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DelCo Fair Heads Meet With NYS Fair Officials

By Rosie Cunningham

WALTON - Nine different county fair heads met with New York State Fair officials for a sit-down to work out details and conflicting schedules last week.

Discussion ran the gamut from carnival ride bookings, to showing and exhibits, attendance and vendors.

In January, Governor Andrew Cuomo announced the New York State Fair in Syracuse would be 18 days long (from 14 days). Some of the county fairs will overlap with the state fair and county fair leaders said "it's hard to compete"

with the state fair. Although local fairs see a high attendance, visitors hail from across the state and beyond to attend the Syracuse event in August.

Director of the Delaware County Fair Ed Rossley was one of the nine officials who met with the state fair representatives.

"It was a good meeting," he said. "Everyone agreed that they want to see all fairs succeed. Individuals from the state fair were more than willing to work with us."

There are more than six months for all parties to come to an agreement as to what to do

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DelCo Sales Tax Receipts Decline In 3&4Q 2019

Between 2018 and 2019, county-only sales tax collections (outside New York City) increased by 4.4 percent, growing in 54 of 57 counties.

Westchester County had the strongest year-over-year increase at 12.6 percent.

Rensselaer (8.4 percent), Yates (7.9 percent) and Washington counties (7.8 percent) had increases over 7 percent as well, while three counties - Delaware, Essex and Fulton - had collection decreases.

Prior period corrections and late filing changes made to sales tax collections can have a significant impact on overall growth or decline.

For instance, Rensselaer County's strong year-over-year increase in collections for 2019 was bolstered by nearly \$3.8 million in technical adjustments. Conversely, a total of \$1.6 million in technical adjustments contributed to Delaware County's decline in overall collections,

and Fulton County experienced a large technical adjustment of \$387,000 in the month of April.

Local sales tax collections totaled \$18.3 billion in 2019 for a year-over-year increase of 4.7 percent. While this was slower than the 5.3 percent annual growth for 2018, it exceeded growth in all other years since 2013.

Every region's increase in collections slowed compared to the previous year, with the exception of the Mid-Hudson and Finger Lakes regions.

Declining gas prices were likely the reason why many upstate regions experienced a slowdown in growth of collections.

Various elements can influence sales tax growth, including both economic factors and state and local policy changes. The economic climate in 2019 was generally positive for sales tax growth. The statewide labor market remained firm through-

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Focused On Flood Reduction In Walton

By Lillian Browne

WALTON - Walton trustees viewed a short presentation on a variety of flood rehabilitation, prevention and reduction projects at a meeting on Feb. 3. Delaware County Soil & Water Dis-

trict Stream Program Manager Graydon Dutcher detailed the projects which totaled nearly \$5 million, much of it grant funded, since the formation of the Walton Flood Commission in 2010.

Additional projects are planned in 2020-21 which include a boat launch at the Water Street site; stream bank stabilization on Pines Brook, the design of the floodplain reclamation at the Breakey Motors site on Delaware Street adjacent to the west branch of the Delaware River and other flood mitigation projects in the village, Dutcher said.

The West Street boat launch will resemble the boat launch in Delhi, behind 97 Main Street at the west branch of the Delaware River, rather than the boat launch at Ice House Turn, on state Route 10, north of the village of Walton, Dutcher said. The

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Full Throttle



Benjamin Patton/The Reporter

Jarred Pinner competes at the Delaware Valley Ridge Riders' Groundhog Weekend Dash for the Cash in Downsview on Saturday. Story and more photos in the sports section.

Delhi Community Members Honored At Chamber Mixer

By Christina Viafore

At the Greater Delhi Area Chamber of Commerce (GDAC) Star Awards Mixer on Friday, Jan. 31, held at Bluestone at The College Golf Course at Delhi, the Chamber's latest awards ceremony recognized members of the Delhi community. The awards are given to recognize community members and businesses that strengthen the area.

The Community Service Star Awards went to Chris Maney, Bill Cairns, and June Barriger. Hope Knapp, president of the GDAC, presented the first award to Chris Maney for the work he has done to enhance the youth recreation activities in Delhi, including running the Peewee Football program for 29 years, and little league for 15 years.

"I can't thank you enough for being that man in our community that so many of these kids need and look up to," Knapp said.

"It is nice to be recognized" Many said. "You hear the complaints, you don't always hear the thanks you. We do it for the kids and to try to teach them to do the right thing."

Community Service Star awards also went to Santa's helpers William "Bill" Cairns and June Bar-

riger. At 18 years old, Cairns joined the Delhi Fire Department starting. "I'm just enjoying it all and mostly the kids in our community, seeing the joy on their faces," he remarked.

Barriger has also volunteered in various roles during her time in the Delhi community. In addition to being Mrs. Claus, she has been a Girl Scout leader, a coordinator for the Delaware County Red Cross, member of the Delhi EMS, survivor chair of the Relay For Life, the committee for the Fair on the Square, and more.

June said "It's just such a special place and I just want everyone to know what a special place it is."

The Customer Service Star Award went to David Arehart for his exceptional treatment of the patrons as the Golf Pro at The College Golf Course at Delhi. Knapp said "Dave is super friendly, super accommodating and nice to everyone he meets."

Arehart started the summer junior golf clinic. He told the group he is thankful to be a part of the community, and for the golf course employees who have worked in the pro shop over the years. "Really, it's about the customers and the community," and "It's been my pleasure to be a part of this."

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Aging-Friendly Communities Good for Economy, Group Says

By Lillian Browne

WALTON - Nearly 50 people representing different agencies, organizations, not-for-profits and municipalities attended a day-long "Aging Friendly" workshop in Walton on Jan. 30, to help communities self-evaluate for age-friendliness and potentially plan for a state designation.

Consultant Esther Greenhouse gave a comprehensive presentation on leveraging the built environment followed by a hands-on sensitivity training in which participants were able to experience their surroundings from an differently-abled point of view, which mimicked conditions often associated with a senior population.

Participants donned sunglasses smeared with petroleum jelly to experience the world as a person with cataracts. They also placed socks with tennis balls on their hands to experience decreased and grip and a change in hand-dominance which could be associated with a stroke or

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Esther Greenhouse representing Care Compass Network, right, and Dotti Krupp of Delaware Valley Hospital/UHS Healthcare co-facilitated a Jan. 30 "Aging in Place And Universal Design" Workshop in Walton.

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WALTON

By Patty Wood 607-865-5009
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TA's Place, 249 Delaware Street, will host a benefit breakfast on Saturday, Feb 15 from 6 a.m.-noon to help the Closs family - Rob, Jestin and Abby, the victims of a devastating fire last week that destroyed their home and belongings. There will be baskets, raffles, 50/50 drawings and more. Donations of household items or things to raffle can be dropped off at TA's Place. Any help would be greatly appreciated. They are two of my favorite kids, and if you can do anything to help it will be very appreciated by them.

The American Legion Auxiliary is having its dinner on Friday, Feb. 7 starting at 5 p.m. at the Walton Veterans Club. Menu is chicken and biscuits with mashed potatoes, cole slaw, green beans and the famous desert bar. Just \$10, serving until gone, but it all goes fast. Thanks for your support.

Wonder if anyone took advantage of the palindrome 02/02/2020 as a wedding date? Think that would be cool, but I'm not in the market for one. Or maybe someone had a baby Sunday? A cool birthday to remember! Otherwise it was noteworthy for the woodchuck who predicted an early spring at least.

So there are going to be some changes to the Delaware Co. Fair schedule this year but nothing that will affect children's entries at the New York State Fair. The biggest changes are Children's Day along with the bike giveaway moving to Tuesday, and the parade will be that night. Derbies are still on Monday and Friday

nights. Schedules and contracts are still being finalized for other days, but stay tuned.

The DVH Volunteers are having a bake sale on Thursday, Feb. 6 from 8 a.m. until sold out in the hospital lobby. They also have chances for a handmade wooden train, donated by Allan "Tink" Reynolds. Tickets available in the gift shop. The volunteers also have a large collection of books in the gift shop. Stop over to stock up your for winter reading - puzzles are also available. Most are under \$1.

Townsend School is collecting pennies during the month of February for the annual Pennies From Heaven fundraising event that supports Delaware Valley Hospital. If you can, send your pennies in with your elementary school students. At the end of February they will be weighed and the class with the most pounds of pennies will win a pizza and ice cream party. It's always a fun competition among the classrooms and the money is donated to our local hospital. The money has been used to buy things like new televisions and furniture for patient rooms, and other helpful extras donated by the DVH Volunteers.

This Friday, come to the annual Townsend School Talent Show at 6 p.m. in the Townsend School. Children sing, dance and play instruments and the show is free and open to the public. Sponsored by the Townsend School PTA.

On Tuesday, Feb. 11 from 6-7

p.m. at Townsend School a Math & Movement Family Fun Night for students and adults will take place. It's a high energy math and reading event where children use floor mats and wall charts to learn math and reading concepts through movement. Kids and parents move from station to station while engaging in fun and educational kinesthetic activities. Kinesthetic learning (also referred to as tactile learning) is an approach that involves carrying out a physical activity as opposed to sitting and listening to a lecture or watching a demonstration. The Family Fun Night is designed to boost math and reading skills and foster an "I can do math!" attitude. It also teaches parents ways to work with their kids at home. As a special bonus, each participating family will receive two free ebooks, "Multiply with Me," and "Learning to Multiply Can Be Fun" with a parent instruction book and a student workbook. All elementary students and their parents are encouraged to attend. Return the slip sent home in backpacks, or call the school 865-5220 to RSVP. We want to make sure we have enough materials and staff so we would like an approximate number, but you can still come without a reservation.

The Townsend Ag Club is collecting some items for recycling, that will help them have operating money for the club as well as be good for the environment. If

you would like to help, save Pop-Sockets (old cell phone holders), Arm and Hammer and Oxiclean pouches, Entenmann's Little Bites pouches, Barilla Ready Pasta pouches and Zuru Bunch O'Balloons packaging. There is a box at the elementary school to recycle these products. Thank you for your help to support the Townsend Ag Club.

Next week's Classic Flix at the Walton Theatre on Feb. 20 at 7 p.m. will be "The Bridge on the River Kwai" starring William Holden, Alec Guinness and Jack Hawkins.

Note: if you have a child who will be 5 years old by Dec 1, 2020, he/she is eligible for kindergarten in the fall. On Feb. 24, Kindergarten registration begins at Townsend School. Contact us for registration papers if you don't receive them this week. We will send paperwork to the children we know are in this age group. You will need a copy of the child's birth certificate, immunization records and health history forms will need to be filled out. If you have any questions, call me - Patty Wood - at 865-5220, x4077.

The ice skating rink at Austin Lincoln Park has been open and I've seen a lot of hockey being played! It's a free skating park, but needs to be maintained by the skaters (snow cleared, and smoothed). There are also skates available in a variety of sizes in the shed by the rink.

If you're on Facebook you may

have seen the grassroots efforts of the "Destination Walton" group, a group of community minded Waltonians that have come together to submit an application to "Hometown Takeover" a new HGTV show looking for a town to help renovate their main street and historic buildings. The opportunity will be huge for us, and I'm so proud of the efforts being put forth by this group of people who have rushed to get pictures and video together. More on the finished product next week when the video is done and can be shared. I don't know what are chances will be but we've got to be in it to win it!

Thank you to the group of people who showed up Saturday, on short notice, to film the finale shot. Huxley Hitt was the youngest to come, and I won't name the oldest, because it was almost me! But a nice feeling to see everyone working together for a common goal.

February's Coffeehouse at the Theatre will be Feb. 16 and will feature the Kimberly Hawkey Trio in "Selections From Classic Hollywood." Coffeehouse performances are on the second floor of the Walton Theatre, Walton, at 6 p.m. For more information, see www.kimberlyhawkey.com.

Coffeehouse events, sponsored by Music on the Delaware, are free with donations gratefully accepted. Coffee, tea and desserts are available.

Tractor & Machinery Operators' Course

Delaware County Cornell Cooperative Extension will offer a tractor and machinery operators' certification course beginning Thursday, Feb. 20 at the extension building, 34570 State Hwy 10, suite 2, Hamden.

The class, taught by Delhi farmer Larry Burgin, will be Thursdays, Feb. 20, 27, March 5, 12, 19, 26 and April 2 from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Students will then be given a driving skills test. This course will cover safe operation and routine maintenance of farm tractors. Youth who pass the

course will receive a certificate.

By federal law, no person under 16 years of age may operate a farm tractor or farm machinery on a farm owned by anyone other than the person's parents. The tractor & machinery operators course allows exemption from this law for 14 and 15 year olds.

The cost is \$40, which covers a course workbook.

Questions or to register, contact Cooperative Extension: 607-865-6531 or email pec7@cornell.edu.

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out the year, with continued employment and wage growth. Consumer spending also held up well throughout the year, despite slightly reduced consumer confidence over prior years.

Another factor that likely had a dampening effect on collections was the fact that in 2019 gas prices were down for the first time since 2016. Taxes collected from the sale of motor fuel are a significant component of overall local sales tax revenue, especially upstate.

When gas prices and motor fuel sales taxes fell by over 10 per-

cent in both 2015 and 2016, many upstate counties had decreases in overall sales tax collections.

The 2019 decline of 5.7 percent in gas prices and 4.2 percent in sales taxes collected on motor fuel is less dramatic.

Finally, some of the strength in collections could be related to a state policy change aimed at increasing both state and local tax collections on sales made over the internet. Since June 2019, online marketplaces must collect taxes on behalf of the third-party sellers for which they facilitate sales transactions unless those

sellers are already collecting the tax independently.

The Department of Taxation and Finance (Tax & Finance) has not yet released any information on how much revenue is being generated from the implementation of this law.

To review the report titled "Growth in Local Sales Tax Collections Remain Strong in 2019 Due to Robust Second Half," in its entirety, visit osc.state.ny.us/localgov/pubs/research/growth-in-local-sales-tax-collections-second-half-2019.pdf.

Bainbridge Receives Grant For Sewer Study

By Allison Collins

The village of Bainbridge is taking a closer look at its sewer system, thanks to a \$30,000 New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation grant.

Bainbridge Mayor Phillip Wade said the funding, awarded in December, will enable an engineering study to hopefully identify the cause of excessive inflow to the village's sanitary sewer treatment plant.

"The village operates a water system and a sewer system... and those are over 20 years old," he said, noting that the sewer system is separated into storm and sanitary, or treated, flows. "We noticed that the sanitary sewer system was having some problems.

"The sewer system discharge flows through the sanitary sewer system into the Susquehanna

River, and the (Department of Environmental Conservation) gives us a SPDES (State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System) permit to allow a certain amount of discharge," he continued.

Water entering the river, Wade noted, is "treated to a point where it doesn't create a problem when discharged," but the issue is with volume and not water quality.

"By watching our flows, we noticed a major increase in the amount of flow to the plant," Wade said. "When events like large rainstorms happen, we actually exceed our allowable flow into the river and if we continue to do that, we violate our DEC permit."

The grant-funded study, Wade said, is the "first step" to identifying and solving the issue.

"Before we even decide to repair, we need an engineering assessment called an 'I and I,' or

infiltration and inflow, study to assess where the inflow is coming from," he said. "The state budgets moneys to assist municipalities with all kinds of clean water-related actions."

Though requiring a 20% match from the village, Wade said, the study will "have no direct impact" on the village's roughly 1,300 taxpayers. The \$30,000, he noted, is expected to cover the study.

"We made our case and we were granted our \$30,000 and that does require a 20% match, but we're going to do that through work in-kind," he said. "We'll use village employees as part of the project to provide services during the study and that will be how we have matching funds." Those village employees, he noted, are paid separately through Bainbridge's water and sewer fund.

The village, Wade said, has contracted Syracuse-based engineering firm Barton & Loguidice to perform the study.

"We're hoping to get the work done in the spring," he said, "to have (the study) ready to make a plan of action. We think that out of this study will come other actions we may want to take."

That action plan, Wade said, will likely mean seeking additional state funding.

"The hard part is thinking long term," he said. "We need to have this study in hand. We applied in July last year and the awards were announced in December in Albany, so now we can proceed, and our target is to get the study done in time for the next grant cycle to see if we can get additional funding. It will likely be 2021 before we can stick a shovel in the ground.

"We're going after other sources, as well," he continued. "It's all part of keeping the place vital, sustained and growing... and this is one way we're going to do that."

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Evan Bowker, Delaware County Economic Development

DelCo Supervisors Make Appointments, Recreate DSS Position

Disposal Fees At Landfill Updated

By Lillian Browne

DELHI - Delaware County Economic Development's Evan Bowker was appointed on Jan. 22 by the Delaware County Board of Supervisors to represent the county on the Southern Tier 8 Regional Planning Board for a two year term.

Southern Tier 8, representing Broome, Chenango, Cortland, Delaware, Otsego, Schoharie, Tioga and Tompkins counties, creates economic development strategies to drive growth and improve the quality of life through inclusive collaborations and works with county planning and economic developers to prioritize federal investment requests across the region.

The group has established regional goals to be accomplished over a five year period, which include: developing regional economic strategies through entrepreneurship, small business, industry cluster development, business attraction and sale to foreign markets; create educational opportunities and affordable access to skills training, job placement assistance and quality childcare; address infrastructure deficiencies in broadband, energy, housing and transportation; create innovative approaches to community wellbeing such as poverty, health and care of our seniors, and develop strategies to focus on the region's rural communities.

Upon the recommendation of the county's social services committee, supervisors approved budget transfers to fund a Director of Programs position, with a salary range of \$62,256-\$68,629.

The position was eliminated several years ago, according to Hamden Supervisor Wayne Marshfield, and the duties trans-

ferred to social services deputy commissioner. Currently, Sylvia Armano is holding the positions of commissioner, deputy commissioner, director of programs and youth bureau director.

The recreation of the position, which will be posted and filled according to civil service guidelines, will alleviate the workload for Armano and comply with state recommendations, Marshfield said.

Supervisors also authorized adjustments to the fee schedule for disposal of various materials at the landfill by creating a new \$30 per ton fee for industrial solids. Previously, according to Department of Public Works Commissioner Susan McIntyre, there was no allotment charged for industrial solids.

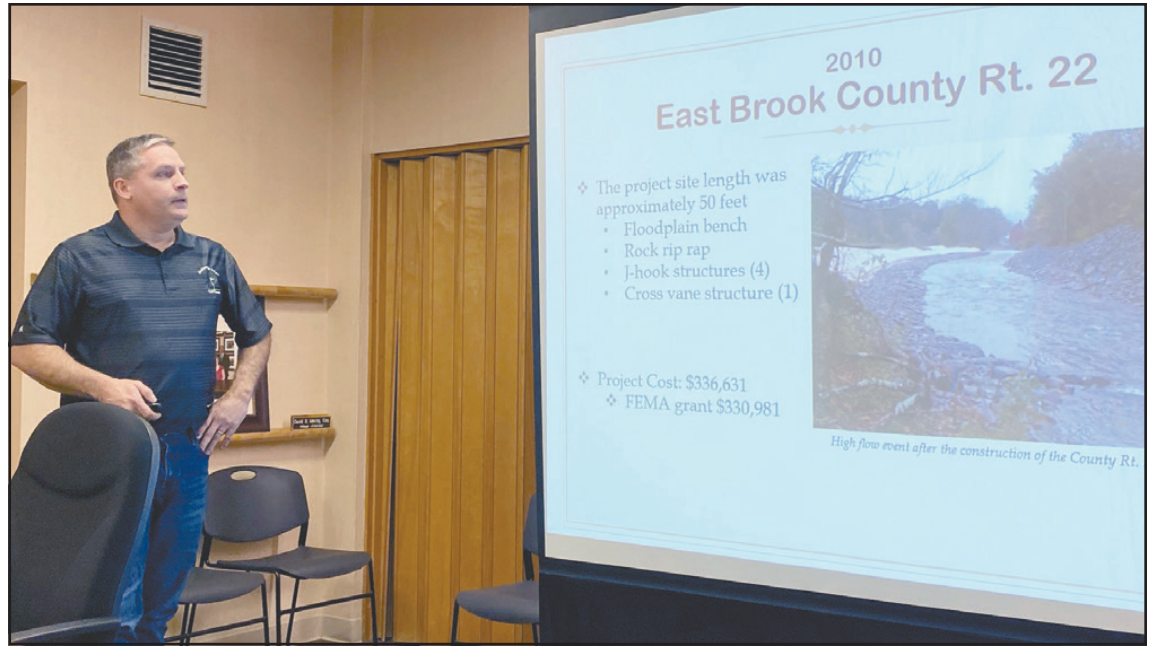
Fees of: \$200 per ton for friable asbestos, \$10 each for box springs and mattresses, \$87 per ton for construction and demolition debris, \$30 per ton for contaminated soil, \$80 per ton for wastewater treatment plant sludge, and \$25 per ton for wood (clean and unpainted lumber) remain unchanged.

In other business before the board, appointments were made to Delaware County Advisory Board as follows:

- Andes - Dale Tait;
- Arena - Mike Sarrubi;
- Arkville - Robert Sweeney;
- Bloomville - Michael Pietran-toni;
- Bovina - Kevin Brown;
- Delhi - Timothy Murray;
- Downsville - Michael Ca-zzolla;
- East Meredith - David Briggs;
- Fleischmanns - Todd Wick-ham;
- Franklin - Thomas Worden;
- Hobart - Joshua Mason;
- Margaretville - Nelson Delameter;
- Pindars Corners - Matthew Accordino;
- Roxbury - James Bouton Jr.;
- Sidney - Greg Peck Sr.;
- Sidney Center - David Gill;
- Stamford - AJ Vamosy III;
- Treadwell - Anthony DeDo-minicis;
- Trout Creek - Chris Kinney;
- Walton - Frank Wood.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Delaware County Board of Supervisors will be held on Feb. 27 at 1 p.m. at the county office building, 111 Main Street, Delhi.

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Lillian Browne/The Reporter

Ten years of flood prevention projects were summarized by Delaware County Soil & Water District Stream Program Manager Graydon Dutcher at the Feb. 3 trustee meeting in Walton.

yet-to-be-installed boat launch will provide access for fire and emergency services departments, he said.

Though it is nearly impossible to "head-off" a 500-year flood event in Walton, Dutcher said, tremendous strides have been made to reduce the impact of 100-year flood events.

Though his department has been able to effectively design projects to minimize or prevent flooding from West, Third and East Brooks, Dutcher said, "We can't solve for the West Branch."

Precipitation totals have been steadily increasing in Walton, Dutcher said, as measured by stream gauges. "We design for those increases," he said. "But we still have a one percent chance of having a 100-year flood event each year."

In other business before the village, Bill Brown of Delaware Engineering reported that the grant application to fund an inflow and infiltration study at the wastewater treatment plant was denied. The village can reapply for funding in the future, Brown reported.

Though finalization is a couple of months away, Brown said, a formalization of bonding - similar to a mortgage - for upgrades to a portion of the municipality's water pipes and mains should be anticipated by officials. A grant secured by Delaware Engineering on behalf of the village will offset 60 percent of the \$2 million cost of upgrades. The remaining 40 percent will be financed with a low interest loan from New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation.

Also discussed:

- Brown reported that the New York State Department of Transportation has given the village permission to upgrade the culvert at Third Brook over New York State Route 10 (Delaware Street) adjacent to TA's Place. However, it must be upgraded to DOT's specifications and there is no funding offered from the state for the upgrade. The Catskill Watershed Corporation has requested documentation from the village outlining DOT's permission to proceed to potentially fund the upgrade of the culvert to a bridge. DOT will accept ownership of the bridge, once upgraded to its specifications.

- At Brown's request, the village declared the replacement of a portion of the village department of public works building, at an estimated cost of \$400,000, as a "Type 2" project in compliance with state environmental review requirements. A portion of the building will be demolished and will be rebuilt on the same footprint. A formal environmental review is not needed. Fifty percent of the project is funded through a grant obtained with the assistance of Senator Jen Metzger's office. The village has committed to funding \$200,000 of the project costs, which can be offset by a contribution of in-kind labor costs, Brown said. It is anticipated, based on prior experience, Brown said, that the project will start in approximately one year, which will give the municipality time to seek additional grant funding or budget for the village's share of the project.

- At the request of Department of Public Works Superintendent Ernest "Butch" Smith, trustees authorized the purchase of a \$30,518.15 leaf vacuum, which was budgeted for in the current budget. The department's existing leaf vacuum was manufactured in 1985 and replacement parts are no longer available.

- Trustees approved pool operation management training for Brian Sprague, required by New York state, at a cost of \$325.

- Maxine Locherer, Joann Pomeroy and Amy Stanton were appointed as election inspectors at the hourly rates of \$12, \$11.80 and \$11.80 respectively, for the 2020 election which will be held on Wednesday, March 18 from

noon to 9 p.m. at village hall located at 29 North Street.

- At the request of Steven Harrison of 28 Fitch Street, the village waived a sewer capital fee, following the formalization of the combination of two parcels of property.

- At the request of Police Chief Joe D'Addezio, the village authorized the purchase of two replacement kevlar vests at a cost of \$400 each. The village authorized the application of a grant to offset 50 percent of the cost of the vests. The village also authorized a \$125 field officer training fee for Logan Wood to be held in Delhi Feb. 24 - 27.

- In January, Walton Police responded to 302 calls, including five domestic complaints, 17 welfare checks, 17 assists to other agencies, 13 assists to fire/emergency services, two alarm activations, three criminal mischiefs, four motor vehicle accident investigations, five harassment complaints, four petit larceny complaints, five suspicious persons complaints, nine trespass complaints, among other activity. Police made four misdemeanor arrests, three felony arrests and issued 31 traffic summons. Police drove the department's two patrol vehicles a total of 2,481 miles in January.

