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## New Creative Center Opens In Walton

By Mary A. Crisafulli

WALTON - Dan Kwan and Joanne Yong, owners of interior design studio Chillbillies, chose to create a new work space in Walton.

Due to the pandemic the Chillbillies team was working from home and looking to get back outside, explained Kwan. Being located in New York City, they were searching for a country office.

When asked why they chose Walton, Kwan replied, "Well, really Walton chose us." Kwan and family are drawn to Delaware County as a vacation spot and have been coming here for years, he said. After having breakfast one morning at TA's Diner they were walking along and came across the old Webb's Clothing store at 146 Delaware Street. Kwan said two weeks later they had bought the building.

They got in the building and

realized, "It was just too much space for us," he said with a laugh.

Being creative designers themselves, they chose to utilize the extra space for an inclusive creative hub, explained Kwan. They call this space Doog Goods.

"It is an exhibit/gallery, cafe, and workspace all in one," he said, "A space to exchange ideas."

The gallery and exhibit will be a space to display art and design, "And if we sell some things, that's good too," said Kwan. Different art pieces will be for sale. Kwan said there will be all sorts of things - jewelry, illustrations, furniture, and more.

The space will celebrate local creatives and bring in artists from the city to bridge the gap between these two worlds, he said.

Kwan said the team likes to go out and "rescue homeless furniture."

"Design can be so disposable and we try to preserve old designers," he explained. These

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## Inspiring Youth In Politics

By Alyshia Korba

A local college student is working to represent young people in politics and empower young voices. Dan Koerner, 21, is a Stamford native who founded the Delaware County Young Republicans and works in the New York State Senate.

Koerner said he has always been interested in governments but he especially became interested in politics in 2016 while taking a government class at Stamford Central School with teacher John Kincheloe. In 2017 he joined the Delaware County Republican Committee as vice chairman and founded the Delaware County Young Republicans as chairman.

Koerner said the inspiration to start the Delaware County Young Republicans group came from seeing similar groups in other counties like the Otsego County Young Republicans.

"I saw that there wasn't any group like that, and young people didn't have a voice," Koerner said.

Koerner currently works as a legislative aide to New York State Senator Peter Oberacker



and plans to continue working with his office after he graduates from the State University of New York (SUNY) at Cobleskill.

He is also involved in the New York Federation of College Republicans as vice chairman and is a candidate for a New York State Young Republicans treasurer position.

Koerner said he hopes to see more people his age getting involved in politics.

"It's so important because we are the future, and the future is now," Koerner said. "If we aren't being vocal we're doing a disservice to our fellow young people."

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## Ready To Ride...



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WALTON - A Carousel ride was set up and ready to go on Tuesday at the midway on the Delaware County Fairgrounds. Dreamland Amusements is again providing the rides and games for this year's fair. The 134th Delaware County Fair opens on Monday, August 16.

## Walton Town Board Holds Public Hearings On Hot Topics

### Walton Opts Out Of Legalizing Cannabis Retail

By Barbara MacDonald

WALTON - The Aug. 9 Walton town board meeting opened with a public hearing on an economic development grant request for the proposed McRez Meat Processing plant at the Industrial Park on South River Road.

Discussions by residents included Kathleen Hayek, requesting an explanation of the grant; Maureen O'Connell wanted to know "what kind of animals" were to be processed; concern by Eric Ball on the Head Start program housed at the same site at the Industrial Park and Lillian Browne-Burdick supporting the effort to bring new business into the town.

Delaware County Economic Development representative Evan Bowker addressed the group, explaining that the grant

was a New York State Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) which is a matching grant. This means that McRez must match the funds granted and agree to a minimum of 25 employees within two years.

Bowker also reported that Head Start had been contacted and had offered no objections to the proposed project or site on more than one occasion.

Walton Town Supervisor Joe Cetta informed the residents that this site was chosen by the developers, not the town board, and has been under consideration for a meat processing facility for over four years. McRez is the second company to pursue the site with plans to process local beef, chicken, goat and hogs under U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) guidelines.

After closing the public hearing, board members unanimously

agreed to apply for the CDBG grant.

A public hearing was then opened for discussion on filing Local Law Number Two of 2021: "To opt out of allowing cannabis retail dispensaries and on-site consumption sites as authorized under cannabis law article 4."

Community members were invited to voice their own opinions and concerns:

Pauline Scherer - opt out - "You may as well legalize fireworks."

Pastor Larry Light - opt out - "A higher value is at stake."

Robert Vitti - opt in - "Farmers need a viable option; an alternate income."

Ted Hayek - opt in - "Not a gateway drug" and opting out makes us a secluded community and "not a part of the economic plan of the county."

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## Cuomo's Resignation Makes Hochul State's First Woman Governor

By Alyshia Korba

ALBANY - New York State Governor Andrew Cuomo will resign amid sexual harassment allegations, making Lieutenant Governor Kathy Hochul the first woman to serve as the governor of New York.

Cuomo announced his resignation Aug. 10, and it will take effect in 14 days. The first sexual harassment allegation against Cuomo came in December 2020 by Lindsey Boylan, former Deputy Secretary for Economic Development and Housing for New York State. Cuomo previously vowed not to resign despite the allegations and continues to deny the claims. Cuomo's stance on resignation changed after a report released Aug. 3 from Attorney General Letitia James's office found that Cuomo sexually harassed 11 women, including nine state employees.

Hochul will be sworn in as governor when Cuomo's resignation takes effect Aug. 24, joining the list of only 43 women who have served as state governors in the history of the country. She will serve in this position for the rest of the term, and the seat will be up for election in November 2022.

"I agree with Governor Cuomo's decision to step down. It is the right thing to do and in the



File Photo

Lieutenant Governor Kathy Hochul visited Arkville July 22 to support local political candidates. She will serve as governor of New York for the rest of the current term after Governor Cuomo leaves office Aug. 24.

best interest of New Yorkers," Hochul tweeted after Cuomo announced his resignation. "As someone who has served at all levels of government and is next

in the line of succession, I am prepared to lead as New York State's 57th Governor."

Hochul is a Democrat from  
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This year’s Walk for Hunger will be on Sunday, Sept. 26 at Veteran’s Plaza. Walkers can get donation envelopes at churches, and groups or individuals are welcome to walk. Registration will start at 2 p.m., and the walk will start at 3. There will be a deejay, a clown and a magic show, so it will be a great family event. There will be one mile and five mile routes - walkers’ choice. More information will be coming soon, through the churches and committee members, but save the date.

There will be another raffle to benefit the Delaware County Fair, because of the popularity and success of the last one. This time, the raffle is for a John Deere Gator XUV560E. Tickets are \$20 and will be available all fair week at NAPA Auto Store, Delaware Sports Center or any fair director. Drawing will take place on Saturday, Aug. 21 at the fair.

The Delaware Co 4-Hers will have their livestock auction on Saturday, Aug. 21 at 2 p.m. in the livestock show ring on the fairgrounds. Come buy some delicious and award-winning meat and support the local 4-H kids with their market projects.

UHS Delaware Valley Hospital is sponsoring the Cutest Baby Contest again at the Delaware County Fair. Cute baby photos are needed. Fairgoers pay \$.50 per vote to submit their choice. The top three winners will receive a certificate \$100, \$50 and \$25 with which to open a savings account at a Wayne Bank in Delaware or Sullivan County. Enter a current photo of your child, 2 years of age or younger as of Aug. 1. The photo should not be larger than 4"x6" and cannot be mounted or framed. The child's name, date of birth, parents' names, address and phone number must be on the back of the photo, and include a short, signed note on the back of the photo or separate piece of paper giving UHS Delaware Valley Hospital permission to use the photo in news releases and online. The form to sign can be emailed. Photos cannot be returned. Photos must be received no later than 5 p.m., Aug. 12. They can be brought to Delaware Valley's Finance Office, 20 West Street, Walton, or UHS Primary Care sites in Walton, Downsview

or Roscoe or Walton Family Care office, 6 Franklin Road, Walton or mail it to UHS Delaware Valley Hospital, Community Relations, 1 Titus Place, Walton, NY 13856. Photos can also be emailed to [dotti.kruppo@nyuhs.org](mailto:dotti.kruppo@nyuhs.org), but remember to include all of the information in your email.

The Walton Lions are selling their annual raffle tickets and the prize list this year is massive. For the \$5 per ticket donation you get a chance to win an amazing movie night package. Vizio 65" LED TV, and 32" soundbar, \$50 gift cards from Netflix, and Amazon for the movie and \$50 gift certificates from As You Wish and Danny's Restaurant to start with dinner right here in town. They will even throw in a bottle of wine! Special thanks to Wood Law Offices, Wayne Bank, Walton Big M, Community Bank, Klinger Power Sports, SFCU, Coughlin and Gerhart, D & D Auto Parts, Delaware Valley Hospital and the Liquor and Wine Emporium for their donations to the prizes. Tickets are available from any Lions Club member and at As You Wish and Ren Rest Building Supply until the drawing in November. ..

There will be another live auction on Sunday, Aug. 15 at 7 p.m. in the livestock ring to help raise money for fairground improvements. To donate an item reach out and someone will pick it up. This is open to the public to show support to these Delaware County kids. In the past there have been gift certificates, homemade crafts, baked goods, showing items, bales of hay, feed, feed buckets, shavings. Contact Jennifer Barnhart or message her on the Facebook Event page, "Delaware County Fair Livestock improvement auction."

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive at the Walton Fire Department, 59 West Street, on Thursday, Aug. 19 from noon to 5 p.m. Call 1-800-733-2767 to schedule the appointment. Thank you for the gift of life your blood provides.

On Sunday, Aug. 22, from 1-4 p.m., anyone who graduated from Walton Central School is invited to an all-classes alumni picnic at Launt Pond Pavilion. Tim Bowker has organized the day and hopes it can become a yearly tradition. There will

be chicken, pulled pork, baked beans and coleslaw. Contact Tim on Facebook to RSVP so there is enough food. You are welcome to bring desserts and snacks to share. There will be a cake and lunch will be served at about 2.

Great news from the Walton Historical Society (WHS) - they can now accept credit card payments through the Square. So save your cash for eating or rides at the fair, and charge the great books, postcards and other items the Society's fair booth will offer.

The WHS has also announced another "If Gravestones Could Talk" on Saturday, Sept. 18; \$10 per person or \$15 for the family. Walk or ride the trolley to hear the stories of Waltonians buried in the cemetery. If you missed the last one, be sure to go to this one. It was really interesting and well done.

Family Farm Day will take place all over Schoharie, Otsego and Delaware counties on Saturday, Aug. 28, starting at 10 a.m. There will be farm tours, demonstrations, hayrides, samples and activities for all ages. Shop fresh, local produce, dairy, soaps and candles, and more. Closest farms for us are in DeLancey and Delhi, Birdsong Farm, Burn Ayr Farm, Riverdale Farm and Forest; in Delhi and Brookside Maple and Farm, and Kaufman Farms and Catskill Mountain Maple in DeLancey. Go to [familyfarmday.org](http://familyfarmday.org) for more information.

The Walton Pool will host an event in honor of Candy Russell on Thursday, Aug. 19 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Called Laps for Lifeguards, the lifeguards will seek sponsors to donate for the laps they can swim. The funds will be used to help lifeguards offset the cost of obtaining a Water Safety Instruction certification. Stop by the pool to sign up on a sponsor sheet (or two). Candy was thoroughly involved in the pool for many years, and taught many Walton kids to swim, and how to be lifeguards. The event honors her for her years of helping at the pool and the community.

Catskill Dance Moves will have a performance at the Del Co Fair on Friday, Aug. 20 at 12 noon. Performing in the Entertainment Court, the event is free and may inspire a love of dance in you or your child.

"Party on the Plaza" on Sept. 4, sponsored by the Walton Chamber of Commerce. Live music and a carnival for the kiddos, 10-4 with the carnival starting at noon. Live band 5-7 p.m. - to be announced. Interested vendors should contact Sheryl at [info@waltonchamber.com](mailto:info@waltonchamber.com). Spots are \$10 a table for Chamber members, \$20 for non-Chamber members, for a 6'-8' spot. Deadline for vendors is Aug. 28.

As You Wish West Street Eats will host a cruise-in on Saturday, Aug. 28 for anyone who would like to bring their classic car to display in the parking lot adjacent to the restaurant. Starting at 6.

# Flag Concerns At the County Fair

By Mary A. Crisafulli

DELAWARE COUNTY - The Delaware County Fair is back on this year and the Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) Board of Directors have asked the fair board again to prohibit sale of the confederate flag on the fairgrounds.

President of Cornell University and CCE Board President, Martha E. Pollack said in a press

release, "The Confederate flag is a toxic symbol of the country's racial history that sends a message that only certain people are welcomed and accepted at the fair."

Fair Board Secretary Jason Craig said, "The boards stance will stay unchanged as it has in the past. Flags will be permitted for sale, but we will not allow any outside displays."

The board moved to no outside displays of the flag a few years ago, according to Craig.

# Franklin Council Brings Cannabis To the Table

Community Is Invited To Share Their Opinions

By Sara Andros

The town of Franklin board met for its regular monthly meeting on Aug. 3. During the meeting the board discussed the whether or not to opt out of having cannabis dispensaries and consumption sites in Franklin. Per the New York State Office of Cannabis Management, a municipality must pass a local law by Dec. 31 in order to opt out. If the municipality does not opt out by the end of the year, they will not be able to opt out at a future date. However, the possibility to opt in can be accomplished by vacating the local law, if the municipality decides to do so.

The benefit of opting in is that the town would receive 75% of the 4% excise tax imposed on cannabis sales, if there is a retail site located within the town. The other 25% of the tax would go to the county. Franklin Town Clerk Sonja Johns said that it is her understanding that the county does not want to towns to opt out because then the surrounding counties will get the revenues. They believe that since marijuana is not yet legal in Pennsylvania, Delaware County would get a lot of business from across the border.

Supervisor Jeff Taggart said "It's going to be a big thing," but Councilman David Grant questioned whether it would be a good thing. The impact on a small community like Franklin might outweigh the financial benefits. Deputy Fiscal Officer Paul Warner said that Franklin is so far from the Pennsylvania border that they probably wouldn't get much interstate business, anyway.

Taggart said that the town only gets one opportunity to opt out, but can choose to opt in later, so he thought the town should wait

and see how things go. Councilman Donald Smith said, "Personally, I think we should opt out." Town residents can speak out if they disagree.

Councilman Dwight Bruno said that opting out gives the board the ability to feel out the situation without being stuck. Deputy Supervisor Garret Sitts was not in attendance, but the other board members were in agreement that they would like to opt out of having the dispensaries or consumption sites in the town. Taggart invited town residents to come to the board meetings to discuss it further prior to the town enacting a local law.

The board went into executive session to discuss the sale of the land adjacent to the town garage. The board did accept an offer for the property, but no other details are available at this time.

In other business:

- A.L. Kellogg Foundation representative Bruno gave a brief update and said that they are still working on getting the lines painted on the newly sealed basketball/tennis court. He and Highway Superintendent Mark Laing both said that people have been driving cars and four wheelers on the new surface, causing damage. Bruno said they need to come up with a plan to keep that from happening.

- Laing said that he and his crew are working on the Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS) road work and are trying to get the blacktopping done. He plans to list the grader on Auctions International in the near future.

- The Planning Board meets on Aug. 5.

- The next town board meeting will be held Sept. 7 at 7:30 p.m. at the Franklin Kellogg Community Center pavilion in Treadwell.

# Upcoming Road Work In Andes

The New York State Department Of Transportation will commence road work on NYS Route 28 (Main Street, Andes) beginning Thursday, Aug. 12. The old surface will be taken up then resurfaced. It is requested that no one park in the streets in the upcoming days during construction.


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# Cuomo Resigns...

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Buffalo who has served in town and county positions, in the U.S. House of Representatives and became Lieutenant Governor of New York during the 2014 gubernatorial election. She has been a vocal supporter of women's rights, having supported the constitutional Equal Rights Amendment for men and women and the Student Non-Discrimination Act of 2011 which prohibits discrimination based on a student's

sexual orientation or gender identity. In 2006, Hochul, her mother and her aunt established the Kathleen Mary House which is a transitional home in Erie County for survivors of domestic abuse. During a 2018 interview with City & State New York, Hochul said that she has endured inappropriate comments and uncomfortable situations as a woman in politics, and said she hopes men's attitudes towards

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women in the workplace will change.  
“How can I get inside a man's head and say how can you possibly treat your coworker in such a degrading way? She's an equal to you. She does not deserve to be commented on. Physically touched. Propositioned in the workplace,” Hochul said. “That's not a policy, that's a request and a hope that we can change male attitudes, and if they don't change then there will have to be consequences.”

# Historical Structures, Cannabis Sales Top Colchester Meeting

## Town Pursues Purchase of New Police Building

### Staff Report

COLCHESTER - Colchester officials are considering what to do, if anything, about structures located in the state's highway right-of-way, after hearing a request from a resident about a historical hitching post that he presumed was located on his property.

The resident, Supervisor Art Merrill said at a meeting of the town council on Aug. 4, cannot remove the historical hitching post because he doesn't own it and the structure is located in the state's right-of-way. New York State Department of Transportation does not take ownership of the hitching post, and will also not take responsibility for it, Merrill said, referring to correspondence between Colchester and NYSDOT. NYSDOT determined that the hitching post is encroaching on the right-of-way, and can remove it at will because it also determined that the structure has no historical value and is not an artifact. The town can consider establishing a historical district or landmark preservation local law to address the hitching post and other similar structures, Merrill said, and he will consult with the town historian and town attorney regarding the issue.

Merrill also led a brief discussion on retail cannabis sales indicating that the town had received a letter from Delaware County Sheriff Craig DuMond urging the town to “opt-out” of sales; and a second letter from the Delaware County Chamber of Commerce urging the town to allow legal businesses to operate.

Merrill has heard from Colchester residents asking that the town not “opt-out.”

“If there is a clear cry to opt-out, I haven't heard it,” Merrill said. If the town opts-out, he clarified, it can opt-in at any time.

“I think what the sheriff is concerned about is the added burden of what it might bring - in addition to drug and alcohol abuse,” Merrill mused. The town took no action on the issue.

In other business, the town unanimously authorized the purchase of a 36' x 60' modular/double-wide-type building, in the amount of \$25,000, to be used to house the police department. Council members authorized an additional \$6,000, for the installation of insulated skirting around the bottom of the building, at the suggestion of Colchester Code Enforcement Officer Tom Zampolin; bringing the purchase price to \$31,000. Merrill directed Zampolin to “broker the deal,” and once finalized, highway department personnel will be tapped to re-assemble the structure adjacent to the highway department on River Road on town-owned property.

The purchase includes all furniture and the reassembly of roofing.

In other business:

- The purchase of a International crew-cab plow truck, at a cost of \$99,750 was authorized by the town. It is expected to take four months for delivery. Highway Superintendent Ken Eck was authorized to reserve the truck.
- Water Superintendent Ron MacDonald was directed to order replacement and repair parts for the fire hydrant on the sidewalk near Community Bank on state Route 206/30, Main Street. Once the fire hydrant is repaired, the sidewalk will be repaired, Merrill said.

- Deputy CEO Rich Hochal will start certification classes this week and the classes will continue through October.

- The town authorized the use of Covered Bridge Park on Oct. 9 for the annual Best Dam 5K registration and award ceremony from 8 a.m. to noon. A portion of River Road, Bridge Street and the park will be used for the event. The town also authorized the use of the fitness/walking trail on Sept. 18 from 1 - 2 p.m., for a wedding.

- In July, Colchester's Downsville Justice Court collected \$2,442 in fees and fines. The fees have been remitted to the state and the town will receive a portion of those funds back.

