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## Sidney: public-private partnerships pave way for housing future



photo from Sidney's Request for Proposals

Aerial photo of the area slated for development on Clover Hill Lane, Sidney, off county Route 4, near the Sidney Golf and Country Club.

By Lillian Browne

SIDNEY - With the aim of boosting the village's tax base and addressing a lack of housing, Sidney trustees have issued a second request for proposals (RFP) to develop a municipal-owned 10-acre parcel of shovel-ready property on Clover Hill Lane near the Sidney Golf and Country Club on county Route 4, in Sidney.

The planned housing development will redefine the community landscape and was spearheaded with a public-private collaboration, representing a bold step forward in community planning and economic growth.

#### A Vision for the Future

Sidney Mayor Ray Baker shared insights into the project's

genesis and future aspirations. "We lost 138 homes in the FEMA project and had to figure out a way to generate more tax dollars," Baker explained. "This initiative, started several years ago, is grant-funded and infrastructure-ready, with street, water, sewer, and underground electric lines already in place."

The village initiated the development project in 2014, first by annexing adjacent acreage in the town and then investing logging revenue and grant funding to clear and ready the property for housing.

The vision for the development is flexible, allowing for single-family homes, duplexes, townhouses, or condos. "Initially, we thought about 15 homes, but we've made the Request for Proposal (RFP) flexible to accommodate various housing types," Baker said. The goal is to sell the property to a developer with guidelines to ensure the community's needs are met, although the exact tax revenue generated will depend on the final housing mix.

#### Addressing Housing Needs

The need for new housing in Sidney is clear. "Our comprehensive plan, which was updated to include the need for housing, doesn't address the total housing need but it's a start," Baker said. "We're still exploring other options to develop and create more housing."

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## Battle over the bottom

### A controversial debate surfaces over river bottom ownership in Delaware County

By Lillian Browne

DELHI - A debate as old as the river itself is flowing through Delaware County, reigniting long-standing tensions between riverside property owners and anglers on the east and west branches of the Delaware River, and its tributaries. A recent opinion issued by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has brought the issue to a head, challenging conventional interpretations of waterway ownership and use.

The policy, subject to a public comment through mid-June, posits that the land beneath rivers and streams should be considered part of the waterway, thus public. The opinion, or policy statement, is meant to clarify that individuals in the water can step onto the riverbed without trespassing.

For decades, the ownership of the riverbed has been a contentious issue in the upper Delaware River basin. Anglers walking down to access the river have been reprimanded by property owners claiming they're trespassing, explained Shelly Johnson-Bennett, Delaware County Planning director, during a county planning committee meeting on July 16. "They're technically stepping on land that is in somebody's deeded ownership."

The sentiment was echoed by Hancock Supervisor Jerry



Lillian Browne/The Reporter

The west branch of the Delaware River is an angler's paradise, known for its pristine waters which feed the Cannonsville Reservoir.

Vernold, who noted that riverside property owners have long complained about anglers not only trespassing but also leaving waste behind. "It's a real issue for those who live along the river," Vernold said.

Historically, deeds extending to the edge of a waterway have been interpreted to mean the property owner holds rights to the riverbed. However, this interpretation has led to conflicts, especially when anglers wade into the river from private properties like the West Branch Angler & Resort in Hancock.

Johnson-Bennett recited incidents where tensions escalated

to the point that the DEC and the National Park Service had to mediate. "We've had this back and forth for years," she said. "It dives down a little bit, and then it rears its ugly head again the minute somebody gets mad that their neighbor is having a party and disturbing their fishes."

The DEC's opinion aims to address these conflicts by clarifying the public's right to use the waterway and its bed. However, this has left many property owners feeling vulnerable and concerned. "Does that mean they can wander all over my island [sand or gravel bar] and leave

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## DelCo Local Development Corp loan boosts DURR rehab

By J. Lawrence-Bauer

ARKVILLE - Delaware & Ulster Railroad officials announced that the popular excursion trains in Arkville, motionless since 2019, are expected to start running again next year. Thanks to a recently approved loan from the Delaware County Local Development Corporation, along with several other grants already awarded and in the pipeline, Catskill Revitalization Corporation Executive Director Todd Pascarella expects trains will start running from Arkville to Fleischmanns in spring 2025 with trains from Arkville to Highmount and eventually from Arkville to Halcottsville to follow as restoration work continues.

Plans for the scenic rail excursion call for restoration of the track between Arkville and Fleischmanns this summer and fall so that an 8-mile round trip train ride can be offered to start the 2025 season. With the restart of public rides on the historic railroad, operations in 2025 will also continue the track reconstruction work until operators can run to Highmount, expanding the train program to the base of Belleayre Mountain.

Pascarella, who acknowledged he is frequently asked if the train



J. Lawrence-Bauer/The Reporter

Trains in Arkville stimulated tourism for more than a century, but the historic depot and its passenger cars have been idle since 2019. A loan to the Delaware & Ulster Railroad through the efforts of the Delaware County Local Development Corp. should insure that trains will run again early in 2025.

will ever run again," was emphatic. "The announcement of the loan being approved is the signal that we now have enough funds to reach Fleischmanns." Reflecting on the seriousness of the situation, Pascarella noted "we have been raising capital funds on a scale never yet imagined for the Delaware & Ulster. We are talking about millions of dollars invested in bringing the railroad back for our community. Without committed financial supporters such as the O'Connor Foundation, Delaware County Economic

Development, the Catskill Watershed Corporation, New York State, and many private donors, this epic reconstruction effort now in its fifth year simply could never happen."

The Delaware & Ulster rail ride started offering scenic rides aboard vintage train cars from Arkville to Fleischmanns or Highmount in 1983. At the time the DURR was the largest single tourism draw in Delaware County. Incorporated as the Catskill Revitalization Corporation in

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# WALTON

By Patty Wood

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Free Arts and Crafts at Austin Lincoln park for the summer also. Stop in 9-12 Monday-Thursday for kids preschool and up. Meet Miss Jackie in the big pavilion.

The Delaware County Sheriff's Department is coming to the crafts at Austin Lincoln Park on Thursday, Aug 1 at 9-11:20 a.m. to meet with the kids and do photo IDs with them. If you are interested, please be sure to have a parent or guardian there to sign the paperwork to be able to complete it that day.

The Gathering Table hosted by the First Congregational Church in Walton will be hosting its free meal to the community on Saturday, July 27 from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. Menu is Turkey or ham sandwich, macaroni salad, pickle, chips, and cookies. PB&J and sugar free desserts and drinks are always available upon request.

Warrior Football Spaghetti Parents will host a chicken barbecue on Saturday, Aug. 3 starting at 11 a.m. at the school bus garage. There will also be a bake sale and car wash at the same time and location.

The Northfield Community Church will host a Patriotic Concert with Randy's Harptones Harmonica Band on Sunday, July 28 at 5 p.m. The concert is to honor our military members, those who have served and those who are presently serving. An ice cream social will follow the concert. All are welcome at the church located at 5118 County Highway 23.

Deacon Doc Mike Freeman, an avid bicyclist, is asking serious riders to save the date of Saturday, Aug. 10 for "The 2nd annual DelCo 7 Fun Stop Bicycling Event." Riders will enjoy pedaling beautiful Delaware County roads following a planned 75 mile route for fun, fitness, meeting people, and optionally stopping at fun county area businesses for refreshment breaks. This is in addition to being able to bike through magnificent farmland, while encountering friendly townsfolk, and riding roads alongside the Cannonsville Reservoir. A full description of the route including mileages and refreshment stops will be emailed to those interested by contacting Dr. Mike Freeman at his email DeacondocMF@gmail.com.

The ride will begin at Molto-Molto in Walton, where bikers can fuel up with breakfast, and receive a detailed profile of road gradients, shoulders, surfaces, and traffic patterns. The route avoids excessive climbs and is not a race. The 75-mile course will end at Awestruck Mills in Walton. Bicyclists will meet up 7:30 a.m. and begin the journey by 8 a.m. The other stops on the 75 mile route are Masonville General Store, Wakeman Coffee

Roasters, Muddy River Brewery, Grams Bake Shop, and YOLO.

There is no cost. Bring your own snacks but water coolers and some support vehicles will be strategically located. This ride is not a sponsored event. It is merely an opportunity for avid bicyclists to get together, have fun, meet new people, stay fit, and even support local business.

UHS Delaware Valley Hospital is excited to sponsor the Cutest Baby Contest at the Delaware County Fair once again. The fair will be held August 12 - 17 in Walton.

This year, voting will be available on-line which will give distant friends and relatives the opportunity to cast their vote for their favorite little one. Each in-person vote at the fair will be \$1. There will be an on-line minimum of \$5 (five votes). Donations benefit the Enhance DVH fund which is used for projects that will improve and enhance patient experience at DVH. Online voting will be available until Aug. 11. In person voting will continue throughout the fair.

Join the Walton Chamber of Commerce for the second Market on the Green of the season to be held on Aug. 2, from 4 - 7 p.m. at Veterans Plaza. Come for food and craft vendors and live music by Randy Hulse. There will be a food truck by AJ's Smokin BBQ and this time the donations will go to the Walton Food Bank. Contact adconkling7@gmail.com if you would like to be a vendor.

Community members of all ages are invited to the 2nd Annual Walton Chalk Art Day on Saturday, Aug. 10 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Bring your chalk, bubbles and creativity to Fair St and enjoy making your own art on the road near the front gate. Fair Street will be closed to traffic during this time so individuals can create their works of art in the street before the start of the fair. Please follow the signs to the designated parking area at the fairgrounds and walk up to Fair St. Amanda Conkling is leading the effort with Community Drawn Together to kick off fair week. For questions or chalk donations, please contact her at adconkling7@gmail.com

And that Saturday night, car enthusiasts are invited to join in the annual car cruise. Starting at 6 p.m., line up is in the fair main parking lot at 5:30 p.m. and comes out the parking lot gate (don't want to drive over all that cool art from the morning). All are welcome, classics, daily drivers, motorcycles, rat rods, if you're proud of it, come cruise it. Maxine Locherer is putting together a marketplace event at the plaza for the afternoon of the car show from 2-8 p.m. Message her to get a spot. The cruise will follow its usual route, and start at the fairgrounds, up state Route 206 to the pull off and back down, turn right onto Bridge Street, left onto Delaware Street loop around Prospect Avenue and back down Delaware Street and up to the state Route 10 Ice House turn. Come back down Rt 10 and turn into Veteran's Plaza to park and enjoy Nate Jamieson's deejaying and the vendors at the plaza.

## A 'Head Start' on school readiness

### Delaware Opportunities offers Head Start programming to eligible families

By Elizabeth DeFalco

DELHI - To prepare children for a successful transition into the school system, Delaware Opportunities offers Head Start programming to income-eligible families; Head Start is a comprehensive program for children ages three to five, focused on meeting a child's emotional, social, health, nutritional, and psychological needs. Head Start is a federally-funded program.

Delaware Opportunities will receive \$1,381,584 in federal funding to support their Head Start program, Executive Director Shelly Bartow said. The funding is allocated through the Head Start and Early Head Start programs, administered by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

The \$1.38 million payment is the second half of the agency's total \$2,763,168 annual allocation for Head Start programming, she said, and is average compared to previous years.

The agency did receive a small federal Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) grant, less than \$100,000, which was used to increase salaries of Head Start staff, she said.

Delaware Opportunities offers both center and home-based Head Start options, according to the agency's website. The center-based program is offered four or five days per week with some centers offering both full and part-day classrooms, the website states.

Head Start centers are located in Arkville, Davenport, Delhi, Deposit, Fishs Eddy, Franklin, Hobart, Sidney, and Walton; Sidney and Walton offer both full day and part day classrooms, while other centers only offer full day classrooms.

For in-home options, a teacher will work with parents and children in their home once each week, the website states. The child will also attend their local center program twice monthly

for peer experience, the website says.

Bus transportation is available at no cost within the service area, according to the website.

Head Start programming highlights six key points it helps to strengthen for families and children: nutrition, health, parent participation, family services, disability advocacy, and child development and school readiness.

Nutrition is stressed in classroom activities and parent workshops, the website says, as well as by serving balanced breakfast and lunches daily. Preventative

in all center areas and activities, offering therapy services in the center when appropriate, and advocating for the child and family.

"Head Start is important because it focuses on the whole family and on kindergarten readiness," Bartow said. "It is like going to school with supports in place to help the family be successful."

Delaware Opportunities is currently enrolling approximately 100 children each program year, she said, which runs from March 1 to February 28.

There is no charge to families



Lillian Browne/The Reporter

Head Start, Industrial Park Road, Walton.

health education helps ensure each child's needs are identified and they receive medical, dental, mental health, and nutritional care they need.

Parent participation is offered through opportunity for parents to volunteer in the classroom, voting on program issues, and participating in parent training programs, the website states.

Head Start educators will help families with children with disabilities by: providing referrals to their local Committee on Preschool Special Education, reviewing evaluations with parents when completed, ensuring inclu-

of children attending Head Start as eligibility is largely dependent on income guidelines. The criteria for eligibility is complicated, Bartow said, but the biggest requirement is a family's income must be at or below the federal poverty level. A limited number of over-income slots are allowed by federal guidelines, the website states, and encourages all interested to apply regardless of income.

Children must be three years old by Dec. 1 of the current year to participate, the website states, but may start on their birthday after Dec. 1 if a slot is available.

## DelCo blood donation sites August 2024

The American Red Cross urges donors to give blood or platelets now to reinforce the blood supply as much as possible before the summer winds down. Type O blood donors and those giving platelets are especially needed to help keep hospital shelves stocked through August.

Donors remain critically needed to support the Red Cross delivery of vital blood products, which are in demand around-the-clock

as hospitals work to save lives this summer. When fewer people answer the call to donate, the blood supply can quickly shrink. Help safeguard necessary care for patients - book a time to give blood or platelets by visiting RedCrossBlood.org, calling 1-800-RED CROSS or by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App.

Those who come to give Aug. 1-31 will get a \$20 Amazon.com Gift Card by email. See RedCrossBlood.org/Help for details.

Upcoming blood donation opportunities Aug. 1-15

**Hancock**  
Aug. 5, 1 p.m. - 6 p.m., Father Rausch Memorial Hall, 316 West Main Street

**Roxbury**  
Aug. 13, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Carriage House, Jay Gould Memorial Church, Main Street, 53837 State Highway 30

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# A vision for the future

## DelCo to capture community input for first-ever comp plan

By Lillian Browne

DELHI - Delaware County continues to make progress in the creation of its first-ever comprehensive plan, Planning Director Shelly Johnson Bennett announced at a planning committee meeting held July 16.

A comprehensive plan is a blueprint aimed at shaping the county's future and enhancing the quality of life for its residents. Fisher Associates has been contracted to create the plan to be paid for with a \$150,000 grant from Appalachian Regional Commission that was matched by \$150,000 from the county's allotment of American Rescue funds. The county seeks to engage the community through an extensive public outreach campaign and gather valuable input from various demographics.

Delaware County has entered into a contract with Jessica Vecchione of Vecc Videography in an amount not to exceed \$9,500 to do community outreach, which includes managing a website and creating social media posts.

Planning staff will complete data analysis and publish the plan in digital form, primarily, Planning Director Shelly Johnson Bennett said. There will be print versions available, she said; which will be bid out depending on document length and graphics.

A resident survey is being created, Johnson Bennett said, using draft questions approved by planning staff. Once the survey is finalized, a press release will be issued and advertising will be done to "get the word out," Johnson Bennett said.

An online survey designed to gather public opinion will be accessible with a QR code, be distributed at local festivals, fairs, and farmers' markets, Johnson Bennett said. Planning staff are eager to hear from residents about what they love about the county and what improvements they would like to see.

"We want to make the county a place where people want to stay and thrive," Johnson Bennett said. "By going to where people

are, rather than expecting them to come to us, we hope to get a broader range of input."

### Engaging All Generations

The outreach strategy includes innovative approaches to reach different segments of the population. For seniors, laptops will be provided at events like the Senior Fun Day and the Delaware County Fair to facilitate survey participation. For the youth, the plan involves visiting high schools, holding assemblies, and setting up survey stations during lunch hours.

"We want to know from the youth what would keep them here in Delaware County," Johnson Bennett said. "Their feedback is crucial in shaping a future that aligns with their aspirations."

### Advantages and Challenges

A comprehensive plan is vital for strategic growth and development. It offers a structured approach to managing land use, housing, transportation, and environmental protection. By incorporating public input, the plan aims to reflect the community's needs and desires, potentially boosting tourism and economic growth.

However, challenges remain. Coordinating the survey and other outreach efforts requires meticulous planning and timely execution. The housing study, a crucial component of the comprehensive plan, is currently behind schedule, adding to the complexity.

The plan is needed for a variety of reasons, Johnson Bennett continued, including helping to guide decisions about issues identified by residents.

In towns and villages a comprehensive plan is essential because it is the "legal backbone" of local land use laws such as zoning, she said. "For Delaware County, which has many outside influences including New York City and New York State as large land owners, a plan that looks at issues from social to environmental to legislative is needed to address the varied concerns and needs of a diverse population," she said.

Delaware County has a changing population. Johnson Bennett

continued, "and we know we are facing a housing crisis, a demand for developable land with competing interests and an evolving economic base."

The county must also be able to adapt to changing state laws while meeting the needs of its residents, Johnson Bennett said.

The comprehensive plan will be designed to be "a living document," intended to be periodically updated or changed as the needs of the county change and new issues emerge that need to be addressed, Johnson Bennett said.

### Protecting What Matters

One significant aspect of the plan is to gather public sentiment on issues like solar development, Johnson Bennett said. By understanding what residents value, such as open fields, the county can make informed decisions about land use that align with the community's priorities.

As Delaware County progresses with its comprehensive plan, the aim is clear: to create a future that honors the past, meets present needs, and anticipates future growth.

The plan is anticipated to be complete and ready for public comment next April. There will be opportunities for the public to participate in public visioning sessions that are currently being planned.

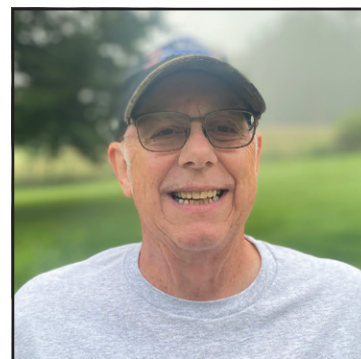
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# Weather Words with Frank Ward

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Walton Weather Observer Frank Ward

"Thursday, July 18 it was only 71 degrees and pretty nice outside, with a real cool night of 50 degrees. And then when Friday, July 19 started, believe it or not, it was 49. It was 77 and we had lower humidity, but we did have a heavy fog. And then when Saturday, July 20 started, it was even a heavier fog.

We had a brief shower on Saturday, but it was still only 78. But a brief shower caused the humidity to start going up and Sunday started at 56. And we hit 80. So those aren't too bad temperatures for this time in July. Monday, July 22 it was foggy and 79 was the high, but we had a really heavy rain in the late afternoon and into the evening.

That gave us 1.17 inches worth of rain. And it was still raining on Tuesday morning when I got up. We started at 63 degrees and on Tuesday morning, we had 3.45 inches for the month, which is just about normal. However, we had an incredible downpour. And in the afternoon we had some showers and into the night we had some so we get another 1.67 inches on Tuesday., July 23.

Wednesday started at 62 de-

grees. It was humid and we now have 5.12 of precipitation which is over for the month. And there's still chances of showers for Thursday. It's going to be much nicer Friday through Sunday. But then we're gonna get back into the 80s and 90s and it will be humid once again. So enjoy what you have. You certainly don't have to water anything and hopefully you're not cleaning it up out of your basement. Have a good one and I'll talk to you next week." - Frank

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The Walton Lions Club held its annual summer "picnic" at the Hamden Inn recently, where Vern Wildenstein was recognized for 60 years as a member of the Lions Club. He was a founding charter member, the last one remaining in Walton. Wildenstein, seated is pictured with chapter president Matt King. Wildenstein initiated the club's annual flower sale fundraiser, proceeds of which benefit the Walton community through two HOBY Scholarships, donations to Walton Little League, the food bank, the toy bank and other community improvement projects. Each year the club gives gift certificates for food purchases from the Walton Big M to families in need during the Christmas holiday season. The club also sponsors a majority of parades held in Walton by providing a needed certificate of insurance for the event. Walton Lions Club is seeking new members. To join, or for more information, attend a monthly meeting held the third Thursday of each month, at 6 p.m., at Danny's Restaurant in Walton.

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## Sidney..

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The village, in conjunction with the 4 Towns Forward initiative, has completed a housing study in the towns of Sidney, Bainbridge, Afton, and Unadilla. The study highlights a significant lack of single-family homes for white-collar workers, with the existing housing stock predominantly catering to lower-income



file photo

Sidney Mayor Ray Baker

residents. The housing development will play a crucial role in addressing this housing gap, Baker said.

### Economic Impact and Community Benefits

The economic implications of the project are substantial. "We lost almost \$10 million in taxes in the FEMA buyout. Developing this property could bring a significant boost to our tax base," Baker emphasized. "If we can get 15 homes valued around \$250,000 each, it will have a great impact."

The RFP was initially met with no bids, Baker said; attributing that to little turnaround time for submission of proposals. The village reposted the RFP about a week ago, Baker said, aiming for a better response. The new deadline for bids is Oct. 31.

The property is located just minutes from interstate I-88. The property is subject to a developer subdivision and is located in the Sidney Central School District. The village seeks proposals that align with its vision for sustainable growth and community enhancement,

The village acquired the prop-

erty in 2017 from the Lutheran Church. The property is not currently zoned. However, based on conceptual plans and the surrounding neighborhood character, it is proposed that R1 and R3 zoning designations would be suitable for the parcel, according to the RFP. No single or double-wide manufactured homes will be permitted and each home must have at least 1,500 square feet of living space, not including a garage. All homes must have asphalt driveways and each townhouse/condominium shall have at least two bedrooms, among other requirements.

### A Model for Success

Sidney's housing plan relies on public-private partnerships. "Developers are often reluctant to invest in upfront costs like infrastructure, which are harder to recoup," Delaware County Planning Director Shelly Johnson-Bennett said at a county planning committee July 16. Sidney's model, which combines public funding for infrastructure with private investment in housing construction, is a viable solution to the village's housing crisis. "We're convinced that public-private partnerships are the key," Johnson said. "There aren't

enough housing dollars available for government entities to build workforce housing on their own." Delaware County Planning will conduct a review of the site plan, once reviewed by Sidney Planning and make an advisory recommendation for approval or revision to the plan for development.

As Sidney moves forward with the innovative approach, economic revitalization can become a reality. The project addresses immediate housing needs and can become a model for other municipalities facing similar challenges.

## DelCo Social Services disposes of unneeded, totaled vehicles

By Elizabeth DeFalco

DELHI - Delaware County supervisors authorized the disposition of three vehicles assigned to the Department of Social Services (DSS), including a totaled 2022 Chevrolet Malibu, during a meeting scheduled for Wednesday, July 24.

Supervisors declared a 2017, a 2018, and a 2022 Chevrolet Malibu surplus to be disposed of at auction. During a DSS committee meeting Monday, July 22, Acting Commissioner Keith Weaver said the department has "got what we needed" out of the 2017 and 2018 vehicles, and their disposals are part of routine fleet management.

"Over the last five years we've done a good job at keeping our fleet updated," Weaver said. "Unfortunately, we find ourselves in a position sometimes where vehicles get into accidents."

DSS is seeking to dispose of the 2022 Chevrolet Malibu as it was totaled in an accident, Weaver said, caused by a non-county employee driving a personal vehicle.

The other driver had \$10,000 in comprehensive coverage as part of their insurance policy, Weaver

said. "So we ended up getting that \$10,000, but that does not meet the value of the car."

According to Weaver, Deputy County Attorney Jeremy Rase said he was familiar with the non-county employee driver and reports they do not have additional assets. Rase felt it was not worth the investment of "time and energy" to pursue additional

vehicle if auctioned, he said.

DSS Committee Member and Delhi Supervisor Maya Boukai questioned why the county's insurance did not cover the incident, in addition to the insurance policy of the other driver, and was told it is possible the county did not want the claim against its policy to keep premium costs



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A Delaware County Department of Social Services vehicle.

compensation from the non-county employee driver, Weaver said.

Instead, Weaver estimates the department could receive between \$1,000 and \$2,000 for the

down, Weaver said; but said he was unsure, and said the question was better answered by Human Resources/Insurance Committee Chairperson Jim Ellis, Meredith supervisor.

## Blood and platelet donations critically needed

During July, the American Red Cross continues to stress that blood and platelet donors are critically needed to support life-saving transfusions this summer. Donors of all blood types are in demand, especially those with type O blood and donors giving platelets.

Every donation counts in the mission to keep blood products stocked for patients, including those facing life-threatening situations. More than a quarter of

all blood products each year are used in critical care and emergency room cases, highlighting the importance of generous blood and platelet donors. Be a force for good. Book a time to give blood or platelets by visiting RedCrossBlood.org, calling 1-800-RED CROSS or by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App.

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## Court Street makeover?

Delhi trustees consider one-way traffic for more parking

By Lillian Browne

DELHI - Delhi trustees discussed the possibility of creating additional parking spaces by turning Court Street into a one-way street at meeting held Monday, July 15.

Delhi Mayor Jeff Gearhart said the change would allow for angled parking, extending the current setup from the post office to Main Street which would add approximately 10 additional parking spaces. The proposal includes prohibiting traffic to enter Court Street from Main Street.

Gearhart clarified that the village does not need approval from any other entity to make changes to its streets, but emphasized the need for further study. Importantly, Gearhart assured residents that there would be no parking meters installed.

Delhi already has five one-way streets, or segments of streets/roads: Division, Cross,



Lillian Brown/The Reporter

Delhi trustees are considering turning Court Street into a one-way street which would increase the number of available parking spaces in the village, something desperately needed, Mayor Jeff Gearhart said.

and Church, Orchard streets and Cherry Hill Road. One-way streets are designed to direct traffic in a single direction, streamlining traffic flow, reducing traffic conflicts, and enhancing

pedestrian safety.

As discussion progresses, the potential one-way transformation of Court Street could offer a partial solution to Delhi's parking challenges.

## Business plan writing workshop Aug. 16

Western Catskills Community Revitalization Council, Inc. (WCCRC) is offering a two-hour free workshop on How to Write a Business Plan, for both startups and existing businesses. The workshop will be held Friday, Aug. 16 from 5 to 7 p.m. at Stamford Library, 117 Main Street, Stamford.

If you have a business idea and don't know where to start your entrepreneurial dream, or you're an existing business that plans an expansion, join this workshop. It

will help you navigate important questions about your business, and provide resources that will help you achieve your goals.

The workshop is part of a training series offered under WCCRC's newly launched Business Assistance and Training Program, designed to foster the entrepreneurial eco-system in the region, and support a thriving local economy. The program is run by Simona David, who has two decades of experience in marketing, publishing and business de-

velopment.

Through its commitment to rural preservation and community revitalization, WCCRC strives to increase access to housing, support businesses, and help entrepreneurs succeed. Working with strategic partners, business groups, civic organizations, financial institutions, and municipalities, WCCRC aims to facilitate access to funding and mentorship opportunities. To learn more, visit [westerncatskills.org](http://westerncatskills.org).

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# DSS foster care grant spares taxpayers

## Agency placements over-budget

By Elizabeth DeFalco

DELHI - Delaware County Department of Social Services (DSS) received their 2024-2025 state-administered Foster Care Block Grant allocation totaling \$1,768,913. The allocation was "dramatically higher" than what the department budgeted for, DSS Director of Fiscal Management William "Bill" Bryden said, by approximately \$684,000.

The block grant includes state reimbursements for foster care services including: care and maintenance including clothing, supervision, administrative costs, and tuition costs for foster children placed in licensed residential treatment facilities and child care institutions.

The grant also includes reimbursements for supervision of foster children in federally funded job programs, the administration of assistance payments to relative and successor guardians, made until the child's 18th birthday, or 21st if certain requirements are met, and non-recurring guardian expenses.

In 2023, the state increased Delaware County DSS' Foster Care Block Grant allocation by approximately \$1 million due to successful in placing children who came into foster care with relatives, or someone with a pre-existing relationship with a child, like a church family, DSS Acting Commissioner Keith Weaver said.

Because the method used by the state to determine allocation amounts changes each year, Bryden said it was hard to accurately estimate how much the department would receive this year.

The 2024-25 state appropriate for foster care services reimbursement is \$403,866,000, Bryden said, and is allocated as follows: \$390,197,250 based on expenditures, \$10,168,750 to incentivize the use of approved relative homes, and \$3,500,000 to support districts with youth in congregate settings that qualify as long stayers.

The 2023-24 total state allocations were \$371,052,500 for expenditures, \$20,337,500 for approved relative homes, and \$7 million for long stayers; A total

state allocation of \$398,390,000.

"If you look at the incentives for approved relative homes, they cut that in half," Bryden said. "It was supposed to be incentive. Now they've reversed themselves and they cut that."

As an example, in 2023 DSS' allocation included \$824,764 based on expenditures, both programmatic and administrative, and \$1,037,250 for approved relative homes. In 2024, DSS' allocation included \$1,557,660 based on expenditures, \$198,608 for approved relative homes, and \$12,645 for long stayers.

DSS' approved relative home allocation decreased by \$838,642 from 2023 to 2024, Bryden said, closer to the department's 2022 allocation of \$153,121 for approved relative homes.

The decrease in approved relative homes funding was offset by a clause the state added last year, Bryden said, ensuring no department's expenditure allocation, or overall total allocation, would decrease by more than 5%.

As Bryden said, the state's methodology for allocations changes each year so it is pos-

sible the 5% clause will be removed, and the department's total grant allocation could drop to approximately \$800,000. "So, hopefully they're going to keep that in place, and we're going to budget assuming it's going to be in place," he said.

