC opponents as the Fighting Tigers opened the week by sweeping the visiting Wildcats of Cazenovia College with scores of 6-5 and 8-7; then taking two-of-three games from host Kangaroos of SUNY Canton winning a solo game 3-1 and



splitting a pair of games, taking the opener by a 21-2 margin before dropping the series finale by an 11-8 margin.

During the week Firment batted .455 going 5-for-11 with a .539 on-base percentage including three doubles, a triple, a stolen base, four runs scored and four runs batted in.

On the season in 25 games, the South Kortright graduate has batted .295 going 23-for-78 on the year with seven doubles, a triple, three home runs, three stolen bases, 18 runs scored, 16 runs batted in while posting an on-base percentage of .367 on the year.

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Delaware League Standings

As of Monday, April 23.		Margaretville	1-0	1-2	
Varsity baseball (7 games)					
SKCS	3-0	7-0	HTC	2-2	2-2
Gilboa	3-0	6-1	Windham	1-1	3-2
Davenport	2-0	4-2	SKCS	1-2	1-7
Windham/HTC	1-1	1-3	Jefferson/Stamford	0-4	0-6
Margaretville	0-1	0-5	Varsity tennis (10 matches)		
Jefferson/Stamford	0-3	0-5	Margaretville	7-0	7-0
Roxbury	0-4	0-7	HTC	4-2	4-2
Varsity softball (8 games)					
Davenport	2-0	5-2	Stamford/Jefferson	3-3	3-3
Roxbury	1-0	2-0-1	Windham	2-2	2-2
Gilboa	1-0	3-2	Andes	0-5	0-5
			Roxbury	2-5	2-5

Summer swim program at SUNY Delhi

The SUNY Delhi summer swim program for children and adults will begin June 26 and run through Aug. 4, Monday through Friday. There will be no program July 4.

Community swimming lessons will be offered between 9 a.m. and noon in the Kunsela Hall pool. Classes include American Red Cross Levels I-VI, infant, toddler, preschoolers' program and a Level VI diving class. Classes will be 30 minutes long. Adult classes are available.

Session 1 will be from June 26 to July 14. Session 2 will run from July 17 to Aug. 4.

Hamden residents should contact the Hamden town clerk to register for free enrollment, but must pay a \$15 deposit to hold each participant's spot. The town will pay the rest. Proof of residency will be required. All other people that are not residents of Hamden may participate at a cost of \$60 per person, each session.

NYSPHSAA offers official certification for high school students

The New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA) Foundation will offer officials certification scholarships for high school students in the NYSPHSAA membership. Two students from each section will be eligible for a reimbursement scholarship after completing a RefReps certification course and officiating three interscholastic contests.

Launched in June 2022, the foundation has been developing a fund balance with the goal of issuing grants to school districts in the summer of 2024. With the shortage of sports officials reaching critical levels forcing schools to cancel and reschedule contests, the board decided to

fund this initiative in the current school year.

RefReps is an officiating education system conducted online. The curriculum includes training materials and videos to instruct on rules, as well as interactive clips of actual gameplay to simulate the officiating experience. The course can be completed on an individual's own schedule in as little as a few days. Upon completion of the course, students are paired with experienced officials to work modified level competitions. The goal is to free up more veteran officials to work higher level games while maintaining enough officials to work the lower levels.

Currently, baseball is the only

sport utilizing RefReps as a tool for certifying its umpires in New York. NYSPHSAA is in negotiations with other sports officials boards and hopes to add additional sports in the coming months.

The scholarship application is available on the NYSPHSAA Foundation website. Students that have completed the certification and officiated at least three contests should report to their athletic director for submission.

To learn more about the NYSPHSAA Foundation or make a tax-deductible donation, visit nysphsaa.org/foundation.



photo by Ike Hartman

Senior John Williamson

SUNY men's golf tops April 13 match

DELHI - The men's golf team hosted three schools Thursday, April 13, at the College Golf Course at Delhi. They had a great day out on the course filling up the top six spots on the leaderboard and taking home the team win by 50 strokes.

As a combined team, the Broncos shot a 290 (+6), which proved to be 50 strokes ahead of second-place finishers. Junior Jordan

Starley had a fantastic day carding a two under par for a 69 (-2) to win the invite. He was followed by junior Thomas Christoffersen in second place with a 72 (+1) and sophomore Gabriel Horsford in third with a 74 (+3). Junior Will Good and freshman Rocco Macera tied for fourth carding a 75 (+4), while junior Branson Morrison tied for sixth with a 76 (+5).

Sports Slates

Schedules current as of press time. Subject to change. To view the latest listings, visit The-Reporter.net and click on Calendar.

Thursday, April 27

Baseball: Sidney at Walton 4:30pm, Delhi at Harpursville 4:30pm, Roxbury at Morris 4:30pm.

Softball: Oxford at Walton 4:30pm, Delhi at Harpursville 4:30pm, Milford at Franklin 4:30pm, Cherry Valley/Springfield at Charlotte Valley 4:30pm, Unadilla Valley at Sidney 4:30pm, Greene at Unatego 4:30pm, BG at Deposit/Hancock 4:30pm, Roxbury at Morris 4:30pm.

Track: Franklin, South Kortright, Andes, Charlotte Valley at Gilbertsville - Mt. Upton 4:30pm.

Friday, April 28

Baseball: Charlotte Valley at South Kortright 4:15pm, Whitney Point at BG 4:30pm.

Softball: Charlotte Valley at South Kortright 4:15pm.

Tennis: Delhi at Greene 4:30pm, Sidney at BG 4:30pm, Deposit/Hancock at Oxford 4:30pm.

Track: Delhi, Sidney, Deposit/Hancock, Unatego, BG, Har-

pursville at Gerry O'Donnell Invitational, Windsor 5pm.

Saturday, April 29

Baseball: Gilboa/Conesville at Delhi 11am, Baseball for Diabetes Tournament at Sidney 11am, Unatego/Franklin at Gloversville 4pm, Deposit/Hancock at Johnstown 7pm.

Softball: Milford Tournament - Delhi, Roxbury and Milford at Schenevus 10am, Seton Catholic at Unatego 11am, Deposit/Hancock at Chenango Valley 10am.

Monday, May 1

Baseball: Unatego/Franklin at Delhi 4:30pm, Afton at Sidney 4:30pm, BG at Deposit/Hancock 4:30pm, Charlotte Valley at WAJ 4:15pm.

Softball: Walton at Greene 4:30pm, Unatego at Delhi 4:30pm, Afton at Sidney 4:30pm, WAJ at Charlotte Valley 4:30pm.

Tuesday, May 2

Baseball: Schenevus at South Kortright 4:15pm.

Softball: Sidney at BG 4:30pm.

Tennis: Sidney at Deposit/Hancock 4:30pm, Oxford at Delhi 4:30pm, BG at Greene 4:30pm.

Track: MAC Relays - Walton, Delhi, Unatego, BG, Sidney, Deposit/Hancock, Harpursville at Walton 4:15pm.

Wednesday, May 3

Baseball: BG at Walton 4:30pm, Delhi at Sidney 4:30pm, Unatego/Franklin at Harpursville 4:30pm, Afton at Stamford/Jefferson TBD.

Softball: Walton at BG 4:30pm, Delhi at Sidney 4:30pm, Unatego at Harpursville 4:30pm, Deposit/Hancock at Oxford 4:30pm; .

Tennis: Deposit/Hancock at Delhi 4:30pm, Sidney at Greene 4:30pm, BG at Oxford 4:30pm..

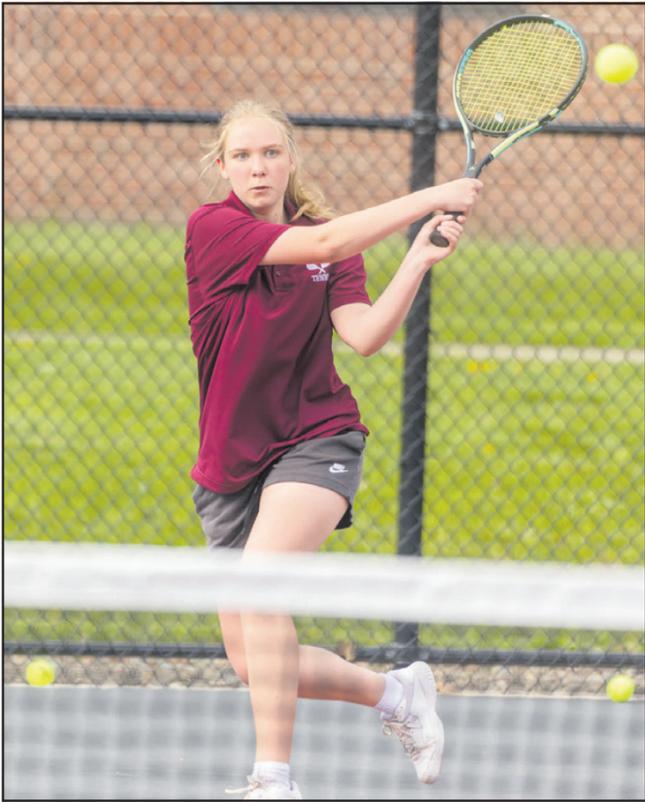
Thursday, May 4

Baseball: Charlotte Valley at Gilboa/Conesville 4:15pm.

Softball: Gilboa/Conesville at Charlotte Valley 4:15pm.

Tennis: Sidney @ Greene 4:30, BG @ Oxford 4:30, D/H @ Delhi 4:30

Bulldogs top Warriors 4-1 in MAC Tennis Clash



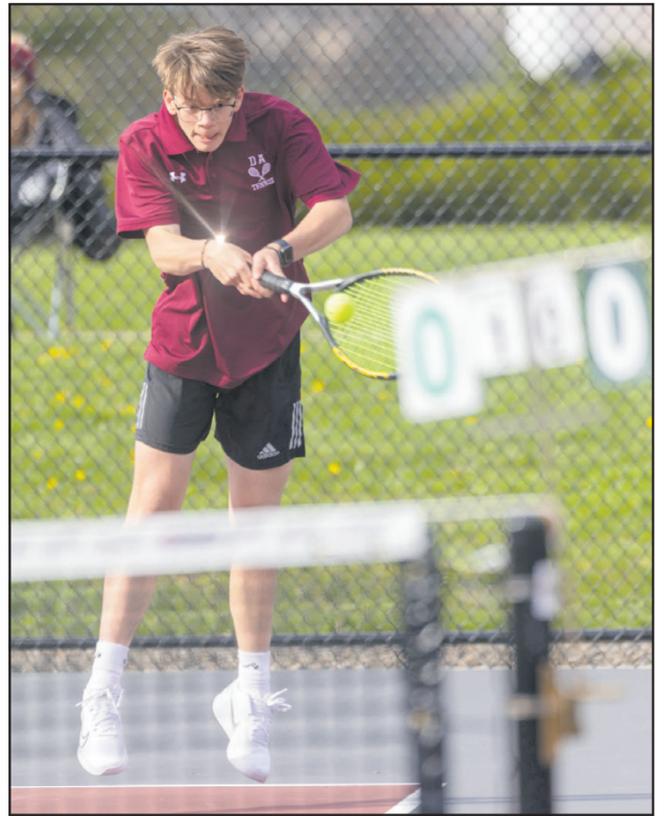
DELHI - The Delaware Academy tennis team defeated the Sidney Warriors 4-1 on April 25.

In first singles, Danny Morris defeated Tabor Reed 6-0, 6-3; in the second set Risdon Reed defeated Connor VanDerSommen 6-4, 4-6, 6-4; and Hallee Bodo defeated William Doosick 7-6, 6-2, in the third singles.

In first doubles, Tyler Branigan and Ryan Burrows defeated Emily Morris and Chloe VanDerSommen 6-2, 6-0; Vidya Samudrala and Vryce Burrows defeated Liam Gronwell and Gavin Granger 6-4, 6-2.

← Benjamin Patton/The Reporter Delhi's Hallee Bodo plays the ball during her match with Sidney's William Doosick. Bodo won the match 2-0.

Benjamin Patton/The Reporter → Delhi's Tyler Branigan returns a serve during his doubles match with Sidney Tuesday. Delhi won 2-0.



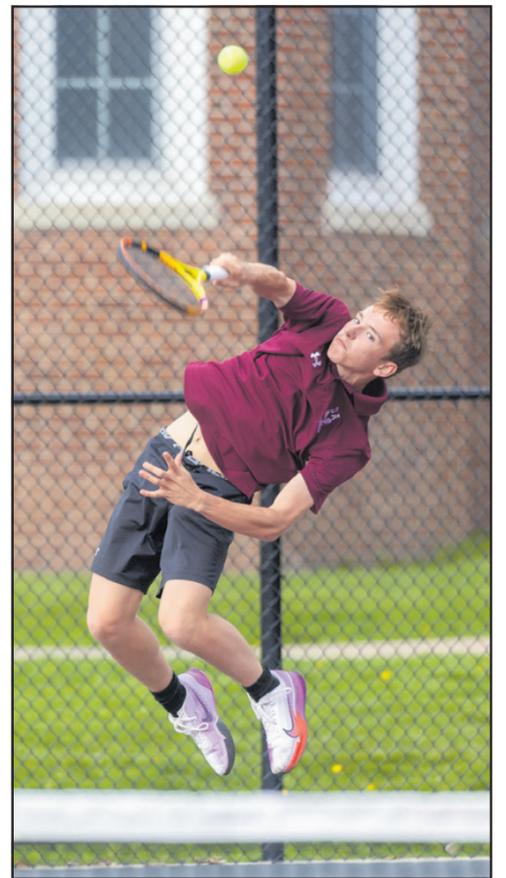
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Delhi's Risdon Reed hits an overhand shot during his match with Sidney's Connor Van Der Somen Tuesday. Reed won the match 2-1.



Benjamin Patton/The Reporter

Sidney's Danny Morris plays the ball during his match with Delhi's Tabor Reed Tuesday. Morris won the match 2-0.



Benjamin Patton/The Reporter

Delhi's Tabor Reed jumps to serve during his match with Sidney's Danny Morris Tuesday, April 25.

Stamford Business Alliance hosts Earth Day 5K and Fun Run

STAMFORD - The Stamford Business Alliance (SBA) hosted an inaugural Stamford Earth Day 5K and Fun Run Saturday, April 22, near the entrance of the Robinson Broadhurst Memorial Pool.

The event kicked off at 9 a.m. and featured a one-mile race for children, followed by a 5K run/walk around the village and along the Catskill Scenic Trail.

Christy O'Donnell was the first-place overall finisher for the women with a time of 25:49, while Chuck Hollister was the first-place overall finisher on the men's side with a time of 20:02.

First place finishers of the 5K in each age group are, as follows: In the 10-14 age group - Zuzanna Gerlak (32:08), male 10-14 - Liam Hanway (26:31), female 15-19 - Shelby Macaluso (39:11), female 20-29 - Brigid Wenner (34:38), male 20-29 - Samuel Capriotti (22:26), female 30-39 - Heather

Cunningham (27:27), male 30-39 - Jacob Skelcy (22:20), female 40-49 - Ehren Curbelo (27:11), male 40-49 - Joshua Weitzner (22:34), female 50-59 - Jennifer Boyle (31:35), male 50-59 - Troy Selvaratnam (26:36), female 60-69 - Catharine Grad (37:44), male 60-69 - Ward Oliver (29:38), female 70-79 - Erika Oesterle (28:27), male 70-79 - John Silk (27:34). Additional results can be found at www.stamfordearthday5kandfunrun.itsyourrace.com.