- Code Enforcement Officer Stephen Dutcher issued two building permits, completed 15 field inspections, conducted five certificate of occupancy searches and received four complaints in January.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of Walton trustees will be held on March 2 at 6 p.m.

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about scheduling conflicts.

"It is a concern that people who qualify to go to the state fair at our fair and others will have conflicts and overlap," said Rossley.

The NYS State Fair is slated to start on Aug. 24 and the county fair runs from Aug. 17-22. Therefore, Rossley said it will not interfere directly with the Delaware County Fair in Walton.

Companies and individual vendors and carnival rides often

travel from one location to the next and Rossley said one of the things discussed is a different rotation of food vendors and if there is an overlap, some vendors will be able to enter the state fair at a later date.

"Unless they choose to go to the state fair," he said. "Right now, we are in negotiations with our rides and ride companies," he said.

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The recipients of the Greater Delhi Area Chamber of Commerce Star awards, from left to right: David Arehart, William Cairns, June Barriger, presenter Hope Knapp, Amy Beveridge, Barbara Green, Chris Maney and William "Al" Perkins.

O'Connor Hospital received the Business Star Award. Knapp said "We are so lucky to have in our community a facility with an ER, with radiology, with primary care," Amy Beveridge, Director of Operational Support and Barbara Green, Director of Human Resources at O'Connor, were present to accept the award for the hospital. Beveridge thanked the community for its support of the hospital, which has been a part of the community for almost 100 years.

The final award of the night went to William "Al" Perkins, who recently retired from the chamber board of directors after over forty years of dedicated service.

"We appreciate all of your hard work and all of your insight and everything you have given us," Knapp said. "We are so grateful for the years that you put into our community, the hours, the work and all you have given to our community." In addition to the Community Volunteer Star of the Year award from the chamber, but he was also given a

New York State Commendation award, the highest accolade given to a citizen.

Senator Metzger's chief of staff, Leah Goldman was in attendance to present Perkins with the award. Goldman revealed that this award goes to "Someone who exemplifies the spirit of volunteerism at its best, who serves as a leader in their community, and works on neighborhood causes, mentoring others and someone who has extreme generosity."

Perkins told those gathered "It's going to be tough to move away from Delhi - it has been a part of my soul for a long, long time." He continued, saying, "I know that you will continue the work it takes to make Delhi great."

President Knapp closed the night by revealing why she loves Delhi and the Chamber's "29 Days of Love" campaign on social media during the month of February. "You can look around you. This is what makes our community so great and so awesome."

Stamford Village Library Designated a Star Library *Manager Credits Programming For the Distinction*

By Rosie Cunningham

STAMFORD - The Stamford Village Library (SVL) has been designated as a Star Library by the Trade Magazine for the Library Journal (December issue). The quaint and cozy public library is located at 117 Main Street in the village. For the distinction, there are 6,333 United States Public Libraries and 261 across the country received the star designation and 35 in New York state. SVL is also part of the Four County Library system which caters to residents in four counties.

According to three-year SVL Manager Patricia Parks, the library was selected based on annual submitted statistics.

"Circulation, visitors, programs and wi-fi use," she said, naming examples.

When asked what she believes sets SVL apart, Parks was quick to answer.

"I believe, our programs," she said.

Last year, the SVL had 467 programs and about 3,335 who participated - visitors in 2019 topped 15,000. Parks said that figure was an increase from 2018 and even more from 2017 (the star distinction was based on 2017 figures).

"We are way over the 2017 numbers now," she said. "We have a program for everyone - not just for those who want to be a part of a book group."

There are countless activities offered for adults and children - writing workshops, book groups, movie discussion nights, game night, a needlework group, story time for Kiddie Corners Pre-School, computer assistance lessons offered by employee Fred Hitchcock, local history workshops offered monthly by historian and part-time employee Karen Cuccinello, defensive driving classes offered on site, yoga classes offered by part-time

staffer Rod Sauquillo and holiday activities - to name a few.

"This year, we subscribed to Hoopla (digital media service), so members can stream books, movies and music," said Parks. "For Valentine's Day we are offering 'Blind Date With a Book.' We gift wrap books and members read and can review the book and there are prizes involved."

Aside from programming, what makes SVL stand out is the collaborative efforts among the library board of trustees and the six part-time staff members, said Parks. The staffers are Hitchcock, Sauquillo, Marta Villanueva, Cuccinello, Erika Eklund and Parks (there are also numerous volunteers).

"People play to their strengths," she said.

She noted that there have been incredible contributors as well.

"O'Connor Foundation has been great," she said. "Through them, we are getting a virtual reality kit for adults, the Robinson-Broadhurst Foundation has been huge and C.O.R.E Values is a wonderful supporter as well. We also recently sent out a fundraising campaign through the mail to the community and the response was great - \$4,500 was raised. Senator James Seward has always been a great supporter as well and he will be missed (retiring)."

Parks said she hopes to add even more kid-friendly options in the library in the future.

"We want mothers and families to know they are always welcome," she said. "Talking is not discouraged."

The SVL is open six days a week; Mondays from noon to 5 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 to 7 p.m., Wednesdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Saturdays, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, visit www.sblny.org or call SVL at 607-652-5001.

Revamped Unadilla Business Offers Coffee, Confections & Community

By Allison Collins

Sidney native Ashley Cordner has sweet plans for Unadilla's newest business.

Cordner, 26, purchased the former Meeting Place at 187 Main Street in mid-December from Dwight Mott, rechristening the coffeehouse Donna's Home Treats.

Mott announced The Meeting Place's closure at the end of November; Cordner hosted Donna's Home Treats grand opening on Feb. 1.

The name, Cordner said, pays homage to her late grandmother, Donna Kay Leonard, while celebrating a family tradition.

"My grandmother always baked with us when we were younger and that's what I grew up doing - just being in the kitchen and doing crafty stuff," she said. "I've had a lot of family members die, but her (death) affected me the most, because she helped raise us and was there all the time. Looking back on that, I know she was the reason I started this and why I love to bake and cook and do crafty stuff, so it felt very respectful for me to tribute her in this way."

Though after determining to launch her business, Cordner didn't necessarily envision a coffee house, she said Mott's space seemed suited to her goals.

"I had kind of worked all these dead-end jobs and I realized, I'm 26, I need to figure out what I'm going to do with my life," she said, "so I decided in August to open up my own business. I saw in November that this place was up for sale and thought, 'This is perfect.'"

"I wasn't gearing toward a coffee shop, but more baked goods and crafty items," Cordner continued. "Then I saw what he (Mott) was doing here and thought it would make good platform to start and then extend from here."

Cordner said she will maintain much of The Meeting Place's menu, while introducing her own items. Beyond baked goods and beverages, lunch, she noted, will be served throughout the week, with dinners on Friday and Saturday nights.

"I'm adding more baked things, like cookies, cakes, brownies and stuff (Mott) didn't have," she said,



Allison Collins/The Reporter

Ashley Cordner, owner of Donna's Home Treats in Unadilla, stands in her 187 Main Street, Unadilla business with her daughter Peyton, 2.

"but keeping the scones, muffins and pies." Cordner noted that her mother, Bonnie Houck, will help in the kitchen.

Cordner said the addition of certain menu items is designed to foster fresh clientele.

"I'm keeping most of the coffee drinks, but adding milk, apple juice and orange juice to make it more kid-friendly," she said, "and I've added a couple of sandwiches like grilled cheese and peanut butter and jelly."

"I know that the old customers that came were mostly from the older generation and more from Unadilla," Cordner continued, "I'm hoping that with the new things I'm adding, I can get younger people, mothers and parents and I also want to bring in activities once a month to get high school and younger kids to come in. I want to make it more of a community and have (people) see that it's not just a place for the older generation to drink coffee, but somewhere you can come in, hang out and be a part of the community no matter what age you are."

Strengthening ties to the area in which she grew up, Cordner said, was a priority when considering where to start her business.

"It was very important to me because I'm very much about my family," she said. "My family has been a huge part of my life and I wanted to stay around here for my kids, so they could grow up like that."

"I knew I'd be more successful in a city with more people and more money," she continued, "but support-wise, I'd rather be around my family and a small town is a good place to start. I like Sidney and Unadilla; I'm from here and it's very homey to me. I don't think I'd want to start a business someplace else."

As Donna's Home Treats establishes itself, Cordner said, she hopes to parlay her love for the area into outreach.

"I want to help out other organizations and local businesses, so I plan to do fundraisers, donation drives and look more into sustainability and talk about getting a community garden," she said. "That kind of stuff is big news and what people are passionate about. I want to bring in all those people and say, 'We can do this together.' When you're from a small town you don't think you can make a difference, and I want to show people that it might be a small difference, but we can start."

For more information or to view a menu, find "Donna's Home Treats" on Facebook, visit donnaohometreats.cafe, follow @donnaohometreats on Instagram or call 607-643-8428.

Donna's Home Treats is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday; 10 to 6, Friday and Saturday; 10 to 4, Sunday; and closed Monday and Tuesday.

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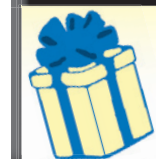
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Sunglasses smeared with petroleum jelly and socks containing tennis balls and placed on hands were used in the sensitivity training to allow participants to experience their surroundings from a different ability level.

other degenerative conditions; and mobilized with walkers and wheelchairs to better understand how accessible and/or age-friendly their surroundings were.

Greenhouse advocated for different agencies to collaborate to create an action plan or road map to community livability where residents could age in place.

The core group would be self-tasked with identifying challenges and opportunities to improve a community's livability, shape an action plan to address findings and implement improvements.

People age 50 and older, Greenhouse said, are the powerhouse of the local economy, especially in places like Delaware County, which has identified an increase in its aging population.

The senior population has a positive economic impact on its community, and as such, Greenhouse said, communities can do things - like require wider doors, zero-step entryways and wheelchair-width and -friendly passageways and flooring in new construction through building codes.

A recent study revealed that 80 percent of people want to live in their own homes until death, Greenhouse said. However, she continued, many existing homes were not designed for the needs of an aging population.

The average space is designed for a 5'10" tall male who weighs

170 pounds, she said. That stature and weight are not reflective of the average person. "We need to design for real people," Greenhouse said. "We are purposely disabling our population."



Lillian Browne/The Reporter

Participants in the workshop participated in a sensitivity training by purposefully limiting their sight, grip and mobility to assess their surroundings as experienced by the aging population.

One way to address that, she continued, is to remove barriers and enable people through design.

Suitable, safe, appropriate and affordable housing and transportation are keys to a thriving community, she said.

The next step is to formalize a core group to gather information and identify priorities after capturing data which includes: livable features of a community; identifying regional and local organizations that are already doing livable work; community assessments on what is being done well and can be done better; identifying gaps in what a municipality has available and what residents want or need in order to live safely in their homes and identify assets to leverage opportunities for improved community living.

Many of the stakeholders, including representatives from the Delaware County Planning Department, the Delaware County Office for the Aging, Department of Public Health, the county's Budget Director Art Merrill as well as Walton Supervisor Joe Cetta and Walton Mayor Steve Condon, were in attendance.

The event was sponsored by AARP and the Care Compass Network, facilitated by UHS at Delaware Valley Hospital and hosted by New Hope Community Church.

For more information contact Community Relations Director Dotti Kruppo at Delaware Valley Hospital at 607.865.2100 or dotti.kruppo@nyuhs.org.

Weather Words With Frank Ward



Summary Jan. 27-Feb. 2 And Prediction

Lots of Delaware County's favorite color, gray, little bits of snow and rain and temperatures above normal - that sums up the week.

Remember now this time of year normal is now 29° for our high; we were above that all week. Not huge amounts, 35 being our highest and as fast as the snow gets on the ground, it melts.

Summarizing January: We were down in precipitation. Normal was 3.23", we had 2.38", so down about .9". We were way down in total snowfall. We were way up in temperature. Normal is 21.5°, we had 27.8°, up 6.3° - one of our warmest Januaries.

Prediction for this up-coming week - unsettled - rain, snow and gray clouds all week. Nothing really heavy, just annoying and temperatures 30s up to low 40s - again way above.

Remember, for announcements call 607-865-7837, email 740fmw@gmail.com or mail 740 Lower Third Brook, Walton.

Let's see some sponsors from outside Walton. There are still lots of businesses out there - let me announce them as sponsors. Daylight is getting longer and not too far distance we'll set the clocks ahead. Can't wait.

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State Calls For Applications For Telemedicine Funds

By Susan Barnett

New York State is investing in telemedicine. The Governor's office has announced a total of \$930,000 will be made available through the Office of Substance Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS). The goal is to award \$15,000 to a healthcare provider in every county in the state to expand telepractice capacity and equipment.

Telepractice uses technology to link healthcare providers to

their patients and each other, reducing or eliminating the need for visits to the doctor's office. It is covered by many insurance companies, as well as Medicaid and Medicare, and, according to a spokesperson for Excellus Blue Cross Blue Shield, is now common practice in the VA. Its use is particularly growing in the fields of behavioral health and addiction treatment.

The deadline for applications from health care providers is Feb. 24.

Crouch Will Not Seek Re-Election In 2020

Assemblyman Clifford W. Crouch announced in a Jan. 16 press release that he will not be seeking re-election in 2020, ending a 25-year career in the state Assembly and 34-year career dedicated to the communities he loves. Crouch, who represents the 122nd Assembly District parts of Chenango, Broome, Otsego and Delaware counties, was first elected to the Assembly in November 1995 and has been a champion of the middle class, the developmentally disabled, veterans, New York's farmers and the second amendment.

"It truly saddens me to announce that I will not be seeking re-election to the Assembly in 2020," said Crouch. "Despite overwhelming support from friends, family, colleagues and community members from around the district, the time has come for me to step away from public service. This has been one of the hardest decisions of my life, as I truly take pride in serving the Southern Tier, but I have reached a point in my life where spending time with family is my main priority."

As a common-sense legislator,

Crouch has been known for his kind and welcoming personality and ability to work with legislators from both sides of the aisle. Crouch served a leadership role as Chairman of the Republican Conference, while also serving on the Agriculture; Economic Development, Job Creation, Commerce and Industry; Rules; and Ways and Means Committees.

Crouch graduated from Unadilla High School in 1963, graduated in 1965 from Cornell University with an AAS Degree in Dairy Science. Upon gradua-

tion he owned and operated of a 350-acre, 180-head dairy farm in Bainbridge.

Crouch's dedication to the community started in 1982 as a Town Councilman for the Town of Bainbridge until 1986. In 1986 he was elected Bainbridge Town Supervisor, serving as Chairman of the Board of Supervisors in Chenango County from 1993 to November 1995, until his election to Assembly.

"I want to thank all my supporters, colleagues and staff for their dedication and hard work over the years, and I especially

want to thank my wife, Barbara, for her understanding and unwavering support over the years," said Crouch. "It truly means the world to me. I will never forget my time in the state Assembly and the honor it has given me to serve you."

Crouch's dedication to his community does not stop at public service. He will remain as an active member of the Bainbridge Local Development Corporation; the board of directors; the Bainbridge Lions Club; and a member of the Bainbridge Methodist Church.

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Low Attendance For the 31st Hanford Mills Ice Harvest In East Meredith

By Rosie Cunningham

EAST MEREDITH - Historical demonstrations, ice sculptures courtesy of the SUNY Delhi culinary team and delicious soups

were some of the highlights at the 31st annual Hanford Mills Ice Harvest Festival on Saturday, Feb. 1.

Last winter, approximately 1,400 visitors took part and en-

joyed the weekend event - this year more than 500 attended. Due to problematic weather, ice cutting and hauling demonstrations on the pond was nixed. Also absent was the horse and carriage rides for children and guests.

Despite the drop, Hanford Mills Communications Coordinator Peg Odell said it was a "great day."

"Though we didn't have enough ice to harvest because of the warmer than usual winter, we had a lot of things going on off the ice," she said. "There were displays of ice harvesting tools and we talked with visitors about ice harvesting. We opened up the Mill complex and showed visitors the sawmill, gristmill and woodworking shop. The SUNY Delhi Hospitality Center Ice Team was on site creating wonderful ice sculptures. The Cooperstown Graduate Program and Hanford Mills staff offered fun activities for kids. We had videos of ice harvests in the 1930s and 40s. There were blacksmith and cooking demonstrations too."

Highlights included watching the SUNY Delhi ice team create ice sculptures, the hot soup buffet which featured soup from area restaurants (including Blue Bee Café, the Delhi Diner, TK's Restaurant, The Tulip and the Rose, and the SUNY Delhi Hospitality Department, along with rolls donated by Bakers Grimm), seeing families out and having a nice time, and the opportunity to talk about ice harvesting and how people lived in the area generations ago.

We also had more exhibitors than before, along with returning favorites like Byebrook Farm, Catharina's Hats and Mittens, the Dave Brandt Chapter of Trout Unlimited, and the Cooperstown Distillery, we had Bakers Grimm, Blue Merle Apiaries, Kortright

Handworks, the Catskill Forest Association, the Watershed Agricultural Council, My Woodlot, and the A.J. Read Science Discovery Center. We added a big heated tent for more "indoor" space, and people said they appreciated it."

Culinary students from SUNY Delhi were certainly a highlight for spectators as they turned blocks of ice into art - this is the seventh year the program has participated.

Culinary student Jonathan Hodge explained to a visitor that there is a laboratory on campus that students utilize.

One ice sculpture takes up to three hours to create depending on the complexity. The students start with a template and manually draw or project an image on the ice. The image is then frozen to the surface before chainsaws make quick work of the ice.

Kyle Soule, a culinary student and Bloomville resident who specializes in baking, took time out from blow torching a piece of ice to discuss what.

"You take a torch and smooth it out and it makes the piece clear," he said.

He said he loves the program and making ice sculptures.

"Honestly, it's the only art I have ever been good at," he said when asked why he enjoys the process.

Odell discussed what makes the day wonderful.

"What makes the day special? People appreciate the chance to escape cabin fever and get outside. It was great to see people chatting, exploring the site, and connecting with local history and the ingenuity of the past. We are looking forward to next year's Ice Harvest Festival on February 6, 2021. Over the past 11 years, the ice has ranged from this year's low of 5 inches to 20 inches. Ice needs to be 8 inches thick for visitors to harvest, and we are hoping for a banner ice crop in 2021.

As soon as the ice is thick enough, Hanford Mills staff plan to harvest ice and store it in the ice house. Some of the ice will be used to chill the steam-powered churn we use at the Independence Day Celebration to make ice cream. We had visitors ask about this, and we want to assure everyone that we will still have ice cream on July 4th. We are looking forward to Opening Day on May 15 and a new season of guided tours, workshops, and events."



Rosie Cunningham/The Reporter

Kyle Soule, a SUNY Delhi Culinary student, takes a torch to the Bronco ice sculpture on Saturday.



Rosie Cunningham/The Reporter

Jonathan Hodge, a SUNY Delhi student, fielded questions from visitors at Hanford Mills on Feb. 1.

Rep. Delgado Launches Second Year of Valentines Program

U.S. Representative Antonio Delgado launched the second year of his 19th Congressional District "Valentines for Veterans" program to collect and distribute Valentine's Day cards to veterans.

Constituents of all ages are encouraged to participate by dropping off or mailing cards to the

Delhi office at the county office building, 111 Main Street, Delhi on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and the Oneonta office, 189 Main Street, Oneonta, on Thursdays and Fridays from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. during mobile office hours. The deadline for submissions is Feb. 13.

OPINION

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Ugly, Hidden Truth

Fifty years ago I fought the Vietnam War on the flight deck of the aircraft carrier USS America operating in the Tonkin Gulf in 1968.

I was an Aviation Electronics Petty Officer.

I lost most of my hearing working among the jet engines.

After two trips to the VA in Albany, I received my benefit letter.

They determined I was suffering from "acoustic trauma, service connected."

My award was calculated as 0 percent. That's right, ZERO. I don't get a benefit.

Next abomination. Suffering from diabetes mellitus (type 2) my doctor prescribed Invocana 100mg. After submitting the prescription I never got the medicine or heard from the VA medical facility. I called them and asked "Where is my medicine?" Their response, "too expensive, we will not fill prescriptions for Invokana." I have to go private and pay a \$179 copay.

The final blow. We fought for years trying to get the VA to admit that Agent Orange wafted into the gulf and affected the sailors on these ships. Also we were desalinating the contaminated water for drinking, cooking, showering, etc.

Ten years ago we started a lawsuit that went all the way to the Supreme Court. January of this

year the Court of Appeals found in our favor, classified Tonkin Gulf sailors as "Blue Water Navy." Congress passed the Blue Water Navy Act and demanded the VA approve our claims and start paying long overdue benefits.

I have two of the conditions covered, diabetes type 2 and cancer.

The VA dragged its feet and eventually had to be forced by Congress to start processing our benefits. This was the happiest day of my life. Benefits were to start being paid starting January 2020.

The VA destroyed my hopes. They figured out a way to get around paying us. They determined that the aircraft carriers were operating outside the 12 mile limit from shore.

This is a lie. We could see the shore and beaches from the ship. And who made up this 12 mile trick? And how far out was the contaminated water? More than 12 miles I bet.

And so the VA has determined that the thousands of men on the aircraft carriers will be excluded from the benefits of the Blue Water Navy Act and will not be awarded compensation. I am devastated.

We appealed to Congress and they refused to allow the carriers to be included.

ROBERT CARROLL
ARKVILLE

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Senator Seward To Retire at Year's End

State Senator James L. Seward announced on Jan. 20 that he will be retiring from the senate at the end of 2020 and will not seek reelection.

"I have decided not to seek reelection in 2020 and will retire from the senate when my current term, my 17th, expires at the end of the year. While I have responded well to cancer treatments, my physicians have advised me that treatments will continue for the foreseeable future limiting my ability to maintain the rigorous schedule needed to campaign for re-election. This is the right decision for my health, my family, and the people of the 51st Senate District.

"I want to stress that this decision is in no way related to majority or minority standing in the senate. I have effectively served under both scenarios and have always fought for the best interests of my constituents no matter the party in power - which is exactly what I will continue to do for the remainder of my term.

"I am grateful for the opportunity to serve in the state senate and sincerely thank the voters for their support and confidence. The sacred trust bestowed in me by those I have had the privilege to represent has always been foremost on my mind.

"My family and I also want to offer our sincere thanks to the great many well-wishers for the cards, prayers, and positive messages we have received over the past few months during my cancer treatment. The encouraging sentiments mean a great deal.

"Throughout my time in the state senate I have focused on improving the lives of those I represent - advancing legislation, securing state grants for key community needs, and working directly with constituents in need of help. I have been blessed to work with many great individuals both at the Capitol and at home and will cherish those strong partnerships.

"There will be plenty of time to reminisce about the accomplishments, but there is still work ahead. As I wrap up my senate career, I will continue to focus on the issues and concerns people express to me every day and I

look forward to a few additional success stories.

"My commitment to our region will continue and I look forward to further service in the future."

Senator Seward was first elected to the state senate in 1986. He began his senate career as chairman of the Senate Energy and Telecommunications Committee. Among his major achievements in that role was enactment of the "Power for Jobs" program, helping retain and create thousands of New York jobs.

In 1999, Senator Seward assumed chairmanship of the Senate Insurance Committee and immediately set out to develop state policy to help consumers and strengthen New York's leadership in this vital segment of the state's financial services industry. He has fought to broaden health insurance coverage, lower costs for workers and small business owners, and enact key reforms.

Currently, Senator Seward serves as ranking member of the influential Senate Finance Committee. Senator Seward brings veteran leadership and an upstate viewpoint to the committee - tasked with conducting public hearings on the governor's budget proposal and guiding development of the final plan.

Senator Seward has been an advocate for education, securing state aid for local school districts to offset rising taxes and expand technology and special education initiatives. He was an original sponsor of the STAR school tax relief program and has championed numerous property tax relief proposals including the property tax cap.

An advocate for business growth, Senator Seward has always been a strong proponent of local initiatives. He has delivered state grants to support improvement projects throughout the region and has been a longstanding partner in local economic development efforts. He has forged strong partnerships with economic development agencies and local government officials to create and retain jobs.

Senator Seward has advanced key agriculture bills and has consistently been named to the New York Farm Bureau's "Circle

of Friends." The New York Roll-over Protection (ROPS) Rebate Program is among the programs Senator Seward has helped support to ensure farmer safety. He is a "Distinguished 4-H Alumnus," the first documented New York honoree listed in the national directory.

Senator Seward previously served as chairman of the Senate Task Force on Volunteer Emergency Services, where he was instrumental in establishing a low interest loan program for the capital needs and equipment purchases of voluntary fire departments and emergency squads. He has won funding increases for the program and for the state fire academy in order to improve training for firefighters. He has also served as chairman of the Senate Task Force on State and Local Emergency Preparedness following the September 11, 2001, attacks on New York City, Washington D.C. and Pennsylvania.

As a long standing member of the Senate Higher Education Committee, Senator Seward continues to work closely with colleges and universities throughout his senate district. He has won state aid to assist with major capital improvements at SUNY Cobleskill, Cortland and Oneonta, additional campus enhancements, and the creation of innovative programs to help our next generation of leaders receive the education they need to succeed.

Senator Seward has also been a long-standing friend of local libraries. He has obtained state grants to facilitate technological and accessibility upgrades to help libraries evolve with the times and continue to serve the public. He has routinely received high marks from the New Yorkers for Better Libraries for his support of libraries.

A native of Otsego County, Senator Seward attended Oneonta public schools and graduated from Hartwick College with a B.A. degree in political science. He also studied at the Nelson Rockefeller Institute of SUNY Albany. In 1999, Hartwick College honored Senator Seward with an honorary Doctor of Laws degree.

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POLICE REPORT

Walton Blaze Destroys Home



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The residence at 1181 Left Pines Brook Road, Walton was deemed a total loss.

WALTON - A blaze on Pines Brook Road, Walton on Jan. 30 resulted in the "total loss" of a residence, according to Walton Fire Chief Frank Wood.

