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Snow removal from sidewalks on county- owned properties plague Sidney, Mayor says



Andrew Kantor/The Reporter

A Delaware County-owned property on Adams Street, Sidney.

By Lillian Browne

SIDNEY - Ninety percent of the approximate 130 Delaware County-owned FEMA buyout properties are in violation of municipal code which states snow and ice must be removed from village sidewalks by the property owner within a reasonable time - 10 hours - of a snow event, said Sidney Mayor Ray Baker.

"It's a safety issue," he said; for pedestrians who are avoiding sidewalks and walking in the street, or for pedestrians who are using uncleared sidewalks. It's also a potential safety issue for emergency services and fire

snow removal regulations, Baker said, municipal staff removes the snow, the hourly labor rate is calculated, a 50% surcharge is added, and the property owner is billed for snow removal. To date, the county has not been billed for snow removal, Baker continued. The county is not exempt from village code, Baker said.

The village is going to have to bill the county, Baker continued; "They are no different than any other property owner," he said. "We can't afford not to." It is not feasible for village staff to take on additional work, he said.

Delaware County Planning Director Shelly Johnson-Bennett contacted the village and asked

**"It's very important that
everyone keeps their sidewalks
clear. It's a safety issue."**

SIDNEY MAYOR RAY BAKER

fighter personnel, he said.

The village has a lot of pedestrian traffic, Baker said, especially on River and Bridge streets, where there are several county-owned properties. If the property owner does not comply with

that village personnel mow the grass in the warmer months and clear sidewalks of snow and ice in the colder months, Baker said. The county, Baker reported, does not have staff to clear sidewalks or mow grass, according to Johnson-Bennett.

"We don't have the manpower or money to do that either," he said.

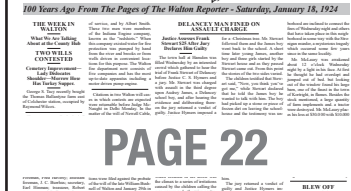
County-owned sidewalks were not cleared following a snowstorm the week of Jan. 7, Baker said, and another potential storm, with snowfall, is forecast the week of Jan. 14. If the county does not clear the sidewalks on property it owns within the time frame stated in village code, Baker said, the Sidney department of public works superintendent will contact the county to alert them of the violation, per code. Then, Baker said, it's up to the county how snow

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LOOKING BACK



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By Elizabeth DeFalco

FRANKLIN - The Greater Franklin Food Pantry, located at 574 Main Street, is a demonstration of how the Franklin community comes together to support one another. Thanks to the generous donation of time from volunteers, food items, monetary donations, and more, the food pantry has successfully operated for nearly four years at its current location. Prior to spring 2020, the food pantry was located in the basement of the Treadwell United Methodist Church, Director Meg Shivers said, and was operated by a small group of older women who were in search of more volunteers to take over the initiative.

"So they asked for more help and a bunch of us said we were happy to help and get trained. And so we went and we got trained, and they said 'here you go,'" Shivers said; within a few short months, a new group of volunteers were operating the food pantry, in a new location.

In June 2020, a group of volunteers helped relocate from the Treadwell location to the pantry's new home - donated by the

Community contributions help Franklin food pantry address food insecurity



Elizabeth DeFalco/The Reporter

The Greater Franklin Food Pantry, 574 Main Street, is open Fridays from 2 - 4 p.m. or by appointment.

Franklin Railroad and Community Museum.

"We were very blessed to have them donate this space for us," Shivers said; "That was part of the challenge. It had to have handicap accessibility, parking, and not necessarily be in the center of town because you know, certain people don't want anyone to know they're visiting a food pantry."

Because volunteer staff be-

gan operating the pantry during the COVID-19 pandemic, procedures were different initially, Shivers said; instead of allowing visitors to fill three bags with what they needed, as previously done, visitors were given a checklist to fill out and volunteers filled their bags.

Delaware Opportunities staff provided advice and guidance in the beginning, Shivers said, in-

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Work smarter, not harder: DelCo mayors talk shared services

DelCo is sole NYS county without a plan, IDA director says

By Lillian Browne

DELHI - Delaware County mayors met Wednesday, Jan. 10 and discussed a variety of issues including shared services. James Thomson, Delaware County Industrial Development Agency chairperson reported he has solicited several sources to help fund an \$80,000 shared services study. Those potential funders include Delaware County, through remaining American Rescue funds and the O'Connor Foundation, which requires a 50/50 match. Thomson suggested mayors contribute \$2,000 each to fund outstanding costs.

The state began an incentive program for municipalities to share services in 2017, Thomson said; and Delaware County is the sole county in the state that did not submit a shared services plan. Delaware County feels they already share services and didn't need to submit a plan to the state, Thomson said - which eliminated Delaware County from being able to access specific grant funding.

Several mayors, including Walton Mayor Ed Snow, said \$2,000 is a big ask. Twelve thousand dollars accounts for 1% of his annual budget, he said. Walton is crafting its 2024-25 budget, Snow said, and is trying to find \$30,000 for its department of public works and \$60,000 for its police department.

Answering a question posed by Snow, Thomson explained that if Delaware County does not file a shared services plan with the state, it will not impede the mayors' group from formulating their own plan or qualifying for grants.

"It would be the 10 villages with a shared services plan," Thomson said.



file photo

Delhi Mayor Jeff Gearhart is the 2024 Delaware County Council of Mayors' president.

That shared services plan, Thomson said, would in turn make the participating villages eligible for grant funding not currently available to them or Delaware County.

Code enforcement and law enforcement

Potential cost savings, Thomson continued, could come from

shared code enforcement and law enforcement. As an example, participating villages could hire and share a code enforcement officer/officer or services and fire inspections could be done on a monthly rotating basis for each of the municipalities. The percentage of the cost for code enforcement in that case, Thomson said, would be reimbursable by the state.

Law enforcement is another area where "huge" savings could be found, he said. Municipalities pay a "fortune" for law enforcement, Thomson said. Walton Mayor Ed Snow reported his police budget is approximately a half-million dollars annually. The Delhi Police Department costs its village taxpayers approximately \$800,000 each year. Sidney Mayor Ray Baker said his village is facing tough choices financially. The village of Sidney is working on its new budget, Baker continued, and downsizing throughout the village is a possibility.

A frustration for each of the municipalities, aside from operational expenses, is that their municipality is paying to train an officer, and once they are trained and certified, they leave the department for a higher paying policing job, with the Delaware County Sheriff's Department, as an example, they said.

Snow said he has asked for

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WALTON

By Patty Wood pwood2@frontier.com

All are invited on Thursday, Jan. 18 at 2 p.m. to see UHS Delaware Valley Hospital's new MRI machine, an exciting addition to the hospital as it's the only full time MRI machine in Delaware County. Appointments can now begin to be scheduled by your doctor. Light refreshments will be served; snow date is Friday, Jan. 19 at 2 p.m.

The Classic Flix this month is Jan. 18 at 7 p.m. at the Walton Movie Theatre and will be "Some Like It Hot" with Marilyn Monroe, Tony Curtis and Jack Lemmon. Come see a classic on the big screen. Tickets are \$7.

The Ogden Library will host its 3rd annual Jigsaw Puzzle Tournament Saturday, Jan. 20. This year, to accommodate more teams, library staff offers both morning and afternoon competition times. Each session will be limited to eight teams of four members. Competitors 12 and up are welcome but each team must have at least one adult member. Teams will have two hours to complete their puzzle. The team with the best time between the morning and afternoon players will be the winner. Each team must register for the event (have a team name ready when you call.) If you don't have a full team one will be created for you. Chose morning competition (10 a.m.-noon) or afternoon competition - 1 -3 p.m.

And Ogden Library board of directors and staff will celebrate 125 years of serving the Walton community this year and look forward to celebrating with the community. Patrons, community members, and library lovers are invited to stop at the library during regular hours Jan. 23-27 to share a memory, look through the history display, make a commemorative bookmark, and have your picture taken for a scrapbook. Tours of all three floors of the library will be available Saturday from 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. It's a wonderful library and a valuable resource. How lucky we have been to have had it for 125 years. Members of The Southern Tier Chapter of the Nam Knights held their first breakfast buffet at the Walton Vet's Club, 10 Park Street, Sunday and will host one once a month for the next three months to help fund the charities and causes they champion and donate to. Breakfasts are scheduled for Feb. 11, March 10 and April 14 and include scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, pancakes, hash browns, coffee, tea, orange and apple juice. Breakfast will

be served from 8 until 11:30 a.m. Cost - \$12

The Gathering Table at the First Congregational Church Fellowship Hall is open and welcomes anyone who would like to share a lunch and some fellowship on the second and third Saturdays of each month from 11:30 to 1:30. On Jan 23 they will be serving shepherd's pie. Come gather for friendship.

Walton Town taxes are due Jan. 31 without any penalty but we would like to remind everyone that you can now split your payment into two equal payments if you choose. You can pay exactly 50% of your bill by Jan 31 and you can pay the other half within the next three penalty periods. If you pay the balance in February, you will pay a 1% penalty, in March you would add 2%, and April you would have to add 3% to the balance. You must pay by April to not be delinquent. Hopefully, this tiered payment may relieve some stress for some people.

Also, you can now pay your whole tax bill by credit card if you choose. You have to add the credit card fee if you choose this option, but it is a way to budget your bill over time. If you have questions about these options call the office at 607-865-5766.

This year the town board changed the fees for use of the town parks and Vet's Plaza. It used to be a \$50 deposit that was refunded after the event, an awkward plan for people and groups and then they had to wait to be refunded. So starting Jan. 1, when you fill out the use application, the fee will be \$25 and non-refundable. We hope everyone can still enjoy using Vet's Plaza and More Park for family and fun activities.

The Delaware Valley Agricultural Society / Fair Board (DVHA) will hold its annual meeting at the Walton Fire Hall Saturday, Jan. 27 at noon. Purpose of the meeting is for members to elect two directors for 5 year terms. Kris Bowker, Denny DuMond and Bill Banks are running for director positions. Only members can vote for directors. DVHA members and their guests are invited to enjoy a ham dinner at noon at the fire hall. The cost is \$10 per person, children under 12 are \$5. Dinner reservations must be made with Jason Craig by calling 607-437-4093 or email delcofair@gmail.com by Jan. 19.

A medical emergency this week brought up the subject of having your 911 address clearly marked on your mailbox on both sides

(in the town) or on the house (in the village). A clearly marked address can save valuable time when the emergency squad is responding to an emergency. I thought it was a good reminder as we are getting into the coldest part of the winter and safety is always a priority. Another idea is to check your smoke detector if they are battery operated and replace them. Our emergency squad and fire department are all volunteers, and while they know their way around the roads, they really need clearly marked addresses to best help all of us.

There is an emergency blood shortage across the nation, as blood donor numbers are at the lowest number in 20 years. If you can, please consider donating when there is a local blood drive.

There will be a benefit chicken and biscuit dinner and lots of raffles for Austin and Megan Kilmer at the Walton Vet's Club Friday, Jan. 26 at 5 p.m. Those wishing to donate to the raffle should contact Jennifer Woodin on Facebook. Austin had a medical emergency that resulted in surgeries that will keep him out of work for an extended time, and he will need extensive rehab; Megan has stayed by his side during this emergency so they have lost both incomes right now. This benefit is to help them with expenses and lend needed support.

The Mustard Seed Thrift Shop welcomes winter with a fabric sale Saturday, Jan. 27 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the shop in the basement of the United Presbyterian Church (red brick). Settle in with a winter project, and check out the assortment of Valentine's Day decorations too.

UPK registration is earlier this year and the lottery application packet has been mailed to every household per the UPK grant instructions. The UPK mailing is in a flat envelope addressed "occupant." Do not throw it out! If you have a child who will be 4 years old by Dec. 1, 2024, and you want them in the Walton UPK program, get it back to the school by Jan 31. If you have younger preschool children, fill out the paper so they can be included in the census. If none of this applies to you, there's no need to do anything, but the paperwork must go to every household per the rules of the UPK grant rules. Thank you for your helping provide accurate numbers for future students.

It's been a pretty mild winter so far, but it seems we're in for some colder weather. I guess we can't complain but I'm not a fan of ice and cold. I'm grateful I don't have to get up first thing in the morning anymore and get out the door. Stay safe and smart in the cold. It could be worse - it could be like Iowa!

CWT: negotiations, funding requests continue

By Elizabeth DeFalco

ARKVILLE – Coalition of Watershed Towns executive board members met Monday, Jan. 15 where Attorney Jeff Baker discussed land acquisition negotiations and a fourth side agreement with New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).

A proposal for a fourth side agreement was drafted to present to DEP, Baker said, and among requests are a commitment from DEP to fund capital costs of wastewater treatment plants that accept septage waste, assistance in funding lateral waterline repairs and connections for homeowners, and funding to address inflow and infiltration (I&I) issues in municipally-owned treatment plants.

Addressing I&I issues will reduce capacity and allow for more hookups, Baker said, and allow plants to begin accepting waste from elsewhere.

Walton Mayor Ed Snow agreed, and explained the reason he "pushes so hard" for DEP to help address I&I issues is because Walton's plant could expand dramatically without the inflow of hundreds of gallons of groundwater into the plant, which has to be treated before being released. "That's what's killing us," Snow said, "We have room, we have the capacity. It's just the I&I."

Andes Supervisor Wayland "Bud" Gladstone asked how DEP funding could address I&I; Baker explained the funds would likely be used to fund studies to identify all wastewater treatment plant issues and investigate the integrity of waterlines.

"We've had studies done," Snow said, "We know where the leaks are coming from. It's about coming up with the bucks."

Additionally, Baker said, the proposal requests additional funding to cover increased costs of maintaining and operating septic systems in the watershed, due to DEP regulations, and reinforces a workforce development program that is currently in progress with Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC). According to Baker, DEP made no commitments but is receptive to the requests.

Negotiations for a revised land acquisition program (LAP) and collaborative streamside

acquisition program (SAP) are incrementally nearing completion, Baker said. New York State Department of Health requested "loose ends" be finalized for a collaborative SAP by the end June, "which should be achievable. We're working toward the goal," Baker said.

While a written SAP may be finalized by the end of June, implementation will likely take an additional 18 months, Baker said. Not much more progress was made regarding LAP negotiations, Baker said.

CWT Vice Chairperson David Kukle said while progress may be slow in negotiations, different identified issues are recognized and understood by stakeholders which will allow for problems to be addressed before they arise, Kukle said.



file photo

Walton Mayor Ed Snow requested DEP funding to address inflow and infiltration issues at the Walton Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Also discussed:

- DEP recently released an "advanced notice of proposed rulemaking" for new wetland regulations, Baker said. "This is pre-rule-making rule-making."

When proposed regulations were introduced, Baker questioned how wetlands of unusual importance would be defined and if language used could be interpreted to include the entire watershed. After review, Baker said nothing in the proposed regulations specifically targets the watershed. "Of course, that doesn't mean we're out of the woods," Baker said, but unless something else is proposed Baker said the watershed will not be impacted any differently than other regions in the state will.

Clarification

The annual meeting of the Delaware County Fair Board, or The Delaware Valley Agricultural Society on Jan. 27 is not open to the public, Director Jason Craig reports. In the Jan. 11 edition of *The Reporter* in a press release titled, "DelCo fair board meeting Jan. 27" members and "interested persons" were invited to make reservations for the noon dinner. The meeting and dinner are open to members and their guests, only.

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Transportation needs created by centralized arraignment

By Elizabeth DeFalco

DELHI – Delaware County Department of Social Services (DSS) committee members discussed a need for late-night transportation, increased deaths caused by drug overdoses, and foster care homes being used as homeless shelters in Bloomville and Stamford during a meeting Monday, Jan. 15.

Director of Services Tasha Amadon and Deputy Commissioner Keith Weaver reported a recent need for transportation from the Delaware County Jail in Delhi, late at night, for people being released from jail without transportation.

“Initially, my thought was, why is the jail releasing people at 8:30 at night?” Weaver said. After a phone conversation with a lieutenant at the jail, Weaver said he believed those being “released” are coming from centralized arraignment or CAP court, as Delaware County recently implemented a centralized plan for justice court arraignments.

Arraignments are held inside the lobby of the Delaware County Jail, at 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., and people are held in jail awaiting arraignment at either time depending on time of arrest. Despite the explanation, Weaver said he was unsure of a solution. Amadon said the issue needs to be addressed as it poses a potential risk to on-call staff who have to transport people after an arraignment.

“It’s not people who are being released from jail, who have maybe been in jail for a period of time, or they come out and you can expect that maybe they’re sober,” Amadon said. “People that are being arrested off the street, arraigned, and then let go. If they don’t have a ride, they call us.”

Taxi services are often not available late at night, Amadon said, and there are no public transportation options in Delaware County. The issue has occurred three times since December 2022, Amadon said, and two of the people in need of transportation needed a ride to Binghamton.

“A caseworker and their on-call buddy ended up transporting and it took like five hours,” Amadon said, “So it’s very costly.”

Additionally, Weaver added, on-call staff aren’t available to

address a crisis if they are transporting for five hours.

“There will be some fallout from staff if we have to add to our already-strained on-call system.”

Typically when someone presents a need for transportation, DSS staff will work with them and their on-hand resources to help provide them with transportation, Amadon said, and once all options are exhausted, then DSS staff will transport them. But, Amadon said, on-call staff said sometimes they are not given the option to speak with the person in need of transportation – just

munication regarding the recent use-change of a foster home to a homeless shelter. Despite residents’ initial reservations and concerns over the shelter, through open communication and action taken when problems arise, Rockefeller said, “It worked out well.” Rockefeller explained a large part of the concern came from the location of the home, on Church Street, in close proximity to a local daycare and directly across the street from a park. The daycare is important to Bloomville residents, Rockefeller said, and community members made

killed five times as many New Yorkers than firearms.

“This is not just a Delaware County problem, it’s a state and county-wide problem we have to grapple with day in and day out.”

• Exterior work on the foster care visitation center, 163 – 165 Main Street, Delhi, is ongoing as contractors build the wheelchair ramps in the front of the building, and steps, porch, and decks around the other sides. Weaver said he is coordinating with Building and Grounds Manager Pete Montgomery to install piping for the propane hookup, as indoor work cannot begin un-

til the building has functioning heat.

Weaver said he hopes the visitation center will be in use by April.

• Eight children were interviewed at the Child Advocacy Center in December, Armano said, for a total of 71 children receiving services in 2023.

• There are 83 children in foster care with 13 terminations and 10 adoptions in progress, Armano said. Six children came into foster care in December, she said, and six children are on trial discharge.



file photo

Centralized arraignment court proceedings are held at the Delaware County Public Safety Facility in Delhi at 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., when needed.

told by jail staff of the need.

“What makes them eligible?” Bovina Supervisor Tina Molé questioned. “Somebody just has no ride? Anybody that has no ride would be eligible?”

DSS is required to help people day or night, DSS Commissioner Sylvia Armano said, “So if what they need is to get to Binghamton, we’re going to get them to Binghamton.”

“The alternative is they become homeless in our county,” Amadon said. “So it’s like, do you deal with them as a homeless person and house them here? Or do you get them where they have a place to stay?”

Molé suggested Amadon and Weaver discuss the issue with Delaware County Sheriff Craig DuMond.

“I’m sure the sheriff would be very willing to talk to you,” she said.

Also discussed:

• Bloomville resident John Rockefeller thanked committee members for their open com-

“a huge effort” to fix the playground at the park.

Armano thanked Rockefeller for his time, and encouraged him and other residents to call her as necessary should any issue arise in the future.

• A foster care home in Stamford is currently being used to house a family in need, Weaver said, while DSS staff work to locate long-term housing. The change of use is temporary, he said, and the decision was made “with a lot of factors in mind.” Stamford Supervisor John Kosier was notified of the change in use, Weaver said.

• Following December’s meeting when Weaver discussed a recent increase in overdose deaths, Weaver shared an article with committee members regarding a call for state Governor Kathy Hochul to declare a public health emergency to address the opioid crisis. According to Weaver, New York overdose deaths have increased by at least 10% each year since 2019, and in 2022, opioids

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DelCo Planning: Climate initiatives could cost towns, homeowners

By Elizabeth DeFalco

DELHI - Delaware County Planning, Culture, and Recreation Committee members discussed unaddressed concerns shared among code enforcement officers in state legislation for the electrification of homes, cars, and other items during a meeting on Thursday, Jan. 11.

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is expected to release regulations this year regarding electrification as part of the state's climate change initiatives, Planning Director Shelly Johnson-Bennett said, "but we haven't actually seen any draft language. Nobody has, to my knowledge. The DEC hasn't even acknowledged anyone's comments [on the Climate Leadership & Community Protection Act], nevertheless the legislation they're proposing."



file photo

Delaware County Planning Director Shelly Johnson-Bennett.

According to Johnson-Bennett, many code enforcement officers have expressed concerns over enforcement of electrification legislation, in addition to maintaining certifications and licensing requirements that will be imposed.

"They're being told by the state already that their requirements for education are going to be increased," Johnson-Bennett said. "They're going to have to get training and certifications they currently don't have. So is the state paying for that? Or is that something the code officers or the towns that hire them are going to have to absorb?"

Masking required at Bassett Healthcare Network

Effective immediately, Bassett Healthcare Network has instituted temporary masking requirements across all its facilities per COVID-19 safety guidelines in place to protect patients, residents, and employees.

All patients, visitors, employees, students, and volunteers are now required to wear medical-grade masks across campuses including A.O. Fox Hospital and A.O. Fox Nursing Home in Oneonta, A.O. Fox Hospital - Tri-Town Campus in Sidney, Bassett Medical Center in Cooperstown, Cobleskill Regional Hospital,

"That's more or less going to force us to change our fee schedules," Meredith Supervisor James Ellis said. Johnson-Bennett agreed, and said permit fees are meant to cover the cost of the service provided by the code enforcement officer.

"If your permit fee is \$25 but it's really costing you \$300 for those building permits, you need to charge \$300 for those building permits, in theory, because you need to be able to absorb that cost so that the majority of taxpayers aren't paying for that one guy building a house that's all electrified," Johnson-Bennett said. Southern Tier 8 representatives and Johnson-Bennett have both attempted to bring the possible issues to the state's attention with no response, she said.

Johnson-Bennett said because questions are unanswered, she's unsure how penalties will be imposed and what standard of enforcement the state will require. As an example, a building permit is not required to install a new hot water heater or gas stove in rural communities, she said, but a building permit may be the only way for a town to confirm a household installed an electric appliance rather than a gas one.

