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Stamford council hears NYC land acquisition update

117+ acres in DelCo under NYC control

By Duane Martin

STAMFORD - Delaware County Watershed Affairs Director Nick Carbone updated Stamford council members on negotiations with New York City regarding land acquisition as part of the city's application for filtration avoidance, at a Wednesday, Sept. 11 meeting.

Carbone provided a brief a history of land acquisition in the watershed, along with three maps. In the original memorandum agreement in 1997, New York City was allowed to buy land, deemed critically important, around its reservoirs. In 2006, when the filtration waiver was renewed, New York City had purchased or eased 12.8% or 64,368 acres of land in Delaware County. In 2024, New York City either owned or had easements and land leases of 117,792.5 acres of land or 23.4% of the county's land base.

According to Carbone, roughly 90% of the latest land purchases and easements by New York City DEP happened in Delaware and Greene counties. Out of the 90%, Carbone said, 60% is in Delaware County, mostly because land is cheaper in Delaware County than other watershed communities. Another program the city wants to expand is its Streamside Acquisition Program, (SAP) which is used in Schoharie County, for the purchase of property, 10 acres or less. Land in

villages and hamlets cannot be purchased without local municipal authorization. The city has \$8 million appropriated this year for the program, Carbone reported.

As part of the new waiver, which is being negotiated, the city wants to buy land in what they have labeled zone three and four - a large part of which is in Stamford, Harpersfield, Kortright, Bovina, Delhi, Hamden, Meredith, and Walton.

Another developing issue, Carbone said, is that New York



Duane Martin/The Reporter

Nick Carbone, Delaware County Watershed Affairs.

City DEP (Department of Environmental Protection) and New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) are planning for the regulation of small wetlands or vernal pools, which are small, seasonal bodies of water where amphibians (frogs, toads, salamanders, etc.) reproduce and hatch their young. The proposal is for an 800-foot setback or buffer zone that would ban all road building, logging, and quarrying in these areas. Carbone used two examples; a 38-foot wetland would need a buffer zone of 1.27 acres; and a 415-foot wetland area would use almost a 7-acre buffer zone.

Watershed Affairs has been working with Empire State Forest Products Association and New York Farm Bureau to submit comments on how devastating this would be to local



Celebrating the Constitution

Reflecting on the amendments that shaped the nation

By Lillian Browne

DELHI - The Delaware County Democratic Committee hosted an event at Delhi's Courthouse Square to celebrate Constitution Day Tuesday, Sept. 17, drawing a crowd of approximately 60 people to honor one of America's most enduring documents. The celebration marked the adoption of the United States Constitution in 1787 and offered attendees a chance to reflect on the Amendments that have shaped the nation's democratic ideals.

Chairperson of the Meredith Democratic Committee Sue Dapkins introduced keynote speaker Richard Stein.

Stein delivered an address discussing the historical and contemporary challenges faced by the press, emphasizing the importance of freedom of the press. He highlighted the 1735 case of John Peter Zenger, the first jury nullification in North America, and the 1800 Alien and Sedition Acts, which targeted Democratic-Republican newspapers. Stein also noted the 100+ mob attacks on abolitionist newspapers and recent attacks, including the *Capital Gazette* shooting and the murder of Jeff German.

Stein highlighted the economic retribution against *The Reporter*, the most widely circulated newspaper in Delaware County, which was delisted as an official Delaware County newspaper for its independent reporting and stressed the resilience of the



Lillian Browne/The Reporter

Roger Ross Williams, a filmmaker, commented on the 14th Amendment to the Constitution. "We are not going back!" he said to a cheering crowd.

press despite the challenges.

The legal advertising that comes with an official designation can be the difference between profit and loss, Stein said; "And the newspaper isn't alone in suffering that loss when the county chooses to make required announcements of requests for bids for government work through obscure outlets."

Local contractors are the ones who lose out, Stein said.

"The good news is that the concept of a free press is enshrined now in the Bill of Rights. It's right there in the First Amendment, 'Congress shall make no law abridging the freedom of speech or of the press.' But in practice, though, how well has freedom of the press been protected? The record is, to say the least, rather spotty," Stein stated.

Stein advocated for continued

protection of the First Amendment.

Stein then led the crowd in an interactive Constitution Quiz, which drew enthusiastic participation as attendees tested their knowledge of constitutional history.

The Amendments

The event's focus shifted to Constitution amendments — landmark changes that have redefined the rights of Americans. Kathy Mario, Delhi Democratic Committee member and a member of the New York State Democratic Committee, introduced several community members who took turns presenting and reading specific amendments, giving historical context to each.

Francine Carl Zaluda read the 14th and 15th Amendments, which granted citizenship and

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Sidney gets new fire truck

Tax foreclosures, street lights, brush disposal discussed

By Andrew Kantor

SIDNEY - Sidney trustees got to see the Sidney Fire Department's brand new, custom-designed, \$450,000 fire truck, which Fire Chief John Gilmore drove to the parking lot outside the Sidney Civic Center, where the trustees met Sept. 9.

The new truck will replace two of the department's existing vehicles — an engine and a tanker. It won't affect the village's budget because lease payments will be about the same as payments the village was making on the old engine. When the seven-year lease is over, the village will own the truck outright, Gilmore explained. Built by Manitoba, Canada-based Fort Garry Fire Trucks, the new truck — which has yet to be given a name — can pump water at 1,500 gallons per minute, Gilmore said, and carries a 2,050-gallon external tank for when a water source isn't available. And to make sure water goes where it's needed, the scene lights on the front "can actually light up a football field."

It was built with several features specified by Sidney's Fire Department. Notably it requires a smaller crew to operate, with more controls placed in the cab rather than outside the truck. The pump itself is the same model as what the department's existing



Andrew Kantor/The Reporter

Sidney Fire Chief John Gilmore showed off the village's new fire truck at the trustees' Sept. 9 meeting.

truck has, reducing the learning curve for firefighters.

Gilmore said it should take about two weeks of training for department personnel to learn the ins and outs of the new equipment before it's put to use. One person who will not be allowed to use the new truck is Sidney Mayor Ray Baker.

"We can't let him drive it," Gilmore said, teasing. "He dents everything he drives."

In other business:

- Trustees discussed the legal and financial implications of auctioning abandoned tax delinquent properties, which would — if sold — bring them back on the tax rolls.

- Trustees also discussed the growing number of streetlights throughout the village that won't turn off, which costs the village in electricity usage.

- Clearing space on Pine Hill so it could be used as a place to dump village residents' brush during the annual spring cleanup, was also discussed. The alternative is to pay Waste Recovery Enterprises \$12,000 per year to remove and store that brush.

- Trustees approved hiring Keltie Cowan to work 20 hours in September at the wastewater treatment plant to help input data from the water department's copper and lead reports. She'll be paid \$15 per hour.

BY THE NUMBERS

4% Increase in US household income 2022 to 2023	92% US population has health insurance	\$30,900 Poverty threshold for family of 4 (2023)	16.5% Delaware County residents live below the poverty rate
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WALTON

By Patty Wood pwood2@frontier.com

Come and support the DVH Volunteers fundraising bake sale today, Thursday, Sept. 19 in the hallway outside the hospital gift shop. Get there early for some delicious homemade baked goods from the DVH volunteers; starts at 9 a.m. until sold out.