Firefighters were called to the scene at 3:56 p.m., Thursday afternoon to find the home in flames. The occupants of the

home had safely exited the structure, Wood said.

A full response from Walton volunteer firefighters began with an exterior attack due to the instability of the structure but they were unable to save the structure.

No injuries were reported.

The cause of the fire remains

under investigation, Wood said.

Walton crews were assisted by Trout Creek, Masonville and Hancock Fire Departments, with Delhi and Sidney Center on standby for other departments. The Walton Highway Department also assisted at the scene.

Police Standoff In Deposit Ends In Death

DEPOSIT - A Jan. 29 standoff that began around 2 p.m. with state police called to possible burglary in progress in Deposit, resulted in the death of Clint Stevens, 34, of Binghamton.

According to a press release by the New York State Police, upon their arrival to a state Route 8 residence, troopers say Stevens pointed a long gun in their direction.

Troopers state the residence belonged to Stevens' parents and he was alone at the time of the incident.

As more police arrived, troopers say Stevens was observed to possess two long guns, one pointed outward and one pointed toward his torso. Police were unable to convince Stevens to put the guns down.

Police say Stevens then discarded one of the guns but kept the second one pointed at his torso while stating to police that he was high on methamphetamine. Police say Stevens then injected himself with a substance and became belligerent and confrontational. Troopers then used

a Ballistic Engineered Armored Response Counter Attack Truck (Bearcat) to "light up the residence," and in response Stevens smashed objects and broke windows in the residence, eventually discharging two shots toward the armored vehicle, striking it with one shot near the windshield.

At approximately 7:45 p.m., according to the press release, Stevens emerged from the residence with a rifle and handgun aimed toward police and was shot and killed by police.

Hancock Central School Discovers Potential Narcotic Substance In Hallway

Tests Confirmed the Substance Non-Drug Related

HANCOCK - According to a letter from Hancock Central School (HCS) Superintendent Terrance P. Dougherty, on Jan. 29, at approximately 12:20 p.m., a packaged, gray, powder-like substance was recovered from the third floor hallway of the middle/

high school building. Suspecting the package might contain an illegal narcotic substance, HCH administrators immediately contacted local law enforcement so that the nature of the packaged substance could be confirmed.

The results of lab testing con-

firmed the substance was innocuous and non-drug related in nature.

Dougherty encouraged parents, caretakers and guardians to "not hesitate" to contact him if there are any questions or concerns regarding the matter.

Oneonta Woman Arrested After Speedway Theft

By Allison Collins

SIDNEY - An attempted theft at the Sidney-Bainbridge Speedway gas station and convenience store resulted in an arrest midday on Thursday, Jan. 30.

According to Public Information Officer Aga Dembinska with New York State Police at Troop C, 40 year old Devon Sawyer-Beers of Oneonta was arrested after attempting to steal from the 117 state Route 7 site.

"New York State Police at Sidney were dispatched to Speedway after it was reported that a woman stole several items from the store, then entered a vehicle and drove off," Dembinska said in a written statement on Friday.

Dembinska said that Sawyer-Beers was arrested shortly after leaving the Speedway property.

"Troopers from SP Oneonta were able to locate the vehicle and Sawyer-Beers near state Route 28 and county Road 48," she said. "She was subsequently arrested, processed and issued an appearance ticket to the town of Unadilla Court on Feb. 3."

Sawyer-Beers, Dembinska said, is charged with petit larceny, a misdemeanor.

Employees at the Speedway declined requests for comment made on Friday.

Calls made Friday to media representatives with Marathon Petroleum, Speedway's parent company, were also not returned.

Two-Car, Head-On Collision Results In Minor Injuries

DELHI - On Jan. 30 at about 8:01 a.m., Delaware County Sheriff's Deputies responded to a report of a two-car, head-on collision on state Highway 28 in the town of Delhi, according to a press release from Delaware County Sheriff Craig DuMond.

Deputies say 29-year-old Victoria A. Jarmillo of Margaretville was operating a 2013 Subaru Sedan in a northerly direction on state Highway 28 when her vehicle crossed over the double yellow line of the roadway and subsequently collided with a 2008 Chevrolet pickup truck operated by Harley Dammenhayn

of Unadilla. As a result of the collision, Jarmillo and a passenger of Dammenhayn's vehicle identified as Phillip Charlton, were transported to O'Connor Hospital for treatment of non-life threatening injuries sustained during the collision.

Jarmillo was later issued a uniform traffic ticket for one count of failure to keep right returnable to Delhi Town Court at a later date.

Deputies were assisted at the scene of the accident by members of the Delhi Fire Department, Delco Towing, and members of the New York State Police Commercial Vehicle Unit.

Trio Arrested, Accused Of Vandalizing Walmart

Three men have been arrested and charged with third-degree criminal mischief for vandalizing the fabric and craft aisle at Oneonta Walmart, according to a press release issued by the New York State Police on Feb. 4.

Oneonta State Police were dispatched on Jan. 7 to Walmart and Office Max on a report of three suspicious people.

Walmart employees reported that three people were attempting to enter Office Max but did not gain entry, nor did they cause any damage. However, the employees reported that the same

three people were in the fabric and craft aisle and vandalized the area with craft paint around 7:14 p.m. The trio was observed leaving Walmart around 7:28 p.m.

On Jan. 11 troopers arrested **Devin K. Castillo**, 19, Walton, as a suspect in the incident. He was issued an appearance ticket to answer the charge in Oneonta Town Court. Also arrested in connection with the incident were **Jamie R. Sophie** and **Nathaniel Rubera**, both 21 and both from Unadilla. Sophie and Rubera were released on appearance tickets to answer the charges.



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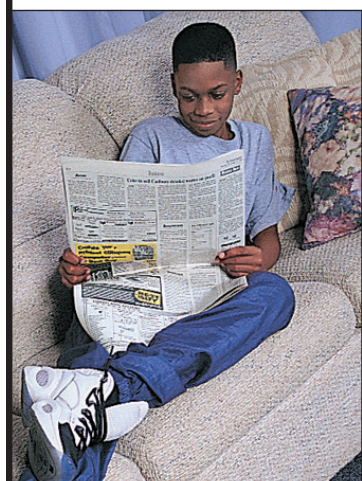


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POLICE REPORT

Friday Evening Fire Claims Mobile Home In Andes

By Rosie Cunningham

ANDES - A single-wide trailer caught fire Friday evening on Shaver Hollow in Andes.

According to Director/Fire Coordinator of Delaware County Emergency Services Steve Hood, the structure was a complete loss.

"The fire was called in by a neighbor," he said.

Andes Fire Chief Dale Tait said

call was toned out at approximately 6:30 p.m.

"No humans or animals were harmed," he said. "It is suspected that a wood stove was not properly closed and that was the cause of the fire."

Tait and Hood both said that Andes and Bovina responded to the scene with Delhi on standby in the Bovina station.

"We were back at the firehouse at about 11 p.m.," said Tait.



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DelCo Sheriff Presents Annual Employee Awards

DELHI - An inaugural employee awards ceremony was held at the Delaware County Sheriff's Office on Jan. 30 in recognition of employee achievements and accomplishments that demonstrate the values of the department and to encourage employees individually or via team efforts.

The awards are given to reward extraordinary accomplishments and contributions of employees in ways separate from the performance review process.

The following recipients were awarded:

- Exceptional Service Award - Civil Officer Robert Mantzouratos, Corrections Officer Heath Goff, Kitchen Director Brenda Hood, Sergeant Kim Smith, Deputy Kyle Karcher, Deputy Tyler McAteer, and Corporal Eric Alexander;

- Certificate of Commendation - Corrections Officer Mario Blincoe, Corrections Officer Paul Moore, Corrections Officer Bryce Charles, Corrections Officer Paul

Hamilton;

- Civilian Employee of the Year Award - Administrative Assistant Jessica Miller;

- Deputy Sheriff of the Year Award - Corporal Eric Alexander;

- Corrections Officer of the Year Award - Corrections Officer Keenan Kelly;

- Perfect Attendance Award - Corporal Eric Alexander, Investigator David Barnes, Undersheriff Timothy Buckley, Sergeant Chris Erwin, Deputy Logan Flavell, Investigator Joe Mauro, Deputy Tyler McAteer, Deputy Collin Roche, Sergeant Kim Smith, Deputy Cody Tromblee, Deputy Todd VanKueuren, Deputy Matt Vogel, Lieutenant Karl Vagts, Corrections Officer Keenan Kelly, Corrections Officer David Mondore, Corrections Officer Tim VanDermark, Corrections Officer Tabor Van Valkenburg, Corrections Officer Cory Bene, Corrections Officer Thad Barnes, Corrections Officer Bryce Charles, Corrections Officer Timothy Tryon, Correc-

tions Officer Heath Goff, Corrections Officer Anthony Shields, Corrections Officer Fred Ford, Corrections Officer Joelle Favret, Sergeant David McClung, and Sergeant Shane Biggar;

Civil Officers Corporal Dan McGowan and Officer Robert Manzouratos and Deputy Sheriffs Matt Vogel, Collin Roche and Logan Flavell were issued new patrol vehicles as part of the department's vehicle rotation.

"The naming of awards is a difficult process as we have so many members that go above and beyond each day in dedicated and faithful service to the sheriff's office," Sheriff Craig DuMond said of the awards. "I feel it is very important to pause and publicly recognize these members today. The people of Delaware County are lucky to have them serving on their behalf. As Sheriff, I am truly blessed by their contributions and proud to recognize their efforts in service to the people of Delaware County."

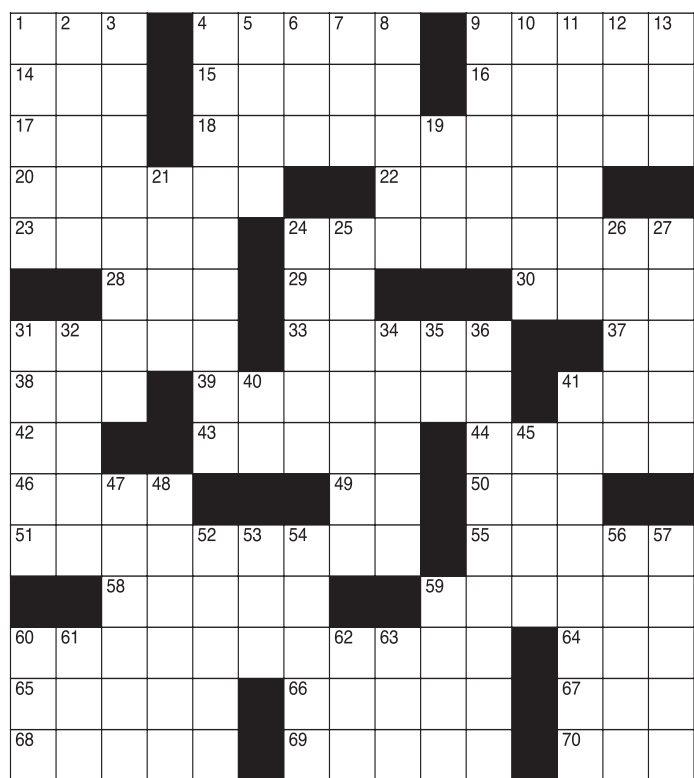
Men Sentenced To Prison On Robbery Charges

DELHI - **Skylar D. Blass**, 20, Cooperstown and **Trenton Hathaway**, 18, Oneonta, codefendants in Hancock and Davenport robberies in February and March 2019, were sentenced to prison, according to a press release issued by the Delaware County District Attorney's Office.

Blass plead guilty to two counts of second-degree robbery and was sentenced on Oct. 21 to six years in prison, to be followed by five years of parole supervision.

Hathaway was sentenced to 3 1/2 years in prison following his guilty plea to attempted first-degree robbery on Jan. 6.

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Small deer
- 4. Khoikhoi peoples
- 9. South African statesman
- 14. Keyboard key
- 15. Remove
- 16. A conspicuous constellation
- 17. Data executive
- 18. Retired NASCAR driver
- 20. Tightens
- 22. A picture of the Virgin Mary
- 23. "The Mission" actor Jeremy
- 24. Confidently
- 28. More (Spanish)
- 29. Sports highlight show (abbr.)
- 30. Hand out cards
- 31. Distinctive Asian antelope
- 33. Arabic greeting
- 37. Of I
- 38. Hip hop trio
- 39. Meat roll
- 41. One's mother (Brit.)
- 42. __-GYN
- 43. Belgian city
- 44. Plucks
- 46. Leak slowly
- 49. Denotes a particular region
- 50. General's assistant (abbr.)
- 51. Divides
- 55. Kid
- 58. Inland Empire Expanded Learning Symposium
- 59. Engaged in conflict
- 60. Former CBS sportscaster
- 64. Characterized by unity
- 65. Working-class
- 66. Corners
- 67. __ de plume
- 68. Influential French artist
- 69. "Very" in musical terms
- 70. Financial account

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Long, flat abdominal muscles
- 2. Small Eurasian willow
- 3. Justified in terms of profitability
- 4. Required
- 5. River that starts in Turkey
- 6. Disfigure
- 7. A way of communicating (abbr.)
- 8. Leaks slowly
- 9. Shady place under trees
- 10. Made a speech
- 11. Long, angry speech
- 12. Mortar trough
- 13. Autonomic nervous system
- 19. Southern India island
- 21. Grab quickly
- 24. Ancient Mesopotamian city
- 25. With three uneven sides
- 26. Football visionary Hunt
- 27. Primordial matters
- 31. Facing towards the flow of a glacier
- 32. "A Delicate Balance" writer
- 34. Emits coherent radiation
- 35. Commercial
- 36. Groups of foot bones
- 40. Out of print
- 41. Partner to cheese
- 45. German river
- 47. Concluding speech
- 48. Spanish dish
- 52. Prominent California cape
- Point __
- 53. Any high mountain
- 54. Ethiopian lake
- 56. Mr.
- 57. Excessive fluid accumulation in tissues
- 59. Large, flightless bird
- 60. Oil industry term (abbr.)
- 61. Something one can draw
- 62. Officers in charge
- 63. Greek island

Solution to last week's puzzle appears on page 11

Police Blotter

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Delaware County Sheriff's Office

- **William Merrill**, 23, Delhi, was arrested on Jan. 30 and charged with overdriving, torturing and injuring an animal, accused of beating a dog in Dec. 2019 in Meredith. He was issued an appearance ticket to answer the charge in Meredith Town Court.

- **Jimmy J. Canfield**, 34, Scotia, was arrested on Jan. 26 on a Sidney Town Court warrant charging him with second-degree harassment, accused of threatening another person via electronic communication. He was released on his own recognizance to answer the charge in Sidney Town Court.

- **Adam Gilbert**, 46, of Flemington, N.J., was issued a ticket for second-degree aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle following a report of a disabled vehicle in Andes. He is scheduled to answer the charge in Andes Town Court.

- **Sara R. Mettler**, 22, Hamden, was arrested on Jan. 26 and charged with third-degree aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, unlicensed operator and uninspected motor vehicle. He was issued traffic tickets to answer the charges in Walton Town Court.

- **Michael J. Bryden**, 20, Delhi, was arrested on Jan. 25 and charged with petit larceny and fourth-degree criminal mischief, following an investigation. He was issued appearance tickets to answer the charges in Delhi Town Court.

- **Trent T. Wade**, 19, Rochester, was arrested on Jan. 25 and charged with third-degree aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, operating a motor vehicle with improper plates, speed not reasonable and prudent and operating a motor vehicle without insurance, following a motor vehicle accident on county Route 17 in Meredith. He was issued tickets to answer the charges in Meredith Town Court.

- **Cheyenne Strong**, 25, Sidney, was arrested on Jan. 25 on a Delaware County Family Court warrant. She was remanded to the Delaware County Jail without

bail, awaiting an appearance in family court.

Delhi Police Department

- **Connor A. Guiseppone**, 21, Delhi, was arrested on Jan. 25 and charged with unlawful possession of marijuana and unsafe turn. He was issued appearance tickets to answer the charges in Delhi Town Court.

- **Cheyenne N. Strong**, 25, of Sidney, was arrested on Jan. 27 and charged with endangering the welfare of a child, second-degree criminal contempt and second-degree harassment. She was released on her own recognizance to answer the charges in Delhi Town Court.

New York State Police

- **Robert P. Rose**, 44, Grand Gorge, was arrested by Margaretville State Police on Jan. 29

and charged with petit larceny. He was issued an appearance ticket to answer the charge in Roxbury Town Court.

- **Stephen R. Casciola**, 25, East Branch, was arrested by Deposit State Police on Jan. 28 and charged with driving while intoxicated following a traffic stop on state Route 17 in Hancock.

- **Devin K. Castillo**, 19, Walton, was arrested by Oneonta State Police on Jan. 11 and charged with third-degree criminal mischief. He was issued an appearance ticket to answer the charge in Oneonta Town Court.

- **Christopher J. Pitera**, 36, Stamford, was arrested by Stamford State Police in Feb. 1 and charged driving while intoxicated following a traffic stop on state Route 23. He was issued an appearance ticket to answer the charge in Harpersfield Town Court.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Music On the Delaware To Present Kimberly Hawkey

February's Coffeehouse at the Theatre on Feb. 16 will feature the Kimberly Hawkey Trio in a program titled "Selections From Classic Hollywood." Coffeehouse performances take place on the second floor of the Walton Theatre, Gardiner Place, Walton, at 6 p.m.

Hawkey will be joined by John Colonna on piano and Even Jagels on bass. She made her Walton Theatre debut in November 2018 with "The Elvanelle Orchestra: Song of the Catskills," a nine-piece show band honoring the tradition of Catskill Mountain entertainment during the Grand Hotel era. For more information, see www.kimberlyhawkey.com.

Coffeehouse events are sponsored by Music On the Delaware and are free; donations are gratefully accepted. Coffee, tea and

desserts will be available.

Remaining coffeehouse performances include Patrick Reynolds and Friends on March 15; Mike Herman on April 19; and Ira McIntosh on May 17.



Kimberly Hawkey

Bushel Kicks Off Cabin Fever Music Series Feb. 8

Bushel Collective, 106 Main Street, ground floor, Delhi, will present a Cabin Fever Music Series, featuring musical performances by some of the region's most talented artists, guaranteed to heat things up this winter. Produced by Delhi residents Jenine Osbon and Rachel Watson, performances are free and open to the public with a \$10-\$15 suggested donation at the door. Proceeds benefit the musicians and Bushel.

On Saturday, Feb. 8, The Bones

of J.R. Jones, a project from singer, guitarist, and songwriter Jonathon Linaberry, will perform his spectral brand of music, played one-man band style, informed by vintage blues, folk, and Appalachian sounds. Doors open at 7 p.m.; performance at 8.

BUSHEL is a nonprofit, volunteer-led, mixed-use space dedicated to art, agriculture, ecology, and action. For information and the Cabin Fever Music Series schedule go to www.bushelcollective.org.



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The Bones of J.R. Jones will perform at Bushel Saturday, Feb. 8.

Stagecoach Run Art Festival Prepares For 25th Anniversary

By Susan Barnett

Delaware County's biggest art festival is celebrating its 25th anniversary this summer. And the call for professional artists is going out now.

Franklin's Stagecoach Run Art Festival, a self-guided tour of art displayed in various venues and galleries, drew more than 500 visitors to northern Delaware County last year. About 60 artists displayed their work in barns, galleries and shops, as well as the Bright Hill Literary Center and the Franklin Stage. Printed maps and clear street signage allow festival visitors to view the exhibits at their own pace.

All artist applications are due by March 31 with a \$60 application fee. To encourage early applications, that fee is reduced to \$45 for all applications received by March 6. Artists submit their work for consideration online, and a committee evaluates those applications and sends invitations to participate.

Phil Warish, owner of Blue Farm Antiques and Letterpress Printing in Franklin, has headed the event for the past three years. For him, the priority has been to create a truly professional event. The criteria, he said, has been excellence in any medium, with styles ranging from realistic to conceptual, and conventional to experiential.

"I remember the sensation of shock and exhilaration when we stumbled on Stagecoach the very first time, and realized we were surrounded by so many creatives of caliber," he said.

"Twenty years later I realize



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how naive that reaction might have been. The number of professional artists here who make their living through their work has always been large. That said, it's surged in the last few years and what some have brought (or brought back) to the region in terms of vision, energy, breadth, and depth is incredible and inspiring."

Visitors from throughout New York state visit the area for the two day event, and much of the displayed artwork is sold to collectors as well as locals and tourists.

Meg Lavalette, owner of Lava Interiors, an interior design company headquartered in Franklin, is heading the artist selection committee this year. She is a newcomer to the area, and a large barn on her Treadwell property is expected to be one of the display venues.

"I feel a deep sense of gratitude and responsibility for helping

sustain the arts community. It's important to ensure the brilliant, creative people I love working with can thrive and continue to share the beauty of their world with us."

Lavalette, like Warish, hopes to see both the size and the scope of the festival continue to widen.

"I'm looking forward to seeing many of the mainstays from the festival again this year, as well as the new artists who work with ceramics, digital manipulation, and even textile design. This year's show is already proving to be the most diverse and talented yet."

The self-guided tour is free to the public and this year will be held Saturday and Sunday, July 11 and 12, rain or shine.

Students from the Franklin Central School will also be exhibiting their work at this year's event. Any work sold will benefit the school's art program.

Venues range from historic barns to the Bright Hill Literary Center and the Franklin Stage Company, with maps available to all exhibits.

The festival is named for the historic Catskill Turnpike which ran from Catskill on the Hudson River to today's Unadilla on the Susquehanna River.

Begun in 1995 by fifteen Treadwell artists, the Festival's mission is to spotlight artists and creatives living and working in the region, to strengthen relationships between those artists and their neighbors, and to illustrate the fact that artists add valuable financial and cultural value to a community.

Applications for artists are available at stagecoachrun.com.

Franklin Library Announces Kids' Events

The Franklin Free Library, 334 Main Street, Franklin, will host two events for children in February.

On Mondays, Feb. 10 and 24, children of all ages can come to the library at 11:30 a.m. for "Winter Days Stories and Crafts."

The annual "Great Franklin Children's Bake-off" on Feb. 22

begins at 1 p.m. Children are invited to bake their favorite desserts and present them to the judge. Children can come and browse the collection of children's cookbooks, or use one of their own.

For more information, call 607-829-2941.

Free Movie Screening To #HelpOscarQuit

Tobacco Free Communities (TFC) - Delaware, Otsego & Schoharie (DOS) will host a free family movie night at the Sidney Memorial Public Library, Smart Community Room, 8 River Street, Sidney, tonight, Wednesday, Feb. 6, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Doors open at 5:15, movie begins at 5:30; raffle after screening. The event, held in conjunction with SmokeFree Movies Action Week ahead of the Academy Awards, will help raise awareness about the impact that smoking in movies has on youth initiation to tobacco use.

Kids often model the behaviors of adults, especially when it comes to what they see on the big screen. The U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention projects that movies with smoking will recruit 6.4 million American kids to smoke in this generation. This year, nearly 95% of

Oscar listed films feature tobacco imagery.

During the week of the Oscars, TFC-DOS will host a family-friendly, smoke-free movie screening to raise awareness of the dangers of tobacco use and the impact of tobacco imagery shown in films. TFC-DOS will be showing Toy Story 4, which contains no tobacco imagery. The screening will include raffles, prizes, and snacks for families.

This free film screening coincides with Smokefree Movies Action Week, Sunday Feb. 9, the night of the Academy Awards telecast. During this week, TFC-DOS will use social media and other platforms to challenge the film industry, parents and other stakeholders to get rid of smoking in youth rated movies by using #RateSmokingR and #HelpOscarQuit.

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Community Profiles

Diana Hall: Franklin Artist and Gardener



Susan Barnett/The Reporter

Diana Hall stands in her shop, Botanical Treasures, in Franklin.

By Susan Barnett

Diana Hall has lived in the village of Franklin for 32 years. That makes her a newcomer, by some standards. But she has built a community, and a life, that helps to bind this small town together; one she hopes will welcome the influx of newcomers who have arrived in the past couple of years.

Hall is the owner of a small shop called Botanical Treasures. It, like the flowers she loves, hibernates in the winter, and blossoms in the warmer weather. But her creativity flourishes all year long.

She is the founder of the Franklin Garden Club. She is an artist. Tucked into an old garage behind her historic home is a magical, tranquil space full of wonders. Hall has a collection of unusual, interesting and beautiful objects created by herself and other artists, all designed to either be displayed in a garden, or to bring the beauty of nature indoors.

Trained in gold and silver-smithing at SUNY New Paltz, the Westchester County native put art aside for years and worked in an office full time to, as she describes it, "survive." When she and her husband discovered their current home in the village of Franklin it was, she says, "a ruin." There had been a fire. But it had clearly once been lovely. When she found an old house with the symmetry and detail she loved, with a price tag of \$40,000, a little charred lumber wasn't going to put her off.

"We were very poor. And my husband is a contractor." She is a self-confessed old house fanatic. So the house didn't scare them off.

The village property had some lilacs, mature maples, and a eunonymus. It had been vacant. There were no gardens. Hall, working full time with people recovering from addiction to drugs and alcohol, discovered gardening was good therapy after a day at work.

"I wanted to be out in nature. I missed it. I love people, but my dream would be to work outside."

There was no plan, no map for the new gardens.

"I bought plants and started sticking them places. For me, it's all about movement in my artwork. I wanted movement in the garden borders. It just got bigger as I added more plants and kept obsessively reading about gar-

dens."

Today, Hall's home boasts two stunning bordered gardens, each a mixture of formality and cottage English garden flamboyance. Overgrown asparagus create lovely, spindly height, while poppies, iris, hellebores, roses and other garden staples mingle with wildflowers and groundcover. One garden is all straight lines and right angles, while the other swoops and turns, revealing surprises and color that cannot all be seen from one vantage point.