Children were kept busy with rock painting and crafting fun, while Robert Kennedy, also known as Bobby Curious, emceed the event and provided live music.

According to Heather Clark, a member of the SBA and owner of T.P.'s Cafe in Stamford, about 160 individuals, both adults and children, took part in the one-mile dash and the run/walk. Clark took the lead in organizing the event along with SBA members



photo by Lila Saint-Buzon

Chuck Hollister was the first to cross the finish line at the first annual Stamford Earth Day 5K and Fun Run on Saturday.



photo by Lila Saint-Buzon

First place overall female runner Christy O'Donnell accepted her medal Saturday post-run.



photo by Rosie Cunningham

From left: Brynn Moody, Charleigh Macaluso, Logan Ballard and Scout Lampport took part in the Stamford Earth Day 5K and Fun Run on Saturday.

Lila Saint-Buzon (Mountain's Bounty Massage and Wellness) and Donna Kennedy (Catskills Junction LLC).

"We wanted to have a family friendly event," said Clark, who added that hosting the 5K on Earth Day was a bonus.

Prior to Saturday, SBA members and volunteers hosted a neighborhood cleanup. The Department of Environmental Conservation donated saplings to race-day participants in addition to educational information. Ace Hardware of Stamford also donated packets of seeds and the Catskill Rail Trail Association provided gifts for the children.

Funds raised will go to the SBA "to develop the business community in Stamford," said Clark. "Participants from out-of-town

hopefully shopped in the community and at local businesses."

There were many contributors and sponsors which made the day possible, Clark noted.

"Ace Hardware was great, the Stamford Library - there were so many," she said and added, the Earth Day 5K and Fun Run which had many sponsors, was made possible due to the generosity of the 15 to 20 volunteers who helped throughout the day.

Clark said she is looking forward to organizing the event for next year.

"We will look to enhance what we did this year and we would love to add more runners," she said. "We are looking for feedback as to how we can make the day even better."



OUTDOOR LIFE



Spring crappie fishing

New York is home to both black crappie and white crappie, although black crappie are the predominant species throughout the state. Calico bass, papermouths, or strawberry bass are some of the nicknames anglers use to refer to crappie.

Mid-spring, in between the opening days for the trout harvest season (April 1) and the walleye/pike/pickerel season (May 1), is a great time to start fishing for them. Shortly after ice out, crappie congregate in shallower (warmer) water near structure (usually woody) and vegetation to feed and prepare for spawning. This provides good opportunities to catch them from shore.



So if you're looking to add something new to your fishing routine, give crappie fishing a try! For an effective rig that provides fun action use an ultralight spinning rod with a small crappie tube jig tipped with a piece of nightcrawler.

Signs of Spring: Red maple flowers

Springtime celebrations would not be complete without some forest confetti. One of the first trees to bloom in springtime, the red maple has tiny, vibrant clusters of flowers that put on quite the show. Looking closely at their blooms - you can see pollen-bearing male flowers that look like fireworks, and darker, Medusa-like female flowers. Once the male flowers have faded, they fall off and cover the ground like crimson confetti.

If pollinated, the female flowers will develop into fruits called samaras, a.k.a. whirlygigs or helicopters.

Red maples are valued for more than just their flowers. These native trees also:

- provide food for pollinators and wildlife;
- make good street or ornamental trees because they generally tolerate wet and dry conditions;



Red maple flowers.

- can be used to make maple syrup (though their sap has less sugar than sugar maples);
- have spectacular fall foliage; and
- are used for furniture, musical instruments, bowls, cutting boards, firewood and pulpwood.

3rd annual Burroughs charity auction

John Burroughs' Woodchuck Lodge is hosting its third annual online charity auction this month to benefit the Roxbury non-profit. The auction went live April 1 and continues through Sunday, April 30, when bidding closes. Dozens of local products and experiences were donated, including signed Burroughs books, a home landscaping consultation, Plattekill ski tickets, a night at the Emerson Resort & Spa, and a four-hour guided fly-fishing experience.

Browse and bid by clicking the auction link on the organization's homepage: JBWoodchuckLodge.org

JBWL is also happy to announce the establishment of an endowment, which will help ensure the long-term protection and maintenance of this historic site. Donations of \$500 or more will go toward the endowment, but membership contributions start at just \$12 and can be made anytime.

Woodchuck Lodge is a registered National Historic Landmark. From 1910 to 1921, it was the summer home of John Bur-



roughs, America's most prominent and adored naturalist-essayist. The Lodge was built in the early 1860s by Burroughs' older brother Curtis on Burroughs homestead land where the naturalist was born and raised. John Burroughs wrote several essays during summer sojourns at Woodchuck Lodge in the last years of his life, and there he also entertained luminaries such as Harvey Firestone, Thomas Edison, and Henry Ford.

John Burroughs' Woodchuck Lodge is a nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving the historic Lodge and to promoting the ideas and legacy of John Burroughs through events and activities that encourage people to live, work and prosper in harmony with nature.

Contact jbwoodchucklodge@gmail.com or John Burroughs' Woodchuck Lodge, 1633 Burroughs' Memorial Road, PO Box 492, Roxbury, NY 12474.

Deer shed their winter coats

Over the coming weeks, white-tailed deer will be shedding their brown/grey winter coats or hair, which will be replaced by a summer coat with more reddish coloration. This process and the resulting patchiness in a deer's coat, can be mistaken by observers as a sign of illness or injury, but is a natural process that helps deer thermoregulate throughout the seasons. The reverse process (deer shedding their summer coat for their winter one) typically occurs in early to mid-September.

A white-tailed deer's winter coat is comprised of dense, hollow hairs that provide insulation against cold winter temperatures and snow. This coat is so well adapted to hold in a deer's body heat that snow often accumulates on deer while they are bedded during winter storms. The summer coat, on the other hand, is comprised of thin, lighter hairs that are meant to help deer stay cool during the warm summer months. The change in dark to



Deer shed photo taken by Bret Apthorpe

lighter hair coloration also likely helps deer absorb heat from the sun during the winter and reflect it in summer.

Deer observed with patches of bare or leathery skin or with patchy coats during other times of year could be experiencing disease or various forms of skin irritation. Skin mites and other parasites can irritate a deer's skin and in severe instances a deer may pull or rub out clumps of its own hair in an attempt to remove the mites.

Although less common, it is also possible for deer to contract mange.

DEC encourages the public to report incidents of deer with severe hair loss, preferably including a photograph of the animal.

61st annual General Clinton Canoe Regatta May 26-28

More than 1000 canoe racers and many more spectators will ascend on Bainbridge for the 61st annual General Clinton Canoe Regatta (GCCR) May 26-28. The Regatta is presented by the Bainbridge Chamber of Commerce and features canoe racing all weekend as well as many other activities at the General Clinton Park.

The event is more than just a great canoe race - it provides quality entertainment for the Tri Town area in a family-friendly atmosphere.

The GCCR features the longest one-day flat water canoe race in North America. The 70-mile race Sunday, May 28, starts at Brookwood Point, 6000 State Hwy 80, Cooperstown, 2 miles north of the village: otsegolandtrust.org/places-to-explore-103/brookwood-point.

The 70-mile trek on the Susquehanna River from Cooperstown to Bainbridge will take as little as seven hours for the pros and as many as 14 hours for others. Canoeists from all over North America come to challenge the flat water in a true test of endurance. The Clinton is the first leg of the prestigious Triple Crown of Canoe Racing: www.facebook.com/TripleCrownOfCanoeRacing.

Other notable races - Friday night's popular generation gap races. Saturday brings Boy and Girl Scouts from all over the Northeast as well as other youth races. Sunday features the Grand Prix relay races from Oneonta as well as a 12-mile sprint race from Wells Bridge. General Clinton Park in Bainbridge is home to the finish line for all the races

throughout the weekend and the home to a weekend of activities.

Friday night marks the 6th annual Taste of Regatta starting at 6 p.m. in the Saratoga Eagle Main Event Tent sponsored by Pine Ridge Grocery. Sample and enjoy some of the best local food, beverages and entertainment. Local favorite Judy Pitel will perform at 7:30 p.m. with Aric McKown AKA Elvis immediately following. The Generation Gap Race sponsored by Benson Realty will kick off at 6 p.m. at the Sidney Fishing Access. Parking is free Friday night thanks to NYCM Insurance.

As always, Saturday is Kids' Day. Che Chee The Clown, Doug Welch Magician and Lily Silly Puppet Theater can be found in the pavilion starting at 1 p.m. Kids can try their hand at painting with Pat at 11 a.m. and can take on cookie decorating with Dani's Delights at 2 p.m. both in the artisan tent - contact bainbridgechamber@yahoo.com to register for classes ahead of time. The relay and scout races will be Saturday as well.

New this year, sponsored by Drogen Electric Supply and brought to you by Above All Balloon Rides from Albany, will be the walk balloon activity starting at 4:30 p.m. and the tethered hot air balloon ride at 6:30, both near the main gate. The hot air balloon glow takes place at 8:30 p.m. Also new Saturday, the chainsaw woodcarving demonstrations by Cedar Mountain Designs. Demonstrations at 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. The wood carvings will be raffled at the end of the event.

Saturday will also kick off with the wrestling tournament at the

Finish Line tent starting at 10 a.m. Registration begins at 9 a.m. Tractor pulls by Catskill Dirt Slingers will start at 11 a.m. on the river flat.

Later in the day, the Hall of Fame luncheon will take place at 1 p.m. The Jericho Arts Council live auction is at 4 p.m. in the main event tent - a great fundraiser for JAC and a crowd favorite. The chairs are one of a kind, so come and bid on your favorite. The chairs will be located on Main Street in Bainbridge until the day of the auction. Regatta's Got Talent brought to you by Northern Star Productions at 6 p.m. in the Pavilion - registration at 5 p.m.

Next and new this year at 6 p.m. - Nick Marra and Company with a 90 minute comedy show followed by Cryin Outloud Band featuring Bainbridge's Own Paul Jenkins in the Main Event tent. Saturday night entertainment is sponsored by Madison Vinyl. Stop for a drink in the Main Event tent - we will have celebrity bar tenders on hand from 4 - 8 p.m. Adults can also try their hand at painting with Pat during paint & sip at 7 p.m. in the artisan tent.

As always, Sunday is race day sponsored by Alpine Metal Roofing, kicking off at Brookwood Point in Cooperstown starting at 6 a.m. and will finish in Bainbridge, with the first canoes coming in at approximately 2 p.m.

The Sunday 70-mile race is shaping up to be an all-time classic. The pro class already has several fan favorite racers signed up and local Clinton historians expect this to be one of the most competitive years in recent memory. Professional

racers from dozens of U.S. states and Canada will spend the weekend in Bainbridge preparing for one of the most grueling events in the triple crown series of paddling. But it is more than just the pros 100s of amateur racers will attempt the 70-mile journey as well. The Clinton is unique in offering competition outside of the professional class. These additional categories attract racers from all over the world. The 2023 race will have entrants going for their first finish all the way up to racers who have completed the 70 over 40 times. No matter the water level, it looks like this year's race will be one for the history books.

In addition, at 1 p.m. on Sunday, the annual cornhole tour-

namment begins sponsored by Tri-County Cornhole next to the Main Event tent (sign up in advance or day of) where the music festival will also be kicking off sponsored by ACCO Brands. This year's festival will feature 9-1-1 from 1 - 4 p.m., followed by Woodshed Prophets at 4:30 p.m., and the Nate Gross Band closes out the night starting at 8.

The finale for both Saturday and Sunday night will be fireworks by American Fireworks sponsored by SFCU starting at approximately 10 p.m..

Admission to the park is \$10 per carload Saturday and Sunday. Friday parking admission is free, compliments of NYCM Insurance.





OUTDOOR LIFE



OUTSIDE PROSPECTS

Rochester Hollow

By Peter Manning

Much of what makes this place special is that it is an easy walk along an old road next to a stream. This may not seem unique, but in the Catskills most trails are rugged up-and-down affairs with significant elevation gain and loss - with the "loss" often taking its toll on tired climbing legs. Nevertheless, this road gains about 800 feet in the better part of two miles, yet you are happy to stride with ease alongside the cascading stream.

Early April is a good time to enjoy this stroll since the abundance of water adds an audible element to the adventure. The time of year also coincides with the birthday of Catskills naturalist and author John Burroughs (April 3) - and a small monument in his honor was placed at the heart of the hollow shortly after his death in 1921.

Many years ago in early April, my introduction to Rochester Hollow was a Burroughs-themed bird-watching hike to the monument. Since then, I've visited the hollow numerous times at all different times of the year - even on snowshoes, skis, and bicycle - but never reprised the Burroughs-birthday walk, until last week. As for the birds in the hollow, it would be tough to match the barred owl and Louisiana water thrush sightings of that first hike, and indeed bird activity was very quiet. So, hiking companion John and I embraced the simplicity of just being out in the forest.

However, one year, Becky and I volunteered for the Birds in Forested Landscapes Project, an effort organized by Cornell Lab of Ornithology and The Nature Conservancy. The purpose of the project was to measure the effects of acid rain on the songbirds in unfragmented forests of the northeast. Mercury contamination and acid deposition, along with loss of habitat, have been identified as reasons for the decline of the wood thrush and other species. Our assignment: find four pre-established data collection stations in the woods, try to determine the presence of four species of songbirds, lay out cardboard "traps" to collect insects, and return the next morning to collect any insects.

The enduring road is well built, and these hand-crafted stone culverts are the unsung heroes in keeping the road from becoming part of the mountainside. Other human-made features in the hollow include stone pillars and a foundation, these all being remnants of the estate of Colonel William Rochester. The colonel served in the War of 1812, became an attorney and a member of the New York State Assembly, and his father, Nathaniel, was the founder of the City of Rochester. After rounding the distinct left-hand curve in the road, the Burroughs memorial soon comes into view on the right, although you could easily walk past it without noticing.

The refurbished stone marker, originally placed by the boys of the Raymond Gordon School, marks the base of a plantation of White and Norway Spruce which have struggled but still survive. I had intentions of picking a Bur-



contributed photo

The John Burroughs monument

roughs quote to read but hastily tossed a couple of books in my pack at the last minute. Yet, you can open most any Burroughs book to any point and have your perspective refreshed by his. Flipping open "In the Catskills," I begin reading from the Speckled Trout essay. As with the best of Burroughs, it is an experience of being transported. You're soon immersed in the place and share the wonderment of its in-the-moment vitality and fullest range of expression. And it's part of the larger process of humans and nature being so seamlessly interwoven at the deepest levels, but only wholly realized by the author's absolute absorption of the natural world and his talent in guiding this so effortlessly into words that it flows forth like an improvisational melody, and with similar effect in bringing about both a joyous shiver and an awestruck reverence. I'd try to pull a quote out of the essay, but the line is bound to snap.

Rochester Hollow is located just off Route 28 between Big Indian and Pine Hill and can be found by following the brown-and-white highway wayfinding signs. Round trip mileages are 4.2 to the Burroughs monument and 5.6 to the lean-to.

Peter Manning is the Executive Director of the Catskill Mountain Club. To learn about CMC events, membership, and projects visit catskillmountainclub.org.

The monthly lunch and meeting for the Hamden Senior Citizens will be held Wednesday, April 26 at the town hall at noon. Bring a dish to pass and enjoy your time with your friends.