The 2024 allocation is a benefit

raise the age placements in 2024, Bryden said, which was budgeted at \$1,287,000.

Raise the Age funding is 100% reimbursable, Bryden explained, so the transfer will have no negative impacts.

Committee members asked if it was beneficial to budget for



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Director of Fiscal Management for the Department of Social Services William "Bill" Bryden, pictured standing, explains the impact of the 2024 state-administered Foster Care Block Grant allocation on the county's budget.

to taxpayers, Bryden said. The department projected to charge a total of \$2,650,041 against the block grant, leaving a local share of \$1,141,311 for foster care services. Because the grant allocation was \$684,000 more than budgeted for, the current local share projection is \$881,128 - saving taxpayers \$260,183, Bryden explained.

The unused funds will be returned to the general fund balance, Bryden said.

The projected charge against the block grant is increased approximately \$500,000 from 2023's expenditures for foster care services, Bryden said, due to an increase in agency placements.

The department budgeted approximately \$800,000 to fund four agency placements in 2024, Bryden said. There are currently eight children in agency placement.

One placement in an agency-operated family home or residential treatment center can cost taxpayers up to \$200,000, Bryden said. The department is anticipating a transfer of \$720,344 from the department's raise the age budget line or unfilled, budgeted positions in the personal services budget line to cover the additional agency placement expenses, Bryden said.

The county has not had any

additional placements next year, which Bryden said was unclear. "It's easy to budget for 12 [placements] and be covered, but then the taxpayers are the ones who comes up with all that extra money up front," Bryden said. "We don't want to go too low, but at the same time, you don't want to go so high it's really just a burden on the taxpayers."

Committee member and Middletown Supervisor Glen Faulkner asked if it was possible for the department to establish its own reserve account to transfer leftover funds at the end of each year, that DSS could pull from if necessary, as there are many "unknowns" about DSS' annual budget.

"I would say that would be wonderful to do," Bryden said. "I can tell you we've requested that in the past, and the board [of supervisors] have always said no."

The county holds a contingency fund "should any departments get into a pickle," DSS Committee Chairperson and Hamden Supervisor Wayne Marshfield said.

The 2024 contingency fund balance is \$1,300,000, Clerk of the Board Penny Bishop said.

There are currently 76 children in foster care, Weaver said, with five children on trial discharge. In May, there were 79 children in foster care.

# Colchester: Projects, purchases, parking complaints

By Elizabeth DeFalco

COLCHESTER - Colchester council members met briefly to discuss ongoing town projects and authorize the purchase of a refrigerator and chest freezer for the town pool, before going into executive session on Wednesday, July 17.

Council members received engineering suggestions from New York State Department of Environmental Conservation to correct a runoff issue at Paige Cemetery, on state Route 30 in Downsville, that is eroding portions of a neighboring property owned by Don Reynolds.

The erosion issue was first brought up during a council meeting in April, though has been ongoing for six to seven years. To temporarily correct the issue, cemetery employee Nate Homovich dug a large hole to catch runoff before it could pour down the hill and onto Reynolds' property.

Council members agreed the project scale is too large to engineer in-house and will hire an engineer to design the project before putting it out to bid. Supervisor Art Merrill will reach out to Graydon Dutcher from Delaware County Soil and Water Conservation District for design work, he said.

In April, council members estimated the project to cost between \$25,000 and \$30,000 to be

paid out of the cemetery budget.

Also discussed:

- The first town comprehensive plan committee meeting is scheduled for July 25 at the town hall.

- The pump house roof at the town pool is in the process of being replaced, Merrill said. The roof has been stripped and will be complete following a delivery of tin.

The pool's last day of operation for the 2024 season is Aug. 30, Merrill said.

Additionally, council members authorized Councilmember Janet Champlin to purchase a used chest freezer at a cost of \$50, and

a new apartment or full-sized refrigerator for the pool to store water bottles which are sold to patrons. Council members did not limit Champlin to a price point for the refrigerator.

"We trust that you won't go crazy," Merrill said.

- Champlin conveyed a parking complaint to Police Chief Ernie Cawley, on MacDonald Road. According to Champlin, two vehicles are consistently parked on either side of the entrance to MacDonald Road which prevented a mail carrier from turning onto the road to complete deliveries.

"And if a mail car can't get up



file photo

A drainage ditch dug at the Paige Cemetery years prior has led to a runoff issue that is eroding a neighboring property owner's driveway.

then an ambulance can't either," Champlin said, echoing the complaints of MacDonald Road residents.

Cawley is aware of the vehicle owners and will speak with them, he said.

- Following executive session, council members approved a pay increase for cemetery employee Olivia Brunner from \$16 to \$19 per hour.

Council members also hired JW Forestry, Fremont Center, to remove trees from the Old Cemetery, or Covered Bridge Cemetery, River Street. JW Forestry was hired at a rate of \$6,200.



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The roof of the pump house at the Colchester town pool is being replaced.

# Acting county clerk appointed

By Lillian Browne

DELHI - After 35 1/2 years as a county employee, County Clerk Debra Goodrich has retired. Goodrich began her career with Delaware County in 1988, hired by the late Gary Cady. Goodrich began her career in the clerk's office in the department of motor vehicles.

Goodrich's replacement is first deputy Haley Gransbury, who began her career with the county clerk's office in 1994 as a records management clerk. Gransbury has worked her way through various positions in the county clerk's office including the department of motor vehicles.

Gransbury was also hired by Cady and became his third deputy clerk in 2001.

Gransbury acknowledged Goodrich's leadership, saying her service has benefited residents of the county. "I am committed to ensuring a smooth transition



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Acting County Clerk Haley Gransbury.

and maintaining the high standards of service that residents of Delaware County have come to expect," Gransbury said.

Gransbury's appointment is effective July 21 at a salary of \$81,127.

Gransbury was appointed for the remainder of Goodrich's term which ends Dec. 31, 2025.

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ABUSE AT SHUTTERED HANCOCK SCHOOL EXPOSED

## PART 3: THE FAMILY TREE OF LOST SOULS

*Alumni navigate life after the Family Foundation School while troubled teen industry remains untouchable*

By Alyshia Korba

HANCOCK - Sitting just over the Delaware County border in Sullivan County, at St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church in Long Eddy, is a small green vase Zelkova tree, encircled with stacked stones. The "lost souls tree" is unassuming to most who pass it, but for alumni of the Family Foundation School, it is a remembrance of their deceased friends and a symbol of unity among survivors.

The Family Foundation School, which operated in Hancock from the 1980s until 2014, has become known for having an unusually high number of alumni die, with over 150 dead, many by suicide or substance abuse, according to alumni and media reports. It has also been the subject of an array of civil lawsuits and criminal charges alleging physical, emotional and sexual abuse at the school.

The school was founded by Anthony "Tony" and Betty Argiros and later operated by their son, Emmanuel "Mike" Argiros with help from his wife, Cindy Ray Argiros, and sister, Rita Argiros. Betty and Cindy Ray Argiros both declined to comment on the allegations against the school, and Mike Argiros did not respond to multiple requests for comment. Tony and Rita Argiros died in 2014 and 2015 respectively.

While Mike and Cindy Ray Argiros continue to operate several businesses in Hancock — including The Hancock Herald, Kasos Enterprises, Kasos Associates, Kasos, Inc., The Upper Delaware Inn, Smith's Colonial Motel and previously the recently-sold Capra Cinemas — many former students of the school report that they struggle to navigate the world, burdened by their trauma. "There was no therapy there, there was no education system

there, and, beyond that, it was a highly traumatic, highly abusive place that's rewired all of our brains and fundamentally changed how we interact with and perceive the world around us," '04 alumna Miranda Sullivan said.

Devin Corvino, who attended the school in 2007 and 2008, said he is still trying to come to terms with what he experienced at the school.

"From time to time, you question things in your life and say, 'Wow. Did that really happen?'" Corvino said.

He said part of his healing process has been learning to appreciate and understand himself because he was forced to adopt a façade to shield himself during his time at the Family Foundation School.

"Honestly, most of us are just waiting for our number to drop," Sullivan said. "It's really just about running out the clock on this."

Sullivan said she believes a major factor contributing to alumni suicides is that their experiences have been dismissed in media, the legislature, and society. She explained that many of the people who completed suicide were heavily involved in the movement for justice and legislation regulating the troubled teen industry.

Jon Martin-Crawford, a student who attended the school in 1995, 1996, and 1997, detailed alleged abuses that he experienced and witnessed at the school in a 2008 testimony to Congress in a push for reform of residential treatment programs for adoles-

cent "tough love" given at the school.

"It's hard because you have a group of people that have all experienced this and have their own version of what their family was like, of what their interpersonal relationships were like, and it creates a mishmash of convoluted feelings," Corvino said.

Sullivan said she has been targeted by other alumni for speaking out against the school, saying people went as far as contacting her employers to try to get her fired. She attributes this to the culture of pitting students against each other at the Family Foundation School.

"I thought that my concern initially would be the people who ran these facilities," Sullivan said. "Unfortunately, in an unhealed community — which we are,

were sent in from loved ones of those who died, including professionally engraved, hand painted, and natural rocks. When Corvino visited the tree after learning about the April 4 indictment of former Family Foundation School teacher and choir director Paul Geer, he noticed many deceased alumni had not been memorialized.

Geer was indicted on six federal criminal charges, accused of coercing and enticing children — students from the school — to travel across state lines to rape or sexually abuse them. Corvino said he used to feel grateful for his time at the school, but when he learned about Geer, he realized he had repressed many traumatizing memories from the school.

In an effort to make sense of his new reality, Corvino began adding painted rocks to the lost souls tree bearing the names of his friends who died, starting with Tom Cook.

"Tom was my best friend at the Family Foundation school," Corvino said. "Tom was someone that found comic relief in things and we used to enjoy laughs together. I had the most happy memories with Tom."

Corvino posted about the project in a Facebook group, "Grateful members of the Family Foundation School," where alumni and staff members from the school stay connected. Since posting his work, Corvino has received dozens of requests for rocks from friends and family members of deceased alumni.

Corvino now makes the four-hour drive from Long Island to Long Eddy every few weeks to drop off more memorial rocks. Each rock is adorned with the name of a deceased alumnus and a symbol that represents that person. Cook's rock, for example, includes a basketball because some of Corvino's favorite memories with Cook were from playing basketball together.

Corvino said working with the loved ones of each alumnus to be memorialized has helped him heal from his own grief.

"We've been able to exchange, in such intimate fashion, their relationship and create symbols that represent these beloved people in our lives," Corvino said. "I'm at a loss for words for

*"It was a highly traumatic, highly abusive place that's rewired all of our brains and fundamentally changed how we interact with and perceive the world around us."*

MIRANDA SULLIVAN, FORMER FAMILY FOUNDATION SCHOOL STUDENT

Corvino now runs his own education business, InnovativEED, with the goal of providing a compassionate and individualized approach to education that he said was absent at the Family Foundation School.

Sullivan is also working to prevent children from having the same experiences as she did, and works for an anti-human trafficking and child abuse prevention and intervention organization.

While many alumni of the school have led successful lives, over 150 other alumni have died premature deaths.

The industry continues to go unregulated at the federal level. Martin-Crawford completed suicide in 2015.

Despite an exceptionally high number of alumni deaths and hundreds of alumni testimonies alleging abuse, media coverage continues to downplay the impact of alumni's experiences at the school on their lives. One New York Times article about the abnormally high alumni death rate attributes those deaths to the addictions and traumas that students had prior to starting at the school.

"Him blaming it on 'oh, they were depressed kids, of course they're suicidal adults,' the reality is nobody was helped by this program," Sullivan said in response to the New York Times article.

Conflicting experiences at the school have also led to alumni being dismissed by their peers who did not experience abuse, or did not consider what they witnessed to be abuse. Many accounts by former students have claimed that they needed the

we're a very unhealed community; most people don't have access to mental health support — it gets really projected on others."

### The Lost Souls Tree

The lost souls tree was planted in 2017 by Liz Ianelli, a former student who attended the school from 1994 until 1997. Ianelli has been outspoken about her experience at the school and how it has affected her life to this day, writing a book titled, "I See You, Survivor: Life Inside (and Outside) the Totally F\*cked-Up Troubled Teen Industry."

The green vase Zelkova tree, chosen for its symbolic resilience, was planted at the church in Long Eddy after being denied by a church in Hancock and the French Woods Sports and Arts Center that occupies the former grounds of the school, according to Ianelli's book.

Corvino also said the site in Long Eddy is better than having a memorial in Hancock because alumni may not feel comfortable in Hancock due to their trauma.

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Long Eddy is the home of St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church where a memorial has been dedicated to former students of Hancock's Family Foundation School who have died.

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how much that means to me as it relates to healing.”

### Repeating History

Although the Family Foundation School closed in 2014, similar schools and programs — known as the “troubled teen industry” — continue to operate throughout the country despite pleas from alumni to close them or improve oversight of private residential treatment programs.

A 2008 report from the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) found that ineffective operating practices and untrained staff at residential programs led to deaths and abuse in the eight cases examined from unnamed programs. In the report, the GAO notes that residential programs are not governed by any federal oversight laws.

In New York, the Justice Center for People with Special Needs is responsible for investigating abuse and neglect allegations at state-operated and licensed facilities. According to the Family Foundation School’s former website, the school was registered with New York State Board of Regents and accredited by

was not made aware of her status as a mandated reporter. School officials are mandated reporters, according to state regulations, which means they are required to report suspected child abuse or maltreatment.

Reportable incidents include physical abuse, sexual abuse, psychological abuse, deliberate inappropriate use of restraints, use of aversive interventions, obstruction of reporting a reportable incident, unlawful use or administration of a controlled substance, neglect, or other significant incidents that could harm the health, safety or welfare of students. “Reportable incident” is defined in state regulation, the 2012 “Protection of People with Special Needs Act,” which requires mandated reporters to report to the Vulnerable Persons’ Central Register in addition to the Statewide Central Register in an effort to protect students in residential schools.

Several rehabilitative schools for teenagers that currently operate in New York have drawn scrutiny and reports of abuse.

A judge ruled May 31 that the New York State Education De-

sistance and Bill of Rights Act.

Students at that school, which opened in 2018, have experienced physical abuse and neglect, according to media reports.

Alumni of the Summit School, a private residential school for students with special needs in Upper Nyack, have alleged physical, sexual and verbal abuse at the school as recently as 2016, according to media reports. Alumni said the abuse was ignored by local law enforcement for years.

Two former students of Green Chimneys School in Brewster filed a lawsuit in 2021 against a former employee of the school accusing him of the sexual abuse of at least four students. Another employee allegedly abused at least one student. Green Chimneys School provides day and residential education for students in kindergarten through 12th grade who struggled in a typical school environment, according to the school website. Students of the school live on a working farm in residences supervised by “house parents.”

Two staff members of Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health in Red Hook were arrest-



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Devin Corvino lays a memorial stone for his friend, Tom Cook, at the base of the lost souls tree.

*"From time to time, you question things in your life and say 'Wow. Did that really happen?'"*  
DEVIN CORVINO, FORMER FAMILY FOUNDATION SCHOOL STUDENT

the Middle States Association of Schools and Colleges.

In 2017, a review by the Justice Center found that private residential schools approved by the New York State Department of Education (NYSED) are not reporting all reportable incidents as mandated by state law and regulation. The review found that in the six schools investigated, the lack of reporting was largely due to poor or absent staff training or inadequate reporting policies by the residential program. Dotti Howe, who worked at the Family Foundation School in 2002–2003, said she received no training on reporting abuse and

partment hindered an abuse investigation at Shrub Oak International School in Yorktown, a residential school for adolescents and young adults aged 7–23 with autism. A petition filed by Disability Rights New York against NYSED and NYSED Commissioner Betty Rosa accused the department of refusing to turn over documents detailing reported incidents of abuse and neglect at the school. Disability Rights New York was investigating the school as the designated protection and advocacy system in the state, as required by the Developmental Disabilities As-

ed in 2022 for falsifying business records related to the death of a 14-year-old student at the school. Churchill Orodin and Beryl Orech, the staff members responsible for the student’s care, reported to police that the student was in “good condition” at 5:30 a.m. — 40 minutes after the student was hit by a car and killed, according to a *Times Union* newspaper article titled “Devereux caregivers accused of endangering teen killed in Route 9 crash,” dated Oct. 6, 2022. The Devereux Foundation, a nonprofit organization that operates programs for children and adults with special

needs in 13 states, has been the subject of a myriad of lawsuits alleging physical and sexual abuse.

Multiple lawsuits against the Family Foundation School, staff of the school, and the Argiroses are ongoing, alleging abuse by staff and neglect by the administration for allowing abuse to occur.

While some victims of the troubled teen industry fight for justice in the courts, others push for preventative actions from state and federal legislatures. Current legislation relating to the troubled teen industry includes the bipartisan Stop Institutional Child Abuse Act which was introduced in the House of Representatives in April. The act would require that a work group be formed to make recommendations to reduce the number of

children sent to residential treatment programs and to improve the treatment of children in such programs.

Geer’s federal criminal case is ongoing, and he has pleaded innocent to the allegations. Geer waived speedy trial requirements June 28 and is being held in federal detention without bail.

*This is part three of a three-part series delving into systematic abuse carried out with the complicity of numerous residents, business owners, law enforcement and mandated reporters in Hancock and Delaware County. Listen to The Reporter’s podcast ‘Off the Record,’ at the-reporter.net and all podcast platforms, wherever you listen. Read part one online, at the-reporter.net, or in the July 11 print edition, and part 2 in the July 18 print edition.*

## 25 new psychiatric beds to open in Binghamton

*Treatment proximity brings relief to Delaware County*

By Lillian Browne

WALTON - Doug Elston, director of Delaware County Community Health announced at a July 15 mental health committee meeting that 25 additional adult in-patient psychiatric beds are slated to open at the Greater Binghamton Health Center, marking a crucial step in improving access to mental health services in the region.

The newly opened beds will benefit Delaware County and other nearby areas by reducing the need for patients to travel long distances for inpatient psychiatric care. “What this means for our community is that individuals requiring psychiatric treatment can now be admitted locally rather than being sent to Syracuse, Buffalo, or Albany,” Elston explained.

Typically, individuals in need of psychiatric evaluation are taken to the Comprehensive Psychiatric Emergency Program (CPEP) at Binghamton General Hospital. There, they are assessed and, if hospitalization is necessary, efforts are made to find available beds within the region. Due to a longstanding shortage of psychiatric beds, exacerbated by budget cuts and the COVID-19 pandemic, patients have often been sent to distant facilities, creating logistical challenges for their families.

In May, Governor Kathy Hochul announced \$30 million in

state funding was awarded to nine community-based hospitals to add 109 new inpatient psychiatric beds statewide. The investment complements the governor’s \$1 billion plan to strengthen mental health care statewide.

Governor Hochul’s initiative aims to address this shortage by expanding the capacity of community-based hospitals and state facilities to accommodate individuals with serious and persistent mental illnesses, Elston said. The addition of the 25 beds in Binghamton is a vital part of this effort, ensuring that more patients can receive care closer to home.

The impact of the new beds extends beyond immediate treatment. “It’s a significant logistical relief for families who previously had to travel great distances,” Elston said. The availability of near-by inpatient care promises not only better medical outcomes but also a more supportive environment for patients and their loved ones during challenging times.

In other business:

- In June there were 555 people seen at the mental health clinic; 33 who were screened for drugs and alcohol and 13 in continued care, Elston reported. Thirty five people/inmates were seen at the Delaware County Jail. Some of those were court ordered evaluations. There were 40 people receiving supportive housing services. Those individuals have a documented history of serious



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Doug Elston, director of Delaware County Community Health.

mental illness, Elston said, “And they don’t necessarily need to be clients of ours here. They could be receiving treatment elsewhere. But because of the nature of their serious persistent mental illness, they do get some help through the supportive housing program. That could be a help furnishing the apartment, and there could be a stipend that helps pay for the rent, maybe security deposit, but it’s really for that niche population of people who have serious persistent mental illness.”

The number of patients/clients receiving services or screened through Behavioral Health Facility has been consistent month-to-month, Elston reported.

- Behavioral Health staff will have a booth at the Delaware County Fair in the commercial tent, Elston said; where staff will be available to answer questions and hand out promotional and educational materials.

## Tree trouble on DelCo property in Sidney

*Unauthorized parking complaints continue*

By Elizabeth DeFalco

DELHI - Delaware County Planning committee members discussed tree damage on county-owned properties in Sidney, purchased as part of FEMA’s (Federal Emergency Management Agency) flood buyout program, along with ongoing mowing and parked car complaints, during a July 16 meeting.

Following an intense windstorm in June, Planning Director Shelly Johnson-Bennett said a privately-owned garage on neighboring property was damaged by a fallen tree from a county-owned parcel at 10 Camp Street. The tree damaged the garage doors, and planning staff submitted photos to the county’s insurance company, she said.

The damages totaled approximately \$3,000, Johnson-Bennett said, and an insurance determination awaits to see if repair cost will be covered.

Johnson-Bennett said it is standard for a claim like the damaged garage door to be paid by the county’s insurance, as debris from a county-owned prop-

erty impacted a neighboring property.

Johnson-Bennett reported she received a call regarding a fallen tree from another county-owned property that fell on a utility line and neighboring house. The utility line is on the neighboring property.

Chief Planner Kent Manuel worked with the neighboring property owner and NYSEG (New York State Electric and Gas) to remove the tree, as it is NYSEG’s responsibility, Johnson-Bennett said.

“As far as taking limbs off live power wires, a utility company at least has to be involved,” Manuel said. The property owner appreciated the county’s attention to the issue, he said.

Also discussed:

- The county continues to receive mowing and unauthorized parked car complaints, Johnson-Bennett said.

So far this year, the 129 buy-out parcels have been mowed 11 times for a total of \$14,850.

The county contracts with CJ’s Lawncare in Vestal, for mowing at a rate of \$1,350 per mowing, which includes all 129 lots.



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# Delhi: Park planning

By Lillian Browne

DELHI - Delhi's Reservoir Park, located off county Route 14 is on the brink of a transformative development, thanks to a collaborative effort between the village and the Delaware County Planning Department. The creation of a master plan for the park is underway, with the aim of making the park more inviting.

## A Master Plan in the Making

Sean Leddy, an architect with Delaware County Planning, is developing the master plan with a focus on balancing open space with functional amenities. The village of Delhi entered into a contract with the county's planning department in January, at a cost of \$2,500, to create a mas-

split-rail, wooden fencing and signage. The village of Delhi received the allocation, in addition to another \$20,000 received for upgrades to the Delhi Police Department shooting and training range, from the county's \$8.6 million in American Rescue funds.

Colchester Supervisor Art Merrill, Walton Supervisor Joe Cetta and Bovina Supervisor Tina Mole' voted against allocating funds to the park in committee. In his no vote, Merrill stated the village of Delhi should apply for grant funding for park upgrades or use its own allocation of American Rescue funds. Merrill said he also had reservations about labor being provided by the village's streets and water department staff.



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Delhi Mayor Jeff Gearhart at the entrance of Reservoir Park located on county Route 14.

ter plan which includes signage, improvements to pedestrian and vehicular connections, grading and drainage for stormwater management and other passive recreation and site amenities to be determined.

The park, currently underutilized, holds vast potential, Delhi Mayor Jeff Gearhart said. Ideas for its enhancement include creating a trail along the stream from the village to the park, improving picnic areas, and installing more family-friendly facilities.

## Balancing Development and Preservation

As discussions continue, key considerations include the balance between developing functional park amenities and preserving open space. The park has already received \$15,000 in Delaware County American Rescue funds which were used for

## Looking Ahead

The master plan's timeline remains open-ended, allowing for careful planning, Gearhart said. According to Delaware County Planning Director Shelly Johnson-Bennett, Leddy is focused on making the space more accessible while considering what it means to be a park - "the pros and cons."

As Delhi moves forward with development, Reservoir Park is set to become an tucked-away oasis, blending natural beauty with thoughtful development. The master plan will serve as a roadmap, ensuring that each step taken enhances the park's role as a community resource.

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# DURR...

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1986, the goal was not just the operation of a recreational rail ride, but education of the public as to the historical significance of the railroad, providing recreational and park facilities, development and improvement of commerce industry and tourism in the area and promoting the general welfare of the communities served.

Ambitious efforts over the next three decades added equipment and expanded rides in a second direction from Arkville to Halcottsville and Roxbury and back. In total almost 19 miles of the original railroad was made active again and tourists arrived not just in cars, but by busloads to enjoy the excursions through the region. School groups and senior citizens arrived by bus. Special events from dinner trains, old fashioned train "robberies" by costumed horse riders, murder mystery evenings and rolling concerts kept the Arkville depot hopping.

Unfortunately, track infra-

structure itself was gradually deteriorating. By the early 2000s, trains had stopped running to Fleischmanns and Highmount because of washouts and other serious infrastructure problems. The line to Roxbury and back was kept active from year to year but also presented challenging obstacles including three major highway grade crossings within the first three miles of the Arkville station. The current crossings were installed in the 1990s and were nearing the end of their useful lives.

long term viability of the operation. A project including 7,000 new rail ties over a 6.7 mile span of track, coupled with other track materials, drainage work and stone work, was funded by the New York State Department of Transportation with a matching/reimbursement grant of \$462,300.

As the move eastward began, work on the tracks to Halcottsville continued. The COVID pandemic of 2020 kept tourists away, allowing the for repair work in idle tracks. By the end of 2023, almost 10,000 new ties had been installed to fully support the rails between Arkville and Halcottsville. In all, close to \$2,000,000 had been invested over four years, in five miles of track. But each repair seemed to lead to another problem and despite all of the work, operating safely to Halcottsville and then eventually Roxbury was no longer an option.

With work on the east side

grants from our occupancy tax program totalling \$50,000. Now this loan will finish the Delaware County portion of the track work to Fleischmanns and get those trains running again."

Nealis said that when DURR was running it was a crucial component of the county's tourism planning. "Some people came to the county just because of the train, then ended up finding other things to do and enjoy here. For other visitors, they were already here and were happy to add the railroad to their visiting plans. But either way, tourism revenue was increased by their presence," Nealis said.

Once operations begin again, infrastructure work will continue. According to Pascarella, after reopening and more fundraising, attention will turn back to finishing the tracks to Halcottsville. To that end, the New York State Department of Transportation has recently announced a grant totaling \$795,000 to completely replace the highway crossing at



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Work cars and equipment needed to restore train tracks and other infrastructure occupy much of the working space at the Delaware and Ulster Railroad in Arkville, where scenic train excursions ended in 2019. Operators of the railroad are working on both east and west side tracks and expect to run public train rides from Arkville to Fleischmanns beginning spring of 2025.

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By 2018, operators saw a need to return to their original roots and operate eastward from Arkville towards Fleischmanns and Highmount to preserve the

of the operation moving more quickly and effectively, directors realized that the overall financial health of the railroad would be better served by completing the Highmount side and getting the trains running again, creating revenue streams from users in addition to those provided by grants. The recent funding announcement guarantees a tourist train operation beginning again next spring.

Speaking of the importance of the effort, Delaware County Economic Development Director Glen Nealis said the county recognizes the importance of the DURR as a key component of the tourism economy.

"Prior to this, we awarded two

state Route 30 by Hanah Country Club. The project, when completed in the next few years, will be the single biggest investment in the railroad's infrastructure in many years and indicates that the state is serious about supporting the Delaware & Ulster Railroad.

For Pascarella, who has had his hands full since his arrival at the Catskill Revitalization Corporation, the opening can't come soon enough. Proud of the fact that the majority of the work has been done by in-house crews, many of whom have worked for the railroad for years, he is eager to turn his attention to actual operation. In addition to DURR, Pascarella oversees the Catskill Rail Trail.

# Connections: Hancock walking trail in design

By Elizabeth DeFalco

HANCOCK - Hancock officials have put a heavy focus on developing outdoor recreational assets and encouraging both residents and visitors to utilize them, including a recently-opened boat launch and fishing access site off Green Flats Road, in the area known as Cadosia.

Through collaborative efforts, Hancock hopes to continue to promote its natural features by the installation of a walking trail along Cadosia Creek, expanding on the boat launch and fishing access site project.

The walking trail is meant to connect the village to the boat launch and fishing access site, Hancock Supervisor Jerry Vernold said, and will extend from the village and town boundary line to the bridge crossing Cadosia Creek.

"Folks have walked this for years," Vernold said of the intended path, but it was potentially unsafe for pedestrians due to the placement of the guide rails.

Approximately five years ago, Vernold asked state Department of Transportation (DOT) if the guide rails could be pushed closer to the roadway, state Route 268, so pedestrians could safely walk the unofficial path with a guide rail separating them and

passing traffic. At the time, it was not possible, Vernold said.

Earlier this spring, DOT notified Vernold they intended to repave the section of state Route 268 near the Green Flats Road intersection and would relocate the guide rail closer to the roadway. "Thereby making it a much safer place for a walking trail," Vernold said.

The project is being designed by Sean Leddy, landscape architect at the county planning department, Vernold said.

Leddy is working with the town to submit for a use and occupancy permit application from DOT, Planning Director Shelly Johnson-Bennett said at a July 16 committee meeting. Leddy has also met with NYSEG (New York State Electric and Gas) about relocating utility poles near the trail, and will design a conceptual plan, Johnson-Bennett said.

The town has not yet secured funding for the project, Vernold said, as the design must be complete before applying for grants.



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The recently completed fishing access site and boat launch is located in Hancock, in the area known as Cadosia, at the intersection of Green Flats Road and state Route 268. The planned walking trail will help connect the access site to the village.