"That's the only arm of enforcement they have," she said.

The additional, possible requirements could severely impact code enforcement officers who serve in multiple municipalities, Johnson-Bennett said.

"So, I don't know what that's gonna mean for you."

"My concern is, what's gonna happen with the young family that's got three kids and in 2025 their furnace goes bad, and they're told they have to convert to electric; put in an electric boiler, or a split system, or a hydro system. Who's gonna pay for that?" Roxbury Supervisor Allan Hinkley asked.

The forced electrification of homes in New York could have real consequences for rural families, Johnson-Bennett said.

"But as we said in our letter, you need to incentivize change over time. Imposing change with penalties for rural families is going to force people into desperate measures. You're going to make the situation worse."

Little Falls Hospital, O'Connor Hospital, Valley Health Services and Valley Residential Services in Herkimer, all outpatient clinics, all school-based health centers, all administrative offices, and other buildings.

While masking safety measures are in place, signs will alert building entrants at all locations. Masks are available at entrances.

The network-wide mandatory masking requirement will be reassessed in one week. Bassett's experts continue to monitor community COVID-19 cases and trends daily.

BUSINESS Spotlight

Polished to perfection: Walton welcomes a new nail salon

By Elizabeth DeFalco

WALTON - Noticed Nails, owned and operated by Melinda Pitula, officially opened its doors at 4 Water Street, Walton, and welcomed first clients Saturday, Jan. 13. Pitula and her husband, Gregg, transformed the flood-

big opportunity."

Pitula said the welcoming atmosphere of Walton is what convinced her to take the leap and open her own business in the village.

"I'll never forget it," Pitula said, "Me and my daughter went into the Big M - I call it the Piggly Wiggly - and when we were walking

Hair" clock gifted to Pitula in 2000 from her late mother, and various framed photographs, cabinets, and shelving units used at Golden Shears before its closing.

Additionally, above the couch in the waiting area, faint hummingbird outlines can be found on the freshly-painted walls from stickers left by the previous owners. "Hummingbirds are my mom's sign," Pitula said, "So we started painting, and as we started painting these hummingbird stickers came through in the paint."

"When I first started looking, I wasn't sure if this was the place," Pitula said. "I didn't know if it was meant for me to open again, so I prayed about it and prayed about it." Once the hummingbirds made their faint appearance in the paint, Pitula said she knew she at least had to give the business her best shot.

"When all these things started falling into place, I was like, I gotta try," she said.

Pitula offers a variety of nail services including classic and gel manicures with options for designs, acrylic tips and sculpt-



Patty Wood/The Reporter

A ribbon cutting ceremony was held at Noticed Nails, 4 Water Street, Walton, next to Joe's Pizzeria, Saturday, Jan. 13. Pictured from left are Lou Klinegardner, building manager, Dick DuMond, Walton Chamber vice president, Melinda and Gregg Pitula, Walton Trustee Eric Ball, Mayor Ed Snow and Trustee and Walton Chamber of Commerce Director Nate Jamieson.

damaged space into a salon that matches her personality, she said, within a matter of months. Thanks to a series of "right place, right time" events that led her to finding the Water Street space, Pitula said she signed a one-year lease in November 2023; since then, Gregg dedicated countless hours to transforming the space into a functioning, welcoming nail salon. From construction to plumbing and heating installation, Pitula said her husband handled all renovations necessary to open.

Pops of yellow - Pitula's favorite color - vibrant pink, fun patterns, and sentimental decorations now cover the walls and floors that were once water-damaged and in bad shape only a few short months ago, Pitula said. Looking around the renovated salon, Pitula delved into the history of her career as a nail technician that started in Sullivan County approximately 30 years ago.

To start out, Pitula said she co-owned a salon called Noticed Nails and Hair with her business partner, a hair stylist who eventually moved away. After working from a shop out of her home for a short time, Pitula worked at Golden Shears in Liberty for approximately eight years, she said.

"They just closed a year ago," Pitula said, just as she began her hiatus from doing nails due to a shoulder surgery.

After taking a year break, Pitula felt the desire to lean back into her craft as a nail technician while other aspects of her life changed around her. Pitula and her husband moved to Delaware County nearly three years ago when the couple purchased their dream home in Franklin, she said, after selling the business Gregg had established rebuilding muscle cars.

"It was sad," Pitula said of the sale; "He built it from the ground up. But the economy was booming as far as selling, and we saw a



Elizabeth DeFalco/The Reporter

Melinda Pitula, owner and nail technician at Noticed Nails, 4 Water Street, Walton, inside her freshly-renovated salon prior to its official opening.



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An acrylic set done by Melinda Pitula of Noticed Nails following the ribbon-cutting ceremony Saturday, Jan. 13.

in there was a band playing outside. And this was in the spring, and it was beautiful. Everywhere you go everyone says hi, gives smiles. Everybody's nice."

Even "competing" businesses have expressed support in Pitula's endeavor, she said, and are thankful there is another technician in town to help address the high demand for services.

Many of the decorations and furniture used in the salon are sentimental to Pitula, she said, including the "Noticed Nails &

ed sets, and both classic and gel pedicures. She said her goal is to develop personal relationships with each of her clients, and continue to establish a local and loyal customer base like she did in Sullivan County.

Noticed Nails is open Tuesday - Saturday and closed Sunday, Monday, and every other Wednesday. The salon is open from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday - Friday, and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays. To make an appointment, call Pitula at 607-441-6162.

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DelCo DPW, planning staff relocate to new building

Transportation study to be presented to supervisors Feb. 28

By Elizabeth DeFalco

DELHI - Delaware County Planning Committee members met at the new administrative building, shared by the county planning department and Department of Public Works (DPW) administrative staff, Thursday, Jan. 11.

Supervisors took a brief tour of the building's three floors, led by Planning Director Shelly Johnson-Bennett and DPW Commissioner Jim Thomas. Planning staff offices, a conference room,

storage, a server room, and a GIS (Geographic Information System) room are located on the first floor; DPW administrative staff offices, another conference room, storage rooms, and a break room are located on the second floor, and engineering staff offices and storage space are located on the third floor.

Carrying boxes of items from former offices on Page Avenue, planning department staff said they were happy to be nearly moved into the new building. GIS Analyst Josh Roe will work with Information Technology Di-

rector Joe deMauro to complete the relocation of copy machines, printers, and the department's GIS plotter into the new building, as well as help transition staff from desktop computers to Surface Pros.

"So far," Planning Director Shelly Johnson-Bennett said, "it's been a fairly smooth transition."

Johnson-Bennett said she will continue to seek funding for a SmartBoard and an Owl Labs meeting camera for the planning department's new conference room, as well as a new GIS plotter. The SmartBoard and Owl



Elizabeth DeFalco/The Reporter

Delaware County Department of Public Works (DPW) Commissioner Jim Thomas, Meredith Supervisor Jim Ellis, Tompkins Supervisor William "Bill" Layton, and Bovina Supervisor Tina Molé, and planning committee members, toured the new Delhi planning department and DPW administrative building Thursday, Jan. 11.

Labs meeting camera could be utilized to benefit multiple different facets of the county, Bovina Supervisor Tina Molé said, and suggested the purchases be funded using remaining county American Rescue funds. Johnson-Bennett reported on the "outside boards" planning department staff are engaged in, such as Southern Tier 8, which hold meetings virtually or have switched to webinars for their sessions. An Owl Labs camera operates on a 360-degree rotation and will lock on an individual while they speak during the meeting; the camera also serves as a microphone and a speaker.

"I think if we had a system set up with the SmartBoard and an Owl system, it would be a multi-function resource that can be used here," Johnson-Bennett said.

clarified, but "they're one-in-the-same in many respects. The housing study will inform recommendations in the county comprehensive plan," she said. "So even though they're two separate contracts, we'll be having these consultants kind of dovetail their work together and complete both projects at the same time," Johnson-Bennett said.

County drone policies and procedures are still in the works, Johnson-Bennett said, but when they are adopted many employee job descriptions must be updated, or handled alternatively, as the duties required to operate a drone such as training, licensing, on-call assignments, and other requirements are outside the scope of work for union employees and not included in their contract. Johnson-Bennett said she is working with Human Re-



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DPW Commissioner Jim Thomas shows Meredith Supervisor Jim Ellis and Tompkins Supervisor William "Bill" Layton where maps of Delaware County are stored on the third floor of the new DPW administrative and planning department building, at the corner of Main and Bridge streets in Delhi.



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Delaware County Planning Committee members toured the new county building, on the corner of Main and Bridge streets, during their meeting Thursday, Jan. 11. Pictured are DPW Commissioner Jim Thomas, left, Hancock Supervisor Jerry Vernold, and Tompkins Supervisor William "Bill" Layton.

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) committee will meet in February, Molé said, and Johnson-Bennett will obtain cost estimates to propose to the committee. Johnson-Bennett will seek grant funding to purchase the GIS plotter recommended for purchase by deMauro, she said. The plotter is \$45,000, she said, but is the same as the GIS plotter used by the county's Real Property Tax department and will help keep maintenance and regular updates aligned between the two departments.

Also discussed:

In conjunction with housing study contract, awarded to C.T. Male Associates at a cost of \$48,600 in December, planning committee members authorized the award of a contract to Fisher Associates of Binghamton at a cost of \$199,975 to complete a county-wide comprehensive strategic plan.

The studies are two different projects, Johnson-Bennett

sources Director Carrara Knoetgen to facilitate job description changes so a policy and procedure can be adopted and implemented.

Grants Manager Audrey Benkenstein has resigned, effective Jan. 19. Committee members authorized the vacant position be advertised.

VIA Mobility representatives were contacted to present their finalized county transportation study, conducted in 2022 and previously presented in May 2023, to supervisors on Feb. 28. VIA Mobility was paid to investigate, simulate, develop, and present public transit options and solutions with a \$50,000 county American Rescue funds grant applied for by the Delaware County Chamber of Commerce in 2022.

Once the plan is presented, committee members will present the plan for supervisors' consideration and adoption.

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Riley kicks off 2024 19th Congressional District campaign

Walton Q & A includes redistricting, climate change, campaign finance, more

By Elizabeth DeFalco

WALTON - The Walton Democratic Committee hosted a question and answer session on Saturday, Jan. 13, with Congressional candidate Josh Riley, who is running for the 19th Congressional District, which includes Delaware County, in November's general election.

Riley is a former congressional aide and law clerk for the U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and ran against Molinaro for the seat in 2022, losing by a total of 6,202 votes.

"Delaware County's agenda is my agenda," Riley said.

With a focus on infrastructure investment and environmental protection, Riley said the issues brought to his attention day-to-day when he's in Delaware County, "are the same issues we're focused on on our campaign."

In contrast to his opponent who voted to cut the Environmental Protection Agency's funding by approximately 30% and give "billions and billions of

ticsians," he said.

Another resident, Ted Hayek, asked how Riley would help address a lack of transparency from elected officials.

"We have a unique system here," Hayek said. "They act like it's their candy shop. No transparency," he continued, and questioned how to raise awareness of the issue locally.

Riley referred to a congressional bill which he said would restore voting rights.

"I believe political power belongs to people, not politicians and special interests. And that bill would at its heart accomplish that," Riley said.

As an attorney working for U.S. Senator Al Franken on the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee, Riley said he took lead on the Voting Rights Restoration Act and if elected, would continue to work on that legislation.

Another attendee, Eboné Bishop, asked Riley to name three things voters could do to take action against political infrastructure put in place to "establish



Elizabeth DeFalco/The Reporter

Josh Riley answers questions at a meet and greet event held Saturday, Jan. 13 in Walton.

nearly \$700,000 in the fourth quarter of 2023, and enters 2024 with more than \$1.45 million cash on hand.

"I'm so grateful for the outpouring of grassroots support our campaign has received," Riley said. "I'll always fight for upstate New Yorkers, and I'll never take a penny from the corporate PACs that bribe politicians to do their bidding in Congress."

In other discussion, Riley reported that New York State Electric and Gas (NYSEG) recently increased rates by 33% during a time when families are struggling to make ends meet.

"You know what else they did at the same time?" Riley questioned. "They've pumped tens of thousands of dollars into Marc Molinaro's campaign."

"I've been out challenging that rate hike and utility companies don't like that. But that's fine with me because I'm not going to work for them, I'm going to work for you," Riley said.

In terms of addressing the political infrastructure, Riley said the campaign finance system must be fixed in order to give voters a "real voice."

In dialogue with Bishop, Riley asked how he could better address her concerns in Congress. Bishop encouraged Riley, and others, to begin speaking in a way that resonates with all people who "fundamentally believe in the humanity of others," whether or not they share similar ideas or identities.

"Talking in that way, like, 'Do you want grandma freezing? Your kid going to school, you know, hungry?'" Bishop said. "So I think it's about actually talking in terms of humanity," Bishop said, rather than using language with deterring connotations.

Climate change is a topic "near

said, "because the thing we have always done and always done really well across upstate New York is we make the things the world needs to solve its biggest challenges."

In the midst of working to address the climate crisis, Riley said he envisioned upstate New Yorkers with good jobs, good benefits, strong unions, and "a clear path to the middle class" by making solar panels, batteries, semiconductors, and other important technologies to support the transition to electric energy.

"And we're gonna build the stuff to do it right. I believe that in my heart and soul, I believe that we can do it."

Riley also spoke about redistricting. After congressional district lines were redrawn and challenged last year, the Independent Redistricting Commission must redraw the district lines and are expected to release a new set of maps "any day now." Riley said the most likely outcome is the congressional race will be conducted in the current districts.

"Delaware County's agenda is my agenda."

CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATE JOSH RILEY.

dollars in tax breaks to the big corporations and utility monopolies financing his campaign," Riley said, he aims to protect the region's natural treasures including the Delaware River Basin and create a pathway for the upstate workforce to enter into the middle class.

"And so most folks I talked to are ready for a change and ready to return power to people instead of big special interests," Riley said.

precedent, and reinforce precedent," in terms of Supreme Court Justice or circuit courts appointees. "This is a multi-generational battle," Bishop said.

"We've seen decades of dark money and special interests stacking the Supreme Court," Riley said, "and I'll tell you one of the things that was, you know, sneaky-terrible they did was dismantle all of our campaign finance laws."

Riley said "massive" amounts of dark money and money from



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Congressional candidate Josh Reilly, center, was hosted by the Walton Democratic Committee Saturday, Jan. 13. He is pictured with Delaware County Democratic Chairperson Kathleen Hayek and Walton Democratic Committee Chairperson Eric Ball.

Along with job creation and protection of the environment, residents questioned Riley's position on other key topics including women's healthcare, campaign finance, redistricting and other topics.

"I remember for women it just felt like the world had opened up to me," Walton resident Katherine Bridges said.

Since 2016, she said, there's been a sense that women are no longer protected, referring to women's healthcare and other issues impacting women.

Riley recognized the country is in "scary times" regarding abortion access following the overturn of *Roe v. Wade*. "If you can rip away a woman's right to make their own decisions after 40 years, then you can rip away anti-discrimination laws. You can get rid of marriage equality. You can take away seniors' rights to retire with dignity," Riley said, and encouraged residents to no longer take their freedoms and rights for granted.

Riley referenced a federal court case where he represented the National Organization for Women in attempt to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment into the U.S. Constitution, and promised to continue the fight in Congress.

"Abortion is healthcare, and women's healthcare decisions are women's healthcare decisions. They do not belong to poli-



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Walton resident Ted Hayek, center, asks Riley how he plans to address the lack of transparency from elected officials. Also pictured are Stuart Hardison and Kathy Mario, both of Delhi.

special interests was ushered into financing campaigns. "And so it's no wonder that we have politicians right now who go off to Congress and they vote the way the big corporate PACs (political action committee) and special interests want them to vote."

Riley has committed to not accepting PAC donations to his campaign.

Riley, in a press release issued Jan. 11, announced he raised

and dear to his heart," Riley said, as a father of two young children. "We've had days now where you can't go outside because of the wildfire smoke coming down from Canada," he said. An important aspect of addressing climate change is building the tools to combat it, Riley said. "So now, I see the current crisis with climate change, as not just a crisis, but also an incredible opportunity to rebuild the middle class," he

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The struggle for engineering excellence: DelCo Planning shares SWCD project delay frustration

By Elizabeth DeFalco

DELHI - Delaware County Department of Planning, Culture, and Recreation Director Shelly Johnson-Bennett discussed contract issues Delaware County Soil and Water Conservation District staff have with New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) during a Jan. 11 committee meeting.

Projects proposed to DEP by SWCD program staff are continuously delayed due to design review regulations imposed on SWCD, Johnson-Bennett said.

"The projects are continuously held up in design which is a major issue for them," she said, but not the biggest issue faced by SWCD.

According to Johnson-Bennett, SWCD requested additional funds from DEP over the next five years due to cost increases on projects identified as priority, but slowed due to DEP design reviews; DEP responded by suggesting the funding contract to

SWCD be cut by approximately \$5 million.

"If they cut that contract, Graydon [Dutcher] may be in a position where he can't do any projects," Johnson-Bennett said of the stream management program. According to Johnson-Bennett, DEP suggested the funds be reallocated to other basins to fund projects because Delaware County staff are "too hard to work with," she said.

"We're the only basin that has two licensed engineers on our staff and can do our own designs," Johnson-Bennett said, and projects submitted by Delaware County's licensed engineers are reviewed by a DEP staff member who is not a licensed engineer.

The DEP staff member returns designs to SWCD with significant changes to the plans, she said, "And our engineers are coming back and saying, 'No, I don't want to put that retention wall there because it's going to create erosion elsewhere.'" SWCD

engineers will refuse to stamp and finalize plans with DEP's suggestions because of liability concerns with their licenses, Johnson-Bennett said.

The other basins hire DEP pre-approved engineering consultants "that work the same way the city does, so it's just like the other programs the city runs," Johnson-Bennett said, therefore, other basins do not deal with the same pushback from DEP; other basins are also not completing projects on the same scale Delaware County is, Johnson-Bennett said.

"The city, in my mind, cannot justify taking that money away when we're the largest portion of the West of Hudson [watershed]. There are more stream miles in Delaware County than there is the other half of the watershed," Johnson-Bennett said.

Previous coverage: www.the-reporter.net/stories/oversight-overlooked-water-quality-project-delays-at-swcd,128781?

Land acquisition, land use decisions discussed at DelCo Planning

By Elizabeth DeFalco

DELHI - Delaware County Planning Director Shelly Johnson-Bennett provided an update on recent land-use decisions made by New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and ongoing negotiations for land acquisition during a Jan. 11 committee meeting.

The interim FAD (Filtration Avoidance Determination) calls for a reduction in overall land acquisition in the watershed, Johnson-Bennett said; Delaware County encouraged a 500-acre cap, she said, and DEP responded with a 1,500-acre counter that has not been reduced, "even though we challenged them that this is not what we will agree to, so we still don't have a new number from the city," Johnson-Bennett said. The pilot alternative program for streamside acquisition is still being negotiated, as well, she said. Negotiations are "coming along," Johnson-Bennett said. "But again, there's still some

dissension as to what would be allowed [under Streamside Acquisition Program] and what wouldn't."

Additionally, she said, revised conservation easement language between New York City and New York state was agreed on, though no easement language was released to stakeholders so Johnson-Bennett had no changes to report.

"We continue to struggle with land use permits and the city," Johnson-Bennett said.

DEP Deputy Commissioner Paul Rush attended a CWT (Coalition of Watershed Towns) meeting in December 2023 to address recent land use decisions made by DEP staff regarding signage posted on DEP-owned land and a turnaround in Roxbury for plow trucks. More specifically, signage advertising a boat launch and power-washing business on DEP land.

"Paul can be very blunt," Johnson-Bennett said, "and Paul came right out and said 'I wish they wouldn't send letters like this.'"

Johnson-Bennett said to address the issue, Rush encouraged DEP staff to work with CWC (Catskill Watershed Corporation) to develop standardized signage that will notify drivers of where a boat launch or steam cleaning business is, without advertising private businesses on city land, she said. A large part of the issue with the boat launch sign was the advertisement of the Solitude Inn - a rental home in Walton.

"As far as these other things, they're sort of at a stalemate," Johnson-Bennett said. "The lawyers are involved which would take awhile. They're trying to come up with a policy that allows for municipal use of the lands for functions of government," she said, which would make turn-arounds an allowable use.

"That's part of the easement language change that we're negotiating," Johnson-Bennett said, "So we're just going to continue to hammer on these things."

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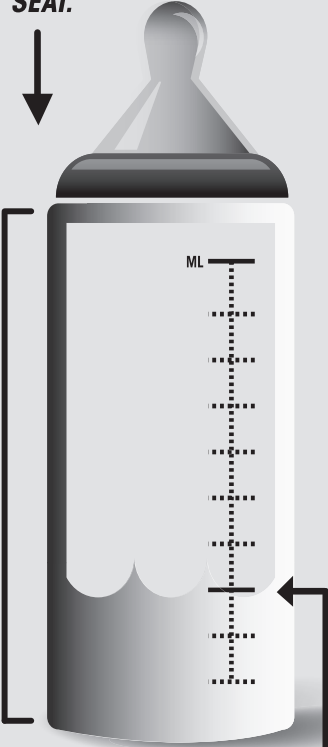
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Unleashing Potential: Personal trainer empowers others with ‘New Self Fitness’

By Lillian Browne

HOBART - A certified ISSA (International Sports Sciences Association) personal trainer, Josh Anderson of Hobart, has launched a health and fitness business - “New Self Fitness,” where he aims to transform lives through fitness, diet and lifestyle.

Fitness is not just a job; it’s a passion, Anderson said. He developed a passion for fitness while in high school at South Kortright Central School. He has experienced firsthand the positive changes it brought to his own life, and his personal journey fueled his desire to share the gift of



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In addition to custom-tailored fitness plans, Josh Anderson of New Self Fitness also provides nutrition/diet guidance.



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Strength training and conditioning sessions are part of Josh Anderson’s personal fitness journey.

fitness with others. The name of his business, he said, was a collective effort by his family following a Bible study. They were learning about having a new image as it relates to their faith, and his brother, Anderson said, remarked how the business was also a reflection of people striving for a new image - a new body; and the rest is history, he said.

New Self Fitness is more than just a business; Anderson helps people of all ages, abilities and



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Josh Anderson of New Self Fitness offers “gym rat packages” among others to clients seeking improved fitness.

fitness levels unlock their full potential. His approach goes beyond the physical aspect of training, emphasizing a holistic view that encompasses both the body and the mind. Strength and conditioning sessions are custom tailored to suit individual needs, ensuring that each client receives a program designed for optimal results.