Delhi Farmers Market - every Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Delhi American Legion. Bingo - Wednesdays at 7 p.m. at the Delhi American Legion. April 26 - Walk at Lunch Day, Denim Day, National Help a Horse Day, International Guide Dogs Day, Stop Food Waste Day; April 27 - Babe Ruth Day, Take your Daughters and Sons to Work Day, National Teach Your Children to Save Day, National Tell a Story Day; April 28 - National Brave Hearts Day, Poem in your Pocket Day; April 29 - National Kiss of Hope Day, National Take Back Day, Save the Frogs Day, World Wish Day; April 30 - Adopt a Shelter Pet Day, Bugs Bunny Day, National Honesty Day, National Raising Day, International Jazz Day, Hairstylist Apprecia-

Walleye, northern pike, pickerel, and tiger muskellunge season opens May 1

New York's coolwater species provide excellent fishing opportunities

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos has announced that the fishing season for walleye, northern pike, pickerel and tiger muskellunge begins on May 1.

Historically found only in the Great Lakes, St. Lawrence River, and Allegheny River watersheds in New York, walleye are now found in more than 140 waters from all the major watersheds of the state, primarily due to stocking and other DEC management efforts. Opportunities to catch lunker Northern pike can also be found throughout much of the state, especially in the northeast and west. Visit www.dec.ny.gov for information on where to go fishing for walleye, pike and other coolwater sportfish.

Last year, DEC added a new

feature to its official HuntFishNY app called The Tackle Box. Fishing regulations, boating access, and stocking information are all available in a map-based interface from the convenience of a smart phone. Other features include driving directions to state boat launch sites and an offline feature that allows a user to access information when cell coverage isn't available. For more information on the HuntFishNY app and new Tackle Box feature visit the DEC website.

A digital version of the 2023 Freshwater Fishing Regulations guide is available to download on the DEC website. Hard copies of the guide are available wherever sporting licenses are sold. For locations visit the DECALS website.

Spring turkey season opens May 1

Spring turkey season opens May 1, in all counties north of the Bronx-Westchester County boundary. A change that went into effect last fall allows shot sizes as small as Number 9 for turkey hunting. This regulatory change affects both the spring and fall seasons statewide. The change was made to modernize regulations as technology has advanced to increase the down-range effectiveness of smaller shot sizes.

This spring, improved turkey harvest is expected compared to last year. Hunters prefer to take toms (2+ year-old birds) typically producing a two-year lag between summer productivity and spring take.

Overall, turkey populations are lower now than a few years ago due to below-average reproductive success two of the last four years. However, improved turkey productivity in 2020 and 2022 means a greater proportion of toms.

Other important details for the spring turkey season, May 1-31:

- Hunting is permitted in most areas of the state except New York City and Nassau County;
- Hunters must have a turkey hunting permit in addition to their hunting license;

• Shooting hours are from one-half hour before sunrise to noon each day;

• Hunters may take two bearded turkeys during the spring season, but only one bird per day and no more than one bird per season in Wildlife Management Unit 1C (Suffolk County);

• Hunters may not use rifles or handguns firing a bullet. Hunters may hunt with a shotgun or handgun loaded with shot sizes no larger than Number 2 or smaller than Number 9, or with a bow or crossbow (except crossbows may not be used in Westchester or Suffolk counties);

• Successful hunters must fill out the tag that comes with their turkey permit and immediately attach it to any turkey harvested;

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DELANCEY

By Linda Shepard
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tion Day.

Grandma's recipe for Apple Raisin Coffee Cake; 1/2 cup shortening, 1 1/2 cups sugar, 1 egg, 3 cups flour, 2 tsp baking powder, 1/2 tsp salt, 1 cup milk, 1 cup raisins, 2 baking apples peeled and sliced, 2 Tbsp sugar, 1 tsp cinnamon. In a large mixing bowl cream shortening and sugar, add egg and beat well. Combine the flour, baking powder and salt, add to creamed mixture alternately with milk, beating well. Stir in the raisins. Spread batter in a greased 13" x 9" x 2" baking pan. Top with apples. Combine sugar and cinnamon, sprinkle over apples. Bake at 375 for 40 to 45 minutes or until tested done.

My thoughts of the week: I noticed this week the farmers have been busy plowing their fields. It won't be long before we see the corn crops growing. The field across from my house has been plowed and I'm waiting to see what they will plant there. I'm told it's going to be vegetables.

Lynn Kinch's joke of the week: A Bus load of retired Americans was touring Switzerland. On the third day, they visited a farm known for its goat cheese. The

farmer's wife gave them a tour and some samples. As the retirees tasted the cheeses, she pointed to a pasture and said, "This is where we let our older goats graze after they no longer give milk. In America what do you do with your old goats?" A woman piped up, "They take us on bus tours.">

Senior Moments: I'm not one of those grandfathers who tells his grandchildren stories of my long walks to school as a child. I wouldn't bore them with that nonsense. I just show them the scars.

A cute saying: There are always flowers for those who want to see them.

Helpful Hints: Run a one-to-one mixture of vinegar and water through your coffee maker to break down built up minerals. Follow with a few brews of plain water to clear out any vinegar tinge before your next pot of coffee.

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

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We're in the last week of April, and the flowers are starting to bloom.

Last week's trivia question: Where was "Sing Me a Song of Texas" performed by Tom Tyler, Rosemary Lane, and Hoosier Hotshots? It was performed at Smalley's Delhi Theatre in April of 1945.

This week's trivia question: How many properties will be featured in the historical architecture walk Saturday, May 6? The SUNY Delhi HUMN 242 (History of World & Western Architecture II) students will lead the walk beginning at 11 a.m. at the SUNY Delhi sign on Main Street, and ending at the corner of Main and Route 28.

Community volunteers of the week are the students at SUNY Delhi. Last Saturday, over 100 students, staff, and community members helped wash windows along Main Street, prepare the community garden, clean up litter in the streets, touch up the bandstand in the square, plant trees in the outdoor education center and so much more. Thanks to SUNY Delhi and the O'Connor Center for Community

Engagement for organizing this event to help the community.

The SUNY Delhi College Players will perform The Wizard of Oz in the Okun Theatre in Farrell Student & Community Center Friday, April 28, Saturday, April 29, and Sunday, April 30 at 7 p.m. There will also be a matinee show Sunday at 2 p.m.

There will be a Color Walk Saturday, April 29 from 12 until 4 p.m. in the Agora outside Farrell Center at SUNY Delhi. It will be hosted by Pi Nu Epsilon, Safe Against Violence (SAV), and the Student Programming Board (SPB). Proceeds will support domestic violence and sexual assault prevention. Not only does this walk support those who have been affected, but hopes to spread awareness in the community. For more information contact Kiahna Pieronek at Kp216@live.delhi.edu. If you want to donate but not walk, donate through the Cash app, \$delhicsle, and put Color Walk in the "Add a Note" section. The cost for a single walker is \$10 and a team of five is \$40. The first 60 people to show up will receive a free t-shirt and water bottle.

The Fleischmanns Mountain AC take on the Bovina Dairymen in 1895 Base Ball at Doubleday Field in Cooperstown Sunday, April 30 at 10:30 a.m. Nineteenth-century base ball historians coming from the SABR Fred Ivor Campbell Nineteenth Century Base Ball Conference will experience the best that DelCo Vintage Base Ball has to offer when the Fleischmann's Mountain Athletic Club and the Bovina Dairymen in an 1895 rules match to kick off their 2023 seasons. It's the first time since 2009 that these teams will meet at this historic New York ballpark. The first pitch will be delivered by Bob Mayer - an authority on New York Baseball history of the Hudson Valley and Catskills. Admission is free but donations will not be turned away. See you at the ol' ballgame.

On Sunday, April 30 from noon until 5 p.m., Delta Theta Gamma and SUNY Delhi Car Club will host their second annual car show at the Delhi American Legion, 41 Page Avenue. They are raising money to help with cancer research. Even if you do not have a car to enter, stop by and take a look at the other cars.

There will be music and snacks at this event. General admission is \$10, with a car entry - \$15, and with VIP car entry - \$20.

There will be a Delaware County Pride Spring Social at Birdsong Farm Community Garden, 38718 NY-10, Hamden, Sunday, April 30 from 4 until 6 p.m. Enjoy an afternoon on the beautiful grounds of Birdsong Farm Community Garden with music by DJ Sara Sisco, free refreshments, and great conversation. This event is open to all LGBTQIA+ people, friends and family. In case of rain, the event will move indoors. Contact Tracey Hancock at tjhancock@verizon.net, or 607-746-9151.

The Cannon Free Library, 40 Elm Street, will host an after school Crafternoon with clay Tuesday, May 2 at 3 p.m. Then after school STEAM and water

experimentation will be at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, May 10. Send the kids to the library on the dismissal bus. The Library also hosts Knitting every Wednesday morning from 10 a.m. until noon. On Thursdays, Mahjong is played from noon-4 p.m. Evening chess is now the first Thursday of each month from 4-7 p.m. Don't miss it on May 4. The Library's Page Turners Book Club is reading Charles Dickens's "Great Expectations," and if you are interested in joining, call the library to reserve a copy. The discussion gathering is set for 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 24. The library is also starting a second book club with a focus on readers of the GenY, and Gen Z demographic. The first meeting will be in early June.

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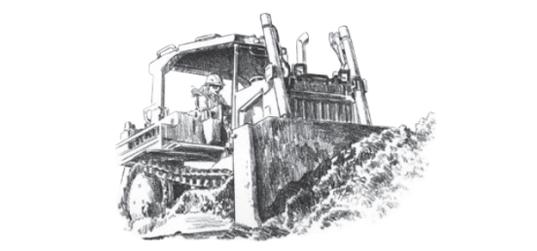


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Community CALENDAR

For a complete list of events and meetings searchable by date, category and location go to www.The-Reporter.net and click on calendar.

Saturday, April 29

2023 Daffodil Jazz Brunch: Tom Morgan and Erna McReynolds invite you to the 2023 Daffodil Jazz Brunch on April 29th benefiting those cared for by Helios Care. There will be wonderful music and delicious food amidst 100,000 daffodils at their lovely country home in Franklin. RSVP by April 21st at helioscare.org/events.

Foods of the Delaware Highlands: Join the Delaware Highlands Conservancy for Foods of the Delaware Highlands on Saturday, April 29 at The Inn at Woodloch in Hawley, PA. Enjoy a four-course dinner from Chef Dan Corcoran featuring seasonal ingredients from local farms. An online silent auction and live auction will feature fun and unique activities, art, and more highlighting the beauty and bounty of the Upper Delaware. Tickets are \$185 per person with additional opportunities to support the event as a sponsor. Advance registration is required.

Sunday, April 30

Delaware County Pride Spring Social: Enjoy an afternoon on the beautiful grounds of Birdsong Farm Community Garden with music by DJ Sara Sisco, free refreshments and great conversation. This event is open to all LGBTQIA+ people, friends and family. In case of rain, this event will move indoors.

Tuesday, May 2

Toddler Rhyme Time at the Cannon Free Library: Every Tuesday, 10:30am-11:30am at Cannon Free Library, 40 Elm St, Delhi NY, 13753 An interactive program featuring repetitive songs, finger plays, and motion. We read one short book and color pictures. Ages 0-3.

Wednesday, May 3

Bingo at the Delhi American Legion: Bingo at the American Legion at 41 Page Avenue at 7:00 p.m. every Wednesday. Sales start between 6:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Play begins at 7:00 p.m. You must be 18 or older to play.

Thursday, May 4

1st Thursday Dinner at St Paul's, Franklin: St Paul's Episcopal Church, 307 Main Street Franklin NY will host its Community Dinner with homemade chicken and broccoli rice casserole, fresh fruit salad and tossed salad along with a dessert buffet on Thursday, May 4th from 5-7pm. The monthly dinners are in support of the on-going interior renovation project. A free will offering is accepted for this "all you want to eat" dinner. This monthly dinner is in its 13th year where all are invited and welcome to join friends and neighbors for dinner and social time together on the 1st Thursday of each month. Dine in or take out is available.

Friday, May 5

Blithe Spirit: Out of the Woodwork Players continue their 34th season bringing the classic Noel Coward comedy Blithe Spirit to the Bainbridge Town Hall Theatre May 5, 6, 7, directed by Sue Atkinson and Monica Gatto. Writer Charles Condomine (Mike Jacobs), looking for inspiration for a new book, engages medium Madame Arcati (Cat Robinson) with unexpected results! Charles struggles with the antics of his "spirited," late wife, Elvira, (Brooke Mignerey) as second wife Ruth (Amanda Lamoree) tries rooting him to reality. Doctor Bradman (Barbara Lamoree) and her sister Violet (Elana Hulsev) round out the cast with the questionable assistance of maid Edith (Monica Gatto). Curtain is 7pm Friday and Saturday May 5 and 6, with a 2pm matinee on Sunday May 7. Tickets are available at the door, \$12 adults, \$10 students and seniors.

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Tuesday, May 9

Adult Grief Support Group: Helios Care adult grief support groups are free monthly drop-in groups open to all members of our community 18 and over. Groups are facilitated by staff specifically trained in grief and loss. Attendees have a safe and confidential place to focus on understanding the grief process, making sense of the strong emotions, and learning from other community members.

Wednesday, May 10

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Downsville Central School District
14784 State Highway 30
Downsville, NY 13755

**Notice of Budget Hearing and Vote
Budget Hearing**

A budget hearing for the inhabitants of the Downsville Central School District qualified to vote at School District Meetings will be held at Downsville Central School, 14784 State Highway 30, Downsville, NY, in the auditorium. The information will be posted on the District website: www.dcseagles.org The meeting will commence at 6:00 PM on Monday, May 8, 2023, where there shall be presented the proposed School District budget for the 2023-2024 school year.

Date of Vote

The vote upon the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures or for any propositions involving the expenditure of money of the authoring of levy of taxes as well as the election of a member of the Board of Education shall be held on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, in the main lobby of the school building in Downsville, NY, between the hours of 2:00 PM and 8:00 PM.

Statement of Money Required for the Next School Year

A copy of the statement of the amount of money which would be required for the next school year for school purposes shall be completed seven (7) days before the budget hearing and may be obtained by any resident of the District at the school during the period of fourteen (14) days immediately before the annual meeting and election, between the hours of 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM, except Saturday, Sunday or a holiday.

Propositions

Proposition #1 – Budget Vote

Shall the Board of Education of the Downsville Central School District be authorized to spend the sum set forth in the budget amount of \$11, 477, 550 during the 2023-2024 school year and to levy the tax therefore.

Proposition #2 – Election of School Board Member

To elect one member to the Board of Education of the Downsville Central School District for a five-year term beginning on July 1, 2023, and ending on June 30, 2026.

Absentee Ballots

All eligible voters are entitled to an absentee ballot. You are an eligible voter if you are 1) a U.S. citizen, 2) eighteen (18) years of age or older, 3) a resident of the district for at least thirty (30) days before the vote, 4) and not otherwise disqualified to vote by law. The District Clerk shall mail absentee ballots to all known qualified voters of the District. Applications for absentee ballots may also be applied for at the office of the District Clerk. Such applications must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days before the vote of the ballot is to be delivered personally to the absentee voter. Absentee ballots must be received in the office of the District Clerk of the District no later than 5:00 PM on the day of the vote.