- There are 29 Cooks Falls water district users in arrears for July 2021 with an outstanding balance of \$2,945. There are 57 water district users in arrears in the Downsville Water District with an outstanding balance of \$8,894.31. The Downsville Water District collected \$14,699.10 in water sales in July. The Cooks Falls Water District collected \$2,755.02 in water sales in July.

- The town clerk collected \$2,480.01 in fees in July, including fees for certified copies, dog licenses, building permits, certificate of occupancy permits and other miscellaneous items.

- Colchester Police responded to 35 calls in July, including two 911 hang-up calls, four harassment complaints, five property checks, one alarm, four traffic accidents and one arrest, among other activity. There were 24 traffic summonses issued.

The next regularly scheduled Colchester Town Council meeting will be held on Aug. 18 at 7 p.m.

# Clean Energy Approved And Roadwork Set In Delhi

## Councilmembers will wait to discuss cannabis opt-out

By Mary A. Crisafulli

DELHI - Councilmember Christina Viafore announced the town of Delhi was accepted for the competitive grant opportunity with support from Transition Catskills for the Clean Energy Community at the Aug. 9 board meeting. The grant will provide \$5,000 to the town for another clean energy project.

The town was deemed eligible for this opportunity by completing the community solar campaign and receiving 10 sign-ups in the municipality.

Viafore said the council needs to submit a project plan before they receive funds. She suggested converting the streetlights that have not yet been changed to LEDs. Viafore also discussed converting to clean heating and cooling pump in town offices.

Councilmember William Cairns suggested putting in an electric car charging station at the town parking lot. Viafore said this might be another community campaign and if completed there is eligibility for more funds.

Councilmembers agreed the funding amount limits the projects they are able to do.

Councilmember Matthew Krzyston suggested looking into a matching grant from the O'Conner Foundation. Krzyston will look into pricing on all proposed projects.

Superintendent of Highways Daren Evans said Glen Burnie Road will be oiled and stoned on Wednesday, Aug. 11 into Thursday, Aug. 12. Holmes Hollow Road will be done on Friday, Aug. 13. Two small areas on Sherwood Road will be completed on Friday as well. All projects are weather permitting, said Evans.

Supervisor Mark Tuthill said he would like to wait to discuss cannabis sales and on-site consumption. He said maybe the council will set a public hearing

date at the next meeting. Tuthill felt there is still not enough information on regulations and permits to have a discussion.

Delhi Village Mayor Sridhar Samudrala came to the meeting to ask councilmembers to attend the village public hearing on the subject of cannabis at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 16. The hearing will be held at Delaware Academy.

In other business:

- Tuthill announced 60 Meredith Street will not be purchased by the county and will stay on the tax roll.

- The Annual Update Document was completed and sent to the New York State Comptroller's office. Councilmembers approved to create advertisements for 30 days of public viewing.

- The highway department had budgeted for a replacement loader in 2020, but unable to fulfill this need due to pandemic related shortages, said Evans. A 2019 loader has become available for a cost of \$38,850 with trade-in of the old machine. This was not in the budget for this year, explained Evans. Tuthill said they will try to find funds for this purchase.

- The highway department sold items for auction and the town received \$7,747.50.

- Councilmember Janet Tweed asked the council to put to bid a project to secure the fence at the town pool. The project will involve pouring concrete and re-installation of the fence. Tuthill felt it was a waste of time and money since most contractors are booked solid and to wait until spring. Councilmembers agreed to put the project to bid with strict completion dates.

- Pool hours will be adjusted to 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. from Aug. 16 to Sept. 6, when the pool will close for the season.

The next scheduled meeting is Monday, Sept. 13.

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# Mattern Grant Supports Walton Farmers Market

By Mary A. Crisafulli

WALTON - Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) secured a \$1,600 grant from the Paul and Miriam Mattern Fund to support the Walton's Farmers Market. Carla Hegeman Crim from CCE said the funds are being used to boost marketing for the market.

CCE partnered with the Walton Chamber of Commerce in 2019 to organize the Friday market in Veterans' Plaza on Delaware Street. "The goal was to provide a venue for local farmers and makers to sell their products while bringing potential customers to Walton's main street merchants," explained Crim.

In 2020, the market needed to

stay small due to pandemic restrictions, said Crim. CCE and Chamber members feel the market was not able to reach parts of the community it has in the past.

This grant will help raise awareness, bring more customers to the market and Walton area, and in the long term attract more vendors, said Crim.

So far, funds have been utilized to create Facebook posts and print advertisements to highlight special events and giveaways, she said. At the Friday, Aug. 6 market, CCE gave out free mini flower bouquets to raise awareness for flower farmers at the market.

For more information visit [facebook.com/WaltonFarmersMarket](https://facebook.com/WaltonFarmersMarket).

# Walton Town...

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Kathleen Hayek - opt in - "It is legal now, we shouldn't opt out due to fear" - and once opting out it can be a "complex process to opt back in."

Eric Ball - opt in - "To opt out will mean any farmers would have to go out of town" to sell their product.

Lillian Brown-Burdick - opt in - We will be unable to "license on-site sales" and there are always "other mechanisms to keep (unwanted) businesses out."

Rusty Way - opt out - His son lives in Colorado and reports many "enforcement and medical problems" have arisen along with "questionable differences between state and federal laws."

Delaware County Sheriff Craig DuMond - opt out- "I've been the person who goes to the door to tell families of the death of their loved one," due to an impaired driving incident. DuMond explained that we need to "do our homework first," and said the lack of well-defined regulations and inability to test for cannabis impairment specifically makes this very difficult for accountability and enforcement.

DuMond also stated he has been doing his "homework" — he went to Colorado and has been examining the regulations, or lack of them. Citing reports of increased impaired driving fatalities and emergency room visits due to toxicity, he strongly recommended opting out at this time.

A few considerations DuMond had for those anxious to opt in were that because the taxed product will be more expensive, buyers will often prefer to go directly to the black-market sellers. If the town opts out, it only applies to commercial sales, cultivating will remain legal. The ability to opt out expires in December, after that the town cannot opt out. If the town does opt out, they can opt in at any time.

The town board opened its regular meeting with Walton Town Assessor Penny Haddad's report. The report included two small claims cases filed in Walton, property assessments for 2020-21 which averaged 85% of their sale prices, and she has been continuing to collect data,

update sales, property records and assessments. New legislation affecting solar projects over 1 megawatt will require a change in how they are valued in order to have a uniform valuation method across New York state.

Walton Dog Control Officer Martin Way reported two complaints, one dog seized and brought to the humane society, seven tickets issued and two requests for help.

Code Enforcement Officer Stephen Dutcher reported nine building permits, four certificate of occupancies and one flood plain development permit issued, four certificate of occupancy searches and 34 building inspections.

Acting Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Coordinator Walter Geidel reported an extension was approved for a project on Houck Mountain and the plans is to have the project completed on time. The Woodlawn project is currently completed, awaiting review and a \$140,000 reimbursement and the Beers Brook project is 70% complete and still under review.

Geidel also gave the highway department's July report of mowing, ditch, shoulder and brush clearing work done for roads to be sealed next year, hauling several loads of millings from the state Route 206 project, and a request to surplus a 1998 Ford F150, a 1994 GMC and a small trailer. The board approved putting these items out for auction.

Walton Town Clerk Ronda Williams reported an opportunity for a grant from the Pomeroy Foundation for up to five historical markers per municipality, using White Rock as an example of appropriate usage of the funds. The board unanimously agreed to apply for the grant.

Cetta opened discussion on Local Law 2. Board member Patty Wood offered "to not opt out at this time is irresponsible," with board member Len Govern adding "As long as farmers can cultivate, and with the lack of regulations in place," he agreed. Cetta also affirmed his opinion that with the "potential of expensive and unfunded mandates"

that opting out would be a beneficial safeguard.

A motion was made by Kevin Armstrong and seconded by Patty Wood to adopt Local Law 2 of 2021, opting out of allowing cannabis dispensaries and on-site consumption sites as authorized under cannabis law article 4.

The motion was carried unanimously by all board members.

The town has applied for an American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant for up to \$232,960 for coronavirus fiscal recovery funds which may be used for things like expanding broadband availability and helping to fund a paid EMT service. The board is looking into hiring a company to assist in the process of filing forms and compliance with ARPA's funding guidelines.

LSE Pavo has begun construction on Back River Road, and some of the new solar panels are in place. The board will also invite a representative of Community Solar to come in and brief the board on what they may have to offer.

Cetta reported that 47% of Delaware County is currently fully vaccinated against COVID-19, with Walton at only 44.9%. With the county fair about to take place along with other summer venues and events, and a current rise in infection rates, he urges those who have been hesitant to get vaccinated to "rethink it" and get vaccinated, stating that his "first mission is public safety."

The Delaware County Department of Social Services (DSS) has reported a need for foster parents in the county. DSS will host a Zoom meeting Sept. 8 at 6 p.m. for an open discussion and to answer questions for anyone interested in becoming a foster parent. A flyer is available at the town clerk's office with more information.

The board thanked the Lion's Club for a successful car cruise last Saturday night.

The next regular meeting of the Walton town board will be held Monday, Sept. 13 at 6 p.m.

## Laps For Lifeguards



WALTON - Walton Senior Lifeguards Jose Mirabal, left, and Grace Rhinehart with Village of Walton Director of Parks and Recreation Brian Sprague, ready to sign up sponsors for the Laps for Lifeguards fundraiser on Aug. 19, from 10 a.m. until noon at John "Jack" Kelly Memorial Pool, on Townsend Street. Proceeds will benefit lifeguard scholarships in memory of Candy Russell, long-time lifeguard and swimming lesson coordinator.

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# Schwartz Unearths Historical Pin



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A month ago Jason Schwartz, president of the Walton Historical Society and metal detecting enthusiast, found the bottom two pieces of this pin at a Walton property he was scanning and was “stumped” as to what it was. He kept thinking about it, so he went back to the site to see if he had missed anything and found the top two pieces and a small pin. Once he gently cleaned the pieces, he realized it was a 144th Volunteer Infantry Regiment, Company D pin.

A quick search of the Delaware County Historical Association website provides this description of the 144th:

*Based On The Descriptive Book Of The 144th Regiment, U.S.: The 144th New York Volunteer Infantry was a Delaware County Regiment. Of the Regiment's total enrollment of 1409 men, 852 were from Delaware County, 16 were from Chenango County, 15 were from Cattaraugus County and smaller numbers of men were from other counties. In August and September of 1862, the Regiment was organized and drilled at “Camp Delaware,” located about a mile below Delhi, the County Seat, on the grounds of the County Poor House Farm.*

*The Regiment was organized into 10 Companies with enrollments principally as follows: Co. A (Tompkins), Co. B (Walton and Masonville), Co. C (Delhi, Hamden, Stamford, Meredith, Harpersfield, and Kortright), Co. D (Franklin), Co. E. (Andes and Bovina), Co. F (Hancock and many from Penn.), Co. G (Middletown), Co. H (Roxbury, Stamford, and Harpersfield), Co. I (Kortright, Davenport, Sidney, and Meredith) and Co. K (Colchester).*

*The 144th was sworn into Federal service on Sept. 27, 1862. They marched out from Camp at 7:30 A.M. on Oct. 8 for Hancock, where they took the train for Elmira, this area's collection center. The 144th was mustered out of Federal service at Elmira in July of 1865 and as each Company was paid off, the men left for home.*

Schwartz says this piece of Delaware County history will be properly displayed at the Walton Historical Society, 9 Townsend Street, Walton.

Because this year's theme at the historical tent at the Delaware County Fairgrounds is “military” the piece will be displayed there as well.

# Delhi Soldier Receives New Rank, New Responsibilities

Major General Ray Shields, the Adjutant General for the state of New York, announced the recent promotion of members of the New York Army National Guard in recognition of their capability for additional responsibility and leadership.

Paul Laliberte from Delhi, and

assigned to the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 108th Infantry, received a promotion to the rank of private 1st class on May 28.

Army National Guard promotions are based on overall performance, attitude, leadership ability, and development potential.

# Local Volunteers and Blood Donors Needed For Busy Disaster Season

Many weather experts predict a destructive disaster season this year, with wildfires already raging across much of the Pacific Northwest and storms tracking in the Atlantic. The American Red Cross needs volunteers to help on the ground and blood and platelet donors to roll up a sleeve to maintain a stable blood supply in the face of emergencies.

## Shelter Volunteers And Health Professionals Needed

The Red Cross needs new volunteers to support disaster shelters as staff and volunteers from the Western New York region are often called upon to support disasters in regions across the United States. Volunteers will help with reception, registration, food distribution, dormitory, information collection and other vital tasks inside disaster shelters.

The Red Cross also needs volunteers who can work in disaster shelters to address people's health needs and provide hands-on care in alignment with their professional licensure (registered nurse and licensed practical nurse/licensed vocational nurse). Daily observation and health screening for COVID-19-like illness among shelter residents may also be required. We have both associate and supervisory level opportunities available. If you are an RN, LPN,

LVN, APRN, NP, EMT, paramedic, MD/DO or PA with a current and unencumbered license, this position could be right for you.

After most disasters this year, the Red Cross plans to open group shelters. However, in some communities, hotels may be more appropriate if the risk of COVID-19, including the delta variant, is particularly high. The Red Cross will also continue many of the safety precautions implemented in 2020, including masks, health screenings, enhanced cleaning procedures and encouraging social distancing.

## Disaster Action Team Member

Local Disaster Action Teams provide 24-hour emergency response to local disasters, particularly home fires, ensuring that those affected have access to resources for basic necessities such as food, shelter and clothing. If you are team-oriented and want to help your neighbor, the DAT responder may be just the thing for you.

Last year, the American Red Cross of Western New York provided immediate emergency assistance to individuals and families impacted by approximately 900 home fires and other disasters.

If you want to make a difference and are interested in helping your community should a

disaster occur here at home or across the country, contact our area offices at [RecruitWNY@red-cross.org](mailto:RecruitWNY@red-cross.org).

## Blood And Platelet Donors Needed

Wildfires, record-breaking heat and a busy hurricane season can also impact the nation's blood supply. On top of the toll extreme weather events take on the lives of millions, disasters can cause blood drive closures or prevent donors from being able to give safely. Eligible donors can help overcome the critical need for blood and ensure blood is readily available by making an appointment to give by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org), calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enabling the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device.

Upcoming blood donation opportunities Aug. 16-31 in Delaware County:

**Franklin** - Aug. 19, from 1:30 - 6:30 p.m., Franklin Methodist Church, 101 Main Street;

**Sidney** - Aug. 17, from 1:30 - 6:30 p.m., A.O. Fox Tri-Town Campus, 43 Pearl Street West; and Aug. 27 from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., Sidney Fire Hall Training Center, 72 River Street;

**Walton** - Aug. 19, from noon - 4 p.m., Walton Fire Department, 59 West Street.



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# ATV Raffle To Benefit Fair Finances



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By Ron Galley

WALTON - The Delaware County Fair begins Monday, Aug. 16 and its governing body, the Delaware Valley Agricultural Society Board of Directors, has purchased a John Deere 560 E Gator, the prize for a raffle being conducted to benefit the fair coffers. The winner's name will be pulled Saturday night, Aug. 21. The time

for the drawing has yet to be established.

Tickets for the ATV can be purchased from any fair board director, at NAPA Auto Parts, 90 Delaware Street, where the John Deere Gator is parked, or at TA's, 249 Delaware Street. During fair week, it will be located on the fairgrounds. Raffle tickets are \$20 each.

The board bought the Gator from Delaware Sports Center.

# Food Preservation Class

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Contact Cornell Cooperative Extension at 607-865-6531 or [jmd30@cornell.edu](mailto:jmd30@cornell.edu) with questions. To learn more about Cornell Cooperative Extension of Delaware County's community programs and events call or visit [www.ccedelaware.org](http://www.ccedelaware.org).

# 56 Main Street, Delhi Case Will Go To Trial

By Mary A. Crisafulli

DELHI - No resolutions were made at the Tuesday, Aug. 10 court date regarding building code violations at 56 Main Street in Delhi.

Building owner Donald Bishop's attorney James Hartmann and village attorney Courtney Heinel agreed the two parties have not reached an accord and the case should be tried by jury.

Delhi Town Court Justice Richard L. Gumo was unsure of regulations needed for a jury due to pandemic related restrictions. Chief Assistant District Attorney Shawn Smith said jury members will need to sit six feet apart. The town courtroom is not large



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enough to accommodate these regulations.

Gumo will search for an ade-

quate space for the trial and provide the status by email no later than Tuesday, Aug. 24.

# Emily Ann Roberts To Perform On Grandstand Thursday Night

By Patty Wood

The country music concert at the Delaware County Fair this year will star Emily Ann Roberts a young girl from Knoxville, Tenn. If her name sounds familiar, you might be a fan of "The Voice" - she competed in 2015 for Team Blake and took home second place.

Roberts says her start in country music began early. Her favorites were Ricky Skaggs' "Soldier of the Cross," Patty Loveless' "Mountain Soul" and the Dixie Chick's "Fly." She said, "Those albums taught me about great songs, how to sing harmony and what singing from your heart sounded like. So it goes without saying, I've been hooked on grassy country music since."

A talent show competition loss as a sixth grader inspired her to ask a teacher what she could have done better. When the teacher

advised her to, "Play an instrument," she became inspired to pick up a guitar. Being close to Music City enabled her to watch others play in music stores, and she soaked it all in. As a seventh grader, she auditioned for the talent show and not only won a spot in the competition, but won the whole thing.

The confidence gained with that win helped her realize her signing was more than just a hobby. In eighth grade, she started writing her own songs, recorded herself for YouTube, and played every local gig she could. Her first longtime gig was at a Mexican restaurant in Knoxville, and the live performances honed her playing and songwriting skills.

When the producers of "The Voice" saw a YouTube video of her singing Carrie Underwood's "Something in the Water," that she recorded herself on an iPad, they contacted her dad. She auditioned for Blake Shelton, Adam

Levine, Pharrell Williams and Gwen Stefani. She got Blake and Adam to turn their chairs, and she picked Blake as her coach. She came in second - enough to launch her into the career of her dreams while still in high school.

After three years of writing and performing, Roberts released her first country original song "Stuck On Me + You" which hit the Top 40 on the iTunes country chart. A month later, she released her second country original titled, "I've Got Forever." Her latest release "Someday Dream" is the story of following her biggest dreams. She says, "I'm thankful that the Lord has allowed me to do what I love for a living and giving me the opportunity to share my music with the world."

The Delaware County Fair will be a stop on her upward trajectory as a country artist. Take in the show on Thursday, Aug. 19 at 7:30 p.m. on the big stage grandstands.

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# Hamden Buys Fuel, Agrees To Keep Stevens Road Open

By Sara Andros

The town of Hamden board met for its regularly scheduled meeting on Aug. 4. Prior to the start of the meeting Supervisor Wayne Marshfield opened the fuel bids that the town received. The board voted to accept the firm bid of \$2.59 per gallon for heating oil from Allison Oil, Inc. in Andes.

The remaining bids were received from Mirabito Energy Products. The board accepted the fluctuating price of \$2.4875 per gallon for diesel fuel because the firm price was considerably higher at \$2.7325 per gallon. They also voted to accept the fluctuating kerosene price of \$2.6475 per gallon for kerosene because the firm price was over fifty cents more per gallon.

The only option the board had for ethanol free gas was the fluctuating price option of \$3.0125 per gallon, which was accepted. They also accepted the firm price of \$1.80 per gallon for LP gas. All of the fuel prices were considerably higher compared to the previous year; some were almost \$1 more per gallon.

