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## Walton search warrant executed

*Environmental crime unit responds to report of contaminated dump site*



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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.

## 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



Steve Reed of Hamden, center, is named the 2023 Delaware County Republican of the Year. Also pictured are Senator Peter Oberacker, at podium, and Assembly Representative Chris Tague.

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

## 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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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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Elizabeth DeFalco/The Reporter

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.

### BY THE NUMBERS

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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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](http://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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# Older residents... *continued from front page*

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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# Lincoln Day Dinner... *continued from front page*



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



Elizabeth DeFalco/The Reporter

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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file photo

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



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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.



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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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A raised bed at the Sheldon Park Community Garden.



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











## Create your native plant garden



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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# 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.

## Longyear Gallery exhibit: Frontier Horizons by Victoria A. Scott



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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.

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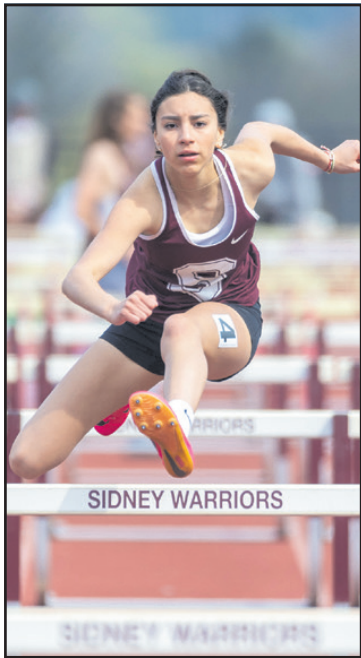
# SPORTS REPORTER

## 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

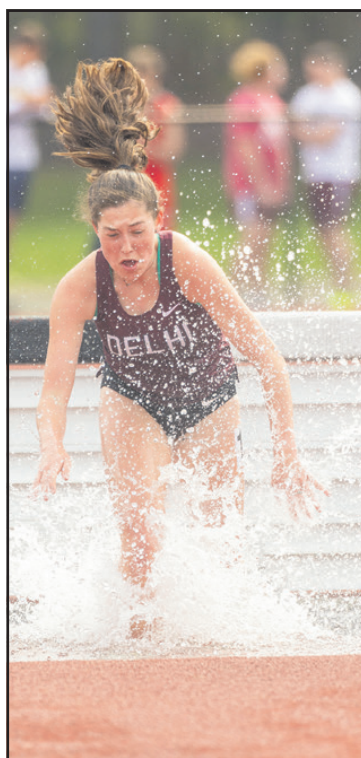
- Long Jump**  
 1. Jaiden Schrag, UV, 15-11.50  
 2. Hailey Fleury, Oxford, 15-05.25  
 3. Isabelle Briggs, Sidney, 15-03.25
- Pole Vault**  
 1. Adelle Wilson, CV, 9-07.00  
 2. Kathryn White, CE, 7-00.01  
 3. Jayle Leonard, Delhi, 7-00.01



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



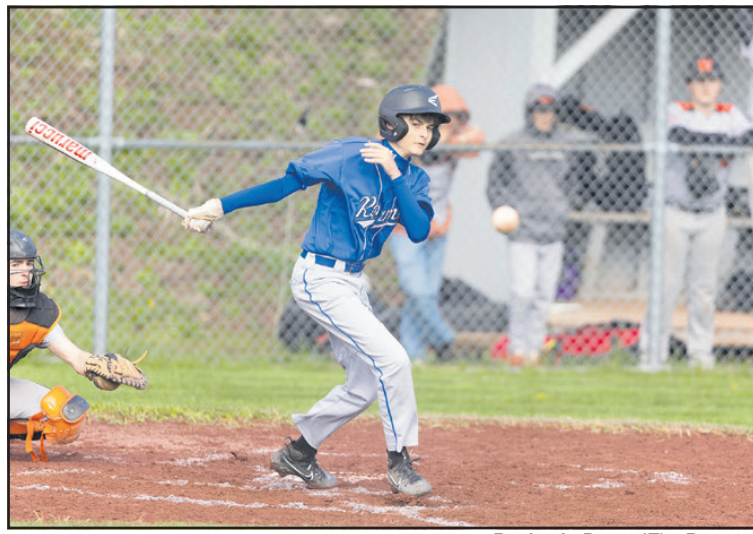
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South Kortright's Adam Champlin pitches during his team's 7-1 win over Walton on Monday, April 24.