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

Military Ballots

Applications for military ballots must be received by the District Clerk no later than 5:00 PM on the day before the last date for transmission of military ballots, so that is twenty-six (26) days before the vote in a regular election, or April 20, 2023. Military ballots must be sent to the voter no later than twenty-five (25) days before the election or April 21, 2023. In order to be counted, military ballots must be received by the District no later than 5:00 PM on the day of the election or May 17, 2023.

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 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM not later than Monday, April 17, 2023.

**A Five-Year Term Ending on June 30, 2023, Presently Held by
Chris Towsley**

Each petition must be addressed to the Clerk of the District, shall state the residence of each signer, the name and address of the candidate, and shall describe the specific vacancy on the Board of Education for which the candidate is nominated, which description shall include at least the length of term office, and the name of the last incumbent. Each petition must be signed by at least twenty-five qualified voters, stating the residence of each signer. No person shall be nominated for more than one specific office. (Petitions are available in the Main Office of the School Building.)

Additional Propositions

Any proposition that is required to be included for vote shall be submitted in writing by means of a petition signed by at least twenty-five (25) qualified voters, stating the residence of each signer, which proposition shall be filed with the Board of Education no later than thirty (30) days before the date of the election as set forth in this notice unless a greater number of days is required by statute. Any proposition shall be rejected by the Board of Education if the purpose of the proposition is not within the powers of the voters or the expenditure of monies is required for the propositions and such proposition fails to include the necessary specific appropriation.

Dated: April 19, 2023 By Order of the Board of Education of the Downsville Central School District
By: Regina M. Langdon, District Clerk

**Town of Colchester
Public Notice**
**NOTICE OF COMPLETION
OF TENTATIVE
ASSESSMENT ROLL**

Pursuant to Section 506 & 526 of the Real Property Tax Law. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Assessor of the Town of Colchester, County of Delaware has completed the Tentative Assessment Roll for the current year and that a copy has been filed at the Colchester Town Clerk's Office. The roll may be seen and examined by any interested person until the First Monday in June (June 5th, 2023), at the Delaware County Office of Real Property Website: www.co.delaware.ny.us/departments/tax/rolls.htm a publication containing procedures for contesting an assessment is available at: www.tax.ny.gov/forms/orpts/ass

The Assessor will be in attendance with the Colchester Tentative Assessment Roll the following day at The Colchester Town Hall at 72 Tannery Road Downsville NY
Monday, May 8th 4:30 PM - 8:30 PM
Wednesday, May 10th 4:30 PM - 8:30 PM
Thursday, May 11th 4:30 PM - 8:30 PM
Saturday, May 13th 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

HEARING OF COMPLAINTS

The Board of Assessment Review will meet on Monday, June 5th, 2023 between the hours of 4 pm and 8 pm at the Colchester Town Hall at 72 Tannery Road, in said Town to hear and examine all complaints in relationship to assessments on the written application, correctly filled out, accompanied with the required data of any person believing himself to be aggrieved. Dated this 1st day of May 2023
D. Joe Gifford
Town of Colchester Assessor

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF
A LIMITED LIABILITY
COMPANY**

Notice of Formation of Feak Hollow LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-01-25. 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 Secretary of State: 279 Basket Road Long Eddy NY 12760. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF
A LIMITED LIABILITY
COMPANY**

FEEL GOOD LIVING LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/07/23. 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 1284, Margaretville, NY 12455. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

**Town of Walton
Notice to Bidders**
Request for Proposal

The Town Council of the Town of Walton is establishing an Emergency Evacuation Shelter in the First Baptist Church 55 Townsend St. Walton New York 13856. This shelter has been inspected and approved by the American Red Cross. The Town of Walton will be accepting proposals for the following:

1. Furnish and install a 50-kw natural gas generator with an automatic transfer switch.
2. This must be done in compliance with all building codes and permits associated with this type of installation.

Interested parties can contact the Town Supervisor at 607-865-4052 to make arrangements for a site visit. Request for proposals must be in a sealed envelope clearly marked (Generator) and accompanied with a Non-Collusion form. All proposals will be accepted until May 4, 2023 at 11:00 am at the Walton Town Hall 129 North St. Walton New York 13856

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COMPANY**

Blue Rock Management LLC filed w/ SSNY 3/24/23. Off. in Delaware Co. SSNY desig. as agt. of LLC whom process may be served & shall mail process to the LLC, 87 Liberty St, Walton, NY 13856. Any lawful purpose.

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF
A LIMITED LIABILITY
COMPANY**

Almade, LLC. Filed with SSNY on 3/23/2023. Office: Delaware County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 1272 Cross Mountain Rd Margaretville NY 12455. Purpose: any lawful

**Town of Franklin
Notice of Meeting**

The annual lot owners meeting for the Ouleout Valley Cemetery Association will be held on **Monday May 15, 2023 at 6:30 pm at the Cemetery office at 574 Main Street, Franklin, NY**

**DELAWARE COUNTY
Public Notice**

The Annual Hamden Cemetery Meeting will take place on Wednesday May 17, 2023 at the Hamden Town Hall. The meeting will begin at 7:00pm.

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF
A LIMITED LIABILITY
COMPANY**

Sjc Four Mack LLC. Filed with SSNY on 4/5/2023. Office: Delaware County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 1251 Crosstown Hwy Lakewood Pa 18439. Purpose: any lawful

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF
A LIMITED LIABILITY
COMPANY**

Nys Hardwater Farm LLC. Filed with SSNY on 3/7/2023. Office: Delaware County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 29-09 21st Ave Astoria NY 11105. Purpose: any lawful

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF
A LIMITED LIABILITY
COMPANY**

Catskillkings LLC Arts of Org. filed SSNY 3/21/23. Delaware Co. SSNY design agent for process & shall mail to Zenbusiness Inc. 41 State St #112 Albany, NY 12207 General Purpose

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A LIMITED LIABILITY
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Notice of Formation of Blaq Gold Home Services. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-02-17. 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 Republic Registered Agent Services Inc.: 600 Broadway, STE 200 Albany NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose



**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF
A LIMITED LIABILITY
COMPANY**

Notice of Formation of Turn Magic Wheel LLC. Arts of Org. filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 3/24/23. Office location: Delaware County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 32 Main St, Andes, NY 13731. The name and address of the Reg. Agent is Ada Schjeldahl, 32 Main St, Andes, NY 13731. Purpose: any lawful activity.

**Village of Franklin
Public Notice**

Two (2) Public Hearings of the Franklin Village Board will be held **Monday, May 8, 2023, at 7:00 PM** at Village Hall, 141 Water Street, for the purpose of public comment on:

1. Local Law No. 2 of 2023: Short Term Rental Regulations
2. Adoption of 2023-2024 Village Budget

The meeting will be streamed and recorded on Zoom. For access to the Zoom meeting, please contact the Village Clerk at 607-829-6776.

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF
A LIMITED LIABILITY
COMPANY**

Ettchris Farms LLC. Filed with SSNY on 1/16/2023. Office: Delaware County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 166 Bill Finch Rd Walton NY 13856. Purpose: any lawful



**Supreme Court County of
Delaware**

Foreclosure Notice

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT DELAWARE COUNTY U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, AS SUCCESSOR-IN-INTEREST TO BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., AS SUCCESSOR TO LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR EMC MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2005-A, MORTGAGE P A S S - T H R O U G H CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-A, Plaintiff against DAWN M. THOMSON A/K/A DAWN THOMSON, et al Defendant(s) Attorney for Plaintiff(s) Fein, Such & Crane, LLP, 28 East Main Street, Suite 1800, Rochester, NY 14614. Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered October 3, 2019, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at Delaware County Courthouse, 3 Court St, Delhi NY 13753 on May 12, 2023 at 11:00 AM. Premises known as 549 Stoodley Hollow Road, Walton, NY 13856. Sec 168. Block 1 Lot 14.2. All of those certain piece or parcels of land situate in the Town of Hamden, County of Delaware and State of New York. Approximate Amount of Judgment is \$99,255.32 plus interest, fees, and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No 000283/2017. The foreclosure sale will be conducted in accordance with 6th Judicial District's Covid-19 Policies and foreclosure auction rules. The Referee shall enforce any rules in place regarding facial coverings and social distancing. John J. Wadlin, Esq., Referee SPSNCS74

**Town of Andes
Public Notice**

Notice of Completion of Tentative Assessment Roll

Pursuant to Section 506 & 526 of the Real Property Tax Law.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Tina Moshier, the Assessor of the Town of Andes, County of Delaware, has completed the Tentative Assessment Roll for the current year and that a copy has been left at the Andes Town Hall. It may be seen and examined by any interested person until the fourth Tuesday in May (May 23, 2023) at <http://sdgny.com/imo> and follow the directions or at the Andes Town Hall. A publication containing procedures for contesting an assessment (form RP-524 and RP-524 Inst.) is available online at: <http://www.tax.ny.gov/forms/orpt> The Assessor will be in available to discuss the Tentative Assessment Roll on the following days to answer questions at the Andes Town Hall, 115 Delaware Ave: May 9 th from 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm at 845-676-3737 May 10 th from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm at 845-676-3737 May 12 th from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm at 845-676-3737 May 13 th from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm at 845-676-3737 May 17 th from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm at 845-676-3737 HEARING OF COMPLAINTS The Board of Assessment Review will meet on Tuesday May 23, 2022, between the hours of 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Andes Town hall , to examine all complaints in relationship to assessments on the written application, correctly filled out, accompanied with the required date of any person believing himself aggrieved, All complaints should be accompanied with written supporting documents prior to the May 23rd meeting of the Board either by mail to Andes Assessor, PO Box 356, Andes, NY 13731 or in the outside drop box at the town Hall. SUBJECT TO CHANGE. Dated this 19th day of April, 2023

The Town Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

**Town of Walton
Notice of Sale**
SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK - COUNTY OF DELAWARE

HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE FOR THE REGISTERED NOTEHOLDERS OF RENAISSANCE HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST 2006-4,

V.

BEVERLY J. SHIELDS, DELAWARE COUNTY TREASURER, AS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF PETER A. HUYLER, ET AL.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated March 2, 2023, and entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Delaware, wherein HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE FOR THE REGISTERED NOTEHOLDERS OF RENAISSANCE HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST 2006-4 is the Plaintiff and BEVERLY J. SHIELDS, DELAWARE COUNTY TREASURER, AS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF PETER A. HUYLER, ET AL. are the Defendant(s). I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the DELAWARE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 3 COURT STREET, DELHI, NY 13753, on May 9, 2023 at 10:30AM, premises known as 3 FRANKLIN ROAD, WALTON, NY 13856: Section 251.16, Block 2, Lot 2:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND, TOGETHER WITH THE BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON SITUATE IN THE VILLAGE AND TOWN OF WALTON, COUNTY OF DELAWARE AND STATE OF NEW YORK

Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # EF2018-561. Xibai Gao, Esq. - Referee. Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 310, Westbury, New York 11590, Attorneys for Plaintiff. All foreclosure sales will be conducted in accordance with Covid-19 guidelines including, but not limited to, social distancing and mask wearing. *LOCATION OF SALE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DAY OF IN ACCORDANCE WITH COURT/CLERK DIRECTIVES.

**Town of Meredith
Legal Notice**

SEEKING FUEL BIDS

Pursuant to Section 103 of the General Municipal Law, the Town of Meredith Town Board, 4247 turnpike Road, Meridale, ny 13806, is soliciting SEALED BIDS for the following materials, to be delivered at the direction of the Highway Superintendent:

- Item #1 – Kerosene
- Item #2 – Low Sulfur Diesel-Winter Mix (60/40) required Nov 1-March 31
- Item #3 - #2 Heating Oil

All bids must meet New York State specifications and must be accompanied by a Non-Collusive Certificate. Sealed bids must be marked "HIGHWAY FUEL".

The Town Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Accepted bids will run from June 1, 2023 to May 31, 2024. Bids must be received in Town Hall by MAY 9, 2023 by 5:00 p.m. Fuel bids will be opened at the Town of

Meredith Regular Town Board Meeting on May 9, 2023.

Mail Bids To This Address: Town of Meredith Attn: HIGHWAY FUEL BID PO Box 116 Meridale, NY 13806

Bids can also be dropped off at the Town Hall anytime- use the Black Drop Box located on the Town Hall door.

By order of the Town Board of the Town of Meredith Lilliane F. Briscoe, Town Clerk April 18, 2023

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF
A LIMITED LIABILITY
COMPANY**

ABWB Realty, LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 2/7/2023. Cty: Delaware. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to 974 West Platner Brook Rd., Delhi, NY 13753. General Purpose

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Notice of Formation of 14 Kingston Street, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-02-01. 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 14 Kingston Street, LLC: 1420 MONROE RD Delhi, NY NY 13753. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Notice of Formation of X/NDR, LLC. Arts of Org. filed with New York Secy of State (SSNY) on 1/18/23. Office location: Delaware County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 641 5th Ave, NY, NY 10020. Purpose: any lawful activity.

Sidney Central School District Public Notice Sidney Elementary School's UPK Warriors Program & Fall Kindergarten Registration Information UPK Warriors

Children that reside in the Sidney Central School District and who will be four years old before December 1, 2023 are eligible for the SCSD's UPK Warriors program. UPK Warriors is located at the Cullman Child Development Center at 90 West Road in Sidney. To register your child for the enrollment go to <https://tinyurl.com/2023-2024SidneyUPK> or contact Tammy Osborne, SCD Registrar, at 561-7728. Registration will be open May 8 - 19, 2023. UPK classes will be determined by a lottery drawing which will be held on May 23, 2023. You will be contacted with enrollment results at a later date.

Fall Kindergarten. Children that reside in the SCSD and who will be five years old before December 1, 2023 are eligible for Kindergarten in September 2023. To register your child for Kindergarten please call Tammy Osborne, SCD Registrar, at 561-7728 to set up an appointment.

DELAWARE COUNTY Notice of Sale

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF DELAWARE WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, NOT INDIVIDUALLY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE FOR FINANCE OF AMERICA STRUCTURED SECURITIES ACQUISITION TRUST 2018-HB1, Plaintiff AGAINST BEVERLY J. SHIELDS AS COUNTY TREASURER AS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF NEOMIA SMITH, CHRISTOPHER SMITH AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF NEOMIA SMITH, RAY FLEMING AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF OLRETHA FLEMING, WHO WAS THE HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF NEOMIA SMITH, UNKNOWN HEIRS AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF OLRETHA FLEMING, WHO WAS THE HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF NEOMIA SMITH OF OLRETHA FLEMING IF LIVING, AND IF HE/SHE BE DEAD, ANY AND ALL PERSONS UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF, CLAIMING, OR WHO MAY CLAIM TO HAVE AN INTEREST IN, OR GENERAL OR SPECIFIC LIEN UPON THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THIS ACTION; ET AL., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered February 6, 2023, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in the Courtroom of Delaware County Courthouse, 3 Court St., Delhi NY 13753 on May 10, 2023 at 2:30PM, premises known as 178 Dunshee Road, 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, Delaware County, State of New York, Section 140., Block 1, Lot 26.1. Approximate amount of judgment \$127,986.37 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index #EF2021-668. The aforementioned auction will be conducted in accordance with the DELAWARE County 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. Michael A. West, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC 1775 Wehrle Drive Williamsville, NY 14221 19-006859 75765

DELAWARE COUNTY Notice of Sale

SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF DELAWARE, WILMINGTON TRUST, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE OF MFRA TRUST 2015-1, Plaintiff, vs. JOSEPH BOWER A/K/A JOSEPH M. BOWER, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to an Order Confirming Referee Report and Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered on February 6, 2023, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Delaware County Supreme Courthouse, 3 Court Street, Delhi, NY 13753 on May 9, 2023 at 10:00 a.m., premises known as 54192 State Highway 30 A/K/A 54192 Main Street, Roxbury, NY 12474. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the unincorporated Village of Roxbury, Town of Roxbury, County of Delaware and State of New York, Section 157.3, Block 2 and Lot 2. Approximate amount of judgment is \$167,592.75 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # EF2020-360. COVID-19 safety protocols will be followed at the foreclosure sale. Michael J. Shultes, Esq., Referee Friedman Vartolo LLP, 85 Broad Street, Suite 501, New York, New York 10004, Attorneys for Plaintiff. Firm File No.: 190484-2

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

1. The name of the limited liability company ("LLC") is John and Alana Recchia, LLC. 2. The date of filing of the Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State is March 30, 2023. 3. The County within the State of New York in which the principal office of the LLC is located is Delaware. 4. The Secretary of State of the State of New York is hereby designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him or her is: 10 Orchard Drive, Montville, NJ 07045. 5. The character or purpose of the business of the LLC is any purpose allowed by law.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Notice of Qualification of 88 Bridge Street Studio, LLC. App. For Auth. filed with Secy of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/10/23. Office location: Delaware County, LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 2/28/23. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Cogency Global Inc., 122 East 42nd St, 18th Fl, NY, NY 10168. DE address of LLC: 850 New Burton Rd, Ste 201, Dover, DE 19904. Arts of Org filed with DE Secy of State, 401 Federal St, Ste 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.