"My mother was an artist, and everything was about composition, even the way our dinner table was set. I've got that, too," Hall admits. "I like things not too cluttered. Aesthetics are important but I find myself moving more toward a meadow-y feel, one that's better for the earth."

She smiles. "Nature is not about minimalism. If you plant something, it's going to grow and spread."

More than ten years ago, Hall and a few friends decided that they'd like to find other neighbors who were as interested in gardening as they were. The Franklin Garden Club became a community building exercise, growing and contracting as the town's population changed, but taking on more responsibilities for making the village a place to be proud of. The club persuaded stone artist Robert Johnson, who lives in the village, and local mason Jack Simon to help create the outlines of a village park from the ruins of an old boarding house on Main Street. The garden club did the planting and maintains the park. The members also plant flowers in barrels along Main Street each year and hold an annual plant sale. This year a blueberry festival is planned for August, an event Hall hopes will help connect the village with the wider town.

After twenty seven years working in an office job, Hall's life took a sharp right turn.

"I had a heart attack," she explains. "After that, I knew, clearly, that I wanted to pursue art. I wanted to get out of sitting in a chair all day. So I quit my job."

She had no Plan B at that point. She admits it was scary at the time. But she never looked back. "It was the best decision I ever made. You know how it is, you get on the treadmill...I have probably would have tried to stay there until retirement."

Instead, she started studying sculpture at The Smithy in nearby Cooperstown.

"I loved working with clay there. It's a very supportive atmosphere, not competitive. And I am still completely learning."

She started throwing pots, then adding details. Then she began making flowers. She's only been doing the human form, she says, for about a year. But in that year she has created beautiful, haunting elementals, magical creatures who incorporate nature into their form. Each has a personality, each feels incredibly



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Hall's work features a combination of nature and whimsy, like a bird nesting within the head of a flower fairy.

alive.

"You can fall in love with a flower as you make it," Hall said, "but as I make the people it feels like they have a soul. And clay feels a lot like working in the garden. It's life. It's nature."

She's getting commissions for her work and people are responding positively.

"It's so important to feel like your work is connecting to other people. It must be very hard to do experimental art, only to hear that no one 'gets' it. The battle of being human. I always say confidence is an illusion. It can be shattered in a moment."

That gentle touch, that kindness, permeates the Franklin Garden Club. They meet monthly, sharing a potluck dinner and garden ideas.

"The thing is community," Hall says. "Enjoying a shared love of something. We want to make people feel welcome."

Her goal for the club's future is to create even more connections in the community.

"It's such a beautiful town, an architectural era captured in time that hasn't changed. That's what makes it a gem. I'm hoping the businesses thrive on Main Street, building energy for even more preservation."

Her goal for her art is equally sunny.

"I just want to keep doing what I'm doing. I'm so happy. I have no idea what I might do next. My brain could go anywhere."

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February, March Plans Announced By Ogden Library Staff

Heather Johnson, director of the William B. Ogden Free Library, 42 Gardiner Place, Walton, has announced the events and programs scheduled for the next few weeks.

Regularly scheduled programs for kids & teens include: Preschool Story time, Fridays at 10:30 a.m.; Kids Craft Night, Thursday, Feb. 6, 6 p.m.; Teen Night, Wednesday, Feb. 12, 5-7 p.m.; LEGO Club, Thursday, Feb. 27, 3:30 p.m.

Regularly scheduled Programs for adults: Walton Writer's Group, Saturday, Feb. 1, 11 a.m. -1:45 p.m. or Wednesday, Feb. 19, 6-8 p.m.; Mahjong, Tuesdays at Noon or Thursdays at 6 p.m.; Knit & Crochet, Tuesdays at 4 p.m.; Book and Film Chat, Tuesday, Feb. 18, 3 p.m.; Book Club, Wednesday, Feb. 27, 7 p.m.

A member of Senator Jen Metzgers' staff will hold office hours at the library from 3-7 p.m. Feb. 5. No appointment needed.

Bridge for Beginners. Bridge is a trick-taking card game using a standard 52 card deck. In its basic format, it is played by four players in two competing partnerships, with partners sitting opposite each other around a table. Community members, Judy Winter and Linda Morgan will be at the library to teach participants how to play bridge Friday during February at 11 a.m.

Delaware County Diggers: Have you seen the box of treasures at the circulation desk that the Delaware County Diggers found on the library lawn last summer with metal detectors? Jason Schwartz will be with us on Saturday, Feb. 22, at 11 a.m. to talk about the items. He will also share his love of history and how

it relates to metal detecting. This event is sure to be of interest to all ages.

There will be an author talk Thursday, Feb. 27, at 6:30 p.m. on the book "The Last Negroes at Harvard" by Kent Garrett & Jeanne Ellsworth, the story of the Harvard class of '63, whose Black students fought to create their own identities on the cusp between integration and affirmative action. In the fall of 1959, Harvard recruited an unprecedented eighteen "Negro" boys as an early form of affirmative action. Four years later they graduated as African Americans. Some fifty years later, one of these trailblazing Harvard grads - Garrett - would begin to reconnect with his classmates and explore their vastly different backgrounds, lives, and what their time at Harvard meant.

Ellsworth was a teacher educator in the State University of New York system for over twenty years. Since 2007, she and Garrett have lived in the Catskill Mountains.

Starting on Wednesdays in March - 4, 11, 18, from 6-7:30 p.m., library clerk Kyrra Howard will offer a three part series of sketching instruction for beginners, geared for ages 15 through adult. Registration is required and can be secured with a \$10 deposit, refundable after the third class. The series is limited to 12 participants.

After more than a decade of touring and three album releases, Rebecca Hall and Ken Anderson, also known as Hungrytown - have earned a reputation for quality songwriting: on Saturday, March 7, at 11 a.m. Hungrytown will perform at the Ogden Library.

For further information call 607.865.5929 or email wa.heather@4cls.org.

Card of Thanks

On behalf of the Walton Toy Bank, we would like to send a huge thank you to everyone in and around our community who supported us this past year. From the organizations and individuals who donated, the businesses who had boxes for donations available and to the people who give of their time to coordinate efforts in dropping off or picking up for us, it is greatly appreciated! We are so proud to be part of such a giving community! From the bottom of our hearts and on behalf of the children who benefit from your generosity, we thank you!

Community Bank, NA, Walton
Tami, Pam, Janet, Megan, Alex and Tim

Card of Thanks

We have placed luminaries on Howell Street and Townsend Street in Walton on Christmas Eve for a few years and would like to thank the following people who have contributed to the effort: Jim Brinson, Barb Budine, Larry Core, Mary Cullen, Jim Dieghan, Lisa Favret, Jessica Gilmore, Charlie Goodrich, Barb Horton, George Lane, Erwin LaTourette, Mountain Eagle Motorcycle Riders Club, Brent Nicholas and sons, Anna Notchta, Doreen Oles, Penny Ostrander, RenRest, Rich Sarrantonio, Dave VanLoan, Bob Vitti and Dick Yarnes. Bob and Maxine Locherer

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IT'S Academic

Past And Present Work Together For Future Of Agriculture

By Patty Wood

The Walton Central School Chapter of Future Farmers of America (FFA) hosted an alumni and supporters dinner Friday, Jan. 31 at the Harby Center. The students wanted to host this event to gather alumni and supporters and thank them for their continued support. An adult on hand to help the students was heard commenting to teacher/advisor Vanessa Merrill during the evening, "Wow, this is the best group of kids. They are doing it all."

From FFA alumnus in attendance, the students were able to hear stories about their experiences and were able to start making connections to strengthen the program and their future experiences.

For example, Ed Budine, a member of the local antique tractor group, is setting up a visit to the fairgrounds for the members in May to the antique tractors exhibit housed there, after which he will take them to a tractor dealership to see today's technology, which will coordinate perfectly with their tractor safety unit in the classroom.

Through the FFA scholarship/SAE "gift of blue" program, three students received traditional FFA jackets: Damien Backus, Chasidy



Patty Wood/The Reporter

Present and Past Come Together Current FFA members, back row, Zoey Gilmore, Zaniel Burrows, Sierra Tweedie, Cael Howland, Camie Edwards, Brynne Backus, Kandra McGraw, Mackenzie Backus, Frank Brown, Darrin Walley Middle row: supporters Ed Budine, Rennie Russell, Jeff Held, Dave Edwards, Lorinda Backus and Brittnay Constable. Front row, FFA students Abby Sheldon, Chasidy Constable, Damien Backus, Delana Wood and Nathaniel Harrington.

Constable and Delana Wood.

The FFA members hope the dinner will become an annual event. They realize the support of the FFA alumni is needed to help keep the program successful.

The chapter members recognized that each time they participated in a community activity, they were approached by someone who told them they had been

FFA members in their youth. It is hoped that this gathering will help put together a group that the club can call on when they need help and support.

If you are a Walton FFA alumni who didn't get to the dinner, but would like to be on the alumni list, contact Vanessa Merrill anytime - 607-865-4116 or vmerrill@waltoncsd.org.

Host Families Needed For International Students In Franklin

By Susan Barnett

Franklin's Rotary Club is reaching out to the world, one student at a time. The International Youth Exchange Program, which the club has been participating in since the 1960s, lapsed a few years ago. But the club is re-starting its participation this year and has committed to hosting an international student this June.

"We need three host families," said Thomas Collier, a member of the Franklin Rotary and past chairman of the Youth Exchange Program. "The idea is to give a student the broadest possible experience of American life, so the student lives with a total of three host families over the ten months they're here."

Ideally, the host families would have school age children, which helps a student integrate into the local school more easily. But Collier said finding host families isn't easy.

"We need to build up an inventory of families. We want to be able to send our students to

be part of this program again. It's a wonderful experience for a student from a small school like Franklin. Naturally, the families of any local student who wants to be part of this are expected to host at some point. But we'd like the entire community to get involved."

Visiting students come from up to 40 different countries, including Australia, South America, Canada, Asia and Europe.

"We've had such great experiences in the past. Many of the students who have visited are still in touch with their host families. And the students from Franklin who have been hosted overseas have had some remarkable experiences," Collier said.

Host families and visiting students are all rigorously screened, and the club helps coordinate the entire experience.

Any Franklin family interested in hosting a student can either contact the school, or find out more from Gary Orton, the current administrator of the program for the Franklin Rotary, on the group's Facebook page.

WCS Superintendent Search Survey Available Friday Is Last Day To Submit the Form

The Walton Central School District (WCS) Board of Education has opened its search for superintendent of schools, according to a press release dated Jan. 30. The board of directors ask the residents of Walton to fill out the survey by Friday, Feb. 7. The survey is intended for only

Walton school district residents, students, and district employees.

The form is available online at <https://forms.gle/NRnYJSbx6xxd9WuT8> or if needed, hard copies are available at the WCSD office, 47-49 Stockton Avenue, Walton. Call 607-865-4116, ext. 6130 if you have any questions.

Fourth Marking Period Honor Rolls Released From WCSD

The administration at Walton Central School District's O'Neill High School has announced its fourth marking period honor rolls for the 2019-2020 school year.

Students on the **superintendent's list** achieve averages of 95-100%. They include:

Grade 12 - Treasure Brooker, McKenzie Clough, Morgan Condon, Noah Condon, Kailynn Drumm, Chelsea Finch, Hailey Gardner, Brooke Gerace, Tianna Gladstone, Christina Goodrich, Dylan Jacob, Nicholas Lamoreaux, Mara Little, Brenden McCormack, Cody Ray, Emily Richards, Michelle Ritter, Luisa Siniscalchi, Mallory Sprague, Isaac Vesterfelt, Emma Walley and Lucas Walley.

Grade 11 - Ellissa Beach, William Buckley, Allison Charles, Emma Harby, Antonia McCormack, Kandra McGraw, Celestine Mingle, Katelynn Ostrander, Layla Sprague and Kora Young.

Grade 10 - Brieanne Babcock, Katelynn Brooks, Garrett Day, Jorge DelPino, Keilie Dones, Jeremiah Harrington, Alexis O'Connor, Aaliyah Otto, Christina Ritter, Madison Serra, Sariah Vesterfelt and Emma

Yakalis.

Grade 9 - Caden LeBarge, Makara MacGibbon, Gianni Marano, Jayven Mason, Daxtin Nichols, Elizabeth Richards and Noah Sovocool.

Principal's list students attain grades between 90-94% and include:

Grade 12 - Kathlyn Bakker, Kali Bosket, Amanda Campbell, Camie Edwards, Garrett Foster, Alison Halstead, Ryan Hanley, Max Jacobs, Lucas Krom-Braen, Arriana McClenon, Kaleb Miller, Jewel Twyman, MaKayla Whiteside and Kyle Wright.

Grade 11 - Garrett Babcock, Anthony Cetta, Abigail Closs, Matthew Decker, Riley Gancio, Sarah Gladstone, George Haynes, Paige Hitt, Cael Howland, Jubilee Klimas, Rylee MacDonald, Courtney Russell, Kaelan Smith, Kaleb Sovocool and Sierra Tweedie.

Grade 10 - Faith Bakker, Chyler Barnes, Xander Davies, Annaliese DelBalso, Indianna Fox, Emma Hall, Blaine Klinger, Molly McClenon, Sophia Piro, Ceara Robinson and Lucas Robinson.

Grade 9 - Paul Aitken-Morse,

Heidi Decker, Nisha Desai, Graydon Dutcher, Jacqlyn Gransbury, Breyen Kilmurray, Samantha MacDonald, Havyn Merwin, Ava Pieper, Madison Reed, Abigail Segure and Rachel Trimbell.

These students achieved averages between 85 and 89%, earning them placement on the **honor roll**:

Grade 12 - William Ackerman, Noah Aubin, Madison Barnes, Carmella Cioffi, Jamie Klein, Stephanie Kole, Roy Medina, Ty Robinson, Ethan Sikorski and Kennedy Williams.

Grade 11 - Brynne Backus, Damian Backus, Jordan Blincoe, Emmalee Caprio, Lauren Frank, Karissa Hawk, Evan Miller, Grace Rhinehart, Danielle Sebastian and Dominick Siniscalchi.

Grade 10 - Madison Greene, Bryce Lum, Willard Pettit, Deacon Phoenix, Desiree Tompkins-Hitt, Celeste Tracey and Meadow Wood.

Grade 9 - Charlotte Bayne, Owen Clough, Abigail DelBalso, Laci Frank, Kerenna Jacobs, Meyer Little, Chloe Madrigal, Natalie McClenon, Kendra Murphy and Lauren Winans-Houck.

College News

SUNY Oneonta has welcomed 252 new students including: **Alexandra Burwood**, Delhi, bachelor of science in media studies; **Paige Fairchilds**, Franklin, bachelor of science in human development & family studies; **Leonardo Frascatore**, Treadwell, bachelor of science in theatre; **Quinn Kelley**, Delhi, bachelor of science in physics; **Adrianna Sperry**, Walton, bachelor of science in professional accounting; **Mackenzie Swantak**, South Kortright, bachelor of science in professional accounting; and **Adam Thies**, Franklin, bachelor of science in computer science.

Graduates selected to receive academic department honors for the fall 2019 semester include the following local residents: **Suzanne Ghersi**, Delhi, and **Megan McNamara**, Walton, honors in early childhood/childhood education; **Emily Pattison**, Downs-

ville, honors in family & consumer sciences ed and human ecology; **Brandon Hitchcock**, honors in biochemistry; **Jolene Krom**, Sidney Center, honors in business economics; and **Makayla Klinger**, Walton, honors in business economics.

The University of Hartford announced that **Kayla Ballard**, Roxbury, has been named to its Fall 2019 dean's list.

Ethan Sellevold, a Junior Information Systems major from Davenport has been named to the Le Moyne College dean's list for the Fall 2019 semester. To make the list, students must achieve a GPA of 3.5 or above.

These students were named to the dean's list for the Fall 2019 semester at Quinnipiac University: **Chase Molinari** and **Cheyenne Ryder** of Roscoe, and **Steven Smith**, Sidney.

Roscoe Second Quarter Honor Rolls

The Roscoe Central School has announced that the following students were named to its honor rolls for the first quarter marking period.

Superintendent Honor Roll

Grade 12: Kyra Breihof, John Michael Madera and Breanna Kipp.

Grade 10: Zeld Adams and Rebecca Stickle.

Grade 9: Meagan McDoal and Jacqueline Lambe.

Grade 8: Aiden Johnston, Sarah Gorr and Athena Niforatos.

Grade 7: Wesley Kinne.

High Honor Roll

Grade 12: Alisha Trautschold, Damien O'Connor, Kia Haering, Stephanie Kirk, Carly Lawler and Stephen Hecht Jr.

Grade 11: Cole DeRosia, Colleen Garofolo, Hunter Appley and

Kevin Feeney.

Grade 10: Annabelle Creamer and Jack Madera.

Grade 9: Liam Haering and Kansas Miner.

Grade 7: John Bowers.

Honor Roll

Grade 12: Austyn May, William Haas, Nicole Nieves and Kyle Summerson.

Grade 11: Brenden Ryder and Emily Tomah.

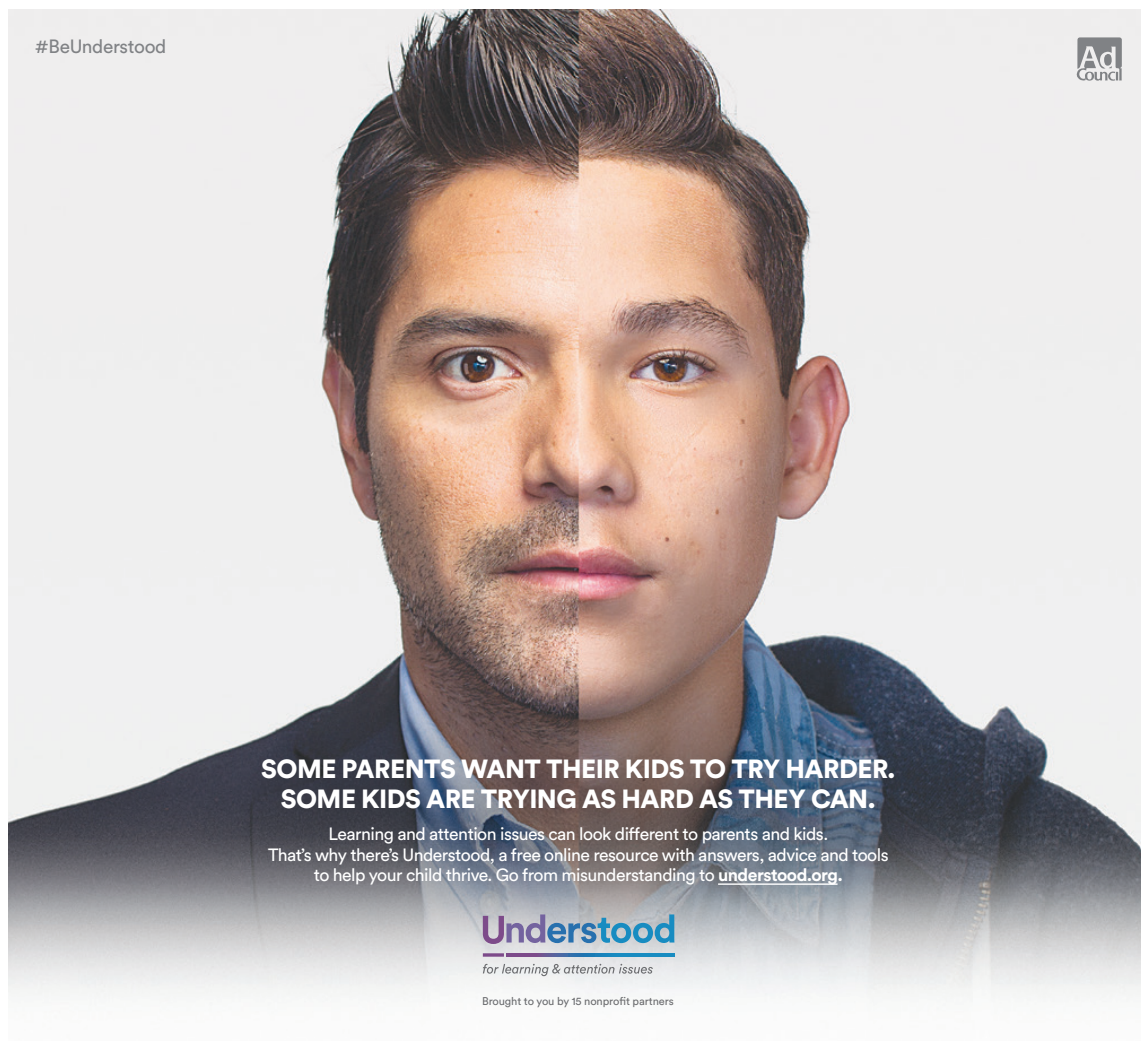
Grade 10: Daniel Irwin, Paul Coman, Brodie Kipp, Noah France, Ashley Nieves, Gianna Ballard and Alaniz Ruiz Gongora.

Grade 9: Joseph Park, Abigail Creamer, Sharianys Gonzalez, Daniel Aiello, Lauren Kirk, Ashlee Ladenhaiuf, Anthony Teipelke and Samantha Powell.

Grade 8: Hailey Sheehan, Maximillion Haas and Selina Fritz.

Grade 7: Mark Aiello and Kayley Coney.

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SPORTS REPORTER



Laycee Drake

Laycee Drake Is The All Time Leading Scorer For Hancock

By Rosie Cunningham

HANCOCK - Laycee Drake became the all-time leading basketball scorer in Hancock Central School history on Jan. 28 at the age of 16.

Drake surpassed the record of Section IV Hall of Fame member Jim Wright (1982-83) and he had 1,529 points. As of Thursday, Drake earned 1,539 career points. The junior turned around on Friday and unloaded for 37 points in a 69-54 win over Oxford.

"Laycee has unmatched court vision, her understanding of what and where everyone is on the floor, where they are going and how that effects what she is going to do consistently amazes us," said Drake's coach Scott Young who has led her onto the court for three years, ever since Deposit and Hancock merged their varsity teams. "We play with her everyday and sometimes even we as teammates shake our heads in surprise of what she can accomplish. She is very low key

and does not fluster easy. She is a hard worker and is well liked by her teammates and her competitors."

Drake, who turned 17 on Feb. 2 is the team's point guard, but Young said she is "equally at home at the post." He discussed how she has grown as an athlete on the court.

"Probably the biggest improvement in her game is moving without the ball," said Young. "This year we have really been working on motion without the ball, setting screens, using screens. She has learned that moving without the ball is the best way to fluster the defense rather than her being the one that is flustered."

Drake's court vision and athleticism is "astounding." At 5'6", she is the leading rebounder, leader in steals, scoring, blocked shots and assists.

In addition to basketball, Drake plays softball and in the last three years, she was class D all state third team in eighth and ninth grade and second team in her sophomore year.



Benjamin Patton/The Reporter

Delhi's Cella Schnabel gets this last second shot to fall leading her team to a 40-38 win over Stamford on Monday.

DA Drops Stamford With A Buzzer Beater

By Rosie Cunningham

STAMFORD - It's a buzzer beater win for the Bulldogs.

With less than a second left on the board, Alanna Ruchar passed the ball to Cella Schnabel who made a routine lay-up for the 40-38 victory Monday in Stamford.

With 13 seconds left to play at a 38-38 draw, Stamford's Emily Clark looked to get the ball to offensive standout Mel Hoyt and Delaware Academy (DA) used their defensive bread and butter to snag the pass and capitalize.

The Indians shot out to lead the ball game ending the first frame ahead 12-7. Going into the break however, the Bulldogs lagged by one point. DA outscored Stamford in the third quarter but the Indians would not go quietly, outscoring their opponents 13-10.



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Delhi's Sylvia Liddle, left, and Cella Schnabel celebrate after their team's 40-38 win over Stamford on Monday, Schnabel would hit the game winning shot with .3 seconds remaining.

According to DA Head Coach Todd Bruce, Schnabel finished with 10 points, Sophia Wakin dropped eight points and Ruchar tallied 10 boards, six points and five steals.

Hoyt tallied a double-double - the usual feat for the junior, who ripped down 12 boards and netted 19. Teammate Michaela Lynch earned nine points in the loss. Point guard Leanna McAuliffe contributed four assists, four steals and four points in the home game.

"The game was tight throughout," said Bruce. "It was just a grind it out type of game on both ends of the floor for both teams. We were very fortunate to escape with the victory. We did not shoot the ball well at all, but credit Stamford's defense, they forced us into a lot of long shots (we were 1-16 from three point land)."

Stamford had possession with 12.4 seconds left, but Sophia Wakin made a steal, looked ahead to Alanna Ruchar, who found Cella Schnabel for a lay up with .3 sec left. I credit those girls for knowing the situation, pushing the ball, and keeping their composure to finish the play."

Bruce said the momentum changer for the squad took place in the "strong third quarter."

"On a night where we didn't shoot the ball par-

ticularly well, we relied on our defense to keep the game close," he said. "We had more intensity coming out after halftime, and were fortunate enough to finish it at the end. It was a tough game on both ends of the floor. Stamford played very well."

On defense, Bruce noted that Ruchar "was all over the floor."

"She got in some early foul trouble, and we had to limit her minutes at certain points of the game," he said. "But she made the biggest impact on the defensive end for us. Cella Schnabel and Sylvia Liddle also did a nice job on Hoyt. She is a fantastic player, and you are not going to keep her from scoring, you just have to make her work for her points on every possession."



Benjamin Patton/The Reporter

Delhi's Riley Mason and Stamford's Emily Clark battle for a loose ball during their game on Monday.

SK Boys Edges Past H-T On Senior Night

By Rosie Cunningham

SOUTH KORTRIGHT - South Kortright defeated Hunter-Tannersville 65-52 in the Delaware League Thursday night - senior night for the Rams.