While you're there, stop in at the Mary Hunter Memorial Gift Shop to see the consignments of local products that are great for gifts without having to travel out of town. They include maple syrup, corn bags, jams, aprons, quilts, candles, and beeswax items. Also, landscape paintings, oils and soaps, cross stitch towels, jewelry, scarves, lap blankets, and puzzles. There are also decorative tumblers and gift bags perfect for patients during their stay. The gift shop is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. You'll be pleased with the selection and the prices.

Join the Walton Theatre Saturday, Sept. 21, at 7 p.m. for its 110th anniversary celebration. The event will feature special historical exhibits and a performance by Duo Extempore's Nicole Brancato on piano and Evan Jagels on bass. Admission by donation, and all are welcome.

The Ogden Library will host a pet adoption event with the Heart of the Catskills Humane Society Saturday, Oct. 5 from 11-12:30 at the library. Come meet, pet and play with feline friends looking for their forever homes. The library will also collect wish list items for the humane society in exchange for books. You can view the wish list at www.heartofthecatskills.org/wish-list

There will be a Wilson's chicken barbecue and bake sale Saturday, Sept. 28 to support WDA Wrestling at Walton Motors from 10 a.m. until sold out.

OFA is sponsoring Tai Chi for Arthritis at the Walton First Baptist Church, 55 Townsend Street, starting Monday and through Nov. 21. Call Susan Hammerslag at 607-832-5750 for details and to register.

The Gathering Table is open

again at the First Congregational Church, 4 Mead Street on the second and fourth Saturday from 11:30-1 p.m. All are welcome to this free meal. For more information call 607-865-4066.

Soup It Up is back at the New Hope Community Church, 45 Stockton Ave., Tuesday evenings at 5 p.m. All are welcome.

Levi's Table has also started again with their free meals every second and fourth Mondays at the First Baptist Church. The meal is served from 4:30-5:30 p.m. and you can eat in or get it to go. They also open their pantry to take a to-go bag on the fourth Mondays. Menu changes, but it's usually pasta or breakfast for dinner.

There will be a Trunk or Treat event Saturday, Oct. 19 from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the Delaware County Fairgrounds. Prizes awarded for the best three trunks. There will also be a basket raffle, food truck, bounce house and music by Randy Hulse's Nashville Sounds. To participate or donate call Beth at 607-434-1319. This is a community event and any proceeds will keep it going next year and beyond.

Sorry to hear of the passing of two of my former workmates, Janice Robertson and Jimmie Hunt, and a fire department icon and friend, Carl Fancher. Sending condolences to the families for their losses.

Walton Historical Society's annual Fall Market will be Saturday, Oct. 12 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Delaware County Fairgrounds with booths under cover. Rain or shine, come see over 70 vendors, six food trucks, live entertainment, face painting and more. To be a vendor, contact Jason Schwartz at the Walton Historical Society Fridays from 2-6 p.m. or Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. New this year, Maxine and Bob Locherer are coordinating a "Fall Cruise" at 10 a.m. to tour back roads to check out fall foliage before meeting at the Fairgrounds at 11. This is just a cruise-in - there will be no prizes,

no awards. Come down anytime between 11-3. Showoff your classic car and enjoy the many vendors and grab some great food. Questions? E-mail waltonhistoricalsociety@outlook.com

The annual Cemetery Scavenger Hunt at the Walton Cemetery sponsored by Ogden Library will be Saturday, Oct. 19 at 11 a.m. Meet library staff at the Civil War monument on Memorial Drive in the Walton Cemetery for the multi-generational scavenger hunt. Participants will be given a list of things to find (different from previous years). An hour later, meet up with the group to discuss your findings. Children must be accompanied by an adult. In case of rain, bring an umbrella.

This weekend's If Gravestones Could Talk tour was wonderful. It's always fun to learn local history and Deb Bartlett, Jason Schwartz and Lorraine Miller coordinate the stories to be told. This year, four of the actors portrayed family members which made it even more fun.

Mark your calendars for the fourth annual Trout Creek Volunteer Fire Department's UTV parade and poker run Sunday, Sept. 29 starting at 10 a.m. It's a free parade for all UTVs. Poker Run, \$10.00 per rider. Payback 50% for poker run winner. Prizes/trophies will be given. Fire departments: trophy will be given for most UTVs brought to the event and participation. Raffles and food also available during the day.

There is also a raffle going on for a fire pit and fall accessories to benefit the Trout Creek Ladies Auxiliary. Just \$10 a chance, see any auxiliary or fire dept member. Drawing Sept. 29.

The date for the annual Trout Creek Craft Fair has just been announced and they are already filled with vendors. Again, there will be two locations, Trout Creek Fire Hall and around the corner at the one-room Schoolhouse. Over 25 vendors will be selling handmade crafts and more. There will be soup and sandwiches for sale, and a vendor item raffle to support the Trout Creek Cemeteries. Hours are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 2.

Riverside Alliance Church is offering the Alpha Course beginning Oct. 9 at the 150 Delaware Street storefront. The program consists of a dinner, video presentation and small group discussion. The basic foundations of the Christian faith will be discussed in a casual environment. The evening begins at 6 p.m.; dinner at 6:30 p.m. The first topic discussed is: "Is there more to life?" Register so organizers know how much food to prepare, but the event is free. Call the church at 607-865-4737 for more information or to register.

There will be a Cornhole Tournament to benefit Jake Constable Saturday, Sept. 21 starting at 9 a.m. at the fairgrounds. Bring a partner, double elimination tournament, with trophies for 1 - 3 place. Cost is \$20 per team. Contact Mike Allen to sign up. There will be other activities such as basket raffles and food including walking tacos during the day. Donations for raffles can be made by contacting Ellie Truman, 607-865-8211. A bottle drive has been added - Dutch Redemption will take can donation for to the Constables. Get tickets for a lottery hoop at TA's or at the fairgrounds before the winner is drawn at the end of the event.

Relive the enchantment of the Swing Era! Join Music on the Delaware at the historic Walton Theatre for a big band concert featuring Kimberly Hawkey and Dan Gabel Saturday, Oct. 26 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets can be purchased for this in-person and livestreamed concert at www.musiconthedelaware.org and select retailers. Junie Stanton will host his yearly Friend and Family get-together Sunday, Sept. 29 starting at 1 p.m. at the big pavilion at Austin Lincoln Park. This event is open to anyone in the community who would like to attend. Bring a dish to pass if you can, but it's not required. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be supplied. Music by Randy Hulse will start about 3 p.m. Corn hole is available. Junie does this so all people can get together for a fun time.

Celebrating...

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voting rights to formerly enslaved individuals after the Civil War.

The amendments established that all people born in the United States are citizens; require due process of law; required equal protection under the law and overturned the *Dred Scott v. Sandford* case, which had ruled that Black Americans were not citizens.

Roger Ross Williams provided additional commentary on the 14th Amendment, highlighting its role in guaranteeing equal protection under the law. "We are not going back!" he vowed to a cheering crowd.

Amy Randall of Delhi followed with a reading of the Address to the Seneca Falls Convention connecting the 19th Amendment - which granted women the right to vote - to the women's suffrage movement. Randall's reading invoked the spirit of pioneering activists like Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony, whose efforts in Seneca



Lillian Browne/The Reporter

Kathy Mario of Delhi, a member of the New York State Democratic Committee, was emcee of the Constitution Day program held Tuesday, Sept. 17 at Delhi's Courthouse Square.