The average person will begin to notice results within two to three months, he said.

Nutrition, a cornerstone of Anderson’s philosophy, plays a pivotal role in his training programs. Understanding that fitness is not just about movement but also about nourishment, he educates clients on making sustainable lifestyle choices. Whether it’s crafting personalized meal plans or offering guidance, he strives to empower his clients with the knowledge they need to make informed decisions about their health.

“Everyone thinks dieting is cutting out something you really like to eat,” he said, or that meals will taste horrible because “carbs” are eliminated. “That’s not true at all,” he said. Losing weight is as simple as eating less calories than you burn, Anderson said.

“You have to pick and choose your battles [with food], and control your portions. Eat less calories for losing weight, and vice-

versa for gaining.”

Bodybuilding, another facet of his expertise, adds a dynamic element to his training methodology. His clients build physical strength and sculpt their bodies to achieve aesthetic goals.

“You don’t need to be in the gym for hours and do a ton of reps,” Anderson said.

What sets New Self Fitness apart from similar businesses is Anderson’s commitment to clients’ success. His drive to help anyone - regardless of their starting point or fitness level - achieve their goals is his driving force. He doesn’t just count reps; he counts victories, big and small, that each client achieves on their fitness journey.

With older clients, he said, he focuses on form. For younger clients, he focuses on small wins.

One thing he wants people to know is that their bodies are vehicles that carry them through life. You need to take care of your body, he said.

“The healthier you are the more of a habit it will become. Health becomes a habit,” he said.

If you start taking care of your health now, he continued, “Your 80-year-old body will thank you.”

For more information about New Self Fitness, visit newself-fitness.com, email joshua.training05@gmail.com or find him on Instagram @joshfit19.

Work smarter, not harder..

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contribution to the village’s police budget from the town of Walton because village officers often provide services in the town. The town has refused, Snow said. Discussions have also been had about expanding village police coverage to the town, Snow said, to share the cost among more taxpayers, to no avail.

Hancock Trustee Ricky Kuehn said though it is a good idea, “You have to get buy-in from the town and if they don’t want to help, you can’t twist their arm.” Aside from operational expenses, they agreed, there is a universal shortage of all staff, not just police officers.

The villages of Walton, Hancock, Delhi and Sidney operate and fund municipal police departments. The town of Colchester operates a town-wide police department and the Delaware County Sheriff’s Office and New York State Police provide county-wide policing.

“Each community has specific needs when it comes to a police force,” Delhi Mayor Jeff Gearhart said.

Layers of government

Delaware County has 19 towns, 10 villages and one county - 30 layers of government to oversee 45,000 people, Thomson said. Government in Delaware County is antiquated, he continued, and was set up that way when everyone traveled by horse and buggy and it was an overnight trip from Hancock to Delhi.

Discussion then turned to a more common and efficient form of government, a legislature, comprised of elected district legislators and an elected county executive/manager. Elected legislators could become full-time employees of the county, Thomson said of a more streamlined change in the organizational structure of county government. If a legislature were formed it would allow town supervisors to focus on their towns, rather than the county. Delaware County is one of the few counties in New York that continue to operate with a board of supervisors,

he said. The group will continue discussing the issue.

Formalizing bylaws and dues

Gearhart distributed Monroe County mayors’ association bylaws to the group for review and after discussion suggested establishing annual dues at \$500 per member village. Delhi Supervisor Maya Boukai is in favor of towns that have a village contributing to dues, she said. Villages are a source of revenue such as generators of sales tax, as an example, she said. The county should also be asked to contribute or pay dues, she said, because the county is the sole benefactor of the sales tax. It’s generated in the village and kept by the county. The bylaws and annual dues schedule will be distributed to each village, Gearhart said. A rotating slate of officers also need to be established, Gearhart said. For 2024 Gearhart will be the Delaware County Council of Mayors’ president, Snow will be vice-president and Margaretville Mayor John Hubbell will be treasurer.

Sales tax

All agreed they are in favor of Delaware County sharing sales tax with villages, they said.

“I understand their (the county’s) hesitation of sharing with the towns that don’t have villages, but if you have a village in your town, that’s what’s generating the revenue,” Boukai said.

Boukai calculated that if the county were to give each village \$100,000 per year in sales tax, it would amount to \$1 million. Delaware County has increased its sales tax revenue \$9 million per year since Covid, Boukai said.

“That’s something they weren’t planning on,” she said of the “found” money.

“We need it to stay in business,” Baker said.

Sidney is in financial straits, he added. The next step for the group is to receive permission from their village board members to become a member of the Delaware County Council of Mayors, and authorize annual dues of \$500.

Free virtual job fair Jan. 30

The Workforce Development Board (WDB), Herkimer, Madison, Oneida Counties, Inc., will hold a free virtual job fair Tuesday, Jan. 30, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., for businesses and job seekers in Herkimer, Madison, Oneida, Onondaga, Chenango, Delaware, and Otsego counties.

Workforce Development Board staff will be available to talk with job seekers about how training grant programs can help

individuals get started in a good paying career. The online event is sponsored by the WDB’s Regional Apprenticeship Development and Readiness (RADAR) grant project.

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removal is handled and paid for. Delaware County owns more than 130 parcels of property in the village of Sidney, Baker said, including tax foreclosure properties. FEMA buyout properties are located on River, Oak, Wineguard, Camp, Union, Patterson, Gilbert, Maple, Bridge, Weir and Grand streets, Baker said. "It's very important that everyone keeps their sidewalks clear," Baker said. "It's a safety issue." Johnson-Bennett announced at a Delaware County Planning Committee meeting on Thursday, Jan. 11 that she hopes to set up a meeting with Baker to come up with a solution. Sidewalk clearing and mowing of county-owned properties is a burden on

both municipalities, Johnson-Bennett said. One of the things she has suggested is that CDO youth workers in Sidney be hired to shovel sidewalks, as well as salt and sand them. Glenn Nealis, Delaware County Economic Development Director, who oversees CDO Workforce, is looking into that option, Johnson-Bennett said. "Maybe that's a cost-share between us and the village. Maybe we buy salt and shovels and the village gives us a place to store it." Previous reporting: www.the-reporter.net/stories/delco-planning-sidney-officials-residents-request-sidewalk-snow-removal-on-county-owned-property,128229?

Grant writing assistance workshop Feb. 1

The Community Foundation for South Central New York will hold its annual grant writing technical assistance workshop Thursday, Feb. 1 from 9 - 10:30 a.m. via Zoom. In addition to reviewing all of the funding opportunities the foundation will be offering in 2024, the inquiry and application process will be discussed.

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Franklin food pantry...

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cluding the checklist suggestion. "And we've tweaked it a little bit. We added some staples that were not on it, like bread, milk, eggs, butter, cheese. Those sort of things that were perishable," she said, "But they were very, very helpful to us." Since Shivers, McLean, Gray, and other steering committee members took over the pantry, members of the community have been "unbelievably supportive,"

those who are not in need can donate to the pantry and sponsor a box, Shivers said. "We get a lot of end-of-year donations through that which really helps offset the cost of filling those boxes." The food pantry often works in collaboration with Franklin Central School offering a pizza party to the class who collects the most non-perishable food items. "The elementary classes, pre-

January 18, 2024 often donate to the food pantry. "And that adds up to a significant amount. That's just, you know, more local businesses that are willing to go above and beyond to support this." The food pantry has no guidelines or income restrictions, Shivers said, "Anyone can visit the pantry. If someone shows up and they're in need, we help them." Visitors are encouraged to only visit the pantry once a month. "But obviously, if you show up again we're going to help you."



Elizabeth DeFalco/The Reporter

The Greater Franklin Food Pantry Director Meg Shivers, Helen McLean, steering committee member, and Amber Gray, social media manager at the food pantry.

Shivers said. "We get donations weekly. People drop off bags of food, or boxes, or literally some people go to BJ's and fill their trunks." Gray said she often tries to post a list of needed items to the pantry's social media page to notify donors of what the food pantry is lacking. A strong social media presence increased the amount of donations to address specific pantry needs, Gray said, in addition to alerting the public of the pantry's existence. They also use social media for volunteer recruitment, Shivers said. Volunteers are always needed, Shivers said, as the pantry is constantly facilitating different food box giveaways. The pantry provides holiday food boxes around Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas, Shivers said, which are filled with holiday meal ingredients as well as staple grocery items. "And over the past few years, we've had anywhere from 30 to 45 families for each holiday," she said. Not only can those in need sign up to receive a food box, but

K through sixth grade, filled 28 boxes," Shivers said. Additionally, Shivers said, when the school hosts a family movie night the admission fee is often an item to donate to the food pantry. Shivers noted various other businesses like Mirabito and Blue Farm Antiques that

The food pantry serves residents in Franklin, Treadwell, and the former Treadwell school district, Shivers said. The Greater Franklin Food Pantry is open every Friday from 2 - 4 p.m. or by appointment. To make an appointment, call or text 607-386-1601.

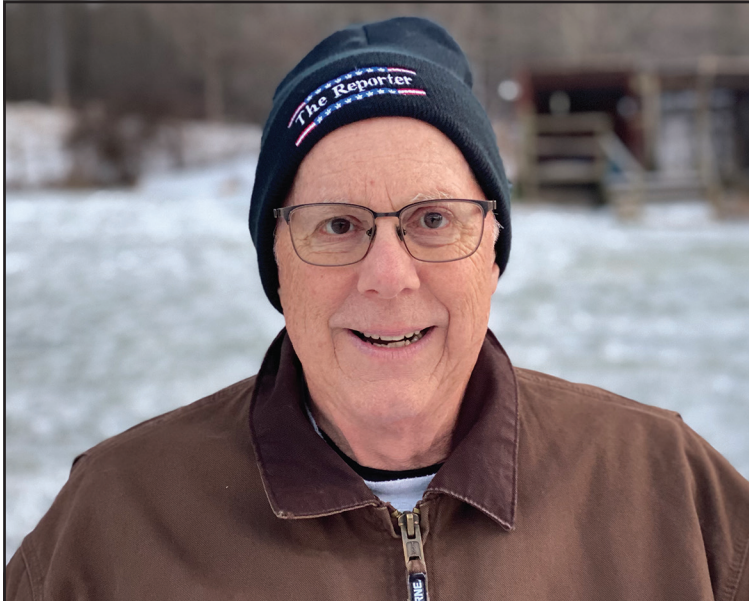


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The Greater Franklin Food Pantry is located in the building adjacent to the Franklin Railroad and Community Museum, which donated the space to the pantry in 2020.

Weather Words with Frank Ward

An interesting week



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Walton Weather Observer Frank Ward

"Friday Jan. 12 was a real nice day. We had decent temperatures; we had sun in the morning and it clouded up in the afternoon but it brings back that old saying, 'The calm before the storm,' because the wind started coming up on Friday night and it rained Saturday, Jan. 13 - and not quite as bad as last time. We had 29.3 as our air pressure instead of 28.9; and we had winds up to 30 miles an hour instead of 52 miles an hour, but we got enough precipitation by Sunday morning, when I went out to measure it, for the entire month of January. Which means everything that's falling since Sunday is extra for this month. Anyway, on Sunday, Jan. 14, we got three rather heavy snowfalls, as far as a snow squall went. Between noon and 3 o'clock, it dumped 3 inches of very light snow with almost no moisture. Then Monday, Jan. 15 started at 3 degrees and we only got to 21. Tuesday, Jan. 16 came along, and it was 15 degrees to start, which was much better; but then started to snow and most schools started with delays, and then most of

them closed. It's kinda hard to figure out how much actually fell because every time I swept it off the front part of my walkway, I went around and measured it. Because it's very light snow, it has lots of space between it so if it keeps snowing, the other flakes settle in, so it's hard to tell exactly what fell. I estimated it to be about 5 1/2 to 6 inches and sitting on the ground right now there's 7 inches of snow.

Wednesday we started at 9 degrees. Cold weather is gonna stay with us through this entire weekend. We might get to freezing on Monday. Stay warm, stay safe and we will see what next week brings." ~Frank Ward *Weather Words with Frank Ward FREE video forecast and summary reports can be found at the-reporter.net on Mondays and Thursdays, and on The Reporter's Facebook page.*



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Middletown pair charged in weapons, drug possession indictments

By Lillian Browne

DELHI - Delaware County Sheriff Craig DuMond held a press-conference Friday, Jan. 12 announcing the indictment of **Dennis A. Fickeria Jr.**, 42, and **Dedre A. Vincent**, 34, both of Middletown. The two were indicted by the Delaware County Grand Jury Thursday, Jan. 11 and charged with multiple counts of weapons possession, including “ghost guns,” and drug possession, among other charges.

The two were arrested by the Delaware County Sheriff’s Office Jan. 3, following a 10-month investigation, DuMond reported. DuMond alleged the two were “trafficking” narcotic drugs from their home in Middletown and at Speedway in Arkville, where Vincent is accused of taping narcotics to the backs of toilets.

Through a traffic stop for speeding on Jan. 3, DuMond said the department’s K9, Dexter, alerted on Fickeria’s vehicle, and a hand search of his vehicle resulted in the discovery of 12 bags of fentanyl. Fickeria was

seventh-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance. He was also charged with speeding, DuMond said. Fickeria was arraigned at centralized arraignment on Jan. 4 and held at the Delaware County Jail on \$10,000 cash bail. He was arraigned again Jan. 10 on a new charge of first-degree criminal possession of a weapon, and sent to the Delaware County Jail, without bail.

Vincent was also additionally charged Jan. 10 with one count of

State laws like bail reform are not making communities safer, DuMond said. People feel emboldened to commit crimes, he continued, because there is no accountability for their actions.

Tina Molé, supervisors’ chairperson, said Delaware County is not immune to the societal issues of drug dealing, illegal weapons trade and the potential for tragic consequences associated with the challenges. The arrest is an example of how well-trained Delaware County deputies are,

“Big city stuff is starting to happen here, even in a little mud-puddle place like Delaware County.”
DELAWARE COUNTY SHERIFF CRAIG DUMOND

first-degree criminal possession of a weapon, and again released on recognizance.

Vincent faces a 37-count indictment charging her with: one count of first-degree criminal possession of a weapon; six counts of third-degree criminal possession of a weapon; two

she continued in praise of the sheriff’s office.

Middletown Supervisor Glen Faulkner said it is obvious that criminal activity and drug use in Delaware County is far greater than anyone realizes.

“It’s hard to fathom this type of activity in a small rural town, especially Middletown,” Faulkner said.

Vincent and Fickeria were arraigned on the indictments Tuesday, Jan. 16 by County Court Judge John Hubbard. Vincent pleaded not guilty to the charges and District Attorney Shawn Smith asked that she be held on \$100,000 cash bail, or \$200,000 bond stating that the first-degree criminal possession of a weapon charge is a “qualifying offense” for bail. Vincent was released by the town justice court, Smith said, on his recommendation, saying he was unaware of the extent of Vincent’s involvement in the alleged incidents at the time he made the recommendation she be released on recognizance.

“That was my fault and I take responsibility for it,” Smith said.

Since then, Smith said, he learned that Vincent was allegedly selling the drugs and trad-



photo from Delaware County Sheriff’s Office Facebook page
Middletown Supervisor makes remarks at a press conference held Friday, Jan. 12 announcing the arrest and indictment of two Middletown residents on felony gun and drug charges.

arrested for drug possession, DuMond continued, and deputies obtained a search warrant for his residence. Deputies then observed Vincent leaving the residence, DuMond said, and stopped her for failure to stop at a stop sign and for making an illegal u-turn.

A 10-year-old child discovered in the home while the search warrant was being executed, DuMond said, as well as a 22-year-old male.

During the search deputies located 19 “longguns,” two of which were stolen, DuMond said. Some of the guns were loaded and unsecured. Also discovered were four AR-style rifles and eight illegal handguns, two of which are “ghost guns,” DuMond reported.

“This is the second time in the matter of a couple of weeks we are talking about ghost guns here in Delaware County,” he said. “Big city stuff is starting to happen here, even in a little mud-puddle place like Delaware County,” DuMond said. “It’s very concerning.”

A variety of narcotics were also discovered including fentanyl, cocaine and methamphetamine, as well as drug paraphernalia. Deputies also seized approximately \$3,900 in suspected “drug money,” DuMond said.

Vincent was also arrested Jan. 3 and charged with three counts criminal possession of a controlled substance, 12 counts of criminal possession of a weapon, and one count of seventh-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance. She was arraigned at centralized arraignment (CAP court) Jan. 4 and released on recognizance, DuMond reported.

“Anyone have a problem with that?” DuMond asked. “I know I do. I have a significant problem with that,” he said of Vincent’s release. “Because of bail reform - there she goes,” DuMond said.

Fickeria was charged with four counts of criminal possession of a controlled substance, 12 counts of criminal possession of a weapon and one count of



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Delaware County Sheriff Craig DuMond held a press conference Friday, Jan. 12, announcing the arrest of two Middletown residents following a 10-month investigation.

counts of criminal possession of an undetectable firearm; two counts of fourth-degree criminal possession of a weapon; 19 counts of first-degree failure to properly store a firearm; one count of third-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance; one count of fourth-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance; one count of seventh-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance; two counts of criminal possession of drug paraphernalia and one count of endangering the welfare of a child.

Vincent is accused of criminally possessing five or more handguns with and without serial numbers, handgun parts, high capacity magazines, stolen rifles and is further accused of not safely storing the guns; endangering a child by having unsecured and loaded guns in the presence of a child less than 18 years old, and possessing fentanyl, cocaine, methamphetamine and packaging for narcotics, on Jan. 3 in the town of Middletown.

Fickeria faces a 38-count indictment with the same charges as Vincent, and an additional charge of weapon possession.

ing firearms for drugs. Vincent is accused of selling drugs out of Speedway in Arkville, where she was employed, which caused more than one overdose, Smith continued. Vincent’s attorney, Collin Dwyer, asked that she be continued on recognizance stating the charges are nothing more than allegations. She is not a flight risk, Dwyer said, and has no criminal history. She also has no financial means, he continued, since she was terminated from her job following her arrest. Additionally, Dwyer said, since she was released on recognizance in lower court, she has made her court appearances and abided by conditions of release.

Hubbard set cash bail at \$5,000, \$50,000 surety bond or a \$50,000 bond secured with 10%. Vincent was taken to the Delaware County Jail, awaiting a court appearance Jan. 29.

Fickeria also pleaded not guilty to the charges in his indictment and Hubbard set cash bail at \$200,000, \$500,000 surety bond or \$1 million bond secured with 10% down. Fickeria was remanded to the Delaware County Jail, awaiting a court appearance scheduled for Jan. 29.

Harpursville man sentenced to probation on drug possession, endangering charges

By Lillian Browne

DELHI - A Harpursville man was sentenced to five years of probation with the condition that he successfully complete Delaware County Adult Treatment Court, and a one-year conditional discharge on a companion case, as part of a negotiated plea and sentence agreement in Delaware County Court, Tuesday, Jan. 16.

Zachary A. Rowe, 25, pleaded guilty to a reduced charge of attempted third-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance admitting that he possessed fentanyl in the village of Sidney Oct. 1, 2023 and endangering the welfare of a child on June 17, 2023, in the village of Sidney, admitting that he acted in a manner injurious to a child.

He was originally charged with two separate indictments including charges of fifth-degree criminal possession of a

controlled substance and third-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance, accused of possessing methamphetamine and fentanyl in the village of Sidney Oct. 1 and second indictment charging him with fifth-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance, accusing him of possessing methamphetamine in the village of Sidney June 17, 2023, third-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance, accused of possessing fentanyl in the village of Sidney June 17, 2023 and endangering the welfare of a child, accused of acting in a manner injurious to a child in the village of Sidney, June 17, 2023.

Rowe is also required to be electronically monitored as part of the probation sentence. If Rowe fails to successfully complete treatment court and/or violates probation he will be sentenced to four years in prison to be followed by two years of post-release supervision.

Police Blotter

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Sidney Police Department

• **Shawn C. Springett**, 52, Sidney, was arrested Jan. 5 on a Sidney Village Court warrant for failure to appear.

• **Alex M. Diaferio**, 26, Delhi, was arrested Jan. 7 on a Sidney Village Court warrant for failure to appear.

• **David J. Loudon**, 51, Sidney, was arrested Jan. 11 and charged with first-degree criminal contempt.

New York State Police

• **Cody F. Carlson**, 39, Depos-

it, was arrested by Deposit State Police Jan. 11 and charged with petit larceny. Carlson was issued an appearance ticket to answer the charge in Deposit Town Court.

• **Justin T. Baker**, Sidney, 36, was arrested by Binghamton State Police Jan. 12 and charged with third-degree criminal mischief. Baker was issued an appearance ticket to answer the charge in Dickinson Town Court.

• **David L. Caouette**, 42, Deposit, was arrested by Deposit State Police Jan. 12 and charged with endangering the welfare of a child. Caouette was held awaiting further court proceedings.

Correction

In the Jan. 11 story titled, “Delhi man charged in felony ‘Ghost Gun’ indictment” we erroneously reported bail was set at \$5,000. Bail was set at \$50,000.



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Resolution Alternatives for the New Year

By Ray Pucci

This could be the shortest article in the world if I merely answered the question in the title with the word no. And truthfully, that is the answer. However, there's more to it than that. First, the word resolution is used more often for personal growth than professional. That's why so many people have adopted a word of the year instead. Still, the beginning of a new year is ripe with potential, and it seems irrespon-

sible not to harness that and apply it to your business.

When J.R.R. Tolkien wrote, "Not all who wander are lost," he wasn't talking about business professionals. If you want to grow your business and succeed you need a goal/destination and a road map of how you'll get there. Some people do this by setting resolutions. But that term is associated with excuses and lackluster performance.

So, we have some alternatives to setting resolutions that you

may find more successful and empowering.

Word of the Year. Choose a single guiding word to help you make decisions throughout the year. The concept ensures singular focus and gives you a litmus test for making decisions. For instance, if your word is growth, when an opportunity presents itself and you must decide whether it's something you want to pursue or not, you will ask, "Is this project aligned with growth?" If it is, you'll proceed. If it isn't, you'll

move on.