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# Clean Path: County road-use policy underway

By Elizabeth DeFalco

DELHI - To help prepare towns in Delaware County that will be impacted by the development of the New York Power Authority's (NYPA) Clean Path transmission line, Planning Director Shelly Johnson-Bennett provided an update on intervenor funding and mitigation plans during a Delaware County Planning committee meeting Tuesday, July 16.

As part of the Clean Path project, a 178-mile subsurface electric transmission line will originate in Delhi at the Fraser substation, linked to a new converter station to be built approximately one mile south of the Fraser substation, then pass through Hamden, Colchester, and Hancock on its path to New York City.

In order to ensure the county's infrastructure, roadways, agricultural lands, stream crossings, and residents' wellbeing are protected, the state Department of Public Service awarded the county a total of \$205,750 in "intervenor" funds which is being used to contract for third-party oversight for security/terrorism, fire risk, road maintenance, stream crossings, attorney fees, and resiliency, adaptation and sustainability.

As of July 22, \$66,860.64 was expended for legal services, \$11,220 was expended for security and terrorism threat consulting, \$5,193.75 was expended for community and economic impacts consulting, and no expenses have been paid toward fire safety consulting, stream crossing consulting, and road safety and crossings consulting, Johnson-Bennett said.

Legal services is largest expenditure as a majority of Clean Path NY negotiations are confidential, Johnson-Bennett said, requiring more of Young/Sommer Attorney Beth Morse's time. All consultants are working through Morse to study various issues and provide expert opinions as needed, Johnson-Bennett said.

Morse continues to fight for Delaware County to receive additional funding as a community heavily impacted by the project, Johnson-Bennett said. "I don't want to call them host communi-

ty benefit dollars, but in essence, that's what it boils down to."

Morse is arguing a majority of funding meant to support the mitigation of project impacts is awarded to the community that will benefit from the energy, New York City, rather than the communities providing it, she said.

Johnson-Bennett, along with Chief Planner Kent Manuel, Attorney Kevin Young of Young/Sommer, and DPW (Delaware County Department of Public Works) staff are working to develop a common road-use standard agreement with upfront payments to ensure the county's time is accounted for during inspections and other services, she said.

The idea, Johnson-Bennett said, is for all towns to adopt the county's policy, rather than use

be used, Johnson-Bennett said. "We still don't have the impact areas. We still don't know what the haul roads are going to be. We need to know, are there going to be overweight or over limit hauls that need to be licensed or permitted, what roads they are, how many trips there are? What all of that entails."

A few overweight hauls on a road built for heavy traffic is not much of an issue, Johnson-Bennett said, but not all roads are built to support multiple overweight hauls. Without knowing the intended haul route, Johnson-Bennett said it's "really hard" to set a standard.

Meredith Supervisor Jim Ellis said Meredith officials and residents are concerned for their road crossings and roadways. Meredith has a commercial ve-



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The entrance to the Fraser substation, Hamden Hill Road. A converter station for the Clean Path transmission line will be built approximately one mile from the Fraser substation on the corner of county Route 16 and West Platner Brook.

their own, so road use is governed under one policy.

Manuel said the policy is specific to the Clean Path project, and does not believe towns will have to change all aspects of their road use policies. "It's not as if the towns have to completely, you know, change their driveway access policy for other uses," Manuel said.

Policy development is ongoing, Manuel said, and credited DPW staff for their help informing the policy standards.

One of the biggest challenges in the policy development is setting a value to the roads that will

change order for DPW, to extend a contract completion date to Aug. 31, 2024. In March, supervisors awarded AMSTAR of Western New York, Cheektowaga the bid for bridge structural preservations in Walton, on Nichols

vehicle road use law in place, he said, and questioned if hauls will pass through the town or will be hauled through Fraser in Delhi. Johnson-Bennett was unsure of their intended hauling route, but suggested concerns like Ellis' are why it is important for municipalities to be made aware of road use intentions before the policy can be developed in its entirety.

"We're going to continue to go down that path, but between us (planning) and DPW, we're trying to make sure the towns and the county are kept whole at the end of the day."

# DelCo planning director pitches parks director position

By Lillian Browne

DELHI - In a move to better manage and utilize its open spaces, the Delaware County planning department is contemplating the creation of a parks director position. This potential role could play a pivotal part in transforming the county's vacant lands into vibrant community spaces, fostering both recreational opportunities and economic growth. In recent years, Delaware County Planning has discussed the formation of a



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Delaware County Planning Director Shelly Johnson Bennett

parks department. That idea has been downsized to now include just one person, a parks' director, as part of the county's planning department.

Delaware County owns 187 parcels as part of flood mitigation buyouts, along with several other vacant parcels, according to Planning Director Shelly Johnson Bennett. While the exact number of these properties is not known, she said, the idea of transforming some of them into parks has gained traction. However, not all the parcels would automatically be considered for park development.

"A comprehensive inventory is essential," Johnson Bennett said. "A parks director would be responsible for evaluating open spaces across the county, determining their suitability for public use and programming."

The proposed parks director position could address the need for organized open space management. Unlike forming an entire parks department, the position would be in the existing planning department. The director would focus on evaluating open

space programs, navigating parks alienation laws, and leveraging state and federal protections to benefit local communities.

A potential parks director would also coordinate with the local communities, assisting with their parks and open space projects and programs, Johnson Bennett said. "Given the many open space programs in and throughout the county managed by both local government and other not-for-profit agencies, a parks director would allow us to meet the needs of our community in a more direct manner."

### Staffing and Costs

The addition of a parks director would entail one new position in the planning department, utilizing the Technical Assistance Program (TPAS) to support local communities in their planning needs. The cost for staffing this role would be budgeted accordingly, ensuring it aligns with the county's fiscal capabilities, Johnson Bennett said.

### Balancing Immunity and Accessibility

One of the key tasks for a parks director would be to conduct an inventory and assessment of open spaces, focusing on publicly owned lands that could serve as recreational areas. That evaluation would consider the balance between governmental immunity and public land protections.

"Part of the plan is to look at each parcel and determine if its use as a park under governmental immunity laws is appropriate," Johnson Bennett said. "Not all vacant lands will be suited for parks, but those that are could significantly boost local tourism and provide safe, coordinated recreational spaces."

### Current Use and Future Prospects

The general public is not permitted to use county-owned vacant parcels, except in specific cases where permissions and liability agreements are in place, Johnson Bennett said. A parks director could change that, opening up new possibilities for community engagement and enjoyment.

For previous reporting: <https://www.the-reporter.net/stories/parks-department-for-delco,86144?>

# DelCo supervisors make budget transfers, extend contracts

By Elizabeth DeFalco

DELHI - Delaware County supervisors authorized a Public Health Services budget transfer during a July 24 meeting, to cover additional grant expenses accrued Jan. 1, 2021 to June 30, 2024.

Delaware County Public Health Services was awarded a \$176,662.14 Covid-19 Vaccine Response Grant in September 2021, Accounting Supervisor Christina Gardner said. Grant funds were used to conduct vaccination clinics, media campaigns, and purchase necessary supplies to promote and increase both Covid-19 and influenza vaccinations, she said.

A \$729.57 budget transfer is necessary as Public Health Services' actual expenses were slightly higher than the original grant budget allocation, Gardner said. Supervisors will transfer \$565.56 to personal services grant expenses, and \$164.01 to general grant related expenses.

Other business:  
 • Supervisors authorized a transfer of \$85,000 from the Department of Public Works' (DPW) machinery fund personal

services budget line, to the department's equipment line. The machinery fund equipment line will be short due to increases in estimated equipment costs, and there are excess funds in the personal services line due to several



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Delaware County Public Health Services, 99 Main Street, Delhi.

vacancies.  
 • Supervisors authorized DPW to award a bid for the purchase of three three-ton Gantry cranes from Material Handling Technologies Inc., North Syracuse, at a cost of \$60,996.  
 • Supervisors authorized a

Road over East Brook, and in Colchester on Morton Hill Road crossing Morton Brook at a cost of \$419,000. The project has been delayed due to steel repair preparation by engineers requiring an extension for the contractor to complete the project.

# Congregation B'nai Israel services

Services and activities are in full swing at Congregation B'nai Israel. Shabbat services led by Cantor Shai Simonson are held every Friday at 7 p.m. and Saturday at 9:30 a.m.

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# DelCo seeks NYSWIMS grant to address lifeguard shortage

## Snowmobile clubs must return maintenance grant funding

By Elizabeth DeFalco

DELHI - Delaware County Planning Committee members discussed grant funding to address a county-wide lifeguard shortage and snowmobile trail development and maintenance, during a meeting held Tuesday, July 16.

Delaware County has applied for a \$50,000 state SWIMS (State-Wide Investment in Municipal Swimming) grant, on behalf of the 10 municipal pools and swimming areas across the county, Planning Director Shelly Johnson-Bennett said. The funding is anticipated to be split evenly amongst the 10 municipalities, Johnson-Bennett said, to cover costs of advertising for lifeguard positions, lifeguard retention and referral bonuses, hourly wages, and salary increases.

The municipal pools and swimming areas include: Franklin Pool, 2 Institute Street, Franklin; Robinson Broadhurst Memorial Pool, located behind the Stamford Village Library, 117 Main Street, Stamford; Fleischmanns Village Pool, Wagner Avenue, Fleischmanns; Deposit Community Pool, 171 Second Street, Deposit; Andes Town Pool, 115 Delaware Avenue, Andes; John "Jack" Kelly Memorial Pool, 21 Townsend Street, Walton; Colchester Town Pool, 14728 state Highway 30, Downs-ville; Delhi Town Pool, 215 Page Avenue, Delhi; East Sidney Lake, 4659 state Route 357, Franklin; Sidney Municipal Pool, 16 East

Main Street, Sidney.

Catskill Recreation Center (CRC), Arkville, is not included in the grant as it is technically not a municipal pool or swim area, Johnson-Bennett said. CRC provides certifications and training for many of the county's lifeguards, she said, and suggested the possibility of a future initiative to help support CRC for a commitment of a certain number of certifications.

The grant is to support municipal pools and swim areas through the 2025 season, Johnson-Bennett said. Delaware County was eligible for \$50,000, earmarked by the state, she said; if the funding is not used, it must be sent back to the state.

"But from the sounds of it, all of the towns seem like they'll spend it," Johnson-Bennett said, as nearly all pools are short on lifeguard staff with no funds available to recruit more.

For example, Colchester municipal pool has six full-time, and two part-time lifeguards, Franklin pool has 11 lifeguards, Stamford pool has 14 lifeguards, including the pool director, Andes pool has 15 lifeguards with two being summer youth employees, and Delhi pool has eight lifeguards and two instructors. East Sidney Lake Manager John Nolan said the lake has not had any lifeguards on staff since 2020, and has received only one inquiry about lifeguarding in the last three years.

East Sidney Lake is working with the state Department of Health to identify other options,

Nolan said.

The funding will allow many pools to hire adult lifeguards, Johnson-Bennett said, and not have to wait for young lifeguards to finish school before opening the pool for the season.

Many pools in Delaware County did not open until the last week of June or beginning of July due to availability of lifeguards, Johnson-Bennett said; many pools are also operating on reduced hours. "But if they had adult lifeguards, they could actually open on Memorial Day and extend their season, or stay open beyond Labor Day if they wanted to."

Also discussed:

- Beginning September, Johnson-Bennett will begin sending invoices to snowmobile clubs in Delaware County that must return grant funding back to the county, to be returned to the state, she said. Delaware County was awarded \$110,778 for snowmobile trail development and maintenance grant from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation in 2023; annual grant awards are determined based on funds received from snowmobile registrations.

Funding to each individual club is based on how many miles of approved trail miles within Delaware County the club plans to maintain. In 2023, corridor and secondary class A trails were funded at \$384 per mile, and cor-

ridor and secondary class B trails were funded at \$315 per mile.

The funds were distributed to snowmobile clubs throughout the county - Hamden Hill Ridge Riders, Delaware Valley Ridge Riders, Central Catskill Trail Association, Big Valley Trail Breakers, Maywood Snowriders, Delaware Otsego Chenango Snowriders, and the D&D Snowdiggers - for trail maintenance to be done in 2023-2024 season. Delaware County has 291 miles of snowmobile trails, maintained by the seven clubs, according to the state Office of Parks, Recre-

ation, and Historic Preservation department.

Clubs are issued their first disbursement of funding in the winter months to fund trail maintenance, she explained, based on their projected seasonal maintenance.

"But it was another year with no snow," Johnson-Bennett said, so many clubs did not meet their projected seasonal maintenance and will need to return funding.

Returning funds does not impact clubs as they are not expending any maintenance costs, Johnson-Bennett said. "It's not like it's out of their pocket. If they can't [spend it], they give it back,



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The John "Jack" Kelly municipal pool in Walton.

ation, and Historic Preservation department.

Delaware County submits the grant on behalf of the snowmobile clubs annually due to state regulations, Johnson-Bennett said, and is essentially a "pass through" for funding between the state and the clubs.

it goes back, and gets cycled through again."

The hard part, she said, is riders will sell their snowmobiles after a few bad seasons with little snow. Fewer people riding snowmobiles mean less registrations, which in turn, means less grant funding, Johnson-Bennett said.

## DelCo: False alarm law passed

### \$199K in overpaid taxes refunded to CWC

By Elizabeth DeFalco

DELHI - A public hearing was held prior to a Delaware County Board of Supervisors meeting Wednesday, July 24, for public input on a proposed false alarm reduction law with the aim of reducing unnecessary use of Delaware County's emergency resources.

Margaretville resident Becky Porter spoke in favor of the law saying false alarms are an abuse of first responders' time, and volunteers are called out "way too often."

A Delaware County resident, George Sydlar, stopped into the clerk of the board's office on July 23, Supervisors' Chairperson Tina Mole' said, and stated he felt the fees charged as part of the law "are too low."

False alarms drain resources of the Delaware County Sheriff, police officers, and other first responders such as firefighters and emergency services workers, the law states, and wastes taxpayers' money without any public safety benefit.

Delaware County's 911 Dispatch Center received 1,466 "alarm calls" in 2023 including fire alarms, smoke detectors, and intrusion alarm calls, Delaware County Emergency Services Director Steve Hood said. In June 2024, the dispatch center received 642 alarm calls, Hood said. It is unclear how many alarm calls were false alarms, Hood said.

A false alarm, is defined as an automated action initiated by a structure's alarm system that causes a call or signal to emergency services and resources are dispatched to the structure without any actual emergency. A call is still considered a false alarm whether emergency responders reach the structure the false alarm call came from or not, the law states.

The adopted law requires alarm system installers to submit a notification of installation (NOI) to Delaware County Emergency Services on behalf of the property owner, for each alarm system. The installation notice must include a street address for the property, the type of alarm system, and contact information for keyholders for the property, among other requirements. Forms will be available online at Delaware County Emergency Services' website in PDF-form for alarm users submit, Hood said.

The installation notice pro-

vides Delaware County Emergency Services alarm owner contact information to confirm if an emergency response is necessary, Hood said. Having an alarm law in place "will most definitely decrease" the amount of false alarm calls.

Notice of installation information will be stored in the county's computer-aided dispatch system, Hood said.

A call is not considered a false alarm if the call is caused by the

opted the false alarm reduction law.

In other business:

- Supervisors accepted a \$20,000 donation from O'Connor Hospital/Bassett Healthcare for the Delaware County Office for the Aging to initiate the agency's food box distribution pilot project for older adults.

- A public hearing to disburse CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security) Act funding was scheduled for



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Delaware County supervisors passed the False Alarm Reduction Act law following a public hearing Wednesday, July 24.

alarm functioning as it should, Hood said. As an example, he said, if an alarm system detects smoke and automatically makes a call to emergency services but the smoke was caused by burned food, and there is no true emergency, the call is not considered a false alarm.

When emergency services are dispatched to a false alarm, there is no fine for the first and second false alarm, a \$50 fine will be issued to the property owner for the third, and a \$200 fine for the fourth false alarm and every subsequent false alarm, according to the proposed fee schedule.

If there is no notice of installation and emergency resources are dispatched to a false alarm, the owner of the property is subject to a warning for the first false alarm with a 14-day notice to submit an NOI, a \$100 fine for the second false alarm, \$200 for the third false alarm and each subsequent false alarm. There is no fine for first false alarm calls as not all property owners will be aware of the NOI requirement if the local law is adopted.

Hood's office has already received calls from people seeking the notice of installation form, Hood said. The form will be provided to local fire departments and other agencies once they are finalized.

Supervisors unanimously ad-

Wednesday, Aug. 28.

- Supervisors authorized a reduction in the assessed value of property belonging to Catskill Watershed Corporation at 669 County Route 38, Arkville and a corresponding correction to the tax rolls for the years 2020-2023. The reduction and correction are in compliance with a Delaware County Supreme Court decision which overturned the town of Middletown's revocation of CWC's tax exempt status following a lawsuit. CWC will be refunded \$199,536.10 in overpaid taxes.

The property, on consent of CWC and the town of Middletown, will be assessed at \$9,022,000 until 2033, and CWC will pay the corresponding tax rate.

\*For previous reporting:  
<https://www.the-reporter.net/stories/middletown-maintains-cwc-dispute,103504?>  
<https://www.the-reporter.net/stories/supreme-court-orders-middletown-to-restore-cwc-tax-exempt-status,84086?>

- Following a no comment public hearing supervisors authorized the inclusion of three parcels, totaling 43.99 acres, into agricultural district 2 in Walton. Three parcels totaling 138.16 acres of land were also authorized to be included in agricultural district 3 in Bovina.

## In the trenches



Lillian Brownell/The Reporter

Repairs to Soldiers' Monument at Delhi's Courthouse Square continued this week with a project scope of repairing damaged portions of the statue and leveling its base. The Delaware County American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Committee allocated \$500,000 for the restoration of the monument. The fencing around the monument and the cannons were removed in June.

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## Battle over..

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their garbage and all their crap like they do now?" Johnson-Bennett paraphrased a common concern among property owners who own islands in the river.

Property owners also question the fairness of being taxed on land that is open to public use. The DEC opinion is merely a guideline and not enforceable as law. Public comments on the policy are currently being reviewed, but the community is eager for a more definitive resolution.

Jeff Skelding, executive director of Friends of the Upper Delaware River (FUDR) and chairperson of the Upper Delaware River Tailwaters Coalition (UDRTC), submitted a "neutral" comment on behalf of FUDR, Johnson-Bennett said; and expressed her frustration that she was unaware of the comment period or of FUDR's comments sooner. "This is something we should have talked about as a committee and confronted as a coalition in the upper Delaware," she said.

Skelding does not disagree that the committee should have discussed the issue, he said; but the committee has not met since early spring. Likewise, he said, FUDR received notification of the open public comment period on

the proposed policy statement, along with hundreds of other organizations and municipalities and the open comment period was also a matter of public information not exclusive to FUDR. FUDR's submitted comments stating it does not "render an opinion or 'take sides' because we recognize the complexity of the issue and understand that, at the very local level, each situation will have particular details where easy interpretations by agency personnel are unlikely."

FUDR's primary interest is to ensure that the new policy document, once adopted, is used to educate watershed stakeholders about what it is, what it says, and how it can be used (or not used), their submitted comments further state. "We urge the DEC to proactively engage in public outreach efforts (meetings, webinars, podcasts, media articles, etc) that provide clear explanations and scenario-based examples of how the policy impacts real life situations on New York State waterways."

Neither Delaware County Planning or Watershed Affairs holds a position on DEC's interpretation and opinion about river bottom ownership, Johnson-Bennett said.

Vernold stated that the town of Hancock did not submit comments during the public com-

ment period, and that he is aware that DEC considers the Delaware River to be navigable waters.

"While I am fully aware of the beauty and recreational value of this famous river, it is of the utmost importance to respect the landowners in order to ensure it remains that way," Vernold said. Vernold has invited DEC officials to give a presentation on the topic to Hancock residents, at a time and date not yet scheduled.

The DEC's draft policy is based on federal standards of navigability, asserting that waterways considered navigable are public. This interpretation, rooted in English common law and upheld by New York courts for over 200 years, states that public navigation is paramount to private ownership of the riverbed.

However, the policy has sparked heated debates not only in Delaware County but across the state and the country. Similar issues have surfaced in places like Pulaski and the Adirondacks.

Some property owners have taken matters into their own hands and amended the language in their deeds to include ownership of the river bottom. That was the case with East Branch resident Glenn Erikson who amended his deed in 2019, and filed it with the Delaware County Clerk's Office, adding the following language: "Together with all riverbed, boulders, riverbank and lands lying between the centerline of the East Branch of the Delaware River and the bank of said river as so described hereinabove and lying between those properties currently owned by William H. Beyer to the West and Helene Marie Hordines to the East."

As the debate continues, it is clear that the issue of riverbed ownership is complex and deeply entrenched in historical property rights and modern interpretations of navigable water laws. Until court decisions establish clear case law, the question of who owns the bottom of the river remains unresolved.

"This is an old issue that pertains to the Hardenburgh Patent and how the deeds reference the lands and the specific property descriptions," Johnson Bennett further clarified. Deed language will need to be interpreted - most likely - by courts, she continued. If property owners have disputes about their rights, they should argue their points with the local grievance boards or seek court intervention to resolve ownership issues, Johnson Bennett said.



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The ownership of river bottoms has become a topic of concern. Here, children play in East Brook in Walton, a stretch of which is designated a "Public Fishing Stream" by New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

## DelCo CCE Farm Tour Aug. 2

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Delaware County will hold its 94th annual drive-yourself farm tour on Aug. 2, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The 2024 tour will feature a visit to three diverse farming operations in Bovina and Andes: Pepacton Farms (Molly Brannen and Preston Post), Gladstone Farms (Wayland and Suzanne Gladstone and Chelsea and Jason Guy), and Evans & Evans Farm (Joe and Jackie Evans). The tour and will feature discussions on organic dairy production, diversifying with farmstead cheese curd production, beef production, hay production, and developing you-pick pumpkins as an agro-tourism enterprise as well grass-fed sheep production uti-

efforts. Following lunch, we will visit with farm owners Wayland "Bud" and Suzanne Gladstone, and their daughter and son-in-law Chelsea and Jason Guy, about their diversified operation, which includes a 75 head cow-calf beef operation, a hay enterprise, marketing beef through freezer meat trade and conventional markets, and a recently added you-pick pumpkin operation, which has turned out to be a major agro-tourism event. The farm is a recipient of a John May Farm Safety Fund grant to improve cattle handling safety, and we will be joined by staff from the NY Center for Agricultural Medicine and Health to talk about this grant program available to farm-



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A variety of waterways are designated public fishing streams in Delaware County, including MacGibbon Hollow stream/creek.

## Woodchucks, basketball hoops, AEDs: Sidney trustees cover summer issues

By Andrew Kantor

SIDNEY - It's a slow summer for Sidney trustees, but their July meeting had a few interesting news items brought up.

"Too many woodchucks." The plague of woodchucks apparently infesting Sidney is causing Animal Control Officer Amy Cross a headache, mostly because, she reported, people are using her traps and not returning them.

**Poster child:** Representatives of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will be meeting with Mayor Ray Baker this week to discuss the village's response to the floods of 2006 and 2001. Sidney, they said, is the "poster child of a flood village," and the agency is hoping to learn from it — "the good, the bad, and the things that could go better," Baker said.

Baker reported that the building that used to house Cattlemans Steakhouse, 64-66 Main Street, has been sold, but he didn't have details on the new buyer or what the building might be used for.

**A veteran's funeral honors:** Military honors for Sgt. Larry Plows of Unadilla, who served in Operation Iraqi Freedom and would have been 45 this year, will be held at Sidney Veterans Memorial Park on Sat., Aug. 10 from

2 to 2:30 p.m. Trustees approved the request of his fiancée, Angie Simpkin, for the service.

**Parks and rec:** Recreation Director Brett French is planning to replace the basketball pole in East Main Street Park that broke in half recently and damaged the hoop. He's pricing a new permanent pole and hoop and hoping to find a donor willing to help fund the equipment.

Trustees discussed the new state requirement that all practice and game fields have an automated external defibrillator (AED) on site starting in November. AEDs cost between about \$1,500 and \$2,500 each, and the village could need eight or nine of them depending on how many fields would be in use at a given time.

Delaware County will hopefully be able to provide trustees up with a grant for at least some of the devices, and trustees will contact local foundations for assistance as well.

Although youth soccer sign-ups for this year have ended — and the games will begin in early August — French reported that he's having trouble finding enough coaches for the teams. (If you're interested in coaching, you can contact him at recreation@villageofsidney.org or 607-561-2328.)

**Law enforcement:** Police

Chief Eric Oliver reported that in June the department responded to 230 calls for service, of which a little more than half were for criminal activity. Cops made 34 arrests (including 3 for felonies), issued 32 warnings and assisted other agencies 12 times. The trustees approved the hiring of Daniel Coleman as a full-time officer at a salary of \$55,083 (\$26.48 per hour). Coleman starts Aug. 12, although his position is provisional until he meets several requirements including passing the civil service examination, meeting fitness and psychological standards and passing a background check.

**Paying the bills:** Trustees approved a variety of payments as part of the village's new water system totalling \$397,153 and including the transmission main, drilling under the Susquehanna River and new water meters. They also paid the village's regular bills: \$48,800 in general expenses, \$40,208 for water and sewer, \$14,395 for community development, \$5,688 for trust and agency and \$13,400 in capital expenses for a total of \$122,492.

Clerk Lisa French reported that, with the specter of penalties looming, there was an influx of property tax payments, although there are still 20-25% of those bills outstanding.



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The 2023 farm tour at Van-Tag Farm, Sidney Center.

lizing intensively managed pasture systems, developing specialty markets, and emerging sheep and goats markets in the region.

The tour will commence at Pepacton Farms, 1515 county Highway 5, Bovina Center at 11 a.m. with discussion with Molly Brannen and her son, Preston Post, about their mixed breed organic dairy farming operation, which Post has returned to as the next generation. The main focus of this stop will be a discussion about their recently completed farmstead cheese curd operation, where we will learn about their business planning, including how they used micro-grants from the Watershed Agricultural Council to aid in the planning, see the operational farmstead cheese plant and hear about their cheese marketing plans.

The next tour stop will be Gladstone Farms, 300 Gambichler Road, Andes at 12:30 p.m. This will be the bring-your-own lunch stop for the tour. Milk and ice cream will be provided and we will hear from the Delaware County Dairy Ambassador Delaney McCann about the Delaware County Dairy Promotion

ers. We will also discuss the water quality practices implemented on the farm through the New York City watershed agricultural program.

The tour will conclude at 2 p.m., moving next door to its final stop at Evans & Evans farm, 2400 Gladstone Hollow Rd, Andes. Evans & Evans Farm, owned and operated by Joe and Jackie Evans, is a 400 head, grass-fed and finished sheep flock, utilizing very intensively managed rotational pasture system in conjunction with high-quality grass baleage production to fully meet the nutritional needs of the sheep throughout the year. We will discuss how the Evans' market their sheep meat at different maturities through their well-developed marketing channels.

For more information, contact Cornell Cooperative Extension of Delaware County at 607-865-6531 or delaware@cornell.edu.

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## Ways to Grow Your Email List

By Ray Pucci

If you want to remain top-of-mind with your customers (as well as nurture people who are interested in your business, but not yet buying from you), you need to be able to stay in touch. While social media may seem like a good first step, you're limited in how often your audience sees your posts. And you're not in control of the algorithms that impact that. So...

You need to start building your email list. With a list, you can stay in touch and remain top-of-mind by sending newsletters, discount coupons, information on events, and specials. You're more likely to be able to bring customers in the door with a strong list and it also gives them something to talk about and circulate among their friends. Plus, 92% of online adults use email regularly (not sure what the other 8% are doing when they're online but whatever). And you don't have to worry about the "social media powers that be" keeping your messaging from those you want to see it.

There are many ways to build a list. To capture online emails, you simply offer something of value (video, course, checklist, or other exclusive content) in exchange for an email. You'll also want to be clear that they will hear from

you on occasion. Make sure you give them the option to opt-out as well.

But how do you build your email list outside of a lead magnet?

- Host webinars or courses.
- Run contests or giveaways. Incentivize sign-ups by offering prizes relevant to your target audience.
- Include sign-up forms on your website. Make it easy for visitors to subscribe on high-traffic spots like your homepage, blog posts, and landing pages.
- Promote your email list on social media. Encourage followers to sign up for exclusive content or updates. Let them know what they'll receive. Discounts are a top motivator for sign-ups.
- Run targeted ads. Use social media advertising platforms to reach a specific audience and promote your email list sign-up.
- Add a sign-up form to your email signature.
- Offer referral bonuses. Encourage existing subscribers to spread the word by offering rewards for referrals.
- Run exit-intent popups. These popups appear when a visitor looks like they're about to leave your website. Offer a last-minute incentive to subscribe.
- Partner with other businesses. Cross-promote your email lists with businesses that com-

plement your offerings.

- Host Q&A sessions or live chats. Offer valuable interaction and require email sign-up to participate.
- Run interactive polls or surveys. Gather valuable data while building your email list. If results would appeal to your audience, offer to send them the conclusions for their email.
- Offer free trials or consultations. Capture leads interested in your paid services.
- Repurpose content into email newsletters. Provide ongoing value to keep subscribers engaged.
- Offer a challenge. These can be live videos or pre-recorded content, or emails sent daily. Length of challenges can vary so get creative.
- Run interactive content like quizzes or games.

• Offer loyalty programs or rewards. Give subscribers points or discounts for signing up and taking specific actions (e.g., opening emails, referring friends).

• Utilize offline methods. Collect email addresses at events, trade shows, or through in-person interactions.

• Use a QR code. If you have a brick-and-mortar business, place a QR code next to your register that directs to a VIP customer list they can join. Give a discount on their next purchase for signing up.

• Retarget website visitors. Use website retargeting ads to remind visitors who haven't subscribed yet about your valuable content and email list.