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Otto Johnson, 13, spoke about Amendment 26 to the U.S. Constitution, which will give him the right to vote in just 5 years.

Falls were instrumental in the amendment's eventual adoption in 1920.

Otto Johnson presented the 26th Amendment, which lowered the voting age to 18, a landmark decision shaped by the Vietnam War era. Johnson, who is 13 years old, said thanks to the

26th Amendment: "In five short years, I can vote!"

The event was not just a history lesson but a call to action — reminding attendees that the work of democracy is never finished and that the Constitution remains a guidepost for progress, adaptation, and inclusion.



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Delhi resident Janet Tweed, a candidate for New York Assembly District 102, and Vicky Davis of Sidney, a candidate for New York Assembly District 121, attended the Constitution Day event at Delhi's Courthouse Square Tuesday, Sept. 17.



Lillian Browne/The Reporter

Rich Stein was the keynote speaker of the Constitution Day event at Delhi's Courthouse Square, Tuesday, Sept. 17. Stein was the editor of the *Riverdale Press*, a victim of a vicious attack in 1989 by followers of Ayatollah Khomeini who responded to an editorial. Attackers tossed two fire bombs at the front windows of the newspaper's office building.

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Looking out for the little guys

Justice courts to receive 80% of traffic diversion revenue

By Elizabeth DeFalco

DELHI - Following a series of presentations surrounding a traffic diversion program beginning in June, Delaware County Finance Committee members recommended approval of a course fee and revenue split between local courts and the county, during a Sept. 11 meeting.

A traffic diversion program will offer another avenue for drivers to resolve their tickets in addition to attending court in person. Participation in traffic diversion court is voluntary for courts and drivers. The web-based platform allows drivers with eligible, low-level offenses to submit a drivers abstract and a copy of the ticket through the online portal for review, rather than by mail. After approval by the District Attorney's office, the ticketed driver will be directed to take a drivers education program, for a fee, and the ticket will be disposed of upon completion of the driver education course.

The program vendor, Advent ELearning, retains a \$30 - \$40 share of each course fee; the rest is retained as revenue by the county treasurer's office.

Assistant District Attorney Schuyler Kinneman presented a draft resolution with a recommended course fee of \$250. Ac-

ording to Kinneman, Cayuga and Greene counties charge \$250 for their traffic diversion courses, while other counties like Broome charge upward of \$500.

"I believe we're more like Cayuga and Greene," Kinneman said, explaining the recommended fee.

To ensure the program is not exclusive to a more affluent population, Kinneman explained the resolution includes a clause allowing the DA to waive part, or all, of program fees if a driver demonstrates financial hardship.

"This was brought to our attention, and other DA (District Attorney) offices do this," Kinneman said. "This is so that we don't have claims that this is 'pay-to-play.'"

Drivers demonstrating financial hardship can still be eligible for the program by submitting required documentation to prove a need for the waiver, Kinneman said. The request and submitted documentation will be reviewed at length, Kinneman said.

"They can't just put 'I'm unemployed, I have no resources' and get approved," he said. "They actually have to submit documentation."

While committee members quickly agreed the \$250 course fee was fair, opinions differed on how the revenue should be shared between local courts and

the county.

A portion of revenue will be retained by the county treasurer and kept in the county's general fund, Kinneman said. The remaining revenue will be sent back to the court the traffic ticket originated from. Finance committee members were tasked with determining the revenue split between the county and justice courts.

Previously, DA Shawn Smith estimated annual revenue could reach \$1.2 million depending on the number of program participants.

When asked his opinion, Kinneman recommended local courts should retain a majority of the share to ensure no local revenue is lost.

"We are going to be replacing the write-in, mail process slowly," he said, "and eventually it'll take its place entirely. So we want to make sure the [courts] are still getting the revenue from that."

Committee members Joe Cetta, Walton supervisor, and George Haynes, Kortright supervisor, suggested local courts retain 100% of the revenue.

"The county doesn't receive any monies from the towns now for any of the violations or court proceedings. Why would we want to change that? Why can't we just leave it all into the town?" Cetta asked.



Elizabeth DeFalco/The Reporter

Delaware County Assistant District Attorney Schuyler Kinneman, standing, shares a draft traffic diversion program resolution with county finance committee members during a Sept. 11 meeting. Committee members pictured include Sidney Supervisor Eric Wilson, Colchester Supervisor Art Merrill, budget director Hamden Supervisor Wayne Marshfield, and Walton Supervisor Joe Cetta. Also pictured is Penny Bishop, clerk of the board.

All revenue could be retained by the local courts, Kinneman confirmed, though other counties offering traffic diversion use the county's share of revenue to fund public safety initiatives like hiring additional staff, he said.

"We do want that to be considered, but again, it's your guys' determination," Kinneman said.

After brief discussion, committee members recommended approval to return 80% of traffic diversion program revenue to local courts, and the county will

retain 20%.

Committee members' recommended approval passed with a 4-1 vote; Haynes voted against the share, standing firm that local courts should retain 100% of the revenue.

Committee members will revisit the share percentage if it is determined local courts are losing revenue, Merrill said.

The resolution will be considered for final approval by supervisors during a meeting scheduled later this month.

Growing pains: New 911 dispatch system reviewed

2025 officers slated

By Elizabeth DeFalco

DELHI - Delaware County EMS Advisory Board members met Wednesday, Sept. 11 and reviewed the newly-implemented, computer-aided dispatch system and elected officers for 2025.

Since April 2023, all emergency service agencies in Delaware County, including fire departments, ambulance services, 911 dispatch, and police agencies, have been preparing to transition to a new computer-aided dispatch system for records management, messaging, and dispatching. The dispatch system was in development for approximately 14 months and the county authorized \$650,000 for the development, installation, and data transfer, with \$250,000 in grant funding and the balance

To help address any confusion over the new system and how to navigate it, Rossley gave advisory board members a detailed walk-through of the system.

Using the new system, first responders can review narratives and actions reported following each call, see active calls and information while it's being added and updated, view which units are in-service or unavailable, and more, Rossley demonstrated.

Delameter is also struggling to provide Margaretville Hospital EMS members receive reports and other notifications, as the hospital's network blocks access email domains like Gmail or Yahoo.

"I just wish that this had been thought out a little more thoroughly for the end user," Delameter said. "It's a work in progress, but we have to come up with so-

in Sidney, 10 in Stamford, 18 in Davenport, 12 in Franklin, nine in Harpersfield, seven in Roxbury, seven in Walton, six in Kortright, nine in Hamden, five in Meredith, five in Colchester, one in Masonville, two in Bovina, and three in Andes.



file photo

Delaware County's 911 dispatch center at the public safety building in Delhi.

to be paid over 14 months.

In February 2024, the emergency services department was awarded a \$165,193 New York State Public Safety Answering Point Grant to cover payments due in 2024.

The new dispatch system was activated during the last week of August, touted as more customizable based on departments' needs, more accessible to first responders, and easier for dispatchers to navigate.

While aware the system is still in its infancy, EMS Advisory Board Chairperson Pat Delameter of Margaretville Hospital said she was "totally not happy" with the reports being generated. Compared to reports generated by the previous dispatch system, reports she receives are incomplete and lacking information.