Prior to the ball game, South Kortright Athletic Director Bob VanValkenburgh honored seniors

Seth Ashline, Logan Kaufman, Chris Champlin, Kyle Funk, Mike Stiber and Brandon Wright.

Coming into the match, both teams had 7-0 league records and the game didn't disappoint as SK held a tentative lead the majority of the game.

Logan Kaufman lead all scorers and was game high scorer

with 20 points and went 4-5 from behind the 3 point line. The senior also tallied 10 steals and nine assists. Hunter Collins also had a double-double with 14 points and 10 rebounds. Joey Shafer dropped 15 points and pulled down nine rebounds, while Seth Ashline netted 11.

The SK defense was "solid once

again" noted Kaufman.

The Warriors were always within striking distance. However, it was in the third frame that the tides began to change and SK outscored the Wildcats 22-10. Both Kaufman and Collins each scored 10 points for the pull-ahead.

"We played a good game es-

pecially on the defensive end of the floor," said Kaufman. "Our offense although good was a little off tonight. Hunter is a very well coached team and I have a lot of respect for coach Glennon and the teams he puts on the floor. A win against them whether at home or on the road is always a win that you have earned."



Rosie Cunningham/The Reporter

South Kortright's Brandon Grommeck takes the shot over a Hunter-Tannersville opponent.



Rosie Cunningham/The Reporter

South Kortright's Hunter Collins hustles to the basket in a 65-52 win against Hunter-Tannersville.



Rosie Cunningham/The Reporter

South Kortright's Joey Shafer makes the slam dunk during a win against Hunter-Tannersville at home.



Rosie Cunningham/The Reporter

Seth Ashline looks to drive in a Thursday night victory.

Rosie's Rounds

By Rosie Cunningham

I love the response I got from the coaches this week! It not only makes my job easier, but it makes for a great sports sections - thank you.

What a nail biter from the Stamford and Delaware Academy game on Monday. I loved a Tweet I saw from a Delaware Academy student which said "Cella Schnabel. That's it, that's the Tweet." In the final second of a 38-38 ball game, Schnabel hit a layup off a pass from Alanna Ruchar. Both teams played hard right up until the end and it could have been anyone's game.

Unatego's Jacob Haqq and Delaware Academy's Lindsey Wright have qualified for the state indoor track tournament with their performances recently. Wright qualified for her work with the weighted throw Jan. 26 at Cornell University, and Haqq, who has already been accepted to Boston University, qualified for the long and triple jumps Feb. 1 at SUNY Cortland.

Basketball this time of season is so much fun, we will be watching the best around compete and it will surely get interesting.

A couple of things on my radar this week includes Stamford's Mel Hoyt - she is mere points away from being the all-time leading scorer for the school. Logan Kaufman of South Kortright, is in contention to take down a couple of Tyler Lamport's records (steals and assists). Let's give both athletes some support and hope they achieve the accomplishments.

Although I do not cover Schoharie County basketball in the Delaware League, I want to say congratulations to Cole Lapinel of Jefferson, who achieved the 1,000 point milestone. He's a hardworking, nice kid, who worked hard towards the feat.

To submit game scores and/or friendly suggestions, email me: r.cunningham@the-reporter.net.

B-G, Sidney and Unatego Compete in Section IV Open Invitational

The Bainbridge-Guilford, Sidney and Unatego indoor track teams competed in Marathon's Section IV Open Invitational at SUNY Cortland Saturday, Feb. 1.

Students from big and small schools competed against each other and Unatego's Jacob Haqq placed first in the long and triple jumps with distances of 21-06.5 and 45-02.25, respectfully. Both distances exceeded the state standard to qualify for the state tournament. B-G's Eian Hall placed third and Sidney's Jonathan McNamara placed fifth in the triple jump.

McNamara also placed second in the high jump, clearing 5-10. Sidney's Kevin McEwan placed third and JonMarrick Crawford

placed seventh in the shot put, while B-G's Nate Henry was 10th.

Sidney's Kayla McEwan placed fourth in the 55 meter hurdles and 11th in the long jump, while Lindsay Frederick was second in the shot put.

Elijah Baciuska of B-G was ninth and teammate Easton Porter was 14th in the 3,200 meter run. Mackenzie Payne placed ninth in the girls 1,000 meter run for B-G, while McKayla Payne was 11th in the 3,000 meter run. Teammate Olivia Nichols placed 11th in the high jump and seventh in the 1,500 meter race walk. B-G's Erica Selfridge was seventh in both the long and triple jumps, and her teammate Emily Koster was 10th in the long jump.

Delhi Sporterrifle Results

The Delhi Sporterrifle team defeated Saranac Lake by one point, 1,379-1,378 in their 16th match of the season.

Top shooters were Mabel Gutliph 284, Kevin Gutliph 279, Roland Grope 274, Bryan Fitch Jr.

273, and MJ Coloney with a 269.

Also shooting were Kristy Fitch and Sarah Keehr.

For the Juniors, Garrett Fitch shot a 278, and Kara Fitch shot a 260 for a new high score.

Tickets on Sale for NYSPHSAA Wrestling Individual Championships

The New York State Public High School Athletic Association has announced tickets are on sale for the 2020 High School Wrestling Individual State Championships Feb. 28 and 29 at the Times Union Center in Albany.

Tickets can be purchased for one or all three sessions at the Times Union Center Box Office, charge-by-phone at 1-800-745-3000, or online at www.ticketmaster.com. Three ticket packages are being offered for the tournament including a "Premium package" for \$39 in which an attendee would receive a ticket for each of the first two sessions and a third ticket for the last session in a premium seating area closer to the floor (for finals only). Also available will be a one-session ticket for \$10 as well as a three-session package without premium seating for \$30. All seating is general admission except for premium seating for the finals. Premium seating will not be sold separately for the finals.

The Association has released its official competition schedule for the individual tournament and is as follows (more tournament information can be found at www.nysphsaa.org):

Session #1 Friday, Feb. 28
9:30 a.m. Parade of Champions/National Anthem
10 a.m.-2 p.m. Preliminaries: Division 1 and 2

2-4 p.m. Quarterfinals: Division 1 and 2

4-8 p.m. Wrestlebacks: Division 1 and 2

Session #2 Saturday, Feb. 29
9:30 a.m. National Anthem/Special Awards

10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Semifinals: Division 1 and 2, Wrestlebacks: Division 1 and 2

12:30 - 2 p.m. Wrestlebacks/Cons Semifinals: Div. 1 & 2

2 p.m.-4 p.m. Consolation Finals: Division 1 and 2

Session #3 Saturday, February 29

6 p.m. Finals: Division 1 and 2 (2 mats only)

The 2020 tournament is now in its 16th year of a two-division format and will follow a similar schedule to last year's event held at the Times Union Center. This year will mark the 11th year an additional 120 wrestlers will fill the byes in the brackets bringing the total number of participants to nearly 500. For the first time, NYSPHSAA will recognize the 7th and 8th place wrestler on the awards podium for each weight class, which will result in additional consolation matches on Saturday afternoon. Qualifiers will hail from the 11 NYSPHSAA sections, as well as from the Public Schools Athletic League (PSAL) of New York City and the Catholic High School Athletic Association (CHSAA).

Athletes of the Week

Logan Kaufman runs in the point guard position for South Kortright and he's all hustle, heart and sportsmanship.

The senior is averaging 10 points, eight steals and nine assists per game for the season. He is close to breaking the school record for assists and steals for a single season owned currently by 2017 graduate Tyler Lamport. Currently, the record for assists for a single season is 127 and for steals - 102.

In Thursday night's win over Hunter-Tannersville, Kaufman was key in breaking open the game and stretching the lead for the Rams. He finished the contest with 20 points, 10 steals and five deflections.

"Logan is an excellent floor general out there when he is running the point," said SK Head Coach Aaron Kaufman. "He is strong in handling the ball against any type of press and has very few turnovers. He sees the floor well and is an exceptional passer. He is unselfish and always makes the pass to his teammates for the easy score. He is the kind of point guard that every coach wants out there. He knows what the coaches want offensively and makes sure his team is set up that way. He is one of three team captains and holds himself to a higher standard both on off the court."

Kaufman's area of expertise is on the defensive end, often times, he is assigned the task of guarding the opposing team's offensive standout. He leads his team in steals and deflections and assists and is "pedal to the metal every second he is on the floor and his teammates feed off of that defensively."

"Logan has become a great leader on the floor running the point," said his coach. "He has learned that finding the open man and making that pass for another to score is just as important as the player who throws up 25 for the night. He has realized that all players have a role on a team and he has filled his well."

The 17-year-old, who is a three-sport athlete, is undecided as to where he will be attending college but he will be playing baseball and is considering taking the court for basketball.



Logan Kaufman

DA Boys Roll Past The Spartans In Hoop Action

Girl XC Honored, Community Bids Farewell To Exiting Super

By Rosie Cunningham

DELHI - The Delaware Academy boys cruised to a 66-36 victory over Unatego Thursday on their home court.

Prior to the game, a ceremony was held for the 2019 state winning girls cross country team. In addition, the community had the opportunity to bid farewell to DA Superintendent Jason

ly. "I can't single out one or two people since all five players on the floor have to work together to make a game plan work. We have a lot of respect for Shea Barber and Austin Faulkner as scorers so holding them to 12 and 7 points respectively was a big deal for us."

Kelly said that the momentum-changing moment came in the third quarter when the squad outscored the Spartans 18-4.

"I also think the Delhi fans helped us in having positive momentum right from the start of the game with their cheering and support," he added.

He said as for the game overall, "I thought we did a decent job of spreading the scoring around among the players making us hard to defend. I also felt our team defense was right where it needed to be to help us stay undefeated in the MAC."



Benjamin Patton/The Reporter

Delhi's Tyler Bruce takes a three point shot that he would hit as Unatego's Miles Mohrien looks on during their game on Thursday.



Benjamin Patton/The Reporter

Delhi's Luke Branigan shoots as Unatego's Shea Barber defends during their game.

Thomson, who will be taking a new post at Ichabod Crane. Seniors on the boys varsity team were honored for senior night and included Tyler Bruce, Preston Van Wie, Rich Lalosh, Mike Griswold and A.J. Aukstikalis.

Going into the match, both squads had undefeated league records. After the first frame the Bulldogs led 16-7 and took a 34-24 advantage going into the break - DA never looked back.

DA's Alex Haight led the Bulldogs with a 21 point performance and tallied seven boards and six steals.

Teammate Luke Branigan netted 11 points and went 4-for-4 from the charity stripe. Lalosh recorded 10 points and pulled down seven boards, Bruce contributed nine points and VanWie earned eight points, respectively.

For Unatego, Shea Barber dropped 12 points, Miles Mohrien netted nine and Austin Faulkner finished with seven points for the night.

"Once again, the team did a decent job of executing our defensive game plan," said DA Head Coach Warren Kel-



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Delhi's Cella Schnabel is congratulated by DA Superintendent Jason Thomson at a ceremony honoring the 2019 NYSPHSAA Girls Class D Cross Country Champions.



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Collin Tallman competes at the Delaware Valley Ridge Riders' Groundhog Weekend Dash for the Cash in Downsville on Saturday.

Delaware Valley Ridge Riders Host Snowmobiles Races 'Best Turnout We've Ever Had'

By Rosie Cunningham

DOWNSVILLE - The Delaware Valley Ridge Riders (DVRR) hosted "Dash For The Cash," snowmobile drag races and side-by-side races on Saturday, Feb. 1.

The event hailed hundreds and was held at Downsville Fireman's Field.

According to Jessica Lacey, DVRR member who took registrations for the day, there were 103 registered machines.

"It was the best turnout we have had," she said.

There were 237 class entries for the event.

"It was huge," she said. "We had to cut the last class out because we ran out of daylight."

The participants of the last class refused to take a refund and donated the money to DVRR.

"We raised about \$5,000," said Lacey. "The funds will go to a starting light - right now, we borrow one. We will also be purchasing a back stop and the rest will

go towards trail maintenance and grooming needs."

Lacey, who has been a part of DVRR nearly all of her life, attributed the day's success to the event not coinciding with others and "good advertising."

She discussed what makes the ridge riders an important club in the community. "So many are involved, members, landowners and business owners - we all work together as a community," she said.

During the day, the Downsville EMS was on site and many businesses donated.

"Sonny and Sons and Johnson and Rhodes donated their snow, while Harmony Farms hauled it in," she said.

There were a few events for the kids and Lacey said more attractions for youth is something she would like to see added next year.

"The club sold food and everyone just had a great time," she said. "I am looking forward to next year - maybe we'll hold another this year."



Benjamin Patton/The Reporter

Jason Guy competes at the Delaware Valley Ridge Riders' Groundhog Weekend Dash for the Cash in Downsville on Saturday.



Benjamin Patton/The Reporter

WDA's Ty Lambrecht, bottom, and D/H's Ben Parkison are seen during their match at 182 pounds on Wednesday. Lambrecht would win by a 10-9 decision.



Benjamin Patton/The Reporter

Delaware Academy foreign exchange student Alex Pichi shakes hands with WDA wrestling coaches after the school played the Brazilian national anthem before their meet with Deposit/Hancock.

Unatego Girls Down the Bulldogs In MAC Battle

By Rosie Cunningham

DELHI - The Spartans beat the Bulldogs 42-32 on the road last Tuesday in a key Mid-state Athletic Conference battle.

At the end of the first frame, the score was locked at 9-9, and the Spartans claimed a 20-17 advantage going into the break. Unatego held onto that lead and going into the fourth, the team led 31-24. With six minutes left to play, Unatego widened the lead 39-26. And then the Bulldogs do what the Bulldogs do - they cut down the advantage rapidly and

with 35 second left to play the score was 39-32. However, the Spartans held on for the 42-32 victory.

Morgan Perry led the team with 14 points, Hali Lucia added 10 points, respectively.

For DA, Sophia Wakin led the scoring column with 13 points.

"It was an all around effort," said Unatego Coach Bob Zeh. "This was a key win for us."

Zeh said going into the match, the team anticipated the Bulldog's "exceptional" defense.

"It's always good to see how your team responds when the opponent is battling back," he said. "The girls held there composure - I am proud."



Benjamin Patton/The Reporter

Unatego's Hali Lucia looks to pass as Delaware Academy's Riley Mason defends on Tuesday.



Benjamin Patton

The Reporter

Unatego's Paige McCoy is fouled by DA's Riley Mason during their game on Tuesday.



Benjamin Patton/The Reporter

Unatego's Morgan Perry shoots while Delaware Academy's Sophia Wakin defends during their game on Tuesday.



Benjamin Patton/The Reporter

Unatego's Maddie Wilsey, right, hugs teammate Meghan Perry as the team walks off the court immediately following their 42-32 win over Delaware Academy on Tuesday.

D/H and W/DA Compete In Wrestling Dual

WALTON - The following are the results of the Deposit/Hancock versus Walton/Delaware Academy Varsity Wrestling dual which took place on Jan. 29 at the Walton High School gymnasium. W/DA won the match 78-0.

099 Holden Church (Walton-Delaware Academy) dec Kyle Mead (Deposit-Hancock) 12-7.

106 Garrett Copeland (Walton-Delaware Academy) forfeit.

113 Xander Davies (Walton-Delaware Academy) pin Ethan Payton (Deposit-Hancock) 2:43.

120 Noah Sovocool (Walton-Delaware Academy) pin Hunter Couse (Deposit-Hancock) 5:27.

126 Ty Robinson (Walton-Delaware Academy) forfeit.

132 Cody Merwin (Walton-Delaware Academy) forfeit.

138 Peyton Tweedie (Walton-Delaware Academy) forfeit.

145 Dustin Copeland (Walton-Delaware Academy) forfeit.

152 Nick Lamoreaux (Walton-Delaware Academy) dec Connor O'Boyle (Deposit-Hancock) 5-0.

160 Will Pettit (Walton-Delaware Academy) forfeit.

170 Kaiden Vernold (Walton-Delaware Academy) dec Jesse O'Donnell (Deposit-Hancock) 12-9.

182 Ty Lambrecht (Walton-Delaware Academy) dec Ben Parkison (Deposit-Hancock) 10-9.

195 Alex Pichi (Walton-Delaware Academy) forfeit.

220 Scotty Barnhart (Walton-Delaware Academy) forfeit.

285 Kalieb Stanton (Walton-Delaware Academy) forfeit.



Benjamin Patton/The Reporter

WDA's Kaiden Vernold grapples with D/H's Jesse O'Donnell during their match at 170 pounds on Wednesday in Walton. Vernold would win by a 12-9 decision.



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WDA's Holden Church, left, and D/H's Kyle Mead wrestle at 99 pounds on Wednesday. Church would win by a 12-7 decision.



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CESRPL Results for Jan. 24 and 31

In one of the closest matches in recent memory, the Walton pistol team defeated Stamford/Richmondville's pistol team on Xs, 1,090(19X), Dennis Bennett 271(3X) and Kris Bowker 262(4X). Also shooting for Walton were: James Noviello, Michael Noviello, Joe Yambor, Brian MacRabie, Bill McAdams, Ryan Boice, John Noviello, Jeff Yambor, Carl Banker, Will Sulger and Gary MacRabie

Top shooters for Stamford/Richmondville were Gus Mueller 275(6X), Larry VanDeusen 275(3X), Jim Hitt 271(2X) and Steve Baker 269(3X). Also shooting for Stamford/Richmondville were Mark Gifford and Jan Hornbach.

High scores for Rockdale were Dave Dewey 270(5X), Tom Rees 269(4X), Steve Ingalls 269(3X) and Michele Hartwell 259(2X). Other Rockdale shooters were Gerry Palmer, Rick Braun, Dave VanValkenburg, Jess Bouton, Steve Castle, Pat Hawkins, Joe Ocasio, and Rick Jaycox.

Top shooters for Delhi: Kevin Gutliph 266(3X), Bob Anderson 262(3X), Mabel Gutliph 261(3X) and Fred Stantaon 255(3X). Also shooting for Delhi were Gory Bene, Dennis Klimowski, Fred Robertson and Bret Sage.

Sidney's top scores were Phillip Guglielmo 282(2X), Jim Driscoll 273(5X), Vinny Guglielmo 266, and Mike Pecoraro 265(1X). Other Sidney shooters were Eddie Cotton, David Short, Ernie Griswold, Bruce Gerken, Mike Terzo, Den-

ny Puglisi, and Dick King.

Top shooters for Oneonta were Laura Dohner 274(1X), Wayne Jones 273(4X), Adam Nichols 269(2X) and Don Fleming 266(7X). Also shooting for Oneonta were: Scott May, Charlie Lowe, Allen Nichols, Grant LaBarr, Glenn Sullivan, Ken Soden, and Roland Groppe Jr.

On Jan. 31, Sidney moved out of last place by defeating Delhi 1,081(14X) to 1,060(16X). In other action, Walton defeated Oneonta 1,081(19X) to 1,029(10X) and S/R defeated Rockdale 1,126(18X) to 1,056(11X).

Sidney's top scores were: Jim Driscoll 279(5X), Vinny Guglielmo 271(3X), Phillip Guglielmo 268(4X) and Mike Pecoraro 263(2X). Other Sidney shooters were Erinie Griswold, David Short, Bruce Gerken, Eddie Cotton, Dennis Puglisi, Jim Winn, Mike Terzo, and Dick King.

Top shooters for Delhi were Tom Whittaker 269(3X), Mabel Gutliph 267(6X), Fred Stanton 264(3X) and Kevin Gutliph 260(4X). Also shooting for Delhi were: Bob Anderson, Fred Robertson, Cory Bene and Dennis Klimowski.

Top shooters for Walton were: Glenn Bowker 278(5X), Justin McAdams 273(7X), Dennis Bennett 270(3X) and Dan Bennett 260(4X).

Also shooting for Walton were: James Noviello, Joe Yambor, Carl Banker, Kris Bowker, Kyle Budine, Michael Noviello, Bill McAdams, Jeff Yambor, Will Sulger, Ryan Boice, Tammy Budine, John Noviello and Gary MacRabie.

Top shooters for Oneonta were Wayne Jones 265(4X), Adam Nichols 261, Al Nichols 256(3X) and Tim Donovan 247(3X). Also shooting for Oneonta were Laura Dohner, Grant LaBarr, Ken Soden and Roland Groppe Jr.

Top shooters for S/R were Cliff Christman 289(7X), who had the highest score of the night, Gus Mueller 283(6X), Brian Righi 278(2X) and Jim Hitt 276(3X). Also shooting for S/R were Larry VanDeusen, David Ferris, Steve Baker, Nick Righi, Mark Gifford, Jan Hornbach, and Jeff Mattice

High Scores for Rockdale were Rick Braun 273(4X), Dave Dewey 267(1X), Tom Rees 266(1X) and Michele Hartwell 250(5X). Other Rockdale Shooters were Gerry Palmer, Steve Ingalls, Joe Ocasio, Pat Hawkins, and Rick Jaycox.

The records for the season so far are: S/R at 12-2, Walton 10-4, Rockdale 6-8, Oneonta and Sidney 5-9, and Delhi 4-10.

DA's Lindsey Wright Is Set To Compete In State Qualifying Meet For Weight Throw

By Rosie Cunningham

Lindsey Wright of Delaware Academy is no stranger to state meets. Not only did she compete in her 2019 season as a sophomore, but the now junior was the Class D Champion for Section IV for her discus throw - Wright's toss was 97'6". She also competed in the state meet for the weighted throw in 2019 and placed 20th.

According to her coach Terence Legg, 43' is the automatic standard for a third athlete at the state meet and Lindsey threw 45'9" on Jan. 26 at Cornell.

"The next weight throw meet is this coming Sunday at Cornell. Then the last indoor track meet of the season is Saturday Feb. 15 at Cornell," said Wright Tuesday. "The meet on Feb. 15 is the state qualifier meet and the Section IV Championship Meet, and all indoor track competitors will be there (not just weight throwers).

Then, the State Championship meet is Saturday March 7 in Staten Island.

"Even though I 'qualified' for states with my throw of 45'9", I still have to place in the top three at the state qualifier meet on Feb. 15. As a rule, the top two competitors from each event go on to states but if there is someone that hits the state qualifier mark, then they will take the top three on to the state."

The 16-year-old said she has excelled over the last couple of seasons because of her coaches.

"I am very lucky to have wonderful coaches that are knowledgeable and that are always encouraging me to do better," she said. "Without their expertise, my craft would not be allowing me to continue to progress in the sport."

"Lindsey is ranked number one in Section 4 (all divisions)," Legg said. "Top place winner of Division I (big schools) and top finisher of Division II (small



File Photo

Lindsey Wright

schools) at State Qualifiers are entered to compete at State Meet," he said.

Currently, Wright is ranked 10 in the state and four among juniors.

"In all my dealings with Lindsey she has shown herself to be a young woman of character, intelligence, and dedication," said Legg. "Always on display, is her leadership and diligent work ethic every coach hopes for from his/her athletes. Her mantra 'hard work always pays off' and it is evident in all practices and meets. I expect more great throws from this young lady."

Hancock Leads in Boys, Girls MAC League Bowling Standings

The Mid-State Athletic League announced the following standings for girls and boys bowling.

The Hancock girls team earned first place winning 46 and losing 2 points this season. They were followed by Unadilla Valley with a 36.5-115, Sidney 31.5-16.5, Greene 26-22, Bainbridge-Guilford 17-31, Deposit 6-42 and Afton/Harpurville 5-43.

Hancock led all teams with the best scratch game of 980 and the best scratch series of 2,705. They were followed by UV with 951 and 2,644 and Greene with 897 and 2,595.

Hancock's Brenna Gleim led all bowlers with the best scratch series of 705. She was followed by UV's Paige Catena's 624, Greene's Kayli Willes' 601, Hancock's Lana Evanitsky's 585, B-G's Sasha Lamoree's 582 and UV's Gracie Oglesby's 576.

Greene's Erin Howard led the league with the best scratch game of 242. She was followed by Sidney's Kori Scott's 231, Hancock's Mckenzie Worzel's 226, Sidney's Maegan Mazzarella's 225, Han-

cock's Mickayla Norton's 224 and B-G's Catherine Fuller's 221.

To date Gleim has knocked down 7,400 pins in 36 games, and leads the league with a 205.56 average. She is followed by Howard's 190.20 and Catena's 183.14. Catena is second in the league, dropping 6,593 pins. Gleim's teammates Evanitsky and Norton are third and fourth, knocking down 6,166 and 6,133 pins respectfully. Green's Willes is fifth with 6,085 pins.

The Hancock boys team also placed first with a 43-5 record. Sidney placed second with a 37.5-10.5 record, UV third 32.5-15.5, Greene/Oxford fourth 24-24, B-G 14-34, A/H 10-38 and Deposit 7-41.

Hancock and UV traded places in the game and series - Hancock taking first with a 1,112 game and UV with a 3,191 series. UV was second with a 1,112 scratch game and Hancock was second in the series with a 3,177 and Sidney placed third with a 1,048 game and 3,040 series.

Hancock's Tyler Allen led all

bowlers with a scratch series of 743. He was followed by UV's Collin Grant with 700 and Brandon Kneale with 697, teammate Anton Leonard and UV's Nick Guller each with 689, and teammate Shane McAndrew with a 678.

Sidney's Ryan Cole leads the league with a 279 scratch game. He is followed by G/O's Jakob Funnell's 278, Hancock's Nick Hazen's 276, Deposit's Gabe Rynearson's 255, and teammates Tanner Boice's 252 and Caidyn Lambrecht's 245.

Cole leads the league with a 206.94 average; followed by Leonard's 205.00 and Grant's 202.43.

To date, Cole has knocked down 7,450 pins in 36 games. He is followed by Leonard's 7,380, Funnell's 7,211, Grant's 7,085 and Allen's 7,031.

The teams competed in the MAC tournament last night (Tuesday), and will compete in the Section IV championship on Saturday at Midway Lanes.