Monthly (or quarterly) Goals. Most people have two problems when it comes to setting goals. The first is that they take on too much and don't accomplish anything. The second is that they have an entire year to reach their goal, so they often don't think about that goal until the fourth quarter. Instead, set small goals for each month in the year. For 30 days (or 120 if you opt to do this quarterly) focus on attaining that one goal. It can be personal or professional. You could do one of each. Time is less likely to get away from you in a month than it will when you set a goal for 365 days. Plus, doing something for 30 days is long enough to establish a habit. Ideally, whatever you've done for that month will just become part of your routine as you begin your next goal.

Learning Journeys. Make a list of skills or areas of development you want to concentrate on this year as part of a learning journey. Then make a list of how you will acquire these new skills by attending workshops, reading books, taking online courses, or attending conferences. Schedule these immediately or create deadlines for attaining them. Make these goals specific.

Mini Networking Resolutions. Focus on expanding your professional network and building meaningful connections. Commit to attending one Chamber event, reaching out to someone new on LinkedIn, spending 15 minutes every day contributing on a Facebook group, or simply committing to commenting on posts of five followers each day. You can easily incorporate these mini networking goals in between your standard daily tasks.

Establish Mindfulness Practices. Incorporate mindfulness practices into your daily routine to enhance focus, reduce stress, think more creatively, and improve overall wellbeing. Meditation, prayer, deep breathing

exercises, positive affirmations, or regular walks in nature, can positively impact your personal and professional life. If you seem to have a problem finding the time for mindfulness practices, try habit stacking. Habit stacking involves performing an activity during another activity that is already a habit.

Delegate and Collaborate. Make a list of your strengths and weaknesses. Make a second list of what you currently do in your job. Then compare your daily job activities to your strengths and weaknesses list. Are there any activities you do that are not in your wheelhouse but might fit others in your organization better? Empower them to contribute their expertise in that area(s).

Gratitude Journaling. Start a gratitude journal to reflect on positive aspects of your personal and professional life. Journaling doesn't take hours. A gratitude journal entry could be just three bullet points of things you are grateful for that day. It could also contain compliments you receive professionally. Review your gratitude journal periodically to remind yourself of the positive things that happened this year. Focusing on gratitude improves your mindset and enhances resilience.

Whether you're into resolutions or not, the end of the year/beginning of a new one is a time ripe with possibility. Reviewing what has worked in the past and planning on how you will leverage that in the future is always a good idea.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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WCS students explore college and careers at Alumni Day

By Lillian Browne

WALTON - Walton Central School high school students explored different careers and colleges and had an opportunity to network with alumni at the district's 2024 Alumni Day, held Thursday, Jan. 11, where 21 WCS graduates talked to students about careers in various fields from policing to farming, and careers from pharmacists to veterinarian and many others, including professions which do not require college degrees.

Students in grades 9 through 12 participated in the event, WCS School Counselor Karen Gilbertson said, which was part of the district's college and career readiness program. The goal of the event, Gilbertson said, was to provide students with different opportunities for career exploration. The district begins its career exploration program with students in elementary grades, she said, and once they are in high school, "We want to have them

thinking about and exploring a lot of different opportunities to help them narrow down what their interests might be," Gilbertson said.

The day was also about finding out what the students don't want to do, she said. It was an opportunity to ask questions about what an average day looked like for specific positions.

The district began selecting alumni to participate in the event in October, through a committee comprised of staff and faculty, Gilbertson said. Some faculty members remain in contact with former students and submitted recommendations.

Recent graduates who are currently enrolled in college also participated in the day's events, Gilbertson said; to provide high school students with a glimpse of what the transition from high school to college is like as well as provide a first-hand account of college living and academics.

Careers that are currently trending, Gilbertson said, are



photo from WCS Facebook page
Walton Central School alumnus Christian Vitek was one of the presenters at the school's high school Alumni Day held Thursday, Jan. 11.



photo from WCS Facebook page
Logan Wood, WCS Class of 2008, spoke to students about law enforcement as a career, at Alumni Day, held Jan. 11.

healthcare and engineering. Not all students, however, are pursuing higher education and a college degree required for specific careers. Approximately half the WCS graduating class are looking to enter the workforce upon graduation, she said. Students got to choose two careers to explore.

One of the presenters was Christian Vitek, a 2019 WCS graduate. Vitek is New York State Governor Kathy Hochul's deputy press secretary. He graduated from the University of Albany in 2022, after studying political science with a concentration in American politics. Since high school, he said, he hoped to have a career in public service. During college, Vitek said, he was "laser focused" on finding ways to uplift the community that raised him.

"A career in public service was always the plan," he said.

Walton Central School and the University at Albany prepared him well for a career in public service, he said.

Although he didn't focus his studies necessarily on communications, it is a critical aspect of his current job and shows that continued learning happens throughout a career, he contin-

ued.

Vitek has high praise for WCS.

"Walton offers an unparalleled community-centric and hands-on approach to education, which ignited my spark for making our community a better place. That foundation equipped me to serve New Yorkers across the entire state," he said.

During his presentation he emphasized how important each person's voice and story is. Whether it was a student introducing themselves or asking a question, he offered them a challenge:

"Whenever you public speak, know the power of your voice, story and use it to do good in the world," he said.

After embarking on the path of higher education and public service he developed a greater appreciation for Walton being surrounded by the agricultural sector, family-owned small businesses, and a community that deeply cares for each other, he said of his life experience, so far.

Alumni Day is held every other year, Gilbertson said, and encourages alumni to reach out to the district to be a presenter for upcoming events.

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Police school for certification

A group of about ten people, including police officers in uniform and several in civilian clothes, standing together for a group photo in front of a building. An American flag is visible in the background.

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The Delhi Police Training Division held the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Instructor Development Course at the Public Safety Building in Delhi, Jan. 8 - 12, where 10 officers successfully completed requirements for General Topics Police Instructor certification. Facilitated by Delhi Police Training Coordinator James H. Small, the class included two local officers including Colchester Police Officer Richard Bell, who completed his master police instructor certification and Walton Police Officer Katy Mitchell who completed her basic general topics instructor certification. Pictured are Nassau County Sheriff Joseph Horan; Renee Gaston, Otsego County probation; Ryan Harrington, New York State University Police - Morrisville; Ryan Neer, Otsego County probation; Joe Muriel, Westchester County corrections; Katy Mitchell, Walton Police Department; David Morissey, Whitestown police; Cody Welch, New York State University Police - Morrisville; William Corp, DMV Investigations; Erick Erikson, NYS Bureau of Narcotics, and Captain James Small.

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SPORTS REPORTER

Unadilla Valley-U/F wins 2024 Wickham Classic

Walton-DA places 4th

OTEGO - Unatego-Unadilla Valley won the champion title of the Dan Wickham Classic with a team score of 258, Saturday, Jan. 13. Other local placements include Walton-Delaware Academy finishing fourth and Sidney in eighth place.

Sidney's Caden Higley defeated UV-U/F's Brogan Lefever by decision, 7-3, in the 101-pound weight class. Gavin Nordberg, UV, pinned Cole Croniser, Adirondack, 2:45, in the 108 weight class; Caleb Cole, UV, pinned Ahmet Zaggout, UV, in the 124-pound weight class in :16; Abdeen Zaggout, UV, pinned Sebastian Mejia, Clarke, in the 145-pound weight class in 3:30; Wyatt Meade, UV, pinned Albert Smith, Maine-Endwell, 2:40,

for the win in the 152-pound weight class; and Jaxson Backus, W-DA, fell to Kazio Jellick, Main Endwell, by major decision, 11-3 in the 170-pound weight class.

In consolation matches Hayden Robinson beat Aiden Branigan, both of W-DA, by decision, 3:58, in the 101-pound weight class; Kohl Muller, W-DA, beat Jonah Sturdevant by decision, 6-3, in the 116-pound weight class; Trystan Haywood, W-DA, beat Hunter Hunsinger, Elk Lake, by decision, 7-4, in th 131-pound weight class; Zackary Sousa, UV, pinned Elijah Parks, Maine-Endwell, 4:30, in the 160-pound weight class; and Deven Stilson, UV, was pinned 3:55, by Hunter Zawisza, Adirondack in the 285-pound weight class.



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UV-U/F's Abdul-Jamil Zaggout looks to pin Clarke's William Gassini in the championship match of the 131 pound weight class Saturday, Jan. 13. Zaggout would win by injury decision.

In the semi-final round Sidney's Caden Higley pinned Cadence Guy, W-DA, 3:03, in the 101-pound weight class; Aiden Branigan, W-DA, was pinned, 1:57, by Cole Crosier, Adirondack in the 108-pound weight class; Gavin Nordberg, UV, beat Hayden Robinson, W-DA, by decision 1-0, in the 108-pound weight class; Justin Somers, W-DA, pinned Tristan Farley, Susquehanna Valley, 1:34, in the 116-pound weight class; Ahmet Zaggout, UV, beat Victor Rosario, Clarke, by major decision 12-3 in the 124-pound weight class; Abdul-Jamil Zaggout, UV, pinned Trystan Haywood, 1:40, in the 131-pound weight class; Shane Howell, UV, pinned Ethan Copeland, W-DA, 3:52, in the 138-pound weight class; Abdeen Zaggout, UV, pinned Jerry Harman, Maine-Endwell, 1:56, in the

145-pound weight class; Jaxson Backus, W-DA, pinned Christopher Doshna, Marcellus, 1:31, in the 170 pound-weight class;

Deven Stilson, UV, lost to Mason Sturdevant, by pin, :38, in the 285-pound weight class.



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Unadilla Valley-Unatego/Franklin's Abdeen Zaggout celebrates his pinfall victory over Clarke High School's Sebastian Mejia in the 145 pound championship match at the Unatego Dan Wickham Classic on Saturday, Jan. 13.



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Sidney's Caden Higley takes down UV-U/F's Brogan LeFever in the 101 pound championship Saturday. Higley would win via 7-3 decision.



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Maine Endwell's Kazio Jellick battles WDA's Jaxson Backus in the 170 pound championship match. Jellick won by major 11-3 decision.

Sports Slates

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

Thursday, Jan. 18
Bowling: Greene at Hancock 3:45 PM.
Boys Basketball: Walton/Downsville at Unatego/Franklin 7:15 PM, Unadilla Valley at Delhi 7:15 PM, BG at Afton 7:15 PM, Sidney at Greene 7:15 PM, Deposit/Hancock at Harpursville 7:15 PM.
Girls Basketball: Roxbury at Laurens 6 PM.
Wrestling: Sidney, WDA at Unatego 4:30 PM, Deposit/Hancock at Oneonta 6 PM.

Friday, Jan. 19
Bowling: Hancock at Afton 3:45 PM.
Girls Basketball: Franklin at Harpursville 5:30 PM, Charlotte Valley at Stamford 7 PM, Delhi at Oxford 7:15 PM, Sidney at BG 7:15 PM, Unatego at Unadilla Valley 7:15 PM, Deposit/Hancock at Greene 7:15 PM.
Wrestling: Greene at WDA 6 PM.

Saturday, Jan. 20
Winter Track: Hispanic Games at Armory in NYC - (ABGH, Sidney) 8:30 AM.
Wrestling: Sidney, ABGH at Home - Denny Wright Memorial duals 9 AM, Unatego at Minisink Valley 9:30 AM.

Monday, Jan. 22
Boys Basketball: Charlotte Valley at Schenevus 5:30 PM, Roxbury at Worcester 7 PM.
Girls Basketball: Norwich at Delhi 7:15 PM.

Tuesday, Jan. 23
Bowling: Afton at Sidney 3:45 PM, Hancock at Unadilla Valley 3:45 PM, Greene at BG at 3:45 PM.
Boys Basketball: South Kortright at Maine Endwell 6:45 PM, GMU at Roxbury 7 PM, Afton at Milford 7:15 PM.
Girls Basketball: Walton/Downsville at Unatego 7:15 PM, Laurens at Charlotte Valley 6:30 PM, Franklin at South Kortright 7 PM, Chenango Valley at Sidney 7 PM, Unadilla Valley at BG 7:15 PM.

Wednesday, Jan. 24
Bowling: Deposit at Afton 3:45 PM.
Boys Basketball: Delhi at Oxford 7:15 PM, Walton/Downsville at Sidney 7:15 PM, Afton at Otselic 7:15 PM, Deposit/Hancock at Unadilla Valley 7:15 PM, Unatego/Franklin at BG 7:15 PM.
Girls Basketball: Franklin at Margaretville 5:30 PM, Charlotte Valley at Middleburgh 5:30 PM, Stamford at Cherry Valley 7 PM.
Wrestling: Greene at Unatego 6 PM, Main Endwell at ABGH 6 PM.

Thursday, Jan. 25
Bowling: BG at Deposit 3:45 PM.
Girls Basketball: Walton/Downsville at Sidney 7:15 PM, Delhi at Unatego 7:15 PM, Oxford at Deposit/Hancock 7:15 PM, BG at Harpursville 7:15 PM.
Wrestling: Deposit/Hancock at ABGH 6 PM.

Laurens-Milford tops Franklin 55-26

LAURENS - Laurens-Milford girls varsity basketball defeated Franklin 55-26, in a Tri-Valley League match-up Friday, Jan. 12.

L-M's Kyrah Andrades led all scorers netting 17 game-high points. Teammate Brooke Mann contributed 10 points to the victory.

Leading Franklin was Shannon Kingsbury who put up 13 points.

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Delhi boys, Sidney girls top 2024 Quinney Invitational Track Meet

CORTLAND - Competitors from area schools, including Bainbridge-Guilford/Afton (BGA), Delhi, Oxford-Green, Deposit-Hancock, Sidney, Unadilla Valley, Unatego and Walton, competed in the 2024 Quinney Invitational meet Saturday, Jan. 13, at SUNY Cortland.

The Delhi boys team finished in first place; Sidney finished second; BG/A placed fourth, Walton placed fifth and D-H placed seventh.

The Sidney girls team placed first; BG/A placed second; Delhi placed third, D-H finished fourth Walton placed sixth and Unatego finished eighth.

Boys Results

500 M Dash: Bartalo Bourn, Oxford-Greene, finished a time of 7.37; Dylan Leddy, Delhi, finished with a time of 7.42; Evan Madugno, D-H, finished in 7.54; Lazarus Ludolph, Oxford, had a time of 7:57.

300 M Dash: Josh McNamara, Sidney, finished with a time of 38.64; Lazarus Ludolph, Oxford, finished in 40.80; Kai Storrer, Walton had a time of 41.65; Carl DeDominicis, Unatego, finished in 43.63; Tyler Roberts, BG/A, finished with a time of 44.94.

600 M Run: Carson Strauss, Sidney, finished in 1:34.07; J.R. Allen, W-D, finished in 1:37.90; Easton Porter, BG/A, finished in

1:41.15; Lawrence McComiskey, DA, finished in 1:46.09; Jayden Lewis, DA, finished in 1:46.41; and Gavin Granger, Sidney, finished in 1:47.53.

1000 M Run: Easton Porter, BG/A, finished with a time of 2:59.09; Kai Storrer, W-D, finished in 3:06.10; Gavin Harrington, W-D, had a time of 3:08.29; Jason VanMaaren, DA, finished in 3:26.27; Wyatt Beers, Unatego, finished in 3:28.59; Daniel Ray, D-H, finished with a time of 3:40.69; Gunner Hurlburt, Unatego, finished in 3:44.75; and Henry Wilcox, DA, finished in 3:51.69.

1600 M Run: Nelson VanMaaren, DA, finished with a time of 4:54.86 and Latham Gielskie, DA, finished in 5:14.24.

3200 M Run: Brennan Walsh, DA, finished in 12:20.49.

4x55 M Hurdle Relay: BG/A finished with a time of 40.86.

4x200 M Relay: BG/A finished with a time of 1:50.33; Unatego finished with a time of 2:00.76

4x400 M Relay: Sidney finished with a time of 3:51.02.

4x800 M Relay: Delhi finished with a time of 10:43.22.

Long Jump: Travis Weeden, Sidney, finished with 17-11.75; Carson Pashley, DA, finished with 16-09.00; Carl DeDominicis, Unatego, finished with 15-11.00; Tyler Roberts, BG/A, finished

with 15-07.25; Dylan Leddy, DA, finished with 15-01.50

Triple Jump: Aidan Moodley, Sidney, finished with 38-00.50; Gavin Granger, Sidney, finished with 34-04.00; Daniel Ray, D-H, finished with 32-05.00.

Pole Vault: Matthew Wombaker, BG/A, finished with 7-00.00.

Shot Put: Logan Mott, Sidney, threw a distance of 40-01.00; Matteo Rivera, DA, threw 39-08.75; Leland Constable, Sidney threw 31-02.00; Lucas Button, BG/A, threw 29-02.75; Luke Pringle, DA, threw 28-09.75; Jeremiah Prentice, Sidney, threw 27-03.00; Adam Blake, Unatego, threw 27-01.50; Thomas Barreto, Unatego, threw 22-03.75.

1,500 M Race Walk: Brock Porter, BG/A, finished in 9:05.09; Matthew Wombaker, BG/A, finished in 9:38.01.

Girls

55 M Dash: Marissa Zaczek, D-H, finished in 8.47; Allene Vesterfelt, W-D, finished in 8.64; Brooklin Hall, BG/A, finished in 8.77; Emma Kenefick, DA, finished in 9.23; Cabrine Gunter, DA, finished in 9:39; Sarai Clarke, Unatego, finished in 9:41; Cayleigh Madugno, D-H, finished in 9:50; Chanel Hsu, BG/A, finished in 9:50; Shaylynn Fitzgerald, BG/A, finished in 9.94; Schyler Grabo, Unatego, finished in

10.57.

300 M Dash: Dejah Taylor, Sidney, finished in 42.60; Meghan Hadley, DA, finished in 46.26; Shannon Crowley, Sidney, finished in 50.92; Annalia Yetto, W-D, finished in 52.62; Aubrey Schinn, BG/A, finished in 52.76; Cabrine Gunter, DA, finished in 58.19; Delilah Wank, D-H, finished in 58.19; Grace Sobol, BG/A, finished in 58.91; Shelby Matica, D-H, finished in 59.07;

600 M Run: Eleanor Lees, DA, finished in 1:48.24; Olivia Hulse, W-D, finished in 1:59.75; Alene Vesterfelt, W-D, finished in 2:06.28; Amanda Ray, D-H, finished in 2:06.29; Deliliah Wank, D-H, finished in 2:11.39; Kayland Crandall, BG/A, finished in 2:23.34.

1000 M Run: Zoe Sullivan, Sidney, finished in 3:43.77; Chandler Benjamin, BG/A, finished in 4:02.06; Anika Fassler, W-D, finished in 4:21.49.

1500 M Run: Allie Dawson, D-H, finished in 5:56.65; Paige LeBarge, W-D, finished in 6:14.48; Olivia Kruppo, DA, finished in 6.25.09.

3000 M Run: Gretel Hilson-Schneider, DA, finished in 11:19.27; Mirabella Sanford, D-H, finished in 11:45.66; Isabella Yetto, W-D, finished in 12:46.27; Macey LaFever, BG/A, finished in 13:56.68.

4 x 55 M Shuttle Hurdle Relay:

Sidney finished in 38.98.

4 x 200 M Relay: Sidney finished in 2:03.56; D-H finished in 2:09.57; BG/A finished in 2:21.18.

4 x 400 M Relay: Sidney finished in 4:32.35; W-D, finished in 5:16.80.

4 x 800 M Relay: DA finished in 11:40.86; BG/A finished in 13:42.40.

High Jump: Alex Neubert, Sidney finished with 4-10.00; Olivia Nichols, BG/A, finished with 4-08.00; Emersen Allen, Sidney, finished with 4-04.00; Asher Shewring, D-H, finished with 4-00.00.

Long Jump: Isabelle Briggs, Sidney, 15-08.25; Elaina Neubert, Sidney, 13-09.50; Marissa Zacek, D-H, 13-09.25; Allie Dawson, D-H, 13-02.25; Annika Armstrong, BG/A, 12-10.75; Emma Kennefick, DA, 10-10.50.

Triple Jump: Isabelle Briggs, Sidney, 35-01-25; Alex Neubert, Sidney, 32-02.50.

Pole Vault: Abigail Tessier, DA, 6-00.00.

Shot Put: Alexes Sousa, Unatego, 23-08.00; Morgan Prisco, BG/A, 22-01.00; Sierra Allen, W-D, 21-03.50; Briannah Pringle, DA, 20-07.50; Logan Barnard, BG/A, 19-05.00; Emilie Hopkins, BG/A, 19-02.50.

1500 M Race Walk: Clare Sullivan, BG/A, 9:02.94; Olivia Hall, BG/A, 9:30.33; Solara Spinella, BG/A, 11:35.60.

Bulldogs continue MAC dominance over Bobcats



Benjamin Patton/The Reporter

Delhi's Chuck Haight looks to score during his team's win over BG Friday, Jan. 12.

BAINBRIDGE - Delaware Academy boys varsity Bulldogs defeated BG Bobcats, 66-30, in a MAC league contest, Friday, Jan. 12.

DA played outstanding team defense holding BG to only baskets. The Bulldogs' offense had balanced scoring with Tommy Nagy netting a game-high 13 points and four steals. Ivan Richardson scored 12 points and grabbed seven rebounds, Chuck Haight added 10 points and five rebounds. Seamus deMauro had nine points and eight rebounds, and Rocco Schnabel tallied eight points, seven rebounds, four assists, and three steals in the winning effort.

Leading the way for the Bobcats were Michael Lipani and James Hogroian with seven points each.

Delaware Academy will host Unadilla Valley Thursday, Jan. 18

Benjamin Patton/The Reporter → Delhi's Tommy Nagy dives to the basket for two of his game-high 13 points during his team's 66-30 win over Bainbridge-Guilford Friday, Jan. 12.



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Delhi's Ivan Richardson floats to the basket as BG's Arien Sherman defends during their game Friday, Jan. 12.



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Delhi's Angelo Krzyston looks to score during his team's win over BG Friday, Jan. 12.



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Bulldogs rattle Sabres to stay atop MAC



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Sidney's Bri Taylor shoots during her team's game with Delhi Thursday, Jan. 11.



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Delhi's Eleanor Wagner takes a shot as Sidney's Ava Cirigliano defends during their game Thursday, Jan. 11.



Benjamin Patton/The Reporter
Delhi's Natalie Vredenburg shoots for two of her team-high 21 points during her team's win over Sidney Thursday, Jan. 11.



Benjamin Patton/The Reporter
Delhi's Kiley Cheshire and Sidney's Ava Cirigliano battle for a loose ball during their game Thursday. Cirigliano would lead Sidney in scoring with 21 points.