The town will not be abandoning Stevens Road; an agreement was signed with Oxen Farms, which is on Wright Road and to the north from Stevens Road, according to Marshfield. The board voted unanimously to accept the terms of the agreement after a meeting in executive session last month. Per the agreement, 670 feet of Stevens Road, which indirectly connects West Terry Clove Road to Fall Clove Road, between the town of Hamden and Oxen Farms, will be restored and maintained.

A \$10,000 trust will be set up for the town by the owners of Oxen Farms to cover the cost of future repairs; the board will use up to \$4,000 of that money to pay for four inches of topping material for the road. The remainder of the cost including sluice pipes, course materials, ditching and tree clearing will be covered by Oxen Farms.

The board members agreed to make a decision on whether or not to opt out of having cannabis dispensaries and consumption sites in the town at the September board meeting. Marshfield provided a variety of reference materials on the topic for the board members to review ahead of time.

Evelyn Flannery, a nurse for many years, made a case for the town to opt in on having the dispensaries. She told the board that she thinks the regulation and oversight of the sale and con-

sumption of the product will help save lives in the long run. Marshfield said that if the town decides to opt out, a public hearing will be held on the topic before a local law is enacted.

Marshfield said that the need for public parking in Hamden has become very apparent with the new businesses that have opened in town. When the Hamden Inn is open, there are cars parked bumper to bumper on the side of the road in both directions, and there is a steady stream of customers for the other businesses and the post office. Marshfield said it is great that the businesses are doing so well, but he worries that the lack of off-street parking could cause issues.

Marshfield also said the speed limit remains an issue. He wrote a letter to the New York State Department of Transportation (DOT) about the need for a reduction in the speed limit through town and the need for crosswalks. He cited specific incidences where catastrophe was narrowly avoided and said that with three new businesses located on opposite sides of the street, along with the post office, bank and church, people are crossing state Route 10 more often and it is a hazard. Marshfield wants the town residents to know he is aware of the problem and is trying to address it.

In other business:

- Town clerk Dennise Yeary took in \$1339.38 for the month of July for dog license fees, town hall and pavilion rentals and building permits. Per Yeary, one of the building permit fees was doubled due to the resident starting the project prior to the permit being approved.

- Superintendent of Highways Scott Lenci said that he installed “Stop” signs at the intersection of Terry Clove Road, East Terry Clove Road and West Terry Clove Road as well as “Stop Ahead” signs to alert drivers. He plans to call the county engineers to evaluate the intersection to see if it can be changed from a “Y” to a “T.”

Lenci said that the Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS) oil and stonework has been completed and the paperwork submitted.

Lenci said he completed and submitted the paperwork for two Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) mitigation grants. One project is located on Chambers Hollow Road by the Wayne Bryden farm and the other is on Coles Clove Road where the bank is washing away.

Councilman Richard Smith asked why the brush and cano-

pies over and by the road haven’t been cut and Lenci said that the boom mower had been broken but is now operational. The highway department is also short staffed. He said he plans to cut the brush and canopies this fall. Smith said that job is usually done in the spring so the trees have time to heal.

- Marshfield said he plans to talk to members of Water District One and Water District Two to see if they want to do any flood mitigation at the pump stations. Water District One will hold its annual meeting on Aug. 24 at 6 p.m. and Water District Two will hold its annual meeting on Aug. 26 at 7 p.m. Both will take place at the town hall.

Lamont Engineering will be on hand at the water District One meeting to explain the proposed water main project that will commence in the summer of 2022.

- The Hamden Wastewater report indicated that because of the rain a lot more water is being pumped out. The daily average being pumped for July was 17,714 gallons per day and 549,159 gallons for the month. The monthly amount is more than 200,000 gallons more than usual.

- The town has received the first half of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 grant money. Marshfield said he put the \$61,645 into a six-month Certificate of Deposit (CD) until the town decides how the money should be spent.

- In addition to the \$175,000 received from the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY) for the water main project, a \$100,000 grant has also been received for the purchase of a new truck. Marshfield said that the machinery committee will need to get together with Lenci to decide what will be purchased.

- The New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets did an inspection of the Heart of the Catskills animal shelter on July 13 and found everything to be satisfactory.

- The town received a \$1600 grant from the O’Connor Foundation to help cover the cost of flowers, flags and banners.

- Marshfield said the town also received a \$5,000 grant from New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) for getting people enrolled in the solar campaign. The board will now need to decide how to use it. Marshfield proposed setting up a Clean Energy reserve fund so that the funds could be used to promote energy conservation measures as needed.

- The next regular town board meeting will be held on Sept. 1 at 6:30 p.m.

## New Creative... *continued from front page*

pieces will also be displayed and for sale.

Kwan has a passion for coffee and hopes to create a barista bar. He said they will invite different baristas to come and showcase their talents.

Doog Goods will open on Saturday, Aug. 21. Hours are from Wednesday to Sunday from noon until 8 p.m. “Unless we are out

rescuing homeless furniture,” Kwan said, laughing. Hours may change in the future.

“We want to do something meaningful,” he said, “We work for creatives.”

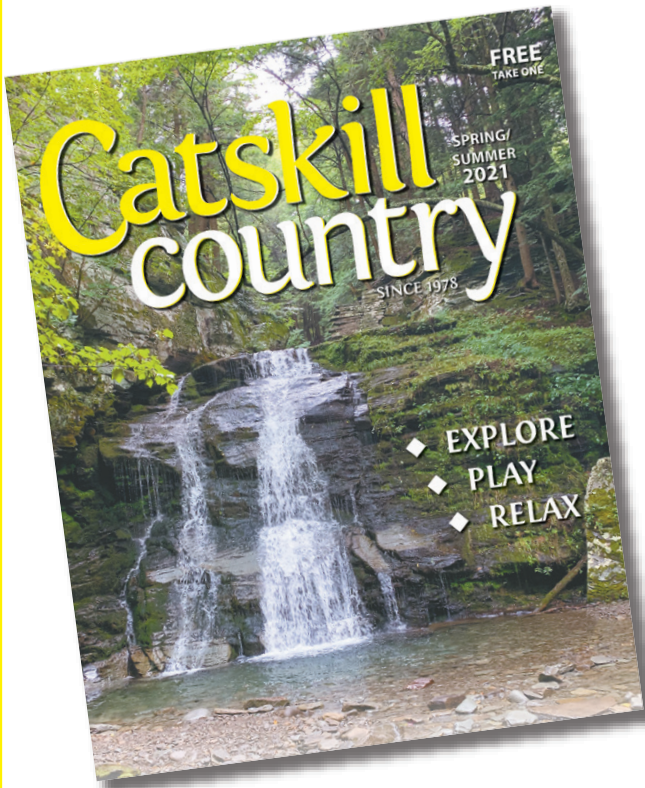
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Owners and Designers Dan Kwan and Joanne Yong inside their new creative hub on Delaware Street in Walton.

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## Cannabis Sales Discussions Continue

By Mary A. Crisafulli

DELAWARE COUNTY - Delaware County Sheriff Craig DuMond says the county has a robust black market of marijuana and believes more police resources will be needed to enforce black market trade with legalization.

According to DuMond there have been 16 arrests by the Delaware County Sheriff’s Office for unlawful cultivation of marijuana and 3 arrests for criminal sale of marijuana from 2016 to 2021 in Delaware County.

DuMond said NYS legislation mirrors Colorado and we should look there for information.

According to Denver, Colo. Marijuana Annual Report, the following offenses for cultivation were recorded - 25 in 2015, 43 in 2016, 52 in 2017, 59 in 2018 and 32 in 2019. They recorded the following for possession offenses - 272 in 2015, 189 in 2016, 145 in 2017, 142 in 2018 and 77 in 2019.

The report states “Total marijuana offenses accounts for less than 1% of overall reported offenses in Denver.”

DuMond said decriminalization of cannabis in 2019 caused

law enforcement to no longer put resources into enforcement of these crimes. He said when commercial sales begin the state government will charge police with enforcement out of fear of losing tax revenue.

He is also concerned with having sale and consumption facilities on every street corner. DuMond said blighted communities in Denver see issues with this, “Much like poor disadvantaged communities currently have with liquor stores.”

Delaware County Chamber of Commerce member Ray Pucci said allowing cannabis sales and consumption could support the community and its agriculture.

According to legislation, farmers are permitted to grow cannabis whether or not municipalities opt-out. Pucci said by opting out municipalities would be not allowing a legal business to operate and forcing farmers to take their products out of DelCo.

“Are we going to stand up and support agriculture?” he asked.

He said it is important to cut costs for our farmers and municipalities should support them in their decisions on what type of crop they are growing.

He explained if cannabis remains prohibited at the federal level, farmers cannot transport goods across state lines, further limiting their market.

If farmers take product out of the county we will be losing that profit, he explained. Pucci said estimated local share of the excise tax - which does not include normal sales tax - would generate \$25 million statewide.

Denver, Colo. generated approximately \$60 million - including sales tax - in 2019, according to the annual report. They used funds for enforcement, regulation, education, affordable housing, public health and improvements to city facilities. Marijuana revenue constituted about 4.3% of Denver’s general revenue in 2019.

Pucci believes tourism from New York City is a big support for local businesses. Our appeal here is agriculture and food, he explained. “What attracts people to Delaware County is an authentic agriculture experience,” said Pucci. What happens if we are not offering the latest in agriculture? he asked.

“Folks want to go to the source,” he said, “We can be that.”



# OPINION

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Sheriff: Opt-In For Cannabis Later

Recently there has been a lot of dialog regarding my letter I sent to town supervisors requesting they consider opting out of the of current cannabis dispensary provision. Some have questioned my research, motive or whether I am “informed” regarding this topic.

Firstly, I want the people of Delaware County to know that I take my responsibilities as Sheriff very seriously, part of which involves thoroughly researching topics (informing myself) prior to taking any stance or action on matters that could affect Public Safety. Remember, my first and foremost responsibility to the people of Delaware County is public safety. Having read various studies regarding the topic of legalized marijuana, pro and con, and have formed my opinion based on the expert knowledge of professionals in the field which are police executives, prosecutors, doctors, drug counselors/treatment professionals, etc. The most important points are that it seems certain that we could have a larger incidence of fatal crashes due to THC usage, and that emergency room visits could increase due to marijuana related poisoning hospitalizations. I am happy to share my research. Please email me at: [shrf@co.delaware.ny.us](mailto:shrf@co.delaware.ny.us) or visit our Facebook page for an accounting of that research.

In my first letter to the supervisors, I made the mistake of not stressing that if a town opts out now, they can opt back in anytime by simply passing a local law. This was a serious oversight on my part, so I will stress it now. I believe that we as communities have not had enough time to research and debate this issue and it would be prudent to consider an opt out now so that towns could gather all the important information needed, conduct forums with their residents and then make an informed decision. After Dec. 31, there will no longer be any opportunities to opt out. I strongly feel the public should have a say regarding this measure. Too many times government arbitrarily imposes on the citizenry without giving them a voice.

The revenue from marijuana sales has not materialized in other parts of the country as promised. Isn't it possible that many folks will continue to purchase product on the black market rather than pay an excessive amount for the taxed product? The best illustration I can provide is the Airbnb situation. Municipalities were promised droves of money that never happened.

What did happen was diminished housing opportunities due to the lack of properties as well as unaffordable rents for many folks. There were also unanticipated problems that have caused headaches and problems for municipalities as well as neighbors. This “opportunity” was also rushed, and I would hate to see the same mistakes being made a second time.

To summarize, my concerns from a Public Safety perspective are regarding traffic dangers and increased hospitalizations due to marijuana poisoning. Remember, there is currently no effective way to measure, on the spot, a driver's THC level; until we have such technology, my deputies won't have many ways to detect if a driver could be a danger to others.

If we don't opt out, and my concerns were not to materialize, I would be delighted, because it would mean that Public Safety had not suffered. But, for now, I feel strongly that opting out should be seriously considered.

DEL. CO. SHERIFF CRAIG DUMOND

Delhi

### DelCo Dems Say Sheriff's Letter Is Overreach

The Delaware County Democratic Committee supports the right of each municipality in Delaware County to decide whether to opt-out on allowing retail cannabis dispensaries and/or on site cannabis consumption facilities, based on factual evidence and what it believes is in its own best interest.

The Sheriff's letter to town supervisors encouraging all of them to opt-out is an overreach of the Sheriff's powers as Delaware County's chief law enforcement officer; the sheriff's role is dedicated to enforcing local laws, not creating them.

The public policy question of whether cannabis should be legal is not relevant to the separate issue of allowing adult-use retail dispensaries or on-site consumption facilities to operate in Delaware County communities. Adult-use cannabis legislation was passed by the NYS Legislature and signed by the Governor in March 2021. Disagreement with the law should be taken up with our state representatives and regulators, and not town supervisors and mayors.

We stand for Delaware County constituents' right to rely on the democratic process in each town or village to determine whether to opt-out or not. Because this is not a county-wide, but a town-by-town, decision, we strongly encourage all county residents

to inform themselves on this issue and to communicate their position to their village and town boards and supervisors.

The DCDC has included on its website ([www.dcnnydems.org/cannabis](http://www.dcnnydems.org/cannabis)) a list of articles and references on this issue.

KATHLEEN HAYEK, CHAIR  
Del Co Democratic Committee  
Walton

### Choosing To Feel Unhappy With FairForAll

Speaking of “despicable,” how ‘bout the superimposing of their thinking on that of a dead [of course] civil war casualty? Now that's despicable! Yet, here we are again with the fairforall[s] taking out a full page ad in this week's County Shopper. Note that despite their claim, not all residents of DelCo paid for that ad; you know I didn't. Let's get some things straight: save the drama; virtually no one in combat “gives” his life - it's taken. Further, almost none of us fight for the fine points of political or social philosophy; we fight because that's the side we happen to be on, we fight to save our buddies' lives, and our own. Crawley may well have volunteered for the Confederacy had he lived in Walton, Ga., but not necessarily because he was willing to risk his life for states' rights. If one was to honestly conjecture on Crawley's opinion of the Rebel [not Confederate] Flag, a battle flag, one might assume he respected the fighting ability of others, like himself, who had the privilege of combat. Let's face it, to borrow a freeforall segue, a flag doesn't dishonor any memory, unless you think that flying a Mexican flag at a pro-illegal alien rally dishonors the sovereignty of America. And, oh, the people who are made to feel unwelcome in our County - no one “makes” you feel anything; you choose to feel, or not. It's not unreasonable to expect a minimum level of coping skills from any adult. The declaring of the Rebel Flag to be racist is an arrogance on the part of a self-appointed would-be judicial group, trying to push their agenda on the decent folk of DelCo. To Hades with them. Actually, many of us, not caring one way or another about the issue, use the Rebel Flag to get in the faces of the snowflakes among us. Me, I like Alabama's music, the fish I catch on Rebel lures, and would gladly share a foxhole with a Southerner. I might even buy something with a Rebel Flag at the Fair, and chat a bit with the vendor. We could talk about the campaigns to control what we think and do.

DON KALIBAT  
DeLancey

### Fair Memories

By Susan Beardslee Hudson

I grew up in the village of Walton, so each year when the fair was in town, it was a big event. Although the Delaware County Fair has grown over the years, and there are new experiences, the memories still linger in my mind.

I remember, my mother always exhibited baked goods in the Grange/HomeEc Building; this allowed her to purchase an Exhibitor's Ticket, slightly cheaper than a Season Ticket. The Grange Building always had interesting exhibits from the various Granges all over the county. Sometimes I helped my grandparents set up the exhibit for the Mundale Grange. We always parked in the grassy area near the building.

There was always one night with a float parade. One year when the theme was Nursery Rhymes, my grandfather covered his car with a “stone wall” and constructed a Humpty Dumpty that he could move from inside, while driving down the parade route.

Tuesday was always the Firemen's Parade. My family didn't go to the fair that night, but sometimes I went with my aunt and uncle when they parked up on Route 10, above the fairgrounds, and watch the parade.

One of the highlights, for me, was the night they had fireworks. We would try to get a place along the fence, because it cost too much to sit in the grandstand. The aerial ones would be set off from the field. The ground show took place in the Horse Show Ring, and always ended in an American Flag show of lights in

red, white, and blue.

When I was in elementary school, my dad took off one afternoon and we would go to the fair as a family. We'd start out by enjoying a picnic lunch in the shade near where we parked the car. Then, we'd visit the exhibits in the Grange Building and the 4-H Building. We'd wander though the cattle tent, and maybe catch a horse show. A quick visit to the midway, but only for a “safe” ride on the Ferris wheel or the merry-go-round. And, absolutely no games - “that's a waste of good money.” If the evening show in the grandstand was particularly good, we might stay for it. Remember the grandstand tent after a good rain, and people trying to avoid the leaking tent or trying to push the water out?

I used to attend children's day with my grandparents. Grandpa would get a ticket for the bicycle drawing when we came in the main gate. In the afternoon, we'd make our way to the grandstand and patiently wait for them to call our ticket number, hoping to win one of the two bikes being given away. Never did win one.

As I moved into my teen years, I was involved in 4-H and exhibited clothing and baked goods. I still recall the “cookie house” covered with baked goods that members had made. It was a real effort to find the ones that I made and see if I had won a blue ribbon. One year, my banana bread was selected to go to the NY State Fair. Of course, I baked a fresh loaf!

Whether you are attending the fair for the first time, or you have been several times, I hope you will make wonderful memories of your own.

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IT'S Academic

College News

**Justin Beers**, Walton, has been selected as a University of the Automotive Aftermarket Foundation scholarship winner. He received the Art Fisher Memorial Scholarship for \$1000. Beers was selected in June of 2021 from more than 1,000 applicants to receive the scholarship and plans to attend Michigan University - Ferris State University to study engineering.

SUNY Delhi announced its dean's list for the spring 2021 semester, a recognition of academic achievement for students who enrolled in six or more credits and earned a 3.5 or higher grade-point average for the semester. Locally, those named are, from Delhi: **Hayley Angus, Dylan Cumpston, Adia Vohs, Lucas Davison, Conor Aikens, Caleb**

**Collins, Morgan McKee, Sean Carron, Kayla Komosinski, Jamie Howe, Tammy Budine, Kyle Budine, Rija Kirsten Francisco, Marjorie Goedel, Randi Capuano, Stephanie Olan, Brian Ging.** From Walton: **Justin Beers, Kyle Wright, Jessica Cook, Richard Pennington, Luciana Mondolfi, Morgan Condon, Timothy Maguire Jr., Nicholas Underwood, Haley Farrell, Jennifer Fay, Hunter McCall, Carissa Crandall, Kyle Murray, Bret Armstrong, Caleb Stanton, Maranda Klinger, Noah Aubin.** From Hancock: **Sanaa Abdulatheem, Owen Wormuth, Emily Cairns, Mason Karcher.** From Downsview: **Miranda Lacey and Georgia Odell;** Margaretville: **Zachary Skou, Dakota Caronia, Laura Seltz, Luke Moore;** Franklin: **Kristin Cronk, Ryan Klein, Juliana Archibald, Alyssa Nowhitney.** Hobart: **Bethany**

**Brinkerhoff, Jessica Watson, Isabella DuBois;** Sidney: **Kimberly Obeada, Julia Obeada.** Treadwell: **Rachel Tompkins, Saira Vidunas.** Hamden: **Jeffrey Bowie, Samantha Terry;** Stamford - **Makayla Palmatier, Katrina Alexander;** Elizabeth Johnson of Arkville; **Jordan Wamsley** of Davenport Center; **Skylar Barto** of Fleischmanns; **Shaelie McClenon** of Sidney Center; **George Spielman** of Halcottsville; **Arriana McClenon** of Trout Creek; **Daisy Accordino** of Grand Gorge; **Ruth Zinkievich** of East Meredith; **Daniel Olson** of Harpersfield; **Hunter Bevins** of Bloomville.