Delaware League Winter Athletic Standings

Delaware League Varsity Boys

Basketball (9 games)

SKCS 8-0 15-2

HTC 7-1 11-6

Davenport 7-1 10-6

Jefferson 5-3 12-4

Margaretville 3-4 7-7

Roxbury 3-5 6-8

Gilboa 3-5 3-10

Downsville 2-6 3-14

Windham 1-7 3-13

Stamford 0-7 0-16

Delaware League Varsity Girls

Basketball (8 games)

SKCS 8-0 14-3

Downsville 6-1 11-3

Stamford 5-2 14-2

HTC 3-3 8-5

Roxbury 3-4 4-6

Gilboa 3-4 5-8

Davenport 2-4 6-10

Margaretville 1-6 5-11

Jefferson 0-7 0-13

Delaware League JV Boys Basketball (8 Games)

SKCS 7-0 6-1

Windham 6-1 12-4

Jefferson 5-1 12-2

Davenport 4-3 6-10

Downsville 3-5 6-8

HTC 2-5 3-13

Gilboa 2-5 2-10

Margaretville 1-4 3-7

Stamford 0-6 0-11

Delaware League JV Girls Basketball (7 games)

Windham 6-0 13-2

HTC 5-1 11-3

SKCS 5-1 12-4

Stamford 3-3 6-9

Davenport 2-3 3-10

Gilboa 1-4 1-9

Margaretville 1-6 3-11

Downsville 0-5 0-12

Delaware League Varsity Boys

Skiing

1st - Margaretville

1st - Roxbury

2nd - HTC

3rd - Windham

Delaware League Varsity Girls

Skiing

1st - HTC

2nd - Margaretville

3rd - Windham

4th - Roxbury

DA Girls Roll Past Sidney in the MAC

By Rosie Cunningham

Delaware Academy defeated Sidney 52-25 in the Mid-state Athletic Conference Friday.

Libby Lamport dropped nine points in the win which included three 3-pointers. Teammate Sylvia Liddle ripped down nine boards, had nine assists and eight points, while Emelia O'Neill netted seven points and Sophia Wakin, Riley Mason and Cadence Wakin scored six points a piece.

MAC Boys Basketball Standings

Results as of Feb. 1 (League record only):

*Delhi (8-0)

*Greene (7-1)

*Unatego (6-1)

*Sidney (5-2)

*Walton (4-3)

*Deposit/Hancock (3-5)

*Unadilla Valley (3-5)

*Harpurville (2-4)

*B-G (1-5)

*Oxford (1-6)

*Afton (0-8)

Downsville Boys Pick Up Come-From-Behind Win Against WAJ

By Rosie Cunningham

DOWNSVILLE - Downsville's Eagles narrowly defeated Windham 67-57 at home on Thursday, Jan. 30.

According to Eagle head coach Burt Reed, Jason Gustafasson fired in 30 points in the come-from-behind victory. WAJ led 23-4 following the first frame but the Eagles led 31-30 going into the break.

Logan Cicio tallied 21 points in the win, and Steven Gummoe netted six points.

"Defensively, I felt that my big guys did a much better job on

Cofield (James) this game than they had in the past two times we played them," said Reed. "We focused on staying higher in the zone and rebounding out of it to limit second chance opportunities. Nate, Logan and Dustin all did a great job of team rebounding."

The Eagle coach discussed what the momentum changer was in the ball game.

"Surprisingly the momentum changer occurred when I least expected it," he said. "We went down 23-4 and Logan had just picked up his third foul in the first quarter of our senior night

game. When this happened, Jason took over to score 18 points in the final 12 minutes of the first half - this gave us the 31-30 lead.

Overall, the team came out sluggish but recovered and played really hard. A couple of outstanding individual efforts on the offensive side of the ball gave us the opportunity to win. Jason and Logan were outstanding in the fourth quarter scoring all 22 points for us in the final period."

For WAJ, Adam Ismail and Joe Pettigano each contributed 15 points in the loss, while teammate James Cofield tallied 13 points.

D/H Girls Clip Oxford On the Basketball Court

By Rosie Cunningham

The Deposit/Hancock girls clipped Oxford 69-54 on Jan. 31 in a come-from-behind win.

Junior Laycee Drake fired in 37 points in the victory, while teammate Kelsey Young tallied a double-double with 10 points, as well as 10 rebounds. Drake finished with a triple double, earning 10 assists and 10 boards in the win. Ella Simmons also scored eight points against Oxford.

For the Blackhawks, Caitlyn Quigley netted 19 points in the loss, while Madalyn Barrows and Karley Miller scored 14 points apiece.

"We spotted them a 12-4 lead in the first before a timely timeout got us motivated and started

to turn the tide. We used a 26 point second quarter to give us a halftime lead of 43-26," said D/H Coach Scott Young. "They are a really talented team that has played sporadically this year. Their big girls really hurt us scoring 34 of their 54 points, unfortunately the officials would not let us get physical with them so they essentially had their way with us. Thankfully, their outside shooters were struggling. Laycee is always a momentum changer - she penetrates and dishes so well that it gets everyone involved, while still taking the opportunities for herself as they present themselves, we had seven different girls score."

D/H is now 15-1 and ranked 18th in the state.

Sidney Boys Drop Afton In the MAC

By Rosie Cunningham

The Sidney boys defeated Afton 70-24 in the Midstate Athletic Conference (MAC) on Thursday.

For the Warriors, Liam Matthews dropped 12 points and teammates Devon Chabot and Jonathan Palmatier each added 11 points in the win.

"It was balanced scoring," said Sidney head coach Mike Brazee.

He added that the full court pressure led the team to a 25-2 first quarter advantage.

"We forced numerous turnovers and turned them into easy transition baskets," he said.

For Afton, Anthony Morris netted seven points and Corbin Constable contributed six points off of the bench.

"We played very well in all areas of the game," said Brazee.

THE REPORTER Sports Slates Boys Basketball

Wednesday: Livingston Manor Tournament featuring LM, Fallsburg, Sullivan West and Eldred.

Thursday: Afton at Walton, Oxford at Bainbridge Guilford, Sidney at Deposit/Hancock in Hancock, Greene at Unatego.

Friday: Harbursville at Afton, Chapel Field at LM.

Saturday: Delaware Academy at Cobleskill-Richmondville.

Monday: Tri Valley at LM.

Tuesday: Afton at Otselic Valley, BG at Greene, DA at Walton, Unatego at Sidney, Delaware League tournament first round.

Girls Basketball

Wednesday: Oxford at BG, Sidney at D/H in Deposit, Downsville at Charlotte Valley.

Thursday: LM vs. Downsville/Roscoe in Roscoe, Unatego at Sidney, Afton at Walton.

Friday: Harpursville at Afton, BG at Greene, DA at Walton.

Saturday: D/H at Unatego.

Monday: Sidney at Unatego.

Tuesday: LM at Sullivan West, Unatego at Greene.

Next Wednesday: Delaware League tournament first round.

Boys & Girls Bowling

Saturday: Section IV Championship at Midway Lanes.

Indoor Track

Sunday: Throwers only meet at Cornell.

Skiing

Wednesday: Section IV Championship at Belleayre Mountain. Giant Slalom at 10 a.m., Slalom at 12:30 p.m. Makeup date Feb. 6.

Wrestling

Saturday: Section IV Wrestling Qualifier A in Walton.

SUNY Delhi Youth Hoop



Benjamin Patton/The Reporter

Danielle Ennist high-fives the SUNY-Delhi Bronco at the college's Youth Day on Saturday.



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Jaylyn Prisco, 9, Delhi, takes a shot during the halftime of SUNY Delhi's game with Pratt on Saturday. The college was hosting a Youth Day and the halftime game was part of the festivities.

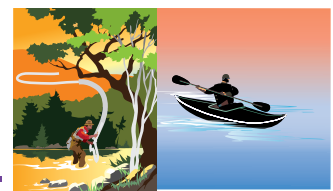


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Sisters Georgia, left, 9, and Annie DeWitt, 7, Delhi, participate in SUNY Delhi's Youth Day on Saturday.



OUTDOOR LIFE



DEC Announces Summer Camps Registration Is Close To 90 Percent Filled

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos urged families and sponsors to register campers as soon as possible for the 2020 Summer Camp season. Online registration opened Sunday, Jan. 26, at 1 p.m. and within less than 24 hours, 90 percent of spaces were filled, with 22 weeks for boys and 13 for girls totally booked.

Applications should be submitted through the online registration program on DEC's Summer Camps website: www.dec.ny.gov/education/61769.html. Parents and guardians can view the complete schedule of camp weeks and ages on this page, and find camp weeks that still have spaces available.

DEC operates four residential camps for children ages 11 to 17: Camp Colby in Saranac Lake (Franklin County); Camp DeBruce in Livingston Manor (Sullivan County); Camp Rushford in Caneadea (Allegany County), and Pack Forest in Warrensburg (Warren County). There are different weeks for 11 to 13-year-olds and 14 to 17-year-olds.

Along with adventure experiences, DEC campers engage in fun, hands-on activities and outdoor exploration focused on field, forest, stream, and pond ecological principles as well as a

human dimension component. One hunter education program for either gun, bow, or trapping is offered at each camp each week. Class size is limited for hunter education programs and campers must sign up for it during registration and complete the homework in advance.

Drop-off time is 3 p.m. on Sunday, and the closing ceremony and pick-up time is Friday at 4:30

p.m. One week of camp remains \$350 per child, and includes meals, local trips, an overnight outdoor camping experience, and a camp T-shirt.

For more information, visit DEC's website, call 518-402-8014, visit "NYS DEC Summer Camps" on Facebook, or write to DEC Camps, 3rd Floor, 625 Broadway, Albany, New York 12233-5256.

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DELHI

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4-H overnight and day camp registration for this summer is open. Visit campshankitunk.org to find the link to register online.

On Sunday, Feb. 9 at 2:33 a.m., we will experience the full moon called the snow moon. I hope it's a wonderful clear night.

Last week's trivia question: In what year was the first gymnasium added to Delaware Academy? It was 1899 that the first gym was added to Delaware Academy. The project was made possible by old friends of the school.

The Joker will be playing at SUNY Delhi this weekend. Show times in the Okun Theatre in Farrell Center are Thursday, Feb. 6 at 8:30 p.m., Friday, Feb. 7 at 8:30 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 8 at 4 p.m., 6:30 p.m., and 9 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 9 at 4 p.m., and 9:30 p.m.

The SUNY Delhi Veterinary Science department will host a dog wash Saturday, Feb. 8 from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. in Farnsworth Hall. Everyone is welcome: pets, children and families. Do not come before 9 a.m. The students that plan this event have animals with special needs that do not do well with strangers (both animals and humans) and they need time and space to care for them first. All dogs that attend the event must have a rabies certificate. This also means that puppies should have all of their vaccine series completed. A rabies tag will not count. Pick up after your animals if they do No. 2. There will be plastic baggies and a trash can by the door.

There will be a paint 'n sniff fundraiser at The Craft Shack, Main Street, to support local Walton School student, Natalie Wright. Natalie is a member of the WCS travel club and will travel to Costa Rica for 10 days. She is close to her fundraising goal, so let's help her out. The fundraiser will be held on Saturday, Feb. 8, from 3 until 6 p.m. Join for a fun afternoon of painting and socializing featuring a rustic Valentine themed paint 'n sip. Cost is \$30 per person. Sign up on www.facebook.com/events/648026382671407.

A Galentine's Day Clothing Swap and Wellness Boutique will be held on Saturday, Feb. 8, from 11:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. at The Cardio Club, 17 Elm Street. Valentine's Day is coming up, but celebrate with your gal pals first - new year, new wardrobe. Drop off your once-loved clothing at 11:15 a.m., then head into a yoga class from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Once you've refreshed your mind, body and soul enjoy good food, hot tea, get a chair massage, have a makeup tutorial, and "shop" for new clothes. Bring/take as much as you would like. Any items not swapped will be donated unless otherwise marked. The cost is \$50 to attend. Ticket sales can be purchased at www.facebook.com/events/2605912042858574.

Open gym Sunday, Feb. 9 from

1 until 4 p.m. at Delaware Academy. Go have some fun in the high school or middle school gym.

There will be a Paint & Sip Fundraiser for Jordan Wamsley on Sunday, Feb. 9, at 1 p.m. at the East Meredith Fire Dept., 6192 County Highway 10, East Meredith. Come for a fun afternoon of painting and socializing to support Jordan Wamsley, a member of the Delaware County All-Star Team for the 2019 soccer season. Jordan will be representing Section IV and traveling to Germany, Italy, and Switzerland in April to play soccer against local teams. Funds raised will be used to offset the cost of the trip. The cost is \$36 per person and includes complimentary snacks, painting supplies, and guided instruction to create a 16x20 stretched canvas masterpiece. You will choose your design and colors. A template will be used...no art experience necessary. Registration and payment are required in advance to reserve a spot. Seating is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Contact Marisa Wamsley at 607-287-0311 to save your spot. Find out more info at www.facebook.com/events/478785129494697.

Bingo - every Wednesday at the Legion. Come and play and win some cash, eat some good food and relax. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and Bingo starts at 7:30 p.m.

The Delhi Food Bank is open Mondays from 1 until 3 p.m. and Thursdays from 3:30 until 5:30 p.m. in the United Ministry Church.

The Greater Delhi Area Chamber of Commerce monthly meeting is Tuesday, Feb. 11 at 9:30 a.m. at the back building of the Delhi Telephone Company. Come get involved.

Habitat for Humanity of Delaware County meeting will be on Tuesday, Feb. 11 at 6 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church on Clinton Street. All are welcome. Help is needed to serve our Delaware County families with affordable housing opportunities. Call 607-746-9987 or email habitat-delawarecounty@gmail.com for more information, or send a donation to PO Box 226, Delhi, NY 13753. Habitat for Humanity is heavily recruiting for volunteers to work with the local Habitat for Humanity of Delaware County. If you or someone you know might be interested, message me or come to the meeting. The group needs board members, committee members and, of course, volunteers. Positions needed include secretarial assistance, administrative and social media, volunteer coordinator and more.

The Bovina Senior Citizens Club meets at the Bovina Presbyterian Church, Maple Street, Bovina on Tuesday, Feb. 11 at noon. For more information, you can call 607-832-4316.

26, at noon at the Hamden Town Hall. The Delcimore's will entertain the group. Terry Gimble leads the group of guitar, delcimer, penny whistle, flute, and string instruments. Folk songs with some Irish music will be featured along with stories told by Bill Seneschal of Walton. All are invited to join us for lunch and the program - bring a dish to pass and table service. Beverages are provided.

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Willard John Coss Jr.

Willard John Coss Jr., 62, of Walton, passed away at his home on Wednesday, Jan. 29, 2020.

Born in Margaretville on Nov. 5, 1957, he was the first child of the late Willard Coss Sr. and Lillian (Yeary) Coss.

Growing up on the family farm in Andes he enjoyed hunting and fishing. He attended Andes Central School where he enjoyed playing basketball. A graduate of BOCES Food Service Program, he greatly enjoyed cooking and baking. As a member of the Creekside Social Club he prepared meals, and his baking creations won ribbons at the Delaware County Fair. He also enjoyed trips with his club friends as well as bowling, and family togetherness for the holidays.

Willard will be remembered for his great sense of humor, the jokes he told to bring a smile to someone's face or just a laugh, and the deck of playing cards he never left home without.

He is survived by his mother Lillian of Massachusetts; three sisters, Lorraine Mann (Paul) of Meridale, Dorothy Coss of Massachusetts and Pauline Clement (Bernie) of South Carolina; four brothers, Jim Coss, Delhi, Kenny Coss, Delhi, Walter Coss, Sidney and Paul Coss, Kentucky; two aunts Margaret Dougherty and Shirley Yearry both of Delhi, as well as several nieces, nephews and cousins.

He is predeceased by his brother Wayne Coss.

Memorial contributions in Willard's memory may be made to the Creekside Social Club, care of Rehabilitation Support Services, PO Box 240, Walton, NY 13856.

A celebration of life will be held on Thursday Feb., 13, from 4-8 p.m. at the Walton Grange Hall, 139 Stockton Avenue, Walton.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Courtney Funeral Home, Walton. To leave a message of sympathy for Willard's family, visit www.courtneyfh.com.



Theda F. Lacey

On Friday Jan. 31, 2020, our beloved mother Theda F. Lacey (Baxter) was called home to join our father John A. Lacey in the cabin he prepared for her.

Born Oct. 2, 1923 to Ray and Mae Baxter (Laraway) in Colchester, she married John A. Lacey on March 13, 1948; they were married for 56 years. She was the only woman John ever loved all his life.

Theda is survived by daughters Pamela Homovich, Beverly Houck and Sheila Birch; sons Wallace, Warren and Walter Lacey and a sister-in-law Roberta Lacey, as well as 10 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild and her faithful feline companion, Mouse. There are many more who were dear to her heart and considered her Grandma, Ma, Grandma Turd, Aunt Tater and Wombat.

She is predeceased by her husband John, June 26, 2004; son Darwin at birth; brothers Harold and Ike Baxter; sister Hazel Sutherland; son-in-law Richard Homovich and daughter-in-law Linda Lacey (Graham).

Her life was all about being there for her kids and helping others. She was always the first one to help someone else and the last one who wanted help from others. She loved watching birds outside her house and doing "search a word" puzzle books. She loved gatherings of people, conversations, her door was always open and the coffee was always on. Theda loved to watch Jeopardy and Wheel of Fortune. Theda constant found excuses to get behind the wheel because she loved to be driving somewhere. Her nickname was "Road Runner." She will be remembered for her spunky personality. When asked how she was she always said, "Ugly, mean, and miserable as ever." She also always said, "God isn't ready, and the devil don't want me."

Memorial contributions in Theda's memory may be made to the Steeple Fund, Colchester Community Church, PO Box 305, Downsville, NY 13755, or Helios Care, 297 River Street Service Road, Oneonta, NY 13820.

A special thank you to Dr. Michael J. Freeman and the staff at Helios care - you were all amazing.

A celebration of life will be held when the flowers are in bloom and the birds are singing in the spring at a date to be determined.

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Home, Walton.

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Everett E. Burrows

Everett E. Burrows, 63, of Trout Creek passed away peacefully on Tuesday, Jan. 28, 2020, at Wilson Medical Center surrounded by his loving family, following a brief illness.

Born July 4, 1956 in Walton, he was the son of the late Edgar A. and Shirley May Taylor Burrows.

Everett worked for the town of Masonville as a truck driver for many years. He enjoyed riding his motorcycle and having close friends and family over for barbecues. Everett was a longtime member of Club Royal Oasis and the American Legion in Walton.

Survivors include his daughters Bobbi Wright (Rich) of Walton, Nici Burrows of Franklin and Julie Bennett (Joe) of Walton; his favorite sister Missy Berryann of Mount Tremper, and his beloved grandchildren Zaniel Burrows, Lahja Wright and Skylar Bennett. He is also survived by several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Everett is predeceased by his beloved wife Dianna Keen Burrows, who passed on July 3, 1999; his parents Edgar A. and Shirley May Taylor Burrows and brother David Burrows.

Calling hours to which relatives and friends are invited to attend will be held on Saturday, Feb. 15, from 1-3 p.m. at New Hope Community Church, 45 Stockton Avenue, Walton. A service to celebrate Everett's life will follow at 3 p.m. at the church with Pastor Bob Wilke and Pastor Don Crossman officiating. Burial at Walton Cemetery will take place in the spring at a day and time to be announced.

Memorial contributions in Everett's memory may be made to the Trout Creek Volunteer Fire Department, 8695 County Route 27, Trout Creek, NY 13847.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Courtney Funeral Home, Walton.

To leave a message of hope and sympathy for Everett's family, visit www.courtneyfh.com.

HAMDEN

By Lois McDonald
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Continue to keep George Bolles, Abby Stone, Dan Socorro, Charlie and Marion Calhoun in your prayers.

Glad to see Marty Conklin out and about.

The AARP tax-aide team will be at the Hamden Town Hall on Tuesday, Feb. 18 and Tuesday, April 7 to do income tax returns for seniors and low to moderate taxpayers. Call the Office of Aging at 607-832-5750 to make an appointment.

Hamden Senior Citizens met for their monthly luncheon meeting on Jan 22. Cards were signed and sent to Jim Tweedie, Charlie and Marian Calhoun, Lucille Courtney, Marty Foster, Mary Mehegan and Tess Valada. The next meeting is Wednesday, Feb.

to share God's love. The youth group meets Wednesday, Feb. 12 at 6:30 in the DeLancey Church.

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- Talk to family and friends about the holidays - it can be confusing for kids especially that the holidays can be both happy and sad after a death. Let them know it is okay to enjoy the holiday, and it is okay to be sad.
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SPOOKY HOLLOW HOLDINGS, LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 12/26/2019. Office in Delaware Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 359 Delaware County Highway 11, Oneonta, NY 13820, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Bodybuilding Nation LLC Arts. of Org. filed w/ SSNY on 11/6/19 Off. in Delaware Co. SSNY desig. as agt. of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 144 Rolling Hills Ln, Halcottsville, NY 12438. The reg. agt. is United States Corporation Agents, Inc. at 7014 13th Ave, Ste 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: any lawful activity.

Professional Certification Specialists LLC. Filed 11/18/19. Office: Delaware Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 88 Mill St, Hamden, NY 13782. Registered Agent: United States Corporation Agents, Inc., 7014 13th Ave Ste 202, Bklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: General.

Wenger Farm LLC Arts. of Org. filed w/ SSNY 1/2/20. Off. in Delaware Co. SSNY desig. as agt. of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 144 Rolling Hills Ln, Halcottsville, NY 12438. Purpose: any lawful activity.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, NAME: SERENDIPITOUS HOLDINGS, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 01/13/2020. Office location: Delaware County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 2 Orchard Street, Delhi, New York 13753. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.

FAMILY COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF DELAWARE COUNTY In The Matter of a Proceeding Under Articles 6 & 8 of

the Family Court Act SUMMONS & NOTICE Family File: 10640 Docket Numbers: V00894-16/18C

Susan Arnott, Petitioner v. Clayton Coddington April Bull Susan Everson, Respondents IN THE NAME OF THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: APRIL BULL, WHO RESIDES OR IS FOUND AT: POST OFFICE BOX 173, WEAVERTOWN NEW YORK 13886, AND WHO IS THE NATURAL PARENT OF M. CODDINGTON OF HANCOCK NEW YORK. A Petition under Article 6 & 8 having been filed with this court regarding the custody and visitation rights of the child, M. Coddington. YOU AND EACH OF YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to appear before this Court at 3 Courthouse Square, Delhi New York on Friday, February 14, 2020 at 1 o'clock in the afternoon of that day to answer the petitions and to be dealt with in accordance with Article 6 of the Family Court Act. On your failure to appear as herein directed, a warrant may be issued for your arrest.

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT: DELAWARE COUNTY. THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF THE CWABS, INC., ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-7, Plff. vs. GEORGES ABOUEID, et al, Defts. Index #2015-579. Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale dated April 29, 2016 and order dated January 27, 2017, I will sell at public auction at the Delaware County Courthouse, 3 Court St., Delhi, NY on February 26, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. prem. k/a 6 Van Dyke Avenue, Stamford, NY a/k/a Section 41.17, Block 6, Lot 7. Said property located in the Town of Harpersfield, County of Delaware and State of New York, being Lots Nos. 82 and 83 in Granthurst Park as surveyed by Edwin B. Codwise, Civil Engineer, dated 1892, duly filed in Delaware County Clerk's Office, and more particularly described as follows: Commencing at a point on Van Dyke Avenue marking the northwesterly corner of Lot 82; running thence in a southeasterly direction along Van Dyke Avenue a distance of 130 ft. to a point marking the center line of former Edison Street; thence in a northeasterly direction along the center of Edison Street a

distance of 150 ft.; thence in a northwesterly direction along the line of Lots 83 and 82 to the northeasterly corner of Lot 82; Thence in a westerly direction along the bounds of 82 to the point or place of beginning. Approx. amt. of judgment is \$235,775.27 plus costs and interest. Sold subject to terms and conditions of filed judgment and terms of sale. STEPHEN F. BAKER, Referee. THE MARGOLIN & WEINREB LAW GROUP, LLP, Attys. For Pltf., 165 Eileen Way, Ste. 101, Syoset, NY. #98227

Dmk Development - Greene, LLC. Filed: 1/10/20. Office: Chenango Co. Formed in MI: 8/21/19. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 4927 E. Stariha Dr, Ste B, Norton Shores, MI 49441. Foreign add: Brian Leibrandt, 4927 E Stariha Dr SteB, Norton Shores, MI 49441. Arts. of Org. filed with Mi Secy Of State, 2501 Woodlake Circle, Okemos, MI 48864. Purpose: General.

DMK Development - Stamford, LLC. Filed: 1/10/20. Office: Delaware Co. Formed in MI: 11/27/2019. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 4927 E. Stariha Dr, Ste B, Norton Shores, MI 49441. Foreign add: Brian Leibrandt, 4927 E Stariha Dr SteB, Norton Shores, MI 49441. Arts. of Org. filed with Mi Secy Of State, 2501 Woodlake Circle, Okemos, MI 48864. Purpose: General.

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT DELAWARE COUNTY M&T BANK, Plaintiff against PATRICK A. WALKER, et al Defendants Attorney for Plaintiff(s) Schiller, Knapp, Lefkowitz & Hertzell, LLP, 200 John James Audubon Parkway, Suite 202, Amherst, NY 14228 Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered December 17, 2019, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at 111 Main Street, Delhi, NY on February 25, 2020 at 1:15 PM. Premises known as 15881 State Highway 8, Sidney, New York 13804. Sec 183.3 Block 1 Lot 33.2. All that tract or parcel of land, situate in the Town of Masonville, County of Delaware and State of New York. Approximate Amount of Judgment is \$85,030.91 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No EF2018-1005. For sale information, please visit

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Notice of Formation of a NY Limited Liability Company. Name: OFF ROAD MAPLE LLC. Articles of Organization filing date with Secretary of State (SSNY) was 15 January 2020. Office location: Delaware County. SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and SSNY shall mail copy of process to 195 Pomeroy Road, Franklin, NY 13775. Purpose is to engage in any and all business activities permitted under NYS laws.