Though the system just went live, Delameter encouraged Delaware County 911 Coordinator Mark Rossley to focus on the end user experience of the system, too. Rossley said the missing report information may be a simple fix he will look into.

lutions as these things come up."

Also discussed:
 • Delameter was awarded the 2024 Harriet C. Weber EMS Leadership Award by New York State Regional EMS Council. Recipients of the leadership award are recognized for their longevity, innovation/dedication, responsibility, executive and management skills in establishing, maintaining, promoting or expanding EMS organizations, agencies, committees at the community and/or state level, according to the EMS Council website.
 • Advisory board members elected Tara George of Margaretville Hospital EMS as chairperson, Dustin Miller of Bloomville EMS as vice chairperson and treasurer, and reelected Sierra Jones of Franklin EMS as secretary.

• The county ambulance service received 173 calls in August which includes 71 transports, 13 advanced life support assists, 17 responses where a patient refused medical attention, 44 canceled calls, two dead-on-arrival calls, and 23 assists. Of the 173 total calls, 56 were in Delhi, 19

Voter registration in Delhi Sept. 28, Oct. 10

Delaware County Board of Elections will hold two days of in-person voter registration at the Delaware County Board of Elections, 97 Main Street, Suite 5,

Delhi on Sept. 28 from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Oct. 10 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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Code violations, bathroom cameras top Sidney trustees' agenda

Homecoming parade, dog costume contest scheduled

By Andrew Kantor

SIDNEY - Before their semi-monthly meeting, Monday, Sept. 9, trustees held a public hearing on the situation at 21A Division Street, a property that has had three junked trailers sitting outside for several months.

The hearing is required by law before Code Enforcement Officer Jaime Cole can have the trailers removed. Cole explained that he has been in contact with the property's owner, Anthony Zieno, who told Cole that the trailers have been sold, but neither Zieno nor the new owner has been able or willing to move them.

With no one else speaking at the public hearing, trustees voted to give Zieno until Oct. 1 to remove the trailers or they will contract with a local company to tow them away and destroy them at Zieno's expense. Trustee Thomas Hoskins estimated that could cost several thousand dollars as the trailers are not road worthy. "It's gonna be a hefty bill," he said.

They also voted to put a lien on the property for the cost of removal as well as administrative expenses, and to charge Zieno under New York's penal law for refusing to remove the trailers. Although that would only involve an appearance ticket, the maximum fine is \$250 per vehicle and/or 15 days in jail.

"If we don't get serious," said Mayor Ray Baker, "we might as well not give out notices."

Bathroom monitors

Fed up with vandalism of the

bathrooms at Keith Clark Park, trustees agreed to purchase and install solar-powered, networked security cameras to watch the area. The latest incident involved someone kicking in and effectively destroying the locked door of the women's restroom.

New cameras will be mounted on poles and include lights that will illuminate the area. They'll allow police and parks and rec-



Andrew Kantor/The Reporter

Rachael Swain of the Sidney Boosters Club makes her case to the trustees for a Sept. 29 parade and bonfire in downtown Sidney.

recreation personnel to monitor the bathrooms as well as record everyone going in and out.

Recreation Director Brett French wanted to board up the bathrooms for the season and bring in porta-potties, but Baker vetoed that idea. It wasn't worth the rental fee, he told French, because someone would just flip them over.

"No, we've got to have the bathroom," he said. "Let's fix it."

Baker reminded trustees that the local chapters of United Way and the Rotary Club are working to raise money for a state-of-the-art bathroom for the park that would be vandal-proof (or at least vandal-resistant) and even self cleaning.

But he echoed the frustration of trustees with the bathroom situation.

"It's sad that we've had them here for 40 years, and just the last few years we've had to go through this."

Downtown fun

Rachael Swain from the Sidney Booster Club explained to trustees that the club wants to give local students a bit of fun and excitement in the form of a parade through downtown and a bonfire in Keith Clark Park.

The parade, she explained, would be held Sept. 29 (the Sunday before the homecoming football game) and feature sports teams and banners, but not floats. It would involve closing Main Street at 3 p.m. for a couple of hours, however.

Trustees readily agreed to the parade permit — "The parade seems like a no-brainer," said Trustee Pat Cristelli — but balked at the bonfire.

After consulting with Fire Chief John Gilmore and Code Enforce-

ment Officer Jaime Cole, who happened to be at the meeting, they couldn't determine a place in the park that wouldn't be damaged by a bonfire. Instead, they suggested a piece of private property whose owner might be willing to allow a fire. Swain said she would look into that possibility, but regardless, the parade would go on — it would just be a question of where it ended and whether there would be a fire there.

Speaking of downtown events, the trustees approved a request from Terri Health and Anielle McEwan-Lomnicki — better known as "AK" — to close Division Street from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Oct. 26 for a dog costume contest that would include a food truck and presumably a lot of funny-looking dogs.

The contest itself will be held in the lot at the corner of Main and Division streets, with the food truck on Division Street.

B-I-N-G ... Gone

Trustees reluctantly accepted the resignation of long-time bingo inspector Anthony Barber. How long? Long enough that trustees weren't sure how many decades Barber had been on the job.

A replacement might be hard to find, as there's an apparent shortage of qualified people: "There's a lot of places looking for

bingo inspectors," reported Clerk Lisa French.

That might be due to knowledge required for the job. An inspector must be familiar with New York's 15-page guide to the position, know the terminology, and be able to answer questions like, "Must we increase the numbers needed to obtain the Player Select Full Card or can we simply state that it must be obtained in 17 numbers or fewer to receive the full 75% plus carryovers from previous weeks?"

The inspector is required to be at each bingo event a half hour before the first ball is called and remain until the event is finished; part of the job is verifying that "the profits generated from the sale of bingo opportunities are properly reported," according to the state guide.

Once trustees determine the requirements and (admittedly low) pay, they'll advertise the open position.

The only bingo game in the village is held bi-weekly at the Elks Lodge.

In other business:

- Finally, the trustees paid the bills: \$78,112 in general expenses, \$94,083 for water and sewer, \$4,898 in trust and agency, and \$83,848 in capital expenses, for a total of \$260,941.

DelCo to hold online foreclosure auction

Sales tax revenue on target for 2024 budget projection

By Elizabeth DeFalco

DELHI - Delaware County Finance Committee members discussed options to auction tax foreclosed properties and reviewed to-date sales tax revenue during a Sept. 11 meeting, among other business.

Delaware County Treasurer Beverly Shields was contacted by a buyer interested in a county-owned property, 24 Adams Street, Sidney, she said. The house is located in the floodplain, has foundation issues, and three out of five structural support beams are sinking into the ground - making the structure severely compromised, Shields said.

The buyer, who offered \$8,000 to purchase the property, intends to "flip" the home, Shields said.

The property was on the auction list in 2023, she said, but did not sell. There are approximately eight other properties that did not sell in the previous auction, Shields said.

To sell a property outright, the county must go through three auctions, or the county must prove to a judge the buyer is paying fair-market value for the property, Shields explained.

Shields recommended contracting with Dale Lambrecht of Lambrecht Auction, Sidney, to host an online auction including the property at 24 Adams Street, and the other properties that did not sell in the prior foreclosure auction.

"I would recommend doing

the online auction, and then [the interested buyer] can buy it there," Shields said.