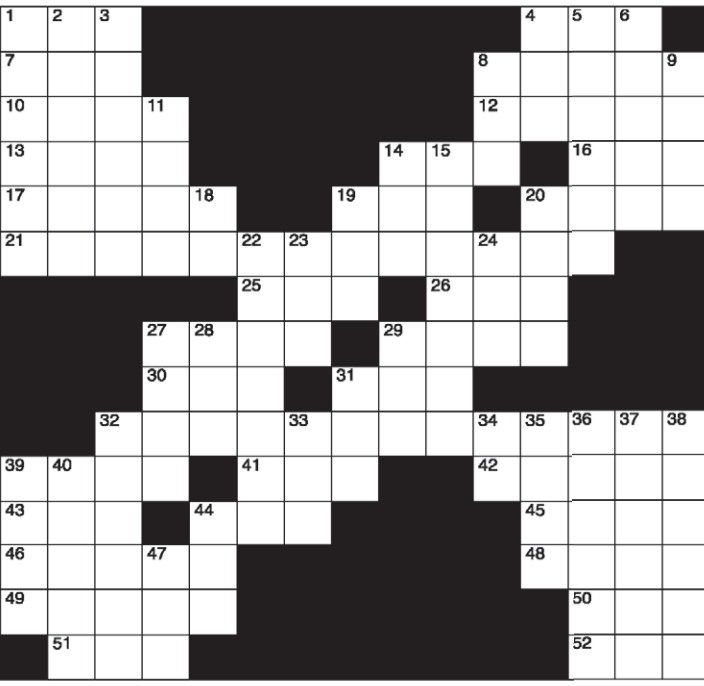
The University of Hartford is pleased to announce the students who have been named to the dean's list for Spring 2021 include **Rachel Blocker** of Delhi and **Bianca Molnar** of Margaretville.

County Graduates Receive Awards From The Arc of Delaware County

The Arc of Delaware County has published the list of the 2021 graduates from throughout Delaware County that received a \$50 award given to graduates who plan to enroll in a course of study that will directly benefit people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, demonstrates scholastic ability and provided

service to a community or school organization. From Andes Central School - **Rachel Masterson;** Charlotte Valley School District - **Meghan Carey;** Delaware Academy - **Anne Arehart;** Deposit Central School - **Chassidy Ryder;** Downsview Central School - **Cassandra Gales;** Hancock Central School - **Ellen Mastronardi;** Roxbury Central School - **Jaden DeMain;** Sidney Central School - **Tiana Savino;** South Kortright Central School - **Haley Kosier;** Stamford Central School - **Samuel Krum;** Walton Central School District - **Katelynn Ostrander.**

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Midway between east and southeast

4. Sun up in New York

7. Japanese honorific

8. Czech name for Prague

10. Ochocinco's first name

12. Steep cliffs (Hawaiian)

13. Scots word for "home"

14. Upper class young woman (abbr.)

16. Monetary unit of Albania

17. Raise

19. Drain of resources

20. Uncultured, clumsy persons

21. Hikers use them

25. Retrospective analysis (military)

26. Tibetan form of chanting
27. Influential European statesman

29. Soluble ribonucleic acid

30. Monetary unit of Romania

31. Round green vegetable

32. Well acquainted with

39. Ribosomal ribonucleic acid

41. Basics

42. "The Godfather" actress Keaton

43. Snakelike fish

44. Tall deciduous tree

45. Russian river

46. Long Balkans river

48. Ancient Greek coin

49. Senegal's capital

50. Unwell

51. Snout

52. Low bank or reef of coral

CLUES DOWN

1. Abstain from

2. Vast desert in North Africa

3. Cover the crown of a tooth

4. A major division of geological time

5. Urban center

6. Crook

8. Parts per billion (abbr.)

9. Questions

11. A pack of 52 playing cards

14. Recording of sound

15. Pithy saying

18. Atomic #22

19. Soviet Socialist Republic

20. Plant with ridged seedpods

22. Innate

23. Investigative body for Congress (abbr.)
24. Soda receptacle

27. Spanish stew: \_\_ podrida

28. Viet Cong offensive

29. Large body of water

31. Beginning military rank

32. Dissimilar

33. Counteroffensive system (abbr.)

34. Shows who you are

35. Chinese dynasty

36. Type of verse

37. African nation

38. Quite

39. Former Bucks star Michael

40. Showed again

44. Body part

47. Steal

Solution to last week's puzzle appears on page 11

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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## ‘History On Wheels’ HSM Fundraiser



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This 1932 Buick with the look of a classic ‘gangster car’ is among those featured at the August 21 event in Denver.

Reservations are being taken for a unique opportunity to see a collection of rare vintage vehicles at an Aug. 21 fundraiser for the Historical Society of the Town of Middletown (HSM).

Denny Herzberg will host the event from 2 to 4:30 p.m. at his property off Walker Road in Denver. Directions will be provided to those who reserve their spot (\$30 for an individual, \$50 per couple) by calling 845-586-2860 by Aug. 15.

Herzberg will guide visitors on an open-air tour of his collection of 14 cars and one cherry-red pickup truck, explaining their unique histories and describing the often unusual circumstances

in which he acquired them.

Among the meticulously restored vehicles are the 1947 Cadillac Series 62 convertible that once belonged to Eva Peron (“Evita”) of Argentina; a 1952 Ford taxi with 600,000 South American miles on it; a 1942 Packard 180 Clipper, one of only two in the world, said to have carried Harry Truman a time or two; several classic Fords from the ‘40s and ‘50s and a 2008 Shelby GT 500 convertible.

In case of rain, the tour will be held in the converted dairy barn on the property. Herzberg also collects vintage radios and phonographs and will have a selection on view.

An array of light refreshments by Mary’s Cookin’ Again, along with beer, wine and non-alcoholic beverages, will be available beneath a tent where an exhibit on the 1903 Automobile Endurance Run will also be on display. The Endurance Run drew 34 early automobilists who navigated heavy rain and thick mud on State Route 28 (now the Catskill Mountains Scenic Byway) in a legendary test of cars and drivers. The event will be commemorated at the fifth annual Catskill Conquest Rally Sept. 25. For more information, visit 1903autorun.com.

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

## Three Dates Remain for AMR Artists’ Paint The Town - Catskills

Paint The Town is an ongoing series of free, family-friendly, outdoor events featuring local artists creating a variety of projects - taking place along the main streets of Delaware County hamlets.

AMR (Andes Margaretville Roxbury) Artists Inc. has successfully hosted the Open Studio Tour in Delaware County for years, until the pandemic era arrived and changed the way we gather. The artists are determined to keep art alive and locally accessible to people of all ages and interests.

Seventeen artists participated in the recent Paint The Town event held in Roxbury on July 24, and spectators enjoyed interacting with the artists at work, getting to know their techniques and making inquiries on where their art could be purchased.

Participating artist Ron Macklin said he enjoyed the camaraderie of painting alongside many

fantastic artists, and the interest shown by the spectators, of his day painting a watercolor of the 1894 English Gothic style church in Roxbury.

Listed below are the next round of events. Each begins at 10 a.m. with artists gathering at 1 p.m. Look for the balloons marking the event and participating artists.

Halcottsville - Saturday, Aug. 14

Fleischmanns - Sunday, Sept. 5

Margaretville - Saturday, Oct. 9

Rain dates are the following day of each event and will be posted on AMR Artists Facebook Page. Artists can pre-register at: amropenstudios.org/paint-the-town-invite-for-artists. A \$25 fee gives artists access to participate in all events. To contact the organization or become a member, write to: AmrOpenStudios@gmail.com

## More Franklin Market Music



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Mike Herman

The Franklin Farmers’ Market will welcome Mike Herman to the Music at the Market stage on Sunday, Aug. 15 from 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Mike is an acoustic country blues musician located in the northern Catskill Mountains, who rounds out his original songs nicely with vocals.

The performance is free to attend. Tables and chairs are avail-

able, or guests are welcome to bring their own seats. Purchase a sweet or some cheese and a beverage from the vendors to enjoy during the show.

The market is open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the village of Franklin on Institute Street and includes vendors from Franklin and surrounding towns selling breads, rolls, beef, chicken, eggs, doggy treats, herbs, honey, jams, jellies, jewelry, maple candies and syrup, mushrooms, plant seedlings, pork, lamb, preserves, a variety of produce, relishes, Scandinavian baked goods, sunflower oil, fresh and smoked trout, and home décor.

Music at the Market is made possible with funds from the Delaware County Arts Grants, a regrant program of the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew M. Cuomo and the New York State Legislature and administered in Delaware County by the Roxbury Arts Group, the A. Lindsay & Olive B. O’Connor Foundation, and Delaware County Economic Development, New York.

## Invoke To Perform For Friends Of Music In Stamford

Friends of Music of Stamford, NY presents Invoke, a multi-string quartet featuring Nick Montopoli (violin, banjo, vocals), Zach Matteson (violin, vocals), Karl Mitze (viola, mandolin, vocals), and Geoff Manyin (cello, vocals) on Sunday, Aug. 15, at 3 p.m. This genre-bending ensemble blends classical skills and sensitivities with bluegrass, Ap-

palachian fiddle tunes, jazz, and minimalism.

This is an outdoor event and will be held rain or shine at the Churchill Historic Park District, 158-170 W. Main Street, Stamford. Advance registration is recommended, as tent seating is limited. Day-of walk-ups will want to be prepared by bringing lawn seating and arrive early to

sign in. Masks are required when under the tent and when social distancing cannot be maintained. Admission is by donation.

For reservations and more information about this event and the Friends of Music 2021 concert series, visit friendsmusic.org. E-mail FOMAdmin@friendsmusic.org or call 518.918.8003 for reservations.

## MHS Will Host ‘Cemetery Lovers’

The Meredith Historical Society (MHS) will sponsor a program titled, “The Cemetery Lovers: What They Do and What They’ve Found in Old Cemeteries” presented by Dale and Tina Utter on Aug. 19 at 7 p.m. at the former Charlotte Valley Presbyterian Church in East Meredith, now the home of the historical society.

The Utters, who refer to themselves as the “Cemetery Lovers,” devote much of their time to restoring old cemeteries and write columns about the things they’ve

done or observed for *The Reporter*.

Dale and Tina will begin their program by telling us about the most common gravestone materials they find in old cemeteries, the earliest gravestones they’ve come across, called primitives, and then transition into the gravestone carving world by talking about Delaware County’s own carver who they call “Fancy D” from the 1830s. Then, they’ll shift the focus of their presentation to their work cleaning, resetting, repairing, and researching

gravestones, and conclude by showing us some of their most noteworthy work.

The public is cordially invited. Admission is free and refreshments will be served. Fully vaccinated individuals need not wear facemasks to this event; however, facemasks are currently recommended for both vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals due concerns about the COVID Delta variant. For more information call 607-746-8083.

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## Two Solo Shows Open At Longyear Gallery

At Margaretville's Longyear Gallery are Marcia Clark's "Travels in the Mediterranean" and Helane Levine-Keating's "Illumination," two solo shows displayed in the South and North Galleries, respectively. They will be accompanied by a group show of all other Longyear Gallery member artists in the Center Left and Center Right Galleries. The exhibitions will run through Sunday, Aug. 29. A final talk will be given by both artists on Aug. 29 from 2-3 p.m.

Clark's solo exhibition at Longyear Gallery features work inspired by travels to Greece and Italy before the pandemic. An array of oil sketches done while she was abroad along with paintings done later in her studio are installed in Longyear's South Gallery.

Helane Levine-Keating's solo exhibition "Illumination" in Longyear's North Gallery is comprised of photographs taken from September 2020 through May 2021 in the Manhattan neighborhood where she was living during the second six months of the pandemic. As in her earlier work, Levine-Keating continues to juxtapose representation and

abstraction, and her painterly photographs often resemble watercolors.

Upcoming Longyear Gallery late summer and early fall shows include an exhibition mounted by "The Three Crones" — Elaine Grandy, Bonnie Mitchell, and Linda Webb Varian - and a solo exhibition of the work of Amy Silberkleit, as well as a group show of Longyear artists, running from Friday, Sept. 3 through Sunday, Sept. 26. Dual solo exhibitions by Jennifer Jefferson and Louise Kalin will follow, running from Friday, Oct. 1 through Sunday, Oct. 24, also accompanied by a Longyear members' group show.

Longyear Gallery is located Downstairs in The Commons, 785 Main Street, Margaretville. Special attention will be paid to keep gallery visitors and members safe. In view of health precautions at this time, all visitors - vaccinated or not - will be expected to wear masks and socially distance. For information, see Longyear Gallery's website, [www.longyeargallery.org](http://www.longyeargallery.org), email the gallery at [info@longyeargallery.org](mailto:info@longyeargallery.org), or call 845.586.3270 during gallery hours.



Marcia Clark, *Cliffs Near Fira*, oil 15x36

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Helane Levine-Keating Escher Window photograph

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## Crafts In the Austin Lincoln Park In Walton



Mary A. Crisafulli/The Reporter

Director of crafts in the park program Jackie Armstrong presents the group art project with her students.

By Mary A. Crisafulli

WALTON - Each summer the village of Walton hosts a "crafts in the park" program for school age kids. Crafts take place under the pavilion in Austin Lincoln Park.

The program runs Monday to Thursday 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. from the last week in June until fair week in August.

Director of arts & crafts this year is Jackie Armstrong. She has volunteered her time to run the program after fair week on Tuesdays and Thursdays until school starts.

Armstrong also plans to host two Saturdays in the fall. Saturday, Sept. 11 and Oct. 9 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The kids have made many different crafts - sand art, melt-

ing beads, painting, Legos, pot-holder looms, bracelets, tie die and more. Next year Armstrong hopes to get 'paint and cookies' kits and have art teachers to do lessons.

Kids can come and do some crafts before their swim lessons or basketball game, she explained. Armstrong said, "There is a little something for everyone here."

## On Stage Performances At The Open Eye Theater

"Summer Shortcuts XI," a program of eight new 10-minute plays will open at The Open Eye Theater in Margaretville on Aug. 12. This year's eight plays, selected by The Open Eye Script Reading Team from more than 400 submissions, will provide a sampling of thoughts and creative ideas from all across the U.S., since they were written by playwrights from eight states.

Five Open Eye directors will stage the plays: Frank Canavan directs "Eternity" by Elan David Garonzik; Marge Helenchild directs "Grape Nerds Reunion" by Alli Harley-Kong, and "Clara the Christmas Tree Angel" by Enid Cokinos; Michelle Macau directs "For the Record" by F. J. Hartland; Pip Merrick directs "Second Act Second Helpings" by John Mabey, and "Meet the Beatletoons"

by Ken Preuss; and Ron Nash directs "Grim Reaper" by Dean Bevin, and "A Lot Lost" by Mark Branson.

The acting ensemble is William Barnett, Patricia Brannen, Gary Falk, Liz Kemble, Roy Moses, Ward Stevenson, and Alice Zigelis.

Performances are Aug. 12-22, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at 7, and Sunday at 3, at The Open Eye Theater, 960 Main Street, Margaretville. The theater is air conditioned and fully accessible, with parking in the adjacent village lot.

Tickets are available online at

[www.theopeneyetheater.org](http://www.theopeneyetheater.org), or may be reserved by phone at 845-586-1660. A special performance on Tuesday, Aug. 17, will be broadcast on WIOX Radio in the Catskills, 91.3 FM and streamed at [WIOXradio.org](http://WIOXradio.org) at 6 p.m.

Adhering to the latest guidelines by the CDC, audience members must be vaccinated and wear masks. Masks will be available at the door. Seating will allow for social distancing. Family groups and pods may reserve seating together. For further information, email [openeye@catskill.net](mailto:openeye@catskill.net) or phone 845-586-1689.

## Andes Library Urges Patrons To Mask, Attend Party

Masks are recommended for all entering the Andes Public Library as of Aug. 5, due to a note from the CDC and the Delaware County Health Department.

The Andes Library annual party will be Saturday, Aug. 14 from 1 - 4 p.m. Those attending are

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## FROM THE Sheriff’s Desk....



By Sheriff Craig DuMond

Welcome back, Delaware County Fairgoers:

We are extremely pleased that the 134th annual Delaware County Fair is set to take place from August 16 – 21. The fair is as much a part of our agency history, as it is for our county and the communities that are deep seated in agricultural history. It may also delight some of you to know that as usual, The Delaware County Sheriff’s Office will be actively patrolling around the fairgrounds and parking lot all week to help ensure the public’s safety and welfare.

In anticipation of an enjoyable fair event, we’d like to offer a few tips to help keep you all safe and healthy during this year’s event:

1. Check the weather for Walton and be sure you are adequately prepared for the weather

- forecast on whichever day you choose to attend.
2. The fair is exciting and we understand that you want to be in attendance, but if you feel sick, stay home.
  3. If you require handicap parking, ensure that your official handicap parking placard/permit is out and visible upon entrance into the parking lot, so that the parking attendants can easily direct you to the appropriate parking location.
  4. Make sure your vehicle is locked and any valuable personal property within, is out of sight. Neither the Delaware County Fair nor the Delaware County Sheriff’s Office are financially responsible for lost, stolen or missing items. If you don’t need it, it’s probably best to leave it at home.
  5. We love pets, but do not bring your pets to the fairgrounds. You will be turned away at the gate as no pets are allowed on the grounds and leaving them in the car for the day is definitely not an option. Only service animals are allowed on the grounds.
  6. Understand that the fair board has stringent rules for a reason, therefore, due to homeland security regulations, all bags and coolers are subject to search at the gates. Only sealed, non-alcoholic containers will be allowed through the gates. No

- alcohol is allowed on the fairgrounds. If you are found to be in possession alcohol (in violation of the fair rules), it will be confiscated.
7. If you find that you have lost or found personal property while on the Delaware County Fairgrounds, be sure to contact the secretary’s office or the Sheriff’s Office command post to report the loss and/or to turn over the found property. The Sheriff’s command post is located on the eastern side of the fairgrounds next to the EMS Building near the Fair Street entrance.
  8. We know that children and vulnerable others mean the world to you and to us, therefore, if you are attending the 2021 Delaware County Fair with children or people who may wander and become lost, we highly recommend that you take daily photos of your children or such other people. These photos are extremely valuable for giving swift and accurate descriptions and reports to our patrols on the fairgrounds.
  9. Anyone creating or participating in any unruly, disorderly or an otherwise inappropriate or disruptive events/behaviors will be escorted off the premises and may risk being banned from the premises for the entire week. If you are banned and choose to reenter, you may be arrested for trespassing as the fairgrounds are privately owned.
- For several years our Sheriff’s

Office Community Relations Exhibit was located near the end of Fairway Street. This year we have been afforded a location within the Commercial Tent near the “elbow.” We love to interact with our citizens, so please come see us, peruse our many educational and informative handouts, pick up some promotional items, ask us about opportunities for careers in law enforcement, or just say hello. It’s been a long year and we want to know how you’ve been.

A new service this year:

Every day 2,000 children are reported missing. Every year 200,000 children are taken by family members; 58,000 children are victims of non-family abductions. The key to recovering these children is quick action by parents and law enforcement. A statistic by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children states that “the first two hours after a child is abducted are the most critical.” Therefore, this year, the Delaware County Sheriff’s Office will offer a Child ID table for parents to obtain a free hard plastic Child ID Card for their children (child must be present). The forms will be available all week for completion prior to the scheduled event. Please note that none of the information you provided is retained. Therefore, it is important that the ID card and printout is kept in a safe and secure location in the event it is ever needed.

The Child ID table will be located in the Commercial Tent at the Delaware County Sheriff’s Office Community Relations Exhibit and is available on the following days and times.