• Create a CTA. Add a call-to-action to join your email list wherever you're giving value

such as blog posts, newsletters, videos, etc.

If you want to increase sales, you need to find a way to stay top-of-mind with your audience. An email list is one of the strongest, most versatile ways to do this. Your audience's preferences on offers may vary so try several of these strategies and you'll see subscribers (and sales) grow.

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

## MASONVILLE

By Anne Scott [ahscott@frontier.com](mailto:ahscott@frontier.com) 607-265-3368

Rita Wilson Actor Breast Cancer Survivor "I wake up every morning and say a prayer of gratitude. Pain doesn't last: it's temporary. Recognizing that when you're in the thick of things is challenging, but remember it's not forever, and it will pass." True for so many people, but life goes on as the saying goes, "One Day at a Time." Here on the Farm the days seem to get longer and longer as the fellas are trying to get some of the first cutting done with large dry round bales. Yesterday they were raking the hay with two rakes and one of them fell apart in the field and now they have only one to get it done. They had some second cutting baled and started to wrap it when one of the hoses decided to break down and of course it was Saturday afternoon and there was no place to get it fixed. Cliff tried to fix it but found it had to have an end that he didn't have so he went hunting for a replacement but had to wait until the next day if someone was open. They got someone to help but it didn't stay so Harold and I will have to take it and get it fixed this morning. So much for getting some hay done this weekend, the fellas were getting frustrated. Wanting to watch some TV on Sunday afternoon I turned it on and guess what, the TV tech man from the company said just what Betty had said too, it was gone and now we have to get another one, Oh well just another thing on a Sunday. Let's

hope this week is better for the fellas and they can get working again to get the hay done. The corn is growing very well all over and it looks like there will be plenty of corn for farmers to harvest this Fall if the weather cooperates. I stood by one of the corn plants in a field, I am short but the corn stood twice as high as me and I couldn't even reach the top as the tassels are coming out and the little corn is peeking out of the stalks, what a corn year it is this year with the rains that we have been getting to keep it growing. The price of milk is getting better for the next few months of the year and is promised to stay at least for the remainder of this year. We hope it stays good throughout next year also, but you never know how things will go until it comes. Keep on purchasing all the dairy products that you can for your baking, cooking and your enjoyment and keep our farmers keep on feeding the world. Have a great and healthy and also safe rest of the summer everyone.

Birthday Greetings go out to Ondrea Lent Northrup, July 19, Michael Pritchard, 21, Bob Ostrander, Jeff Rude and Justin Burpoe, 22, Brigadier General Peter Palmer, 23, John Wilcox and Ken Ryan, 25, and Joe Caperna the 27th. Have a great day everyone. We have lost some of our Masonville residents this past weeks, Ed Lewis formerly of Masonville,

Art DuMond and Jim Green, our thoughts are with their friends and family at this time of loss. I also heard of the passing of one of the fellas that our family grew up with in Northfield, Ronald Cammer, we all attended the small rural school in Northfield and had some great times together there, condolences to his family and friends. Masonville Branch Library with clerk Micheklle Maggio continues with the July summer events with Saturday, July 27, 10 a.m. to noon; Yarn Club, bring your current projects you are working on, All levels welcome, 11 a.m. Come enjoy Irish Tales of Wit and Wonder with master storyteller Mary Shea Ryn as part of our Summer Reading Program, Wednesday July 31, 5 p.m. our Summer Reading Program presents Fizztastic Science Magic Show with magician Ron Cain. Come enjoy the magica of silly scientist Doctor Volcaino as he performs illusions that celebrate science and feature great scientists. Tech help available when the library is open. Masonville Federated Church with Rev. Dr. John Helgeson, Inerim Pastor Sunday Services are at 11 a.m. with Bible Study on Tuesdays at 3:15 p.m. in the church dining hall. Food Bank is the third Wednesday of the month from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. with a light lunch. Last Thursday of the month is the Share the Bounty 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Sacred Heart Church in Sidney. Aug. 11 Warnerfest Service at 10 a.m.; Aug. 12 Council Meeting 6 p.m.; committees 6:30 p.m. meeting; 18th Vesper Service at Ruff Home.

## FRANKLIN

By Carla Nordstrom [franklinreporter13775@gmail.com](mailto:franklinreporter13775@gmail.com)

Franklin Community Swimming Pool Hours: Mondays (adult swim 7-8pm), Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, noon to 7 p.m., Wednesdays 11-5 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays 2-7 p.m.

Bright Hill Word Thursdays, Thursday, July 25 at 7 p.m. at Bright Hill Center, 94 Church Street, Treadwell. Featured poets are Jay Rogoff and Bertha Rogers.

Franklin Stage Company, The Calpulli Mexican Dance Company will perform on Friday, July 26 and Saturday, 27 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, July 28 at 5 p.m. Calpulli tells narrative-based stories portrayed through movement, sound, and elaborate and colorful costuming, with the passion of performance. The Franklin Stage Company is an admission-free theater that depends on the generosity of the audience and donors—any amount is appreciated and no amount is too large.

Greater Franklin Food Pantry, will be open Friday, July 26 from 2-4 p.m. or by appointment, 574 Main Street. The Greater Franklin Food Pantry is looking for volunteers. You can contact them at <https://greaterfranklinfoodpantry.org/volunteer/>. The Greater Franklin Food Pantry gratefully accepts both items such as non-expired food, drinks, personal care, etc. as well as monetary donations.

Franklin Free Library hours are Tuesday and Thursday 9 a.m. - noon and 1-5 p.m., Wednesdays 2-8 p.m., and Saturday 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Movie Night for Kids, Friday, July 26 at 7 p.m., movie to be announced. Franklin/Treadwell Conversation, July 27, 11 a.m., a lively conversation covering topics decided by the community. Franklin Film Forum, Saturday, July 27 at 7 p.m. This month's film is Inherit the Wind. Suggested donation is \$5. Summer Reading Program, Tuesday, July 30 at 10 a.m. Repco Wildlife Encounters: If you like reptiles, this exciting wildlife adventure is for you! See reptiles from around the world in real life, including turtles, snakes and lizards.

Franklin Farmers' Market, Sunday, July 28 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on the lawn in front of the Franklin Stage Company theater on Institute Street. Local vendors sell produce, meat, baked goods, and handicrafts.

Franklin Train and Community Museum will be open on Sunday, July 28 from 1-4 p.m. The museum is at 572 Main Street.

First Thursday Dinner, Thursday, Aug. 1, 5-7 p.m. Summer picnic featuring grilled sausages, peppers, and onions with summer salads and dessert buffet. St. Paul's Church, 307 Main Street. Free-will donation is appreciated

for eat-in or take-out.

Reminder: The Franklin Central School All-Class Reunion will be from 4 to 8 p.m. on Aug. 24, under the big tent on the St. Paul's Church lawn. Meet and greet old friends and classmates and enjoy a sumptuous barbecue dinner with the music of Randy Hulse. Details are on Friends of Franklin Central School Facebook page. RSVP to Sonja Johns by Aug. 12 at [kljohns@citlink.net](mailto:kljohns@citlink.net) with names (include maiden)/class year. \$25 per alumni includes dues \$22 guest. Reserve a class table. Send check payable to: Franklin Alumni Assoc. 1403 Otego Road, Franklin. New York 13775

Start Old Franklin Day on Saturday, Aug. 24 with a free pancake breakfast at the Community Bible Church at 89 Center Street from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. Festivities start at 9 a.m. with 40 artisans and vendors, Bounce House, face painting, balloon art, and games for the kiddos! Party with Off the Record Band from 10 a.m. to noon and the Country Express Band from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Pick up scrumptious pies at the St. Paul's Church famous pie sale. Enjoy a lunchtime foodfest with Ty's Taco-Ria, S&S Food Truck and Catskill Momo's Asian Dumpings, or grab some barbecued chicken at the American Legion or hot dogs at the Open Doors Methodist Church. Get deals at the library book sale and town-wide lawn sales. Visit [franklinny.org/ofd24](http://franklinny.org/ofd24) to learn more.



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# Entrapment, injury in Delhi MVA

By Elizabeth DeFalco

DELHI - A one-car motor vehicle crash on Arbor Hill Road, Delhi, Tuesday, July 23, left a 26-year old person with serious back and pelvis injuries, said Shawn Kauffman of the Delhi Fire Department.

The department was dispatched to the incident at 10:39 a.m. following a call from 4H Camp Shankitunk staff who witnessed the crash, Kauffman said. The driver "swerved to miss a deer" while traveling north on Arbor Hill Road, Kauffman said, which resulted in the vehicle leaving the road and briefly becoming airborne, before striking a tree.

The crash caused the passenger to become entrapped requiring approximately 20 minutes of extrication with rescue gear from the department, Kauffman said. The passenger was initially assisted by 4H camp nurses and staff, Kauffman said, and was later rushed and admitted to Bassett Medical Center, Cooperstown, by



photo contributed by Delhi Fire Department

The vehicle involved in an accident on Arbor Hill Road, Delhi, July 23, was airborne before striking a tree on the passenger side, entrapping the 26-year old passenger, said Shawn Kauff-

man said, but refused further medical attention.

Delhi EMS after Life Net declined sending a helicopter for air medical due to the weather, Kauffman said. The driver and another occupant of the vehicle were treated by Delaware County EMS, Kauffman said, but refused further

medical attention.

Bovina EMS provided on scene mutual aid and Andes EMS stood by covering all other responding districts.

All units were back in service by 1:30 p.m.

# Medical Care Behind Bars

By Lillian Browne

DELHI - Last week in Delaware County Court, the public defender's office made a pointed statement to Judge John Hubbard, highlighting that an incarcerated individual was not receiving necessary medical care despite submitting 16 medical attention requests.

"Our medical department promptly fills every sick call request from incarcerated individuals," responded Sheriff Craig DuMond. "To my recollection, the facility has never been found out of compliance regarding sick call requests. The individual might not be happy with the action taken by our medical staff, but I leave that up to the professionals."

Questions regarding the pro-

cess for addressing medical needs in the facility were also raised. Incarcerated individuals can submit a sick call request daily, which is attended to by the medical team, DuMond explained. Medications prescribed are immediately filled and delivered pursuant to a doctor's directive, with costs covered through a medical line in the county's budget.

"Boarded-in" inmate medical expenses are paid by the "home" county.

The county absorbs those costs for individuals incarcerated in Delaware County, DuMond continued. "Unfortunately, current law does not allow us to enroll an incarcerated individual on Medicaid while in the facility, except when admitted to a hospital."

The burden of these medical

expenses on local taxpayers is a concern. "Most individuals incarcerated were on Medicaid before," DuMond said. "Removing them from Medicaid negatively affects local taxpayers and continuity of care upon release. We are hopeful for legislative changes in the next session."

DuMond has been advocating for the change as president of the state sheriff's association, he said.

The policy applies to dental and vision issues as well, further straining local resources. While the facility does not receive federal or state reimbursements for medical expenses, a small state grant is available for the state-mandated Medical Assisted Treatment (MAT) program for inmates with substance abuse disorders.

# DelCo Sheriff's Office receives \$364K tech grant

By Elizabeth DeFalco

DELHI - Delaware County supervisors accepted a \$364,051 state Division of Criminal Justice Service (DCJS) equipment and technology grant awarded in May, Wednesday, July 24.

The grant helps fund the purchase of law enforcement technology and equipment. Sidney

and Colchester Police Departments also received grants of \$130,858 and \$73,622 respectively.

The sheriff's office will use the \$364,051 award to enhance the department's body-worn camera program, to purchase license plate readers, a three-dimensional crime scene scanner, surveillance cameras, a "Tru-Narc" drug field screening device, a

training drone, and other security enhancements, Sheriff Craig DuMond said.

The purchases were not budgeted for 2024, but planned for 2025, DuMond said. "Therefore, this will be a significant savings to the taxpayers."

Supervisors transferred the funds into the sheriff's office equipment fund so DuMond can make the purchases, he said.

# Hancock rollover

On July 18 at approximately 7:22 a.m. Delaware County Sheriff Deputies were dispatched to a commercial motor vehicle accident on state Highway 17 in the town of Hancock. Information provided to responding deputies was that a tractor-trailer was observed leaving the east bound lane, traveling through the guide rails, over a steep embankment and striking a utility pole before coming to rest on several trees.

Deputies say the the operator, Surajmal (no first name), 24, of Indianapolis, IN failed to maintain his lane, resulting in the crash. Surajmal was issued a summons for moving from lane unsafely.

Deputies were assisted on

scene by the Town of Hancock Ambulance, Hancock Volunteer Fire Department, Hancock Telephone Company, New York

State Police, New York State Department of Transportation, Don Oralls Garage and Prestige Towing.



photo contributed by Delaware County Sheriff's Office

# Deer vs. vehicle protocol

In the event a motor vehicle strikes a deer, motorists should contact 911. If the deer is injured, the police officer or law enforcement official will typically contact the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) for guidance in animal handling, including potential "dispatch" of the deer.

Residents who encounter an injured or sick deer are advised to contact a DEC regional wildlife office for assistance or call the 24-hour dispatch line at 1-844-DEC-ECOS.

Deer are susceptible to a variety of injuries, illnesses, and disease. When the public reports sick, injured or dead deer, DEC wildlife experts will consider the circumstances, description and/or photos of the animal to determine whether it should be collected and tested for cause of injury or death. DEC wildlife staff test deer that show clinical symptoms including being lethargic, disoriented, thin, drooling, circling, etc. For more information on Chronic Wasting Disease and how to keep New York CWD free,

visit the DEC website.

Any deer reported to DEC that displays clinical symptoms of Chronic Wasting Disease, or any other wildlife disease, is tested.

If an animal is deceased on a roadway, the department or local entity that manages the roadway, like a town highway department, village streets department, county department of public works or state Department of Transportation, is responsible to remove the animal.

# Delhi Police Department reports busy June

P/T officer hire approved

By Lillian Browne

DELHI - On Monday July 15, Delhi trustees authorized the hire of Wyatt Malave as a part time police officer at the rate of \$23 per hour, as needed.

Police responded to 117 calls in June, in addition to handling 30 complaints and assisting other agencies 16 times. Police issued

three traffic tickets, made two felony and two misdemeanor arrests and one arrest on a warrant.

Police provided escorts at different community events including an escort for Delaware Academy's tractor day parade and senior car parade, the annual Bridge Run and netted \$4,330 in revenue from training fees at the department's firing range.

# DELAWARE COUNTY COURT

## Sidney man gets plea deal on burglary charge

By Lillian Browne

DELHI - A Sidney man, **Peter D. Puglisi**, 40, pleaded guilty to a reduced charge of attempted third-degree burglary as part of a negotiated plea and sentence agreement in Delaware County Court, Monday, July 22.

Puglisi admitted to attempting to unlawfully enter a storage unit in the village of Sidney on March 24 with the intention of stealing items. As part of the negotiated plea deal, Puglisi will be sentenced to 364 days in jail and ordered to pay \$3,888 in restitution, which will be converted to a civil judgment.

All outstanding criminal charges in Delaware County against Puglisi will be satisfied as part of the negotiated agreement. Puglisi is facing criminal charges in Chenango County and any jail sentence there will be served concurrently, or at the same time, as the sentence in Delaware County.

Puglisi is being held at the Delaware County Jail without bail, awaiting sentencing scheduled for Sept. 23.

In other cases:

• **Dmitri J. Esrich**, 35, Deposit, was sentenced to 10 years pro-

bation with sex offender conditions, as part of a negotiated plea and sentence deal. Esrich pleaded guilty April 22 to possession of a sexual performance by a child, admitting he possessed images that depict sexual conduct by a child less than 16 years old on March 5 in the town of Deposit.

Esrich is required to register as a sex offender. The sentence also disposes of any uncharged crimes related to child pornography. Esrich was designated as a level one sex offender, least likely to reoffend.

• **Charles A. Walsh**, 30 of Sidney was sentenced to 5 1/2 years in prison as part of a negotiated plea and sentence agreement. Walsh pleaded guilty May 28 to one count of third-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance, admitting that he possessed fentanyl with the intent to sell it in the village of Sidney on Feb. 6.

Walsh was sentenced as a second felony offender to a prison "shock" program when he becomes eligible. Once released from prison, Walsh will serve two years of parole. Outstanding criminal charges in the village of Sidney and in Masonville were disposed of as part of the negotiated deal.

# Harpursville man resumes probation sentence

DELHI - A Harpursville man was restored to probation, or allowed to continue his probation sentence, following an appearance in Delaware County Court, Monday, July 15.

**Zachary A. Rowe**, 25, was sentenced to five years probation on a drug possession charge in Delaware County Court Feb. 14. Rowe was charged with violating his probation failing to report to his probation officer, failure to comply with a curfew and "consorting with a disreputable" person.

After admitting to the violations, his probation sentence was reinstated.

If Rowe fails to successfully complete treatment court and/

or violates probation again he will be sentenced to four years in prison to be followed by two years of post-release supervision, Rosa said.

In another case:

• **Deanna R. Eignor**, 22, was sentenced to 11 months in jail following her admission that she violated the conditions of her probation. Eignor was sentenced to five years probation on Jan. 29 following a guilty plea to fourth-degree criminal possession of stolen property. Eignor admitted to possessing and ingesting illegal substances and failure to successfully completed recommended treatment, all violations of her probation conditions.

# —Police Blotter—

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

## Sidney Police Department

• **Brandon C. Maclaury**, 38, McDonough, was arrested July 11 on a Sidney Village Court warrant for failure to appear.

• **Rodney Ellis**, 65, Sidney, was arrested July 14 and charged with second-degree obstruction of governmental administration and resisting arrest.

• **Shannon K. Rodenas**, 40, Sidney Center, was arrested July 16 and charged with second-degree aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

• **Paul R. Ferron**, 58, Sidney, was arrested July 17 and charged with second-degree harassment.

## New York State Police

• **Brandon E. Felter**, 28, Hancock, was arrested by Deposit State Police July 11 and charged with fourth-degree criminal possession of stolen property. Felter was issued an appearance ticket to answer the charge.

• **Sara J. Spence**, 22, Deposit, was arrested by Deposit State Police July 11 and charged with fourth-degree criminal mischief. Spence was release on recognizance.

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## College News

One-thousand and thirty-one SUNY Oneonta students completed the requirements for a bachelor's degree following the spring 2024 semester. Included were Kailynn Drumm of Sidney Center, bachelor's degree in anthropology; Jordan Macak of Franklin, bachelor's degree in psychology; Zoe Mattice of Roxbury, bachelor's degree in media studies; Michelle Ritter of Walton, bachelor's degree in media studies and music - double major; Gabriel Smith of Frank-

lin, bachelor's degree in history; Nathan Vibbard of Sidney, bachelor's degree in adolescence education: social studies and history; Chelsea Waid of Davenport, bachelor's degree in psychology.

Following the spring 2024 semester at SUNY Oneonta **Janna Wilbur** of Hamden completed the nutrition and dietetics graduate program required for a master's degree, certificate of advanced study, or advanced certificate program.

## Walton middle school 4th quarter honor rolls

Walton Central School has released its George F. Mack Middle School fourth quarter honor rolls for the 2023-2024 school year.

**Superintendent's list** students achieve averages of 95-100%.

**Grade 8:** Jacob Constable, Mayla Evans, Anika Fassler, Aimee Furgeson, Brynlee Hunt, Liam Kane, Paige LeBarge, Ava Merwin, Esther Salvia, Lauren Sloan-Boice, Lila Trimbell, Evelyn White, Kennedy Williams, Annalia Yetto.

**Grade 7:** Nolan Evans, Maia Fassler, Isis Guervaz, Noah Hood, Lilian Jackson, Malena Moore, Kayleigh Ostrander, Julianna Roy, Colton Walley.

**Grade 6:** Lillie Beers, Aliya Carman, Amelia Darling, Rhyllie Hill, Madison Hoffman, Ava Hoover, Finnley Kane, Zoey Kille, Callan Neale, Tylee Northrup, Giovanni Roselli-Lattimer, Noah Scofield, Annabelle Wagner, Averie Williams, Jayden Wright.

**Principal's list** students attain

averages of 90-94%.

**Grade 8:** Ryan Alessi, Vanessa Burgos, Lilliana Eisele, Christian Hanrahan, Adam Rice, Mackenzie Roach, Reaghan VanTyle, Corbin Walley.

**Grade 7:** William Bartlett, Landen Branigan, Landon Darcy, Rilynn Daye, Brandon Hitt, Owen Hodges, Kailee Lindsay, Emma Moss, Kelsey O'Halloran, Gabriel Padgett, Liam Pettit, Austin Scutt, Damien Tolbert, Richelle Wood.

**Grade 6:** Haven Barnes, Dawson Bowker, Madeline Cash, Nico Catalano, Blaze D'Angelo, Nevaeh Fitch, Donny Ford, Martie Foster, Autumn Gerace, Hayley Goodspeed, Ava Hall, Brystal Hunt, Reed LaTourette, Korbyn McDonald, Rylee Mead, Danielle Miller, Dakota Morse, Preston Roy, Landon Salimbanon, Madison Scofield, Connor Stanton, William Voorhies.

**Honor roll students** achieve averages of 85-89%.

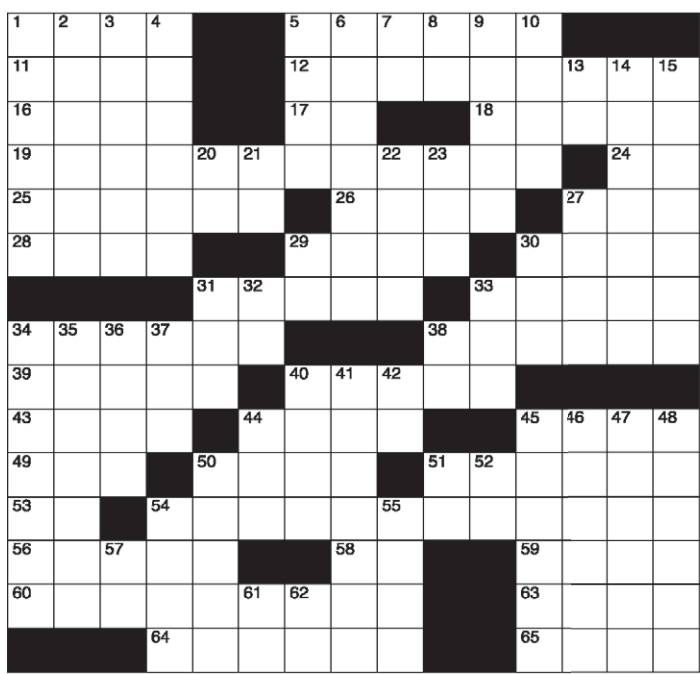
**Grade 8:** Camiren Barriger,

Scarlett Beardslee, Jazmin Clifford, Miley Dunbar, Chloe Edwards, Isabella Eisele, Katelynn Houck, Eli Kingsbury, Dixie Manzer, Levi McDonald, Preston Petrocine, Jali Shelton, Jordan Tolbert, Logan Viscio, Bentley Wickham, Xager Wickham.

**Grade 7:** Kalea Boulanger, Joshua Clifford, Landon Covell, Jacob Doig, Jersey Forrest, Cayden Garone, Logan Gregory Jr., Anthoni Ildefonso, Shay Johnson, Hunter Lambrecht, Darius Lindsay, Kendyll McDonald, Lane Nichols, Madilyn Russell, Ryan Somers, Westin Torres, Braxton Wood.

**Grade 6:** Zaina Bartlett, Jenaveve Butler, Josilynn Covell, Benjamin Dougherty, Patrick Ford Jr., Bailey Fravel, Emma Freel, Madalynn Gregory, Robert Roach, Anthony Salvia, Lennox Slauson, Kenzley Stone, Levi Wickham.

## REPORTER CROSSWORD



### CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Average damage per system (abbr.)
- 5. Lustful woodland gods (Greek mythology)
- 11. Colombian Town
- 12. Sour
- 16. A way to stuff
- 17. Former AL MVP Vaughn
- 18. Carried or transported
- 19. Cannot even fathom
- 24. Hammer is one
- 25. A way to separate
- 26. Not moving
- 27. Women's service organization (abbr.)
- 28. German river
- 29. Quantitative fact
- 30. A person's head
- 31. Process that produces ammonia
- 33. French modernist painter
- 34. Too much noise
- 38. Agree to a demand
- 39. One a line at right angles to a ship's length
- 40. Employees
- 43. Ribosomal ribonucleic acid
- 44. Component of hemoglobin
- 45. Quick and skillful in movement
- 49. Passing trend
- 50. Part of the eye
- 51. One who acclaims
- 53. Deadly amount (abbr.)
- 54. Taste property
- 56. Genus of mosquitoes
- 58. Blood type
- 59. A group of countries in special alliance
- 60. Institute legal proceedings against
- 63. Shade of a color
- 64. Spoke
- 65. Work units

### CLUES DOWN

- 1. Charge with a crime
- 2. Mended with yarn
- 3. North Atlantic flatfish
- 4. Boil at low temperature
- 5. Lapps of northern Scandinavia
- 6. Poisonous plant
- 7. Atomic #22
- 8. 36 inches
- 9. Monetary unit of Russia
- 10. Type of gin
- 13. An alternative
- 14. Alone
- 15. A way to ooze
- 20. Publicity
- 21. American firm
- 22. Jewish calendar month
- 23. Popular sandwich
- 27. Comedian Cook
- 29. The NFL's big game (abbr.)
- 30. Political action committee
- 31. Make a low, steady sound
- 32. Legendary sportscaster Michaels
- 33. One thousand cubic feet (abbr.)
- 34. Designed to keep ca.s warm
- 35. One who scrapes
- 36. Tear into two or more pieces
- 37. Supervises flying
- 38. Flying arm of the U.S. military (abbr.)
- 40. District in Peru
- 41. One died leaving a will
- 42. Morning
- 44. The world of the dead
- 45. Widen
- 46. Drink containing medicine
- 47. Celebrating
- 48. Secret encounters
- 50. A type of tag
- 51. Halfback
- 52. Modern tech
- 54. Monetary unit
- 55. Resigned to one's sleeping chamber
- 57. Execute or perform
- 61. "The Golden State"
- 62. "The Beehive State" (abbr.)

Solution to last week's puzzle on page 19

## Stamford elementary school honor roll

Stamford Central Elementary School has released its period 4 marking period honor roll report.

**Principal's List** students must have rounded honor averages of 90% or above.

**Grade 6:** Kelsey Brewster, Madelyn Eklund, Lydia Flachs, Elyse Snyder, Molly Snyder, Charlotte Thomson, Meghan VanBuren.

**Grade 5:** Madison Eisel, Harper Gockel, Matthew McGlynn, Kendrick Michelback, Cora Nick.

**Grade 4:** Carolyn Eklund, Natalie Kosier, Aubrey Mason, Paige Mrozik, Henry Zheng.

**Grade 3:** David Curtis Jr., Wyatt Flachs, Brooklynne Kosier, Vivian Kosier, Roman Mark, Ava Monk, Ethan Rinehart, Paisley Sparkes, Corrine Walker.

**Honor Roll** students must have rounded honor average between 85 and 89%.

**Grade 6:** Olivia Albanese, Quinn Forhan, Logan Macedo,

Elijah Mrozik, Jax Sutliff.

**Grade 5:** Anastasia Aldrich, Charles Offria, Oliver Wojciechowski.

**Grade 4:** John Henry Eklund, Easton Gorke, Aubrey Mason, Ellis McCooney.

**Grade 3:** Matteo Abbatine, Jonathan Colon, Randall Grosjean, Kylie Mrozik, Hayden Shue, Hailey Stoutenburg.

## Stamford High School 4th quarter honor roll

The guidance office at Stamford Central School has announced the honor roll for the fourth quarter. Cum Laude is an average of 94.5% or higher; High Honor is an average of 89.5%-94.4%; Honor is an average of 84.5%-89.4%; Merit is an average of 79.5%-84.4%.

### Grade 12

Cum Laude: Jack Glenn, Kylee Hendrickson

High Honor: Julian Everett, Tyler Knapp, Joseph Stoutenburg, Alexa Tompkins

Honor: Chloe Alberti, Rylie Brewster, Molly Koerner

Merit: Josh Anderson, Todd Funk, Brandon Harris, John Marinaccio, Amaya Pitera, Paige VanEtten

### Grade 11

Cum Laude: Robin Henne, Mandy Zheng

High Honor: Connor Goodchild, Meliyah Kiel, Amelia Morris

Honor: Isabel Hynes, Natalie Nebesnik, Liam Seeley, Gabriella Stannard, Suri Taylor, Payden Wright

Merit: Cassidy Brockway, Taryn Fallon, Sari Hara, Dominick Jester, Jon Michael Leas, Naddiyah Morgan, Ava Mrozik, Nora Ortiz, Madison Shepler.

### Grade 10

Cum Laude: Kaitlyn Stoutenburg

High Honor: Emily Eklund, Liam Hanway, Caiden Tompkins, Cameron Tompkins, Tierney Turner.

Honor: McKenna Hoyt, Alek Krom, Jacob Mrozik, Gavin VanEtten, Abigail Villanueva.

Merit: Lelend Donato-Williamson, Annalise Fallon, Angel

Giambastiani, Hailey Sarter.

### Grade 9

High Honor: Liadian Coston, Anthony Oakley, Tyler Vasta.

Honor: Mikayla Harris, Alex Kosier, Tristen Thomson.

Merit: Ben Bullard, Conor Glenn, Angel Otero, Madison Webster.

### Grade 8

High Honor: Brooke Cole, Riley Rinehart, Emily Snyder.

Honor: Thomas Milea, Nigel Oakley, Cole Seeley.

Merit: William Eklund, Allison VanBuren.

### Grade 7

High Honor: Ethan Goodchild, Michael Kiel, Allison Vasta, Katherine Wright.