DELAWARE COUNTY Foreclosure Notice

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF DELAWARE Specialized Loan Servicing LLC, Plaintiff AGAINST Suzanne Paterson; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered February 6, 2023 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the 3 Court Street, Delhi, Delaware County, NY on May 9, 2023 at 11:30AM, premises known as 784 Crescent Hill Road, Andes, NY 13731. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Andes, County of Delaware, State of NY, Section 261. Block 2 Lots 10, 11 & 15. Approximate amount of judgment \$488,276.28 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# EF2011-693. The auction will be conducted pursuant to the COVID-19 Policies Concerning Public Auctions of Foreclosed Property established by the 6th Judicial District. Thomas Hegerman, 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: March 6, 2023

Town of Sidney Public Notice

Town of Sidney are accepting job applications for a truck driver/ laborer. Should have CDL-B class driver's license or higher.

Job Applications can be obtained at the Sidney Town Clerk's office, and they can be dropped off at the Clerk's office or the Highway Garage located at Cty Rd 23. All Applications need to be returned no later than May 3rd, 2023.

Codey Lambrecht
Town of Sidney
Highway Superintendent

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Notice of Formation of Nadelbaum Acres, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2022-01-12. 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 United States Corporation Agents, INC.: 7014 13th Avenue, Suite 202 Brooklyn NY 11228. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

Town of Hamden Public Notice

Notice of Completion of Tentative Assessment Roll Pursuant to Section 506 & 526 of the Real Property Tax Law

Notice IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Assessor of the Town of Hamden, County of Delaware, has completed the Tentative Assessment Roll for the current year and that a copy has been left at the Hamden Town Hall, where it may be seen and examined by any interested person until the grievance day (May 24th, 2023) The tentative assessment roll is available for viewing on the Delaware County website per requirement RPTL section 1590(2) A publication containing procedures for contesting an assessment (form RP-524 and RP-524.inst.) is available online at: https://www.tax.ny.gov/forms/orpts/assessment_grievance.htm.

The Assessor will be in attendance with the Tentative Assessment Roll on the following days:
May 11th From 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
May 16th From 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
May 18th From 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
May 20th From 10:00 am to 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns at 607-746-6660, ext 3.

HEARING OF COMPLAINTS

The Board of Assessment Review will meet on Wednesday May 24th, 2020 between the hours of 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Hamden Town Hall to examine all complaints in relationship to assessments on the written application, correctly filled out, accompanied with the required date of any person himself aggrieved, All complaints should be accompanied with written supporting documents prior to the May 24th meeting of the BAR either by mail to the Hamden Assessor , P.O. Box 26, Hamden, NY 13782 or in the outside drop slot at the Town Hall. Subject to Change. Dated this 19th day of April 2023.

Tina Moshier
Assessor, Town of Hamden

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Columbus Circle 2018 LLC, App of Auth. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 3/15/2023. 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. General Purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Paak Partners I LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 3/20/2023. Cty: Delaware. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to Altschul & Altschul, 18 East 12th St., #1, New York, NY 10003-4458. General Purpose

DELAWARE COUNTY Notice of Sale

OF SALE
SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF DELAWARE, U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, AS SUCCESSOR TO FIRSTSTAR TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE, FOR MANUFACTURED HOUSING CONTRACT SENIOR/SUBORDINATE PASS THROUGH CERTIFICATE TRUST 1997-5, Plaintiff, vs. RAMONA C. MOSHER A/K/A RAMONA C. RYAN, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to an Order Confirming Referee Report and Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered on February 6, 2023, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Delaware County Supreme Courthouse, 3 Court Street, Delhi, NY on May 9, 2023 at 1:00 p.m., premises known as 25261 State Highway 206, Downsview, NY 13755 a/k/a Colchester, NY 13755. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Colchester, County of Delaware and State of New York, Section 318, Block 2 and Lot 23. Approximate amount of judgment is \$12,363.48 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # EF2021-356. COVID-19 safety protocols will be followed at the foreclosure sale. Stephen F. Baker, Esq., Referee Pincus Law Group, PLLC, 425 RXR Plaza, Uniondale, New York 11556, Attorneys for Plaintiff

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Town of Walton Notice to Bidders TOWN OF WALTON NOTICE TO BIDDERS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, The Town of Walton in conjunction with the Village of Walton are seeking bids for the following proposal:

River Walk Trail located at 21 Water Street

There will be a contractor walk through scheduled for Monday, May 15, 2023 at 8:00 a.m.

To obtain bid specifications, contact Ronda Williams at 607-865-5766 or Joe Cetta at 607-865-4052 or 129 North Street, Walton, NY 13856, email waltonsupervisor@stny.rr.com. Bid needs to be received in an envelope clearly labeled "River Walk". All bids must be received by the Walton Town Clerk 129 North Street, Walton, NY 13856 by 11:00 AM on Wednesday, May 31, 2023, at which time they will be virtually opened. All bids must include a non-collusive bidding certificate. The Walton Town Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Joseph M. Cetta
Town Supervisor
Town of Walton

Walton Central School District Legal Notice 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, 47-49 Stockton Avenue, Walton, NY 13856 and may be viewed live and recorded on the Walton Central School District YouTube Channel <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCeNlyGfgqoZkRPqVwVc3VD1g> commencing at 6:00 PM, on Tuesday, May 2, 2023 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 16, 2023, in the School Bus Garage, 220 Delaware Street, between the hours of 12:00 Noon and 9:00 PM.

The following propositions shall be put forth to the voters in substantially the following form:

Proposition No. 1
Shall the submitted 2023-24 budget as presented by the Board of Education in the amount of \$24,233,793.00 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 therefor, including costs incidental thereto and the financing thereof, an amount not to exceed the estimated maximum cost of Four Hundred Sixty-three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$463,500.00) for the entire term of the lease, and for a term not to exceed five (5) years, the following motors vehicles: three (3) sixty-five (65) passenger school buses; 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 17, 2023. The following vacancies are to be filled:

A three-year term ending June 30, 2026 presently held by M. Graydon Dutcher
A three-year term ending June 30, 2026 presently held by Paul F. Wood

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 or two percent of the voters in the previous Board of Education Election, 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, and is not otherwise disqualified from voting. 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.

Military Voters
Military voters who are qualified voters of the School District may apply for a military ballot by requesting an application from the District Clerk at (607)865-4116 Ext. 6130 or cpfraner@waltoncsd.org. For a military voter to be issued a military ballot, the District Clerk must have received a valid ballot application no later than 5:00 PM on April 20, 2023. In a request for a military ballot application or ballot, the military voter may indicate their preference for receiving the application or ballot by mail, facsimile transmission or electronic mail. The School District will transmit military ballots to military voters on April 21, 2023. Completed military ballots must be received by the School District by 5:00 PM on May 16, 2023 in order to be counted.

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, 2023
By Order of the Board of Education of the Walton Central School

S. Corey Phraner
District Clerk

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Notice of Formation of J&E FAMILY, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/23/23. 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 1403 Mary Smith Hill Rd., Andes, NY 13731. Purpose: any lawful activities.



NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Notice of Formation of Maywood Land Properties, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-03-31. 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 Maywood Land Properties, LLC: PO Box 220 Sidney Center NY 13839. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

Town of Delhi Legal Notice

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN; that the Annual Financial Report Update Document (AUD) for the Town of Delhi for fiscal year 2022 has been completed and is on file at the Office of the Town Clerk, 5 Elm Street, Delhi, New York, where it can be inspected during normal business hours (Monday-Friday, 8am-3pm) by any interested person. DATED: April 10, 2023 By Order of the Town of Delhi Town Council

Elsa Schmitz
Town of Delhi
Town Clerk

Town of Stamford Public Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

STAMFORD TOWN BOARD MEETING

INCORPORATION OF SOUTH KORTRIGHT FIRE DEPARTMENT

NOTICE: At a regular meeting of the Town Board for the Town of Stamford, to be held at the Town Hall, located at 101 Maple Avenue P.O. Box M, in the Village of Hobart, New York 13788, on the 10th day of May, 2023 at 6:00 p.m., the South Kortright Fire Department will seek approval from the Stamford Town Board to incorporate as a Non-Profit Corporation, with its firehouse located at 10668 County Highway 18, P.O. Box 9, South Kortright, New York 13842, to be known as South Kortright Fire Department, Inc., with its district boundaries generally described as being on the southerly side of the West Branch of the Delaware River in the Hamlet of South Kortright, from just westerly of the firehouse on County Route 18, including the old McLean Estate, to just beyond Madison Hill Road on the east end of the Hamlet, with the anticipation of operating in neighboring and nearby Towns in the County, as requested, and the name of the person signing the Certificate of Incorporation is Andrew H. Van Buren. All persons interested shall be heard on whether the South Kortright Fire Department should be incorporated.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Notice of Formation of Tinkertown Provisions, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-02-28. 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 Anne Elizabeth Moore: P O Box I Hobart NY 13788. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

Notice of Formation of Northern Highland LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-03-02. 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 UNITED STATES CORPORATION AGENTS, INC. : 7014 13TH AVENUE SUITE 202 Brooklyn NY 1228. Purpose: Any lawful purpose



Town of Andes Notice to Bidders

John Bouton, Highway Superintendent Town of Andes

Phone # (845)676-4781 Fax (845)676-3914

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Please take notice, General Municipal Law of the State of New York, that pursuant to authorization of the Town Board of Andes, Delaware County, SEALED BIDS for the purchase of:

1.) BANK RUN GRAVEL, SCREENED GRAVEL, SCREENED SAND, CRUSHED GRAVEL, AND COBBLES HAULING ONLY (STOCKPILE & MAINTENANCE)

Price per yard delivered to the Town of Andes Tremerskill Pit and/or site from Clark Companies-Rowman Pit, Bloomville, NY

2.) BANK RUN GRAVEL, SCREENED GRAVEL, SCREENED SAND, CRUSHED GRAVEL, AND COBBLES HAULING ONLY (PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS) *Prevailing Wage must be paid.

Price per yard delivered to the Town of Andes Tremerskill Pit and/or site from Clark Companies-Rowman Pit, Bloomville, NY

3.) CRUSHER RUN HAULING ONLY (STOCKPILE & MAINTENANCE)

Price per yard delivered to the Town of Andes Tremerskill Pit and/or site from Carver Sand & Gravel-Ashland

Price per yard delivered to the Town of Andes Tremerskill Pit and/or site from Carver Sand & Gravel-Schoharie

4.) CRUSHER RUN HAULING ONLY (PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS) *Prevailing Wage must be paid

Price per yard delivered to the Town of Andes Tremerskill Pit and/or site from Carver Sand & Gravel-Ashland

Price per yard delivered to the Town of Andes Tremerskill Pit and/or site from Carver Sand & Gravel-Schoharie

5.) Tri-axle dump truck with operator on an hourly basis, minimum of 15 yard box

Instructions MUST be followed in order for your bid to be opened!

*Item being bid must be specified on envelope: Number, bid name, and your name. (All bids may be placed in same envelope)

*All bids must be accompanied by a non-collusive bid certificate.

*If your bid is accepted you must provide proof of prevailing wage if applicable.

*ALL bids MUST use the bidding package available at the Town Clerk's Office or Highway Department.

*Bids MUST also have insurance proof included in the bid.

*The Town of Andes reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to accept only those advantageous to the Town. The final decision will be left to the discretion of the Highway Superintendent.

Bids will be accepted at the Town Clerk's Office or can be mailed to:

Andes Town Clerk
115 Delaware Ave.
PO Box 125
Andes, NY 13731

Bids will be accepted until May 5th, 2023 at 12:00PM at the Andes Town Hall. The bids will be opened on May 5th, 2023 at 12:01PM.

The bids will be awarded at the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Andes Town Board, Tuesday May 7th, 2023 at 7PM at the Town Hall-115 Delaware Avenue.

Delaware Academy CSD at Delhi Public Notice

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 8, 2023 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 16, 2023 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.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that at said Annual Election to be held on May 16, 2023, the following propositions will be submitted:

Proposition to Establish a Capital Equipment Reserve Fund

Shall the Board of Education ("Board") of the Delaware Academy CSD At Delhi, Delaware County, New York (the "District") be authorized to establish a new Capital Equipment Reserve Fund, in accordance with the provisions of Section 3651 of the Education Law, to pay for costs of furnishings, equipment, machinery and apparatus required for the purposes for which such improvements are to be used for STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) instruction in an amount not to exceed \$750,000, having a probable term of ten (10) years, and be authorized to raise \$750,000 to fund such reserve fund in the current and/or future years through various sources including, but not limited to, state aid reimbursement and cost saving measures resulting in unexpended funds or an unappropriated fund balance in such amounts as determined annually by the Board of Education?

Proposition to Purchase Van

Shall the Board of Education of the Delaware Academy Central School District at Delhi, Delaware County, New York, be authorized to purchase one (1) van including incidental expenses in connection therewith, for the transportation of students, at a maximum cost not to exceed \$45,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary and shall be paid with available funds from the 2022-2023 budget year?

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 4:00 p.m. on April 17, 2023. The following two (2) vacancies are to be filled:

A three-year term ending June 30, 2026, presently held by James Tucker, Jr.

A three-year term ending June 30, 2026, presently held by Kimberly Shephard.