- Children’s Day - Tuesday, Aug. 17 from 11 a.m. -6 p.m.
- Thursday, Aug. 19 from 2 - 6 p.m.
- Saturday, Aug. 21 from 11 a.m.- 5 p.m.

Mounted Patrol Division:

As you’ve come to know and love, our agency has a Mounted Patrol Unit. At various times throughout fair week, we will have deputies patrolling the fairgrounds on horseback. We love photos, answering questions, and visiting in general, so don’t be afraid to signal us to stop.

Canine Division:

Since the fair last year was cancelled due to COVID, Deputy Sheriff Kyle Karcher was unable to formally introduce his K-9 partner Deputy Sheriff Elias Butler (“ELI”) to the Delaware County Fairgoers. Karcher and K-9 Eli will be on the fairgrounds on Tuesday for Children’s Day, on Wednesday as well as Saturday. Karcher loves to showcase Eli, as he is incredibly sociable. If you see us on patrol, stop us and say hello. Eli is extremely photogenic. It is our desire that everyone who attends the 2021 Delaware County Fair has a safe and enjoyable experience.

Respectfully,  
Sheriff Craig S. DuMond

## Tractor Vs. Cherry Tree



WALTON - A tractor trailer left NYS Route 206 just outside the village of Walton and hit a tree head-on, just after 9:30 a.m. Tuesday morning.

Walton Fire Department, Walton EMS, and Delaware County Sheriff’s deputies were dispatched to the accident, about a half mile west of Murphy Hill Road according to Delaware County Sheriff Dumond, where a Moo Juice Express semi-truck with trailer veered off the roadway and ran into a cherry tree about 20 feet from the shoulder of the road. The top of the tree was sheared off, falling toward the road, “blocking all lanes of traffic” said Walton Fire Chief Frank Wood.

The front of the semi sustained heavy damage. Wood said there was no leakage from the semi’s trailer or its fuel tanks. An investigation by the Delaware County Sheriff revealed that the driver, 59-year-old Rogelio Rodriguez,

of Decatur, Ind., was driving an empty milk tanker owned by Moo Juice Express, Inc. of Berne, Indiana, in a westerly direction when he momentarily took his eyes off of the road causing the truck to strike the guide cables and a tree. Wood said “The driver was taken to by ambulance to UHS Delaware Valley Hospital in Walton for evaluation. According to Delaware County Sheriff Rodriguez was not injured in the collision.

The westbound lane of state Route 206 was closed between the village of Walton and Lower Third Brook Road while crews worked at removing the vehicle and debris from the road. Wood said the Walton Fire Department cleared the scene at 1:26 p.m. Also assisting at the scene were New York State Department of Transportation personnel and Stanton’s Heavy Truck Towing & Recovery.

## Man Shot In Delhi, Suspect Fled To Franklin

By Mary A. Crisafulli

DELAWARE COUNTY - William Effner, 28, was shot at his home in Delhi on Thursday, Aug. 5 at approximately 8:30 p.m., according to a New York State Police (NYSP) press release.

The Delhi Police Department was first on the scene.

The suspect, Roger Lynch, 59, fled the scene and drove to his residence off state Route 28 in Franklin.

The press release says State Police pulled in the driveway shortly after Lynch and were met with gunfire as Lynch exited his vehicle. No officers were injured.

Lynch barricaded himself in his home overnight. At approximately 7 a.m. on Aug. 6,

Lynch stepped onto his porch and raised a shotgun at NYSP. A member of the NYSP Special Operations Response Team shot and killed Lynch with a single shot.

Delaware County Sheriff’s Office, Franklin Fire & Rescue and New York State Department of Transportation assisted on scene.

Effner was transported to Albany Medical Center with non-life-threatening injuries. He is now recovering at home.

Effner knew Lynch through his father, LeRoy Effner, and aunt. “He has been friends with my father for over 40 years and about six or seven years ago, began dating my aunt,” he said. Effner’s aunt ended the relationship a few months ago, explained Effner.

Effner was working on a derby car in his garage with friends and family when the first shot was fired, he explained. Effner went to see what happened after telling others to go inside. When he came out Lynch shot him in the left leg, said Effner. He explained how Lynch shot at him three times and hit him twice before driving off.

He believes Lynch was after LeRoy Effner, who was inside the house at the time.

Effner said he is frustrated with police response time for the incident. NYSP Troop C Public Information Officer Agnieszka Dembinska said the call came in at 8:19 p.m. She said police arrived at approximately 8:30 p.m.

NYSP took the case and the investigation is continuing.

## Police Blotter

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

### Delaware County Sheriff’s Office

- **Jason M. Serrapica**, 49, Stamford, was arrested on Aug. 4 and charged with driving while intoxicated, unsafe lane change, speed not reasonable and prudent and no seat belt, following a one vehicle crash on state Highway 23 in Stamford. Serrapica was transported to Fox Hospital in Oneonta for injuries and issued appearance tickets to answer the charges. Stamford and Grand Gorge Fire Departments assisted at the scene.
- **Jake R. VanWagner**, 23, Stamford, was arrested on July 31 and charged with three counts of second-degree criminal contempt and one count of second-degree harassment, accused of violating an order of protection. He was issued appearance tickets to answer the charges in Davenport and Harpersfield Courts.
- **Robin C. Reese**, 50, Delhi, was arrested on Aug. 3 and charged with second-degree falsely reporting an incident, second-degree aggravated unlicensed operation

- of a motor vehicle, operating a motor vehicle without a mandated ignition interlock device, unlicensed operation of motor vehicle, operating an unregistered vehicle, operating an uninspected motor vehicle, improper license plates and failure to stop at a stop sign after deputies responded to an activated fire alarm. Police say Reese activated the fire alarm and fled the location in a vehicle. She was issued appearance tickets to answer the charges in Delhi Town Court.
- **Brad M. Wenk**, 33, Lakewood, Pa., was arrested on July 30 and charged with aggravated driving while intoxicated and speeding. He was issued appearance tickets to answer the charges in Tompkins Town Court.
- ### Sidney Police Department
- **Sean C. Alvaraez**, 28, Sidney, was arrested on a city of Norwich warrant on Aug. 6.
- ### New York State Police
- **Daniel R. Hayes**, 29, Deposit, was arrested by Deposit State Police Aug. 3 and charged with

- criminal mischief. He was issued an appearance ticket to answer the charge.
- **Bobbi J. Falank**, 44, Sidney, was arrested by Oneonta State Police on Aug. 4 and charged with petit larceny. He was issued an appearance ticket to answer the charge.
  - **Michael Ruling**, 21, Sidney, was arrested by Sidney State Police on Aug. 6 and charged with driving while intoxicated. He was issued an appearance ticket to answer the charge.
  - **Jaznia B. McCrae**, 22, Beacon, was arrested by Deposit State Police on Aug. 8 and charged with criminal possession of a controlled substance and second-degree aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.
  - **Joseph T. Worzel**, 28, Deposit, was arrested by Deposit State Police on Aug. 9 and charged with second-degree criminal contempt.
  - **Anna T. Ahern**, 41, Binghamton, was arrested by Deposit State Police on Aug. 9 and charged with third-degree criminal possession of a weapon and fifth-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance.

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# SPORTS REPORTER

## SUNY Delhi Athletics Achieves Full NCAA Division III Status

SUNY Delhi has announced that the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) has granted SUNY Delhi active Division III membership, effective September 1, 2021. SUNY Delhi has been a provisional member since the 2018-2019 season.

Full NCAA Division III membership makes SUNY Delhi eligible to participate in NCAA championships. It also allows the college to vote at the NCAA Convention and offers coverage under the NCAA catastrophic athletics injury insurance plan.

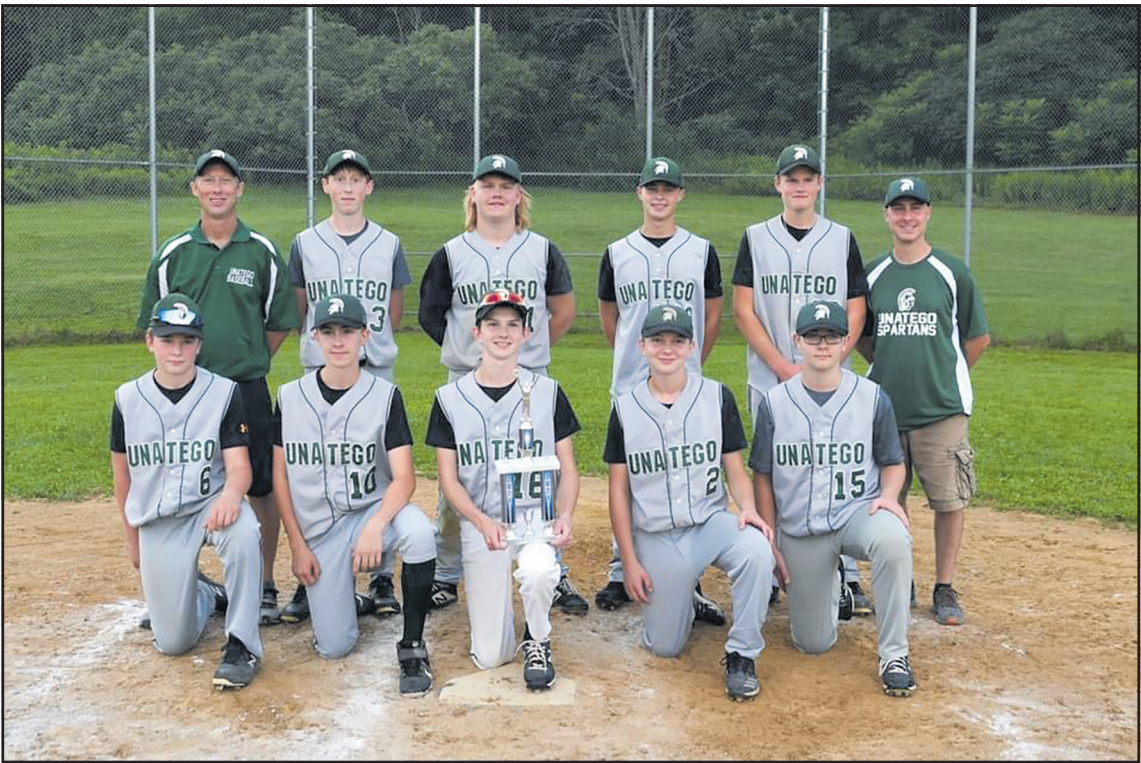
Division III is the largest NCAA division, making up more than

180,000 students at 450 institutions. The Division III experience offers participation in a competitive athletic environment that pushes student-athletes to excel on the field and build upon their potential by tackling new challenges across campus.

SUNY Delhi boasts nine women's sports and eight men's sports. To date, SUNY Delhi student-athletes have achieved 26 national titles and over 500 All-American mentions.

For more on SUNY Delhi athletics, please visit delhibroncos.com

## Otsenango Pony League 2021 Championship



Contributed Photo

Unatego finished off a 12-1 season this past Wednesday with a 6-3 win over Sidney in the Otsenango Pony League Championship. The game was played at Unatego High School.

Team members and coaches are - front row: Xander Johnson, Brayden Nichols, Austin Wilde, Jacob Vandermark, Nate Craft. Back row, Coach Birdsall, Chase Birdsall, Jarrett Thayer, Garrett

Backus, Braeden Johnson, and Coach Nichols. Absent for photo: Logan Utter, Jakob Sargent, Noah Wayman, Jake Brandow, and Wyatt Beers.

## Horseshoe Tournament To Benefit Unadilla Family

The 19th annual Rob Palmatier Horseshoe Tournament will be held at the Sidney Center Rod & Gun Club, Saturday, Sept. 11, from 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.

This year's tournament will benefit Shelbie Brennan, 27, of Unadilla. On June 4, Shelbie was diagnosed with Diffuse Large B Cell Lymphoma, a cancer rare for people of her age. Shelbie was expecting her second child when the diagnosis was made. She has to travel to Cooperstown and Albany for appointments a few times a week and also to the cancer center in Rochester. Now in the third trimester of pregnancy, she is able to undergo chemo treatments, but she and the baby are being closely monitored.

Sign ups will begin at 9 a.m. and end at 10:30 a.m. with play to start soon after. The tournament format will be determined by the number of teams that sign up. The cost is \$20 per team; bring your own partner.

There will be a chicken barbecue, 50/50 drawings, door prizes and a gun raffle throughout the day. This event has been a lot of fun over the years and brings some of the best horseshoe players in the area to play, so grab a partner and come help one of our own. If you don't throw shoes, come for the food and the great prizes that the girls get together. For more info contact Mike Allen at 865-8409 after 5 p.m.

## DEC Confirms Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease in Two Ulster Co. Deer

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) confirmed Aug. 4 that two white-tailed deer in the town of Esopus, Ulster County, died after contracting Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease (EHD). DEC is following up on reports of several other dead deer in Dutchess, Ulster, and Westchester counties.

EHD virus is an often fatal disease of deer that is transmitted by biting midges, small bugs often called no-see-ums or 'punkies.' The disease is not spread from deer to deer and humans cannot be infected by deer or bites from midges.

The EHD virus was first confirmed in New York in 2007 with relatively small outbreaks in Albany, Rensselaer, and Niagara counties, and in Rockland County in 2011. From early September to late October 2020, a large EHD outbreak occurred in the lower Hudson Valley, centered in Putnam and Orange counties, with an estimated 1,500 deer mortalities.

Once infected with EHD, deer usually die within 36 hours. EHD outbreaks are most common in the late summer and early fall when midges are abundant. EHD symptoms include fever, hemorrhage in muscle or organs, and swelling of the head, neck, tongue, and lips. A deer infected with EHD may appear lame or dehydrated. Frequently, infected deer will seek water sources and many succumb near a water source. There is no treatment or means to prevent EHD. The dead deer do not serve as a source of infection for other animals.

EHD outbreaks do not have a significant long-term impact on deer populations, but deer mortality can be intense in small geographic areas. EHD is endemic in the southern states where there are annual outbreaks, so some southern deer have developed immunity. In the northeast, EHD outbreaks occur sporadically and deer in New York have no immunity to this virus. Consequently, most EHD-infected deer in New York are expected to die. In the north, the first hard frost kills the midges that transmit the disease, ending the EHD outbreak.

Sightings of sick or dying deer should be reported to the nearest DEC Regional Office or Environmental Conservation Police Officer. DEC will collect samples from deer and analyze data from deer reports to determine the extent of the outbreak. In addition, DEC has alerted Department of Agriculture and Markets veterinarians in the region to be aware of the disease and to report suspicious cases among captive deer.

For more information, visit Cornell University's Wildlife Health Lab website.

### SUNY Delhi Names New Cross Country And Track & Field Coach

Delhi - The State University of New York (SUNY) at Delhi Athletics is welcoming Zach Brown as the college's new head coach for cross country and track & field. Brown, a native of Brewerton and former student athlete at SUNY Brockport, is the new face of the historically successful program, although he carries the distinction of leading the teams into their new era as full-time NCAA Division III members. He looks to keep the Broncos thriving while competing in the North Atlantic Conference (NAC) and the All-Atlantic Region Track & Field Conference (AARTFC).

"I'd like to welcome to SUNY Delhi, Zach Brown as our next head coach of men's and women's cross country and track & field," said Director of Athletics Bob Backus. "The Broncos have a very strong established tradition in the sports of cross country and track & field, and we are very pleased to have Coach Brown join our athletics staff and coach our student-athletes for continued success in the North Atlantic Conference and also as we officially begin our NCAA Division III active membership this semester. Go Broncos!"

Brown comes a short way to Delhi after serving this past spring as the Assistant Track & Field Coach at Colgate University (NCAA Div. I) in Hamilton. His role involved working with the pole vaults, jumps, and multis, as well as assisting in the day-to-day operations of the program. He had two new school records set in the women's triple jump and women's pole vault.

"I am thrilled and very grateful to be SUNY Delhi's head coach of track & field and cross country. It's an exciting time to be with the Broncos as they officially transition to the NCAA Division III level. SUNY Delhi has had tremendous success in track & field and cross country in the past, and I am eager to get to work in this new era to continue the success representing Delhi at a National level. I appreciate Mr. Backus for this opportunity and his support and I am looking forward to working with the students and staff at SUNY Delhi."

Prior to Colgate, he had a

successful two-year stint as an assistant coach at Stevenson University (NCAA Div. III) in Owings Mills, Md. He helped guide the Mustangs to the Middle Atlantic Conference (MAC) Indoor and Outdoor team championships in 2018-19 and had three students post five NCAA national qualifications, including two All-Americans. His student-athletes earned distinction such as the 2018-19 MAC Men's Indoor Track Athlete of the Year and 2019-20 MAC Men's Indoor Rookie of the Year, while Brown himself was honored as the 2019 USTFCCCA Men's Outdoor Track & Field Mid-east Region Assistant Coach of the Year.

Brown was a standout track & field student-athlete at SUNY Brockport (NCAA Div. III), specializing in sprints. He was a two-time All-American in the 4x100, including a career-best 40.72. In his time, the Golden Eagles won the 2015 SUNYAC and ECAC outdoor team championships, helping his squad with SUNYAC victories in the 400 meters (48.77) and the 4x100 (41.36), and ECAC wins in the 4x100 (41.41) and 4x400 (3:15.51). Brown broke five school records and matched that with all-academic recognition from the USTFCCCA and SUNYAC. He was select-

ed to the SUNYAC's 2010-20 All-Decade Team. He earned his bachelor's in Kinesiology with a coaching concentration in May 2014, followed by his master's in athletic administration in December 2015.

His coaching career began as an assistant at Marywood University (NCAA Div. III) in Scranton, Pa., from 2016 to 2017. Brown worked with sprints and relays and also assisted the cross country programs. This time saw the track & field program boast the university's 2016-17 Male Athlete of the Year. Brown then spent the 2017-18 year on the coaching staff at Dickinson College (NCAA Div. III) in Carlisle, Pa., coaching the sprints, hurdles and jumps and assisting in the hosting of the 2017 Cross Country Regional Championship. As a USTFCCCA-certified Strength & Conditioning Specialist, Brown was responsible for implementing the track & field strength and conditioning programs at Marywood, Dickinson and Stevenson.

Brown holds certifications from the USTFCCCA as sprints, hurdles and relays specialist; strength & conditioning specialist; and track & field technical. He holds a US-ATF Level I license and Adult First Aid/CPR/AED certified through the American Red Cross.

### Submission Deadlines

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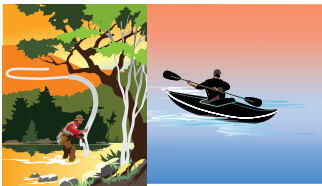
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# OUTDOOR LIFE



## 2021-22 New York State Hunting And Trapping Licenses On Sale Now

*New Opportunities for Deer Hunters*

*Expanded Call Center Hours and Online Sales*

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos has announced that hunting and trapping licenses and Deer Management Permits (DMPs) for the 2021-2022 seasons are on sale now. In addition, DEC announced new opportunities for hunters this year, including expanded hunting seasons and allowing youth ages 12 and 13 to hunt deer with a firearm or crossbow in upstate counties that have passed a local law and ‘opted in’ to participate.

Licenses and permits can be purchased online, at any one of DEC’s license-issuing agents, or by telephone at 866-933-2257. New hunting and trapping licenses are valid from Sept. 1, 2021, through Aug. 31, 2022; annual fishing licenses are valid for 365 days from date of purchase.

New York’s habitat serves a critical role in maintaining healthy and sustainable fish and wildlife resources. Purchasing a hunting, fishing, or trapping license helps support conservation projects and ensures the protection of the State’s natural resources. In addition, DEC encourages outdoor enthusiasts to

consider purchasing a Habitat & Access Stamp each year. Funds from the \$5 Habitat & Access Stamp support projects to conserve habitat and improve public access for fish- and wildlife-related activities. This year’s Habitat & Access Stamp features a bobcat.