Honor: Abigail Bullard, Marissa Roberts, Bailey VanEtten.

Merit: Chase Birdsall, Julian DePaoli.

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# SPORTS REPORTER

## 106 compete in 2024 Delaware County Men's Amateur Golf Championship

### Justin Harris wins fourth straight title

The 59th annual Delaware County Men's Amateur Championship golf tournament was held at the College Golf Course at Delhi July 12-14. One-hundred and six local golfers competed in seven flights. To participate, players must be Delaware County residents or members of a Delaware County golf club.

Justin Harris, playing out of the Ouleout Creek Golf Club in

Franklin, defended his title to win the championship flight, which consists of the most skilled players. This is Harris' fourth straight county tournament win. He scored 215 after the three rounds of play. He also won the Rex Waring Lowest Round Award for his score of 69 on Friday's round. Todd Carrington, the runner-up of the championship flight playing out of Davenport, scored a

224. Brad Anderson of Delhi was close behind in third place with a cumulative score of 229.

Other flight winners:  
 Senior Blue Tee Winner: Kurt Swenson, 235 (Stamford)  
 A Flight Winner: Mike O'Donnell, 232 (Davenport)  
 B Flight & Senior White Tee Champion: Frank Fiumera, 240 (Hancock)  
 C Flight Winner: Scott VanTyle, 257 (Delhi)  
 D Flight Winner: Alex Triebe, 267 (Downsville)

Gold Flight Winner: Richard Johnson, 230 (Sidney)  
 Gold Net Winner: Lars Updale, 199 (Deposit)

The top players from each flight were honored at an awards ceremony outside the Delhi clubhouse Sunday afternoon. Scores for all flights and players are available on the College Golf Course at Delhi's website, [golf-course.delhi.edu](http://golf-course.delhi.edu)

The Delaware County Men's Amateur Championship is one of the longest-running county-level championship tournaments in the state. This year was the 59th



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Championship Flight Winner and Justin Waring Lowest Round Winner: Justin Harris, 215 (lowest round, 69), with Dave Arehart.



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All flight winners, left to right: Alex Triebe, Justin Harris, Mike O'Donnell, Scott VanTyle, Richard Johnson, Frank Fiumera, and Dave Arehart.

anniversary for the tournament, which is sponsored by the Delaware National Bank of Delhi, Clark Companies and other local organizations.

General Manager and head golf pro at the College Golf Course at Delhi Dave Arehart, said, "Once again it was great to see golfers from all around the county and neighboring courses competing in the annual Delaware County Men's Amateur Golf

Championship. There are divisions by golf ability and a senior flight making it fun for all - this is what makes this event so unique. Next year we are celebrating our 60th year and it promises to be special. Thank you to the players, volunteers, and staff. Congratulations to the winners and overall Champion Justin Harris. This marks his fourth in a row with an impressive 1 under par 54-hole score."

## Cornshuckers To Barnstorm with Local Vintage Teams

On the weekend of Aug. 3 and 4, the Cornshuckers Base Ball Club from Canton, Mich. will travel 600 miles east to test their baseball acumen with the three clubs of the Delaware County Vintage Base Ball Association. First up will be a match at 11 a.m. Saturday with the Polecat Base Ball Club featuring the Hamden Nine at the Crawford Field on Launt Hollow Road in the hamlet of Hamden, where baseball was played as far back as 1825. Climbing further eastward over the mountains on Saturday afternoon, the Cornshuckers will descend into the village of Fleischmanns for a 4 p.m. match with the Mountain Athletic Club at the historic M.A.C. Grounds where the era of play will be 1895 - a first ever for the Cantonites who primarily play an 1867 rule set. Food and drink will be available for purchase from Catskill Hot Dogs. To round out the barnstorm-

ing trip on Sunday at 10 a.m., the Bovina Dairymen will host the 'Shuckers at Creamery Field just west of Bovina Center for what is expected to be a very exciting match with both teams coming off four-game sweeps at the Gettysburg National 19th Century Base Ball Festival. During the nineteenth century, New York's "Blue Laws" prohibited games on Sundays, but these men will need an early start before departing the Empire State. What is guaranteed is that they will bring with them the finest competitive spirit and sportsmanship to display. The Cornshuckers are a collection of some of the finest athletes in the vintage baseball circuit having captured big wins at every major festival in the vintage baseball world coast to coast and border to border. A full schedule of all the DCVBBA team is online at [delcovintagebaseball.org](http://delcovintagebaseball.org).



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The Cornshucker Base Ball Club of Canton will ascend into the county for a weekend of vintage base ball competition with clubs from the Delaware County Vintage Base Ball Association.

## Big League Events Held at Catskill Mountain Little League



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STAMFORD - Last week, the Catskill Mountain Little League (CMLL) hosted several big events to showcase their new facility and welcome youth and their families from the surrounding regions. The excitement started on Thursday evening with a Coach Ballgame Sandlot where James Lowe brought his energy and enthusiasm for helping boys and girls find the joy in playing ball with skills stations such as volleyball baseball, snowball base-

ball (trying to hit a wiffle ball at coaches) and tennis ball sandlot where everyone hits and there are no foul balls, walks or strikeouts. Several volunteer coaches pitched in to run stations for the children including three members of the Stamford Central School modified softball team, recent CMLL alums and many coaches from CMLL and other local leagues. In addition to over 40 players from the area, an additional 22 plus participants came

from outside the region including the Hudson & Schoharie Valleys, Adirondacks, southern New Jersey, Boston and Sacramento. Funding support for the Coach Ballgame Sandlot was provided in part by a grant from the Robinson Broadhurst Foundation.

Afterward, coaches were treated to some Q+A time with Lowe where he shared his coaching philosophies learned from the countless Major Leaguers

he's met through his highly acclaimed podcast, "Talkin' Shop with Coach Ballgame", his job as MLB's Play Ball Ambassador and over his 20 years of coaching youth baseball. He emphasized seeing the big picture by first setting a positive example by winning the heart of children before focusing on winning the game. Lowe explained his concerns about a "toxic culture" that has developed in youth sports citing reasons for 70% of children across the U.S. quitting sports after 13 years old. Despite that startling number, Lowe felt that things are turning around for the better and was the reason he developed the Sandlot to tour nationally focusing on the joy of playing ball.

On Saturday, the complex was packed to the brim with families in lawn chairs and pop-up tents on hand to watch six teams compete in a 10 and under all-star baseball tournament - the first youth baseball all-star tournament in several years held in Stamford. Including our own CMLL, teams from Sidney, Sher-

burne, Berne-Knox-Westerlo, Mountain Valley LL (Shandaken) and Cooperstown competed with the latter winning the crown. Another tournament is planned at the complex for this coming weekend with a number of 12 and under teams.

CMLL hosted its first ever MLB-sponsored Pitch, Hit & Run competition. Over 20 participants ranging in age from 8 to 14 competed within their age group on accurate pitching, hitting balls for power from a tee, and running a distance of 90 feet. The Local Champions were: Softball: 7/8 - Annalynn Trimbell of Hobart, 11/12 - Kendall Howard of Bloomville, Baseball: 7/8 - Brodie Miller of South Kortright, 9/10 - Liam Schmitt of Jefferson, 11/12 - Mason Hubbard of Gilboa and 13/14 - Cody Hager of Hobart (the top overall scorer among all contestants). Winners of the local event are pooled with other events throughout the region and the top scorers in each age group advance to the Team Championships held at the closest MLB ballpark.

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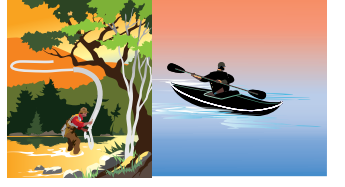
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## Wildlife photography tips

Remember these tips when photographing wildlife:

- Zoom in using your camera lens to avoid disturbing wildlife
- Take photos from different angles to create an image.
- Don't be afraid to photograph in all weather
- Get down to the same level as your subject.
- Be patient, still and quiet. Wait for the right moment.
- Don't center your subject - use the 'thirds' rule.
- Remember to look up to find wildlife
- Frame your image with foreground.
- Reflections can create a calming/relaxing feel to an image.
- Always look to see where the light is, try not to shoot directly into the sun.

- Use fill flash to get rid of shadows.

- Take horizontal and vertical images.

- Wildlife Centers and parks are great places to find wildlife.
- Put up bird feeders/houses near your home to capture closer bird images.

Do you have a favorite wildlife photograph to send us? It might be featured on our Watchable Wildlife webpage or in an issue of Conservationist. Photos can be emailed to [watchable@dec.ny.gov](mailto:watchable@dec.ny.gov) or mailed to DEC, Bureau of Public Outreach, 625 Broadway, Albany, NY 12233-4500. Be sure to follow the guidelines for photos, which can be found in the Conservationist magazine's contributors' guide.

## Wildlife Watching Tips

### Respect Nature

When looking for wildlife:

- Don't feed the wildlife. Feeding can create dependence on humans and increase disease in wildlife.

- Leave wild baby animals where you find them. All migratory birds are protected by state and federal law. Do not collect birds, eggs, or feathers.

- Keep quiet, move slowly and be patient. This will increase your chances of seeing wildlife.

- View wildlife from a distance using binoculars or a spotting scope to observe the natural behavior of animals.

- It's safer for wildlife - especially vulnerable populations like young animals, breeding and nesting birds, and wintering raptors.

- It's safer for you - animals may attack if they perceive you

pose a threat to them or their young.

- Avoid flushing or disturbing wildlife when watching or photographing them, and NEVER purposely chase wildlife!

- Flushing wildlife will lead to stress, deplete stored energy, and can cause death or decreased reproduction.

### Protect Habitat

- Stay on existing roads, trails, or pathways to avoid trampling vegetation.

- Check DEC's NY Nature Explorer - an online tool for learning about plants and habitats.

- Visit wildlife refuges and other public natural areas.

- Leave the area as you found it.

- Know and observe the laws, rules, and regulations governing the area you are visiting.

- Respect private property.

Never enter private property without permission. Trespassing is illegal.

- Park in designated parking areas or on the road shoulder completely out of travel lanes.

- Use caution when leaving or entering your vehicle and use caution when crossing roads.

- Group actions have magnified effects.

- Ensure that all members of the group know and follow the above guidelines.

- Monitor the behavior of group members and ensure they act responsibly.

Be considerate of others who may also be hiking or trying to see wildlife. Report Violators - Purposely disturbing, flushing, or chasing wildlife is harassment and is ILLEGAL. If you witness such activity, report it to the DEC Dispatch (1-877-457-5680).

## Go Camping!

food goes to waste.

- Prior to your trip, repack food you are bringing in reusable containers. For example, packing eggs in a durable, reusable carton will not only cut down on packaging waste you'll have to dispose of at the campground but also ensure your food is protected in the cooler.

- Going on a 2-3-day camping trip and looking forward to an egg breakfast? Crack eggs into a mason jar for easy packing (plastic is preferable since it won't break). A dozen eggs fit perfectly into a 1-quart jar and take up minimal cooler space.

- Repackage uncooked meats into sealable food storage containers that won't leak.

- If you plan to bring pasta salad on your trip, make it ahead of time and store it in a gallon zip lock bag at the top of your cooler. Since pasta lies flat in the bag, it won't take up much room, saving valuable cooler space.

### Dishes/Cooking

- Reusable cooking utensils and reusable or recyclable dishes cut down on the amount of trash generated.

- Reusable mugs, cups, or bottles that can easily be rinsed or washed cut down on plastic waste. If it's necessary to use plastic, remember to recycle those items.

- Consider using biodegradable/earth-friendly dish soap, sponges, and water basins. Do your dishes at least 200 feet away from any body of water. Disposing of grey water on the ground or in water bodies is prohibited at state campgrounds; Make sure you contain grey water from dishwashing and other such activities and properly dispose of it in sink drains or dumping stations connected to water treatment facilities.

### Miscellaneous

- Use separate clear trash bags for trash and recyclables - it allows easy sorting at campground recycling facilities.

- Pack food and supplies in totes or heavy-duty reusable grocery bags instead of plastic bags. This will help you stay organized and will cut down on plastic waste.

- Bring non-toxic sunscreen and bug spray that won't harm waters, plants, and wildlife. This will also ensure you avoid inhaling harsh chemicals.

### Natural bug spray recipe:

To a 4-oz. spray bottle add...

2 oz. of witch hazel (This doesn't need to be exact. Just eyeball it by filling the bottle a little less than half full.)

Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) operates 51 campgrounds in the Adirondack and Catskill Parks. DEC campgrounds provide a variety of experiences, including island camping, tent and trailer camping, boat launching facilities, hiking trails, beaches and day-use areas with picnic tables and grills.

Fishing licenses are no longer being sold at any campground facilities, but can be conveniently purchased online or by phone.

Find your next adventure using DECinfo Locator, an interactive map featuring campgrounds, primitive campsites, lean-tos, hiking trails, parking areas, and other information to help plan a visit. [visit.gisservices.dec.ny.gov/gis/di/index.html?REC&\\_gl=1\\*ggomkq\\*\\_ga\\*NjMwMzU4Mjg0LjE3MTYzMDY4MDk.\\*\\_ga\\_QEDRGF4PYB\\*MTcyMDYzOTMxMCA2LjEuMTcyMDY0MDM2MjY4LjAuMA](http://visit.gisservices.dec.ny.gov/gis/di/index.html?REC&_gl=1*ggomkq*_ga*NjMwMzU4Mjg0LjE3MTYzMDY4MDk.*_ga_QEDRGF4PYB*MTcyMDYzOTMxMCA2LjEuMTcyMDY0MDM2MjY4LjAuMA)

Reduce your impacts on the beauty of our natural resources and become a more environmentally friendly camper with these tips.

### Tips for packing and camping sustainably at DEC Campgrounds

Watch a clip about sustainable camping and how to reduce your environmental footprint while utilizing campgrounds on DEC's YouTube Channel.

Camping is a great way to enjoy New York's beautiful natural resources. When you camp, it's important to be a good steward in protecting our lands, air and waters. Follow these guidelines to become a more sustainable camper at DEC campgrounds and help protect our environment, natural resources, and wildlife.

Here's a camping checklist to help plan and prepare for your next camping adventure: [xtapps.dec.ny.gov/docs/lands\\_forests\\_pdf/Sustainable\\_Camping\\_Checklist.pdf](http://xtapps.dec.ny.gov/docs/lands_forests_pdf/Sustainable_Camping_Checklist.pdf)

### How to pack with the environment in mind

The camping supplies you use can make a difference. If you pack sustainably, you will camp sustainably. DEC recommends the following tips and tricks to help start your trip off the right way. These guidelines are appropriate for any camping trip, whether it's at a state campground, private facility or even a primitive island.

### Packaging:

- Bring reusable containers for storing leftovers to ensure no



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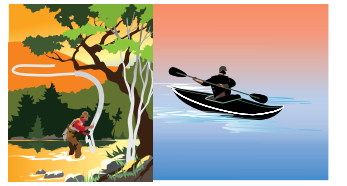
**Do not feed wildlife.** Leave them be and enjoy them from a distance.

Packing up? **Walk your campsite before pulling away to ensure all trash is removed** from the site.





# OUTDOOR LIFE



## Bovina 5K walk/run Aug. 3

The first annual Bovina 5K Run or Walk will take place Saturday, Aug. 3 at 9:30 a.m. Sign up for an easy stroll or speedy run through the quaint hamlet of Bovina and the River Walk starting at Creamery Road.

Run or walk for a good cause: proceeds will support the Bovina EMS and Fire Department.

There will also be a one-mile kids' dash after the race at 11 a.m.

Thanks to the Delaware County Tourism Board, the Livestock Foundation, and the Catskill Mountain Club for supporting this race.

The 5K course will be two loops of the following route: [www.strava.com/routes/3238578504433073776](http://www.strava.com/routes/3238578504433073776)

Register with [runsignup.com](http://runsignup.com): [runsignup.com/Race/NY/BovinaCenter/TheBovina5kRun](http://runsignup.com/Race/NY/BovinaCenter/TheBovina5kRun)

Registration ends Aug. 2 at 11:59 p.m.

## Intentional killing of timber rattlesnake



photo contributed by NYSDEC

Timber rattlesnake illegally killed and skinned in Delaware County.

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation received an anonymous tip July 4 that a timber rattlesnake had been intentionally killed in the town of Hancock. Officers gathered additional information and discovered the person also skinned and butchered the snake with a plan to eat it.

Environmental Conservation Officer Dustin Osborne interviewed the man, Benjamin E. Bullis, 65, of Hancock, July 7 and recovered the remains of a three-foot timber rattlesnake killed by a BB gun on July 4. The officer confiscated the remains and ticketed

the individual for unlawfully killing protected wildlife.

Timber rattlesnakes are venomous pit vipers, native to New York state. They are considered a threatened species and are protected by state law. Timber rattlesnakes seldom display aggression unless defending themselves. The public is reminded to leave the snakes alone and observe from a safe distance.

Bullis is scheduled to appear in court to answer the violation of environmental conservation law on Aug. 28.

## Bear Spring Mountain Campground and Day Use Area

For rustic camping in the wilderness, Bear Spring Mountain is an ideal campground (Note: this is NOT Bear Mountain State Park near the Palisades). This campground is set in a quiet, scenic, natural surrounding with a minimum of modern campsite amenities. There are no horse stall rentals at this facility.

**Geography:** Bear Spring Mountain is located in the western end of the Catskill Forest Preserve, five miles south of Walton. The preserve was created in 1885 to protect the region's water resources and to provide space for public outdoor recreation.

**Recreation:** The campground's beach, boat rental, playground, pavilion rentals, amphitheater, horseshoe pits and multi-use trail system offers fun

for all ages. (For the horse riding enthusiast, Spruce Grove camping and trail system further up the road is one-of-a-kind facility in the Catskill region. Please note that there are no horse rentals at the Launt Pond facility.) This region is also known for its excellent hunting and fishing.

**Facilities:** The campground offers 41 tent and trailer sites; firewood sales; trailer dump station; recycling center; boat launch; sand beach; 24 miles of multi-use trails. There is a picnic area with tables, grills, playground, horseshoe pits, volleyball and pavilion rental. Restrooms and showers at Launt Pond Area.

Nearby attractions include antiquing, restaurants, and shopping.

Dates of Operation: May 17

-Sept. 2

Camping Fee: \$18 per night; out of state residents surcharge - additional \$5 per night.

Address: 512 East Trout Brook Road, Downsview, Delaware County

GPS Info: (Latitude, Longitude): 42 07 11.76201N, 075 04 10.45445W

Campground phone: 607-865-6989

Regional office phone: 607-652-2032

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## Falconry, Wildlife Rehabilitator, Tracking Dog exams

Online exams Aug. 9; registration deadline Aug. 7

Examinations for individuals seeking a license to practice the sport of falconry, become a volunteer wildlife rehabilitator, or use leashed tracking dogs to find wounded or injured big game animals are scheduled for Aug. 9, DEC is offering the examinations online and at no cost to participants to increase access to the examinations.

The registration deadline is Aug. 7. To register, visit the 2024 Special Licenses Exams Registration website. Applicants will receive an email acknowledgement of registration; an additional one-time link to access the website on the date of the exams is sent to registrants at a later date. The link to the exam registration webpage can also be found on each of the individual license webpages at Division of Fish and Wildlife Special Licenses and Permits.

### Apprentice Falconry License

Falconry has a rich history and tradition throughout the world and requires a significant commitment of time and effort. Apprentices are limited to possessing one bird, either an American kestrel or a red-tailed hawk. To qualify for the Apprentice Falconry License, applicants must:

- score 80 percent or higher on the written exam;

- be at least 14 years of age;
- possess a valid New York State hunting license;

- maintain DEC-approved facilities for housing falconry raptors; and

- be a resident of New York State.

A falconry study guide and examination manual are available from DEC at no cost on the DEC Falconry License webpage. The cost of a five-year falconry license is \$40. Birds of prey are protected species and cannot be possessed without a license or other authorization from DEC.

### Wildlife Rehabilitator License

Wildlife rehabilitators provide for the care of injured, sick, and orphaned wild animals for the purpose of returning rehabilitated animals to the wild. Prospective applicants are encouraged to gain experience by serving as an assistant to a licensed wildlife rehabilitator. To qualify for the Wildlife Rehabilitator License, applicants must:

- score 80 percent or higher on the written exam;

- be at least 16 years of age;
- be interviewed by DEC Regional wildlife staff; and

- be a resident of New York State.

A wildlife rehabilitator study

guide and examination manual are available from DEC at no cost on the DEC Wildlife Rehabilitator License webpage. There is no cost for the five-year wildlife rehabilitation license.

### Leashed Tracking Dog Handler

Leashed tracking dog handlers use their dogs to track and recover dead, wounded, or injured big game. Leashed tracking dog handlers provide a valuable service in aiding hunters in locating wounded big game that otherwise may go unrecovered. To qualify for a Leashed Tracking Dog Handler License, applicants must:

- score 80 percent or higher on the written exam; and

- possess a valid New York State hunting license.

A leashed tracking dog study guide is available from DEC at no cost on the DEC Leashed Tracking Dog License webpage. While the exam is free, first-time license applicants have a non-refundable \$25 license application fee. The five-year leashed tracking dog license is \$50.

For questions or assistance, contact DEC's Special Licenses Unit at 625 Broadway, Albany, NY 12233-4752; phone: 518-402-8985 or email: [SpecialLicenses@dec.ny.gov](mailto:SpecialLicenses@dec.ny.gov)

## DEC draft regulations for freshwater wetlands

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) the release of proposed regulations to protect freshwater wetlands across New York state. The draft regulations are available for public comment until Sept. 19, and would safeguard an estimated one million additional acres of unprotected wetland habitat by expanding the number of wetlands regulated by DEC.

Interim DEC Commissioner Mahar said wetlands provide economic and ecological benefits to all of New York's communities by improving natural resiliency, helping protect communities from flooding, particularly in response to climate change, while providing essential habitat for fish and wildlife. Mahar encourages New Yorkers to review the proposal and provide input to fulfill Governor Hochul's commitment to modernize wetlands protections and work to ensure the long-term health of these vital ecosystems.

Freshwater wetlands are lands and submerged lands — commonly called marshes, swamps, sloughs, and bogs — that support aquatic or semi-aquatic vegetation. New York's Freshwater Wetlands Act was enacted in 1975 and modernized as part of the 2022-2023 Enacted State Budget. The proposed rule would take effect in January 2025 and clarify jurisdictional status of smaller wetlands of "unusual importance" that meet one of 11 specific criteria contained in the newly amended Freshwater Wetlands Act. In addition, the draft regulations provide a revised wetlands classification system and a process for the public to request and appeal jurisdictional determinations.

The proposed regulations continue DEC's ongoing efforts to involve interested stakeholders in regulation development and, along with public feedback, build upon an Advanced Notice of Proposed Rule Making DEC released

in January 2024.

The proposed rule and supporting documents can be viewed and downloaded at [dec.ny.gov/regulatory/regulations/proposed-emergency-recently-adopted-regulations#public](http://dec.ny.gov/regulatory/regulations/proposed-emergency-recently-adopted-regulations#public)

DEC encourages the public to comment on the proposed regulations. Comments will be accepted through Sept. 19, and can be submitted via email to [WetlandRegulatoryComments@dec.ny.gov](mailto:WetlandRegulatoryComments@dec.ny.gov) (subject: "Wetlands Part 664 Comments") or via mail to NYSDEC, Attn: Roy Jacobson Jr., 5th Floor, 625 Broadway, Albany, NY 12233-4756.

The public can also provide comments during virtual and in-person public hearings. The virtual public hearings are scheduled for Sept. 10 at 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. An in-person public hearing is scheduled for Sept. 12 at 1 p.m. at the DEC office, 625 Broadway, Albany. Registration for the public hearings can be found on DEC's website.

## Deer Management application deadline Aug. 1

DEC's Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP) allows eligible landowners to enhance deer management on their lands when additional antlerless deer need to be harvested to meet property-specific deer management objectives. The program allows landowners to address deer impacts to agriculture, forest regeneration, significant natural communities and municipalities, or meet custom deer management objectives. Additional antlerless deer tags are provided to the landowner to distribute to licensed hunters utilizing their property during open deer hunting seasons.

To be eligible, landowners or their designated agent must submit a DMAP application by Aug. 1 demonstrating that additional antlerless deer need to be harvested in order to address deer impacts or meet custom deer

management objectives. Properties enrolled under the forest regeneration, significant natural communities, and custom deer management categories must meet minimum acreage requirements and/or submit a written management plan with their application.

Once approved, DMAP permits remain valid for three years, but annual reporting to DEC is required to remain in the program. Participating hunters must also submit a harvest report for each deer harvested using a DMAP tag. Visit DEC's DMAP webpage [dec.ny.gov/nature/animals-fish-plants/white-tailed-deer/deer-management-conflict-avoidance/management-assistance-program](http://dec.ny.gov/nature/animals-fish-plants/white-tailed-deer/deer-management-conflict-avoidance/management-assistance-program) to learn more about the program, determine if you are eligible, and download the DMAP application.

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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## Colored: Delhi artist highlights DelCo's charm with signature style

*Dave Ortiz's exhibit on display through July 28*

By Elizabeth DeFalco

FLEISCHMANN'S - Delaware County's flourishing art scene welcomed another artist to 1053 Gallery in Fleischmann's, exhibiting over 60 original creations for visitors to engage with. Dave Ortiz's "Colored" is an exhibit that combines his urban roots and experiences gathered from growing up as an inner-city kid in Brooklyn in the 1970s and 80s, with the natural landscape that surrounds him in the place he now calls home - Delaware County.



Elizabeth DeFalco/The Reporter

Dave Ortiz's show "Colored" is on display at 1053 Gallery, 1053 Main Street, Fleischmann's, until July 28.

**The influence**

To fully grasp the concepts displayed in Ortiz's pieces, it is important to learn about Ortiz's artistic past. While Ortiz may be new to Delaware County's art scene, he is an accomplished and respected graffiti artist, art-

"And then I was like, 'Oh my God, I painted the refrigerator.'"

Ortiz said he was nervous to admit what he had done, but was met with compliments and support from his father. "He didn't get mad. He realized at that moment that I was not going to be a baseball player," Ortiz said with humor.

From there, Ortiz became fascinated with graffiti and letters, he said. In Brooklyn in the late 70s and early 80s, the graffiti movement had taken over. Ortiz and his friends often played

Ortiz, with an understanding of branding, pulled inspiration from the shoe brand Nike; A four letter word, like Nike or Meat, along with a branded image that becomes synonymous. For Nike, the branded image is a check mark - for Ortiz, Meat's branded image was a "rudimentary chicken leg."

To begin integrating the name Meat with the chicken leg, Ortiz would graffiti the word "Meat" on one side of a street, his chicken leg on the other side, then the next block over would graffiti the two together. "So I was doing exactly what Nike was doing," Ortiz said.

Ortiz is one of the original members of Zoo York, a skateboard company launched in 1993, along with three of his friends. The storefront of Zoo York was located on the same street in the meat packing district the nightclub Ortiz worked in was on, he said, and worked on the same street from 1988 to 2002 - all while continuing his graffiti and branding of Meat.

Below the Zoo York offices was a butcher shop called Dave's Quality Veal, Ortiz said, and would often graffiti over the word "veal" so the sign read "Dave's Quality Meats."

"The guy who owned the place, Gary - not Dave, would come upstairs and be like, 'Idiot, I know who you are. You owe me \$150.'"

Ortiz's vandalism would eventually inspire him to open his own shop after Zoo York was sold, he said. Zoo York was sold to EKCO, a brand Ortiz did not want to work for with a logo he thought "sucks."

Ortiz opened one of New York

manhunt or hide and seek in the subway tunnels where trains were parked, he said, where other kids were seen writing graffiti.

One morning, while waiting for school to begin, Ortiz found himself fascinated with a graffiti artist finishing a piece on a



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Delhi artist Dave Ortiz uses a woodstove to heat his garage/studio in the winter, and created sculptures out of wood from his stockpile. Ortiz is pictured here at 1053 Gallery with his three sculptures "Helida," "Madonna," and "Gertie."

ist, and designer with a knack for filling missing holes in a particular market.

Ortiz said his passion for art was inspired by a class trip to The Metropolitan Museum of Art at 11 years old. When he got home from the trip, Ortiz opened his tempera paint starter pack with the goal of learning how to paint birds, he said.

"But I didn't have a canvas," Ortiz said. "The only thing I had that was like a white canvas was, in my basement, our refrigerator."

Ortiz said he practiced his technique learning to paint birds, painting them as small "m" shaped characters in the sky.

handball court. The artist, Iz the Wiz, instilled further encouragement in Ortiz by telling him he too could become a graffiti artist.

"He said if I believed in myself, I could do this, too," Ortiz said. "And that was the moment where I started to be fascinated with letters."

Ortiz quickly immersed himself in the graffiti scene, establishing his own tag - or signature - where he began making a name for himself.

When Ortiz turned 18, he got a job working in a nightclub in the meat packing district, he said. "I was surrounded by meat, so I decided to take on the persona of the word meat, and that was my tag."

City's first concept stores, called Dave's Quality Meats, but did not sell meat. The store was designed



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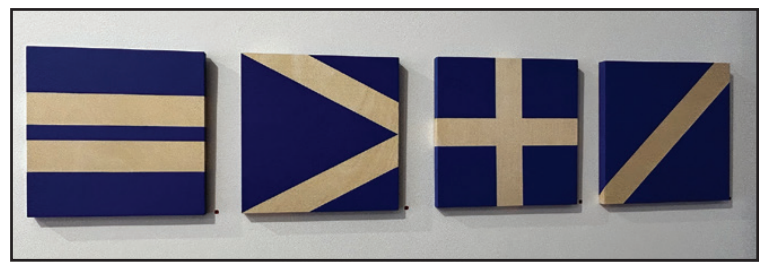
Dave Ortiz, a Brooklyn native, grew up in the 1970s and 80s playing street games with his friends. Here, Ortiz explains how the painting reflects a grid pattern used in the game Skully.

to look like a butcher shop and all products were wrapped as butchered meat would be, Ortiz said, but the products were sneakers, t-shirts, and skateboards.