SIDNEY - Delaware Academy Bulldogs girls varsity basketball defeated the Sidney Sabres 52-49 in a key MAC league match-up Thursday, Jan. 11. An 18-11, DA, first quarter set the tone for back-and-forth play throughout the game with the Sabres' Ava Cirigliano netting three of her total 21 points. Second quarter play slowed down with both teams in single digits, where Delhi outscored Sidney 7-5. At halftime the score was 25-16, with Delhi leading. The Sabres applied offensive pressure in the third quarter where they trailed the Bulldogs by one point, 18-17; and picked up steam in the fourth quarter, outscoring DA 15-10, not enough to close the gap, for a final score of 52-49, Bulldogs. The Bulldogs' Natalie Vredenburg led her team in scoring with 21 points; aided by Lexi Davis who scored seven points, and Tyler Abts who netted six points in the victory. Nayla Miley contributed seven points to the Sabres' effort.



Benjamin Patton/The Reporter
Delhi's girls basketball team celebrates their 52-49 win over Sidney Thursday, Jan. 11.

Walton-Downsville tops Oxford 54-22 for MAC win



Benjamin Patton/The Reporter
Walton/Downsville's Eve Foster shoots a three point shot during her team's 54-22 win over Oxford Friday, Jan. 12. This was Foster's first game back after a broken nose.

WALTON - Ten of 11 Walton-Downsville players scored in the Jan. 12 54-22 victory over Oxford. W-D dominated from the first quarter with Grace Walley netting the first six of her game high 22 points for a first quarter score of 15-8, W-D. The Warriors put up another 15 points in the second-quarter holding the Black Hawks to just one basket for a half-time score of 30-10, W-D. W-D continued to apply pressure in the third quarter scoring 11 of the Warriors 20 points. The Black Hawks outscored the Warriors 7-4 in fourth quarter play. The Warriors were victorious with a final score of 52-22. In addition to 22 points, Walley had 11 rebounds and seven steals. Teammate Kennedy Williams had 12 points and five steals. Leading Oxford in scoring was Ava Benjamin with seven points.

Benjamin Patton/The Reporter
Walton/Downsville's Grace Walley takes a shot during her team's game Friday, Jan. 12. Walley led all scorers with 22 points.



Benjamin Patton/The Reporter
Oxford's Emmalee Reiss, left, and Kahrin Vesterfelt battle for a ball during their game on Friday, Jan. 12.



Benjamin Patton/The Reporter
Walton/Downsville's Kennedy Williams shoots during her team's win over Oxford on Friday, Jan. 12.



Benjamin Patton/The Reporter
Walton/Downsville's Alivia Conklin looks for a shot during her team's win over Oxford Friday, Jan. 12.

SK defeats Hunter-Tannersville 67-26

HUNTER - South Kortright Rams varsity basketball defeated Hunter-Tannersville Wildcats 67-26, Friday, Jan. 12.

First quarter play set the pace with the Rams outscoring the Wildcats 18-5, where SK's Connor Quarino put up 11 of his game-high 26 points.

SK held H-T to single digits in the second and third quarters with a tied fourth quarter score of 11-11, for a final score of 67-26.

The Rams' Jack Byrne and Boston Quarino contributed nine points each to the Rams' victory.

Leading H-T in scoring was Grady Glennon with nine points.

Worcester tops Franklin 46-34

WORCESTER - Worcester girls varsity basketball defeated Franklin, 46-34, in a Tri-Valley League match-up Wednesday, Jan. 10.

Worcester dominated first-quarter play, 16-5, where Hailey Shalor netted the first of her 17 points, leading her team in scoring. Teammate Allison Boyle contributed 14 points to the victory.

Leading the Purple Eagles in scoring was Shannon Kingsbury, who had a game-high 26 points.

Rams top Rockets 71-41

ROXBURY - South Kortright Rams boys varsity basketball defeated the Roxbury Rockets 71-41, Wednesday, Jan. 10.

The Rams held the Rockets to just six points in the first quarter for a score of 18-6 going into the second quarter. Roxbury doubled-up for a 19-12 score in the second quarter, but could not close the gap with a halftime score of 37-18.

The Rams Connor Quarino led all scorers with 40 points. Teammate Boston Quarino contributed nine points to the victory.

Leading Roxbury in scoring was Mason Hamil with 10 points and Taren Davis with nine points.

Catskill Mountain Little League opens registration

STAMFORD - In anticipation of their first full season on new baseball and softball fields, the Catskill Mountain Little League (CMLL) has opened registration for boys and girls ages 4-12 and volunteer recruitment for adults. The cost will be \$60 per player for children 7-12 and \$40 for each additional player from the same family.

Tee-ballers ages 4-6 will be \$40 due to a shorter season. As in years past, the T-Mobile Call Up grant program (www.littleleague.org/call-up-grant-program) will be available to cover registration costs for families in need.

New this year will be a returnable work bond for volunteers. When uniforms are distributed before the season, parents and caregivers will pledge to complete at least six hours of volunteering for CMLL. The bond is \$40 and will be fully returned when all volunteer hours are complete. Examples of volunteering include, but are not limited to, field maintenance, concessions operation, scorekeeping, coaching, umpiring, or serving on CMLL board of directors.

Rebecca Thompson, who coordinates volunteering, said other leagues find this system works well.

Families are encouraged to register online at tinyurl.com/CMLL-2024 or in person Saturday, Feb. 10 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Stamford Central School. A copy of the child's birth certificate and insurance will be required in order to register in person. After Feb. 29, a \$10 late registration fee will be applied, and no registrations will be accepted after March 21. Opening day is planned for Saturday, April 27. Stay tuned to the CMLL social media pages for more information on upcoming clinics for players and coaches.

For more information, contact catskillmtnlittleleague@gmail.com or call league president Bill Abbatine at 518-376-1603.

Walton-Downsville defeats Harpursville 60-22

WALTON - Walton-Downsville Warriors varsity boys basketball defeated Harpursville Hornets 60-22, Wednesday, Jan. 10.

The Warriors held the Hornets to a single point in first quarter play ending the quarter with a score of 20-1, where W-D's London Gardner scored 11 of his game-high 16 points, leading all scorers.

"We came out with a lot of energy in the first quarter," Walton-Downsville Coach Davis Gardepe said. His team moved the ball really well, he said.

The Warriors distanced themselves by halftime with a score of 32-9, placing a Harpursville comeback out of reach.

W-D held Harpursville to just two baskets in third quarter play

Sherburne-Earlville defeats Walton-Delaware Academy in dual meet, 49-22

SHERBURNE - Walton/Delaware Academy wrestling fell to Sherburne-Earlville in a dual meet, Jan. 10 with a final score of 49-22.

In the 101-pound weight class Cadence Guy, W-DA, fell to Jackson Moore. Aiden Branigan, W-DA, won by forfeit in the 108-pound weight class; Hayden Robinson, W-DA, defeated Aiden Shreve, S-E, by fall, 2:56, in the 116-pound weight class; Trenton Anderson, S-E, won over David Gatchalian, W-DA, by injury in the 124-pound weight class; Travis Houck, W-DA, topped Justin Race, S-E, in the 152-pound

Central Empire State Rifle and Pistol League match 11

Oneonta defeated Rockdale 1070-8X to 1041-10X in match 11 of the Central Empire State Rifle and Pistol League for the week ending Jan. 12. High shooters for Oneonta were Justin Nicholson with a 279-4X; Allen Nichols who shot a 272-3X; Scott May with a 262-1X and Adam Nichols who shot a 257-0X. Others shooting for Oneonta were Charlie Lowe, Bri May, Grant LaBarr, Calli Ruff, and Don Fleming.

High scores for Rockdale were Rick Braun with a 265-5X; Steve Ingalls who shot a 264-3X; Joe Ocasio with a 256-2X; and Dave Dewey with a 256-0X. Other Rockdale shooters included Pat Mattice.

High shooters for Delhi were Mabel Gutliph with a 268-6X; Kevin Gutliph who shot a 263-5X; Bob Anderson with a 248-1X; and Bret Sage who shot a 217-2X. Other Delhi shooters included Dennis Klimowski.

Walton defeated Sidney 1083-12X to 960-8X. Top shooters for Walton were Glenn Bowker with a 277-2X; Justin McAdams who shot a 273-4X; Dennis Bennett with a 268-3X; and James Novello who shot a 265-3X.

Other Walton shooters were Bill McAdams, Michael Novello, Jeff Yambor, Brian MacRabie, Steve Dutcher, Ryan Boice, John Noviello, Carl Banker and Steve Condon.

Top shooters for Sidney were Mike Terzo with a 265-6X; Jim Driscoll who shot a 247-0X; Connor Sherman with a 224-1X; and Chris Curtin who shot a 225-1X. Also shooting for Sidney were Ernie Griswold and Bruce Gerken.

Stats

- Stamford/Richmondville 11-0
- Walton 9-2
- Oneonta 6-5
- Rockdale 3-8
- Sidney 3-8
- Delhi 1-10

MASONVILLE

By Anne Scott ahscott@frontier.com 607-265-3368

Joanna Patchett, who found her calling as a nurse at age 36: "Not one part of your journey, even if you're not sure what you're doing or where it's going to lead you, is ever wasted. You're never late; you've simply not arrived yet."

Sidney Central School students, get ready for the New York State Regents Exams Tuesday, Jan. 23 to Friday, Jan. 26. Second marking period ends Friday, Jan. 26.

Here on the Farm the electricity went out following the strong winds from the rainstorm Tuesday, Jan. 9 around 7 p.m. and didn't come back on until around 7 a.m. the following day. In order to keep warm, Harold and I kept the fire in the furnace in the cellar stocked with wood every two hours and kept some heat coming up from the registers in some of the rooms. The fellas came up to the barn around 4 a.m. and got the electric going in the barn with the generator hooked up to one of the tractors and got milking started. Just as they got almost done the electric came on and they were very grateful they didn't have to stay and watch the compressor cool the milk. We were out for about 12 hours and we are very grateful for all the workers for getting it back on. Hopefully those who lost power were able to keep some heat in their homes. Thank you to the workers that got out in the winds and heavy rains to get everyone power as soon as possible. Keep purchasing dairy products and help our farmers out. An article I read said a bill was passed that whole milk is to be brought back into the schools, which should be a good thing also, let's hope so. Have a great and healthy week everyone.

Condolences go out to the family and friends of Rita Mott who passed away recently.

Birthday greetings this week to Jonna Seeley, Dann and Jared Tuttle on Jan. 15, Dean Michael Howard Jan. 16, Nathaniel Peter Hager and Caitlin Wormsley Jan. 17, Melissa Schneider Jan. 18, Caitlyn Jackson Jan. 19, Colleen Howland, Lewis Chesebrough and Clarissa DeMott Riker Jan. 20, Vernon VanValkenburgh and Paul Longwell Jan. 21, Douglas McKown, Mrs. Mary Ann Schalk and Angela Ellis Jan. 22. Have a great birthday everyone.

Masonville Federated Church Sunday services with Interim Pastor Rev. Dr. John Helgeson, 11 a.m. with Bible study at 12:30 and 3:15 p.m. in the church dining hall; the Girl Scouts meet at 5:20 p.m. The Food Bank is open each third Wednesday unless otherwise changed. Sunday, Jan. 21, non-denominational annual meeting after worship services. Thursday, Jan. 25, Share the Bounty from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Sacred Heart Church in Sidney. Sunday, Feb. 4 is the annual Federated Church meeting following church.

I have been told there will be pancake breakfasts Saturday, Feb. 3, and Saturday, March 2 from 7 to 10:30 a.m. with a bake sale also at Masonville Federated Church. More details will follow in the next weeks.

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Belleayre ski center sets records,
drives local economy

Backcountry conditions
in the Adirondacks
and Catskills

By J. Lawrence-Bauer

HIGHMOUNT - It's not the post office, but Belleayre Mountain Ski Center staffers can certainly claim the motto, "Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds!"

Despite daunting weather patterns including hot days and excessive rain, the ski center in Highmount is setting records and driving business to local hotels, restaurants and retail shops in the communities around it.

Belleayre's General Manager Bruce Transue acknowledged the success of the 2023 - 2024 ski season. The most telling statistic of a record-breaking year is that more than 10,000 skiers purchased season passes this year, a number that has more than doubled in just three seasons and is 10 times the number sold just a decade ago. The weekends between New Year's and Martin Luther King Jr. weekend, which ordinarily sees a dip in skier visits, saw more than 6,000 people hit the slopes in a single day - Saturday, Jan. 6.

"I can't really say if that was a record day or not," said Transue, who frequently understates his observations, but the mountain was so crowded that cars filled every parking lot, every side road and sprawled all the way from the mountain down to state Route 28.

In 1984, when the community had to rally to keep Governor Mario Cuomo from closing the facility, no one ever imagined a day when the ski center would have to halt ticket sales in the middle of the day because the mountain was oversold. Huge financial investments of the Olympic Regional Development Authority have made a difference. More than \$28 million of upgrades over two seasons included, among other things, snowmaking, lifts, electrical improvements, trail development, grooming equipment and lodge improvements have allowed Belleayre to show off the potential the community has long touted. Last year, skier visits increased by 29% and revenue returns by 48% and this season looks to be another winner.

Transue credits his staff with making the season soar.

"When you go to a restaurant,



J. Lawrence-Bauer/The Reporter

Sign of the times! Cars continued to spill out of packed parking lots at Belleayre Mountain Ski Center Saturday, Jan. 6, as skiers flocked to the mountain despite a winter filled with rain and warm weather. More than 6,000 people are accommodated on lifts, trails and lodges even when parking lots overflow to side roads and county roads.

you don't care what kind of stove they have, you only care that you get a good meal, a good experience. Our staff members create that experience for our skiers and without them, all the investment in the world wouldn't matter."

Transue cited everyone from his expert snowmakers and groomers to parking lot attendants and janitors with making the ski experience that has become Belleayre's trademark.

Local skiers report that even when the mountain is packed to capacity, the experience remains top notch. Earlier in the season, staff had a ribbon cutting for a new quad chairlift that replaced a lift installed in the 1980s. A new trail, the Goat Path, has added additional downhill capacity and challenge, and a new, over-the-parking-lot bridge has helped to provide easier lift access and spread skier traffic at traditional high traffic spots on the mountain.

Though Transue touts the staff, the impact of the new equipment is astounding. With much more efficient snow guns, the ski center has been able to do quick recovery after rainstorms and warm weather.

"We do seem to have shorter windows of opportunity in which to make the snow," said Transue, "so being able to make it more quickly does matter. Now we have the fire power and we need it because this year we are in 'recovery' mode once or twice every week."

Communities around Belleayre, from Pine Hill and Fleischmanns to Margaretville, Roxbury and Andes are also feeling the impact. Traffic on state Route 28 and on local main streets provides visual evidence of the ski center's impact. Several restaurant owners report an unseen effect, with reservations now required to get tables at the most popular local eateries.

Asked if they've reached a pinnacle, Transue protested that they still have a lot to do to maximize the economic impact of the ski center on the local community. But asked what's next, Transue was tight lipped.

"I have to wait to see the budget proposed for New York state before I comment on that," he said.

But as local residents and business owners worry about other issues, the future of Belleayre Mountain seems bright.

Unpredictable winter weather and recent storms in the Adirondacks, Catskills, and other backcountry areas are creating variable conditions. Visitors should be prepared with proper clothing and equipment for snow, ice, and cold to ensure a safe winter experience.

Winter conditions in New York's backcountry areas include beautiful, unpredictable, and sometimes treacherous weather. While New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) encourages recreation year-round on New York's State Forest Preserve lands, visitors are advised to pay careful attention to forecasted conditions when adventuring outdoors. Conditions can vary wildly across the state, as well as with elevation change, such as in the Adirondacks High Peaks region and the Catskills, where pleasant trailhead conditions can quickly shift into wet or frozen terrain as hikers advance up the trail.

Snow depths range greatly throughout the Adirondacks, with the deepest snow at higher elevations in the High Peaks region and other mountains over 3,000 feet. Lower elevation trails have mixed conditions of snow, ice, and slush, including many of the Catskill Mountains where the potential for icy trail conditions exist.

DEC recommends visitors to the backcountry carry snowshoes and trekking poles and use them when snow depths warrant. Snowshoes or skis ease travel on snow and prevent "post holing," which can ruin trails and cause sudden falls resulting in injuries. Crampons or other traction devices should be carried for use on icy portions of the trails including summits and other exposed areas. An ice axe may be necessary above the tree line in the High Peaks. Forest rangers strongly advise that current trail conditions will make travel without properly fitting traction devices extremely difficult. Check out DEC's Winter Hiking Safety webpage dec.ny.gov/things-to-do/hiking/winter-safety for further details on traction devices.

Some seasonal access roads remain road open. However, the use of four-wheel drive vehicles is strongly recommended. Some seasonal access roads have transitioned to snowmobile use.

Check local club, county, and state webpages and resources, including the NYSSA Snowmobile Web map, for up-to-date snowmobile trail information.

While ice is beginning to form on some waterways, DEC advises outdoor enthusiasts to review ice safety guidelines before heading out.

In addition, backcountry visitors should hike smart and follow these safety guidelines:

- Check weather before entering the woods. If extreme cold is predicted or the weather is poor, postpone the trip.
- Be aware of weather conditions at all times and if the weather worsens, head out of the woods.
- Dress properly in layers of clothing made of wool, fleece, and other materials that wick moisture (not cotton), including a wool or fleece hat, gloves or mittens, wind/rain resistant outerwear, and winter boots. Learn to layer for a cold weather hike on DEC's YouTube page.
- Carry a day pack with the following: ice axe, food and water, extra clothing, map and compass, first-aid kit, flashlight/headlamp, sunglasses, sunblock protection, enolsolite pads, stove and extra fuel, and bivvy sack or space blankets. Hypothermia can kill even when temperatures are above freezing. A tiny emergency "space blanket" can save your life.
- Carry plenty of food and water. Eat, drink, and rest often. Being tired, hungry, or dehydrated makes outdoor adventurers more susceptible to hypothermia.
- Know the terrain and physical capabilities. Remember that it takes more time and energy to travel through snow.
- Never travel alone and always inform someone of the intended route and return time.

Traveling through snow takes more energy and time than hiking the same distance, especially in freshly fallen snow. Plan trips accordingly. In an emergency call 911. To request Forest Ranger assistance, call 1-833-NYS-RANGERS.

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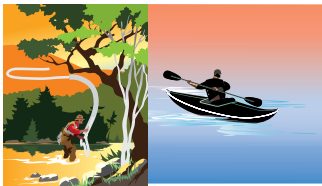


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OUTDOOR LIFE



Regenerate NY Grant: 2023 wrap up

Last year was a great year for Regenerate NY-DEC's cost-share grant program that helps land-owners promote and/or establish forest regeneration on privately owned land. Forestry practices in this grant program include planting trees, restoring the health of forest stands, controlling invasive species and other competing vegetation, and using fencing to reduce deer browse. There have been three rounds of Regenerate NY grants so far, totaling 55 awards throughout New York state.

Highlights from 2023 include the start of Round 3 of the grant program as well as major progress on projects from Rounds 1 and 2, with some projects being completed.

A Round 1 project located in Delaware County aims to restore a healthy forest and promote forest regeneration. The property had a degraded understory that lacked diversity and was primarily made up of American beech, striped-maple, and hay-scented fern. The overstory had a large number of poorly formed, low quality trees. These conditions can hinder natural regeneration and reduce a forests' resilience to pests and diseases. The consulting forester prescribed competing vegetation control followed by forest stand restoration; a cutting system that removed many of the trees. Scattered trees were left throughout the site to allow for seed dispersal and assist with natural forest regeneration. This type of harvest creates multiple openings in the forest which benefits wildlife and promotes plant diversity. It is expected that with larger trees and competing vegetation removed, more sunlight will reach the forest floor, spurring natural regeneration



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Before photo of a property in Delaware County showing a forest with few young trees and an understory with little diversity.



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After photo showing harvested trees to open up the canopy and large trees left to serve as a seed source for natural regeneration of the future forest.

that will grow into a healthy future forest.

A Round 2 project located in Schenectady County is working to grow forests in a former agriculture field. Over 2,000 trees



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A project in Schenectady County with newly planted hardwood seedlings in tree tubes to protect them from wildlife browse.

Anglers: safely enjoy ice fishing this winter

Review ice safety guidelines before heading out

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) reminds anglers to be safe when venturing onto the ice this season, especially given recent variations in weather conditions. Outdoor enthusiasts considering ice fishing this winter season should be aware of essential safety guidelines during ice fishing season and anglers should make sure the ice is thick enough before venturing out.

Seggos said winter in New York provides outdoor adventurers with some of the very best opportunities to enjoy New York's natural resources. While 2023 was the warmest year on record and the start of the current winter season has been fairly mild, as temperatures drop conditions are improving for activities like ice fishing. However, even as it gets colder, wintertime anglers need to exercise extreme caution and always put safety first when heading out onto the ice for fishing.

Before leaving shore, ice anglers are advised to check the thickness of ice. Four inches of solid, clear ice is usually safe for anglers accessing ice on foot. However, ice thickness can vary between waterbodies and even within the same waterbody,

increasing the need to ensure thickness. Anglers should be particularly cautious of areas of moving water and around boat docks and houses where bubblers may be installed to reduce ice from forming. Checking the ice can easily be done with an auger or spud bar at various spots. Local bait and tackle shops are a great source for finding out where there is safe ice and what anglers are catching. In addition, fishing with family and friends is also encouraged for safety.

Those interested in trying ice fishing for the first time should mark the weekend of Feb. 17-18 on their calendars. A designated free freshwater fishing weekend, the need for a freshwater fishing license is waived during these days. This free fishing weekend is also a great opportunity for experienced anglers to introduce someone new to fishing.

For some fish species, ice fishing can be more productive than open-water fishing. Given good ice conditions, anglers normally limited to shore fishing can access an entire waterbody. Beginning ice anglers can download the Ice Fishing Chapter of DEC's I FISH NY Beginners Guide to Freshwater Fishing extapps.dec.ny.gov/docs/fish_marine_pdf/

gsfishing.pdf for helpful information on how to get started.

For a more interactive option, DEC released a series of six ice fishing videos on the agency's YouTube channel. Visit the playlist to check out the brief instructional videos. Additional information, including a list of waters open to ice fishing, can be found on the DEC ice fishing webpage, and also through the new Tackle Box feature in DEC's HuntFishNY app. With the app, fishing regulations, access information, fish species present, and more can be accessed from a map-based interface, all from the convenience of a smart phone.