Committee members authorized Shields to develop an agreement with Lambrecht Auction to host an online foreclosure auction for the county. Shields will present further details, such

as contract cost and date of the auction, as the information becomes available.

Also discussed: Colchester Supervisor Art Merrill reminded committee members while sales tax revenue is down overall in 2024, sales tax revenue in 2022 and 2023 was unusually high with over \$31 million collected both years.

In comparison, Delaware County collected \$28.9 million in sales tax revenue in 2021, \$24.6 million in 2020, and \$22.2 million in 2019.

Committee members also voted to recommend approval of a \$250 course fee for a traffic diversion program, with a revenue split between local courts and the county of 80/20.

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From right, Delaware County Finance Committee members Eric Wilson, Sidney supervisor, Art Merrill, Colchester supervisor and budget director, Wayne Marshfield, Hamden supervisor, and Joe Cetta, Walton supervisor, during a Sept. 11 meeting.

as contract cost and date of the auction, as the information becomes available.

Also discussed: Continuing a downward trend, the sales tax distribution received by the county Sept. 9, totaling \$2,045,064.74, reflects an \$82,850.33 decrease from that received in September of 2023, for an overall decrease of \$693,907.41 from 2023.

Delaware County budgeted \$21,500,000 in sales tax in 2024; so far, Delaware County has col-

lected \$19,218,931.16 in sales tax in 2024.

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30 to 25: Slow down in Delhi

By Lillian Browne

DELHI - Speed limit signs were swapped out in the village of Delhi Friday, Sept. 13, to reflect a lower speed limit of 25 m.p.h. from 30 m.p.h. village-wide.

Village trustees authorized the speed limit reduction June 27 at the request of Delhi resident Matt Dreyfus, who supplied residents signs that requested motorists slow down to 25 m.p.h in advance of the official vote to reduce the speed limit throughout the village.

Streets Department staff Scott Rasmussen and Nash Ruchar of Delhi's Street Department placed a 25 m.p.h. speed limit sign on Elm Street, Friday, Sept. 13.



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Scott Rasmussen and Nash Ruchar of Delhi's Street Department placed a 25 m.p.h. speed limit sign on Elm Street, Friday, Sept. 13.

week of Sept. 16, they said.

The speed limit on all village streets and state roads - Routes 10 and 28 - as well as Franklin Street which turns into county Route 14, is 25 m.p.h.

Police Chief Mike Mills said initially there will be no extra speed patrols.

However, he said, "Lowering the speed limits is a vital step in ensuring the safety of our community, especially with school back in session. Slower speeds mean drivers have more time to react, and that can make all the difference in preventing accidents and protecting our most vulnerable — our children, pedestrians, and cyclists. Our goal is to make Delhi a safer place for everyone."

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Wastewater Woes: Lactalis challenges Walton wastewater charges in ongoing dispute

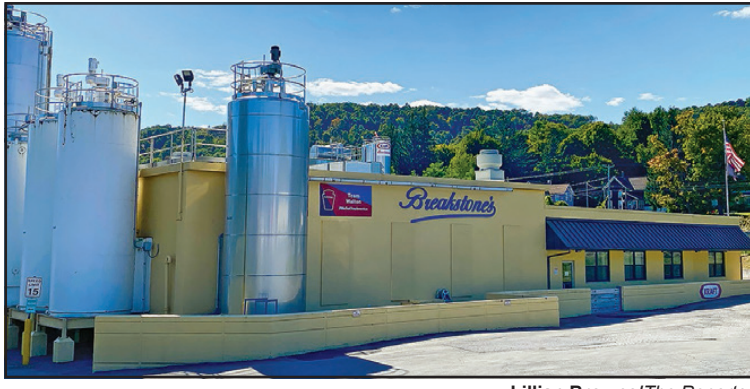
By Lillian Browne

WALTON - Walton Mayor Ed Snow presided over an administrative hearing for the challenge of sewer and other fees the village says Lactalis Heritage Dairy - formerly Kraft - owes the village, Tuesday, Sept. 10.

Attorney for Lactalis Heritage Dairy, Jacob Sonner, clashed with Cedarwood Engineering representatives Brian Suozzo and John Moffett as well as village clerk Jody Brown, over disputed charges related to wastewater treatment. The core discussion was centered on invoices for May and June that Lactalis claims contain unexplained and unjustified fees.

Sonner argued that Lactalis is being unfairly billed for additional charges without supporting evidence. One such fee, \$13,259.80, appeared on the June invoice (for May services), representing a large portion of the total \$63,468.66 bill. According to Sonner, the charges lack justification, especially considering that Lactalis is the only local entity billed based on the contents of its wastewater.

"The absence of any evidence in the invoices linking these additional charges to actual efflu-



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Lactalis, Delaware Street, Walton.

"Although Lactalis is willing to pay its fair share, what is in fact happening, is Lactalis is paying far more than its fair share - because, again, to remind everybody, Lactalis is the only user being billed based on the component parts of its effluent, and the only user, in fact, being billed these additional charges," Sonner stated.

Suozzo responded that additional charges were from the labor and testing required to handle Lactalis' effluent, which he characterized as having "a high organic concentration, high organic demand." Suozzo acknowledged, however, that no detailed breakdown of these charges had been provided to Lactalis. "No-

when there's attorneys involved," Village Clerk Jody Brown interjected.

The dispute deepened when Sonner raised concerns over the treatment of biochemical oxygen demand (BOD) in the invoices, pointing out a seeming impossibility: the June invoice billed Lactalis for 2,132 pounds of BOD per day, while the total BOD treated by the plant was listed as only 1,998 pounds per day.

"It's a logical impossibility," Sonner argued, noting that the village's own data suggests Lactalis is being charged for more than 100% of the total BOD treated by the plant.

Suozzo countered that the data came from certified lab results and that data cannot be changed, but admitted that sampling times might account for the discrepancy.

Sonner remained firm in his challenge: "It's logically impossible that you could submit a bill for greater than 100% of the BOD for a particular month."

Despite months of back-and-forth, the village has yet to provide additional evidence justifying the charges, Sonner continued, which left Lactalis questioning whether it is shouldering costs far beyond its actual share of the wastewater burden.

The hearing illustrated that there's an "inherent inaccuracy in the formula and the structure" of the way the village bills Lactalis, Sonner stated.

"And it's been revealed by the fact that we have an admission from Cedarwood and, by extension, the village, that Lactalis is being billed for an impossible amount of BOD greater than 100% of the total contribution. And by the way, if we can't trust the total contribution that they're

measuring, I don't know what we can trust," Sonner stated.

Lactalis has been billed for extra chemicals necessary for treating "product loss," extra sampling and extra manpower to deal with the product loss, or extra discharge coming from the plant into the wastewater treatment plant, Walton's attorney Nick Cortese of Coughlin & Gerhart said.

In calculating additional manpower hours, Cortese asked Suozzo to explain how the billing data was derived. One or two people, who are already working, "might be pulled off [an assigned task] to monitor the filters and the clarifiers to keep things in check." Suozzo explained, "but

negotiations have broken down for a variety of reasons. A solution, Sonner said, has to make sense for Lactalis and the village.

Concluding the hearing, both lawyers agreed that Cedarwood will provide supporting documentation for fees charged to the village of Walton and to Lactalis simultaneously, and once reviewed, Lactalis will respond in writing to the information provided.