Dave's Quality Meats became a huge success, affording Ortiz the opportunity to collaborate with Nike on his own to create a design. Together, Nike and Ortiz created the Nike Air Max 90 "Ba-

sionally do art shows, he always had a full-time job that put his own art on the back burner.

In 2021, when he moved to Delaware County, Ortiz made the decision to paint full-time and take the occasional freelance commission. Ortiz set up a studio in his garage where he began creating original canvas paintings, along with custom-painted oars.



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As part of his "Colored" collection, Dave Ortiz created a mathematical formula he felt best captured his message. The four-painting series pictured here is titled "Equality is greater than the sum divided."

con," a shoe with a color pallet similar to a thick-cut piece of bacon when put together, released in 2004.

Following the sale of Dave's Quality Meats, Ortiz ventured into a variety of new businesses, including a custom bike, scooter, and skateboard shop called Another Whip. He also opened the first distillery in Manhattan since prohibition in collaboration with Absolut Vodka called Our New York Vodka.

The distillery operation was floundered by the Covid-19 pandemic in 2020, Ortiz said, and was one of the last endeavors he invested in before relocating to Delaware County.

While visiting friends in Downsview in 2021, Ortiz said he visited a Main Street ice cream shop in Delhi, where he ran into two friends he used to graffiti with in Brooklyn in the 1980s. It was not long after that Ortiz and his wife relocated to Delhi, he said.

In the scarce free time Ortiz had during his time in New York City, he said he continued to create his own art, develop his style, and perfect the message he hoped to deliver.

Ortiz was often encouraged by other successful inner city artists to paint full-time, he said, but was fearful he would not be successful. While Ortiz would occa-

The first oar Ortiz painted was for himself, to be hung above their guest bed, he said. After posting a photo of his creation on Instagram, Ortiz said demand for his art began to grow.

In his first year in Delaware County Ortiz, going back to the business he knew in New York City, found success purchasing wholesale oars and painting them with his signature geometric patterns and vibrant, eclectic colors. Ortiz calls the creations "Oartz Oars."

In his second year, Ortiz hosted an art show at Birdsong Farm tying back to his graffiti roots. The painting series included 13 canvases, each painted with a letter hidden in the geometric shapes that, when put together, spelled a two-word phrase. The word-theme was inspired by NYTimes' Wordle, he said, "Once again, tapping into what's happening at the time," Ortiz said.

The two-phrase word was "Grandma's hands," Ortiz said. As a child, Ortiz's grandmother would take him to the junkyard where they'd find items to take home and paint, he said. Ortiz's grandma told him he could make anything beautiful with his hands, he said; a lesson that stuck with him through his endeavors creating not only paintings, but custom bikes, skateboards, oars, and other items

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Dave Ortiz's use of bright, eclectic colors conveys his large appreciation for natural landscapes and agricultural lifestyle in Delaware County.

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he has transformed through art, with his hands.

## “Colored” by Dave Ortiz

Ortiz’s exhibit “Colored” features 66 pieces including small, large, and re-purposed canvas paintings as well as landscape sculptures.

Ortiz’s exhibit aims to re-brand the word “colored” and



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Dave Ortiz is the creator of the Nike Air Max 90 “Bacon” design, meant to look like a slab of thick-cut bacon, released in 2004. Pictured here are Ortiz’s own “Bacon” Dunks, rereleased in 2021.

mom, I colored.”

The bright, vibrant colors and unique geometric patterns used to recreate agricultural landscapes around Delaware County expresses a youthful perception of the land around him, bringing innocence back to the word “colored.”

Ortiz says he speaks with a Brooklyn accent vocally, but in geometric shapes artistically. To him, geometric shapes and graffiti letters are “basically the same thing,” so he uses his influences of growing up in the New York City graffiti scene to paint the things he sees now in Delaware County.

“You’ll see all these different shapes that make a barn, or the Palmer Hill view, all based on graffiti shapes. They’re juxtaposed next to this mountainside that’s sort of painted in an impressionist style,” he said.

One of Ortiz’s paintings, titled “Pyramids of Delaware County,” truly displays Ortiz’s high appreciation for the rural landscapes. Ortiz said he has always had a fascination for pyramids, as to him, they are everlasting structures built to stand the test of time - something he saw in the qualities of the Catskill Mountains.

The pyramids, or mountains, are sharp-edged and painted in various bold colors to depict the

Hamden, he said, though he did not realize he had recreated the scenic view until after his painting was completed.

Ortiz’s exhibit also features a variety of small 10 inch by 10 inch wooden canvases, painted with his signature color palette and geometric patterns, all sharing different facets of his message.

From musical influences like Rage Against the Machine and L7, to cultural influences like the street game Skelly, Ortiz pulls inspiration from the things he loves to share a message of unity. The colors red, black, and green are found in a majority of his exhibited pieces to represent the Pan-African flag which symbolizes freedom and pride of African



Elizabeth DeFalco/The Reporter

Dave Ortiz’s “Tree of Life” is on display, along with 65 other original works, at 1053 Gallery, 1053 Main Street, Fleischmanns, until July 28.



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In his show titled “Colored” Brooklyn native Dave Ortiz, a Delhi resident, combines his signature bold geometric shapes with realism to recreate his perception of Delaware County from the eyes of an “outsider.”

Americans, he said.

Living in Delaware County is a privilege, he said, recognizing a unique “flavor of weirdness and cool” maintained by the local population among an influx of new residents from the city. “I don’t try to come in and claim I’m from here,” he said.

“One thing I tried to do is be respectful to the local culture, because I know how it feels to be gentrified because it happened to me.”

Ortiz is especially captivated by the chaos of the Delaware County Fair, from the tractor pulls and

demolition derbies to the deep passion for showing animals.

“I’m really just overwhelmed with joy in terms of living and just being a part of this world in upstate New York,” Ortiz said.

“Colored” is on display at 1053 Gallery, Fleischmanns, until July 28. 1053 Gallery is open 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Thursday - Monday.

Ortiz’s exhibit will be on display at 1053 Gallery at the AMR kickoff party Thursday, July 25 from 5 - 7 p.m., and an artist talk will be held Saturday, July 27 at 2 p.m.



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Artist Dave Ortiz explains the various musical influences, including rock bands Rage Against the Machine and L7, displayed in the pictured series of four small paintings at 1053 Gallery, Fleischmanns.

the meaning associated with it, he said.

“For me, it doesn’t mean what you normally think of when you think of the word colored. You reminisce back to the photograph of the man drinking from the fountain,” Ortiz said, referring to a 1950s photo of a black man drinking from a water fountain labeled “colored,” while a visibly more luxurious “white” fountain is beside him.

The exhibit attempts to reclaim the term back to its most innocent form, he said, “Because the earliest form of the use of the word colored to a child is, ‘Look

color-changing landscape in different times throughout the day, he said. Between the solid, bold mountains and fields is a soft, but vibrant flower field contrasting against the sharp shapes surrounding it.

For Ortiz, this is how he combines his signature style, urban upbringing, and admiration for the natural features of Delaware County.

The view he painted was something he passed by frequently on his multiple trips from New York City to his new home in Delhi, he said. The view is the landscape behind Echo Orchard & Farm,

## Summer Reading Program at Delhi’s Cannon Free Library

The fire truck - up close and personal will be the theme of the Tuesday morning 10:30 a.m. Storytime program July 30.

Drop in to meet firefighters and learn about the specialized firefighting vehicles they rely on; stay to make a craft project.

Wednesday afternoon “Craft-ermoons” are always fun. Join Ms. Lynn at 3 p.m. Wednesday, July 31 to experiment with cartooning, and then make a frame for your cartoon.

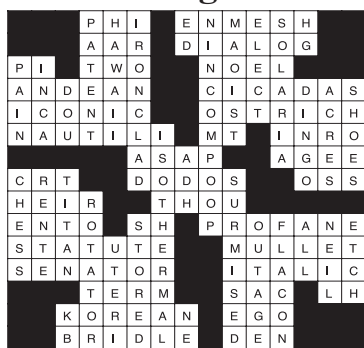
Thursday morning’s Storytime is a mystery. Come and check it out 10:30 a.m. Aug. 1.

Friday afternoon Aug. 2, from 2 p.m. on, beat the heat in the library’s comfortably cool children’s room to view a family-friendly movie with friends. There will be popcorn. Stop in at the library to pick up a calen-

dar of events and to refresh your bookshelf.

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- 1 tablespoon oil
- Limes, juiced (3 limes, optional)
- salt (to taste, optional)



#### Directions:

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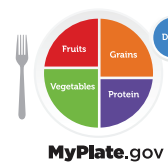
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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## Enchanted Evening at the Gideon Frisbee House July 27

Delaware County Historical Association (DCHA) will once again host its annual "Enchanted Evening at the Historic Gideon Frisbee House" Saturday, July 27 from 6 to 9 p.m.

Friends of DCHA are invited to a tasteful and unforgettable evening of food, live music and mingling under the stars at its site on Route 10, 2.5 miles north of Delhi. The evening of spirited socializing will offer an extensive buffet and dessert, plus a variety of alcoholic and non-alcoholic refreshments.

The evening is a way of thanking current members for their

support, and encouraging non-members to join the Delaware County Historical Association. Current DCHA members will be admitted free. Non-members will be asked to join the historical association at the door: individuals ~ \$20, couples or families ~ \$30, senior citizens/students ~ \$15 and the prices include a one-year membership to DCHA.

Reservations are encouraged, but not required. If you are able, a dish-to-pass would be welcomed.

To RSVP or for more information call 607-746-3849, or email: dchadelhi@gmail.com

## AMR self-guided studio tour July 26 - 28

Over 60 local artists and galleries will open the doors of their private studios to the public July 26 - 28. Meet the painters, sculptors, printmakers, photographers, mixed media and fiber artists that live and work in Andes, Arkville, Bovina, Denver - Vega, Fleischmanns, Halcottsville, Margaretville, and Roxbury. Join this free, self-driving tour of artists' studios for an interactive art experience. Learn about each artist's process and inspiration and purchase pieces directly. Open to all art lovers and collectors.

AMR Artists Inc., a non-profit organization, plays a vital role in connecting local emerging artists with established professionals. AMR stands for Andes, Roxbury and Margaretville, the three original towns involved in the Open Studios Tour when it first began in 2012. Dedicated to building a welcoming environment for artists and art enthusiasts, AMR works to bridge the gap between the Hudson Valley and the Western Catskills, positioning Eastern Delaware County as a dynamic regional hub for visual arts and fine crafts. Their programs ac-

tively integrate talented local artists with Main Street businesses, galleries, the community, and tourists.

There is a new destination for 2024: The Creative Hub at the Galli Curci Theater in Margaretville, featuring seven new artists that do not have accessible home studios. Five galleries will be on the tour this year: Longyear Gallery and the Huichol Art Gallery at Blue Deer Center in Margaretville; 1053 Gallery in Fleischmanns; Andes Academy of Art and Hawk + Hive in Andes.

This year's Students' Showcase will take place during the Open Studios Tour at the Andes Hotel, and will feature 17 young artists from Andes, Margaretville and Roxbury Central schools.

The Open Studios Tour officially begins at the kick off party, which will be hosted this year at 1053 Gallery in Fleischmanns on Thursday, July 25 from 5-7 p.m.

The AMR Open Studios Tour is always free to the public, sponsored this year by 1053 Gallery in Fleischmanns, NY, along with the O'Connor Foundation, Delaware County Arts Grants, a regrant program administered by Roxbury Arts Group, and many loyal sponsors.

More information can be found at amropenstudios.org.

## Loco7 Dance, Puppet Theater July 27

The Roxbury Arts Group is hosting Loco7 dance puppet theatre at Roxbury Arts Center for a residency in support of the development of new work from July 18-28. On Saturday July 27, from 2 - 4 p.m., Loco7 will host a free and interactive open house experience at the Roxbury Arts Center, 5025 Vega Mountain Road in Roxbury. This interactive event is free and open to the public and will feature live performances, interactive shadow puppet workshops, meet and greets with the artists, and children's workshops.

Founded by Colombian-born

artist Federico Restrepo in 1985, Loco7 aims to be a public association where artistic expression and cultural community meet. The company explores the junction of race, culture, history, and media in New York and throughout the global community.

The residency at Roxbury Arts group is an opportunity for Loco7 to develop new work exploring themes linked to the natural environment. With this developing work, Loco7 aims to shed light on the interconnectedness between humans and animals while showcasing the beauty and fragility of our shared world.

During the special open house event in Roxbury, Loco7 will share portions of their children's series "The Adventures of Seucy and Boto", a family-friendly theatre production adapts mythological tales from the Amazon Jungle.

Then on Friday July 26, Loco 7 will be facilitating a shadow puppet workshop with students participating in Camp Feathers in a Notebook in Roxbury. Saturday July 27, Loco7 will perform at the round barn, Pakatakan market between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

## Community Discussion on NYS Climate Action Plan, Aug. 13 in Delhi

DELHI - Dennis Higgins and Keith Schue return to Bushel with an updated presentation of their in-depth talk on New York state's energy and climate plan. This program will take place on Tuesday, Aug. 13, 7-9 p.m. at Bushel, 106 Main Street, Delhi. Free and open to the public. Clean, fresh water and other refreshments will be served.

In their detailed slide talk, Higgins and Schue ask: Does the state legislation make fiscal or engineering sense? Does it respect communities and preserve our environment? They will share an overview of New York State's Climate Leadership

and Community Protection Act (CLCPA) and outline their ideas on how the state could better address these critical issues. A Q&A will follow their presentation.

Dennis Higgins is a retired college professor and resides in Otego. He taught mathematics and computer science at the University of Scranton, St. Lawrence University, and SUNY Oneonta. He has been involved in regional energy issues for over a decade.

Keith Schue, a resident of Cherry Valley, has a master's degree in engineering and worked in the private sector for 15 years. Before moving to New York, he was employed with the Florida

Chapter of The Nature Conservancy on issues relating to the impacts of human development and infrastructure on ecosystems. He has been engaged in New York's energy policy since 2010, and currently volunteers as a technical advisor for New York Energy & Climate Advocates. He has provided technical input on the federal Clean Power Plan, NYS Energy Plan, NYS Clean Energy Standard, industry regulations, legislation, and various projects.

For more information, go to [www.bushelcollective.org](http://www.bushelcollective.org).

## Old Franklin Day Saturday, Aug. 24

Get ready to party on Old Franklin Day Saturday, Aug. 24 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., on Institute Street off Main Street. Franklin's traditional summerfest will feature two popular local bands, a fashion show, kids' activities, a free pancake breakfast, an array of great food, St. Paul's famous pie sale and local artisans and crafters. There's a Franklin Central School all-class reunion after the event, too.

Here are 10 good reasons to join us on Old Franklin Day:

1. Start the Day with a free pancake breakfast at The Community Bible Church, 89 Center Street from 7 to 10 a.m. Thirsty later? They'll have free root beer floats for you in the afternoon, too.
2. Shop Local: Old Franklin Day festivities are a short two-



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Artisans and vendors displaying their wares

block walk away. To date, over 35 local artisans, crafters, vendors and community groups have committed to participate.

3. Party with the Bands. Thanks to a generous sponsorship two great local bands will perform live: Off the Record and Terri Whitney and the Country Ex-

press Band.

4. Fashion Show From Victorian to Vintage: A Fashion Evolution, at 1 p.m. in the Franklin Central School Cafeteria.

5. Bring Kiddos: bounce House, balloon art, glitter tattoos, games and other kids' activities.

6. Delicious eats at food truck court in the fire department lot on Main Street.

7. Come early to St. Paul's famous pie sale: homemade apple, cherry, blueberry, peach pies, cream pies and more under the big tent on the church lawn at 9 am. Take a seat, greet friends and neighbors and have a slice with a cuppa joe! Grab some pies to take home for the weekend. Go early - pies sell quickly.

8. Learn More About Community Organizations: Visit the Franklin Rotary Club table, Franklin Railroad and Community Museum table. Check out photos of the restored historic fountain at the Ouleout Valley Cemetery table. Learn about the Franklin Community Education Foundation's programs. The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) will have information on community programs and resources.

9. Get Deals Around Franklin at the Library and Lawn Sales. The Franklin Free Library, 334 Main Street, is having a pop-up book sale, and don't miss the town-wide lawn sales - you may find the deal of a lifetime. Maps will be available on Facebook and at the event.

10. Walk around the village. Stroll along Main Street to see historic homes and visit local shops, restaurants, and community museum.

Franklin Central School all-class reunion from any graduating year, along with guests, are invited to party under the tent on the St. Paul's Church lawn from 4 to 8 p.m. Contact Sonja Johns at [kjohns@citlink.net](mailto:kjohns@citlink.net) for details.

We have a few vendor slots left but they're filling up fast. Contact Connie Martin at [candjmartin@fastmail.com](mailto:candjmartin@fastmail.com) or 201-414-1684. Watch Facebook and franklinny.org/ofd24 for updates.

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**SIDNEY/UNADILLA**  
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**Sidney**  
 The Share the Bounty free community dinner will be held on Thursday, July 25 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Sacred Heart Parish Hall, 15 Liberty Street. The meal will be hosted by St. Paul's Episcopal Church with menu of baked chicken, pasta salad, with vegetables, four bean salad and desserts. All are welcome.

The return of Buzz About Honeybees will be on Sunday, July 28 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the American Legion Post 183, 22 Union Street. The event by Cullman Summer Series is for families to bond and learn together. Witness the wonder in children's eyes as they uncover the mysteries of the hive, learn about the teamwork of these bussing heroes, and develop a newfound appreciation for the intricate balance of nature. Many demonstrations and hands on events for children as well as adults to enjoy during the day. Mark your calendar for the annual big rigs at the Cullman Center on Saturday, Aug. 3 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 90 West Road. Food, bounce house, raffles and lots more.

The Sidney Municipal Public Pool located behind the Moose Lodge is now open 7 days a week from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. weather permitting Admission is free. Open and community swim from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. 5 p.m. adult swim and 6 p.m. family swim. Summer swimming lessons will be offered from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for more information recreation@villageofsidney.org.

Summer music series on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. Main and Division Streets (downtown Sidney) Come listen to Sidney Community Band on July 31. Bring your own chairs. Parking lots are located near the Sidney Town Office and in the Sidney Plaza. In case of rain held at Community Cultural Center.

Sidney Memorial Public Library, 8 River Street. Facebook.com/sidneylibrary. Now closed Sundays through Labor Day. Tech Help - schedule one on one help with your laptop, phone or other device by calling 607-563-1200.

Family movie classic series features Friday, July 26 at 1 p.m. Mary Poppins rated PG 2 hours and 20 minutes. Aug. 2 at 1 p.m. will be The Wizard of Oz rated G, 1 hour and 10 minutes. Movies in the Smart Community Room and snacks donated by the Friends of

the Library.

Pre-school kids story time on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. Music for Munchkins Tuesday, July 30 10:45 a.m. traveling tunes, campfire songs and royal parade in Community Room.

Zoom Lego Club Tuesdays from 2:30 to 3:15 p.m. In person Lego Club Tuesdays from 3:15 to 4:30 p.m. Remember Summer Reading program. Each individual that sign-up will receive a reading passport that will help them keep track of their minutes. Summer reading is open to age birth to 17 years. Both independent and family readers are welcome. Each week, the participants will turn in their reading log and will earn a prize from the Treasure Box and a Free Book for each 150 minutes read. In addition, each reading log turned in will count as an entry into the drawing for one of our grand prizes to be given away on Friday, Aug. 9 at the End of Summer Reading Program Party.

Tri County Senior Center is open Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. All are welcome. First Wednesday - seated stretching exercises; second Wednesday - features a movie; third Wednesday is exercise or Xbox Bowling; fourth Wednesday will be a monthly meeting and social hour. Every Thursday will be Pitch and Hand and Foot cards and Fridays will be Mahjong. The Center is located at 43 Pearl Street, right side of A.O. Fox Tri Town Campus (use right side driveway to back, parking Lot). For more information or questions contact Carol Allen 607-563-8065.

Food Bank is open Mondays and Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. located at the Sidney United Methodist Church, 12 Liberty Street. The Catholic Charities Emergency Food Pantry is open by appointment and on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. located at 21 Liberty Street. Regular hours for Catholic Charities are Monday thru Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Closed for lunch 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

Birthright of Sidney 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. Offering counseling, pregnancy tests, agency referrals, baby food and diapers.

This week's Sidney Center Maywood Depot Ice Cream So-

cial will be on Sunday July 28 with Randy Hulse providing entertainment from 6 to 8 p.m. July 28, Gary Jennings will perform.

Delaware County Office of Aging will have a distribution site available for Farmer's Market Coupons at Covered Bridge Farm Market, 331 Covered Bridge Road on July 26 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Eligibility criteria pertains call 607-832-5750.

**Unadilla**

The Teen Center (Youth for Christ Central New York) 16 Watson Street is open every Wednesday from 6 to 8 p.m. for all youth ages 11 to 18. Enjoy arcade, air hockey, ping pong, video games and more. A youth friendly meal will be available. For more information call the YFC office 607-432-0594 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Unadilla Food Pantry located at 172 Main Street is open Mondays, Fridays and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For more information call 607-267-5602.

Unadilla Public Library is open Mondays and Wednesdays 6 p.m. 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 a.m. to 2 p.m. 607-369-3131. Website: unadillalibrary.org. Summer reading program will be held on Thursdays know thru Aug. 29 at 10 a.m. The program will be held at the Unatego Elementary School on July 25, Aug. 1, 5 and 15. The Aug. 22 and 29 program will be at the Library. Thursday, July 25 will be Didgeridoo Down Under at 1 p.m. F

The Rotary Club of Unadilla presenting a village garden tour on Sunday, July 28 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This is a community event that will show off the gardening talent in the village of Unadilla. All proceeds will support Rotary youth programs, such as youth exchange and Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA.) Maps are available for \$10 and can be purchased from Unadilla Rotarians and select local businesses. For more information visit www.unadillarotary.org.

The Unadilla Public Library, 193 Main Street will feature a program at 1 p.m. of The Didgeridoo Down Under Show an energetic fusion of Australian music, culture, puppetry, comedy, character building, storytelling and audience movement/participation. Didgeridoo Down Under is more than music. It's interactive, educational, motivational and super fun for kids and families!

On Tuesday, July 30 at 10 a.m. will be K-9 presentation at the

library and Thursday, Aug. 1 will be Circus Minimus at 1 p.m.

The Unadilla Chamber of Commerce is seeking nominations for Business of the Year (must be a Chamber member). Also Good Neighbor and Commitment to Community will be accepted until the September meeting. For more information and nominations email to Unadillachamber@yahoo.com

The Free Summer Concert Series 2024 schedule for Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 8 p.m. July 25 with Sidney Community Band presenting show tunes, patriotic and popular music on the Unadilla Library/Community House lawn. Bring a chair or blanket. Ice cream sundaes and water are available to benefit the Unadilla Historical Association. Rain or shine. Rain venue is the Sidney Community Cultural Center, 1 Bridge Street, Sidney.

Thursday, Aug. 1, Dirt Road Express will perform with country music.

**MIDDLETOWN**  
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What a summer. Mostly sun with a bit of rain just when we need it. For my money, this is one of the best ever in recent memory. It's almost like being a kid again.

As always, there is so much going on it's hard to keep up. This coming weekend is the annual AMR open studios tour and it will probably be the best ever! More than 60 artists in eight different towns around Andes, Margaretville and Roxbury will be showcasing their work by opening the studios and galleries where they produce and inviting the public in. Visitors can take the self-guided tour on Friday, Saturday or Sunday, July 26, 27 and 28 using a full color map detailing all locations where art work will be shown. It's a special weekend that allows art lovers to see not just the great work, but where it's made, how it's made and how the artists work. Maps are available free at numerous locations around the region or via an interactive Google tour map in the website amropensstudios.org.

Folks looking to get their kids off "screens" and active during the next couple weeks can look to Margaretville Central School for help. Summer programs coming up include July 26, Miss Pam's Summer Jamboree will be at the school with a 9 a.m. and

a 10 a.m. class of singing, dancing and instrument play for kids from baby to age seven and their parents or caretakers. To register call 607-287-0793. Kids inclined to outdoor exercise can choose basketball and/or soccer clinics at Margaretville Central School an upcoming sports clinic at the school. Monday July 29 through Thursday Aug. 1 students from kindergarten age through grade 12 can choose a soccer camp from 9 a.m. to noon. A basketball camp will be offered the same days between 1 and 4 p.m. for students from grades three through 12. For more information call 845-586-2647.

Free music on Friday nights at Belleayre is making the ski center one of the "places to be" this summer. With food trucks, t-shirt give aways, dancing and singing, the free Fridays at the Discovery Lodge are a real throwback to summers of the 1950s and 60s when we had band concerts in the grocery store parking lots after they closed on Friday nights. Good fun.

This week at The HUBB on Main in Margaretville will be a busy one. Action for Older Persons will have Shari Caudell, the ICAN Program Coordinator on hand to assist with all sorts of advice on handling medical issues for those concerned about aging and for those who love them. She will be at The HUBB at 905 Main Street in Margaretville from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday, July 30. Appointments can be schedule by calling 607-722-1251.

Heather McAdams from Fidelis Care will be available from 9 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 31 to answer questions about health care options. Appointments with Heather can be made by calling 607-221-9433. To see what's coming up in August, check out the website at thehubbonmain.org.

This week I'm sending out happy congratulations to four couples including Cindy and Tim Filupeit to Mike and Beth Erickson Smith. Rick and Chris Osterhoudt and to Robbie and Susie Cole as they celebrate their wedding anniversaries. Among those celebrating birthdays recently are Pat McVitty, Tom Shamro, Jaine Fairbairn, Norma Condon King, Kevin Spellman and Sally Van Benschoten, Linda Ballard Love and good wishes to them all.

If you have anything you want to share, or any milestones I've missed, please contact me with the info that appears at the top of the column.

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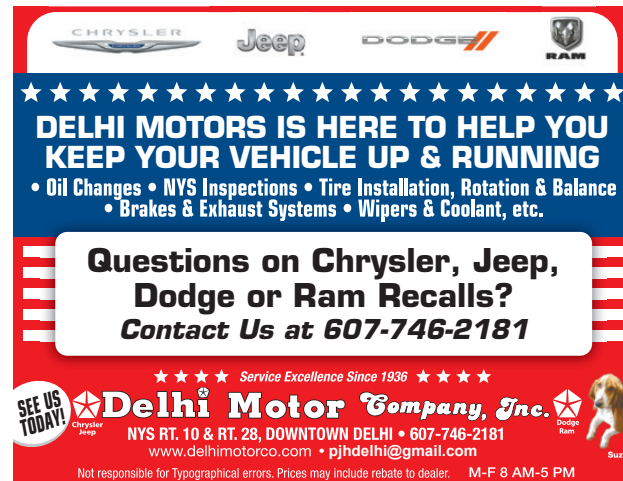
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**Saturday, August 3**

**Bovina 5K:** 5K Race and Walk; Kids Run.

**Sunday, August 4**

**Honest Brook Music Festival:** The Champlain Trio. Honest Brook Music Festival Honest Brook Road, Delhi, NY.

**Monday, August 5**

**Town of Walton Monthly Meeting:** The Walton Town Board monthly meeting 6 PM Monday, August 5. Town of Walton Offices 129 North Street, Walton, NY 13856. 607.865.5766 [walton-clerk@stny.rr.com](mailto:walton-clerk@stny.rr.com)

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**Sunday, August 11**

**Honest Brook Music Festival:** Nathan Lee, piano. Honest Brook Music Festival Honest Brook Road, Delhi, NY.

**Saturday, August 17**

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Notice of Formation of Bartlett Hollow LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 07/08/2024. 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 SSNY: 1427 East Handsome Brook Rd. Franklin, NY13775. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

**DELAWARE COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**  
Notice of Formation of R2C Consulting LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 06/28/2024. 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 Roberto Rodriguez: 911 Herrick Rd, Andes, NY 13731. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

**DELAWARE COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**  
Notice of Formation of Downtown Train Production Services LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State (SSNY) on 6/26/24. Office location: Delaware County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 420 Ullas Way, Davenport, NY 13750. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

**DELAWARE COUNTY NOTICE OF SALE**  
NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF DELAWARE FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Plaintiff AGAINST THOMAS E. GALLAGHER, IV, ET AL., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered March 15, 2024, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in the Courtroom of Delaware County Courthouse, 3 Court St., Delhi NY 13753 on August 6, 2024 at 2:00PM, premises known as 235 Wedemeyer Road, Downsville, NY 13755 A/K/A Long View Road A/K/A Long View Lane, Downsville, NY 13755; F/K/A 1 Wedemeyer Road A/K/A Long View Lane, Downsville, NY 13755. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Colchester, County of Delaware, and State of New York, Section 378., Block 1, Lot 48. Approximate amount of judgment \$67,457.43 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index #EF2019-860. The aforementioned auction will be conducted in accordance with the DELAWARE County COVID-19 mitigation protocols and as such all persons must comply with social distancing, wearing masks and screening practices in effect at the time of this foreclosure sale. Robert W. Carey, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC 1775 Wehrle Drive Williamsville, NY 14221 19-002817 81194

**DELAWARE COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**  
Notice of Formation of Chenango, Delaware, Otsego, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 07/19/2024. 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 The LLC: 9 Melrose St, Sidney NY 13838. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

**DELAWARE COUNTY LEGAL NOTICE**  
NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF DELAWARE Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee, on behalf of the holders of the J.P. Morgan Mortgage Acquisition Trust 2007-CH3 Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2007-CH3, Plaintiff AGAINST Jean LeTennier a/k/a Jean Michel LeTennier a/k/a Jean M. LeTennier; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered February 4, 2022 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Delaware County Courthouse, 3 Court Street, Delhi, NY 13753 on August 20, 2024 at 2:00PM, premises known as 1580 State Highway 357, Unadilla, NY 13849. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Sidney, County of Delaware, State of NY, Section 95. Block 1 Lot 35.1. Approximate amount of judgment \$715,959.99 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# EF2018-290. The auction will be conducted pursuant to the COVID-19 Policies Concerning Public Auctions of Foreclosed Property established by the 6th Judicial District. Stephen Baker, Esq., Referee LOGS Legal Group LLP f/k/a Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 430-4792 Dated: June 21, 2024 81398

**DELAWARE COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**  
STRENGTH TRAINING WITH JAIME, LLC. Filed with SSNY on 10/02/2023. Office: Delaware County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: JAIME FUSELIER, 21 ELM STREET, DELHI, NY 13753. Purpose: Any Lawful

**VILLAGE OF DELHI NOTICE OF MEETING**  
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the regular monthly meeting of the Delhi Village Board shall be held on the THIRD TUESDAY of each month at 6:00 PM at the Village Hall, 9 Court Street, Delhi, NY 13753.