### Expanded Call Center Hours

The DEC Call Center’s hours of operation are now from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday, and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays through Nov. 30. Regular call center weekday hours will resume on Dec. 1.

Individuals should have the following items ready when buying a license:

Complete contact information (e.g. name, address, email address, telephone number);

DEC customer ID number (if applicable);

Proof of residency (e.g., driver’s license or non-driver’s ID with a valid New York State address); and

If purchasing by phone or internet, a valid credit card.

If not already entered in DEC’s automated licensing system, individuals are required to provide proof of hunter or trapper education certification or a copy of a

previous license for all hunting and trapping license purchases. For additional information, visit the General Sporting License Information webpage on DEC’s website.

### Deer Management Permits (DMPs)

DMPs are available at all license-issuing outlets, by phone, or online through Oct. 1. DMPs are used to manage the deer herd and are issued through an instant random selection process at the point of sale. The chances of obtaining a DMP remain the same throughout the application period; hunters need not rush to apply. The 2021 chances of selection for a DMP in each Wildlife Management Unit are available online, through license-issuing agents, or by calling the DMP Hotline at 1-866-472-4332. Detailed information on Deer Management Permits and this fall’s Deer Season Forecast is available on DEC’s website.

The 2021-22 Hunting and Trapping Regulations Guide, which provides an easy-to-read collection of pertinent rules and regulations, is available on the DEC Hunting webpage. Copies will be available soon at license-issuing agents.

### Online and In-Person Hunter Education Training Courses

All first-time hunters, bowhunters, and trappers must pass one or more courses before purchasing a license. Online and in-person courses are available. In-person courses have a field day where new hunters can get hands-on experience. All in-person courses are free of charge, but space may be limited. Courses fill quickly, so early sign-ups are encouraged. Visit DEC’s website for more information on materials, including a list of courses and course registration.

The requirements to earn a New York State hunter education certificate can be met by completing DEC’s online hunter education course and passing the exam. Upon passing, participants will receive a hunter education certificate, enabling the purchase of a hunting license. Participants must be New York State residents and the cost of the course is \$19.95. The online course can be accessed at DEC’s website.

New York State also offers an online bowhunter education certification course. Upon passing, hunters receive their bowhunter education certificate so they can purchase a bowhunting privilege. Participants must be New York State residents and the cost of the course is \$30. The online course can be accessed at DEC’s

website.

### New Hunting Opportunities

Deer hunters will have several new opportunities this year, with a law change that allows 12- and 13-year-old hunters to pursue deer with a firearm or crossbow under the supervision of an experienced adult hunter in upstate counties that opt-in to participate (see the Junior Big Game Hunting map). In addition, DEC created a new holiday deer hunt, an extended portion of the late bow and muzzleloader season from Dec. 26 to Jan. 1, in the Southern Zone. These are new opportunities for young hunters to be mentored by experienced adults and for families to hunt together during the holiday season.

DEC is also proposing additional hunting-related changes, which are currently out for public review and comment. If these proposals are adopted, DEC will notify the public by means of a press release and email newsletters.

### Opportunities for Junior Hunters and Trappers

To foster the next generation of hunters in New York, DEC has expanded opportunities for junior hunters (licensees aged 12-15) and trappers (under 12 years old) by designating special youth hunts for deer, wild turkey, pheasants, and waterfowl. These opportunities allow youth hunters and trappers to spend time in the field with experienced adults and gain the necessary knowledge and skills to become safe and responsible members of the hunting and trapping community. More information about these programs and other opportunities for junior hunters and trappers is available on DEC’s website.

### Remember: Hunt Safe, Hunt Smart!

The number of hunting-related shooting incidents is declining, but even one incident is too many. Hunters can prevent injuries and fatalities by following the cardinal rules of hunting safety:

Assume every gun to be loaded;

Control the muzzle in a safe direction;

Keep your finger off the trigger until firing;

Be sure of your target and beyond; and

Wear hunter orange or pink.

Tree stand falls are a major cause of hunting injuries. These hunting-related injuries are easily preventable. Hunters are advised to use a full-body harness and fall-arrest system and stay connected from the time they leave the ground until the time they return. Hunters are advised

to check their stands (including straps and chains) every season and replace worn or missing parts. The proper use of tree stands and full-body harnesses helps prevent injuries and fatalities.

### Keep Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Out of New York

Hunters should take the threat of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) seriously. CWD is always fatal to deer, elk, moose, and caribou. If introduced, CWD could spread rapidly and be practically impossible to eliminate once established, threatening the future of New York’s deer population, hunting tradition, and many of the other benefits associated with deer. The most effective disease management strategy is to prevent CWD from entering New York. A recent detection of CWD in a captive deer herd in Pennsylvania near the New York state border is a reminder that the disease can be unintentionally moved to new locations. Hunters can help protect New York’s deer herd from CWD by following these tips:

If hunting any type of deer, elk, moose, or caribou outside of New York, debone the animal before bringing it back, and follow the law about importing carcass parts from outside of New York. See CWD Regulations for Hunters. DEC will confiscate and destroy illegally imported carcasses and parts;

Avoid products containing real deer urine, like scent lures. Prions are shed in the bodily fluids (saliva, feces, urine) of infected deer before they appear sick. Prions bind to soil and plants where they remain infectious for years. There is no way to ensure that products containing deer urine are free of prions. Choose synthetic alternatives;

Dispose of carcass waste in a landfill, not on the landscape;

Hunt only wild deer and support fair chase hunting principles; and

Report any deer that appears sick or is acting abnormally.

### Hunters, Want Older Bucks in New York? It’s Your Choice

Many deer hunters dream of seeing and shooting a large buck but there is great temptation for a hunter to take the first buck they see, often a young buck, when the opportunity presents itself. New York hunters can increase the likelihood of harvesting an older, larger buck, by choosing to pass up shots at young, small-antlered bucks. Older bucks create more rubs and scrapes, are more challenging to hunt, and yield more meat.

Many New York hunters are already voluntarily choosing to pass on young bucks. As a result, the availability and harvest of older, larger antlered bucks is increasing. To see and take more older bucks, DEC encourages hunters to work with neighbors and hunting partners to cooperatively reduce harvest of young bucks, improve habitat conditions, and ensure adequate harvest of antlerless deer.

## SRBC To Hold Public Hearing On Water Project Applications

*Written comments accepted through Aug. 23*

The Susquehanna River Basin Commission (SRBC) will receive public comment at a hearing on Thursday, Aug. 12, at 6:30 p.m. The subjects covered by the hearing include applications for several water withdrawal and consumptive use projects including one Commission-initiated project approval modification. The SRBC Commissioners are scheduled to vote on the water project applications and other action items at their next business meeting on Sept. 17.

Due to COVID-19 precautions and the relevant orders in place in the Commission’s member jurisdictions, the Commission will hold this hearing telephonically, conference call number 1-877-668-4493 (toll-free number), Access Code 177 232 3507. The hearing will begin at 6:30 p.m. and end at 9 p.m. or when public testimony concludes, whichever comes first.

Members of the public who are planning to present oral testimony during the public hearing are strongly encouraged to pre-register prior to the hearing by emailing Jason Oyler at joyler@srbc.net. Written comments may be sent to Jason E. Oyler, General Counsel and Secretary to the Commission, Susquehanna River Basin Commission, 4423 N. Front Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110, Telephone: 717-238-0423, ext. 1312, Fax: 717-238-2436.

The list of project applications and Commission-initiated project approval modifications along with options for submitting comments electronically are all accessible on SRBC’s Meetings and Events webpage. SRBC will accept written comments until Aug. 23.

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Those who are getting ready for school and colleges to open are wished good luck in getting yourselves prepared for a good year. Keep yourselves safe and healthy and if you are going to be driving to school, be safe on the highways.

Here on the Farm the fellas have been getting some second cutting baled and wrapped and are happy to see the better weather coming for awhile. Some rain is predicted for the middle of the week though, but progress is being seen all around our farms for some dry hay and good second cutting. Some of the cornfields are looking pretty bad with the rains we have been having making them quite backward in growing and yellow in color instead of green. The corn in most fields are tasseling and getting ready for the forming of actual corn on them. We hope the ones that have been set back some will come around and do better but it is seeming it will take some good hot weather to get them to come on like the rest of the fields - we hope it isn't too late. We have been getting more of the dry cows fresh, but they are hiding their calves good so it is hard to find them - we keep an eye on them all the time and count them regularly when they come to the feeder where Austin gives them grain and silage. The Dairy One milk tester came to test the cows for milk production and we received the papers in the mail with the milk components, butterfat, proteins, other solids and a list of the cows that are ready to breed, those bred, and the ones ready to be dried off for a rest before they have calves, also the cows and heifers that are due for calving for the month. We keep track of the cows with these lists and also the vet can use them to check the cows when she comes for a vet check. Keep purchasing dairy products and use all you can for baking and eating. There are new products coming on the market and new recipes to try. Have a great and safe week, everyone.

Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Jim Wilson who grew up next door to us on the farm and passed away on Aug. 1.

Many of us watched the Olym-

pics from Tokyo, Japan these past weeks and enjoyed watching the athletes who participated for the United States and other countries. It was nice to see so many athletes from the United States work hard to win so many medals. It takes much hard work and dedication for these athletes to compete and we appreciate their efforts for their teams and themselves and we wish them much luck in the next Olympics.

The Delaware County Fair in Walton will start Monday, Aug. 16 through Saturday, Aug. 21 at the Fairgrounds. Good luck to the exhibitors and to everyone who attend. Our grandchildren are very busy getting their animals and exhibits ready for the 4-H competitions for their Club, the Masonville Hare-Raisers. Our grandson Reed Scott is going to participate in the demolition derby, also. We wish him luck.

Birthday greetings to Marilyn Cutting Riesen on Aug. 8, Kathy Carvin and Dale Losee Aug. 9, Mike and Ed Sherman Aug. 11, Jeri Brayman Aug. 12, Ted Tripp and Chase Mott, Aug. 13, Estella Moore Aug. 15, Craig DuMond Aug. 17, and Craig Hebbard, Ashley Elizabeth Smith and Edson Jones on Aug. 19. Have a great day, everyone.

Masonville Federated Church Sunday Services are at 11 a.m. with Bible Study on Tuesdays at 6 p.m. and Thursdays at the Parsonage at 12:30 p.m. Note there will be no Bible Study this week for Tuesday and Thursday. Wednesday Aug. 18, the Food Pantry and free lunch from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. If you feel the need they will be glad to serve you. Sunday, Aug. 29, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. there will be a Vesper Service at Cliff and Betty Scott's home. Hot dogs and S'mores with drinks provided by the Fellowship and Community Outreach.

Looking ahead, Saturday, Sept. 11, is Community Day in Masonville. We will be doing a bake sale at the church. Volunteers are needed to provide baked goods. More information to follow. Monday, Sept. 13, at 6:30 p.m. will be the next Church Council meeting. Saturday, Oct. 2, there will be a drive-through harvest supper; time will be set.



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## THE WEEK IN WALTON

**What We Are Talking  
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## TO GIVE HOME TALENT PLAY

**Shot Prize Bulldog—  
Lost Bunch of \$5 Bills—  
Motor Kicked and Broke  
Wrist—Farm Sold.**

Ed Snyder has bought from Bertice Sines the house on the southeast corner of East and St. John streets.

Will Shaver, employed on the town road construction, had his hand painfully smashed by a sledge while he was fixing up a rigging Tuesday.

No new cases of smallpox are reported at Delhi and owing to the precautions taken by the Walton health officers there has been no outbreak of the disease in Walton.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis J. Wood of Woodford have issued invitations to the marriage of their daughter, Miss Anna E., to Mahlon W. Rowell, on Wednesday, August 17, at high noon.

Tuesday, August 16, is the last day on which designating petitions may be filed to have names of candidates for party and public offices placed on the ballot for the primary to be held September 13.

Frank Pettis lost a large sum of money in \$5 bills somewhere on Delaware street Wednesday afternoon. The bills were in a roll and were doubtless dropped when Mr. Pettis reached in his pocket to get some silver change.

Benjamin Pellam, who occupies the Austin farm at Bullock hill, had his right wrist fractured while cranking a Ford car. The machine backfired, causing the crank to fly back and strike Pellam's wrist. Dr. W. R. Gladstone reduced the fracture.

Mrs. Elizabeth Flynn now has the Dainty Shoppe located in the Biedekapp building, Delaware street, which she recently purchased and remodeled. William S. Walsh will conduct a tinning and plumbing establishment in the Gardiner Place store vacated by Mrs. Flynn.

The village bonds have been delivered to the First National bank, the successful bidder for the issue authorized to pay for the highway improvements. The bank has already sold \$33,000 of the \$50,000 issue and will dispose of the remainder to its customers in this section.

Joseph Spencer of New York has purchased the Burton Robinson farm of 160 acres, located at Marvin Hollow, through the Strout agency. The sale included the dairy and possession will be given Aug. 15. Mr. Spencer has been employed as a milk tester by the Borden company.

There were 882,030 motor cars registered in New York state during the year ending June 30th. Beginning July first the automobile licenses are handled by the county clerk of each county. No renewal blanks for automobile licenses for the year 1922 will be sent out as has been the custom in former years.

George W. Smith is acting as station agent at the Ontario & Western main depot during the illness of B. H. Stowe, who has been given a leave of absence on account of ill health. Many friend's of Mr. Stowe hope for his speedy recovery of health. Mrs. C. J. Proskine is acting as

ticket agent at the Bridge street station in place of Mr. Smith.

An action brought by C. W. Peak of Walton against George Fuller of Burnwood, town of Hancock, is set for trial before Justice S. H. Pond and a jury in Walton on August 18. The suit grows out of the shooting of Mr. Peak's prize bull dog by Fuller one day last week. Fuller claims that when the dog attacked some lambs tied in his yard he got his shotgun and killed the dog. Later, according to Fuller's statement, Mr. Peak visited the premises and in the argument that followed the Burnwood man was beaten up. Mr. Peak claims that the dog did not attack the lambs and that the shooting was malicious. A counter action will be started, it is understood. A. E. Conner of Walton represents Fuller and S. H. Fancher is attorney for Peak.

A three-act comedy with music entitled, "The Divorce Cure," will be presented by a home talent cast in Walton Hall, Friday and Saturday evenings, August 19 and 20. The play deals with the divorce evil and shows what the green-eyed monster jealousy does when it gets into happy families. It makes things rather unpleasant for a young married couple and the girl's parents take it upon themselves to clear up the muddle by showing them the absurdity of quarreling through the ruse of a fake quarrel between themselves. The results are very amusing. An interesting counterplot which runs through the play helps to liven things up a bit. The cast includes twelve principals with Al MacKaye, formerly with the Manhattan Players, in the comedy character lead of the old man. Others in the cast are Miss Grace Garrison, Rex and Kaveda Holmes, Mrs. Mae Litts, Neil Rogers, Marshall Guild, Howard and Carlton Laidlaw, Miss Vera Smith, Mrs. Davies, Miss Doris Rogers. There are ten in the chorus. The play is given for the benefit of the auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. A quartet will render old fashioned melodies in the intermission and during the action of the play.

## DELHI'S CENTENNIAL IN OLD HOME WEEK

**Hundredth Anniversary  
of Incorporation Brings  
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Delhi is celebrating Old Home Week in honor of the centennial of the incorporation of the county seat as a village and the one hundred first anniversary of the founding of the old Delaware academy. Hundreds of former residents have revisited the scenes of their younger days and have enjoyed the pleasing program prepared for them by the local committee.

No two former Delhi men have done more to make the week a success than Colonel Lafayette B. Gleason of New York and Congressman John D. Clarke, who left his duties in Washington in order to meet

with the old home folks. Congressman Clarke will return to Washington today, Friday.

The festivities opened Monday with a ball game in the afternoon between Delhi and Downsville, which was easily won by the visiting team by a score of 13 to 2. The game came near being broken up when the Downsville team walked off the field following a disputed decision and returned only when ex-sheriff, J. J. Farrell, consented to umpire the remainder of the game. During the afternoon a reception was given on the lawn of the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Farrington, Elm Street, when between two and three hundred persons availed themselves of the hospitality offered and took advantage of the opportunity to renew old acquaintances. In the evening an entertainment was given at the opera house.

Tuesday, Aug. 9, was observed as Academy centennial day. The day's program opened with a meeting at 10 o'clock in the morning at the old academy building. Rev. W. C. Robinson, D. D., gave an interesting history of the academy and following this a number of former students and others connected with the academy were called upon for reminiscences. At noon a buffet luncheon was served on the campus to all who attended the alumni gathering.

At 2:30 there was a mass meeting in the auditorium of the new high school building. Dean James E. Russell of Columbia university was the opening speaker. He was followed by Prof. James O. Griffin of Leland Stanford Junior university, Mrs. Graves of New York city, Prof. E. D. Holmes, former Principal S. S. Kilkenny of Oneonta and Prof. H. B. Arthur, the present principal. A letter was read from Mrs. H. W. Cannon, in which she announced the gift of a silk flag to the school.

One of the high spots in the old home week was the banquet at the opera house Tuesday evening. Two hundred guests were seated. After dinner speeches were made by General Amasa J. Parker of Albany, General Russell Frost of South Norwalk, Conn., Prof. F. L. Gamage of Pawling, Mrs. Eleanor Clarke Slagle of New York city, and Colonel Lafayette B. Gleason. All who spoke were former residents of the village. Dr. Courtland Robinson of the First Presbyterian church acted as toastmaster.

The largest crowds of the week visited Delhi Wednesday, especially in the evening when hundreds of cars brought visitors from neighboring towns to witness the display of fireworks on the academy campus. State troopers present estimated the gathering at more than eight thousand persons. The only mishap of the evening was when the fire department was called to the house of Frank Mitchell, Elm street, where the roof had been set on fire by sparks from some of the fireworks. No damage was done to the house.

In the afternoon the feature was a ball game between the Delhi Home Team with Congressman John D. Clarke as captain and the Has Beens nine under the captaincy of Hector Cowan of Hobart. The game

went to ten innings but Captain Clarke found that pitching hay on his Frasers farm was less strenuous work than twirling for the Has Beens and was obliged to give way in the box to H. Glenn Harper. The final score was 17 to 13 in favor of the Has Beens.

Thursday afternoon witnessed the "Old Delhi" parade followed by an entertainment at the square under the auspices of the Village Improvement society. A patriotic meeting was held in the evening with Hon. John D. Clarke as chairman. Miss Helen V. Boswell of New York, Congressman G. I. Kilpatrick of Easton, Pa., were the speakers.

Today, Friday, there will be a reception at the opera house in the evening and a ball game in the afternoon.

One interesting feature of the old home week is the display of relics, including a quart of old rye kept under lock and seal, at the Cannon building. Dr. Ormiston has charge of the display which includes many articles of historic interest showing the developments of the past century.

During the week the Delaware Express with commendable enterprise has issued a daily edition giving full accounts of the festivities and containing reminiscences by Colonel Gleason, Edward O'Connor, Congressman Clarke, and others. The Delaware Republican in addition to its regular edition prints a special number filled with reminiscences and doings of the week.

## LEFT FORTUNE TO WOMAN

**Daughter of Old  
Sweetheart Secures Estate  
of Dr. H. S. Kinmonth.**

Miss Viola Remsen Humphries of No. 308 Tuttle Avenue, Spring Lake, N. J., will receive the \$310,000 estate of Dr. Hugh S. Kinmonth of Asbury Park through the admission of the physician's will to probate at Freehold, N. J., this week. Dr. Kinmonth committed suicide July 22, 1920, and the attempt to probate his will was contested by his two brothers and two sisters.