"We don't want anybody to be surprised," Cortese said. "And they [Lactalis] have the right to mount whatever kind of argument or defense that they want to support what they believe the correct bill should be."

The dispute remains unre-



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Walton Mayor Ed Snow presided over an administrative hearing at a special meeting Tuesday, Sept. 10.

they are still working normally."

Cortese remarked that those costs probably should not be charged to Lactalis if the employees were already working.

Suozzo offered a resolution to some of the dispute by obtaining accurate data through the creation of a sampling station. A sampling station is something the village has been requesting for a period of time, Suozzo said.

Lactalis is striving for a solution, Sonner continued, but ne-

solved.

Related to the disputed charges is a Supreme Court lawsuit, an Article 78 proceeding, which is scheduled to be heard at the Delaware County Courthouse Sept. 20. Lactalis is requesting the court order the village of Walton to invalidate and void a proposed wastewater treatment agreement, annul the industrial user permit and prevent the village from enforcing either as an abuse of discretion.



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Cedarwood Engineering's John Moffett and Brian Suozzo, with Walton Public Works Supervisor Ernest "Butch" Smith, at an administrative hearing Sept. 10.

ent being sent by Lactalis to the wastewater treatment plant is a problem," Sonner stated, referencing studies suggesting that up to 50% of the wastewater processed by the plant comes from inflow and infiltration issues — or water seeping and leaking into the wastewater system - water that should not require treatment.

body's asked for it until we got these letters," Suozzo said, referring to the formal requests for review.

The letters, Sonner said, were requests for review of invoices - disputed invoices - from more than two months ago that the village has not responded to.

"Well that's kind of difficult when there's a lawsuit pending,

Delhi: Franklin Street speeding causes concern

By Elizabeth DeFalco

DELHI - Delhi trustees heard complaints and concerns of excessive speeding on Franklin Street during a meeting held Sept. 17.

Franklin Street residents submitted a letter expressing their concerns over constant, excessive speeding on the Franklin Street entrance to the village. Anna Kellam said she will not allow her children to walk into the village due to speeding drivers, sight-distance, and lack of sidewalks.

The speed limit on Franklin Street is 25 m.p.h. far beyond the Edgerton Street intersection signs, past Reservoir Park.

Police Officer Tiffany Crozier took a traffic count on Franklin Street earlier in September and counted over 100 cars throughout the day, Mayor Jeff Gearhart said. After reviewing the data, Gearhart said he did not notice "a lot of excessive speeding."

There is no specific time of day when cars are speeding more than usual, Kellam said. The village speed limit was reduced from 30 to 25 m.p.h. on all streets to address the speed issue. New speed limit signs have been installed throughout the village.

Trustees are also waiting for a digital speed monitor and suggested putting it at the top of Franklin Street to collect more data.

"Sometimes just having that sign flashing at you does slow down traffic," Trustee Janet Tweed said.

There are sidewalks going up Franklin Street, but they do not extend past the intersection of Edgerton Street, and pedestrians must cross the street in a blind spot to reach the sidewalk across the street at the intersection of Woolerton Street, Tweed said.

There are remnants of a sidewalk after the sharp turn on Franklin Street, Tweed said, but the walkway is not in good condition.

Tweed asked if pedestrians could be urged to use Edgerton and Cherry Hill streets to avoid walking the sharp Franklin Street turn. Gearhart has recently received multiple complaints of speeding on Cherry Hill Street too, he said, and driving in the wrong direction on the one-way street.

It is not possible to extend sidewalks on Franklin Street much beyond the intersection of Edgerton Street because the road narrows, Gearhart explained.

Residents suggested speed bumps and crosswalks as possible solutions.

A crosswalk between the sidewalks is not possible as drivers and pedestrians would not have a clear line of sight, Trustee Ian Lamont said. There is also no point when the two sidewalks are parallel to each other, he said.

Lamont, while acknowledging the idea may be "crazy," suggested putting a two-way stop on Franklin Street at the Edgerton Street intersection, forcing driv-



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Residents of Franklin Street complained of speeding cars when entering the village,

ers to stop, and those driving into the village to slowly navigate the sharp turn ahead of them.

The village would need to heavily advertise the new stop signs, and alert drivers coming into the village of the stop sign with roadside signs and painted signs on the street, Tweed said. A brand-new stop sign in a location with poor visibility may create

more accidents, she said.

Tweed proposed establishing Cherry Hill Street as a shared-route road with a designated walking route, as it is already a one-way street.

Trustees agreed to continue working on a solution to the speeding issue.

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Andes: Habitual speeders stress hamlet residents

By Elizabeth DeFalco

ANDES - Following a lengthy conversation about unsafe conditions created by illegal parking in the hamlet of Andes, Delaware Avenue resident DeDe Shelton followed up on her request for town council members to take efforts to reduce speeding, on Tuesday, Sept. 9.

During a meeting in April, Shelton complained of consistent speeding and requested the town consider placing four speed monitoring signs on the four roadways that enter into the hamlet.

The speed limit in the ham-

a speeding driver attempted to pass another speed-limit-abiding driver on Delaware Avenue in front of the school building. The Andes Pool is also adjacent to the school, and is heavily used during the summer.

"That's ridiculous that we put up with that," Andrews said.

While Shelton's suggestion months ago was to install a digital speed monitoring sign that will flash at speeding motorists when passing, police presence is crucial, she said.

Years ago, there was a consistent police presence on Delaware Avenue near Shelton's house, constantly catching speeding



file photo

Andes resident DeDe Shelton, pictured in front of her home on Delaware Avenue near Andes Central School, with a lawn sign once posted in her yard to urge speeding cars to slow down.

let is 30 miles per hour, though Shelton and other residents say vehicles are traveling upwards of 50 to 70 miles per hour when entering or exiting the hamlet.

"Rarely are they ever doing 30 [miles per hour]," a Main Street resident said. Some vehicles she is now able to recognize, as they are consistently speeding each time they pass her house, she said.

Since she last spoke to council members, Shelton said a speeding truck nearly crashed into her house before the driver was able to regain control of the vehicle - for the second time.

Shelton lives only a few buildings away from Andes Central School, where young children cross the street daily to and from school, she said. The speeding vehicles also put Andes Central School students at risk, she said.

Resident Jim Andrews agreed, citing a recent instance where

drivers, Shelton said. Over the last few years, police presence in Andes has dwindled, and no one is able to enforce the speed limit and deter habitual speeders.

Supervisor Wayland "Bud" Gladstone contacted the O'Connor Foundation about possible grant funding to purchase at least two digital speed monitors, he said, and awaits a response.