This notice is given pursuant to article 7 of the Public Officers Law, known as the Open Meetings Law.

Kimberly Cairns  
Village Treasurer

**VILLAGE OF WALTON FORECLOSURE NOTICE**  
NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT: DELAWARE COUNTY. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ACTING THROUGH THE RURAL HOUSING SERVICE OR SUCCESSOR AGENCY, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, vs. LEANNE BROWNING AKA LEANNE KNAPP, et al, Defts. Index #EF2023-669. Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale entered May 9, 2024, I will sell at public auction at the Delaware County Courthouse, 3 Court Street, Delhi, NY on August 20, 2024 at 1:30 p.m. premises k/a 13 Liberty Street, Walton, NY 13856. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate in the Town and Village of Walton County of Delaware, State of New York Section 273.7 Block 1, Lot 28. Approximate amount of judgment is \$102,074.50 plus costs and interest. Sold subject to terms and conditions of filed judgment and terms of sale. STEPHEN F. BAKER, Referee. PINCUS LAW GROUP PLLC, Attys. for Pltf., 425 RXR Plaza, Uniondale, NY 11556. File No. 04262019.44201 - #101565

**DELAWARE COUNTY PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Celco Partnership and its controlled affiliates doing business as Verizon Wireless is proposing to build a 159-ft tall monopole telecommunication tower located at 47580 NY Route 30, Middletown, Delaware Co, NY 12455 (42° 12' 25.06" N, 74° 35' 45.36" W). Public comments regarding potential effects from these sites on historic properties may be submitted within 30-days from the date of this publication to: K. Eisele, Terracon, 844 N Lenola Rd, Ste 1, Moorestown, NJ 08057, 856-813-3267 or [Kathy.eisele@terracon.com](mailto:Kathy.eisele@terracon.com).

**DELAWARE COUNTY LEGAL NOTICE**  
LIEN SALE sells on 8/5/2024 2006 Genie S40069877 Re: Kliegman LLC 8:00am at 696 Moxham Rd, Harpersfield NY Pub 7/18/24 & 7/25/24

**DELAWARE COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**  
Notice of Formation of Matt's Construction, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 05/28/2024. 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 Matt's Construction, LLC: PO Box 41, Franklin, NY 13775. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

**DELAWARE COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**  
Notice of Formation of Arctic Mountain Stone LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 04/25/2024. 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 Levi Ellis: 8004 B County Highway 20 Bainbridge, NY 13733. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

**TOWN OF SIDNEY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
During their regular meeting, the Sidney Town Board will hold a public hearing on August 8th, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. to update a local law on the administration and enforcement of the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Codes.

Submitted by,  
Sheila R Paul  
Town Clerk

**DELAWARE COUNTY NOTICE OF SALE**  
SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF DELAWARE, WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, NOT INDIVIDUALLY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE FOR FINANCE OF AMERICA STRUCTURED SECURITIES ACQUISITION TRUST 2018-HB1, Plaintiff, vs. ALICE PLIAUPLIS AS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF MILDRED IORIO AKA MILDRED ALICE IORIO, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to an Order Confirming Referee report and Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered on May 30, 2024, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Delaware County Supreme Courthouse, 3 Court Street, Delhi, NY 13753 on August 21, 2024 at 1:00 p.m., premises known as 10 Camp Avenue, Walton, NY 13856. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Village of Walton, County of Delaware and State of New York, Section 273.11, Block 7 and Lot 58.2. Approximate amount of judgment is \$161,133.53 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index #EF2018-1165. COVID-19 safety protocols will be followed at the foreclosure sale. Stephen F. Baker, Esq., Referee Greenspoon Marder, 1345 Avenue of the Americas, Suite 2200, New York, NY 10105, Attorneys for Plaintiff

**TOWN OF WALTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, the Town of Walton, Town Board will hold a Public Hearing on August 5, 2024 at the Walton Town Hall, 129 North Street, Walton, NY 13856 at 6:00 p.m. to hear anyone in favor or against proposed Local Law 2 of 2024 a Local law on Transient Rental Regulations. A copy of said local law is available on the website at [townofwalton.org](http://townofwalton.org) or at the Walton Town Clerk's Office for review. Dated: July 8, 2024  
Ronda Williams  
Town Clerk/Collector

**DELAWARE COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**  
Notice of Formation of 1965 Holmes Hollow Road LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State (SSNY) on 6/7/24. Office location: Delaware County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 1965 Holmes Hollow Rd, Delhi, NY 13753. Purpose: any lawful activity.

**DELAWARE COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**  
Notice of Formation of 63 GEORGE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State (SSNY) on 6/28/24. Office location: Delaware County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 63 George Street, Arkville, NY 12406. Purpose: any lawful activity.

**DELAWARE COUNTY NOTICE OF SALE**  
NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF DELAWARE US Bank Trust National Association, not in its Individual Capacity but Solely as Owner Trustee for VRMTG Asset Trust, Plaintiff AGAINST "John Doe" And "Jane Doe" 1 Through 50, Intending To Be The Unknown Heirs, Distributees, Devisees, Grantees, Trustees, Lienors, Creditors, And Assignees Of The Estate Of William Wagner A/K/A William L. Wagner Whose Last Known Address Was 73 Smith Hill Road, Stamford New York 12167, Who Was A Born In 1956 And Died On February 27, 2017, A Resident Of The County Of Delaware, Their Successors In Interest If Any Of The Aforesaid Defendants Be Deceased, Their Respective Heirs At Law, Next Of Kin, And Successors In Interest Of The Aforesaid Classes Of Person, If They Or Any Of Them Be Dead, And Their Respective Husband, Wives, Or Widows, If Any, All Of Whom And Whose Name And Places Of Residence Are Unknown To The Plaintiff, Amy Mcdonnell, As Heir At Law And Next Of Kin Of Dorothy Mcdonnell, Who Was An Heir At Law And Next Of Kin Of William Wagner A/K/A William L. Wagner, Erin Mcdonnell, As Heir At Law And Next Of Kin Of Dorothy Mcdonnell, Who Was An Heir At Law And Next Of Kin Of William Wagner A/K/A William L. Wagner, Delaware County Department Of Social Service, Mary Imogene Bassett Hospital, United States Of America, Internal Revenue Service New York State Department Of Taxation And Finance, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered May 30, 2024, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Courtroom of Delaware County Courthouse, 3 Court St., Delhi NY 13753 on August 6, 2024 at 3:00PM, premises known as 73 Smith Hill Road, Stamford, NY 12167. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Stamford, County of Delaware and State of New York, Section: 69 Block: 2 Lot: 22. Approximate amount of judgment \$73,316.38 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index #EF2016-306. The aforementioned auction will be conducted in accordance with the DELAWARE County COVID-19 Protocols located on the Office of Court Administration (OCA) website (<https://ww2.nycourts.gov/Admin/oca.shtml>) and as such all persons must comply with social distancing, wearing masks and screening practices in effect at the time of this foreclosure sale. Xibai Gao, Esq., Referee McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC 420 Lexington Avenue-Suite 840 New York, NY 10170 22-13415NY 81310

**TOWN OF MEREDITH INVITATION FOR BIDS SEEKING FUEL BIDS**

Pursuant to Section 103 of the General Municipal Law, the Town of Meredith Town Board, 4247 Turnpike Road, Delhi, NY 13753, is soliciting **SEALED BIDS** for the following materials, to be delivered at the direction of the Highway Superintendent:  
**Item #1 – Kerosene**  
**Item #2 – Low Sulfur Diesel-Winter Mix (60/40) required Nov 1-March 31**  
**Item #3 - #2 Heating Oil**  
All bids must meet New York State specifications and must be accompanied by a Non-Collusive Certificate. **Sealed bids must be marked "HIGHWAY FUEL".** The Town Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Accepted bids will run from June 1, 2024 to May 31, 2025. Bids must be received in Town Hall by **AUGUST 13, 2024 by 5:00 p.m.** Fuel bids will be opened at the Town of Meredith Regular Town Board Meeting on August 13, 2024.  
Mail Bids To This Address:  
Town of Meredith  
Attn: HIGHWAY FUEL BID  
4247 Turnpike Road  
Delhi, NY 13753

Bids can also be dropped off at the Town Hall anytime- use the Black Drop Box located on the Town Hall door.

By order of the Town Board of the Town of Meredith  
Sheilah Burnham, Town Clerk  
July 16, 2024

**DELAWARE COUNTY NOTICE OF SALE**  
NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF DELAWARE U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as collateral trust trustee of FirstKey Master Funding 2021-A Collateral Trust, Plaintiff AGAINST Any unknown heirs to the Estate of Brian K. Mistler, next of kin, devisees, legatees, distributees, grantees, assignees, creditors, lienors, trustees, executors, administrators or successors in interest, as well as the respective heirs at law, next of kin, devisees, legatees, distributees, grantees, assignees, creditors, lienors, trustees, executors, administrators or successors in interest of the aforesaid classes of persons, if they or any of them be dead, all of whom and whose names and places of residence are unknown to plaintiff; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered May 30, 2024 I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Delaware County Court House, 3 Court Street, Delhi, NY 13753 on August 20, 2024 at 2:30PM, premises known as 921 Milton Smith Road, Long Eddy, NY 12760. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Hancock, County of Delaware, State of NY, Section 452. Block1 Lot 23.1. Approximate amount of judgment \$136,585.60 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# EF2021-301. The auction will be conducted pursuant to the COVID-19 Policies Concerning Public Auctions of Foreclosed Property established by the 6th Judicial District. MELINDA A JAHN, ESQ., Referee LOGS Legal Group LLP Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 430-4792 Dated: June 17, 2024 81232

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Town of Meredith  
Attn: HIGHWAY FUEL BID  
4247 Turnpike Road  
Delhi, NY 13753

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By order of the Town Board of the Town of Meredith  
Sheilah Burnham, Town Clerk  
July 16, 2024

**TOWN OF SIDNEY NOTICE TO BIDDERS**  
Please take notice, General Municipal Law of the State of New York, that pursuant to the authorization of the Town Board of Sidney, Delaware County, **SEALED BIDS** for the following.

The Town of Sidney will accept sealed bids for a roof over the ER Waiting Room, at the Town of Sidney Hospital at 43 Pearl Street West, Sidney NY 13838.

To Receive a Bid packet please contact the Town Clerk at 607-561-2334 or email [Clerk@townofsidney.ny.gov](mailto:Clerk@townofsidney.ny.gov) for bid packets to be emailed to Bidders.

Instructions **MUST** be followed for your bid to be opened! All bids must be accompanied by a non-collusive bid certificate. If your bid is accepted, you must provide proof of prevailing wages and insurance.

Bids will be accepted until **Friday, August 2, 2024, at 11:00 a.m.** at the Town Clerk's office at the Town Building. The bids will be opened on **Monday, August 5th, at 10:00 a.m.** and will be read out loud in the Board Room in the Town Building- 44 Grand Street, Sidney NY.

The bid will be awarded at the next Board Meeting on **Thursday, August 8th, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.** at the Town Building.

The Sidney Town Board can reject any and all bids and re-advertise.

By order of the Sidney Town Board  
Sheila R Paul  
Sidney Town Clerk

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

Notice of Formation of Damaged Goods Goods. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/26/2024. Office location: Delaware County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Partnership (LLP) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Megan O'Neill: 2216 East Bramley mt rd Bovina Ny 13740. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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

ANDES STUDIOS LLC. Filed with SSNY on 06/28/2024. Office: Delaware County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 143 MAIN ST, ANDES, NY, 3731. Purpose: Any Lawful

**DELAWARE COUNTY NOTICE OF SALE**

SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF DELAWARE, US BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR VRMTG ASSET TRUST, Plaintiff, vs. ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, DISTRIBUTIBLES OR SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST OF THE LATE MARY WOOLHEATER, IF LIVING, AND IF ANY BE DEAD, ANY PERSONS UNKNOWN TO THE PLAINTIFF, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to an Order Discharging Guardian Ad Litem and Military Attorney, Confirming Referee's Report and Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered on May 9, 2024, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Delaware County Supreme Courthouse, 3 Court Street, Delhi, NY 13753 on August 20, 2024 at 1:30 p.m., premises known as 86 Maple Street, Margaretville, NY 12455. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Village of Margaretville, County of Delaware and State of New York, Section 306.7, Block 4 and Lot 3. Approximate amount of judgment is \$90,220.60 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index #EF2020-573. Cash will not be accepted. COVID-19 safety protocols will be followed at the foreclosure sale. Stephen F. Baker, Esq., Referee

Knuckles & Manfro, LLP, 120 White Plains Road, Suite 215, Tarrytown, New York 10591, Attorneys for Plaintiff

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**DELAWARE COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**  
FINNES SERVICES LLC. Filed 2/21/24. Office: Delaware Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: Matthew Finne, 706 Taylor Rd, East Meredith, NY 13757. Purpose: General.

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**COLCHESTER**

By Toni Vessey  
ajvreports@gmail.com  
607-363-7363

Hello Friends. This comes to you after a long week of sniffles, headaches, prescription drugs and lots of Tylenol. I'm hoping your week was ever so much better than mine and that mine gets better sooner rather than later.

For those who may have missed last week's column, there were two very special Celebrations of Life for two special men. A graveside service at Paige Cemetery for Warren Lacey followed by a Lacey Family Celebration at the Legion Hall in Downsville was held on Saturday, July 20. So many memories of Warren, Bev and Theda. I hope you all had a chance to share them

with the family. If not, it's never too late to share a fond remembrance of some really special people.

On Wednesday, July 17, there was a lovely send off for Vaughn Warfield with an honorary tractor parade and fire department salute in East Branch. For those of you on Facebook, there is a posting on the East Branch Fire Department page, a tribute by Matt Appley captured by drone. I'm sure Vaughn was smiling down on all those who participated in his honor.

According to Sis Doig, there will be no Family Reunion for the Murphy Gang this year, 2024. Sylvia and Steve Reed are celebrating an 80th birthday and a 60th anniversary at the Farm on July 27. Everyone is invited to come and share the day. Those are two great rea-

sons to celebrate.

Mark your calendars and save the date for the Corbett Community Center BBQ and Bingo. It will be Aug. 2 at the Corbett Field beginning at 4 p.m. with all proceeds going to the Corbett Community Corporation.

Have you had the opportunity to visit the "Downsville Mall"? It is a diamond in the rough run by some amazing "recyclers." You never know what you will find there and the price is always right and the return policy is outstanding. I'm speaking, of course, about the transfer station on state Route 30. You would be amazed at what you can find there and how easy it is to recycle rather than toss items we no longer need but still have some shelf life. There is an extensive library, sometimes a toy or two, furniture, dishes, CDs, appliances. On any given day there is sure to be a treasure you can't live without. Thank you for keeping so much stuff out of landfills and allowing people to save a few pennies in the process, too.

St. Mary's Parsonage had a "run-in" with that nasty tree out back with all

the wind and rain we have had in the past weeks. Another section landed on the backside with a thud. Thanks to Nick Tompkins for his clean up.

I had the need to visit the Walk-In Clinic at Delaware Valley Hospital last Friday after suffering with malaise for a week and learning our Colchester Clinic was closed for vacation. It was a very simple registration process, a few steps down a hallway and a couple of minutes before I was seen. The staff is exceptionally caring from the minute you walk in the door until you leave and includes every single employee. We are so grateful for the administration and staff of the hospital for their response to a community need and the caring and consideration they give each client. It was again a positive experience for me, one I hope I don't have to use more often but one I am grateful for.

Looking for all the news that is fit to print. Give me a call, send me an email, message me on Facebook or stop me at the grocery store or Post Office. I'm happy to share your good news. Peace~

**DELAWARE COUNTY LEGAL NOTICE**

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK  
COUNTY OF DELAWARE  
Nationstar Mortgage LLC dba Mr. Cooper, Plaintiff,

-against-  
Pierre Dubois a/k/a Pierre R. Dubois, Raymond Dupree Thornhill, as Heir to the Estate of Gloria Thornhill, Karim Jamal Thornhill, as Heir to the Estate of Gloria Thornhill, Jerard Thornhill, as Heir to the Estate of Gloria Thornhill, New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, United States of America, Gloria Thornhill's unknown heirs-at-law, next-of-kin, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, devisees, legatees, assignees, lienors, creditors, and successors in interest, and generally all persons having or claiming, under, by or through said defendant, who may be deceased, by purchase, inheritance, lien or otherwise, any right, title or interest in and to the premises described in the complaint herein, Defendants.  
Index No.: EF2024-145  
Filed: July 17, 2024

**SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS**  
Plaintiff designates Delaware County as the place of trial. Venue is based upon the County in which the mortgaged premises is situated.

**TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT(S):**  
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your Answer or, if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a Notice of Appearance on the attorneys for the plaintiff within twenty (20) days after service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service; or within thirty (30) days after service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York; or within sixty (60) days if it is the United States of America. 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 OBJECT of the above captioned action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure \$164,587.00 and interest, recorded in the office of the clerk of the County of Delaware on March 01, 2006 in Liber 1332, Page 259 covering premises known as 14439 State Highway 97 t/k/a 1078 State Highway 97, Long Eddy, NY 12760. The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above.

**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.**

Dated: Bay Shore, New York  
July 16, 2024  
Frenkel, Lambert, Weiss, Weisman & Gordon, LLP  
/s/ BY: Linda P. Manfredi  
Attorneys for Plaintiff  
53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, New York 11706  
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Our File No.: 01-096816-F00

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**DELAWARE COUNTY INVITATION FOR BIDS**

The Delaware County Soil and Water Conservation District, 44 West St., Suite 1, Walton, NY 13856 and the Town of Delhi are seeking proposal from qualified vendors to provide environmental engineering, analysis, design and regulatory permitting assistance for the Woolerton Street Bridge Replacement Design Project No.: VDEL-SMIP-002 to support the DCSWCD Stream Management Program (SMP) in the protection of water quality in Delaware County within the New York City Water Supply Watershed. The goal of this Request of Proposal (RFP) is to receive a final design, specifications and bid package that will be used to contract for and construct the proposed bridge replacement project. Specific water quality related tasks shall include: design, hydrology, hydraulics and sediment transport modeling and analysis; elevation surveys of ground and water surfaces to support hydraulic and geomorphic analyses for stream restoration design and construction; geotechnical hillslope analysis adjacent to watercourses; engineering review of stream projects, local floodplain development permit, NYS DEC Article 15 Stream Disturbance, Army Corp Nationwide, and NYC DEP Stormwater Pollution Prevention permit (SWPPP) applications review and associated site assessment and characterization; related to the preceding tasks.

Request for Proposal documents may be obtained at the Delaware County Soil and Water Conservation District between the hours of 7:30 am to 3:30 pm or can be obtained electronically by emailing Jessica Patterson at [jessica-patterson@dcswcd.org](mailto:jessica-patterson@dcswcd.org). Addenda, if any, will be issued only to those vendors whose name and address are on record as having obtained Proposal documents.

Proposals will be received by the Delaware County Soil and Water Conservation District office, 44 West Street, Suite 1, Walton, NY 13856 until **3:00 PM, prevailing time, Friday, August 30, 2024**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read. Vendors are responsible for the timely delivery of their Cost Proposal. Minority and women's businesses are encouraged to apply. The Delaware County Soil and Water Conservation District reserves the right to reject any and all bids or waive informalities in the proposals.

Questions should be directed to Graydon Dutcher at the Delaware County Soil and Water Conservation District, 44 West Street, Suite 1, Walton, NY 13856, 607-865-5223 (phone), 607-865-5535 (fax) or e-mail: [graydon-dutcher@dcswcd.org](mailto:graydon-dutcher@dcswcd.org).

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# LOOKING BACK

100 Years Ago From The Pages of The Walton Reporter - Saturday, July 26, 1924

## THE WEEK IN WALTON

What We Are Talking About at the County Hub

**SCHOOL COST \$67,500**

**Jury List Made Out—Chautauqua Closes—Girl Breaks Arm—Fined for Speeding.**

Ralph Kent has rented the new house of Olney Smith on Holley street and will move there about Aug. first.

Another examination for chauffeurs will be held in Walton, Thursday, Aug. 14. Applications must be on file in Albany at least four days before date of examination. An average of about forty have been taking the tests in Walton each month.

The annual report of A. H. Lincoln, treasurer of union free school district No. 1, will be found in another column. Expenditures for the year ending August 1, 1924, amounted to \$67,508.52. Of this sum \$53,874.07 was paid for salaries and \$4,179.28 for fuel.

The young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Voorhies of Rock Rift fell Tuesday and fractured both bones of her left arm between the elbow and wrist. The child was returning home after bathing in the river when the accident occurred. Dr. W. B. Morrow reduced the fracture.

The Grand Union grocery stores have taken over and will hereafter operate the Globe grocery stores, one of which is located in Walton. They state there will be no change in local store managers or the general conduct of the stores. A. J. Miller is manager of the Walton store.

Volunteer work at the Chautauqua proved unlucky Friday for Malcolm, the ten year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold E. Kelley. He was moving the steps to the platform and when he tipped the steps over they struck a wire and bounded back in such a way that the steel peg used to hold them in the ground struck Malcolm's leg and tore a bad gash in the flesh. Dr. W. R. Gladstone attended him.

The annual school meeting of union free school district No. 1, Walton, will be held Tuesday, August 5, at eight o'clock in the evening. At this time the budget for the ensuing year will be acted upon and nominations for trustees made. The annual election of trustees will be held the following day, August 6, from noon until 4 p. m. Three trustees for three year term are to be elected in place of Mrs. Bertha Terry, Rev. S. E. Carr and James A. Crawford, and a trustee for two years in place of E. B. Guild, resigned.

Supervisor G. M. Carpenter, Town Clerk Earl S. St. John and Assessors Fred B. Lyon, C. A. Churchill and John D. Smith met Monday and made up the jury list for the town for the ensuing year. Persons qualified to sit as jurors are men who are citizens and residents of the county, not less than 21 years nor more than 70 years old assessed for personal property belonging to him in his own right to the amount of \$250 or owner of real estate in the county to the value of \$150, or the husband of a woman who is a owner of a like estate. There are numerous exemptions.

The Walton baseball team lost a close game at Margaretville Saturday by a score of 9 to 8. The battery for the local team was Peck and S. Flynn. Last Thursday the Delhi Sox were defeated on the Kayser field diamond by the one-sided score of 10 to 1. Reville was in the box for Walton with Flynn behind the bat. Reville's superior pitching ac-counted in large part for the Walton victory. Saturday of this week Margaretville will play a return game in Walton.

This is the third game of the series, each team having won a game by one score, and a good game Saturday is assured. Reville will doubtless appear on the mound for Walton in this game.

The Redpath Chautauqua on Thursday evening closed the six days of entertainment provided the people of Walton and vicinity. The return of the Chautauqua for another year has been assured by the signature of a sufficient number of guarantors to the contract. It is hoped to secure eighty guarantors who will be divided into ten groups for the sale of tickets next season. This method proved satisfactory this season and the guarantee of 750 tickets was safely passed. The program the past week has contained some high lights, the only criticism found being that several numbers among the talent have been here before, either on previous Chautauquas or on the lecture course. The two plays were among the most popular numbers but the wide variety of lectures and musical entertainments gave everyone opportunity to select those to his liking.

## CAR WRECKS FRONT OF HUYCK GROCERY

Highway Not Big Enough for Milligan Car

## AUTO BADLY DAMAGED

Each of Occupants Claims Other Was Driving When Placed Under Arrest.

A Ford car occupied by Charles Milligan and Harry Clark of Mead street left the state road and crashed into the front of Frank Huyck's store, Prospect avenue, Wednesday evening.

The store, formerly the Beagle property, is located at the head of Delaware street, where the highway branches down the river and up the Third brook turnpike.

The car going at a good rate of speed mounted the stone curb, knocked out two of the iron posts supporting the balcony, smashed in one side of the glass front and landed on its side with a wheel resting against the stone hitching post at the south end of the porch in front of the store.

The top of the car apparently struck the glass front of the store a glancing blow. Six of the eight large 25 by 36 inch panes of glass in the front were smashed and the flying fragments broke the glass in a cigar case just inside. Theodore Davis and Alice and Pauline Huyck, who were in the store, were not injured. Milligan and Clark escaped with a few cuts and bruises.

When the wreckage was cleared the remnants of several beer bottles were found in the debris, it is said. The car jammed in a 40 gallon kerosene oil storage tank at the south end of the store porch. The machine itself was badly wrecked, the front axle being bent, top and fenders smashed, and windshield broken. Mr. Huyck has asked the young men for \$200 to cover the damage to his property.

The accident occurred about 6:30 o'clock. Milligan and Clark were later arrested by state troopers on a charge of reckless driving. Each claimed the other was driving at the time of the accident and made affidavit to that effect, but the car belonged to Milligan. Clark in his affidavit stated that Milligan asked him to go for a ride while the two were in John Roof's pool room. Delaware street, and that he had never driven a car in his life.

Police Justice J. M. Peake has not yet decided which of the two swore to the truth in his affidavit. The penalty on conviction on a charge of reckless driving is a fine not to exceed \$50 for a first offense. Registration licenses may also be suspended in the discretion of the justice.

Last year Grant Brothers of Walton demolished the other half of the front in the Beagle store and the machine stopped with the front

end in the store.

Tuesday afternoon the cars of Dr. W. G. Smith and Cyrus Conner collided at the corner of Delaware and Townsend streets, near Burns' store. Conner was going westwards in his Flint car and had the right of way over Dr. Smith, who turned from Delaware into Townsend street. State troopers preferred a charge of reckless driving against the physician under the provisions of the new motor vehicle law. The case was adjourned until Thursday morning, owing to the absence of Dr. Smith from town, when a plea of guilty was entered and - sentence was suspended.

## FORESTERS TO VISIT DU MOND PINE GROVE

Meeting and Basket Picnic Planned on Walton Farm

## EXPECT HUNDREDS HERE

Colonel Greeley, Chief Forester of United States, Will Give One of Addresses

Colonel W. B. Greeley, chief forester of the United States, and men prominently connected with conservation work in New York state will be among the speakers at the forestry demonstration which will be held at the farm of C. G. DuMond at Northfield on Thursday, Aug. 14.

The state conservation commission, the college of forestry in Ithaca, and committees representing the four counties in the thirty-fourth congressional district are co-operating with Mr. DuMond and Congressman John D. Clarke of Frasers in making the event a noteworthy one.

Mr. DuMond has reforested some 200 acres on his farm. Starting on a small scale ten years ago he has set out pine trees year after year until now the farm is well covered with nearly 200,000 pine trees of varying ages. The reforestation experiment is the largest in this section and is said to be second in size in the state to that of Thomas C. Luther, who has reforested some 5,000 acres near Saratoga Springs.

Congressman John D. Clarke of Frasers is intensely interested in forestry work and is the author of the Clarke forestry bill enacted by the recent congress and signed by President Coolidge, which is hailed by conservationists as being a great forward step in the preservation of the nation's forests. Congressman Clarke and Mr. DuMond have succeeded in securing as speakers for the day some of the leading men in forestry work in the country.

Besides Colonel Greeley there will be present G. H. Collingwood, extension forestry worker with the federal government, Alexander McDonald, conservation commissioner in New York state, and Clifford R. Pettis, superintendent of lands and forests in the conservation commission, who is a former Delancey man, and representatives of the state college in Ithaca. Thomas Luther of Saratoga Springs, who has the largest reforestation plantation in the state, also plans to be present.

An invitation is extended to all residents of the counties of Delaware, Broome, Chenango and Otsego, comprising the 34th congressional district, to be present on Aug. 14th.

The program will begin at 11 o'clock in the morning. At noon a basket picnic will be served in the pine grove. Colonel Greeley will speak at one o'clock and his address will be followed by talks by other notables present. Charts will be on hand showing how the reforestation work was carried out and those seeking information on this question will find their questions gladly answered.

## LIGHT MOUNTAIN TOP

Searchlight Will Play from Utsayantha Tower.

(From Stamford correspondent.)

Mount Utsayantha house and tower at Stamford is now lighted by electric lights, an electric plant having been recently installed. It is planned to soon place an electric searchlight on the tower. The house has been improved and furnished and equipped to care for guests who wish to remain overnight. Refreshments will be served. The roadway to the summit has been improved so that automobiles can ascend to the summit and already there has been an increase in the number of visitors to the mountain. The mountain house and tower were presented to Stamford village by the late Dr. S. E. Churchill. The mountain is 3,365 feet above sea level and a view of 40,000 square miles of territory can be obtained from the observatory. A large crowd visited the mountain last Sunday.