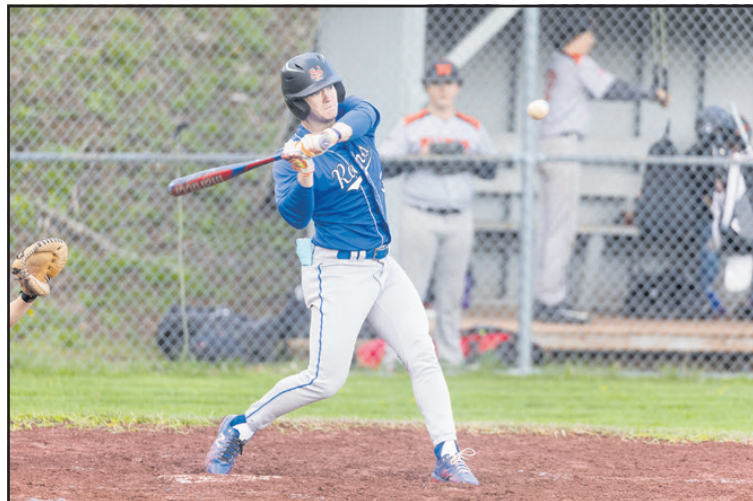
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Walton's Kyle Schamber cheers on his teammates during his team's Monday game with SK.



Benjamin Patton/The Reporter

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.



Benjamin Patton/The Reporter

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.

## Delaware League Standings

As of Monday, April 23.			
<b>Varsity baseball</b> (7 games)		Margaretville	1-0 1-2
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	<b>Varsity tennis</b> (10 matches)	
Jefferson/Stamford	0-3 0-5	Margaretville	7-0 7-0
Roxbury	0-4 0-7	HTC	4-2 4-2
<b>Varsity softball</b> (8 games)		Stamford/Jefferson	3-3 3-3
Davenport	2-0 5-2	Windham	2-2 2-2
Roxbury	1-0 2-0-1	Andes	0-5 0-5
Gilboa	1-0 3-2	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](http://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](http://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; .