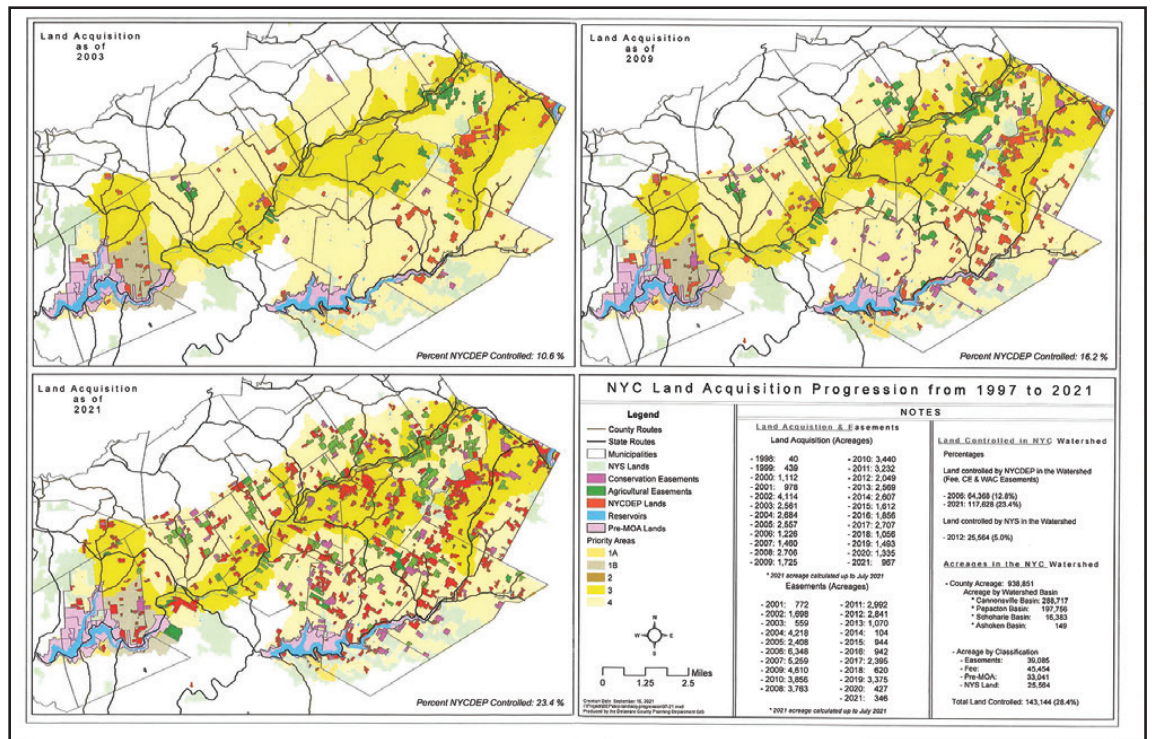
"We'll get it done," Gladstone assured.

"I know you will," Shelton said. Also discussed:

- In August, Code Enforcement Officer Al Mohr issued nine permits, completed one building permit renewal and five municipal searches, issued three violations, heard three complaints, received 73 calls, 98 emails, held seven office meetings, and completed 35 inspections, among other duties.

Sidney council...

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The progression of land acquisition from 2003 to present. Between City fee title purchases and easements, New York state lands, Watershed Agricultural Council easements and municipal lands, nearly 30% of the land area in the New York City Watershed in Delaware County is controlled by government entities.

economy and the detrimental effect it would have on the county. Watershed Affairs has submitted comments to DEC on the devastating effect of land acquisition on the county requesting the city's land acquisition program end or be modified.

Land acquisition has made housing costs more expensive and unattainable for local people, with land and housing purchasing competition coming from both DEP and out of area

residents and businesses purchasing property for short term rentals.

Councilmember Dave Post questioned the Mason Report, which concluded that New York City buying land and development rights was not the best use of city funding and environmental restoration and limiting economic activity on city-owned land would be the best use of city resources in the filtration avoidance permit. The report encour-

ages the city to no longer allow city-owned agricultural land in farm production but to turn it back to wilderness.

Carbone said his office has worked with Watershed Agricultural Council and Delaware County Farm Bureau to address these issues with DEP, which agreed that city-owned farmland could continue to be used for agricultural production.

Andes: Annoyed by excessive noise

Over \$1 million in road damage from Tropical Storm Debby

By Elizabeth DeFalco

ANDES - Andes council members heard requests from hamlet residents to develop and adopt a noise ordinance due to late-night parties at bars and restaurants hampering their quality of life, they said, during a meeting Tuesday, Sept. 9. Council members also heard updates on the extensive infrastructure damage following Tropical Storm Debby from Highway Superintendent John Bouton.

Main Street residents Jim Andrews and Karen Bornarth both live near two restaurants with bars open late in Andes; Bornarth lives near the Andes Hotel at 110 Main Street, and Andrews lives near Dana's Place, 103 Main Street. Both agree they are in full support of the businesses, the business owners, and their successes, but are bothered by loud music playing and drunk people yelling after midnight.

The Andes Hotel, for example, hosted a dance party Sept. 14 that was advertised to continue until 1 a.m., Bornarth said.

"While I absolutely want our small businesses to thrive, I don't believe that their success should come at the cost of our quality of life," Bornarth said.

A noise ordinance would not prevent businesses from hosting live music or events, but set guidelines on when and how loud the noise can be, she said.

The village of Andes once had an enforceable noise ordinance in the village's zoning laws, council members said, but the ordinance dissolved with the village in 2002. The town and hamlet currently do not have a noise ordinance.

"Without them, we're left relying on the goodwill of business owners to decide what's acceptable," Bornarth continued. "Without these regulations, we as residents are essentially second-class citizens with our comfort and quality of life taking a back seat to commercial interests."

The noise issue is not an occasional disturbance, Bornarth said, as she is dealing with loud music four nights a week and every weekend.

Hamlet resident Jim Andrews echoed Bornarth, sharing his own frustrations with loud music, loud "appalling" conversation, and people fighting at Da-

na's Place late at night. The noise from the bar and restaurant is so loud, even with his doors and windows closed, he now chooses to leave his home and stay elsewhere on Saturday nights, he said.

cal Storm Debby, Andes highway department crew members have worked to repair extensive road and infrastructure damage caused by major flooding. Highway Superintendent John Bouton said.



photo contributed by Andes Highway Department

Two retaining walls failed on Beech Hill Road, Andes, following Tropical Storm Debby Aug. 9 and 10.

"I just don't think that's right," Andrews said.

Bornarth requested council members expedite the development and adoption of a noise ordinance, and invite business owners and residents both to be involved in the process.

Andes Planning Board members are in the process of re-writing and developing town zoning laws, including a noise ordinance, Supervisor Wayland "Bud" Gladstone said. At residents' request, Gladstone agreed to send copies of regulations to all residents prior to adoption and ensure they are available on the town's website.

"We hear you, we'll see where we can go with some of this," Gladstone said.

"I'll check back in a month," Bornarth responded.

Also discussed:
• Following an intense storm Aug. 9 and 10, remnants of Tropi-

"We are still working on repairs, and probably will be for the next month," Bouton said.

All town roads were damaged in some capacity, Bouton said, ranging from minor damages to major wall failures.

Two major retaining walls failed on Beech Hill Road, Bouton said. Delaware Bulldozing of Bovina Center is working to repair the damages on Beech Hill Road in addition to repairs on sections of Felton Road.

Old Gladstone Hollow Road was also seriously damaged by a failed retaining wall above the roadway, and a damaged culvert at the lower section of the road that destroyed it, Bouton said.

There is still major damage on Lower Dingle Hill, Gambichler, and Doig Hollow roads, he said.

Bouton estimated the tropical storm caused well over \$1 million in damages.

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Diners, Drive-ins, and Dogs

Heart of the Catskills Humane Society hosts 22nd annual dog walk (Will use once confirmed) >

By Elizabeth DeFalco

DELHI - Dogs, cats, and their owners left with the flavor of fun in their mouths following the 22nd annual Woofs and Wags dog walk at the Heart of the Catskills Humane Society Saturday, Sept. 14. People, their pets, and sheltered animals were outfitted in food-themed attire - influenced by the popular television show hosted by Guy Fieri for the "Diners, Drive-ins, and Dogs" themed-event.