The use of bait fish is popular when ice fishing and may be used in most, but not all, waters open to ice fishing. For more information on bait fish regulations visit DEC's website. To protect New York's waters from invasive species and the spread of fish diseases, anglers are advised to take these critical steps when using baitfish while ice fishing:

- Review and follow DEC bait-fish regulations;
- Ensure the use of baitfish is permitted in the waterbody by checking the special 'regulations by county' section of the fishing regulations guide;
- Use only certified, disease-free bait fish purchased from a local tackle store (buyers must retain the receipt provided to them while in possession of the bait-fish);
- Personally collected bait fish may only be used in the same waterbody from which they were caught; and
- Dump unused baitfish and water in an appropriate location on dry land.

DelCo Christmas bird count a success

According to the Delaware-Otsego Audubon Society, the annual Delaware County Christmas bird count held on New Year's Eve and led by Pam Peters was

a great success. The day's total of 51 different bird species beats the previous high of 48, as did the record total of 4,162 individual birds.

DELHI

By Christina Viafore

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It's been a cold week - we've finally gotten a taste of a real winter.

Last week's trivia question: What three towns was Delhi formed from on March 23, 1798? Delhi was formed out of Kortright, Middletown and Walton.

This week's trivia question is how many meals was W.I.D.E's MLK dinner able to donate to housing-insecure members of our community and foster families?

Community volunteers of the week are the members of W.I.D.E. These women know how to get things done. The Martin Luther King Jr. holiday is an official day of service and celebrates the civil rights leader's life and legacy. This was the fourth year that WIDE volunteers coordinated the Dinner for a Difference event to support local families and raise money for activities that celebrate diversity in our community. Thank you to the members of WIDE for their efforts all year to help spread a local message of acceptance and inclusivity and stamp out ignorance and fear in our community.

This week you can watch the Delaware Academy Bulldogs in Delhi Monday, Jan. 22 when a quadruple header with the boy's and girl's basketball teams take on Greene. The varsity boys and JV girls start at 5:30 p.m., and the JV boys and Varsity girls play at 7:15 p.m. The wrestling team will play Windsor at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 23. The girl's 7th and 8th grade volleyball teams will play Unatego/Franklin at 4:30 p.m. in the middle school gym Thursday, Jan. 24. Visit www.delhischools.org/o/dacsd/page/athletics to see the full calendar.

This week you can watch the SUNY Delhi Broncos in Delhi Saturday, Jan. 20 as the men's basketball team plays SUNY Co-

bleskill at 1 p.m. Men's basketball team will face off against SUNY Poly at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 23. Visit delhibroncos.com to find links for live coverage if you can't make it. You can even watch games that have already been played at www.team1sports.com/college.

John O'Conner and his Fellow Travelers will perform at the Franklin Railroad Museum, 572 Main Street, Franklin, Friday, Jan. 19 at 7 p.m. Admission is free. Don't miss this opportunity to hear John O'Connor, Tom Ives, and Wyatt Ambrose perform.

The Delhi's Farmers Market is indoors at the Delhi American Legion, 41 Page Avenue, Wednesdays from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Bingo at the American Legion, 41 Page Avenue, Wednesdays starting at 7 p.m. Sales start between 6 and 6:30 p.m. You must be 18 or older to play.

"Desserts and Diaries" at the Delaware County Historical Association (DCHA), two miles north of the village of Delhi, 46549 State Hwy. 10, Jan. 27 at 2 p.m. Members of the museum staff will read from a variety of historic diaries, letters, and other narratives drawn from the museum's collections, spanning years from the 1780s to the 1950s. While guests relax and listen to the readings, enjoy an array of sumptuous desserts, tea and coffee will also be served. To enjoy this delectable afternoon, reserve your space by Wednesday, Jan. 24. The cost is \$10 per person. Call DCHA at 607-746-3849 or email dchadelhi@gmail.com to reserve or for more information.

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Franklin Library to host photo collection show Jan. 20

Director of the Delaware County Historical Association, Tim Duerden, will show over 100 images of Franklin taken by local amateur photographer Arthur Austin (1868-1943) at Franklin Free Library, 334 Main Street, Franklin, Saturday, Jan. 20 at 2 p.m. Austin's glass plate negatives, which are archived at DCHA, provide a fascinating view of the village and surrounding area during the first decades of the twentieth century.

Austin was born in Otego on Oct. 12, 1868. In 1895 he married Louise Dart of Wells Bridge. The couple had one daughter, Merle (Nolf). The family came to Franklin in 1904, where they remained most of their married life, with the exception of one year in Brooklyn.

Soon after their arrival in Franklin, Arthur began working



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at the C.W. Howard & Son Funeral Home where he continued until his death. He was a member of the Methodist Church; treasurer of Delaware Literary Institute for over 20 years, and the village water commissioner. He was also a

volunteer fireman for many years – as well as an avid amateur photographer.

There is no charge to attend this Powerpoint presentation.

For more information call 607-829-2941.

‘The Taking of Cannonsville’ via Zoom Jan. 28

The Taking of Cannonsville, a virtual program by Broome County Historian Roger Luther, will be held Sunday, Jan. 28 at 2 p.m., sponsored by the Time and the Valleys Museum in Grahamsville.

Cannonsville was a community in Delaware County, founded in the late 18th century by Benjamin Cannon who built the town's first house and was its first postmaster. Cannonsville was removed in 1964 by eminent domain along with other communities to create the Cannonsville Reservoir, which is part of the Delaware Water Supply System providing water to New York City.

Construction on the Cannonsville Reservoir began in 1955 and was completed in 1967. New York City claimed 19,910 acres for the Cannonsville Reservoir and displaced almost 1,000 residents from the communities of Beerston, Cannonsville, Granton, Rock Rift and Rock Royal. Eleven cemeteries with 2,150 graves were relocated.

Admission to this virtual only program is free for museum



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Cannonsville before destruction.

members and \$5 for non-members. To join the program, register by email at info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org and put Cannonsville Talk Link in the subject line, or call 845-985-7700. A link will be sent. Non-members will be asked to first make a donation on the museum's website: www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org. For more information on the pro-

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Sidney Library to host Indiana Jones movie Jan. 28

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Wind Ensemble to present pops concert Jan. 28

The Catskill Valley Wind Ensemble, under the direction of Andrew Pease and Amy Hoxie, will present their "Beat the Blahs" pops concert Sunday, Jan. 28, at 3 p.m. in the Foothills Performing Arts and Civic Center, Oneonta. The event is free and open to the public, with donations gratefully accepted and seating on a first-come, first-served basis.

Highlighted will be The Rolling Stones on Tour, Moon River, The Peanut Vendor, Just a Closer Walk With Thee, The Queen of Soul, Barnum and Bailey's Fa-

vorite, When You Wish Upon A Star, Lost Lady Found, Selections from Phantom Of the Opera and Tutued Toucan Can-Can.

Pease is director of instrumental music at Hartwick College. Hoxie is the elementary band teacher at Sherburne-Earlville Elementary School. Both are also trumpet players who play with the Ensemble and have performed widely.

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Share the Bounty in Sidney Jan. 25

"Share the Bounty" free community dinner will be held Thursday, Jan. 25 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Sacred Heart parish center, 15 Liberty Street in Sidney. The meal will be hosted by Barbara

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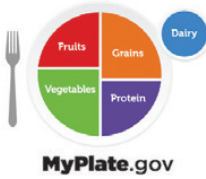
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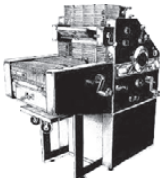
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THE WEEK IN WALTON

What We Are Talking About at the County Hub

TWO WILLS CONTESTED

Cemetery Improvement—Lady Dislocates Shoulder—Morrow Hose Has Turkey Supper.

George S. Tacy recently bought the Thomas Ballantyne farm east of Colchester station, occupied by Raymond Wilcox.

The Company F basketball team easily defeated the Hancock Athletic association five on the armory court Wednesday evening by a score of 38 to 16. The guardsmen completely outplayed their opponents.

Engine Company No. 5 recently organized to man the new American LaFrance pump engine, has elected the following officers: Foreman, Fred Haverly; assistant foreman, J. C. Burrhuss; secretary, Earl Hinman; treasurer, Robert Scott; steward, Dellen Combs.

Mrs. Bertha Miller of Union street caught her heel on a step while going down the cellar stairs Monday, causing her to lose her balance and fall down the stairs. Dr. W. R. Gladstone, who was called, found that Mrs. Miller's right shoulder was fractured.

The receiving vault of the Walton cemetery association has been completed and is now ready for use. The structure is located in the bank facing the Fancher avenue approach to the cemetery. The chapel, which is open to view, is built of Vermont granite, while the vault is of concrete construction. The vault proper is concealed in the bank. The chapel is 12 by 12 feet in dimensions, while the vault has space for the accommodation of fifty bodies. The vault was built at a cost of about \$5,000, F. D. Huyck of Walton being the contractor. It will fill a need greatly felt in the cold winter months and the cemetery association is to be commended on its enterprise in the matter. A charge of \$10 will be made for bodies of adults and \$7 for children.

Misfortunes never come singly. This is the experience of Clarence Epps, owner of the Public Service garage in Oneonta which was destroyed by fire last Friday morning. Sunday evening Mr. Epps, his sister-in-law, Miss Margaret Schlafer, of Delhi, principal of the Miller avenue school in Walton, and Albert Slawson, a friend of Mr. Epps, started from Oneonta for Delhi in a Ford truck in which were loaded two trunks and some other articles recovered from the ruins of the garage. On the state road between Oneonta and Davenport the truck locked wheels with a Ford coupe driven by William Hood of 234 Main street, Oneonta, a former Walton man. Both Mr. and Mrs. Hood were thrown through the top of the coupe and she suffered two fractured ribs. The accident occurred about 6:15 o'clock. Miss Schlafer states that the wheels on the right side of the truck were off the macadam. Statements of the parties were taken by a justice of the peace living nearby. Both cars were considerably damaged.

The membets' of Morrow Hose company and guests, including the village board and firemen's board, enjoyed a turkey dinner at Bruce's restaurant on Monday evening. At the business meeting the following officers were elected: Foreman, J. T. Sherwood; assistant foreman, Fred Biedekapp; secretary, Herbert J. Rogers; treasurer, George T. Johnston; steward, V. A. Wolf. Dr. Morrow, J. H. Townsend, Joseph Gannon, Albert Smith, A. J. Courtney and W. R. Reynolds were called upon for talks. Interesting reminiscences were given by Mr. Gannon, the oldest member of the Walton fire department in years

of service, and by Albert Smith. These two men were members of the Indiana Engine company, known as the "redshirts." When this company existed water for fire protection was pumped by hand from the river and brooks or from wells driven in convenient locations for this purpose. The Walton fire department now consists of five companies and has the most up-to-date apparatus including a motor driven pump engine.

Citations in two Walton will cases in which contests are expected were returnable before Judge McNaught in Delhi Monday. In the matter of the will of Newell Cable, late of Walton, adjournment was taken to February 12 in Walton when objections will doubtless be filed. John G. More appeared for the executors, himself and Mrs. Mary Cable; C. C. Flaesch of Unadilla appeared for the nephews and nieces and A. G. Patterson for the United Presbyterian church of Walton. Mr. Cable in his will left the bulk of his estate to be divided among six Walton churches. Objections were filed against the probate of the will of the late William Bushnell of Walton and January 29th in Walton was set as a tentative date for the trial. Judge McNaught has been holding court in the Bronx and for this reason the date may be changed. The contest is filed by Mrs. Bushnell, Vernon France, Mrs. Agnes Depuy and Mrs. May Rockwell. The will provides that Mrs. Bushnell shall have a life use of the property without the right to the use of the principal and upon her death the bulk of it goes to Harry France, who is named as executor. A prior will gave Mrs. Bushnell a life use with right to use the principal. A. D. Peake represents the contestants and S. H. Fancher the executor. The estate is estimated at about \$3,000.

ORNAMENTAL LIGHTS ON DELAWARE STREET

Chamber of Commerce Also Acts on Question of Rest Room Location.

The matter of rest room and the question of ornamental street lighting on Delaware street were among the subjects discussed at a special meeting of the Walton Chamber of Commerce in Walton hall Tuesday evening.

The rest room committee has been notified by Peter Pappas, owner of the building in which the rest rooms are located, that he will need the rooms himself after Feb. 1. A number of other places have been investigated by the committee but no definite selection has been made. It was voted that a committee of the Chamber of Commerce be appointed to act with the rest room committee, such committee to aid in the selection of rooms and report back with a budget. The Chamber of Commerce will then be in a position to vote a definite sum to aid the project. Ten dollars a month has been contributed for the past year. President Courtney appointed H. E. Kelley, A. J. Holmes, H. F. Marvin, Harlan Wood, Fred R. Lyon and George S. Fitch as such committee.

Otto J. Hoos, Walter J. More and F. C. Darling were appointed on a committee to investigate the proposition to have ornamental street lighting on Delaware street between East and West brooks. They will investigate the cost and report at a later meeting. Liberty has had such a project under consideration and it was found there that the cost would be about \$1.25 for each foot of frontage. The lights would be placed 150 feet apart on each side of the street, and would alternate so that there would be a light each 75 feet. While no expression of opinion was called for there are many business men who feel that such lighting is needed on Delaware street and if the cost is not found excessive within a few months Walton may have its own "white way." The cost would be borne by the property owners along the street.

The question of securing sum-

DELANCEY MAN FINED ON ASSAULT CHARGE

Justice Assesses Frank Stewart \$25 After Jury Declares Him Guilty

The town hall at Hamden was filled Wednesday by an interested crowd which gathered to hear the trial of Frank Stewart of Delancey before Justice C. S. Hymers and a jury. Mr. Stewart was charged with assault in the third degree upon Audrey James, a Delancey school boy, and after hearing the evidence and deliberating thereon the jury returned a verdict of guilty. Justice Hymers imposed a fine of \$25 and a sentence of thirty days in the Delhi jail which was suspended during good behavior.

Mr. Stewart's arrest grew out of a fracas with some school children on December 18th. The Stewart residence adjoins the Delancey schoolhouse and while evidence on that point was barred it is understood that the relations between Mr. Stewart and the pupils were not of the best and the affair which resulted in his arrest was the climax to a series of irritations caused by the children calling the man names and otherwise pestering him.

The trial took most of the day. The evidence was to the effect that on December 18 the James boy and some other lads started

mer boarders was also brought up at the meeting. After some discussion W. J. More, C. B. Lincoln and C. G. Robinson were appointed a committee to investigate and secure the names of any who wish to take boarders.

Play ground equipment for the Liberty street side of the high school grounds came in for some discussion but the matter was laid on the table. David More and J. J. Farrell were appointed a nominating committee to name officers for the ensuing year. The date for the annual banquet has not yet been fixed.

LIBRARY FOR STAMFORD

Plans For Use of \$25,000 Fund Left by Dr. Churchill.

(From Stamford correspondent.)

Plans are maturing for the launching of the project of erecting the Churchill village library for which Dr. S. E. Churchill Willed \$25,000 and which sum has been placed in the Stamford bank. If the money is not used for the purpose within ten years it reverts to the heirs of the Churchill estate. Stamford village voted at a special election sometime ago to acquire lands for a park and for a site for the building in the park fronting on Main street. The \$25,000 gift is to Stamford school district and before the building project is launched the voters of the school district will have a vote on the proposition. The proposed building is to contain a library, an auditorium for public meetings, rest rooms, gymnasium, etc.—to be a community building.

If the opera house is sold by the village some taxpayers are in favor of contributing the money received from the sale to the building fund of the library, while others believe it best to use it towards paying for the construction of the new sewer plant instead of issuing all of the twenty thousand dollars of bonds which have been voted for the purpose.

BARN BURNER PLAYS HAVOC AT KORTRIGHT

Arrest Main in Kingston on Suspicion of Crime

118 COWS DIE IN FLAMES

Residents Link Mysterious Fires of Wednesday Night With Stronigan Murder—Loss About \$40,000.

(From Delhi correspondent.)

Developments of a startling nature are taking place as to the ori-

gin of a -Christmas tree. Mr. Stewart followed them and the James boy went back to the school. A short time later young James, another boy and three girls started by the Stewart house and as they passed Stewart came out. From this point the stories of the two sides varied.

The children testified that Stewart said, "Now, you think you've got me," while Stewart declared that he told the James boy he wanted to talk with him. The boy had picked up a stone or piece of frozen dirt on leaving the schoolhouse and the testimony was undisputed that the boy then threw the stone and struck the older man in the forehead. Mr. Stewart grabbed the boy and shook him. The other pupils came to the aid of their playmate and tripped Mr. Stewart up and it would appear that he got rather the worst of the mix-up. Later the James boy caused Stewart's arrest. It was not claimed that the man struck the boy, but that he shook and choked him.

The jury returned a verdict of guilty and Justice Hymers imposed a fine of twenty-five dollars.

Arthur F. Curtis of Delhi appeared for the prosecution and Arthur E. Conner of Walton for the defendant.

gin of the mysterious fires which took place in the town of Kortright Wednesday night when the house, barn and garage on the farm owned by one, Romanetta, an Italian, was destroyed by flames. Forty-nine cows and four horses were burned as well as all other contents of the buildings.

The Hugh K. McLaury barn with sixty-nine fine Holstein cows, four horses and a large amount of fodder, feed and machinery was destroyed the same night and nearly the same hour, midnight.

When A. Brooks, a large farmer, who resides at the head of Betty's brook, went to his barn to do his chores Thursday morning he found a lot of rags in his engine room which is a small but tightly sealed room, which had been saturated with oil and set on fire, but for some reason the fire had gone out.

These three farms are all located on a road leading from Betty's brook road over the hill to Kortright Center and perhaps about a mile apart.

Sheriff Arbuckle was called about 3 a. m. Thursday morning and with Undersheriff Stewart was soon at the scene of the fires. Tracks of a man evidently wearing new rubbers were discovered about each of the three buildings. These tracks could not be traced on the harder ground of the fields. About daylight Thursday morning a Mr. Jones, who lives a short distance from Kortright station saw a man coming across the fields toward the highway. He had a small brook to cross but at a point within hearing of Mr. Jones. He seemed to be putting around and Jones called, to him to come, that he wanted to talk with him. The man came on to where Mr. Jones was standing and was told that suspicious fires had taken place the previous night in the neighborhood and that he, Jones, was looking over strangers pretty carefully. At this the man gave Jones his name as Antonio Castaebelle and, passed on up the highway toward the railroad station at Kortright.

Before the morning train left on the U. & D. a man bearing this description of the one interviewed by Jones bought a ticket for New York. Foot prints about the soft ground, near the brook he crossed, were made by someone wearing new rubbers and were the same measurements as those discovered about the buildings burned.

The sheriff telephoned police headquarters in Kingston to arrest a man on the U. & D. bearing this description. The police succeeded in making the arrest and are now, Thursday, at 5 p. m., on their way to Delhi with the prisoner.

Much excitement prevails about that section of the town of Kortright as most of the people in the neigh-

borhood are inclined to connect the fires of Wednesday night and others that have taken place in this neighborhood in some way with the Stronigan murder, a mysterious tragedy which occurred some few years since in the same locality.

Mr. McLaury was awakened about 12 o'clock Wednesday night by a light in his face. At first he thought he had overslept and jumped out of bed. but looking out of the window found his large barn, one of the finest in the town of Kortright, in flames. Besides the stock mentioned, a large quantity of farm implements and. a tractor were destroyed. Mr. McLaury places his loss at \$30,0 00 with \$10,000 insurance.

The fire on the Romanetta farm occurred at nearly the same time. The loss here, while not as large as that of Mr. McLaury's, will be over \$10,000, with some insurance. One hundred eighteen cows and eight horses perished in the two fires.

On Thursday, Jan. 3, thirty-eight cows and four horses were burned in a fire which destroyed the barn of Angelo Latara in the same vicinity.

BLEW OFF TIN ROOF

Wind Storm at Hobart Does Considerable Damage.

A part of the tin roof on the Sethman building in Hobart was torn off by the high wind last Thursday night. The wind also blew down the smoke stack of Cohen's creamery, about two miles east of Hobart. The smoke stack, which fell at about 4:30, fell directly across the main lines of the West Branch Light and Power company, breaking all three of them and putting the electric lights in Hobart out of commission for several hours.

FALLING DOOR SMASHES TOES

Supervisor Shaver Struck by Trap Dropped by Boy.

(From Meridale correspondent.)

Amasa Shaver of Meridale, supervisor of the town of Meridale, was quite painfully injured in a peculiar manner Saturday. Several boys were playing overhead in the cow barn and one of them attempted to lift a heavy trap door which was not on hinges and let it drop. The door went down through to the cow stable. Mr. Shaver was just coming through the barn and happened to be directly under the opening. The door struck him on the side of the head and glancing hit him on the foot knocking him down. He was bruised about the head considerably and two toes were smashed. Mr. Shaver was fortunate that the door didn't strike him on the top of his head for no doubt it would have killed him.

STAMFORD BANK'S GROWTH

(From Stamford correspondent.)

At a meeting of the directors of the National bank of Stamford held at the .bank January 12th the present officers were re-elected as follows: President, Charles L. Andrus; vice president, Dr. E. W. Gallup; cashier, S. C. Robinson; assistant cashiers, A. S. Chambers and N. W. Baird. This well managed institution shows continued progress as a comparison of the government reports of December, 1922 and 1923 shows an increase of over \$2 96,000 in deposits and ..over \$317,000 in resources.

MERIDALE WOMAN BREAKS ARM

Mrs. Abram DuMond Falls While Shopping at East Meredith.

(From Meridale correspondent.)

While shopping in East Meredith one day last week, Mrs. Abram DuMond of Meridale slipped on the ice and fell, breaking her arm next to the shoulder. She is being cared for at the home of her sister, Mrs. A. J. Benedict, at Jackson Hill.

OBITUARIES



Linda M. Hoffman

Linda M. Hoffman, 75, of Walton, passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family, Thursday, Jan. 11, at Delaware Valley Hospital.

Linda was born Jan. 27, 1948 in Cold Spring, to Armando and Emma Felicetti, the youngest of four siblings - John (Peggy) Rocher, Dorthy (Louie) Boniello, and Armando (Jenine) Felicetti Jr. She graduated from Mahopac High School in 1966, after which she moved to North Palm Beach, Fla. where she enjoyed the sunshine and worked at a community bank.