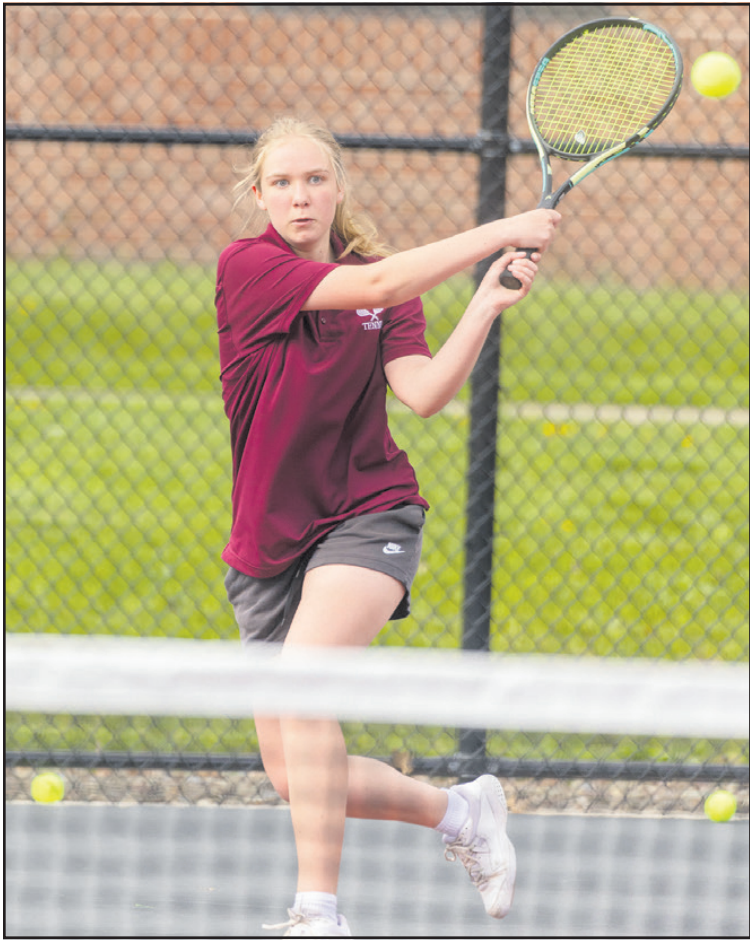
### Thursday, May 4

**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



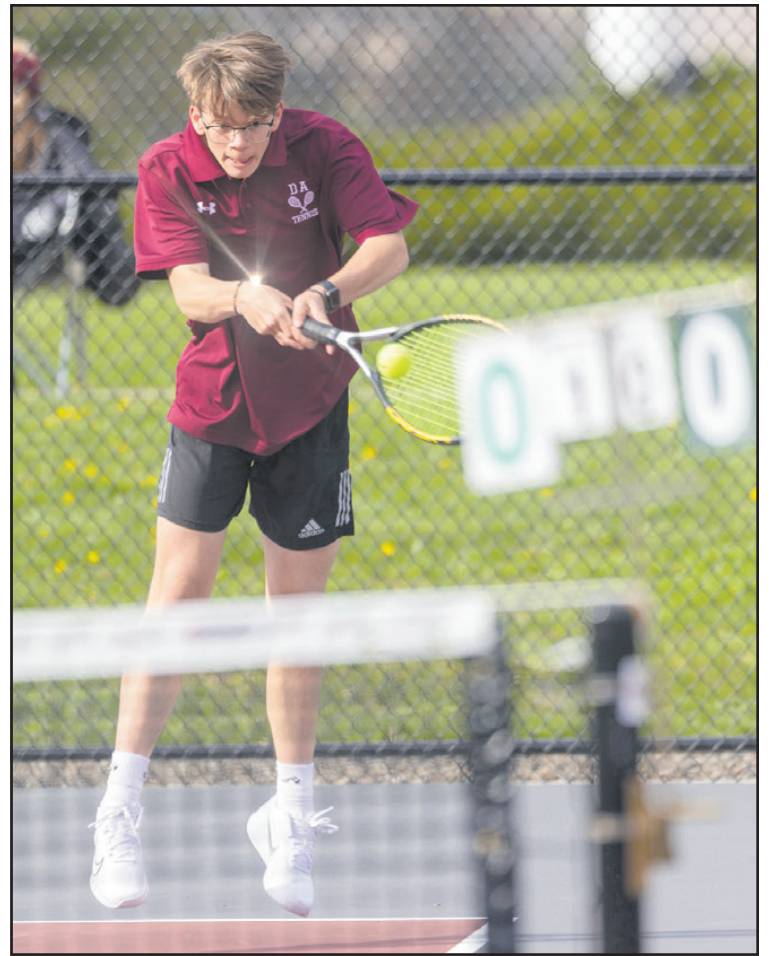
DELHI - The Delaware Academy tennis team defeated the Sidney Warriors 4-1 on April 25.

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](http://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.

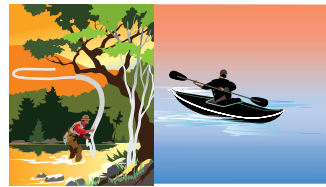
"Ace Hardware was great, the Stamford Library - there were so many," she said and added, the Earth Day 5K and Fun Run which had many sponsors, was made possible due to the generosity of the 15 to 20 volunteers who helped throughout the day.

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 pro-

vides 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.



Red maple flowers.

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;

- 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](mailto: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.



Deer shed photo taken by Bret Aphthorpe

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

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](http://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](http://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 [bainbridge.chamber@yahoo.com](mailto:bainbridge.chamber@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.

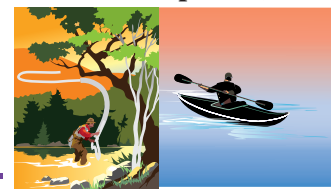
The finale for both Saturday and Sunday night will be fireworks by American Fireworks sponsored by SFCU starting at approximately 10 p.m..

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.

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pede-like critters, doing our part for citizen science (instead of just riling up the birds with fake mob calls). The sad truth is that coal-burning power plants and other industrial processes produce emissions that ride the westerlies to northeast forests and impact the neurological and reproductive health of many birds and other wildlife. Studies, like the one we participated in, show that impacts are found not only in water bodies but in forests.

Heading up the hollow, John questioned why we were seeing several marking flags in the ground. At first, it reminded me of the bird project, but we soon realized the flags were marking the many culverts that run beneath the road. It is likely the flags were placed for maintenance and safety purposes.

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-

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" x2" 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.

## 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](http://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;

• Successful hunters must report their harvest within seven days of taking a bird. Call 1-866-426-3778 (1-866 GAMERPT), or report the harvest online at DEC's Game Harvest Reporting webpage; and

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Sporting licenses may be purchased online at any time and anglers may use their privileges immediately by simply carrying their transaction number (DEC-LS#) with them while afield. Visit [dec.ny.gov](http://dec.ny.gov) for more information about sporting licenses.

## DELANCEY

By Linda Shepard  
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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.

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# DELHI

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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](mailto:Kp216@live.delhi.edu). If you want to donate but not walk, donate through the Cash app, \$delhicle, 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](mailto: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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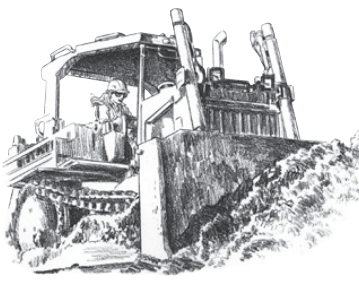
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## Community CALENDAR

For a complete list of events and meetings searchable by date, category and location go to [www.The-Reporter.net](http://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](http://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 Hulse) 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.

### Saturday, May 6

**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 Hulse) 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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### Wednesday, May 10

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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

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#### NOTICE TO BIDDERS

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\*ALL bids MUST use the bidding package available at the Town Clerk's Office or Highway Department.

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\*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.

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Bids will be accepted until May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 12:00PM at the Andes Town Hall. The bids will be opened on May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 12:01PM.

The bids will be awarded at the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Andes Town Board, Tuesday May 7<sup>th</sup>, 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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# LOOKING BACK

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100 YEARS AGO,  
SATURDAY, APRIL 28, 1923

## 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 Attentions  
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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](mailto:schwukenn@delhitel.net)

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