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: April 17, 2023
Lisa A. Kulaski, District Clerk
Delaware Academy CSD at Delhi



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2021 CHEVROLET MALIBU LT silver, 56,700 miles, Prev. Rental.....	\$23,975	\$22,475	\$384	2021 GMC SIERRA 4X4 red, 21,700 miles, 1 owner!.....	\$50,975 \$49,475 \$846
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2021 CHEVROLET MALIBU LT black, 57,600 miles, 1 owner! Prev. Rental.....	\$23,975	\$22,475	\$384	2021 AUDI Q7 AWD white, 58,900 miles, 1 owner! Prev. Rental.....	\$52,975 \$52,975 \$921
2021 CHEVROLET MALIBU LT gray, 14,400 miles, 4 cyl., auto., loaded.....	\$26,975	\$25,475	\$435	2021 BUICK ENCORE AWD red, 8,000 miles, 1 owner!.....	\$26,975 \$26,975 \$461
2021 HONDA CIVIC SPORT red, 83,600 miles, 4 cyl., 6 spd.....	\$22,975	\$22,975	\$393	2021 SUBARU FORESTER AWD blue, 41,000 miles, 1 owner!.....	\$34,975 \$34,975 \$598
2020 HYUNDAI ELANTRA white, 61,500 miles, 4 cyl., auto., Prev. Rental.....	\$17,975	\$17,975	\$271	2021 JEEP RENEGADE LATITUDE 4X4 blue, 20,600 miles.....	\$28,975 \$28,975 \$495
2020 CHEVROLET SPARK LS red, 23,700 miles, auto., A/C, back-up cam.....	\$17,975	\$17,975	\$271	2021 VOLKSWAGEN ATLAS 4X4 white, 28,100 miles, 1 owner!.....	\$39,975 \$39,975 \$683
2020 HYUNDAI ACCENT tan, 63,400 miles, 4 cyl., auto., Prev. Rental.....	\$16,975	\$16,975	\$256	2021 SUBARU OUTBACK AWD gray, 29,500 miles, 4 cyl., auto.....	\$31,975 \$31,975 \$546
2020 HYUNDAI IONIQ black, 16,600 miles, Electric, auto., loaded.....	\$27,975	\$26,475	\$453	2020 MITSUBISHI OUTLANDER gray, 32,000 miles, 4 cyl., auto.....	\$25,975 \$25,975 \$444
2020 KIA SOUL "S" gray, 57,600 miles, auto., Prev. Rental.....	\$19,975	\$18,475	\$316	2020 GMC TERRAIN SLT AWD white, 59,200 miles, auto., Prev. Rental.....	\$28,975 \$27,475 \$470
2020 KIA SOUL red, 56,700 miles, 4 cyl., auto., Prev. Rental.....	\$19,975	\$18,475	\$316	2020 JEEP CHEROKEE LTD 4X4 silver, 56,900 miles, Prev. Rental.....	\$27,975 \$26,475 \$453
2020 CHEVROLET MALIBU LT blue, 61,200 miles, Prev. Rental.....	\$21,975	\$21,975	\$376	2020 CHEVROLET EQUINOX AWD gray, 32,400 miles, auto., 1 owner!.....	\$27,975 \$26,475 \$453
2020 KIA OPTIMA FE blue, 33,800 miles, 4 cyl., 1 owner!.....	\$23,975	\$23,975	\$410	2020 CHEVROLET EQUINOX blue, 31,800 miles, auto., loaded.....	\$26,975 \$25,475 \$435
2020 SUBARU WRX AWD blue, 30,900 miles, 6 spd., 1 owner!.....	\$33,975	\$33,975	\$581	2020 CHEVROLET SILVERADO 1500 4X4 red, 36,800 miles, auto., loaded.....	\$39,975 \$38,475 \$658
2019 FORD FUSION SE gray, 43,100 miles, 4 cyl., auto., Prev. Rental.....	\$19,475	\$19,475	\$299	2020 RAM 1500 BIG HORN 4X4 silver, 57,300 miles, 8 cyl., tow pkg.....	\$41,975 \$40,475 \$692
2019 FORD FIESTA SE silver, 39,700 miles, 4 cyl., auto., Prev. Rental.....	\$16,975	\$16,975	\$262	2020 FORD F-250 XLT 4X4 brown, 52,900 miles, 1 owner! Prev. Rental.....	\$47,975 \$46,475 \$794
2019 NISSAN VERSA SV gray, 57,100 miles, 4 cyl., auto., Prev. Rental.....	\$15,975	\$15,975	\$246	2020 MITSUBISHI ECLIPSE CROSS LTD AWD red, 41,000 miles, 1 owner!.....	\$25,475 \$23,975 \$410
2019 NISSAN NOTE white, 58,200 miles, 4 cyl., auto., Hatchback.....	\$15,975	\$15,975	\$246	2020 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE 4X4 gray, 29,900 miles, 6 cyl., 1 owner!.....	\$32,975 \$31,475 \$538
2019 FORD FIESTA SE gray, 58,000 miles, 4 cyl., auto., Prev. Rental.....	\$15,975	\$14,475	\$247	2020 LINCOLN CORSAIR AWD black, 21,300 miles, 4 cyl., auto., loaded.....	\$35,975 \$34,475 \$589
2019 FORD FIESTA SE white, 60,800 miles, 4 cyl., auto., Prev. Rental.....	\$15,975	\$14,475	\$247	2020 DODGE DURANGO GT AWD gray, 58,100 miles, 1 owner! Prev. Rental.....	\$37,975 \$37,975 \$649
2019 NISSAN VERSA white, 58,200 miles, 4 cyl., auto., Prev. Rental.....	\$16,975	\$16,975	\$262	2020 SUBARU FORESTER PREM. AWD gray, 44,900 miles, 1 owner!.....	\$29,975 \$28,475 \$487
2019 NISSAN VERSA SV gray, 57,900 miles, 4 cyl., Prev. Rental.....	\$16,975	\$16,975	\$262	2020 GMC SIERRA AT4 CREW 4X4 black, 22,200 miles, 6.2L, 1 owner!.....	\$59,975 \$58,475 \$999
2019 MITSUBISHI MIRAGE white, 57,700 miles, 1 owner! Prev. Rental.....	\$14,975	\$14,975	\$231	2020 RAM 2500 BIG HORN 4X4 white, 50,800 miles, 1 owner! Prev. Rental.....	\$49,975 \$48,475 \$828
2019 MITSUBISHI MIRAGE red, 57,200 miles, 4 cyl., auto., Prev. Rental.....	\$14,975	\$14,975	\$231	2020 FORD F-250 4X4 white, 62,800 miles, 1 owner! Prev. Rental.....	\$54,975 \$53,475 \$914
2018 SUBARU WRX AWD gray, 104,800 miles, 4 cyl., 6 spd.....	\$22,975	\$21,475	\$367	2020 FORD ECOSPORT white, 30,000 miles, 4 cyl., 1 owner!.....	\$19,975 \$18,475 \$316
2018 FORD FOCUS SE H/B silver, 65,300 miles, Prev. Rental.....	\$15,975	\$15,975	\$278	2020 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE 4X4 blue, 58,400 miles, Prev. Rental.....	\$34,975 \$33,475 \$572
2016 KIA SOUL blue, 46,100 miles, 4 cyl., auto., Prev. Rental.....	\$16,975	\$16,975	\$325	2020 HONDA HR-V AWD black, 30,300 miles, 1 owner!.....	\$27,975 \$26,475 \$452
2016 FORD FOCUS white, 82,800 miles, 4 cyl., loaded.....	\$12,975	\$12,975	\$248	2020 DODGE DURANGO 4X4 black, 27,900 miles, 1 owner!.....	\$36,975 \$36,975 \$632
2016 HONDA CIVIC TOURING white, 71,000 miles, 4 cyl., auto.....	\$21,475	\$21,475	\$411	2020 BUICK ENCORE GX FWD black, 19,500 miles, 1 owner!.....	\$25,975 \$25,975 \$444
2015 HONDA ACCORD EX-L black, 81,700 miles, Prev. Rental.....	\$17,975	\$17,975	\$329	2020 FORD ESCAPE SEL AWD black, 35,500 miles, 1 owner! *Recall.....	\$27,975 \$27,975 \$478
2014 KIA FORTE EX gray, 102,200 miles, 4 cyl., auto.....	\$11,975	\$11,975	\$289	2020 CHEVROLET SILVERADO 2500 4X4 white, 88,900 miles, 1 owner!.....	\$44,975 \$44,975 \$769

VANS

2021 CHRYSLER VOYAGER LXI white, 58,400 miles, 1 owner! Prev. Rental.....	\$26,975	\$25,475	\$435
2020 CHRYSLER VOYAGER LXI blue, 60,700 miles, Prev. Rental.....	\$24,975	\$23,475	\$401
2020 DODGE GRAND CARAVAN SXT silver, 69,600 miles, Prev. Rental.....	\$20,975	\$20,975	\$359
2020 DODGE GRAND CARAVAN SXT black, 56,600 miles, Prev. Rental.....	\$22,975	\$21,475	\$367
2019 FORD TRANSIT 250 white, 52,600 miles, 1 owner! Prev. Rental.....	\$41,975	\$40,475	\$692

TRUCKS/SUVS

2023 SUBARU CROSSTREK AWD gray, 18,900 miles, 1 owner!.....	\$28,975	\$28,975	\$485
2022 MITSUBISHI ECLIPSE CROSS AWD black, 29,200 miles, 1 owner!.....	\$29,975	\$28,475	\$477
2022 RAM 2500 BIG HORN 4X4 black, 43,400 miles, Prev. Rental.....	\$49,975	\$48,475	\$811
2022 RAM 1500 LARAMIE 4X4 black, 48,500 miles, 1 owner! *Recall.....	\$53,975	\$52,475	\$878
2022 RAM 1500 LARAMIE 4X4 blue, 8,000 miles, tow pkg.....	\$56,975	\$56,975	\$953
2021 FORD ESCAPE AWD blue, 17,500 miles, 1 owner! *Recall.....	\$29,975	\$28,475	\$487
2021 CHEVROLET EQUINOX LT AWD blue, 60,500 miles, Prev. Rental.....	\$24,975	\$23,475	\$401
2021 GMC TERRAIN SLT AWD red, 56,800 miles, Prev. Rental.....	\$28,975	\$27,475	\$470
2021 CHEVROLET EQUINOX LT AWD red, 56,900 miles, Prev. Rental.....	\$24,975	\$23,475	\$401
2021 NISSAN ROGUE SPORT blue, 57,500 miles, 1 owner! *Recall.....	\$22,975	\$21,475	\$367
2021 CHEVROLET BLAZER AWD blue, 56,500 miles, 1 owner! Prev. Rental.....	\$29,975	\$28,475	\$486
2021 RAM 2500 BIG HORN 4X4 white, 63,300 miles, 1 owner! Prev. Rental.....	\$44,975	\$43,475	\$743
2021 FORD F-150 SPORT 4X4 blue, 17,100 miles, 1 owner! *Recall.....	\$50,975	\$49,475	\$846
2021 NISSAN MURANO AWD silver, 59,000 miles, 1 owner! Prev. Rental.....	\$28,975	\$27,475	\$470
2021 GMC ACADIA AWD black, 24,100 miles, 3rd row, 1 owner!.....	\$39,975	\$38,475	\$658
2021 SUBARU CROSSTREK LTD AWD gray, 27,400 miles, 1 owner!.....	\$33,975	\$32,475	\$555
2021 KIA SELTOS AWD silver, 38,700 miles, 4 cyl., 1 owner!.....	\$25,975	\$24,475	\$418
2021 SUBARU CROSSTREK SPORT AWD gray, 23,600 miles.....	\$32,975	\$31,475	\$538
2021 RAM 2500 BIG HORN 4X4 black, 49,600 miles, 1 owner! Prev. Rental.....	\$47,975	\$46,475	\$794

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THE WEEK IN WALTON

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

HIGH SCHOOL HONORED

No Daylight Saving Time Here
— Masons Entertain Grand Master
— Looking up Fire Engine.

H. E. Lane has taken the agency for Buckley Brothers laundry of Oneonta and promises an up-to-date laundry service.

Arthur Neer has sold his farm on the Third brook road to Oscar Schriber. The sale was made through the agency of H. M. Robinson.

Mrs. Newton Houck, cook at the Central House, fell over a basket of clothes one day this week, striking on her head and sustaining painful injuries. Dr. Gould attends her.

Jack Doyle was arrested Thursday night for being drunk and disorderly. He was fined five dollars by Police Justice J. M. Peake and placed under probation in the supervision of Rev. M. W. Riker.

Mrs. I. D. Smith has sold her property on Delaware street occupied by Broughton's market and Galley's shoe store to Woodburn Brothers. The sale was made through the agency of H. M. Robinson.

Marietta College, Marietta, Ohio, has selected Walton high school among the fifty-one high schools in fourteen states to which special four year scholarships are being offered, beginning next September. The scholarships are valued at \$400 each.

Mrs. Anna Mills has sold her six acre farm on Prospect avenue to Frank T. Ives of Beerston. Possession will be given about May 15th, at which time Mr. Ives plans to sever connections with the Beerston Acetate company, where he has been superintendent for some years past. The sale was made through the agency of G. A. Drake.

Eight cans of trout fry were received Tuesday by the Delaware Valley Fish and Game club from the federal hatchery at Cape Vincent, N. Y., and were distributed in West brook. Other shipments from the state and federal hatcheries are expected later in the season. The present shipment contained about 50,000 fry, it is estimated.

A committee representing the village and firemen's boards visited Elmira this week to inspect an American LaFrance pump engine and also went to Syracuse to see an AhrenFox machine. In both places tests of the machines were given. A. J. Courtney and J. J. Farrell represented the village board and A. E. Woollett, Fred Haverly, Milo VanValkenburgh and Harry McCabe the firemen's board.

Daylight saving in New York city and other cities and villages which have adopted the same will go into effect Sunday, April 29, when watches and clocks will be set ahead one hour. Liberty, Monticello, and Middletown are among the places on daylight saving time. Most of the railroad companies have spring timetables effective Sunday. The principal change on the O. & W. is the leaving time of No. 55, the Utica Flyer, which will be at 7:27 a. m. Train 2, south bound, will leave at 12:25 p. m.

Walton Kiwanis recently had a "Courtesy Week" in which prizes were offered to the most

courteous boy and girl selected by designated but unknown persons. The judges were Principal C. P. Wells for the girls and Mrs. Henry S. White for the boys. The judges based their decision not on any special act of courtesy but on their observation of the general courtesy of Walton boys and girls over a period of time. Henry Hafele was awarded the prize for the boys and Mae Morlock for the girls. The Shewanis club not to be outdone is observing a curiosity week. Photographs of Shewanis members in their infancy and younger years are on exhibition in the windows of the Walton music store and a designated but unknown prize is offered the persons making the nearest correct guess as to what local celebrities the photographs are supposed to represent.

It was a notable gathering of Masonic brethren which greeted Justice Arthur S. Tompkins of Nyack, N. Y., Grand Master of Masons of New York state, on the occasion of his visit to the Walton lodge Wednesday evening to meet Master Masons of the Delaware-Sullivan district. Upon his arrival on the evening train Justice Tompkins was escorted to the Kayser club rooms where a banquet had been prepared in his honor at which were present a small number of those high in local Masonic circles. District Deputy H. S. Marvin of Delhi presided at the convocation in the lodge rooms later at which the Grand Master gave an address of interest to all Master Masons in which he outlined the work being done by the Grand Lodge along the line of charitable and relief work, with special detail regarding the Masonic Home in Utica and the proposed tuberculosis camp at Saranac Lake. The practice of the Masonic virtues in everyday life was urged by him. Following the address light refreshments were served. Between four and five hundred Masons were present. Thursday Justice Tompkins went to Oneonta, where a similar gathering in his honor was held that evening.