Linda moved to Walton in 1980 and worked at First Federal Savings & Loan. She met her devoted husband Jon in 1981 and they married on Jan. 23, 1982. They welcomed their first son Jon Michael into the world in November of 1982, and their youngest son, David, in June of 1984. In 1985 she left the bank to be a stay at home mom to her two sons. After the boys started school, Linda became a playground aide and later a teacher's aide at Townsend Elementary School in Walton, where she worked for the next 24 years. The family could hardly go anyplace in Walton without someone saying hello to Mrs. Hoffman.

Linda was a devout Christian; she spent her mornings reading the Bible and doing her daily devotional, and praying for the needs of those around her. She and Jon were committed members of the First Baptist Church of Walton for over 30 years. Over that time she served as a Deacon, a list maker of prayer requests, member of women's fellowship, and helping anywhere there was a need.

Linda could be found at the Walton Pool in the summertime where she enjoyed the warmth of the sun in the company of many friends, her sons and in later years her grandchildren. She also enjoyed cooking for family and friends, gardening, and directing her husband Jon in "honey do" projects. She also loved walks around town with her husband and friends at a pace that was quite brisk, to say the least, all while chatting and enjoying the company of those with her.

Linda was a lifelong friend to so many- her door was always open and often friends could be found enjoying coffee and conversation in the living room or around her dining table. She never missed sending a kind word for the important events in the lives of her family and friends. She was a devoted wife to Jon and they did most everything together as a team, even if her husband didn't want to. They simply loved each other's company and this year would have marked their 42nd wedding anniversary. For Linda, her children and grandchildren were some of her greatest joys - she never missed an opportunity to tell them how much she loved them, or how proud she was of each one of them.

Linda is predeceased by her parents Armando and Emma Felicetti, her father-in-law and mother-in-law, Ralph and Jane Hoffman; brother-in-law and sister-in-law John and Peggy Rocher, brother Armando Felicetti Jr., and brother-in-law Louie Boniello.

She is survived by her husband Jon, sons Jon Michael (Nicole) Hoffman, David (Emma) Hoffman, grandchildren Alyssa, Natalie, Madison, Mason and Logan, as well as sister Dorthy Boni-

ello, brother-in-law Jan (Gerri) Hoffman, sister-in-law Linda (Charles) Gietz, sister-in-law Jenine Felicetti, several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

The family of Linda Hoffman would like to thank the staff at Delaware Valley Hospital in Walton for the wonderful care and compassion they provided in her final days.

There will be a celebration of Linda's life at the First Baptist Church in Walton Saturday, Jan. 20, starting with a visitation at 10 a.m. and celebration at 11 a.m.

In lieu of donations the family asks that you embrace Linda's spirit of compassion for others and consider donating your time to a community cause close to your heart.



Wilma Phoenix

Wilma Carol Phoenix, 66, of Walton, passed away with her loving family by her side, Friday, Jan. 12, 2024, at her home in Walton.

Born on Feb. 16, 1957, in Walton, she was the daughter of the late Colonel William Phoenix and Agnes Mae (Tweedie) Phoenix.

Wilma enjoyed shopping and spending time with friends and family. She was an avid NASCAR fan and huge Tony Stewart fan. She loved Christmas and was a lifelong horse lover. Wilma received her first pony at the age of 4, delivered to her in the back of the family station wagon. In later years, she enjoyed attending local horse shows to watch her family show their horses. She attended Plymouth Church in Walton.

Wilma lived in Johnson City, Tenn., for many years and recently returned to Walton to be closer to her family and dear friends. Wilma was employed at Bard Parker in Hancock, several hotel chains, Walmart and most recently Rolling V Bus Corp.

She is survived by her loving family, sisters Doris (William) McAdams of Walton, and Deana (Donald) Buchanan of Walton. Wilma is also survived by several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews, and cousins.

She is predeceased by her brother, Dwight Michael Phoenix.

A Celebration of life will be held Saturday, Jan. 27, at Plymouth Church at 11 a.m., with visitation from 10 - 11, followed by a reception.

Arrangements are with Courtney Funeral Home, Walton. Condolences to the family may be made online at www.courtneyfh.com

Memorial donations may be made in Wilmas' name to Heart of the Catskills Humane Society or the American Heart Association.



Charles Sommers Jr.

Charles ("Charlie") W. Sommers Jr., a longtime resident of Harpersfield, bid farewell on Jan. 12, 2024, at the age of 83.

Born on Nov. 11, 1940, Charlie grew up in the suburbs of New York City but chose to settle down amid the peaceful peaks and valleys of the gorgeous Catskill Mountains of central New York state.

Graduating from Amherst College in 1963, where he notably captained the basketball team, Charlie continued his academic journey at New York University School of Law where he earned a law degree. His unending passion for knowledge was evidenced by his fascination with U.S. Naval history, and local New York history as well as his impressive ability to recite classic poetry and literature from memory.

For decades, Charles dedicated himself to helping others battle substance abuse, serving as a drug and alcohol abuse counselor for the state of New York.

His zest for life extended beyond his work, finding joy in hunting, reading, the art of cooking, and immersing himself in nature. The epitome of a perfect day for Charles involved a scenic drive through the countryside with his beloved Dee, engaging in meaningful conversations with anyone willing to share.

Charles, predeceased by his parents, Charles and Evelyn, is survived by his cherished wife Denise, his sister Eva, his daughter Laurie, and his two sons Charles and Steven. He also leaves behind three beloved grandchildren: Caroline, Kai, and Zack.

Family and friends are invited to pay their respects at MacArthur Funeral Home, 15 Buntline Drive, Stamford, during calling hours from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 18. Funeral services will be held at 12 noon on Friday, Jan. 19, at the funeral home. Burial will follow at Locust Hill Cemetery, Hobart.

His memory will forever reside in the hearts of those fortunate enough to have known and loved him.

Visit www.macarthurfh.com to share a condolence with Charlie's family.



Richard A. Houck

Richard A. Houck, born March 9, 1958 to Floyd A. Houck and Beulah M. Houck of Walton, passed away peacefully in his sleep at home Jan. 13, 2024.

Richard AKA "Houcky" was a longtime resident of Walton moving briefly to Bainbridge and then back to Walton in 1998. He was employed by Breakstones and later Kraft foods for many years as a forklift operator and was a seasoned stone cutter working in local quarries alongside his father Floyd for many years.

Richard enjoyed the outdoors and was known as quite the sportsman, looking forward to hunting and fishing season every year. Richard was a skilled hunter and fisherman and many of his catches could be seen mounted and displayed throughout his home.

In his younger years Richard and his father could be found spending countless hours preparing vehicles to be run in the county fair's demolition derby competitions. Richard acquired many trophies throughout the years for competing with his cars at local fairs and proudly displayed them on the shelves of his home, sharing fond memories of his competition days with family and friends.

Later in life Richard learned to enjoy the simple things, such as sitting on his front porch visiting with close friends and spending time at home with his companion in life, Joan, and their many dogs. Richard could often be found visiting with people at the Country Store as he bought his lotto tickets or driving around the village enjoying the warm summer days with his canine companions.

Richard is survived by his life companion Joan Dunker of Walton, his daughter Jessica (Anthony) Ladd of Walton and his sister Barbara (Dan) Conklin of North Carolina, along with several cousins.

Richard was predeceased by both his parents, Floyd and Beulah Houck.

Burial services will be held at a

later date.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Courtney Funeral Home, 25 Townsend St, Walton.

Condolences to the family may be made at www.courtneyfh.com



Jerry DeWitt

Jerry DeWitt was born at home on the farm on Aug. 16, 1946. He unexpectedly died of a heart attack at home on the farm on Jan. 6, 2024.

There will be no services. His ashes will be returned to the farm he loved.

Visit www.macarthurfh.com to share a condolence with Jerry's family.

Carolyn J. Gelo

Carolyn J. Gelo, 80, of Bainbridge, passed away Friday, Jan. 5, 2024, at Cooperstown Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation.

Carolyn was born Feb. 12, 1943 in Bainbridge, and spent most of her life in the greater Sidney area. She graduated from Sidney High School in 1961. She worked very hard all her life, but found time to enjoy crocheting, crafting and cooking. She left a legacy of children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren who were very loved with whom she was proud. She enjoyed the companionship of her many pets over the years.

Carolyn was predeceased by her parents Donald and Katherine Laraway; two grandsons Daran Morris and Tyler Daniel Hornbeck.

She is survived by her sister Linda (Gary) Scott, brother Dennis (Diane) Laraway; children Dawn (John) Giannone, Ronald Spencer, Michael (Toni) Spencer, and Debbie (Gregory) Comen; grandchildren Maris and Chloe; Brooke, Trevor, Finnley, Misty and Bradley Spencer; six great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

There will be a graveside service in the spring at Prospect Hill Cemetery, Sidney.

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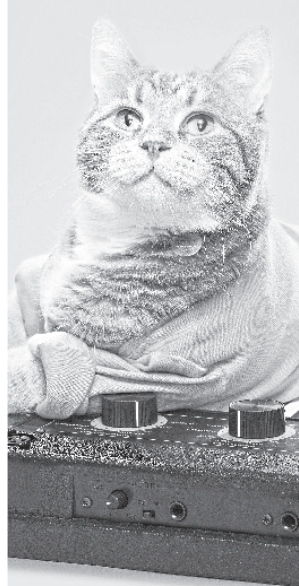
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Thursday, Jan 18
2024 Adult Grief Support Group: Helios Care adult grief support groups are free monthly drop-in groups open to all members of our community 18 and over. Groups are facilitated by staff specifically trained in grief and loss. Attendees have a safe and confidential place to focus on understanding the grief process, making sense of the strong emotions, and learning from other community members. Groups are free and open to all adults. Please call (607) 432-5525 to register. Visit HeliosCare.org for more information and resources. New Hope Community Church 45 Stockton Avenue, Walton, NY.

Saturday, Jan. 20
The Gathering Table will be open: The Gathering Table will be open and is welcoming to anyone who would like lunch and fellowship in the fellowship hall of the First Congregational Church on North Street across from the Townsend school. They meet on the second and third Saturday of the month from 11:30 to 1:30. First Congregational Church 4 Mead St, Walton, NY.

Tuesday, Jan. 23
Cannon Free Library's Book Club: The book club will meet to discuss Nella Larson's Passing at 1 p.m. Cannon Free Library 40 Elm Street, Delhi, NY.

Village of Walton Legal Notice: The annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of the William B Ogden Free Library will be held at the library on Tuesday, January 23, 2024 at 7 p.m. for the purpose of electing one trustee to fill a four-year term, electing one trustee to fill the remainder of a four-year term, electing one officer for 2024, adopting the budget for the 2024-2025 year, and for the transaction other business that may require. The public is welcome to attend. William B. Ogden Free Library 42 Gardiner Place, Walton, NY.

Wednesday, Jan. 24
2024 Adult Grief Support Group: Helios Care adult grief support groups are free monthly drop-in groups open to all members of our community 18 and over. Groups are facilitated by staff specifically trained in grief and loss. Attendees have a safe and confidential place to focus on understanding the grief process, making sense of the strong emotions, and learning from other community members. Groups are free and open to all adults. Please call (607) 432-5525 to register. Visit HeliosCare.org for more information and resources. Cobleskill United Methodist Church 107 Chapel Street, Cobleskill, NY.
Book Club Discussion: Book Club: Wednesday, January 24, 7:00 PM Our book club will meet on the lower level of the library. This month we are reading "Killers of the Flower Moon" by David Grann (C)2017 In the 1920s, the richest people per capita in the world were members of the Osage Nation in Oklahoma. After oil was discovered beneath their land, the Osage rode in chauffeured automobiles, built mansions, and sent their children to

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Valentine Making Workshop: Community Cares valentine-making workshop will be held at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 24. Cannon Free Library 40 Elm Street, Delhi, NY.

Friday, January 26
Benefit chicken and biscuit dinner: A benefit chicken and biscuit dinner for Austin and Megan Kilmer at the Walton Vet's Club Friday, Jan. 26 starting at 5 p.m. Walton Vet's Club 10 Park St, Walton, NY.

Saturday, Jan. 27
Desserts and Diaries at DCHA Jan. 27: Visit the Delaware County Historical Association (DCHA) on Saturday, Jan. 27 for an afternoon of sundry and delectable delights. At 2 p.m. members of the museum staff will begin reading from a variety of historic diaries, letters and other narratives - all drawn from the museum's collections - and spanning the years from the 1780s to the 1950s. While guests relax and listen to the readings, enjoy an array of sumptuous desserts. Tea and coffee will also be served. Excerpts that will be presented include those penned by: Ebenezer Foote (Revolutionary War), Laura Sherwood (Delhi), James Thompson (Bovina/Roxbury), Eb-

enezer Lindsley (Downsville), William Sines (Civil War), Stephen Churchill (Stamford), George Bailey (Spanish-American War), Andrew Brower (Roxbury), Anna Redfield (Franklin), and Lillian Young Murray (Hamden). The event is highly suited for those looking to spend an afternoon having fun while learning more about our ancestors who once lived in Delaware County. To enjoy this delectable and - dare we say it, decadent - afternoon, reserve your space by Jan. 24. Cost is \$10 per person. Call DCHA at 607-746-3849 or e-mail dchadelhi@gmail.com to reserve or for more information. We are located two miles north of the village of Delhi at 46549 State Route 10.

Saturday, Feb. 10
Sweetheart Breakfast: The Delhi Rotary Club presents our annual Sweetheart Breakfast at the Delhi Fire Department. Enjoy freshly made pancakes, eggs, sausage, coffee, OJ, and real maple syrup. Event is by donation. Delhi Fire Department 140 Delview Terrace Ext, Delhi, NY.

Sunday, Feb. 11
The Southern Tier Chapter of the Nam Knights will host breakfast buffets: The Southern Tier Chapter of the Nam Knights will host breakfast buffets at the Walton Vet's Club, 10 Park Street, once a month for four months to fund their charities and causes that they champion and donate to locally. Breakfasts will be Feb. 11, March 10 and April 14 and include scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, pancakes, hash browns, coffee, tea, orange and apple juice. Breakfast will be served from 8 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$12 per person. Walton Vet's Club 10 Park St, Walton, NY.

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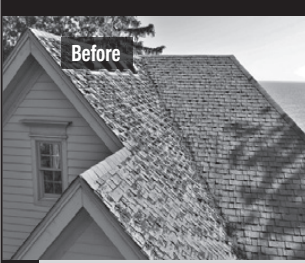
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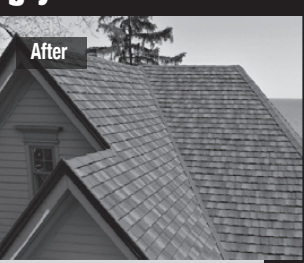
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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Notice of Formation of Woodpile Ventures LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-11-29. Office location: Delaware County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Andrew Barber: 1855 ADAM CLAYTON POWELL BLVD 2A NEW YORK NY 10026. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

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122 EAST STREET WALTON LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 5/26/2023. Off. Loc.: DELAWARE Co. SSNY desig. As agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 4610 Crane St, Apt. 511, Long Island City, NY 11101. General Purposes.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Notice of Qualification of Indigo Payments LLC. Authority filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 12/15/23. Office location: Delaware County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 11/10/22. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 28 Liberty St, NY, NY 10005. DE address of LLC: 1209 Orange St, Wilmington, DE 19801. Cert. of Formation filed with DE Secy of State, 401 Federal St, Ste 4, Dover, DE 19901. The name and address of the Reg. Agent is C T Corporation System, 28 Liberty St, NY, NY 10005. Purpose: any lawful activity.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
2994 Little Red Cabin LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 1/5/2024. Cty: Delaware. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to 71 Birch Hill Rd, Newtown, CT 06470. General Purpose

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DELAWARE COUNTY Notice of Sale REFEREE'S NOTICE OF SALE IN FORECLOSURE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF DELAWARE

ALLAN E. WOLF JR., INC., et al, Plaintiffs v. CATSKILL VENTURES, LLC, et al Defendant(s), bearing Index Number EF2022-355. Pursuant to the Order Confirming Referee's Report of Amount Due, Substituting Plaintiff, Amending Caption, and Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, issued on August 24, 2023, and duly entered by the Delaware County Clerk on August 30, 2023 (the "Judgment"), Xibai Gao, Esq. (4208 Woods Rd., Vestal, NY 13850 (607) 699-1688), the referee appointed therein, will sell in one parcel at public auction on **February 16, 2024 at 1:15 P.M.** at the Delaware County Courthouse, 3 Court Street, Delhi, Delaware County, NY 13753, the premises known as 3024 Brush Ridge Road, Middletown (Fleischmanns), NY 12430 (Section 288, Block 1, Lot 40.1 in the Town of Middletown, County of Delaware, State of New York). All that certain plot, piece, or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying, and being in the Town of Middletown, County of Delaware, State of New York. The approximate amount of the judgment is \$1,542,669.67, plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment and terms of sale. Attorneys for plaintiff: Meyner and Landis LLP, David B. Grantz, Esq., One Gateway Center, Suite 2500, Newark, New Jersey, 07102 (973) 602-3436.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
WISE COUNCIL & COMPANY LLC. Filed 6/26/23. Office: Delaware Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: Po Box 162, Walton, NY 13856. Registered Agent: United States Corporation Agents, Inc., 7014 13th Ave , Ste 202, Bklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: General

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
ANNAFI LLC. Filed 12/12/23. Office: Delaware Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 875 County Hwy 38,, Arkville, NY 12406. Purpose: General

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Notice of Formation of Fertile Craft LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-12-21. Office location: Delaware County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Fertile Craft LLC: 15 Court Street Delhi NY 13753. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

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70 Main LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 11/29/2023. Cty: Delaware. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to 70 Main St, Delhi, NY 13753. General Purpose

Town of Delhi Legal Notice
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that the Delhi Town Board at the January 2, 2024 Organizational Meeting have set forth that monthly board meetings will be held on the second Monday of each month at 6:00pm at the Delhi Town Hall Building, 5 Elm Street, Delhi New York, unless otherwise stated or advertised.

The Town of Delhi Planning Board meets monthly the 4th Monday of each month at 6:30pm unless otherwise stated.
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June 11, 2024 - Tuesday
July 9, 2024 - Tuesday
August 20, 2024 - Tuesday
September 10, 2024 - Tuesday
October 8, 2024 - Tuesday
November 7, 2024 - Thursday
December 10, 2024 - Tuesday

All meetings are held at the Town of Tompkins Town Hall at 148 Bridge Street, Trout Creek, at 7:00 p.m. unless otherwise posted.
Michelle Phoenix
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DELAWARE COUNTY Notice of Sale REFEREE'S NOTICE OF SALE IN FORECLOSURE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF DELAWARE

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During the COVID-19 health emergency, bidders are required to comply with all governmental health requirements in effect at the time of sale including but not limited to, wearing face coverings and maintaining social distancing (at least 6-feet apart) during the auction, while tendering deposit and at any subsequent closing. Bidders are also required to comply with the Foreclosure Auction Rules and COVID-19 Health Emergency Rules issued by the Supreme Court of this County in addition to the conditions set forth in the Terms of Sale.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Notice of Qualification of Brookburn Renewables 2, LLC. Authority filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 12/27/23. Office location: Delaware County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 12/21/23. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 28 Liberty St, NY, NY 10005. DE address of LLC: 1209 Orange St, Wilmington, DE 19801. Cert. of Formation filed with DE Secy of State, 401 Federal St. Ste 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.

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DELAWARE COUNTY Summons for Publication
SUMMONS Supreme Court of New York, Delaware County. U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE OF THE FW-BKPL SERIES I TRUST, Plaintiff, -against- SANDRA GARDEPE A/K/A SANDRA M. GARDEPE, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF FANNIE L. VERMILYEA; PATRICIA GARDEPE, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF FANNIE L. VERMILYEA; BARBARA KEUHN, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF FANNIE L. VERMILYEA; WELLINGTON MILLS, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF FANNIE L. VERMILYEA; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DISTRIBUTEES OF THE ESTATE OF FANNIE L. VERMILYEA; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (NORTHERN DISTRICT); DELAWARE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES; FORD MOTOR CREDIT COMPANY LLC; BASSETT MEDICAL CENTER; CNB REALTY TRUST, AS ASSIGNEE OF NBT BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION; "JOHN DOE" and "JANE DOE" said names being fictitious, it being the intention of Plaintiff to designate any and all occupants of premises being foreclosed herein, Index No. EF2023-769. Mortgaged Premises: 982 Pine Swamp Road Sidney Center, NY 13839 Section: 206. Block: 1 Lot: 28 TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in the above captioned action and to serve a copy of your Answer on the Plaintiff's attorney within twenty (20) days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, or within thirty (30) days after completion of service where service is made in any other manner than by personal delivery within the State. The United States of America, if designated as a Defendant in this action, may answer or appear within sixty (60) days of service hereof. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT THE OBJECTIVE of the above captioned action is to foreclose on a Mortgage to secure \$79,175.60 and interest, recorded in the Delaware County Clerk's Office on July 9, 2008 in Book 1548, Page 270, Document Number 27500, covering the premises known as 982 Pine Swamp Road, Sidney Center, NY 13839. The relief sought herein is a final judgment directing sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the mortgage described above. Plaintiff designates Delaware County as the place of trial. Venue is based upon the County in which the mortgaged premises is located. NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. FRIEDMAN VARTOLO, LLP 1325 Franklin Avenue, Suite 160 Garden City, NY 11530, Attorneys for Plaintiff.

DELAWARE COUNTY INVITATION FOR BIDS
The Catskill Water Discovery Center (CWDC) located at 669 County Highway 38, Suite 3, Arkville, NY 12406 is seeking bids from qualified contractors for the Catskill Water Discovery Center Nature Preserve project at the properties between the East Branch of the Delaware River and The Delaware & Ulster Railroad (DURR) track line with access path from the Catskill Watershed Corporation Building (CWC) and County Road 38, Approximately 2,375-foot long loop trail through the northernmost, 9-acre portion of the CWDC property. Work items include, but are not limited to: mobilization/demolization, pollution control, pedestrian trail layout and construction, invasive plant remediation, establishment of view corridors, seeding and mulching. The Nature Preserve and Trails will provide recreational and educational opportunities for visitors of the Catskill Water Discovery Center (CWDC) and the public at large.