William J Lehn Land Surveying PLLC. Filed with SSNY on 12/31/2019. Office location: Delaware County. SSNY designated as agent for process and shall mail to: 3208 Franklin Ave Millbrook NY 12545. Purpose: Land Surveying

STATE OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT: COUNTY OF DELAWARE BAYVIEW LOAN SERVICES, LLC, Plaintiff,

v. DENISE M. SERRAPICA, et al., Defendants
NOTICE OF SALE IN FORECLOSURE PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT

In pursuance of a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the Office of the County Clerk of Delaware County on December 16, 2019, I, Jason Kovacs the Referee named in said Judgment, will sell in one parcel at public auction on March 2, 2020 at 111 Main Street, Village of Delhi, County of Delaware, State of New York, at 2:00 P.M., the premises described as follows:

953 Shaw Road Bloomville a/k/a Kortright, NY 13739
SBL No.: 86.-1-32.1 p/o 32.2

ALL THAT TRACT OF PARCEL OF LAND, Situate, lying and being in Town of Kortright, County of Delaware and State of New York The premises are sold subject to the provisions of the filed judgment, Index No. EF2018-622 in the amount of \$225,860.59 plus interest and costs.

Tammy L. Garcia-Klipfel, Esq.
Woods Oviatt Gilman LLP Plaintiff's Attorney
500 Bausch & Lomb Rochester, New York 14604 Tel.: 855-227-5072

Notice of Formation of a NY Limited Liability Company. Name: ROBIN'S HOOD ON SHERWOOD LLC Articles of Organization filing date with Secretary of State (SSNY) was January 15, 2020. Office location: Delaware County. Michele Frazier has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served at 392 Sherwood Rd., Delhi, NY 13753. Purpose is to engage in any and all business activities permitted under NYS laws.

VILLAGE OF WALTON BY ACTION IN REM

STATE OF NEW YORK DELAWARE COUNTY COUNTY COURT:

In the Matter of the Foreclosure of Tax Liens By Proceeding in Rem Pursuant To Article Eleven of the Real Property Tax Law by the Village of Walton
Index No.: EF2020-4

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on the 2nd day of January, 2020, the Clerk/Treasurer, hereinafter the "Enforcing Officer", of the Village of Walton, hereinafter the "Tax District", pursuant to law filed with the Clerk of Delaware County, a Petition of Foreclosure against various parcels of real property for unpaid taxes. Such petition pertains to the following parcels:

273.11-7-58.120 - 14 Camp Avenue, Walton, NY 13856

Effect of filing: All persons having or claiming to have an interest in the real property described in such petition are hereby notified that the filing of such petition constitutes the commence-

ment of the Tax District of a proceeding in the Court specified in the caption above to foreclose each of the tax liens therein described by a foreclosure proceeding in rem.

Nature of Proceeding: Such proceeding is brought against the real property only and is to foreclose the tax liens described in such petition. No personal judgment will be entered herein for such taxes or other legal charges or any part thereof. Persons affected: This notice is directed to all persons owning or having or claiming to have an interest in the real property described in such petition. Such persons are hereby notified that a duplicate of such petition has been filed in the office of the Enforcing Officer of the Tax District and will remain open for public inspection up to and including the date specified below as the last day for redemptions.

Right of redemption: Any person having or claiming to have an interest in any such real property and the legal right thereto may on or before said date redeem the same by paying the amount of all such unpaid tax, liens thereon, including all interest and penalties and other legal challenges which are included in the lien against such real property, computed to and including the date of redemption. Such payments shall be made to Village of Walton Clerk/Treasurer, Jody Brown, at 21 North Street, Walton NY 13856. In the event that a person other than the record owner of such real property pays such taxes, the person so paying shall be entitled to have the tax liens affected thereby satisfied of record. Last day for redemption: The last day for redemption is hereby fixed as the 7th day of April, 2020.

Service of answer: Every person having any right, title or interest in or lien upon any parcel of real property described in such petition may serve a duly verified answer upon the attorney for the Tax District setting forth in detail the nature and amount of his or her interest and any defense or objection to the foreclosure. Such answer must be filed in the office of the county clerk and served upon the attorney for the Tax District on or before the date above mentioned as the last day for redemption. Failure to redeem or answer: In the event of failure by any person having the right to redeem or answer, such person shall be forever barred and foreclosed of all his or her right, title and interest and equity of redemption in and to the parcel described in such petition and a judgment in foreclosure may be taken by default.

Enforcing Officer: Jody Brown, Clerk/Treasurer Village of Walton

David S. Merzig, Esq. Attorney for the Village of Walton
Kehoe & Merzig, PC
8-12 Dietz St., Suite 202
Oneonta, New York 13820
Phone: 607-432-4242

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT DELAWARE COUNTY

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A. S/B/M CHASE HOME FINANCE LLC S/B/M CHASE MANHATTAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Plaintiff against RONALD L. BEYERS, INDIVIDUALLY, AND AS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF ARTHUR L. BEYERS A/K/A ARTHUR L. BEYERS, JR., DECEASED, et al Defendants
Attorney for Plaintiff(s) Fein, Such & Crane, LLP, 28 East Main Street, Suite 1800, Rochester, NY 14614 Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s). Pursuant to a Judgment of

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Foreclosure and Sale entered December 17, 2019, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at Delaware County Office Building, 111 Main St., Delhi, NY 13753 on March 9, 2020 at 10:30 AM. Premises known as 9 Lake Street, Stamford, NY 12167. Sec 54.5 Block 2 Lot 13. All that tract or parcel of land, situate in the Town of Harpersfield, County of Delaware and State of New York. Approximate Amount of Judgment is \$138,603.01 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No 2017-894.
Michael J. Shultes, Esq., Referee CHNC1258

Notice of Special BOE Meetings

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Education of the Delaware Academy Central School District at Delhi will hold Special Meetings on Monday, February 3, 2020, Monday, February 10, 2020, and Thursday, March 19, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Media Library Center to discuss matters leading to the appointment of a particular person. The Board of Education will convene into an Executive Session at 6:00 p.m.
Susan J. Temple District Clerk

VEHICLES FOR BID

The Delaware County SWCD is accepting sealed bids for a 2007 Dodge Caravan, a 2006 Dodge RAM 4X4 and a 2008 Dodge Caravan. Call (607) 865-7161 for bid package.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 103 of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York, that the County of Delaware will accept sealed proposals for the rental of the following items by the said County of Delaware:

PROPOSAL NO. 27-20
Purchase of Lowboy Trailer

Proposals shall be submitted on bid forms which are available for inspection and obtainable at the Office of the County Commissioner of Public Works, Page Avenue, Delhi, NY 13753. Forms can be obtained electronically by e-mailing a request to lisa.henderson@co.delaware.ny.us . Detailed specifications are contained in said forms. Proposals must be filed with Susan McIntyre, Delaware County Commissioner of Public Works, Page Avenue, Delhi, NY 13753 on or before 1:00 P.M., prevailing time, Wednesday, February 19, 2020, in a sealed envelope, plainly marked on the outside, at which time and place they will be publically opened.

The successful bidder will be promptly notified and must be prepared to enter into a contract for said item(s) or services in conformity with the information in the proposal.

The County of Delaware reserves the right to reject any and all bids submitted.

Susan McIntyre Delaware County Commissioner of Public Works
Dated: February 7, 2020

NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF DELAWARE DITECH FINANCIAL LLC F/K/A GREEN TREE SERVICING LLC, Plaintiff AGAINST JACQUELINE STEELE AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF WALTER W. STEELE, WILLIAM STEELE AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF WALTER W. STEELE, et al., Defendant(s)
Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated December 03, 2019 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the 111 Main Street, Village of Delhi, on March 05, 2020 at 10:00AM, premises known as 55 BEALE BOULEVARD, SIDNEY, NY 13838. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Village & Town of Sidney, County of Delaware and State of New York, SECTION 116.13, BLOCK 8, LOT 19. Approximate amount of judgment \$131,563.82 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 2016-105. ROBERT B SCHLATHER, ESQ., Referee
Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff
1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100
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COUNTY OF DELAWARE Index No. 2018-1100 RJI No. 19-0081 THE DELAWARE NATIONAL BANK OF DELHI, Plaintiff, - against - SHAWN JENSEN, JOAN FINAZZO, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY - INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DIVISION, NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE, CHRISTOPHER L. TODD, WORKERS' COMPENSATION BOARD OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, MICHELLE MACAU, MOUNTAIN-SIDE RESIDENTIAL CARE CENTER, NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE, COMMISSIONER OF TAXATION AND FINANCE, Defendants.

REFeree'S NOTICE OF SALE IN FORECLOSURE PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale in the above-captioned action, dated January 2, 2020, and entered in the office of the Clerk of the County of Delaware on January 22, 2020, I, Scott A. Russell, Esq., the undersigned Referee named in said judgment, will sell in one parcel at public auction on **March 9, 2020 at 10:30 a.m. at**

111 Main Street, Delhi, New York, the premises described in said judgment and set forth below. The premises shall be sold subject to any state of facts an accurate survey would show; and to covenants, restrictions, reservations, easements and agreements of record, if any, and any violations thereof; and to building restrictions and zoning ordinances of the town or municipality in which said mortgaged premises are situate, if any, and any violations thereof; and to conditional bills of sale, security agreements and financing statements filed in connection with said mortgaged premises, if any, but only to the extent that any of the foregoing are not barred or foreclosed by this action; and to existing tenancies, if any, except such tenants who are parties Defendant to this action; and to assessments, water charges and sewer rents, if any, affecting the premises, to the extent permitted by law. The premises also shall be sold subject to the rights, if any, of the United States of America pursuant to Title 28, Section 2410 of the United States Code. The purchaser shall be required to pay all applicable local and State transfer taxes, deed stamps or other taxes or recording fees due in connection with the transfer of the mortgaged premises. Current real estate property taxes shall be

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Tax Map No. 282.-1-26.1
Coughlin & Gerhart, L.L.P.
Attorneys for Plaintiff
P. O. Box 2039
Binghamton, NY 13902
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THIS ACTION IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

The name of the Limited Liability Company is **FLEMING VALLEY HOME-STEAD, LLC**. The Articles of Organization of the company were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on January 21, 2020. The County within New York State in which the office of the company is to be located is **Delaware**. The SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the company may be served. The

address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC is: **Matthew Fleming, 4650 County Highway 14, Treadwell, NY 13846**. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FILING OF ANNUAL REPORT

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Financial report for the Town of Hamden for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2019 has been completed and is on file at the Town Clerk's Office where it may be inspected during regular office hours. Dennise Yeary

Hamden Town Clerk

Notice is hereby given that an order entered by the Supreme Court, Delaware County, on the 24th day of January, 2020, bearing Index Number 2020-22, a copy of which may be examined at the office of the clerk, located at Court House Square, Delhi, NY, grants me the right to assume the name of Kacey Chazen Llano. The city and state of my present address are Walton, NY; the month and year of my birth are February, 1955; the place of my birth is New

York City; my present name is Karen Chazen Llano.

**LEGAL NOTICE
Fire Safety Inspection
Sidney Central School District
Annual Notification**

Notice is hereby given that the annual inspection for 2019-2020 of the school buildings of the Sidney Central School District for fire hazards which might endanger the lives of students, teachers, and employees therein, has been completed and the report thereof is available at the District Office of the Sidney Central School District at 95 West Main St., Sidney, NY 13838 for inspection by all interested persons.
January 31, 2020
Constance Umbra
District Clerk
Board of Education

All items are to be bid separately and received in separate envelopes clearly labeled. All bids must be received by the Walton Town Clerk 129 North Street, Walton, NY 13856 by 11:00 AM on Thursday, February 27, 2020, at which time they will be publicly opened. To obtain bid specs, contact Walter Geidel, Superintendent of Highways, at (607) 865-5120, State Highway 10, Walton, NY 13856. All bids must include a non-collusive bidding certificate. All material is to be delivered as ordered. All bids will remain in effect for one full year from the date of approval by the Walton Town Board.

The Walton Town Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.
Walter Geidel
Supt of Highway
Town of Walton

**TOWN OF WALTON
NOTICE TO BIDDERS
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE,**
The Town of Walton will receive sealed bids on the following proposals:
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At Town of Walton Site
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LEGAL NOTICE
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Village of Delhi Board of Trustees will be holding a budget workshop on February 4 2020 at 5:30 p.m. at the Village Hall, 9 Court Street, Delhi, New York 13753.
Kimberly G. Cairns
Clerk-Treasurer
Dated: January 29, 2020

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TREADWELL
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Congratulations to Renee Bell Hewitt for completing a bachelor's of science in nursing degree.
Congratulations to first place winners in the Treadwell Community Improvement Club's Creative Writing Contest: Olivia Ash, Cookie Richards, Carly Potrzeba, Everett Pondolfino, and Sydney Elemdorf. These entries will be sent to the central district for judging along with

cities such as Syracuse, Binghamton, Johnson City and Endicott. If any win a first place, those are sent to New York state judging. This is a contest of the General Federations of Women's Club.
Students in Delaware Academy or Franklin in grades 9-12 are eligible to enter the GFWC Arts and Crafts Student contests. To enter, contact Donna Briggs or Neisha Mitchell.
Congratulations to Preston VanWie for being nominated for Athlete of the Week at Delaware Academy in January. Coach Warren Kelly said, "Varsity Boys Basketball would like to nominate Preston VanWie. Pres-

ton helped the team go 3 and 0 this week. His defense and rebounding were outstanding for those games. Preston has also been a great teammate and worked hard in practice every day."
Thanks to all who ordered subs from the Treadwell Fire Department Super Bowl sub fundraiser. Thanks to all those who helped organized and put them together.
From the Franklin Free Library: Winter Stories and Crafts on Mondays in Feb. 3, 10, and 24 for preschoolers at 11:30. Game nights Feb. 4 and 18 at 7 p.m. French Conversation Clubs meeting at 3 on

Thursdays in Feb. on 6, 13, 20 and 27. Tomes and Scones will be reading "Where The Crawdads Sing" by Delia Owens and then meeting on Feb. 29 at 10 a.m.
Treadwell United Methodist Women will meet on Feb. 18 starting at noon with a dish to pass luncheon followed by the program. Last month, the ladies took a "journey" following one of the Samaritan's Purse Christmas Boxes they had donated all the way to Honduras. Nancy Barnes had put a tracking code on one of the boxes.
Treadwell United Methodist Church will host the Ash Wednes-

day service at Treadwell United Methodist Church on Feb. 26 at 7 p.m.
Thank you to all who came to the Treadwell United Methodist Church's pancake breakfast on Jan. 25. Thank you to all who helped organize, set up, cook and clean up.
The Franklin Treadwell Food Bank is open Fridays at the Treadwell United Methodist Church from 1-3. If you have an emergency, contact Stella Sprague at 607-829-6411.

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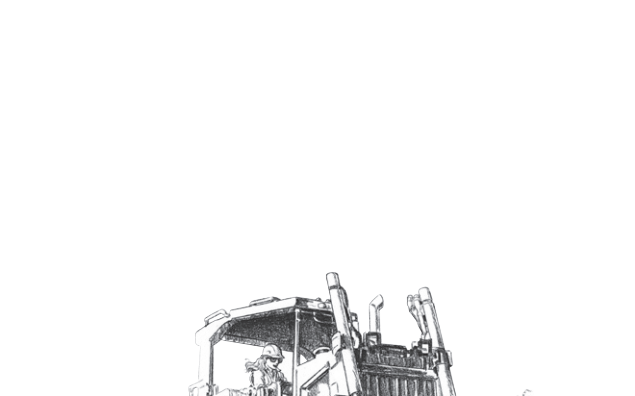
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100 YEARS AGO,
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1920

THE WEEK IN WALTON

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

CAUGHT FROM FIRE PLACE

**Boy Breaks Leg—To Build
Garage—Pheasant Eggs
for Hatching—Firemen
Called Out.**

Lent commences on Wednesday, February 18, and Easter falls on April 4.

Hugh Wilson, who recently sold his farm in the Mountain to his son-in-law, William MacAdams, has purchased the Zeh farm of 112 acres located partly in the village of Otego, Otsego county. Possession will be given February 15.

George C. Seeley will open a grocery store on Saturday of next week, February 14, in the L. C. Bush building, North street. Mr. Seeley's son-in-law, John H. Roberts, will be interested in the business in the store and the firm name will be Seeley & Roberts.

The board of trustees of the Ogden Free library has voted to open the library Sundays between the hours of 2 and 5 p. m. for reading purposes only for a period of seven weeks beginning Sunday, February 15. The opening is in the nature of an experiment, the financial aid necessary being furnished by outside sources.

John S. Tuttle has purchased of J. H. Townsend a lot on the south side of Delaware street on Townsend's flats, adjoining the Albert Smith property and will erect a garage. The lot has a frontage of 75 feet and a depth of 250 feet. The garage will be constructed of concrete blocks and will be 60 by 209 feet in dimensions. Work will begin Monday.

Secretary of State Francis M. Hugo has announced that automobiles will be allowed to run with last year's plates until February 15, at which time new plates will be absolutely necessary. This two weeks' extension will permit many cars to operate that otherwise might temporarily be tied up, with more or less inconvenience to business. In the last four weeks out of 570,000 cars that were registered in New York state last year about two-thirds have been re-registered, affording some idea of the immense volume of business transacted.

Saturday evening the fire department was called to the home of Mr. and Mrs. William F. White, corner of Stockton avenue and South street, During the evening a fire had been burning in the fireplace in the living room and owing to a faulty

construction of the fireplace the hearthstone became overheated and set fire to the woodwork underneath. The flames were extinguished with a chemical extinguisher but considerable damage was done by smoke and also to the woodwork about the fireplace. H. S. Ogden carried the insurance. The damage will not exceed \$200.

Leigh Seely, the nine year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Seely, Stockton avenue, had his right leg fractured Saturday evening. With three playmates the boy had been skiing on the rise of ground near the old cemetery adjoining the Seely place. When the accident happened the boys had put their skis together to form a toboggan and on reaching the bottom of the hill the improvised toboggan was upset and the boys thrown one on top of the other. In the mixup Leigh's leg was fractured below the knee. The fracture was reduced by Dr. W. R. Gladston, the family physician, assisted by Dr. E. Ray Gladstone.

Miss Ellen Hanford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Platt Hanford of Walton, who is a freshman in Cornell university, has been awarded one of the Cornell scholarships which entitles her to four years' free tuition in the university. The appointment was made from the state list of those who tried the examinations last June but who did not receive scholarships at that time, the present appointments being made to fill vacancies in counties where there were no contestants or where the scholarship was allowed to lapse. Three graduates of the Walton high school, who are now students in Cornell university, hold both the Cornell scholarship entitling them to free tuition, as well as a state scholarship of \$100 a year to be applied on college expenses. The three are Miss Hanford, Miss Lulu Henderson and George Brayman.

Eighty thousand pheasant eggs for free distribution to sportsmen, farmers and lovers of game birds, in addition to eggs retained by the state for hatching purposes, will be the product of the New York state game farms this year according to Llewellyn Legge, chief of the division of fish and game in the Conservation commission. Even this large output, it is expected, will be no more than sufficient to fill all applications for pheasant eggs which each year are received by the Conservation commission in increasing numbers from persons who are desirous of hatching pheasants with which to maintain the stock of game birds in their vicinity. Applications for pheasant eggs must be received by the Conservation commission at Albany not later than March 1st. Eggs will be assigned in the order in which applications are received. Blank applications may be secured by anyone interested at the Royal cafe in Walton.

INFLUENZA GASES STILL ON INCREASE

**Epidemic in Walton Not of
Virulent Type**

CHURCHES CLOSED ON SUNDAY

**Health Board Leaves
Matter to Discretion of
Organizations—Feel
Shortage of Nurses.**

The influenza epidemic is still finding many victims in this section. The Walton physicians are reporting new cases daily to the health officers, but most of the illness in Walton is not serious and the epidemic has not assumed the virulent type that prevailed in the fall of 1918.

Reports from other towns indicate that the illness there is much more prevalent than in Walton and of a more severe type. In Delhi several cases of pneumonia in a severe form have developed. Deaths from pneumonia have been reported this week from a number of towns.

The shortage of nurses is being seriously felt in Walton. In some families all the members have been ill and no trained help has been available to care for these cases. All those willing to assist in case of emergency should report their names to Miss MacNeilly, the public health nurse.

The ministerial association voted last Friday to close the churches on Sunday, Feb. 1, as a precautionary measure. The health board has issued no restrictions on public meetings but has recommended that as far as possible such gatherings be abandoned but has left the matter entirely to the action of the organizations and individuals affected. The state health department has recommended that the public schools be kept open in the case of epidemics as they believe a better watch can be kept on the pupils and any illness reported to the health officer much sooner than if the schools were closed and the matter left to the parents.

The ministerial association at a meeting Thursday decided to close the churches on Sunday, Feb. 8.

TROUBLE OVER FARM SALE

**Cook Brothers Cause Arrest
of Sidney Cable on Grand
Larceny Charge.**

Cook Brothers of Franklin caused the arrest last week of Sidney Cable, also of that town, on the charge of grand larceny. At a hearing Friday before Justice Cole in Franklin Mr. Cable waived examination and was held for the grand jury. He was taken to Delhi jail where he remained until Monday when he furnished bail and was released.

It seems that last summer Cook Brothers sold the James Brundege farm near Plymouth to Smith Brothers on a contract. Later the parties had a lawsuit over the hay which was settled by dividing the same. Afterwards Smith Brothers sold their contract to Cable, the bill of sale containing the hay. When Cable went after the hay he found the barn locked. He broke the lock and took the hay, which he sold. Cook Brothers then swore out the warrant for his arrest.

Mr. Cable, acting on the advice of his attorney, A. D. Peake of Walton, waived examination and was held for the grand jury. E. A. Mackey represents Cook Brothers. It is understood that the matter may be further complicated by Cable bringing an action to recover damages for alleged false arrest.

JUMPED FROM WINDOW TO ESCAPE FLAMES

**Home of Robert Neff at
Colchester Destroyed by Fire**

**MR. NEFF
OVERCOME BY
SMOKE**

**Rescued by Neighbor When
in Dazed Condition—Nothing
Saved from Flames.**

(From Corbett correspondent.)

The home of Robert Neff, who resides at Colchester about a mile from Corbett, was consumed by fire last Sunday morning between 12 and 1 o'clock.

Mrs. Neff was sleeping upstairs and was awakened by smoke. She tried to go downstairs but found the way blocked by fire and smoke. She climbed out of a window and jumped off the porch roof, escaping only in her night clothes. She went to the door and tried to gain entrance to awaken her husband, who was sleeping downstairs.

The door was fastened and Mrs. Neff could not arouse him. She ran to the home of Hugh Twaddell, a low rods away, and called him. Mr. Twaddell ran over and forced the door. He found Mr. Neff in a dazed condition from the smoke. It is said that Mr. Neff had thrown a few garments out of a window and these were all that were saved as they lost everything else. Mrs. Neff walked barefooted to the home of her brother, Daniel Gregory, who lives about a quarter of a mile away and her feet were badly frozen. Mr. Neff purchased the farm of Bull & Rowell last May and the blow is a hard one for them. It is thought that the fire originated from the chimney burning out.

GIRL BURNED TO DEATH

**Clothing Ignited While
Pouring Kerosene on Fire.**

(From Shavertown correspondent.)

Doris Etta Wormuth, aged nine years, died Friday, Jan. 30, from burns received when her clothing became ignited while the girl was pouring kerosene oil on a fire.

Before the flames could be extinguished the child was terribly burned, her injuries resulting in death, as stated.

The funeral service was held at the Presbyterian Church at Shavertown Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock, conducted by Rev. Alex Braisland. The Wormuth family are former residents of Spring Brook, near Rockland.

TEACHER KILLED BY TRAIN AT HANCOCK

**Miss Lucy E. Yendes Struck
by No. 30 While on Way to
Depot**

**HAD TAUGHT IN 42
STATES**

**Veteran School Mistress
Boarded in Hancock and
Made Trip by Train Daily to
Stockport School.**

(From Hancock correspondent.)

Miss Lucy E. Yendes of Hancock, teacher of the school at Stockport, near that village, was killed Tuesday morning by Erie train No. 6, east bound.

Miss Yendes was engaged last fall to teach the school in district No. 10 at Stockport and was in the habit of going from Hancock

each morning on Erie train No. 30, which leaves the Hancock station about 7:30 a. m. She returned in the evening on the train arriving here at 8 p. m.

On the morning of the accident Miss Yendes came from her home as usual about 7 o'clock and did some errands in the business section. About 7:25 she left the post office and started for the Erie station to take train 30. As she stepped on the east bound tracks in front of the depot, train No. 6, the fast express, which was running on train 30's time at a high rate of speed, struck her and killed her instantly. The body was thrown about fifty feet from the point of the accident.

Miss Yendes was about 65 years of age and it was said of her that she had taught in 42 states. Friends in New York city were notified of her death and had charge of the funeral arrangements.