PROPER HEADLIGHTS ON CARS REQUIRED BEFORE MAY 1ST

The motor vehicle bureau of the state tax department is again calling the attention of automobile owners and chauffeurs to the new headlight regulations effective May 1. In accordance with a list approved on November 5, 1922, more than sixty lenses and devices then in use failed to meet the requirements of the illuminating engineering company, the headlight specifications of this concern having been adopted by all of New England, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Maryland, as well as New York.

Late in November, following completion of the list of approved lenses and devices, the tax commission sent to all county judges, city magistrates, sheriffs, chiefs of police, state troopers and automobile clubs, copies of the law and the new regulations, together with a list of the lenses approved as legal after May 1st. Since the issuance of this list of some forty five approved lenses, one type, the McKee Spreadlist, has been added and copies of the rules and regulations have been forwarded to 4,000 public garages, with a request for co-operation in securing compliance with the law.

The new regulations provide that "all motor vehicles must be equipped with two headlights, with clean bright reflectors, free from rust and dents, and both lamps and lenses must be alike. Twenty-one candle power, gas filled bulbs only can be used."

The commission declares that strenuous efforts will be made to enforce the law and rules and regulations as to approved lenses and devices. A great many of the automobile accidents occur-

ring after dark are claimed to be chargeable to glaring headlights.

Copies of the rules and regulations, containing a list of approved lenses and devices may be procured from the motor vehicle bureau of the state tax commission. Included in the rules and regulations are some very valuable instructions as to the proper method of focusing automobile headlights.

INDICT O. & W. POLICE ON MURDER CHARGE

**Chief Wilson and Three of
His Officers to Be Tried for
Shooting Man**

The four special officers of the New York, Ontario & Western railway, involved in the shooting of Philip Scarzasava at Childs., Pa., on Mar. 13, were indicted for murder by the Lackawanna county grand jury in session here.

Those against whom true bills were returned are: Grant R. Wilson, Middletown; Ernest H. Wagner, Hancock; Howard E. Mulford, Middletown, and John Addley, Carbondale, Pa. It is expected that the trials will be held in Scranton next month.

Scarzasava was killed on the afternoon of Mar. 13 in front of his home, near the O. & W. yards at Childs. Accounts of the shooting given by Scranton papers at that time differed widely as to the manner in which the shooting occurred. Some versions said that he was shot down in the yard of his own home, others told of his being shot down on the porch of his home. All accounts printed in Pennsylvania papers seemed to agree that he had been drinking prior to the shooting and that he had been shooting a revolver. He was said to have fired at some stray chickens that were ravaging his garden.

Chief Wilson told how he and his men, at different points in the yards, had heard the sound of the revolver shots and had rushed toward the point from which the shooting came, to find Scarzasava, a gun in either hand, blazing away at the workmen in the car repair yards.

BRUSH FIRE NOT ONE CALL WAS GIVEN FOR

**Girl Puts Out Flames When
Firemen Fail to Appear**

BAKER'S HOUSE MENACED

**Girl's Presence of Mind
Prevents Serious Fire When
Oil Stove Explodes in
Kitchen.**

While the Walton fire department was making a record run to put out a brush fire on the river bank in front of Mrs. Elizabeth White's house, Stockton avenue, the fire in the home of C. W. Archer on Sewell place, which had caused the alarm to be sent in was being extinguished by Miss Eva Archer, the 14 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Archer. Not until the brush fire was out did any but a few of the firemen know they had come to the wrong place.

The fire started in the kitchen of the Archer home from the explosion of an oil stove. Miss Archer had lighted the stove to do some cooking and then went into the parlor where she sat down to play the piano. Suddenly she heard an explosion like the firing of a gun and hurrying into the kitchen found the flames shooting up to the ceiling.

With rare presence of mind the young woman removed the oil tank from which the burners are fed, turned on the water in pails, locked the outside kitchen door and shut the stair door to prevent a draft. Then she telephoned to the central office for the firemen.

Returning to the kitchen she

busied herself in throwing water on the flames which had communicated to the woodwork. It was some minutes before she had the flames entirely out.

Meanwhile the fire department had responded to the call and started across the river. A short time before a fire had been started on the river bank to burn some trash and in the high wind the flames got beyond control and spread through the brush and grass. The firemen saw the flames and smoke and decided this was the real fire. Hose was connected to the hydrant and the water turned on to put out the flames. Meanwhile Miss Archer had succeeded in getting completely out the fire in the Archer home and the services of the firemen were not needed when it was learned they had visited the wrong place.

The fire badly damaged the kitchen, breaking two window glasses and charring up the woodwork and floor. The damage is estimated at about fifty dollars, covered by insurance carried with the Pond agency.

The Archer fire occurred about 4 o'clock. Earlier in the afternoon the firemen were called to the home of Irving Baker, Haverly hill, by a brush and grass fire started on the bank below the house by sparks from a passing locomotive. The house is too far from a hydrant for hose to be laid, but the chemical was used and members of the department joined the broom and shovel brigade in stamping out the flames.

HIS LOVE REJECTED, MAN SHOOTS SELF

**Ends Life When Attention
Are Found Unwelcome**

HAD MANIA FOR SUICIDE

**Meridale Italian Cast Out by
Own Family When He Joined
Church There.**

(From Meridale correspondent.)

Angelo Nanco, an Italian laborer employed at Meridale Farms, Meridale, shot and killed himself Sunday evening.

Nanco, who was about thirty-five years old, had for some time been attentive to Miss Dorothea Palmer, the seventeen year old daughter of Mrs. Effie Palmer of Meridale, and a student in the Oneonta normal school. Learning that his attentions were displeasing he had for some time been despondent. On Saturday night he called at the Palmer home and on Sunday members of the family at the Russell boarding house, where he stayed, observed that he was acting in a peculiar manner. During the afternoon he was seen to watch the Palmer home through a field glass. Early in the evening he went to the Palmer home again, and stating that he was leaving for his home in Jersey City, demanded that he be allowed to see Miss Dorothea to say good-bye. Mrs. Palmer at first refused his request, but finally consented. When Miss Palmer appeared he asked her if she would marry him, and upon being told "No" in a decided manner, took out a revolver and flourished it.

Merle and Lloyd, the two sons of Mrs. Palmer seized the man, but he broke away from them and turned the pistol upon himself. The bullet entered the right side of the head above the temple, and came out just above the left eye. The man lived for about two hours.

Dr. William Ormiston of Delhi and Dr. Grover Silliman, coroner, were summoned immediately. It was thought best at first to take the man directly to a hospital, but while the question was being debated he died.

Nanco evidently had a suicide mania. Some time last fall he was found unconscious in his car, after he had made a call at the Palmer residence. He denied

all knowledge of the manner in which he became unconscious, but persons who passed the spot where he was found earlier in the afternoon stated that the car was empty when they passed. He told various persons that an attempt was made to stab him at the Morris fair last summer, and one night after service at the Baptist church at Meredith Square, of which he was a member, he threatened to kill himself and a young lady present.

The body was removed to the Mason undertaking rooms at Delhi and plans were made to send the body to his home in Jersey City. Nanco's brother arrived on Tuesday, however, and stated that the family did not wish the body returned to them, as Angelo had cut himself from his family by joining the Baptist church last summer. The funeral will therefore be held at Meridale some time this week, and burial will be made in the cemetery there.

INCUBATOR LAMP CAUSES FIRE

**Explosion Results in Burning
of Roses Brook Farm House.**

The explosion of an incubator lamp caused a fire Wednesday evening which destroyed the farm house of Adelbert Aldrich at the head of Roses brook, near Hobart.

But little of the furniture in the house was gotten out. Neighbors gathered from a wide radius and the other farm buildings were saved.

MR. HOUCK OUT AGAIN.

(From Treadwell correspondent.)

Manley Houck of Treadwell, who was injured recently when thrown from a sleigh, is recovering from his illness and is able to be about again. He is a former resident of Harvard.

ALL WANT GOOD ROADS

**Tompkins Town Board
Overwhelmed With Requests.**

(From Cannonsville correspondent.)

At a meeting of the Tompkins town board a few weeks ago representatives from several sections of the town appeared before the board in regard to their respective roads. A committee of seven were appointed in regard to the following highways: Trout Creek via Pine Swamp to Masonville town line; Rockroyal to Loomis to Walton town line; river bridge, Cannonsville, two miles south side; Johnny brook road; Sands creek to Hancock town line; Reeds creek to Hancock town line. The committee at two meetings arrived at nothing definite. Petitions are being circulated in regard to building the several highways. Undoubtedly a special election will be held as to the town issuing bonds for the purpose and in regard to a bridge over Trout creek on the state road.

COURT LASTED HALF HOUR

**No Business Ready for April
Term of Court.**

The April term of county court was convened at 2 p. m. Monday, Judge McNaught presiding and the following are the "short and simple annals" of the term. The county clerk called the list of jurors, a motion or two was made by attorneys and at 2:30 p. m., the juryman were discharged and the April term of county court was ended.

PATRICK WILL TAKE A REST.

Patrick Gill, a hobo, was sentenced to thirty days in the Delhi jail Saturday by Justice H. M. Read of Hancock.

OBITUARIES



Gary Mostert

After a short but intense battle with cancer, Gary Mostert, 81, of Latham and Warners Lake, died Saturday, April 22, 2023. Gary had a great life.

Born in Delhi on Oct. 1, 1941 to Gerrit and Clarabel (Porn) Mostert, Gary was raised on the family's Treadwell Road dairy farm with his predeceased siblings, Adrianna Baldwin and James "Jack" Mostert. Life lessons from the farm ensured Gary's future success.

Gary was a standout athlete in basketball and track at Delhi's Delaware Academy. He attended Clarkson University and SUNY

Delhi, where he met his future wife Elinor Ann Keith. Gary and Elinor hoped to celebrate their 60th anniversary Dec. 21, 2023. Gary lived on Spring Valley Road in Delhi with Elle and two sons, Kenneth and Eric, until relocating to Latham to pursue a Town of Colonie employment opportunity.

Their beloved son Kenny Mostert of Troy died unexpectedly Sept. 13, 2021.

Eric Mostert lives in Menands with his wife Jane and four sons, John, Peter, Matthew and Stephen.

Farm-life work ethic and pragmatism served Gary well throughout his career, culminating with Gary's elevation to Town of Colonie Water Superintendent. After retirement, Gary and Elle traveled throughout the United States and Europe. Since 1985, Gary and Elle summered at their Warners Lake camp with many, many family and friends.

Funeral services will be private.

To leave a special message of condolence for the family, visit www.NewComerAlbany.com



Gloria Carlson

Gloria Carlson was born June 21, 1943 and passed peacefully Thursday, April 13, 2023.

Gloria grew up in Brooklyn where she and her family enjoyed activities in and around New York City. As a teenager, she played the piano and went on to graduate from the Fashion Institute of Technology. She worked at Junior Sophisticates for a time, then returned to college to become a kind, enthusiastic, knowledgeable and loving teacher for the next 30 years.

While in Brooklyn, Gloria volunteered for about 10 years working on a telephone hotline to find safe refuge for abused women and children. Eventually a building was established for their temporary living quarters in Park Slope. She was also a pioneer in recycling metals (mostly cat food cans!) before anyone else in NYC!!

In the early 1980s, Gloria was introduced to Nichiren Daishonin Buddhism. Her Buddhist practice was an integral part of her life. She attributed many victories in overcoming obstacles and challenges to chanting for herself and others. This was evident the moment you met her. She was a warm and trusting person who found joy in giving to others. She had a radiant personality and a marvelous gift for deep and abiding friendship.

Gloria was devoted to supporting and caring for her Buddhist family. She was a "true Buddha" in this life - a role model of a selfless, compassionate, generous human being who touched many people's hearts and was truly able to blend her Buddhist practice into her daily life.

Gloria was familiar with the Catskills and decided that this was the area she wanted to retire in. She visited Andes, New York and instantly fell in love with the town. She bought a house and dove into her new community. Being new to Andes, she set a goal to meet the people by volunteering at the Andes Thrift Shop and, having been an educator who loved literature, she naturally gravitated to the Andes Public Library. She served in many capacities for the remainder of her life: board trustee, director, acquisitions and catalog specialist, and garden tour committee chair. She was instrumental in getting the library patron computers from the Gates Foundation in the early 2000s and assisted in the planning of two major renovations in 2007-2008 and 2019-2020. In addition, Gloria volunteered for the *Andes Gazette*.

Gloria kept an amazing garden and was devoted to feeding the birds - especially hummingbirds and Baltimore orioles. Gloria was also a talented artist. She loved to paint, quilt and do needlepoint. She supported other local artists, as well as organizations that supported animals. She found great companionship with her dogs and cats and was generous in her giving to shelters and animal rights groups.

Gloria loved to travel and was adventurous, so she traveled to Scandinavia to visit family, all over Europe, several times to India, Costa Rica, Nicaragua and Belgium. Gloria loved and went on many whale-watching excursions.

Gloria is predeceased by her parents Karen and Gustav Carlson and survived by her brother Ken, sister-in-law Jeanne, her nephew Ken (Monica), her niece Karen (Chris), and grandnieces and grandnephews Christopher, Shayla, Isabel, Nora and Kenneth.

A memorial service and celebration of life will take place Saturday, May 6 at 1:30 p.m., Streamside Yoga, 506 Main Street, Andes.

In lieu of flowers, make contributions in Gloria's memory to the Heart of the Catskills Humane Society or the Andes Public Library.

Lois F. Phoenix

A graveside service for Lois F. Phoenix of Tompkins and Walton will be held Saturday, May 6, at 11 a.m. at the Walton Cemetery, 55 Fancher Avenue, Walton, with Pastor Randy Palada, officiating.

Memorial contributions in Lois's memory may be made to Northfield Community Church, 5118 County Hwy. 23, Walton, NY 13856 or Walton EMS, 61

West Street, Walton, NY 13856.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Courtney Funeral Home, Walton. Condolences to the family may be made online by visiting www.courtneyfh.com

Zoe Neff O'Brien

A funeral service for Zoe Neff O'Brien of Indian Trail, N.C., will be held Saturday, May 6, at 2:30 p.m. at Courtney Funeral Home, 25 Townsend Street, Walton, with Rev. Connie Stone, officiating.

Burial will follow in Paige Cemetery in Downsville.

In lieu of flowers the family would like memorial donations in Zoe's memory be made to Dementia Society of America, P O Box 600 Doylestown, PA 18901.

Condolences to the family may be made online by visiting www.courtneyfh.com

Doris Ann Furman Newman

A memorial service for Doris Ann Furman Newman will be held at Sidney Center Church on Sunday, May 7, at 1 p.m. with Pastor Dennis Murray, officiating. Burial will follow in the Sidney Center Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers the family asks you make donations to Sidney Center Church, 10440 Main Street, Sidney Center, NY 13839.

Condolences to the family may be made online by visiting www.courtneyfh.com

Card of Thanks

It's been said that the "power of a person's life is the stories they leave behind."

The outpouring of stories, tributes, acts of kindness, and sincere expressions of condolence and sympathy not only brought comfort to our family but are true testaments to a life well-lived, complete with a story of the power of sharing ones best self with others.

In our time of sadness, we thank you for reminding us of the wonderful legacy he has left for us and his many friends.

The family of Jim Shields



My Father's War

By Rev. Janet Schwengber

There is a PBS program titled "My Grandfather's War." I am of the age where it was my father's war. I am the late child of German immigrants who left Germany before the Nazi regime became unbearable. My father would tell stories of while he worked in Berlin in 1925 he often had to step over dead bodies from the political battles the night before.