The Bid package: 'Catskill Water Discovery Center Nature Preserve - Trail Plan and Typical Drawings - Scope of Work' dated December 11, 2023, and supporting specifications & documents can be obtained electronically after January 5, 2024 by emailing CWDC at cwcnaturepreserve@gmail.com. Minority and Women owned businesses are encouraged to apply.

A Mandatory Site Showing will be held on Friday, February 9, 2024, at 11:00 am at the Catskill Water Discovery Center located at 669 County Highway 38, Arkville, NY 12406. The project to be awarded by March 4, 2024, and shall be substantially completed by June 7, 2024.

Bids will be received by the Catskill Water Discovery Center's office at 669 County Highway 38, Suite 3, Arkville, NY 12406, until Friday, February 16, 2024 at 3:00 PM, prevailing time, at which time they will be opened and read. Bidders are responsible for the timely delivery of their bid proposal.s

Questions should be directed to Catskill Water Discovery Center at the email below:

E-mail: cwcnaturepreserve@gmail.com
669 County Highway 38, Suite 3
Arkville, NY 12406

SIDNEY/UNADILLA

By Anna Ritchey 755ritchey@frontiernet.net 607-563-1104

Sidney

The free “Share the Bounty” meal will be held Thursday, Jan. 25, serving from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Sacred Heart Parish Hall, Liberty Street.

Rotary Club of Sidney will have a meeting Friday, Jan. 26 beginning at noon at St. Luke’s Church, 139 West Main Street.

Sidney Memorial Public Library, 8 River Street, after school programs: Minecraft - Mondays 3 to 4:30 p.m. (age 8 and up); In-person Lego Club Tuesdays, 3:15 to 4:30 p.m. in the PCC; Babies’ Story Time Wednesday, Jan. 24 at 10 a.m. in the children’s area and tummy time for babies and their families; preschool kids every Tuesday, Story Time 10 a.m. children’s area. This month’s theme is animals of winter: Crafts and Creations every Thursday from 3 to 4:30 p.m. in the PCC for students in grades K through 6. Check the library website to see more upcoming programming www.sidneylibrary.org

Sidney Computing Center open hours - bring your device for one-on-one technology help. Call 607-563-1200 to register; Mondays, Jan. 22 and 29 from 1 to 3 p.m., Wednesdays, Jan. 24 and 31 from 4:30 to 7 p.m. and Friday, Jan. 19 from 9 to 11 a.m.

Tri County Senior Center, 43 Pearl Street, the right side of A.O. Fox Tri-Town Campus (use right side driveway to back parking lot) is open Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. All are welcome. Wednesdays - BINGO at 10 a.m.;

Thursdays, cards, and Fridays, Mahjong. For more information or questions contact Carol Allen 607-563-8065.

Literacy Volunteers are needed with Recruitment Day Friday, Jan. 19 at 11 a.m. If you have an hour of two a week to give consider becoming a tutor with Literacy Volunteers of Otsego and Delaware Counties.

Community Cultural Center, 1 Bridge Street; open MIC Friday, Jan. 26. Sign up at 7:45 p.m.; starts at 8.

Food Bank is open Mondays and Thursdays from 9:30 to 11:30 at the Sidney United Methodist Church, 12 Liberty Street.

The Catholic Charities Emergency Food Pantry, 21 Liberty Street, is open by appointment Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Thursdays from 8:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Birthright of Sidney NY serving Chenango, Delaware and Otsego Counties, 21 Liberty Street, Suite 10. Open Monday 1 to 4 p.m., Thursdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Services are free; trained volunteers; information is confidential: 607-563-4321. Counseling, pregnancy tests, agency referrals, baby food and diapers.

Unadilla

Stitch n’ Witch is being held every other week at the Green Giraffe Vintage, 179 Main Street, Thursday, Jan. 25 from 10:30 to 12:30. Just bring your current craft, needlework or hand sewing project and enjoy refreshments and conversation. Free to all.

The Unadilla Elementary School is participating in the Otsego County Schools Plastic Recycling Film Recycling Challenge Program and the Nextrex Recycling Challenge to collect 1,000 pounds of thin plastic film for recycling. The school will weigh and record the amount collected by grade level for prizes given by the PRO. Prizes will be awarded to the school based on how much the school collects - they hope to win a TEX Bench for the playground. Plastic must be clean, dry and free of residue. Send to school with your children or grandchild or leave at school bus entrance drop off, indicating child or class to receive credit. Items are grocery bags, bread bags, bubble wrap, dry cleaning bags, newspaper sleeves, ice bags, plastic shipping envelopes, zip lock and other reclosable food storage bags, cereal bags, case overwrap, salt bags, pallet wrap and stretch film, wood pellet bags and produce bags. Program ends April 1, 2024. Plastic may also be left at the Green Giraffe Vintage, 179 Main Street, Wednesday through Sunday.

The Unadilla Food Pantry, 172 Main Street is open Mondays, Fridays and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For more info call 607-563-7713.

Unadilla Public Library is open Mondays and Wednesdays 6 to 8 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m., Saturdays 10 to 2 p.m., 607-369-3131; website unadillalibrary.org

HOSKING SALES LLC CERTIFIED ORGANIC MARKETING AGENCY

Weekly Sales Every Monday – Misc. items, Poultry & produce etc. will start approx. 1:00 before the Dairy follow with any sheep, lamb, goat & pigs. Calf sale evening after 5:30 then feeders followed by all other beef. **Let’s keep the cattle in the marketplace to help the competition – sending direct gives you no competition. Beef prices have been strong time to cull the bottom end – feeders etc. Let us help you.**

Mon. Jan. 15th - Cull Dairy ave. \$.91 top cow \$1.13, Cull Beef \$.76 - \$1.10, Organic cull dairy \$.91 - \$1.13, Organic Bull \$1.36, Bulls (over 1200#) \$1.18 - \$1.35, Dairy Feeders \$1.25, Feeder heifers - \$.75 - \$1.60, Feeder bulls \$1.33 - \$1.50, Bull calves top \$4.80 top beef calf \$6.70, Heifer calves top \$3.00 top beef calf \$6.35, Dairy – Milking age top \$2050.

Mon. Jan. 22nd – Normal Monday Sale & Monthly Organic Day. 3-4 Organic Started heifers and 1 Organic Springer.

Monday, Jan. 29th – Normal Monday Sale. Special: SHORT NOTICE HERD DISPERSAL. Otsego County Freestall Dairy. 106 (AI sired – Select Sires) Freestall Holstein cows sell. 94 in milk, 10 Dry Cows & 2 Close Bred Heifers. They are ave. 63#/day, 4.1F 3.0P on 2X. SCC 150,000. These cows are in all stages of lactation with 30 in their 1st lactation & 40 fresh in the last 100 days. Also, the herd has recently had their feet trimmed. Taking other consignments – have already a few Registered Fresh Heifers. This Dairy will sell at 1:00. Complete info at ringside.

Mon. Feb. 5th - Normal Monday Sale & Monthly Fat Cow & Feeder Sale

Mon. Feb. 12th - Normal Monday Sale & Monthly Heifer Sale

Mon. Feb. 19th – Normal Monday Sale & Monthly Sheep, Lamb, Goat & Pig Sale

UPCOMING SALES- DON'T WAIT TO BOOK YOUR SPRING SALE ITS STARTING TO FILL UP!

Sat. March 16th, 2024 – note we are changing the date of this sale this year only due to the NY Spring Show has moved their Show during our normal Sale week. Spring Premier All Breed Sale – 11:30AM. If you would like to consign or have someone stop by, please let us know asap. Selling 120 Registered All- Breed Dairy Cattle. Call today to get into the early advertising.

Sat. April 6th - sale held on the farm Richfield Springs, NY. 11:00AM. Ovaltop Holsteins Milking Herd & Select Heifer Dispersal. **MARK YOUR CALENDERS A DAY YOU WILL NOT WANT TO MISS!**

Sat. April 20th - Our Spring Machinery Consignment Sale held at our facility. Always a full line of equipment. Call to advertise your line of machinery.

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Grantor	Location	Grantee	Transfer Tax	Grantor	Location	Grantee	Transfer Tax
January 5, 2024							
SCHOEN LILLIAN	COLCHESTER	ROBERTSON RICHARD C	1,284.00	CARMINE DEFALCO TRUST (BY TR)	FRANKLIN	VACCARELLA ROBERTO	1,636.00
		ROBERTSON LINDA J		DIANE DEFALCO TRUST (BY TR)		GUIFFRIDA MICHELLE	
KENNEDY MICHELE (ADMINX)	MEREDITH	MARZELLA NICK	100.00	DEFALCO PHILIP C (TR)		GIUFFRIDA MICHELLE (SEE INST)	
KENNEDY RICHARD J (AKA/ADMINX OF)				LAROCHELLE JOYCE A (EST OF/EXR OF)	STAMFORD	LAROCHELLE ROGER J JR	0.00
KENNEDY RICHARD J III (ADMX OF/EST OF)				LAROCHELLE JOSEPH M		LAROCHELLE JOSEPH M	
PALOMBO LOUIS D	SIDNEY	B&W REALTY HOLDINGS LLC	260.00	LAROCHELLE KRYSTYN		LAROCHELLE KRYSTYN	
MESITI ANTONIO (SOLE HEIRS OF)	HARPERSFIELD	MESITI ROCCO	0.00	LAROCHELLE ROGER J (SEE INST)			
MESITI JOSEPH (SOLE HEIR)		MESITI JOSEPH		LAROCHELLE ROGER J JR (EXR/IND)	WALTON	KASSAP GRANT M	104.00
MESITI ROCCO (SOLE HEIR)				GREENE MITCHELL S		KASSAP DIANA M	
DAVIDSON TERRY (EST OF/EXR OF)	FRANKLIN	DAVIDSON NATHAN	0.00		MASONVILLE	MURPHY MITCHELL	820.00
DAVIDSON NATHAN (EXR OF)				BUTTEL DORRIE (AKA)		MURPHY LINDSAY	
SHERKUS SCOTT F	STAMFORD	SHERKUS FAMILY TRUST	0.00	BUTTEL DORIS THERESA			
SHERKUS ESTHER		DATED 3/17/22		January 10, 2024			
FORSMAN SHARON	MIDDLETOWN	MARTIN ROBBIE A	0.00	HILL DAVID D	HARPERSFIELD	HILL DAVID D	0.00
		MARTIN PATRICK				HILL GLORIA J	
January 8, 2024				CAGEAO ALICE	HARPERSFIELD	CAGEAO NICHOLAS J	0.00
MULIT CYNTHIA J	BOVINA	MULIT DAVID L (TR)	0.00	CAGEAO ALICE K (SEE INST)			
MULIT DAVID L		MULIT CYNTHIA J (TR)		HILL DWAYNE C	HARPERSFIELD	HILL DWAYNE C (TR)	0.00
		CYNTHIA J MULIT 2022		HILL MARY LEE (AKA)		HILL MARYLEE B (TR)	
		REVOCABLE TRUST DATED		HILL MARYLEE		DWAYNE C HILL REVOCABLE	
		JANUARY 4, 2022 50% (BY TR)				TRUST DATED JULY 22 2022 (BY TR)	
		DAVID L MULIT 2022		ROBERTS JOSEPH	DAVENPORT	MARYLEE B HILL REVOCABLE	
		REVOCABLE TRUST DATED				TRUST DATED JULY 22 2022 (BY TR)	
		JANUARY 4, 2022 50% (BY TR)				KJR PROPERTY HOLDINGS	0.00
DOZEN DOORS LLC	HANCOCK	KNIGHTS TEMPLAR LLC	680.00			LLC	
VINCENZI BRIAN	TOMPKINS	BARRETT SALLY	0.00	January 11, 2024			
		VINCENZI NICOLE		MACHUSZEK STANLEY J	KORTRIGHT	ALTMAN DORIS	144.00
SANDERS CLARK	KORTRIGHT	CLARK SANDERS LIVING	0.00	18718 NY 28 LLC	DELHI	SDB HOSPITALITY INC	3,900.00
		TRUST DATED NOVEMBER 7		IOANNA TERESA (EST OF/CO EXRS OF)	MIDDLETOWN	DOUNIS SPIRO M	168.00
		2023 (BY TR)		IOANNA FRANK A (IND & CO EXR)		DOUNIS MICHELLE	
SANDERS CLARK	MEREDITH	SANDERS CLARK (TR)	0.00	IOANNA RALPH (IND & CO EXR)			
SANDERS ANDREA E		SANDERS ANDREA E (TR)		IOANNA FRANK (SEE INST)			
		ANDREA E SANDERS LIVING		VAIL BRANDON G	DEPOSIT	VAIL BRANDON G	0.00
		TRUST DATED NOVEMBER 7		VAIL SHERI		VAIL SHERI	
		2023 (BY TR)		COUNTY OF DELAWARE INDUSTRIAL	DELHI	SHEPHARD JOHN	300.00
COLE BARBARA ANN	ANDES	MCGRADY MELISSA (TR)	0.00	DEVELOPMENT AGENCY			
COLE GLENN V JR		LAKIN ASHLEY (TR)		GLAITTLI DAVID H	WALTON	VARVATSOULIS GEORGE	900.00
		GBMA COLE FAMILY TRUST		GLAITTLI DIANA A		VARVATSOULIS MARIA	
		DATED DECEMBER 1 2023 (BY TRS)				VARVATSOULIS PETER	
VELTRI LORENZO	HANCOCK	DERIN ERIK J	0.00	BRADLEY LYNN B	MIDDLETOWN	ACKERLEY ELIZABETH	0.00
JLC PROPERTY RENTAL LLC	SIDNEY	BAGLEY HOLDINGS LLC	560.00	BRADLEY CAROLYN B		BRADLEY (TR)	
PECK VIVIAN E (BY ATTY)	SIDNEY	TAP MANAGEMENT SERVICES	500.00			LYNN AND CAROLYN BRADLEY	
PATTERSON CHRISTINA D (ATTY)		LTD				IRREVOCABLE TRUST DATED	
PECK KEITH A (SEE INST)				SHEAVES JOSEPH L	HANCOCK	JANUARY 4 2024 (BY TR)	
January 9, 2024				SHEAVES SANDRA		RIDDLE LORIE	1,956.00
MARREN PETER	FRANKLIN	MARREN MEGHAN L	0.00	January 12, 2024			
		MARREN PETER (LIFE USE)		LIBURDI VINCENT	SIDNEY	CANNELLA JOHN	308.00
ARRUFFAT JOSEPH	HARPERSFIELD	BRYERS CHARLES K	0.00	LIBURDI GLORIA		CANNELLA LEONARD	
DIGILIO-ARRUFFAT DONNA				BASKERVILLE A LAURA (SEE INST/LIFE	DEPOSIT	BASKERVILLE DAVID W	0.00
DIGILIO DONNA (SEE INST)				USE)		GAINSBACK ANNE M	
DIGILIO MICHELE				BASKERVILLE DAVID W		CASE STACEY L	
DIGILIO GEORGIA				CLARK FAMILY REAL ESTATE LIMITED	DELHI	CLARK BROTHERS CAPITAL	800.00
CANTWELL JOSEPH E	MEREDITH	CANTWELL MEGAN (TR)	0.00	PARTNERSHIP		LLC	
CANTWELL VIRGINIA A		CANTWELL FAMILY TRUST (TR OF)		KAYTON JAMES R	HANCOCK	FORADOULAS SCORATIS	2,400.00
CASE GARY	DEPOSIT	COLD WATER PROPERTIES	280.00	KAYTON BARBARA B		FORADOULAS ELENI	
CASE DONNA		LLC		CLAPPER MARY LOU (TR)	SIDNEY	DOMANSKIY NIKOLAY	580.00
BEERS MICHELLE L (EXR)	MIDDLETOWN	BEERS JOHN J JR	0.00	STEVEN P CLAPPER 401K PROFIT		DOMANSKIY VLADIMIR	
SPIELMAN GEORGE LESLIE (EST OF/EXR OF)		BEERS MICHELLE LYNN		SHARING PLAN (BY TRS)		DOMANSKAYA INNA	
SPIELMAN GEORGE L (AKA/EST OF/EXR OF)				CLAPPER STEVEN P (TR)			
SPIELMAN LINDA M (SEE INST)				VAN GORDEN GREGORY A	ANDES	BARTIK CHRISTIAN J	400.00
MARREN PETER	FRANKLIN	MARREN MEGHAN L	0.00			BARTIK MARGARET	
		MARREN PETER (LIFE USE)		ANGLADA IRVING	COLCHESTER	LOVE NICOLETTE A	38.00
LLOYD KENNETH E JR	ROXBURY	LIBERATORE JEROME	80.00	ANGLADA EVELYN			
		ANTHONY		COLON ZAVIER P			
FAELLA JOHN	DEPOSIT	LIBERATORE TONYA JEAN		COLON ALBA N			
FAELLA MICHAELA		DOWNSTREAM PROPERTIES	240.00	January 15, 2024			
		LLC		HUBBELL GILBERT	HANCOCK	HUBBELL GILBERT	0.00

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2022 Ram 1500 White, 13,000 mi., 6, Auto, Loaded, 4x4 Reg Cab, 8ft Box, Tommy Gate lift gate WAS \$34,975 NOW \$33,500 \$560/72 mos.	2021 Ford F-250 XLT Black, 46,100 mi., 8, Auto, Loaded, 4x4, Back up Cam, Sat Radio, 1 Owner. Previous Rental WAS \$44,975 NOW \$44,200 \$740/72 mos.	2021 Chevrolet Silverado Z71 White, 31,200 mi., 8, Auto, 4x4, Loaded, A/W, Back up Cam, PS, HS, HSW, Rem. Start, Sat. Radio, Tow Pkg, Plow Pkg, 1 Owner! WAS \$47,975 NOW \$46,500 \$778/72 mos.	2021 Chevrolet Silverado RST Blue, 19,700 mi., 3.0 Diesel, 4x4, Auto, Loaded, Back up Cam, PS, HS, HSW, Rem. Start, Sat. Radio, Tow Pkg, 1 Owner! WAS \$47,975 NOW \$45,800 \$783/72 mos.	2020 Ram 1500 BigHorn Gray, 39,900 mi., 8, Auto, 4x4, Back up Cam, PS, HS, HSW, Rem. Start, Sat. Radio, Tow Pkg WAS \$39,975 NOW \$38,800 \$663/72 mos.	2020 GMC Sierra 1500 Elevation Red, 62,400 mi., 8, Auto, 4x4, Loaded, Back up Cam, PS, HS, HM, HSW, Rem. Start, Sat. Radio, Tow Pkg WAS \$40,975 NOW \$39,800 \$680/72 mos.
2022 GMC Savana 2500 White, 16,200 mi., 6, Auto, Loaded, Back up Cam, Cruise Control NOW \$36,975 \$618/72 mos.	2021 Chrysler Voyager Burgundy, 62,400 mi., 6, Auto, Loaded, Back Up Cam, Sat Radio Prior Rental WAS \$24,975 NOW \$24,200 \$413/72 mos.	2015 MV-1 Mobility Van Silver, 45,400 mi., 6, Auto, Loaded, Back up Cam, Lthr Seat, Mobility Ramp NOW \$23,975 \$578/48 mos.	2021 Volkswagen Atlas SE Gray, 58,200 mi., 6, Auto, AWD, Loaded, Back up Cam, HS, Lthr Seats, Rem Start, Sat Radio, Prev Rental NOW \$25,975 \$443/72 mos.	2021 Chevrolet Traverse LT Dark Purple, 62,300 mi., 4, Auto, AWD, Loaded, Back up Cam, HS, Rem Start, Lthr Seats, Sat Radio, Prev Rental NOW \$29,475 \$504/72 mos.	2020 Ford Escape SE Silver, 29,800 mi., 4, Auto, 4x4, Loaded, Back up Cam, HS, Sat Radio NOW \$22,475 \$384/66 mos.
2021 Nissan Rogue Sport Blue, 57,400 mi., 4, Auto, AWD, Loaded, Back up Cam, BT, Sat Radio, Prev Rental NOW \$20,475 \$350/72 mos.	2021 Nissan Rogue Sport Silver, 56,000 mi., 4, Auto, AWD, Loaded, Back up Cam, Remote Start, Sat Radio, Prev Rental NOW \$20,475 \$350/72 mos.	2021 Subaru Crosstrek Limited Blue, 33,000 mi., 4, Auto, AWD, Loaded, Back up Cam, HS, BT, Lthr Seats, Sat Radio, 1 Owner NOW \$27,975 \$478/72 mos.	2021 Jeep Renegade Limited Black, 25,300 mi., 4, Auto, 4x4, Loaded, Back up Cam, HS, Lthr Seats, HS, HSW, Rem Start, Sat Radio NOW \$25,475 \$435/72 mos.	2021 Jeep Cherokee Limited Gray, 25,400 mi., 6, Auto, 4x4, Loaded, Back up Cam, HS, HSW, Lthr Seats, Rem Start, Sat Radio, 1 Owner NOW \$27,975 \$478/72 mos.	2020 Subaru Outback Green, 19,800 mi., 4, Auto, Loaded AWD, HS, HSW, RS Back up Cam, Sun roof WAS \$35,975 NOW \$34,800 \$595/72 mos.
2022 Toyota Camry XLE Red, 12,400 mi., 4, Auto, AWD, Loaded, A/W, Lthr, HS, PS, HSW, HM, Back up Cam, Sat Radio, 1 Owner! WAS \$29,975 NOW \$29,500 \$493/72 mos.	2021 Volkswagen Jetta White, 37,300 mi., 4, Auto, Loaded, Back up Cam, BT, NOW \$20,975 \$358/72 mos.	2020 Hyundai Elantra SE Charcoal, 61,000 mi., 4, Auto, Loaded, Back up Cam, BT, Sat Radio, Prev Rental WAS \$17,475 NOW \$16,975 \$290/72 mos.	2020 Kia Forte LXS Blue, 60,100 mi., 4, Auto, Loaded, BT, Back up Cam, Cruise Control, Prev Rental NOW \$16,975 \$290/72 mos.	2020 Hyundai Kona LTD Gray, 35,000 mi., 4, Auto, AWD, Loaded, Back up Cam, HS, Lthr Seats, NAV, Sat Radio, Sun Roof, 1 Owner NOW \$23,975 \$410/72 mos.	2020 Subaru Impreza Base Blue, 28,600 mi., 4, Auto, AWD Loaded, Back up Cam, Eye Sight feature, 1 Owner! NOW \$20,975 \$359/72 mos.

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