15,157 ENROLLMENT BALLOTS

**Number in Each Party Who
May Take Part in Primaries.**

The board of elections of Delaware county has completed the tabulation of the 1919 enrollment in Delaware county. The total number of enrollment ballots voted at the November election was 15,157. Of this number 419 had no designation and 98 were void. The following figures by townships give the number of Democrats, Republicans, Socialists and Prohibitionists entitled to vote at the primaries of their respective parties in April and September:

	Dem.	Rep.	Soc.	Pro.
Andes	207	585	7	26
Bovina	62	198	0	39
Colchester	350	594	24	22
Davenport	214	309	0	27
Delhi	140	625	5	30
Deposit	122	367	1	14
Franklin	134	387	1	21
Hamden	85	325	0	11
Hancock	670	998	34	34
Harpersfield	114	217	0	14
Kortright	161	277	2	13
Masonville	103	262	0	13
Meredith	48	168	0	11
Middletown	408	747	4	63
Roxbury	317	522	3	19
Sidney	570	1174	7	72
Stamford	223	484	1	22
Tompkins	150	399	5	5
Walton	366	989	17	67

Total 4444 9563 111 522
There were 9,586 men and 5,571 women who voted enrollment ballots:

As compared with the enrollment of last year the Democrats have gained 220, Republicans 679. The Socialists have lost 3 and the Prohibitionists 212.

SMALL FIRE AT ARENA

**Roof of Martin House
Caught Fire from Chimney.**

(From Arena correspondent.)

Quite an excitement prevailed in Arena for a time on Sunday when a fire alarm was sounded and it was found that Lyle Martin's house was on fire. Prompt action soon had the fire under control. A large hole was burned in the roof. The fire is supposed to have caught from a spark from the chimney.

The damage was estimated at around \$ 60, insured in the town insurance.

DEATH FROM SCARLET FEVER

**Everett Dean, Aged 6 Years,
Succumbs to Disease.**

Byron Everett, son of Byron Dean of Dryden, town of Tompkins, died Sunday, Feb. 1, from scarlet fever and complications. He was 6 years and 10 months of age.

His mother, Mrs. Byron Dean, died of scarlet fever on Jan. 8. Besides the father there is one child, a son, Archibald, surviving.

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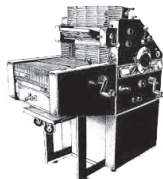
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TWENTY-TWO INCHES SNOWFALL

Thermometer Below Zero Eighteen Days During Two Months.

The following tables show the daily temperature in Walton during the months of January, 1920, and December, 1919, as reported by J. Q. Barlow, the official observer. The snowfall in January amounted to 22 inches.

Date	January		December	
	High	Low	High	Low
1	37	26	32	24
2	27	0	35	23
3	12	1	27	10
4	8	-12	30	-1
5	14	-7	29	10
6	28	-3	35	18
7	33	15	45	25
8	37	30	42	32
9	35	25	46	36
10	35	10	53	19
11	28	7	23	10
12	28	2	43	19
13	31	2	52	40
14	29	21	50	19
15	10	2	20	6
16	13	-17	12	1
17	23	7	12	-7
18	11	5	13	-23
19	11	-5	8	-22
20	15	-21	24	4
21	31	13	31	14
22	21	-17	42	17
23	32	15	31	2
24	29	25	34	16
25	27	-1	24	11
26	23	-18	30	-5
27	43	14	33	29
28	38	13	33	17
29	20	-11	24	-6
30	30	17	24	-8
31	24	-18	29	20

Live Stock Judging Contest.

One of the special features of the farmers' week program this year at the Delhi state school of agriculture was the live stock judging contest for the southern New York schools of agriculture. The following schools were represented with teams: Endicott, Greene, Edmeston, Goshen, Livingston Manor, Liberty and Walton. The stock judged consisted of a ring of four each of the following: Holsteins, Guernseys, Jerseys and draft horses. The prizes were awarded for the best placing of animals in order of merit. The prizes were a silver cup for the team making the highest scoring, but must be won twice in succession by a school before it becomes their permanent property, a banner for the team making second highest scoring, a ribbon for the third and ribbon for the fourth. The four highest individual contestants each received a ribbon. The Walton team, instructed and coached by Prof. George N. Cupp, the agriculture teacher, received second prize, the first going to the Edmeston high school, third to Livingston Manor and fourth to Greene. Clyde Constable of Walton high school won fourth prize as individual contestant. Prof. DuBois, director of the state school, expects to make this feature an annual affair. If the interest manifested grows and develops as the years go by this will certainly be one of the drawing cards for farmer's week.

GOVERNOR'S HIGHWAY PLANS

Executive Favors "Pay-as-you-go" Policy in Future Construction.

In a special message to the legislature Thursday, Governor Smith urges radical changes in the highway law to lessen the cost of maintenance of state roads.

Four important recommendations are made by the governor.

First: That the law be amended so that counties share in the cost of maintenance of roads. If counties were required to pay their share of the costs of up-keep, especially reconstruction, they would be encouraged to give more thought to permanence in original construction.

Second: That counties share in

the cost of construction of Federal aid highways up to 30 per cent of the same.

Third: That the law be amended so that after the exhaustion of the present bond monies, highway construction be paid from current revenues of the state.

Fourth: That an appropriation of \$3,237,630.60 be made to meet the allotment made to this state of Federal moneys for Federal aid highways.

That a permanent form of highways be constructed, even though the initial cost is greater, in order to reduce maintenance expenses. Many of the present highways are costing over \$2,000 per mile a year for maintenance.

WOULD CANCEL BOND ISSUE

Porter Kinch Seeks to Set Aside Sidney Highway Appropriation.

Porter Kinch of Sidney has brought a taxpayer's action to set aside and cancel a vote on a road building proposition of the town.

Last November the town of Sidney voted on a proposition to build a macadam road from Sidney Center to Sidney, a distance of eight miles, for the sum of \$75,000. There were 883 votes cast on the proposition, giving an apparent majority of 47 in favor of the road. The complaint alleges that more than one-half of the votes cast were illegal as the voters' names were not on the last preceding assessment roll, and that in one district no poll list was kept. Town bonds for the above amount were bid off Jan. 22 last by the George B. Gibbons company for \$150 premium on a five per cent basis on condition that the bonds were legal.

William Thorp of Sidney brings the action as attorney for the plaintiff, with Judge H. C. Stratton of Oxford as counsel.

Buy Sidney Road Bonds.

The sale of the \$75,000 bonds for the construction of the Sidney-Sidney Center road was held on Jan. 22 at the office of the town clerk. The bids were not spirited, the January bond market being noted for its annual dullness. George B. Gibbons & Company of New York city bid in the bonds, paying a mild premium of \$150. The same firm in the past has bought every Sidney bond issued.

Celebrates 99th Birthday.

(From Arena correspondent.) Edward Miner, who lives with Mr. and Mrs. Norman Miner near Arena, celebrated his 99th birthday on Tuesday and is still remarkably smart for his wonderful age. A number of his relatives gathered with him to help him celebrate the day. He is the father of C. E. Miner of this village. According to his physical condition now he has a good prospect of reaching the century mark.

Teachers' Salaries Raised.

The Board of Education of the Walton high school met Tuesday evening to act on the engagement of the faculty for the 1920-1921 school year. The teachers have a month in which to sign the contracts offered them. The board has adopted a new scale for the salaries of teachers. The salary of the principal has been fixed at \$2,600; that of the vice principal at \$1,750 and of the instructor in agriculture \$1,900. The minimum salary of a grade teacher will be \$950 and beginning next year an annual increment of \$50 will be added until a maximum of \$1,150 is reached. In the high school the minimum is \$1,150 and the maximum \$1,350. The principals of the grade schools and

the eighth grade teachers will be paid \$100 more than the scale. In determining the salaries for the 1920-1921 school year the teachers are allowed \$50 above the minimum rate for each eight years or major fraction thereof of service in the school. The increase in salaries next year over those paid the present school year will amount to about \$6,000.

DEATH OF EARL J. BENTON

Ontario & Western Operator Succumbs to Pneumonia.

(Livingston Manor correspondent.)

Earl J. Benton, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Benton of Livingston Manor, died at his home in Summitville on Friday, Jan. 30, after a few days' illness of pneumonia. Mr. Benton, who was 31 years old, had spent most of his life in the Manor where he had many warm friends. His wife who was Miss Emma Boyce of Summitville survives with a son, Benjamin Earl, aged four years. His parents and one brother, Charles W. of Livingston Manor, also survive. Mr. Benton was a member of the O. R. T. His funeral was held Monday afternoon from the M. E. church at Summitville, of which he was a member. Interment was in Phillipsport cemetery.

Mr. Benton, who was O. & W. operator at Summitville, was a former resident of Apex.

Deposit May Have Stick Factory.

M. J. Kelly, who recently withdrew from the firm of Kelly & Steinman, Inc., of Deposit, and F. S. Evans are considering the establishment of a stick factory in Deposit village. Mr. Evans has had considerable experience in this line, both in the manufacture of handles, and other small turned articles, and also in the chair business, while Mr. Kelly is a successful factory man, having for more than twenty years been connected with the Kelly & Steinman company, in the manufacture of cut glass in Deposit and in Honesdale, Pa.

MATTERS BEFORE SURROGATE

Proceedings Held Before Judge McNaught in Delhi Monday.

Estate of Ambrose Johnson, late of Walton. Letters of administration issued to Elizabeth E. Johnson, Estimate, \$1,000 personal, \$5,000 real.

Letters of guardianship of Clifton Simonson, infant, issued to Alma E. Simonson.

Estate of Winfield C. Beach, late of Masonville. Letters of administration issued to Ralph L. Beach. Estimate, \$500 personal.

Estate of George D. Keator, late of Middletown. Letters of administration issued to Attie Keator and F. Lee Keator. Estimate, \$3,500 personal, \$4,000 real.

Estate of Newton E. Combs, late of Colchester. Will admitted.

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probate and letters of administration with the will annexed issued to Arthur J. Wilson. Estimate, \$4,000 personal, \$2,000 real. Provisions of the Combs will are as follows: Life use of the property to the wife, at her death residue to Hester Combs, or in case of her death prior to that of the wife, to her children equally.

Decree entered discharging Ida Laidley as general guardian of Grace Laidley Mabey.

NEW WORLD MOVEMENT

Delaware Presbytery Seeks to Attain Goals Set for Churches.

(Communicated.)

The New World movement program in the United Presbyterian church is well under way. It is with difficulty that the suggested goals are being reached owing to so many vacancies in Delaware Presbytery. However, the earnest desire and aim is to reach these goals and the spiritual life leader, Rev. H. K. Galloway, is endeavoring to have the Presbytery meet the requirements. A communication to all the spiritual life leaders in the several congregations has gone out urging that the work be finished up by Feb. 15. The goal for "Comrades in Intercession" is two out of every three members or 1,668 for the Presbyterian and so far 724 have signed. The congregations of Walton and Oneonta have passed their goals. Seventy-five per cent of the families in the Presbytery are to report having family altars; to date 217 families have report, with Delancey and Walton nearing their goals. A number of the congregations have made no report to date but all, doubtless, will soon. A 12 per cent increase on profession of faith is being sought during December and January, and February is the month for the program of stewardship.

It is confidently expected that the congregations in Delaware Presbytery will give hearty co-operation and that the New World movement will indicate real victory for the church.

Fleischmanns Wins Six Games.

The Fleischmanns high school basket ball five traveled to Delhi Friday evening, where they won from the Delhi agricultural college in a close game by the score of 26-20. Although playing on an opponent's court, the Fleischmanns five wish to thank the Delhi crowd for the true sportsmanship rendered toward them. In the first minute of play Delhi scored a field goal, but a minute later Jocelyn came back with a long shot, and from then on Fleischmanns led due to great passwork, with Faulkner's shooting starring as usual. The score at half time was 13-8 Fleischmanns leading.

Delhi began to score at the start of the second half and ran the score up to 13-12 in their favor. Then the Fleischmanns quintet settled down and went into the lead by a shot from Faulkner and were never again threatened. The hall ended with Fleischmanns the victors, 26-20, their sixth straight victory.

Kelly, Delhi's center, played a fast game, but was no equal of Faulkner, his opponent, who scored eight goals from the field and two from the foul line for a total of eighteen points. Barrett and Shaver played their usual fast game, their passwork was one of the features of the game. Persons and Jocelyn played fast, hard and effective, and gave Delhi's forwards little opportunity to score. The line up:

Delhi (20)	Fleischmanns (26)
Santow	rf. Shaver
Brown	lf. Barrett
Kelly	c. Faulkner
Hass	rg. Persons
Esson	lg. Jocelyn



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Worship at the DeLancey, Hamden and West Delhi churches during February will be held in Hamden church at 11 a.m.

Youth Group will meet in the DeLancey Church at 6:30 p.m. during February on Wednesdays: 5, 12, 19.

Our prayers and thoughts are with Donnie Ford and Marty Conklin who is now home.

I had a nice chat with long time friend from way back to our Delhi Grange member days. Irene still goes to their dairy farm barn every day to help her sons out with the chores. Irene especially loves her lambs which she raises every year and so far this year she has 25 little ones to sell. It was nice to hear from Irene and to know she is doing well and at our ages, that's important.

To her husband Fred, their children, their relatives and

friends on the passing of Pam Barklow, we extend our sympathy.

Brayden Eckert turned 11 on Friday. Coming to Grandma Shepard's house on Friday night with him was his mother Lynn Schriver, sister Kyla, his grandmother Cathy Roloson, his uncle Wayne Shepard, his aunt Savannah Wake and Andrew and Allan to help him blow out the candles on his cake (which took him several blows) and to have a good time. Brayden now has a beautiful pink hair do which we all enjoyed seeing.

On Saturday, Feb. 15, take your Sweetheart to breakfast at the Delhi Fire Hall. Sponsored by the Delhi Rotary from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Free will offering; pancakes, sausage, eggs and beverages.

Coming up - remember your sweetheart on Valentine's Day, February 14.

Presidents Day is Feb. 17.

Grandma's recipe this week is for Cinnamon Raisin Batter Bread: 1 package active dry yeast, 1 1/2 cups warm water, 2 Tblsp honey, 2 Tblsp butter, 1 tsp salt, 3 cups flour, divided, 1 Tblsp cinnamon, 1 cup raisins. In a large bowl, dissolve yeast in warm water. Stir in honey. Add butter, salt and 2 cups of the flour. Beat with electric mixer on low speed until blended. Beat 1 minute on high speed. Stir in remaining flour with a wooden spoon. Cover and let rise in a warm place until double in size. Punch down by stirring with the spoon. Add cinnamon and raisins. Spoon batter into a greased loaf pan. Let rise again until batter reaches the top of pan (not over). Bake in preheated 350 degree oven for about 40 minutes or until loaf sounds hollow when lightly tapped. Cool on wire rack. The bread

is great toasted for breakfast or in the lunch sack as a peanut butter and jelly sandwich.

My thoughts of the week: My good neighbor Mary Lou Oliver called me on Friday afternoon to tell me to look out my window, there was someone waving at me. Sure enough I looked out and there was a beautiful snowman she had built, waving to me. The week's weather wasn't the best for a snowman but he is still out there waving and I wave back.

Feb. 7 is National Wear Red Day. Put on your favorite red to raise awareness about heart disease.

Lynn Kinch's joke of the week: One day, a housework-challenged husband decided to wash his sweatshirt. Seconds after he stepped into the laundry room, he shouted to his wife, "What setting do I use on the washing machine?" "It depends," she

replied. "What does it say on your shirt?" He yelled back, "Texas A&M."

Senior Moments: My grandson Tommy graduated from high school last week. He was so nervous he left the house without his gown. I rushed after him, and gave it to him. He looked quite embarrassed. Don't worry, I said, You just had a high-school senior moment.

A cute saying: It's no big thing that makes a friendship, It's a million little things.

Helpful Hint: If your windshield wipers don't seem to be doing their job, it's possible that they have picked up some sort of particulate that keeps them from staying flat on the glass. You'll have to replace them eventually but you can buy some time by scraping off the residue. To do that, run a nail file up and down each blade thoroughly.

MASONVILLE

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Sir Walter Scott: "The ladder of success is best climbed by stepping on the rungs of opportunity."

There is a board of education meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 11 in the high school library at 6:30 p.m. Valentine's Day is Friday, Feb. 14. Take time to thank someone who has been a good influence in our lives - a spouse, teacher, family member, a coach or maybe just a good friend.

Mark your calendars for the 4-12 music showcase concert to take place on Tuesday, Feb. 25 in the high school gymnasium at 6:30 p.m. Lets give our music students and their teachers in the music department our support and attend the concert with joy and the love of music in our hearts.

The Sidney Central School District is looking for children that will be 4 and 5 years old on or before Dec. 1, 2020. These children are eligible for Universal Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten registration - call 561-7701 for an application. Children eligible for kindergarten may be enrolled with forms online at www.sidneysd.org, or call 607-561-7728 to schedule an appointment.

Here on the Farm the cows have been tested for production

and we will get the papers in the mail that tells us how much milk they made per cow, the butterfat, protein, and other solids that are broken up for our information. The papers will list all cows, when they are to be pregnancy checked, when they are to be bred and when they are scheduled to have calves. We use these to keep track of the cows and when the vet comes for a checkup on the cows - there is all the information they need. The other day a man called me and told me of a new way to use dairy products called Bullet Proof Coffee with butter in it - he said that many pro ball players use it, maybe some of us may want to try it. There are many new products on the market right now - try them and see if some may be something you can use, but don't forget the tried and true products and keep using all the dairy products you can - we need to keep all our farmers in business. The man I spoke to has purchased property in Masonville and talked of the wind energy project around the area and said they have meetings in the town of Guilford about it if anyone is interested. Keep warm and enjoy the week.

Another of our Masonville residents, Gail Pritchard Wormsley passed away on Christmas Day 2019 and we wish her family and friends sympathy. Gail was well known around town and will be missed by everyone who knew her and enjoyed her many sto-

ries of times past and present.

Birthdays lists for the week of Feb. 8-15: Matthew Pritchard, Katie Chesebrough, Marty Freyer, Shawn Walker, Sharon Sherman, Jonathon Carvin, Julia Freeman and Austin Michael Dean.

The Federated Church of Masonville, N.Y. is a Christian Fellowship Church with Sunday Services at 11 a.m. with Pastor John Helgeson Interim and adult Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. Bible Study Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.; Monday, Feb. 10, Church Council at 6 p.m. and Wednesday, Feb. 19 the food pantry will be open the third Wednesday of each month from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m., if you find yourself in need. Thank you to all who attended the pancake breakfast at the Masonville Church on Feb. 1 and all who got up early to help.

COLCHESTER

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Tuesday, Feb 2 was Groundhog Day, and as it is said he did not see his shadow so spring will be early this year. It has been an extremely mild winter that just may be true. I have plants in the flower bed popping up already.

Delaware Valley Ridge Riders Snowmobile Club Da\$h for the Ca\$h Snowmobile Drag Races and Side-By-Side/ATV Races were held Feb. 1 at the Downs-ville Fireman's Field, and my hat

is off to the DVRR for being able to provide snow for this event. The very large crowd was excited and pleased with the event. Congrats to everyone on a great event. DVRR members thank the awesome volunteers, Harmonie Farms, Sonny and Sons Stone Company, and Johnson & Rhodes Bluestone Co.

Every day is the day to acknowledge those we love in big or small ways. Soon it will be Valentine's Day - there are lots of ways to tell those in your life that you care - start with a smile, a hug, and kind words.

Advance notice: Delaware County residents will receive a mailing from the US Census Bureau beginning mid-March to be used to provide updated and accurate population numbers. It is critical for residents to participate in the 2020 Census because population determines levels of federal and state funding, including funding for highway improvements, entitlement benefits, schools and libraries and more.

Some advance notice on a fantastic event you won't want to miss out on, the Team Clover 4-H Club annual basket party. Tickets are on sale now through March 14. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Proceeds from the basket party will be used to fund the 2020 community service project with improvements to the Downs-ville Fireman's Field. See any member for your chance to

enter. Members: Kendall Acevedo, Hannah Bell, Jonlyn Bene, Avery Howard, Zakary Keesler, Shantel Knorr, or Elaina, Dorothy, Ray Bull. The winning tickets will be drawn on March 14 at the conclusion of the annual corned beef dinner, held at the James S. Moore American Legion Post #167, Downs-ville. The baskets are amazing, and I will detail them for you in next week's column, you don't want to miss out on them.

Join me in wishing our friends and neighbors Happy Birthdays: Feb. 5, Glenn Banker. Feb. 6, Ray Bivens and John Stiffler. Feb. 7, Ron DuPrey and Travis Kinch. Feb. 8, James Larry Barnes, Becky Palmer and Sheila Birch. Feb. 11, James Noviello. Feb. 12, Donna Dougherty and Henry Rudolph. Feb. 13, Kay Parisi Hampel. Feb. 14, Georgia O'Dell and Donna Pierce. Feb. 15, Sue Doig.

If you have an event/fundraiser coming up or would like to wish someone special a Happy Birthday or anniversary call or email me and I'll do my best to help you share your news.

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REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Grantor	Location	Grantee	Transfer Tax	Grantor	Location	Grantee	Transfer Tax
JANUARY 27, 2020							
D'Agostino, Michael B. & Eloise B.	Bovina	Buchanan-Smith, Peter	2854.00	Lowe, John Patrick (Bankruptcy Tr)	Stamford	Scharper, Philip T.	204.00
Martin, Helen (by Atty)	Andes	Bennett, Meagan	1300.00	Quintana, Libertad (by Bankruptcy Tr)		Mohammed-Scharper, Fazeela	
Dye, Harland Samuel (Atty)		Shaw, Mary L. & Stephen W.		Quintana Sr., Jorge Luis (by Bankruptcy Tr)	Stamford	MMS Projects, LLC	200.00
DeRoss Jr., Daniel J. (Ind & Atty)	Colchester	Turley, Lindsay	270.00	PHH Mortgage Corporation (sbm)			
DeRoss Sr., Daniel J. (by Atty)		Boling, John Mark		Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC	Roxbury	Greenblatt, Leonard & Erika	276.00
DeRoss, Matthew P.				Atweh, George			
DeRoss, Jack H. (by Atty)				Marchessault, Josee	Middletown	Bourque, Melissa J.	250.00
Betler, Clifton R.	Meredith	Caruso, Carmine	160.00	Auchmoody Jr., Philip J.			
Rodriguez, Richard Emilio (fka)	Andes	Krahling, Christopher & Helene	74.00	Auchmoody, Tracy			
Rambone, Richard (aka)				Fairbairn, Brenda	Middletown	Mueller, Charles J.	480.00
Rambone, Richard Emilio (fka)				Bohbot, Lucien	Meredith	Seo, Nicole	388.00
Rodriguez, Richard				Laskin, Barbara			
Bishop II, Robert L.	Hamden	Nutting, Judith R.	304.00	JANUARY 30, 2020			
Stafford, Patricia R.	Tompkins	Layton, Marc A. & Melissa A.	132.00	McClenon, Pamela B. (nka)	Sidney	County of Delaware	0.00
Ross, Norina (aka)(Tr)	Andes	Wilcox, Alexis	80.00	Steffen, Pamela B.			
Ross, Norina A. (Tr)		Yau-Wilcox, Betty		Mighty Oak, LLC	Masonville	Spinella, James	618.00
Meade, Barbara T.	Roxbury	Rhodes, Jennifer	320.00	Spillman, Allison	Middletown	Wagner Ave. Corp.	560.00
Rodriguez, Orlando A. & Amy A.	Andes	Bradley, Francis	1376.00	Santo, Vincent	Roxbury	Santo, Vincent	32.00
		Romer, Jennie		Bianco, Daniel			
Civetta Jr., Theodore	Roxbury	Ommen, Todd D.	720.00	Finger, Magdalena	Masonville	Finger, William H. & Daniel James	0.00
Amberg, Ursula (fka)	Masonville	Macumber, Grace L.	440.00	Finger, Randolph Walter		Finger, Randolph Walter	
Koba, Ursula				Finger, Magdalena (Life Estate)			
Banas, Angela				Reed II, Burton R.	Walton	Reed II, Burton R.	22.00
Hvasta, John G.	Walton	Myers III, Frank D.	500.00	Reed, Shellie L.			
Troast, Frances A.		Myers, Frances A.		Riverlea Farms, Inc.	Sidney	Bennett Jr., Carl	48.00
Bica, Giovanni & Caterina	Bovina	Faro, Joseph	140.00			Bennett, Judith	
JANUARY 28, 2020							
Payne, Robert H.	Davenport	Schweikert Jr., Henry	38.00	DiGiuseppe, Salvatore (Exr)	Hancock	DiGiuseppe, Salvatore	0.00
		Schweikert, Jayne		DiGiuseppe, Vito (Exr of)	Tompkins	Mancino, Tommasa	
Menard, Faith J.	Franklin	Siddiqi, Ali	916.00		Walton		
Engels, Amy (Exr)	Delhi	Cridler, Jonathan A.	772.00	MidFirst Bank	Sidney	Secretary of HUD	0.00
Helfgott, Myron J. (Exr of)		Boukai, Maya		JANUARY 31, 2020			
Helfgott-Renfroe Foundation, Inc.				Boyle Sr., William P.	Harpersfield	Boyle Jr., William P.	0.00
Conklin, Kyle (Co Admin)	Roxbury	Roxbury Manor South, LLC	170.00			Boyle, Jennifer A.	
Nedos, William T. (Co Admin)				Spinella, Lonnie C. (Anc Exr)	Sidney	Spinella, Lonnie C.	0.00
Nedos, Alice (Co Admins of)				Spinella, Geraldine C. (Anc Exr of)			
JANUARY 29, 2020							
Schroeder, Dorothy G.	Meredith	Heron Haven, LLC	1000.00	Elliott, Lisa A.	Walton	Doig, Michael	20.00
				Clarke, Yvonne D.	Colchester	Green, Kevin & Stacey	144.00
				Roxbury Garage, LLC	Roxbury	Green Sr., K. Mark	
				Jacobs, Donald C.	Walton	60095 Roxbury, LLC	500.00
						White, Patrick V. & Donna	480.00