He and my mother came to America - it wasn't easy, but they made it. My father was concerned that he would be called to the American army to fight his people, but because he had a handicapped right hand, he could not hold a gun and was not called to fight. My uncle, who served in the German army, was a prisoner of war captured by the Americans. He spent most of his time in a POW camp in Indiana, for which he was forever thankful. But yet it took him five years to find the remnants of his family in Germany after the war ended.

A question we often ask is: "Why war?" What is happening to our world? Can't we find a way to live in peace? Perhaps it

is because we are so filled with anger that all we can do is strike out. Germany was angry with the treatment they received from the conditions of the 1919 treaty of Versailles, thus a new war was created.

Jesus stood before Pilate and he heard the anger of the people, yet HE was not angry but sad because no one seemed to understand or care for what was taking place in their spiritual life. That was over 2000 years ago, so what has changed? Perhaps our anger today is with ourselves. We still have not come to the realization that our spiritual life is the source of love, forgiveness, and salvation and ultimately peace. This season of Easter gives us a good time to reexamine our lives. To recognize our anger and its cause, and to come to the truth of peace in the message of the resurrection, which took place for us to hear and understand today, even if it was 2000 years ago.

It is as Simon Peter said: "Lord, to whom would we go? You have the words that give eternal life." (John 6:68)

Rev. Janet Schwengber, Ph.D., UCC first Congregational Church, Walton; schwukenn@delhitel.net

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MASONVILLE

By Anne Scott ahscott@frontier.com 607-265-3368

Maria Shriver, journalist: "At some point you just have to let go of what you thought should happen and live in what is happening."

April is almost over - there is just this week left. ACT exam in the Sidney High School Library Thursday, April 27. Friday is National Arbor Day - let's try to do something good for the environment and our planet to keep it growing. Into the month of May we have National Physical Fitness and Sports Month, National Physical Education and Sport Week and National Bike to School Week. From Tuesday, May 2 through Tuesday, the 9, math testing for grades 3-8, good luck students. Friday the fifth of May is School Lunch Hero Day, and there will be a board of education meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the high school library (annual budget meeting). Have a great day.

Here on the Farm we got much-needed rain Saturday

evening - the fields were getting quite dry with all the windy days we have been having recently. It has been nice weather for spreading the manure in the fields though, but soon it will be time to plant grasses and corn so we sure could use these rains to get the fields ready for plowing. Most of the corn is planted by no-till and the soils should be good for this, let's hope there is a good growing season for our farmers. The fellas have gotten some posts set for the heifers to use the field for grazing; soon hopefully the grass will grow good for them. The weather report for this week is going to be cooler with more rain predicted during the week. The vet is due to come the first week of May to check on the herd's health, to check for pregnancies and to check the cows for any problems with breeding and any health problems that may occur and to order medicines the fellas may need. The mixer wagon parts that were ordered have come and the fellas are working to get it put back together so they can use it again to feed the cows. More parts for the tractors have been gotten so all the tractors will be ready for planting and harvesting time. Keep purchasing all the dairy products that

you need for baking and cooking purposes and for your enjoyment - this helps the farmers price for their milk to keep good. We are informed by the letters from the dairy market cooperatives and most of the magazines that the price of milk will take a lower rate for the next few months but the price of feed will probably remain the same for awhile longer. Have a great and healthy week all and stay safe.

We wish to express sympathy for the friends and family of Rodney Wagner, our town of Masonville Highway Superintendent who passed away. Keep all of our town workers and representatives in your thoughts.

Birthday greetings this week to Rhonda Lent and Regina Heesh on April 25, Jeff McKown April 27, Chad Mott April 29; Toni Codrington May 2 and Dwayne Scott and Larry Jump Jr. May 3. Have a great birthday, everyone!

Masonville Federated Church with Interim Pastor Rev. Dr. John Helgeson, services at 11 a.m. Bible study is in the dining hall Tuesdays 12:15 to 1:15 p.m. and 3:15 p.m. until 4:15.; title Contagious Faith.

Mother's Day is May 14 and Memorial Day is May 29, with a chicken barbecue being planned.

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Mon. May 1st - Normal Monday Sale & Monthly Fat Cow & Feeder Sale. This will be our Spring Turnout Beef Sale. We have several groups of Angus & Hereford feeders consigned and expect more multiple groups of Quality feeders. The feeder market is in demand and is HIGH! Time to sell! **NOTE: WE WILL SELL THIS SALE STARTING AT 2PM ON THIS SPECIAL SALE.** We will start taking cattle on Sunday. We have plenty of water and hay. Feel free to call with any questions.

Mon. May 8th - Normal Monday Sale & Monthly Heifer Sale.

Mon. May 15th - Normal Monday Sale & Monthly Sheep, Lamb, Goat & Pig Sale

Sat. May 20th - Batavia, NY. NYS Jersey Sale - held at the Genesee County Fairgrounds. More info to come.

Mon. May 22nd - Normal Monday sale & Monthly Organic Day

Sat. May 27th - Sale held at our facility. 10:30AM. Dostie Farm Complete Certified Organic Herd Dispersal. MOFCA Certified. Selling 310 head of Freestall - parlor milked. Herd consist of Mostly Holsteins with some Jersey's and Jersey Crosses. 170 milking age ave. 65#/day that are AI sired includes Dry cows. 140 heifers all in great condition - Springers down to baby calves, bred heifers are bred to bull. SCC 119,000 ave for the year 4.3F 3.2P. This herd has received the Quality Milk Award for 4 years running. This will be one of the nicest Organic herds to sell in a long time!

Mon. May 29th - Normal Monday Sale - We will be open on Memorial Monday.

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VANVALKENBURG RINA C (SEE INST)				COLLAR ORLIE W (SURV SPOUSE OF)			
VANVALKENBURG JOSEPH J	MIDDLETOWN	VANVALKENBURG ADAM J	0.00	MORTGAGE ASSETS MANAGEMENT LLC	MASONVILLE	FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION	0.00
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WESTON BENJAMIN C	ANDES	DEERLICK BROOK LLC	0.00	VANDUSER CANDY		VANDUSER CANDY (LIFE ESTATE)	
COX JUDITH S				KIBE WALTER (EST OF/AMIND OF)	HARPERSFIELD	MCLEAN JULIAN	320.00
KITAGAWA SHARON S	MIDDLETOWN	HAINICK IRA V	0.00	KIBE TOMI (SEE INST)		MCLEAN MANUELA	
		KITAGAWA SHARON S	0.00	KIBE PAUL (ADMIN)			
HAINICK IRA V	MIDDLETOWN	HAINICK IRA V	0.00	NYDAM KENNETH (CO EXR)	FRANKLIN	NYDAM KENNETH	444.00
		KITAGAWA SHARON S	0.00	NYDAM CHARLES (CO EXR)			
HAUSER GERTRUDE (IND & ATTY)	KORTRIGHT	HAUSER GERTRUDE	0.00	NYDAM RUTH E (CO EXR OF/AKA)			
HAUSER JOHN W (BY ATTY)		HAUSER JOHN E		NYDAM RUTH E M (CO EXR OF)			
HAUSER JOHN W (BY ATTY)	KORTRIGHT	HAUSER MELINDA	0.00				
HAUSER GERTRUDE (IND & ATTY)				April 21, 2023			
HAUSER JOHN E				JAMES CARLETON JESSE	HANCOCK	HANLEY MATTHEW	468.00
HAUSER MELINDA				JAMES THERESA LEE			
HAUSER JOHN W (BY ATTY)	KORTRIGHT	HAUSER GERTRUDE	0.00	PAIDEIA CORP	STAMFORD	AFCRE LLC	1,300.00
HAUSER GERTRUDE (IND & ATTY)		HAUSER JOHN E		SCHMITZ KIM (ADMIN)	HANCOCK	SCHMITZ ERIC	0.00
HAUSER JOHN E		HAUSER MELINDA		HUNTER ALFRED J (EST OF/ADMIN OF)		SCHMITZ KIM	
HAUSER MELINDA				HUNTER MARY LOU (AKA/SEE INST)			
MERRILL ARTHUR M	COLCHESTER	TOMPKINS RODNEY L	260.00	HUNTER MARY L (SEE INST)			
DERODA PATRICIA A				TOTH DIETER	STAMFORD	TOTH ELVIRA	4.00
MARTIN EDWIN W	KORTRIGHT	BEAR MOUNTAIN FARM LLC	0.00	TOTH HAROLD (AKA)			
MOHEGAN REAL ESTATE LLC	MASONVILLE	FRACKIEWICZ DANIEL	130.00	TOTH HARALD			
		FRACKIEWICZ SYLWIA		TOTH ELVIRA			
CLODOMIR LIVING TRUST DATED	COLCHESTER	CLODOMIR GERARD M JR (TR)	0.00	HEATH PAUL N	SIDNEY	RIVER STREET RESIDENCE LLC	380.00
AUGUST 26 2011 (BY TRS)		CLODOMIR GABRIELLE F (TR)		HEATH DENNIS D			
CLODOMIR GERARD (TR)		GERARD AND MICHELLE		BREINER FAITH A (HEIR)	COLCHESTER	CRAIG SEAN R	26.00
CLODOMIR MICHELLE (TR)		CLODOMIR IRREVOCABLE TRUSTE U/A DATED SEPTEMBER 8 2021 (BY TRS)		BREINER GERALD T JR (HEIR)			
		CLODOMIR GERARD M JR (TR)	0.00	MARTIN HEATHER (HEIR)			
		CLODOMIR GABRIELLE F (TR)		BREINER GERALD (HEIRS AT LAW OF)			
		GERARD AND MICHELLE		SMITH RICHARD (BY ATTY)			
		CLODOMIR IRREVOCABLE TRUST U/A DTED SEPTEMBER 8 2021 (BY TRS)		MARTINI KELLY ANN (ATTY)			
		COUNTY OF DELAWARE	0.00	LEDER JONATHAN B	ROXBURY C	HETLEN ALANA	1,016.00
		DELAWARE COUNTY					
DELAWARE COUNTY (BY CO TREA)	MASONVILLE	COUNTY OF DELAWARE	0.00	April 24, 2023			
COUNTY OF DELAWARE (BY CO TREA)				TUCKER MARIE (FKA)	BOVINA	TUCKER RICHARD	0.00
POSSEMATO ROBERT JR (BY CO TREA)				HETTERICH MARIE	ANDES	TUCKER MARIE	
OLSSON GEORGE (BY CO TREA)				CHAMBERS DORA A		CHAMBERS CODY	0.00
BUCHHOLZ MITZI (CO ADMIN)	HANCOCK	PEASE MARYLN	0.00			CHAMBERS DORA (LIFE ESTATE)	
GREEN NICOLE I (CO ADMIN)				FUHRMAN ROBERT N	ANDES	CHAMBERS IAN (LIFE ESTATE)	
TOMPKINS ARTHUR E (EST OF/ADMIN OF)	FRANKLIN	SHIRPOUR FATEMEH MAX RICARDO	144.00	JEFFERSON JENNIFER		HAMMES ASA JAMES	192.00
MILLER RUSSELL P				GRANDISON PATRICIA	ROXBURY	KING ROBERT JOHN	260.00
				NEWMARK MARK G		KING RICHARD JOHN	
						KING MICHAEL J	
April 19, 2023				SCARIMBOLO DEONNA	KORTRIGHT	ROMAN MANAGEMENT LLC	1,252.00
DONNOLO ANTHONY J	SIDNEY	DONNOLO PETER	0.00	WILKE RICHARD	DAVENPORT	MENDEZ JUAN CARLOS	320.00
		DONNOLO ANTHONY J (LIFE USE)		LOCKWOOD CYNTHIA M	KORTRIGHT	HOANG CHI	180.00
NYDAM CHARLES (CO EXR)	FRANKLIN	DOWNIN CHRIS J	400.00	LOCKWOOD ROBERT A SR		HERRERO DANIEL	
NYDAM RUTH E (AKA/CO EXRS OF)		DOWNIN PENNY K		MCCANN SUSAN J (SEE INST)	DEPOSIT	SIG-76 ELM ST LLC	340.00
NYDAM RUTH E M (CO EXRS OF)				MCCANN DEANNA			
NYDAM KENNETH (CO EXR)				WHEELER DARLENE D	DEPOSIT	DEINHARDT STEVEN M	0.00
DELLACROSSE POLLY G	HAMDEN	KNAPP HOPE S	0.00	WHEELER DONLEY D (SEE INST)		DEINHARDT STEVEN M	0.00
LEWIS HENDRICKSON REVOCABLE TRUST DATED MAY 4 2001 (BY SUCC TR)	COLCHESTER	BROWNE WILLIAM JR	600.00	WHEELER DARLENE D	DEPOSIT	WHEELER DARLENE D (LIFE ESTATE)	
BOWERS COLLEEN (SUCC TR)		BROWNE MICHELLE				SHAW JONAH	0.00
HENDRICKSON LEW R				DUMOND CRAIG S (SHERIFF)	FRANKLIN		
HENDRICKSON MARGO (SEE INST)				AMERICAN GINSENG PHARM REGIONAL CENTER LLC (BY SHERIFF)			
HENDRICKSON LEWIS E (SEE INST)				DMK DEVELOPMENT-STAMFORD LLC	HARPERSFIELD	AGREE CENTRAL LLC	16,000.00
GONZALEZ ELIAS	TOMPKINS	GOTTHARDT ADAM	560.00	WILLIAMS LEROY	MASONVILLE	WILLIAMS LEROY	0.00
GONZALEZ TRACY		GOTTHARDT PEYTON E				WILLIAMS YVETTE A COPPIN	
SKOVSENDE ELSIE (EST OF/EXX OF)	ANDES	PORTA EDWARD	1,680.00	PENSCO TRUST COMPANY (CUSTODIAN FBO)	DELHI	CLARK GERMAIN RIVER	56.00
ELSIE SKOVSENDE ESTATE (EXX OF/SEE INST)				DANIEL A LIDDLE IRA (BY CUSTODIAN FBO)			
MOHR SHARON (EXX)				AUERBACH-CLINE JILL	MIDDLETOWN	ULLMAN MICHAEL J (TR)	3,680.00
SKOVSENDE VIGGO (SEE INST)				CLINE WILLIAM (SEE INST)		TERRY RILEY TRUST (BY TR)	
SCHMITT PAUL J	FRANKLIN	SCHMITT PAUL J	0.00	CLINE JILL			
SCHMITT MARY G				TIERNEY-WELSH LORETTA	ANDES	WELSH SCOTT (ADMIN)	0.00
						WELSH ROBERT (ADMIN OF/EST OF)	
April 20, 2023				WELSH SCOTT (ADMIN)	ANDES	RAGGI BARBARA	288.00
MAURER DAVID (HEIR/BY REF)	FRANKLIN	FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION	0.00	WELSH ROBERT (ADMIN OF/EST OF)		ROTHBERG ELIZABETH	
MAURER LOUISE K (EST OF/BY REF)				VILLAGE OF STAMFORD	STAMFORD	STAMFORD JOINT FIRE DISTRICT	0.00
MAURER GRETCHEN (HEIR/BY REF)				STAMFORD VILLAGE OF			
AUSTIN JUDY ANN (HEIR/BY REF)				KELLY EDMUND M	BOVINA	HOLLAND RYAN	2,860.00
RUBENFELD GAIL (REF)				KELLY CAROLYN O		HOLCOMB-HOLLAND LORI	