Miss Humphries, it is understood, was a close friend of Dr. Kinmonth. She is about thirty years old and lives with her father, Dr. Kinmonth, who was also a druggist and real estate operator, was said to have been a suitor of Miss Humphries' mother.

The will was made in April, 1918, and makes Miss Humphries practically the sole beneficiary. In contesting it the brothers and sisters of the physician charged undue influence, lack of testamentary capacity and failure to comply with statutory requirements.

Dr. Kinmonth, who was a native of the town of Kortright, Delaware county, at the time of his death was 72 years of age. His first wife had died and his second had divorced him. He was not estranged from oth-

er members of the family. The contestants were Dr. William L. Kinmonth of Mount Pleasant, Ia; Mrs. Elizabeth Hamilton of Mount Pleasant and Miss Anna B. Kinmonth of Delhi.

In Spring Lake Miss Humphries refused to discuss the case with newspaper men. "I have no time to give you," she said, "I have many things to do."

## CHIMNEY FIRE IN REXMERE

**Woodwork in Stamford  
Hotel Ignited When Soot  
Burns Out.**

An overheated chimney in the kitchen caused a fire in the Rexmere, Stamford's big summer hotel, on Saturday morning. Woodwork about the chimney was ignited when soot in the bottom of the chimney caught fire.

The Stamford fire department was called out but employees of the hotel had put out the blaze with extinguishers before the firemen arrived. The damage done was slight. Hundreds of persons from the vicinity joined the hundred or more excited summer guests at the hotel.

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The Walton fair will be held this year on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, September 6, 7, 8 and 9. The premium books will be printed and ready for distribution within a few days.

The Walton fair comes the week following the Norwich fair and W. H. Austin, the race secretary, has booked the horses at Norwich for the Walton track events. There will be racing daily, on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, and some new marks will doubtless be established.

The platform attractions have not all been secured as yet, but will be up to the usual high standard.

Walton fair week has always been the Old Home week for Delaware county when friendships are renewed and new acquaintances are made. The agricultural side of the fair, however, is never overlooked and some of the finest herds of cattle in this section are annually exhibited on the grounds. A number of changes have been made this year in the premium book, chief among them being increases in the prizes in the poultry department. School project work also comes in for a number of special prizes. No entry fee is charged in this department.

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# OBITUARIES



Allan Tiltti

Allan Philip Tiltti, 76, of the Bronx, passed away on Sunday, Aug. 8, 2021.

He was born in Brooklyn Naval Hospital to the late Philip and Helvi Tiltti.

Allan served in Vietnam in the United State Navel Construction Battalions, better known as the Navy Seabees, for four years and was retired from the Federal Customs Service where he served for 30 years.

He is survived by his loving wife of 33 years, Carol Tiltti; daughters Tara Ann and (son-in-law) Louis DeGiorn of the Bronx, and Tracy and (son-in-law) Roger Loveless; grandchildren “Maggie” Magdalena, Louis III DeGiorn, Roger, Joseph, Peter, Paul, Isaac, Isaiah and Stephen Loveless; nieces Amanda Tiltti of New Windsor, Kristen Tiltti of Cornwall, and Sara Palau of Bronx; nephews Seth Tiltti and wife Lias of Florida, Taylor Stovall and Joshua Palau of New York; sisters-in-law Janet and Loui Fernandez of North Carolina, and Joy Tirado of Andes; brother in-law Michael Tirado and mother in-law Alice Tirado of Brooklyn.

Friends and relatives are invited to call on the family from 1-3 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 15, at the MacArthur Funeral Home, 134 Main Street, Delhi. Grave-side funeral services will full military honors will be held at 12 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 16, at Gerald BH Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery, 200 Duell Road, Schuylerville.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association, Wounded Warrior Project, Stroke American Heart Association and your local pet association.



Melissa Collins

Melissa A. Collins, 62, of Bloomville, passed away on Sunday afternoon, Aug. 8, 2021 at her home, surrounded by her family.

Born on Aug. 12, 1958 in Stamford, she was the daughter of the late Roy and Pauline (Merwin) Collins.

Melissa operated assisted living homes in both Stamford and South Kortright and later worked for Price Chopper in Delhi.

She enjoyed crossword puzzles, Sudoku puzzles and collecting teddy bears. She loved traveling around the area to look for good deals at local lawn and garage sales. Melissa’s greatest passion was her family; she cherished her grandson and enjoyed spending time with him.

Besides her parents, she was predeceased by siblings Beverly Slauson, Candy DeBias, Jimmy Roach and Melody Collins, and her aunt, Carol Miller.

She is survived by her daughter Heather (Billy) Smith of Bloomville; grandson William Smith of Bloomville; companion Junior Epps of Hobart; her siblings Roy (Elyse) Collins Jr. of Bloomville, Brenda (Pip) Bower of Bloomville and Jerry (Diana) Reynolds of Florida; several nieces, nephews and cousins; best friend Pat Van-Nortwick of South Kortright; her K-9 companion Jo-Jo; and her extended “day care” family.

Friends and relatives are invited to call on the family today, Wednesday, Aug. 11, 6-8 p.m. on at the MacArthur Funeral Home, 134 Main Street, Delhi. A funeral service will be held at 3 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 12, at the Bloomville United Methodist Church, followed by burial at Riverside Cemetery, Bloomville. Contributions in Melissa’s memory may be made to the Delaware County Office of the Aging, 97 Main Street, Delhi, NY 13753.

Visit [www.macarthurfh.com](http://www.macarthurfh.com) to share a condolence with her family.



Stella Cole

Stella Cole, 95, of Walton, passed away on July 31, 2021 at her home.

Born on Dec. 30, 1925, in Platteville, Colo., she was a daughter of the late Hovey and Nadine (Fleener) Lowman also known as Nadine Stanton. Stella also lived in Rockford, Illinois, including during the time of the Rockford Peaches, an All-American Girls Professional Baseball League team.

On May 21, 1949, she married Arnold Cole in Rockford, Ill. Many years later they moved to Orlando, Fla., where they both worked before retiring. The two were married for 63 years before he passed away in 2012.

In Walton, Stella attended the First Baptist Church and was very active in the Our Place senior club and in a bridge club. She participated in the Thursday social group at the Methodist Church and volunteered at the library, eating lunch at the senior dining center on those days. Some of her hobbies included reading and playing the games Skip-Bo and Rummikub. She loved to travel and, since coming to Walton in 2014, Stella had taken family trips to Arkansas, Colorado, Illinois, Hawaii, and Alaska.

Stella is now in her eternal, heavenly home. When asked how she wanted to be remembered, her response was “Quiet and peaceful.”

Survivors include her children, Sandy Gregory and Bruce Cole; a sister, Fern Olin; step-granddaughter, Michelle Leone; five step-great-grandchildren, Addison, Morgan, Hannah, Sarah, and Gideon; dear friends Bob Lang, Louise Brown, Charlene Gregory, and Dick Wakeman; and several nieces and nephews. To Stella’s faithful and loving caregivers at the end - Rose, Conny, Brenda, and Bonnie - a heartfelt thank you.

In addition to her husband and parents, she is predeceased by a son, Lloyd Cole; her sisters Velma, Bertice, Myrta, and Lola; and her son-in-law, Charles Gregory.

Calling hours to which relatives and friends are invited to attend will be held on Saturday, Aug. 14, from 10 to 11 a.m. at First Baptist Church, 55 Townsend Street, Walton. A funeral service will follow at 11 a.m. A graveside service will take place privately at Walton Cemetery.

Memorial contributions in Stella’s memory may be made to the Walton Emergency Squad, 61 West Street, Walton, NY 13856 or Helios Care, 297 River Street Service Road, Suite 1, Oneonta, NY

13820.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Courtney Funeral Home, Walton. To leave a message for Stella’s family, visit her online tribute at [www.courtneyfh.com](http://www.courtneyfh.com).



Melinda Sue Winner Livengood

Melinda Sue (Mindy) Winner Livengood, 44, of Empire, Ala., passed away unexpectedly on July 20, 2021 in Birmingham, Ala.

Mindy was born in Walton to Richard and Audrey (Peck) Winner on March 23, 1977.

She went to school at Andes Central and graduated in 1995. Mindy last worked as a Support Specialist at The ARC of Walker County in Alabama where she worked her magic on certain clients who were having a bad day. Mindy had a special place in her heart for doing this kind of work. The most important job Mindy

ever held was being a mom to her twin boys Bryce and Brodie. As a single mom she went without so the boys had what they needed. They were her heart and soul.

Mindy was predeceased by her brother and sister Christopher and Valarie, her grandparents Raymond and Dorothy Winner, grandfather Frank Peck, aunts, uncles and cousins.

Those left to cherish her precious memories are her two boys, Bryce and Brodie of Delhi, her parents Audrey (Marty) Donnelly of China Grove, N.C., Richard (Janice) Winner of Andes, brothers Mike (Trisha) Winner of Delhi, Edward (Samantha) Winner of Downsville, stepsister Kelly Harageones of Delhi, grandparents Joann and Len Vetsch of Arizona, nephews Blake and Cameron Winner of Delhi, nieces Layla, Danica, and Mackenzie Winner of Downsville as well as another nephew due in October. Her Aunt Vicki (Barney) Bush of Andes, Aunt Barb (Jay) Trussell of Bloomville, Aunt Debbie (Bernie) of Montana, Uncle Mike (Penny) of Arizona, and Uncle Jeff (Kristi) of Tennessee. Mindy had a very special great-aunt, Mary Smith, who loved Mindy as if she was her own daughter. Mindy also leaves behind several cousins.

Graveside services will be

held on Wednesday, Aug. 18 at 1 p.m. at the Andes Cemetery. A gathering for family and friends will be held at the Andes Fire Hall Pavilion after the services.

Memorial donations may be sent to Audrey Donnelly, 1001 Golden Eagle Drive, China Grove, NC 28023 for Bryce and Brodie’s college fund.

The family would like to thank Jerrod Allinder and Ricketa Washington for taking her to physical therapy after her surgery, the boys to football workouts, and getting things from the grocery store.

Ronald E. Rutherford

Walton native Ronald E. Rutherford passed away May 24, 2021, in Albany.

Ron was born Aug. 26, 1951 in Walton. He was a Walton High School graduate, who excelled in wrestling under coach Robert McNeill.

Survivors include his brother, Robert of Parry, Ga.; three daughters - Crystal, Christina, and Cynthia, and a son, Clifford. His former wife Neva of Deposit also survives.

He was predeceased by his brother, Richard.

A memorial service will be held in Elmira at Veterans Cemetery at 2 p.m. Aug. 26.

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DELANCEY

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Worship services for the DeLancey, Hamden and West Delhi churches during August will be held in Hamden church at 11 a.m. with Rev. Connie Stone. Youth Group meets every Tuesday at 6 p.m. at the DeLancey Church. Come kids and bring a friend if you want and have a good time together.

I welcome news from folks on what they have been doing but I can't do it without your help. Give me a call: 607-746-6860 or email me: lshepard@delhitel

Our wishes for "hope you're feeling better soon" to Junior and Jane Howard.

On Aug. 28 there will be a free outdoor movie night at the Delhi Abundant Life Church. Bring your own chairs or blankets for a movie on the lawn at dusk.

Summer is about over when our Delaware Co. Fair starts. It's good to have it back this year starting on Aug. 16 and going through Saturday, Aug. 21 on fairgrounds in Walton. Animal exhibits, midway rides, truck and tractor pulls, food and vendors. Demolition derbys on Monday and Friday nights. It's a week to have lots of fun.

Interesting Facts: Aug. 10 World Lion Day, Paul Bunyon Day, S'mores Day; Aug. 11 - National Hip Hop Day,

Presidential Joke Day; Aug. 12 - International Youth Day, Home Sewing Machine Day, World Elephant Day, Milkman Day; Aug. 13 - Blame Someone Else Day, Kool Aid Day, International Left hander's Day; Aug. 14 - Middle Child Day, National Garage Sale Day, National Bowling Day, and in 1755 George Washington was appointed colonel and commander of Virginia Regiment; Aug. 15 - Best Friends Day, National Relaxation Day, National Thrift Shop Day; Aug. 16 - National Rollercoaster Day, National Rum Day; Aug. 17 - Black Cat Appreciation Day, I Love my Feet Day.

Grandma's Recipe this week: Pumpkin Zucchini Bread: 3 eggs lightly beaten, 2 cups sugar, 1 cup pumpkin, 1 cup butter melted, 1 Tblsp vanilla, 3 cups flour, 1 tsp baking soda, 1/2 tsp baking powder, 1/2 tsp salt, 1/2 tsp cinnamon, 1/2 tsp nutmeg, 1/2 tsp ground cloves, 1 cup shredded zucchini, 1 cup chopped walnuts (if desired). In mixing bowl combine eggs and sugar. Add pumpkin, butter and vanilla. Combine dry ingredients and gradually add to pumpkin mixture and mix well. Stir in zucchini and nuts. Pour into two greased and floured loaf pans. Bake at 350 for 45 to 50 minutes or until tested done.

My Thoughts of the week: Coming down Rt. 10 the other day I noticed a new type of crop on Burgin's flat, so I asked about it and I was told its soybeans. It sure is growing so very nice and I am wondering how they harvest it. I'm sure we will find out soon with fall coming. We see so many different ways with farming these days than we did years ago.

Lynn Kinch's joke of the week: A tenant complained to his superintendent, "It's 5 degrees outside and there's no heat in my apartment. You never do a thing around here." The superintendent responded, "I resent that! Didn't I fix your air conditioner just last week?"

Senior Moments: Dear heavenly Father one way to keep veggies crisp is to cook them on a broken burner like I did last night. Once more I neglected to check to make sure everything was working. I did think it was odd that the pot wasn't steaming though.

A cute saying: Each day as it comes brings a chance for each one to live to the fullest, leaving nothing undone that would brighten the life or lighten the load of some weary traveler lost on life's road.

Helpful Hints: Scrub your sink as part of your post-dinner routine with your regular

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DELHI

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Last week's trivia question: Who produced the earliest known Delhi coverlet? John Holmes, who emigrated to Delhi from Paisley, Scotland, produced the earliest known Delhi coverlet in 1833. Munsell's History of Delaware County states that Holmes introduced the use of the flying shuttle into country weaving. The most prolific weaver was Asahel Amora Phelps.

This week's trivia question: What band was part of the

MTV Campus Invasion Tour and filmed at SUNY Delhi in April of 2001?

This week's community volunteer of the week is Justin Marano. He started Small Town Bigger Dreams, a newly formed charitable organization focused on small-town growth and opportunity. The purpose is to provide support through programming, charitable giving, educational grants, mentorship, and mining for the opportunity. Small

Town Bigger Dreams partnered with The College Golf Course at Delhi to sponsor a Hole In One prize and Charity Raffle and raised \$1200 for Delhi and its residents.

On Thursday, Aug. 12, the West Kortright Centre is hosting its Thursday Night Hang with the Hop City Hellcats. The outdoor concert starts at 7 p.m. The grounds open at 5:30 p.m. and food will be on-site to sell. Tickets are sold by the table, "pod", or general admission — pick your group size and location (under tent or lawn). Advance tickets are recommended as tent seating capacity is limited. Advance

ticketing will close at noon tomorrow - Thursday, Aug. 12. Walk-ups are welcome but will want to bring a lawn chair. Call the WKC office for more information: 607-278-5454 or email [info@westkc.org](mailto:info@westkc.org).

It's the final weekend to watch A Doll's House, Part 2 at the Franklin Stage Company on Thursday, Aug. 12, Friday, Aug. 13, and Saturday, Aug. 14 at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 14 at 3 p.m. and Sunday, Aug. 15 at 5 p.m. Franklin Stage Company is an admission-free theater that depends on the generosity of its audience and donors - any amount is appreciated. Visit [\[pany.org\]\(http://pany.org\) for more information.](http://franklinstagecom-</a></p></div><div data-bbox=)

Andes Community Day is Saturday, Aug. 14. The parade starts when the bus rolls through around 10:30 a.m. Contests and Games, petting zoo, lawn sales, dancing in the park, classic cars, food, drink & live music, fabulous restaurants, farmers market, arts & crafts vendors, history museum, shops & art galleries, giant library book sale & dog show. Fireworks at The Andes Hotel at dusk. Free musical performance by Spencer Day at Andes Hotel after fireworks.

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# COVID Cancels Vespers

By Ron Galley

It was anything but an easy decision to make, according to organizer Deb Kearney, but the Delaware County Christian Ministries (DCCM) has decided to cancel this years vespers service at the Delaware County Fair, originally set for 7 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 15.

Kearney who has been involved with planning the service each year, said the decision to not hold the worship event at the fair this year, "Comes with much regret." She said with the uncertainty at this time surrounding Covid, the difficult decision was reached to postpone it for this year and hope to be able to gather again next year.

Kearney emphasized that the decision wasn't easy, but the DCCM felt it was the right thing to do for 2021.

# Walton Historical Society Will Have Fair Presence

The Walton Historical Society (WHS) will be represented at the Delaware County Fair, and according to society historian Rich Grossman, the theme will be military related. Uniforms and headgear will be displayed on manikins; military scrap-books donated to the WHS will be available to view, as will be well-preserved vouchers from the Civil War for volunteers who were paid to serve in the place of someone else, and memorabilia from all the wars.




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Joshua Brandenburg, Delhi; cross breed gilt.





## 4-H Livestock Auction Protocol

Included in this special fair section are photos of some of the 4-H members and the animals they have raised specifically for this auction. The photos are designated with the 4-H symbol.

Those interested in attending the 4-H animal livestock auction at the Delaware County Fair Saturday, Aug. 21, at 2 p.m. in the livestock show ring will be interested to know that the animals being auctioned have been raised by 4-Hers are sources of top quality meat.

Consider splitting the meat into halves, quarters or even thirds and then splitting the cost with family or friends. For example, if you purchase a pig for \$300 and you split the pig into thirds with two other people, your cost for one-third of the pig would be \$100 before processing fees.

Shippers will be on hand to deliver animals to purchasers' processor of choice.

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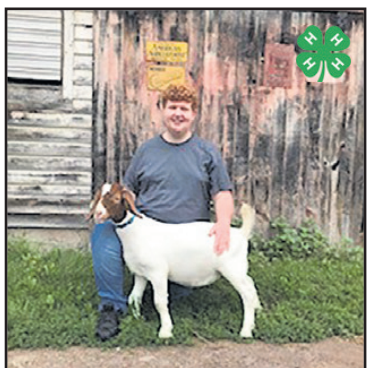
Proceeds from the sale of the animals typically goes towards next year's animal projects, school expenses, etc.



Morgen Archer, Deposit; Semmental Angus



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Dakota Hoyt, DeLancey; Boar cross market goat.

## 2021 Fair Tickets

During fair week season passes can only be purchased at the Wayne Bank Box Office.

Daily Pass \$8 – gate fee admission only, for one day (available only at the fair gate). This daily pass does not include rides or grandstand events. Children 12

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Season passes are \$18 and include gate fee admission only, for all days.

Season passes do not include rides or grandstand events.

### Grandstand events:

Derby tickets will be available on the day of the event only.

Demolition Derby: Monday Night Derby at 7 p.m. - \$7 reserved seating.

Hero's Parade at 7 p.m. - free  
Altered Diesel Tractors and Diesel 4X4 Pickups, Wednesday at 7 p.m. - \$5.

Season 9 Runner up Emily Ann Roberts, Thursday at 7:30 p.m. - \$10.

Demolition Derby, Friday Night Derby at 7 p.m. - \$8.

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# Delaware County Fair Horse Show Is a Go, Mostly

By Patty Lolot

WALTON - It looks like the horse show schedule for the Delaware County Fair, offered through the Delaware Valley Agricultural Society, is going forward pretty much intact this year. But, there are some notable exceptions and contingencies.