## TO LICENSE MOTORISTS

Commissioner May Decide to Issue Without Tests

## 10,000 AUTOS IN COUNTY

One Person in Six Owns Auto, and Many More Drive Family Automobile.

(From Delhi correspondent.)

Considerable anxiety seemingly exists as to the new law about car operators' licenses. At present the idea of the department seems to be that anyone who has driven a Car 1,000 miles without accident, and where no special objections seem to exist, will be granted a license without examination, good until the 1st of July, 1925, if such license is procured by October 1st, 1924.

There is to be a meeting at Mayville, Chautauqua county, of the county clerks in the state, which will be attended by Hon. Mark Graves, Mr. Harnett, the new commissioner, Mr. Wenzel and the expert who is working out in detail the plans for the automobile bureau.

It is hoped by August 15th that plans will have been fully adopted and that county clerks will be in shape to grant operators' licenses.

Edward J. Turnbull, county clerk of Delaware county, left Wednesday to attend the meeting at Mayville.

It is expected that 10,000 motor cars will be licensed in Delaware county in 1924. Already licenses have been issued for over 7,000 pleasure cars. That is, one in every six persons in Delaware county owns an automobile. It is estimated that the number of applicants for operators' licenses will be double the number of those owning cars.

## BLOOMVILLE PRINCIPAL DIES

Prof. Hill Passes Away at Alexandria Bay.

Prof. O. H. Hill of Richmondville died Wednesday, July 16, at Alexandria Bay, where he and part of his family had gone for a short vacation. He had recently accepted the principalship of the Bloomville school for the ensuing year.

Word had been received at Richmondville that Mr. Hill had submitted to a slight operation while at the St. Lawrence river resort, but no one was aware that his illness was coupled with serious portent.

Prof. Hill was principal of the Richmondville high school four years and had secured a position as principal of a new school at Bloomville, N. Y., at which place he had also purchased a home. He leaves a wife and seven children, the oldest of which is about 17 years of age.

## CHICKEN THEIVES BUSY

Pay Visit to Chambers Hollow Farmers.

(From Hamden correspondent.)

Last Saturday night an auto, with two men and a dog for protection, visited Chambers hollow and stole several hens from the Bryden and Currie families. Farmers will be on

the lookout and keep "old trusty" ready for immediate use on a thier, either man or dog.

## LIGHTNING KILLS CATTLE

Horse, Bull and Eight Cows Victims of Storm.

A horse and a bull on the Steve Rosier farm, north of Hobart, were killed by lightning and a second horse was badly shocked during the severe electrical storm early on Thursday morning of last week.

Hilton Delamater of Meridale had eight valuable cows killed by lightning during the same storm.

## EGGS FOUR CENTS A DOZEN

But, Tea and Cloth Goods Were Costly 100 Years Ago.

(Sidney Center correspondent.)

The following interesting prices of nearly 99 years ago were copied from an old scrap book. They are the charges in an old "counter book" of 1825-26; Eggs, 4 cents a dozen; butter, 8 cents a pound; pepper, 50 cents a pound; coffee, 30 cents a pound; tea, \$1.50 a pound; bacon, 6 1/4 cents a pound; wheat, 40 cents a bushel; oats, 15 cents a bushel; corn, 25 cents a bushel; muslin, 20 and 37 1/2 cents a yard; calico, 36 and 50 cents a yard; flowered wall paper, 4 1/2 cents a yard; salt, 3 1/8 cents a pound.

## GAS TANK BLOWS UP

Men in Downsville Quarry Had Quit Before Explosion.

(From Downsville correspondent.)

The gas tank in Johnston & Rhodes' quarry blew up Saturday after quitting time. On Saturday the men finish work at 3:30 p. m. If they had stayed until the usual hour for quitting probably some of the men would have been killed.

## HAND CAUGHT IN DERRICK

(From Downsville correspondent.)

Wednesday of this week, while operating the engine that runs the derrick in Johnston & Rhodes' stone quarry at Downsville, Homer Vail caught his hand in the machinery and tore the joint of his index finger loose. Dr. Brittan attended to it.

## MOTORCYCLE WRECKED BY FORD

(North Kortright correspondent.)

Ralph Hill, of West Kortright, while riding his motorcycle Saturday night on the state road, collided with a Ford car, badly damaging his machine.

## PARIS GREEN KILLS HORSE

(From Coe Hill correspondent.)

One of H. M. Carpenter's large horses died Monday from Paris green poisoning. Sometime during the previous night the animal became loose and swallowed a quantity of the poisoning. Dr. Brand of Oneonta prescribed treatment but such a large quantity had been taken that it was useless to try and save the horse.

## HIT WHILE CROSSING STREET

Margaretville Man Escapes With Slight Injury.

(From Margaretville correspondent.)

Last Thursday forenoon Philip Derringer was knocked down by a passing car on Main street, when he was crossing. Mr. Derringer escaped with a slight bruise to one of his hands. Mrs. Derringer was recently injured in an automobile collision.

# OBITUARIES



**Robert A. Peet**

Robert A. Peet, 82, of Delhi, passed away early Friday morning, July 19, 2024 at O'Connor Hospital with his family by his side.

Born on September 10, 1941 in St. John's, Newfoundland, Bob was the son of the late Archibald T. and Barbara L. (Parsons) Peet.

Raised in St. Albans, Bob received a degree from the American Academy of Funeral Service in New York City. He went on to receive his funeral director's license in 1964 and was employed on Long Island as a managing funeral director. In 1967, Bob moved to Delhi and purchased the Hall Funeral Home where he served the Delhi and surrounding communities until his retirement in 2014. Even in his retirement, Bob continued assisting Hall & Peet Funeral Home, spanning over a 60 year career as a licensed NYS Funeral Director. Bob was a member of the New York State Funeral Directors Association and the Leatherstocking Funeral Directors Association.

Community and civic-minded, Bob was an active member in his churches, a 57 year member of the Delhi Fire Department, member of the Delhi Masonic Lodge and Past District Deputy Grand Master of the Delaware Masonic District, Past District Deputy Grand Master of the Otsego Masonic District, charter-member and former 23-year treasurer of Delhi Rotary Club and selected Rotary International Paul Harris Fellow. A supporter of Heart of the Catskills Humane Society, he also served as past-president and treasurer of Delhi Kiwanis Club, past-chairman of the Board of Delhi Odd Fellows Lodge, charter-member and treasurer of the Delaware Academy Parent-Teachers Association, a former Delhi Boy Scout leader, and a former Director for the Delaware County Red Cross where he donated over 26 gallons of blood during 208 lifetime visits to the American Red Cross bloodmobile. Bob also volunteered for the Salvation Army and for the Delaware County Office of the Aging in Delhi.

Bob enjoyed distance bicycling and cross-country skiing. He also enjoyed his daily 3 to 5 mile walks around the village with his Llewellyn Setters.

Besides his parents, Bob was predeceased by his son, Jonathan R. Peet in 2003.

He is survived by his daughters, Elizabeth A. Peet of Hector, Jennifer L. Peet of Austell, Ga., Robyn E. Rawls of Wappingers Falls, and Allison L. Peet of Lansing; his grandchildren, Brian Sitts, Caden Sitts, Maya Rawls, Schuyler Rawls, and Evangeline Rawls; his sister, Sylvia Hanrahan; many cousins; and his beloved canine companion, Cleo.

Friends and relatives are invited to call on the Peet family from 3-7 p.m. on Thursday, July 25, at the Hall & Peet Funeral Home, 134 Main Street, Delhi, where a Masonic service will be held at 7 p.m.. A funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday, July 26 at the St. James Church, 55 Lake Delaware Ave., Delhi, with the Rev. Paul Moore II, celebrating. Burial will be at Woodland Cemetery, Delhi.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of Bob can be made to the Heart of the Catskills Humane Society, PO Box 88, Delhi, NY 13753 ([www.heartofthecatskills.org](http://www.heartofthecatskills.org))

Please visit [www.hallandpeet.com](http://www.hallandpeet.com) to share condolences with the Peet family.



**Catharine Jackson Ward**

Catharine Annie Jackson Ward of Oneonta went to be with her Lord and Savior on July 22, 2024, at the home of her daughter and son-in-law Debra and Robert. She was born February 22, 1932, in Walton. She was the last surviving child of Percy and Annie Wolf Jackson. Catharine was a member of Elm Park United Methodist Church and a member of The United Methodist Women. She graduated from Delaware Literary Institute in 1949 (Franklin Central School) where she played the bass drum in the marching band and was prom queen. She also graduated from Delhi College. She worked at Camp Milling Company, Walton and later went to work at Delhi College, from which she retired in 1993. She worked very hard at bettering her civil service grade and retired as an Administrative Assistant. She was very proud that she was chosen for the CSEA Award for exceptional Merit in 1989. She was still in contact with Mark Peel and Darnell Cole and remembered them as very kind bosses.

Catharine married William J. Ward, Jr. in 1950. He predeceased her in 1992. They raised four children in Walton and moved to Oneonta in 1977. She enjoyed living at St. James Manor for 20 years and made many friends there.

She is survived by her children: Debra (Robert) Rousay, JohnWard, Cathy (Gary) Backus, and William J. Ward III. Her Grand Children: Venessa (Jon) Therrien, Sabrina (Jeremy) White, Jessica Backus-Foster (Brian Foster), Erin (Christian) Virzi, Tucker(Christine) Backus, Bryan (Felicia) Backus, William J. Ward IV, Kayleigh(Truitt) Seitz and Kristina(Tyler) Mooring. Her Great Grandchildren: Gideon Backus-Wildey, Eve, Raegan and Martie Foster, Jordan, Isaac and Canaan Therrien, Graydon, Oliver, Noel and Declan White, HazelMae and Marshall Backus, Christopher and Amelia Mooring and Toren Seitz. She is also survived by sisters-in-law Janet Jackson and Lina Jackson as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins.

As well as her parents and husband she was predeceased by her siblings Percy, Ambrose (Dora) Art and William Jackson, Minnie VandeMark, Ruth (Ike) Kelsey, Margaret (Lee) Bailey. She was also predeceased by special friends Bob Palmer and Bob Graham.

Calling Hours will be at Lewis, Hurley and Pietrobono Funeral Home, 51 Dietz St. Oneonta. Celebration of life will be at Elm Park Methodist Church, 401 Chestnut Street. She will be buried at Walton Cemetery. Please check Funeral home website for

dates and times of services.

Memorial contributions in Catherine's name can be made to Elm Park Methodist Church or United Presbyterian Church, 58 East St. in Walton.

**Dolores Jane Smith**

Dolores Jane Smith, of DeLancey, 83 years old, born on Nov. 15, 1940, in Greenport, passed away after a lengthy battle with cancer on July 10, 2024, at East End Hospice Kanas Center for Hospice Care in Westhampton Beach.

Predeceased by and daughter of John and Genevieve (Pierzchanowski) Radjeski of Riverhead; sister Alice Lombardi (John); and brother John Radjeski (survived by Derinda, remarried to Sandy Charllis).

Dolores leaves behind her loving husband, Richard C. Smith, of nearly 63 years. They were married on Sept. 3, 1961, in Riverhead, where they lived raising their family until 2005, when they fully retired to the Catskills in DeLancey.

Loving mother of Theresa A. Heimroth (Frank) of Riverhead, Richard B. Smith (Donna) of Germantown, Tennessee and Michele M. Smith (Joseph, deceased) of Riverhead.

Dolores adored her grandchildren immensely, including Jamie C. Heimroth (Francesca) of Riverhead, Ryan D. Heimroth of Riverhead, Kristen R. Heimroth of Riverhead, Richard B. Smith Jr. (Sabrina) of Knoxville, Tennessee, and Zachary F. Smith (Mimi) of Los Angeles, California.

She was a central figure as part of a large extended family, including many nieces and nephews and their growing families. Dolores took great pride and pleasure in celebrating their lives as they all grew into a close-knit part of succeeding generations.

Dolores enjoyed spending quality time with family and friends, raising and training Labrador retrievers while also traveling to and from trials nationwide and just the peace and tranquility of the outdoors, especially at the farm in DeLancey. She loved her children and grandchildren without question and was very proud of their many great achievements. Dolores will be remembered for her determined dedication to family, passion for her home in DeLancey, and caring qualities and character.

Family and friends were received at McLaughlin Heppner Funeral Home in Riverhead Sunday, July 14. A funeral Mass took place Monday, July 15, at St. Isidore R.C. Church in Riverhead and interment will take place at St. Isidore Cemetery.

Donations to honor the life of Dolores may be made to East End Hospice.



**Carolyn V. Ferguson**

Carolyn V. Ferguson, 75, of Delhi, passed away surrounded by family on Thursday, July 18 at Bassett Medical Center in Cooperstown.

Born on May 18, 1949 at the old Margaretville Hospital in Margaretville, Carolyn was the daughter of Ernest and Ruth L. Vredenburg.

Carolyn was the Delhi Village Court Clerk for several years until her retirement.

She loved watching the Hallmark TV channel, watching baseball (especially cheering on her cousin Jon Lester), old movies and enjoyed playing online games and puzzles. She loved animals especially her dog, Paxton, two cats, Jackie and Taytay, and her pet bird, Sid the parrot. Carolyn also had a special place in her heart for her family and all of her "adopted" family.

Carolyn is survived by her mother: Ruth L. Vredenburg; four children: Jay B. (Tari) Ferguson of Berlin, Conn., Pam (Bill Brown) Ferguson of Delhi, Robert (Sarah Batthanya) Sprague, Jr. of Delhi, and Christina (Joseph) Cianciullo of Schenectady; her partner for over 31 years: Robert Sprague Sr.; grandchildren: Rourke, Luke, Ashley, Michael, Anna, John, Madison, Mackenzie, Tia, Xander and Kacie; along with several nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was predeceased by her father: Ernest Vredenburg and brother Steven Vredenburg.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on Sunday, July 28 at the United Ministry of Delhi, Church Street, Delhi, with the Rev. Cathy Schuyler, immediately followed by a celebration of Carolyn's life at the Delhi Fire Department Hall.

In appreciation of Carolyn's love of animals, memorial contributions should be made to the Heart of the Catskills Humane Society, PO Box 88, Delhi, NY 13753 or visit [www.heartofthecatskills.org](http://www.heartofthecatskills.org), click donate and note in memory of Carolyn Ferguson.

Please visit [www.macarthurfh.com](http://www.macarthurfh.com) to share a condolence with Carolyn's family.



**Betty Poulin**

Betty Poulin, born on July 4, 1936, peacefully passed away in her home on July 20, 2024, surrounded by the love and support of her family. To say her life profoundly impacted those around her would be an understatement. She embodied a force of love, nurturing, and kindness, possessing a true gift for celebrating life.

Known affectionately as "Grammy" to her grandchildren, Betty embraced every opportunity to gather and revel in the comfort of her loved ones. A proud veteran of the United States Army, she dedicated herself as a nurse and caregiver in various hospital settings, while also fulfilling roles as a devoted mother, foster parent, and community leader.

Betty is survived by her husband of 65 years, Bill Poulin, as well as her children Kelly, Kim, Scott, her grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her son David and sister Barb Klinger. Betty found immense joy in painting, creating, and sharing in the lives of her family. Her grandchildren fondly remember her as the "community grandmother," always welcoming anyone into her home for a drink, a bathroom break, or a quick hello.

Her family believes that Betty's spirit is too immense to truly be gone, and her impact on the lives she touched will continue to resonate.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in her memory to Helios Care. The family extends their deepest gratitude to the nurses and support staff at Helios Care for their compassionate care during Betty's final days. Special thanks are also extended to Kathy Hessler, a close family friend, for her unwavering support and care.

Donation link: [https://www.helioscare.org/donate/?gad\\_source=1&gclid=EAIaIQobChMI48unkeu1hwMV-7IBHAR1jogKtEAAAYASAJEgIMcPD\\_BwE](https://www.helioscare.org/donate/?gad_source=1&gclid=EAIaIQobChMI48unkeu1hwMV-7IBHAR1jogKtEAAAYASAJEgIMcPD_BwE)

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# DELHI

By Christina Viafore  
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Last week's trivia question was what band will close out the 2024 Fair on the Square? Fair on the Square has been a lot of fun the last three weeks. You won't want to miss the final week featuring the band Roadhouse. It's also the night of the Soap Box Derby, which I'm sure will not disappoint. Take a walk down Main Street this week as shops and businesses will be open late until 8 or 9 p.m. offering beverages, food, shopping, and music.

This week's trivia question is who was the manager of Smalley's Theatre in July of 1940?

This week's community volunteers of the week are Maya Boukai and Jeff Gearhart. They volunteered to scoop ice cream at the Delhi Historical Society Ice Cream Social last weekend. Thanks to them for giving up a beautiful Saturday afternoon to help out in the community, it was greatly appreciated. It was nice chatting with them and everyone that attended the event.

Blanket Fort & Bingo will be held at the Cannon Free Library on Friday, July 26 at 3 p.m. at 40 Elm Street. Other events at the library this week include Cartooning Crafternoon on Wednesday, July 31 at 3 p.m. and Firefighter Storytime on Tuesday, July 30 at 10:30 a.m. The Knitters will meet on Wednesday, July 31 at 10 a.m. Bring your knitting, crochet project, embroidery, or really, any small handcraft project, and sit with others. There is a Mahjong Meet-up on Thursday, Aug. 1 from noon until 4 p.m. and beginners are welcome.

The 2nd Annual Sawbelly Run will take place on Saturday, July 27 in memory of Tom "Sawbelly" Martino. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. at Heart of the Catskills at 46610 State Highway 10 and kickstands will go up at 11:00 a.m. The ride will go through the beautiful Catskills, stopping at some of Tom's favorite places and ending with a BBQ at the Knights of the Storm clubhouse. The proceeds will benefit the Heart of the Catskills Humane Society.

An Enchanted Evening at the Gideon Frisbee House will be held on Saturday, July 27 from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. at 46549 State Route 10. It will be an evening of spirited socializing beneath the stars, featuring an extensive dish to pass buffet from 6 - 7:30 p.m. and a dessert buffet from 7:30 - 9 p.m. There will also be live music. Current members can attend for free. RSVP is requested by Thursday, July 25. We request non-members become members of DCHA in lieu of admission. Call 607-746-3849 or e-mail dchadelhi@gmail.com to make res-

## 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. July 22nd** - Cull Dairy ave. \$1.09 top cow \$1.40, Cull Beef \$1.15 - \$1.30, Organic cull dairy \$1.11- \$1.43, Bulls - \$1.35, Feeder bulls \$1.31 - \$1.41, Grassfed Organic feeder bulls \$1.54 - \$1.57, Bull calves top \$6.00 top beef calf \$9.90, Heifer calves top \$5.75 beef calf \$10.40, Lambs 45#-85# \$2.00 - \$2.20, Cull Sheep \$.62 - \$.82, Organic Dairy Milking age top \$3500.

**Mon. July 29th** - Normal Monday Sale **Special:** Conventional dairy herd dispersal - 15 head all stages of lactation - Holstein, Jerseys, and crosses - SCC 150-200,000,4.2F 3.0P - Selling at 1:00 PM during our Normal Monday sale. Also a few Registered R&W Holsteins in all stages of lactation sired by Rager-Red, Warrior & Analyst. A group of Nice Holstein Bred heifers all due within the next month.

**Fri. Aug. 2nd** - sale held on the farm - Pine Bush, NY. 10:30AM -Seldomrest Dairy Complete Retirement Dairy Dispersal. 160 head - 123 milking age cows in all stages of lactation, 17 bred heifers, 16 balance yrjgs & calves. Cows are presently ave. 72#/day on 2X milking, SCC 200-250,000. Cows are housed both freestall & tiestall - milked in tiestall. Health reasons have brought this sale on - you'll be impressed with this herd as John is an outstanding Dairyman. Cattle look fantastic and the feet have recently been trimmed. Make the trip as there are not many farms in the area! Owners: John & Kathleen Devries- 43 Konefal Ave., Pine Bush, NY. Cowbuyer will be at the sale for online bidding.

**Mon. Aug. 5th** - Normal Monday Sale & Monthly Fat Cow & Feeder Sale  
**Mon. Aug. 12th** - Normal Monday Sale & Monthly Heifer Sale.

### Upcoming Sales:

**Sat. Sept. 21st - Morrisville, NY. 11AM. 41st SUNY Autumn Review Sale.** Contact Sale chairs - Shyanne Ackerman 484-892-0504, Emily Button 585-444-1123, Jack Kowalewski 570-903-1738, Chloe Renaud 716-880-7185. Selling All Breeds of Registered Dairy Cattle - showage heifers, bred heifers. Embryos, and Picks of Flushes and Semen lots.

**Sat. Oct. 26th** - sale held at our Facility. Fall Premier All Breeds Dairy Sale. Selling 120 head of Registered Dairy Cattle. Call if you want to consign or need someone to stop by. These sales fill fast so let us know if you have anything.

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There will be a New Babes Clothing Swap on Sunday, July 28, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at Bushel at 106 Main Street. The baby/kids clothing swap is open to all. Bring your gently used, gently worn clothes, feeding items, toys, books, for kids of ages 0-5, maternity wear, and postpartum wear to trade with others. No need to bring things in order to browse and take things. Bushel New Babes is a loose collective of local parents who share resources and support via What's App. If you are a local parent and would like to learn more about Bushel New Babes and how to join, contact Alyssa Matthews 337-412-5019

Other events at Bushel this week include a Basic Electrical Wiring class. This hands-on workshop for Beginners, will be taught by the wonderful Toni DiNoto and will include six hours of instruction over two days. The workshop will take place on Tuesday, July 30, and Thursday, Aug. 1 from 6 until 9 p.m. both nights. This workshop is already sold out, but you can email info@

bushelcollective.org to get put on the waiting list.

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

The Bovina UP Church is hosting the Surprise of Summer, organized games and fun each Wednesday night in July at 7 p.m. at the ballfield next to the Bovina Library at 33 Maple Avenue in Bovina Center. Children ages 3 and up are invited to participate in games that encourage teamwork and collaboration. This event is free. Join in for the first event on Wednesday, July 31.

The Delhi Farmers' Market is held on Courthouse Square on Main Street every Wednesday from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. and pick up fresh veggies, meat, eggs, baked goods and locally made items. Support your local farmers and business owners. The Delhi Farmers' Market is Sponsored by the Greater Delhi Area Chamber of Commerce. Visit [www.visitdelhiny.com/delhi-market](http://www.visitdelhiny.com/delhi-market) for more information.

# AUCTION

## Online Bidding Only



**Larry Hagedorn Estate**  
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464 Chaffee Street  
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**Online Bidding Begins Closing:**  
**Thursday August 1<sup>st</sup> @ 7 pm**

**Equipment & Tools:** Massey Ferguson 2650 4WD w/ DL260 loader ~ JD 4020 ~ Kubota M5640SU 2WD ~ Bobcat 825 skid loader ~ New Idea 5209 disc mower ~ Kuhn GA4220TH rotary rake ~ Kuhn 2-star tedder ~ JD 330 round baler ~ round bale wagon ~ round bale squeeze ~ Meyers 160 manure spreader ~ Mahindra 6' rotary cutter ~ 6' stone rake ~ JD post hole auger ~ old feeder wagons ~ double ring tractor chains ~ 15-panel corral ~ gates ~ head locks ~ stock tanks ~ fuel tank ~ Lincoln 225 welder ~ assorted small hand tools, wheel barrows, and more.

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and producers and then wander the stunning property. The art gallery will be open if there is an exhibition on display. Visit [www.facebook.com/birdsongfarm-communitygarden](http://www.facebook.com/birdsongfarm-communitygarden) for more information.

Mark your calendars for a Bovina 5K on Saturday, Aug. 3 at 9:30 a.m. Sign up at [runsignup.com/Race/NY/BovinaCenter/TheBovina5kRun](http://runsignup.com/Race/NY/BovinaCenter/TheBovina5kRun). All are welcome to join the first Bovina 5K that will start and end at Creamery Field. The race begins at 9:30 a.m. with the free kids race starting at 10:30 a.m. Interested runners can sign up at the website above. The cost is a \$20 entry fee to run and all proceeds go to the Bovina Fire Department and EMS.

# REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Grantor	Location	Grantee	Transfer Tax	Grantor	Location	Grantee	Transfer Tax
<b>July 16, 2024</b>				<b>July 19, 2024</b>			
MAISANO ROSA (SEE INST)	BOVINA	MAISANO FRANK J (TR)	0.00	GIBBONS MICHAEL A	SIDNEY	CAWLEY EARNEST E JR	164.00
MAISANO FRANK J		FRANK J MAISANO		FERROTTA CAROL ANN	SIDNEY	ANELLA MANAGEMENT LLC	0.00
		REVOCABLE TRUST (BY TR)		FERROTTA ENRICO			
MASTRANGELO CARMELA	DAVENPORT	CARMELA MASTRANGELO	0.00	SPORTSFIELD SPECIALTIES INC	DEPOSIT	CLARK BROTHERS REAL	0.00
		LIVING TRUST				ESTATE LLC	
AKARTUNA FARUK	HANCOCK	MIRABITO HOLDINGS INC	860.00	CRANE MATTHEW D	DAVENPORT	KRAMER HOWARD	1,480.00
AKARTUNA ROSEMARY				CRANE ARLENE			
<b>July 17, 2024</b>				HEREFORD WILLIAM	COLCHESTER	MEDINA LUIS FELIPE	1,520.00
LEDDA DANIEL	MIDDLETOWN	FLEISCHER MARK D	500.00	HEREFORD WILLIAM R (SEE INST)		ESCALANTE	
LEDDA BARBARA		FLEISCHER JASMINE E		ARKVILLE ACRES LLC	MIDDLETOWN	PELEGRINA GROUP LLC	360.00
		ELDRIDGE		LEWIS MARILYNN C	WALTON	LEWIS MICHAEL R	0.00
ZYTKA WILLIAM J	MASONVILLE	ZYTKA WILLIAM J	240.00	PADEN WILLIAM	MIDDLETOWN	MEHLROSE GEORGE	0.00
ZYTKA KURT				SANDERS JOOP (AKA/EST OF/EXR OF)	ROXBURY	JOOP SANDERS	0.00
BOYER BRYAN	MEREDITH	GRISWOLD MATTHEW JOSEPH	194.00	SANDERS JOHN A (AKA/EST OF/EXR OF)		TESTAMENTARY TRUST UW	
		GRISWOLD DAVID A		SANDERS JOOP A (EST OF/EXR OF)		DTD 02/03/2003 (BY TR)	
		GRISWOLD KIERSTIN		GREENFIELD-SANDERS KARIN (EXR)		GREENFIELD-SANDERS KARIN (TR)	
<b>July 18, 2024</b>				FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE	DEPOSIT	COOK KERRI LYN	600.00
FERLAND ROSEMARIE T (SURV TENANT)	TOMPKINS	ROSEMARIE FERLAND TRUST	0.00	ASSOCIATION (BY ATTY)			
FERLAND BRUCE J (SURV TENANT OF)		AGREEMENT DATED 4/9/2024		FANNIE MAE (AKA/BY ATTY)			
		(BY TR)		ALBERTELLI LAW (ATTY)			
		ROSADO MICHELE M (TR)		GRIFFIN ROBERT J (SEE INST)	KORTRIGHT	DIANICH REGINA G	0.00
WILLS THOMAS R (EXR OF)	ROXBURY	RAGLAND JONATHAN	0.00	GRIFFIN JANE M		FUNK MARLENA A	
RAGLAND DIANNE FERRARA				<b>July 22, 2024</b>			
(AKA/IND/EXR)				STOREY JOHN S	SIDNEY	15 MAPLE RIVER LLC	300.00
WILLS DIANNE THERESA (IND & EXR)	MEREDITH	HIRTLER MICHAEL	560.00	STOREY STEPHEN D (SEE INST)			
LT KOJAK LLC		HIRTLER ELYCE		BACKUS NANCY A	TOMPKINS	BACKUS JAIME M	1,200.00
		TRUSTEES OF ST JAMES		BACKUS JAMES ARTHUR SR (SEE INST)		BACKUS JAMES AJR	
GERRY FAMILY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP	BOVINA	CHURCH	0.00	ROBERTSON FRED A	DELHI	TROY BRANDON	880.00
		ST JAMES CHURCH (SEE INST)		ROBERTSON ELIZABETH M		BALTRUSITIS MICHAEL J	
STELLER KYLE A	ROXBURY	WHITE DOMINIQUE	508.00	LESPEARANCE RICHARD C	ROXBURY	PRICE TIMOTHY	0.00
RACE TIMOTHY C		WHITE RASHAD D		COOK ANGELA	SIDNEY	577 BED HOLLOW LLC	0.00
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THOMAS MATTHEW E		WIESER GEORGE		AND LEELAMMA OOMMEN IRREVOCABLE		DAIAN PHILIP	580.00
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BRIGGS ROBERT C (ADMIN)				OOMMEN RONNIE (CO-TR)			
DELAWARE RIVER SOLAR REAL ESTATE	DAVENPORT	SELLEVOLD KIMBERLY A	320.00	OOMMEN ROY GEORGI (CO-TR)			
LLC				KIESEL THOMAS	TOMPKINS	PLUMMER DAVID S JR	680.00
GOODEMOOT WERDEN C JR	DELHI	HANSEN REBEKAH	0.00	KIESEL KERRI L			
		GOODEMOOT SAMUEL J		LESPEARANCE RICHARD C	MIDDLETOWN	92 THE LANE LLC	0.00
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		(LIFE USE)		LESPEARANCE RICHARD C	MIDDLETOWN	MOUNTAIN REALTY 1951 LLC	0.00