At a recent meeting of open horse show chair and committee persons, this reporter had an exclusive interview with those involved at the show where this year's schedule was discussed in depth and at length.

There will not be the Olde Time Draft Horse Show, according to Terri Sherman, show secretary. "I was informed by Joann Perry that the show is not planned for this year," she said. This event normally draws a large crowd on the evening it's held. Its classes represented the versatility and diversity of these hard-working equines in competitive working situations. It was also noted that entries for the regular driving draft horse classes are down. "The weather hasn't cooperated this season," said Sherman. "Entries have been light and I've had people tell me that if they need to get hay in they won't be exhibiting their horses at the show."

There will be, however, at this writing, draft pony pulling contest classes. No details were given.

Also, the popular team penning/sorting competition is not on the agenda, yet. In past years, the Chambers family was instrumental in bringing the event to the fair, but in their absence, no one has firmed up a spot with the fair board, noted Jackie Losie, a longtime committee person.

Hampered by disastrous flooding in 2019, and cancelled due to Covid 19 in 2020, it is hoped that this year the fair will be a comeback success story. Again, that is barring any weather related or mandated health decisions that could be put into effect if Covid is not kept at bay.

The Open Horse Show and the 4-H Horse Show at the fair run from Aug. 15 through Aug. 21 and includes hunter, stock seat, min-

ature horse, gymkhana, driving and saddle seat classes. The open show starts Thursday and goes through Saturday and the 4-H classes are Tuesday and Wednesday. Judges this year for various divisions in the open show are: Michelle Nyberg for driving, saddle seat and minis, Jennifer Woodruff Sawyer for both hunt seat and stock seat, and Scott Genung for gymkhana. Announcers will be Dee Hills and Jackie Losie.

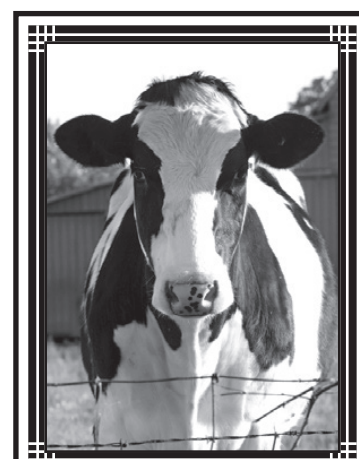
Another subject discussed at the meeting which has impacted not only the local shows, but the equine industry overall, was the tremendous increase in the cost of buying and keeping horses in this economy. No longer can one buy an entry level equine for under \$1,000. Those horses now sell at local auctions and online starting at \$2,500 - if you're lucky and if "serviceably sound" works for

See Horse Show page 6



Patty Lolot/The Reporter

Chair, committee persons and assistants met recently to discuss details of this year's Delaware County Horse Shows (Open and 4-H). Pictured, from left to right, Molly Sherman, Jackie Losie, Scott Genung, Chris and Joyce Curtin and Terri and Bill Sherman.



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# For The Howlands, Farming Is a Family Affair

By Barbara MacDonald

The 134th annual Delaware County Fair is coming a year late, thanks to the COVID 19 pandemic, but better late than not at all. After the disappointment of last year's fair cancellation, the Judd-Howland Farm in Franklin is gearing up for the livestock shows at the fair this year.

Both Mike and Beth (Herron-Judd) Howland come from dairy farming families. Mike's family started dairy farming in Walton in 1840 while Beth's family's farm began in 1889 in Davenport, making their boys fifth generation Delaware County farmers.

Mike started showing his family's dairy cattle at the fair as a youngster and their sons, Tracer and Cael, are carrying on the tradition showing their beef and hogs. Mom Beth, besides supporting the boys with their livestock, helps attend to the 4-H beef information table at and

leads the "Trael Pets" 4-H group. Tracer aged out of 4-H in 2020 and found it discouraging after all his work to be unable to exhibit his animals due to the cancellation in 2021. This year he will show in the open classes as much as his work schedule allows, but he's still looking forward to having "a chance to meet up with friends" and to "feel things are getting back to normal."

A 2021 high school graduate, Cael has two more years to show with 4-H. He is ready to "talk with buyers and socialize" at the fair this year. He will study mechatronic (robotic) engineering at SUNY Delhi on a presidential scholarship in the fall.

Beth credits both 4-H and Future Farmer's of America (FFA)

programs for helping her sons prepare for successful futures. She feels these programs help them build confidence, learning not only how to care for their animals, but how to keep the business end in their sights and remain professional.

Many farming families, like the Howlands, are looking forward to the fair and preparations must often begin as much as a year in advance. Last year was a disappointment. "It can take a whole year to get them ready, but we just keep going," Mike said. "It's what farmers do."

Delaware County has a long association with agriculture and the county fair is a good reflection of that history. It is a time for local farmers and businesses to

proudly display what they have been doing and visit with their neighbors, while possibly making important business connections.

The livestock barns will be buzzing with competition, learning experiences, and opportunities for exhibitors and visitors alike. When you are at the fair, plan to visit the livestock barns.



Cael Howland, Franklin; Short-horn.



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Tracer, Mike, Beth and Cael Howland at their family farm in Franklin.

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# Horse Show...

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you. "People want more for their money and those who are willing to pay for it, will," observed Losie, adding, "The internet has educated many and has afforded people the ability to buy online from anywhere in the country." Detailed descriptions, documented show records, videos and often veterinary health certificates guaranteeing soundness, along with a wealth of transporters, allow for such purchases in today's cyber world to be a non-issue.

Terri and husband Bill Sherman, chairman of the open show, agreed, noting people are becoming more educated and understand that not one horse checks all the boxes in competition. The sport has become very discipline-specific and often requires having more than one animal to be competitive in multiple disciplines. To help offset cost, they explained that some farm and stable facilities offer lease options whereby an animal can be leased for a season for lessons and horse shows. Further, said Losie, a horse could be leased for an under 10 year-old for those classes for which it qualifies and to another student for older age exhibitor classes. Thus, the lease expense is shared. But, try to tell a horse-crazy 10-year old girl that







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she has to give up "Dolly" after the season. You get the picture.


Losie ended by saying, "I've seen people drop \$15,000 (for a horse) without looking." It's a sign of the times.

Additionally, the cost of hay, grain and sawdust/straw has also risen. Inflation hasn't spared any product. First cut square bales went from \$3.50 each last year to \$4 (or more), 50 lb. bags of grain have gone up at least 10% and so has sawdust. Farrier and vet bills are not immune. The cost of shoeing a horse can average from \$100 to \$250 for four shoes every 6-8 weeks. You can add more for special, corrective shoeing. Annual routine vet exams and shots will cost hundreds - and don't forget the equine dentist, at least once a year. Drop another \$100 per animal for that visit.

So, when you see your local exhibitors this year from Delaware County at the fair, know that most of them are not "one percenters," and that they and their families have made sacrifices to get in the ring and show you a good time. Cheer them on.




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Darbey Mondore, DeLancey; crossbred barrow.




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# 134th Delaware County Fair 2021 Schedule

Sunday, Aug. 15

9 a.m.

Open Horse Show - Driving, Mini and English Show Horses

9:30 a.m.

Jersey Parish Show

10 a.m.

Open Goat Show

10 a.m.

New Hope Church Service, Entertainment Court

11-4 p.m.

Youth Building - 4-H Exhibits Judged

5 p.m.

All 4-H Beef Cattle must be in place - Livestock Barn

7 p.m.

CANCELLED - Vesper Service – Entertainment Court - CANCELLED

Monday, Aug. 16 \*\*Opening Day\*\*

Youth Building - Public Presentations; Baby Chicks Hatching; 4-H & Milk Mustache Photo Op

All Day

Grow It, Preserve It, Store It and Cook It – Home Economics Bldg  
Dairy & Beef Cow Feed Comparison/Carbon Farming/Flower Farming – Ag Awareness Booth

8:30 a.m.

All Day Garden Tractor Pull – Track

9 a.m.

Open Meat Goat Show – Livestock Barn

10 a.m.

Draft Horse Show

10-5 p.m.

Energy Wheel Challenge – Cooperative Extension Bldg  
Vaccine Hesitancy Survey – Cooperative Extension Bldg

12-1 p.m.

Illusionist – Entertainment Court

1 p.m.

Weigh-In of 4-H Market Animals - Livestock Barn

1-3 p.m.

Buffalo & Barfield – Entertainment Court

3-4 p.m.

Cowboy Circus – Entertainment Court

3-5 p.m.

4-H Market Animal Project Records Due – 4-H Assistant/Livestock Barn

5 p.m.

All 4-H Animal Exhibits MUST be in Place - Dairy Cattle/Livestock/Horse Barns

4-5 p.m.

Buffalo & Barfield – Entertainment Court

5-7 p.m.

Randy Hulse Band of One – Entertainment Court

5:30 p.m.

4-H Table setting Set-up – Youth Building

6 p.m.

4-H Table-setting Judged – Youth Building

7 p.m.

Demo Derby

7:30 p.m.

Livestock Exhibitor Meeting – Livestock Barn

7:30-10:30 p.m.

Jason Wicks Band – Entertainment Court

8 p.m.

Dairy Cattle 4-H Exhibitor Meeting – Dairy Cattle Barn

Tuesday, Aug. 17 \*\*Children's Day\*\*

Youth Building - Public Presentations; Baby Chicks Hatching; 4-H & Milk Mustache Photo Op

All Day

Grow It, Preserve It, Store It and Cook It – Home Economics Bldg  
Dairy & Beef Cow Feed Comparison/Carbon Farming/Flower Farming – Ag Awareness Booth

8 a.m.

4-H Horse Show (Hunt; Saddle; Minis; Driving; Gymkhana) – Horse Arena

8:30 a.m.

4-H Dairy & Meat Goat Show – Livestock Barn

9:30 a.m.

4-H Cavy Showmanship Show – Rabbit/Poultry Barn  
4-H Dairy Cattle Showmanship Show – Dairy Cattle Barn

10 a.m.

4-H Rabbit Showmanship Show – Rabbit/Poultry Barn

10-12 p.m.

My Plate Challenge for Kids and Adults – Home Economics Building

10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Vaccine Hesitancy Survey – Cooperative Extension Bldg

11 a.m.

Kids' Power Wheels Derby

11-12 p.m.

Buffalo & Barfield – Entertainment Court

12-1 p.m.

Illusionist – Entertainment Court

1 p.m.

4-H Sheep Show – Livestock Barn

1-2 p.m.

Buffalo & Barfield – Entertainment Court

2-3 p.m.

Cowboy Circus – Entertainment Court

3 p.m.

Giant Ice Cream Sundae with the Delaware County Dairy Princess – Dairy Barn  
4-H Poultry Show – Rabbit/Poultry Barn

3-4 p.m.

Buffalo & Barfield – Entertainment Court

4 p.m.

Youth & Junior Karaoke Contest – Entertainment Court  
Wildlife Federation Children's Drawing

5 p.m.

4-H Dairy Challenge – Dairy Cattle Barn

6 p.m.

Presentation of the Elinor Kellett Memorial Award – Youth Building  
Presentation of the Thomson Scholarship Award – Youth Building

7 p.m.

Adult Karaoke Contest –Entertainment Court

7 p.m.

The Hero's Parade

Wednesday, Aug. 18

Youth Building (4-H): Public Presentations; Baby Chicks Hatching; 4-H & Milk Mustache Photo Op

All Day

Grow It, Preserve It, Store It and Cook It – Home Economics Bldg  
Dairy & Beef Cow Feed Comparison/Carbon Farming/Flower Farming – Ag Awareness Booth

8 a.m.

4-H Western; Gymkhana Horse Show – Horse Arena

9 a.m.

4-H Beef Cattle Show – Livestock Barn  
Out of Field Tractor Pull

9:30 a.m.

4-H Cavy Breeds Show – Rabbit/Poultry Barn  
4-H Dairy Cattle Breeds Show – Dairy Cattle Barn

10 a.m.

4-H Rabbit Breeds Show – Rabbit/Poultry Barn

10-12 p.m.

My Plate Challenge for Kids and Adults - Home Economics Bldg

10-5 p.m.

Energy Wheel Challenge for Kids and Adults – Home Economics Bldg  
Open Swine Show

12-1 p.m.

Buffalo & Barfield – Entertainment Court

1-2 p.m.

Delaware County Fairs Got Talent Contest

3-4 p.m.

Buffalo & Barfield – Entertainment Court

4-5 p.m.

Illusionist – Entertainment Court

5-6 p.m.

Buffalo & Barfield – Entertainment Court

6 p.m.

4-H Livestock Skillathon – Livestock Barn

6-7 p.m.

Cowboy Circus – Entertainment Court

7 p.m.

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7:30-10:30 p.m.

Music Duo Rick and Lori – Entertainment Court

Thursday, Aug. 19.  
\*\*Senior Citizens' Day – Seniors \$4 Admission\*\*

Youth Building - Public Presentations; Baby Chicks Hatching; 4-H & Milk Mustache Photo Op

All Day - Grow It, Preserve It, Store It and Cook It - Home Economics Bldg  
Dairy & Beef Cow Feed Comparison/Carbon Farming/Flower Farming – Ag Awareness Booth

8 a.m.

Open Horse Show -Hunter Division, Horse & Pony - Horse show ring

9 a.m.

Antique Tractor Pull

9 a.m.

4-H Swine Show – Livestock Barn

9:30 a.m.

Open Class Cattle Show

10-12 p.m.

My Plate Challenge for Kids and Adults - Home Economics Bldg

10-5 p.m.

Energy Wheel Challenge – Cooperative Extension Bldg

11-12 p.m.

Buffalo & Barfield – Entertainment Court

12-1 p.m.

Illusionist – Entertainment Court

1-2 p.m.

Buffalo & Barfield – Entertainment Court

2 p.m.

Open Beef Show (following 4-H Swine Show)

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# 134th Delaware County Fair 2021 Schedule

2-3 p.m. Cowboy Circus – Entertainment Court

3-4 p.m. Buffalo & Barfield – Entertainment Court

4-6 p.m. Singing Oldies: Mary Frances Perricone – Entertainment Court

6:30 p.m. 4-H Sheep Olympics followed by 4-H Animal Dress-up Contest – Livestock Barn

7-10 p.m. Brad Collins Band – Entertainment Court

7:30 p.m. 2015 Voice Runner Up Emily Ann Roberts

Friday, Aug. 20

Youth Building - Baby Chicks Hatching; 4-H & Milk Mustache Photo Op

All Day Grow It, Preserve It, Store It and Cook It – Home Economics Bldg

Dairy & Beef Cow Feed Comparison/Carbon Farming/Flower Farming – Ag Awareness Booth

8 a.m. Open Horse Show - Western Division

9 a.m. Pony Pull - #1400, #1800, Miniature Unlimited – Track

9:30 a.m. Open Class Cattle Show

FFA Judging and Demonstration

10 a.m. Final Weigh-in for 4-H Livestock Auction Animals – Livestock Barn

10-12 p.m. My Plate Challenge for Kids and Adults - Home Economics Bldg

10 a.m. 5 p.m. Vaccine Hesitancy Survey – Cooperative Extension Bldg

11-12 p.m. Buffalo & Barfield – Entertainment Court

12 p.m. 4-H Rooster Crowing Contest – Rabbit/Cavy Barn

Open Sheep Show

12-1 p.m. Catskill Dance Expo – Entertainment Court

1-2 p.m. Buffalo & Barfield – Entertainment Court

2-3 p.m. Illusionist – Entertainment

3-4 p.m. Buffalo & Barfield – Entertainment Court

4-5 p.m. Cowboy Circus – Entertainment Court

5 -7 p.m. New Orleans Singer John Paul – Entertainment Court

6 p.m. NYS Horse Pullers Association Horse Pull – Horse Show Ring

7 p.m. 4-H Goat Olympics – Livestock Barn

4-H Sheep Exhibitor Dinner following Open Sheep Show – Livestock Barn

7 p.m. Demo Derby – Track

7:30 p.m. The Barnyard Saints – Entertainment Court

Saturday, Aug. 21

Youth Building: Baby Chicks Hatching; 4-H & Milk Mustache Photo Op

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Dairy & Beef Cow Feed Comparison/Carbon Farming/Flower Farming – Ag Awareness Booth

8 a.m. Open Horse Show - Gymkhana Division

9 a.m. 4-H Master Livestock Showman Competition – Livestock Barn

10 a.m. Stock & Enhanced Gas Pickup Pull

10-12 p.m. My Plate Challenge for Kids and Adults - Home Economics Bldg

10 a.m.-5 p.m. Vaccine Hesitancy Survey – Cooperative Extension Bldg

11 a.m. 4-H Livestock Herdsmanship Awards – Live-stock Barn

11-12 p.m. Buffalo & Barfield – Entertainment Court

12 p.m. Dairy Cattle Exhibitor Dinner – Dairy Cattle Barn

12-1 p.m. Illusionist – Entertainment Court

1-3 p.m. Karaoke Finals – Entertainment Court

2 p.m. 4-H Livestock Auction – Livestock Barn Show Ring

3-4:30 p.m. Buffalo & Barfield – Entertainment Court

4:30-5:30 p.m. Cowboy Circus – Entertainment Court

5:30 p.m. Smelly Footwear Contest - Entertainment Court

6 p.m. NYTPA Super Stock Combo, Modified, Two Wheel Drive

6:30-10:30 p.m. Music by BJ & Gregg - Entertainment Court

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8 p.m. All Exhibits Released (all animals and all Youth Building projects). Exhibits remaining after 8 p.m. will be left at exhibitor’s risk.

4-H Exhibits Release Times:

\*1st Release – 4-H auction animals may be released following completion of the 4-H Livestock Auction

\*2nd Release – all other swine will be released following the release of the auction animals.

\*3rd Release – all other animals and youth building exhibits must stay in place until 8 p.m.

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# Princess Hungerford Plans For a Busy Fair Week

By Jillian Hungerford

My name is Jillian Hungerford, and I am a third generation farmer. I am the daughter of

Randy and Meg Hungerford of East Meredith. I graduated from South Kortright Central School in June and will attend SUNY Cobleskill in the fall. I'll have a dual major in agricultural business

management and dairy management and production, and minor in agricultural education.

The Delaware County Dairy Promotion Team has been hard at work this summer attending events to support dairy products, and are so happy to be able to return to events in person that were cancelled during the pandemic.

When I think about promoting I think of educating. My team and I work to educate the community about the nutritional benefits of dairy products, how farmers care for their cows, and how they practice environmental stewardship. We enjoy interacting with many people of different ages.

The biggest event we attend is the six-day Delaware County Fair. We are able to interact with the county's farmers that we represent and also the community that we educate.

Throughout the week at the fair our court will have many activities in which to participate. Multiple members of the court enjoy showing dairy cattle at the fair, as do I. Along with showing cows we will be promoting dairy products.

According to the information that the fair board of directors has provided, the fair will look close to normal. The giant ice cream sundae will be built on Tuesday, Aug. 17. That evening, we will be in the parade.

Members of the dairy court will be presenting ribbons for the dairy cattle shows throughout the week. You may also see us selling shirts at our promotion booth near the milking parlor. At the milking parlor, be sure to check out our "spin a wheel" where fair attendees may pay \$1 for two spins of the promotional prize wheel - and receive a prize every time. The proceeds will be donated to the Fill a Glass with Hope effort to bring milk to families in need.

We hope that you stop by and see us throughout the week and ask us any questions you may have. We look forward to seeing you all at the fair!



Mary A. Crisafulli/The Reporter

Dairy Princess' Court at the second stop on the dairy tour. From left, Angela Cersaletti, Princess Jillian Hungerford, and Delaney McCann.

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