Each year, Heart of the Catskills fundraises with a \$20,000 goal for the event, Director Deb Crute said. Money raised by vendors, including the Flav-Fur-Town Kitchen and bake sale, and the



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Daisy took first place in the Heart of the Catskills' Diner Donut eating contest, Saturday, Sept. 14, scarfing down the donut in 27 seconds.



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Heart of the Catskills Humane Society volunteers Kelly Haas, Kristin Janke-Schneider, and Tricia Spickerman during the 22nd annual Woof and Wags dog walk Saturday, Sept. 14.



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Skipper, a bird dog, took second place in the Heart of the Catskills' Diner Donut eating contest, Saturday, Sept. 14.



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Mary Jane Wilkin, a member of Mastiff Rescue of Florida's team, and Leah get ready to enjoy the festivities at the Heart of the Catskills Woof and Wags dog walk Saturday, Sept. 14.

comes volunteers and donations, Crute said. Interested volunteers can contact Crute at 607-746-3080, or email info@heartofthecatskills.org Those interested in walking adoptable dogs should call ahead of time, Crute said.

The Heart of the Catskills Humane Society is open noon to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

The next Heart of the Catskills Humane Society event will be the Holiday for the Heart Tree Celebration and raffle in December, where 30 decorated trees will be raffled as a fundraiser.

For more information visit www.heartofthecatskills.org



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Brienne Martin, 5, gets her face painted at the Heart of the Catskills Humane Society's 22nd annual Woof and Wags dog walk Saturday, Sept. 14.

Beastie Boutique, is also donated to the shelter. Mail-in pledges will continue to be collected, Crute said, adding to the amount raised.

"Anything above and beyond that \$20,000 is icing on the cake, and we're so grateful."

Since the annual event began in 2001, Heart of the Catskills has met the \$20,000 goal nearly every year, Crute said.

Following the dog walk, pets and their owners participated in the Top Diner Dog costume contest, the Diner Donut eating contest, Coffee Run obstacle course, and Dog Dash agility course race.

This year's special guest, Suzanne Clothier, a recognized dog trainer and author, demonstrated

two relationship-centered training activities for owners to connect with their dogs; "Go Say Hi 1-2-3" helped owners learn how to teach their dogs good manners when greeting people, and "Really Real Relaxation" helped owners learn to teach their dogs how to truly relax almost anywhere.

Clothier's sessions were also beneficial for those who did not attend the event with their four-legged friends, Crute said. Many people choose to leave their pets at home as a busy event with other excited animals may not be best for them, she said.

"And not everyone's pets are well-behaved," she said, jokingly. The Heart of the Catskills wel-



Elizabeth DeFalco/The Reporter

Laurie Procida and her cat Dewey dove into this year's Woof and Wags dog walk theme Diners, Drive-ins, and Dogs. Procida and Dewey are one of the only cat-and-owner duo who attend the annual event, Procida said.

Weather Words with Frank Ward

Lots of dry weather

"Last Thursday, Sept. 12, we hit 78 degrees. We had a beautiful night at 54, and since then it has been nothing but beautiful weather outside. We've had 78, 82, 81, 79 and Tuesday it was 80. Nighttime temperatures have been pleasant to sleep, except there's been no rain. It looks like the end part of July or the early part of August.

I know where every rock is. I know the slopes are turning yellow. I know that things don't look right, because we seriously need some rain, and we haven't gotten any. In the near future, there's none in the forecast.

Wednesday, Sept. 18 it started at 45. We got to 80 again, and for the next five to six days, there's nothing but sunshine. The only thing that will happen over the next six days is toward the end of it, we might return to normal, be-



file photo

Walton Weather Observer Frank Ward

lieve it or not, at this time of the year, our high is supposed to be 68 with nighttime temperatures in the upper 40s.

So all of these warm weather days really are an incredible end to the summer, which actually will be ending next week. So lets hope we get some rain in

there, because, you know, now you have to worry about lighting a fire or throwing a cigarette out the window or whatever, because you know what, it's getting dry out there. So lets hope, even though we had a very wet summer and we now have a very dry September, that we actually get the rain that we need. Trees are dropping leaves like crazy. We have some that have no leaves left already. I don't know what kind of fall we're going to have. It's looking like it might actually be an ugly fall. We'll have to wait and see.

Enjoy the weather while you have it, because somewhere along the line, Mother Nature gets even; so enjoy all the nice weather for the next six days, and then we'll see what Mother Nature gives us. Have a real good one." ~ Frank Ward



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From left, siblings Emma, Amelia, Caleb, and their dog Buddy, adopted from the Heart of the Catskills Humane Society in June, pose together at the 22nd annual Woof and Wags dog walk Saturday, Sept. 14.

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Delhi trustees approve temporary Cross St. closure Sept. 22



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Cross Street will be temporarily closed Sept. 22 from 1 - 6 p.m., for a block party.

By Elizabeth DeFalco

DELHI - During a meeting Sept. 17, Delhi trustees approved the temporary closure of Cross Street for a Sept. 22 block party hosted by the First Presbyterian Church of Delhi.

Pastor James Tyrrell of the First Presbyterian Church of Delhi sought approval to close Cross Street from 1 - 6 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 22, for a block party. The party is planned from 2 - 5 p.m., Maxwell said, but the hour buffer before and after will allow for safe set up and tear down of the day's activities.

Tyrrell presented a petition signed by all Cross Street residents giving their approval of the temporary road closure and block party.

"If I was a trustee, one of the things I'd want to know is if the neighbors knew and thought it was okay," Tyrrell said. "And the answer is yes."

To further ensure all Cross Street residents are aware of the planned block party, Tyrrell will hang door hangers containing details of the planned event, he said.

Hobart Rotary Meet & Greet Sept. 19

The Hobart Rotary Club will host a Meet & Greet Thursday, Sept. 19 at 6 p.m. (doors open at 5:30) at the Hobart Community Center, 80 Cornell Avenue.

Neighbors in Hobart and surrounding communities are invited. Members will share information and answer questions about who they are and why they love being a part of the Rotary mission. Light refreshments will be served.

The club also hosts a free Thanksgiving dinner for the village (Mallinckrodt donates the turkeys), a pancake breakfast, a celebratory grill party for gradu-

Because the village does not have a formal block party or special event permit in place, trustees do not have to formally approve the request, Mayor Jeff Gearhart said, though it is appreciated to be aware of the event so village police can plan accordingly, he added.

The only concern trustees expressed was about emergency vehicle access. Tyrrell assured trustees the activities, including games, a bounce house, and live music, will be held on Cross Street side lawns.

Grilling will be done in a resident's driveway, he added, and emergency vehicles will have no issues with access.

Village police will provide traffic cones or barriers to post during the road closure.

"Communities are losing contact with each other," Tyrrell said.

The block party is meant to encourage neighbors get to know one another and build a stronger sense of community, he said. Several block parties requests have been presented to trustees this year, Gearhart said. "Having that kind of activity in the village is encouraging."

ating seniors; delivers holiday fruit baskets to homebound seniors; beautifies the village with flower baskets and highway cleanup; and sponsors the backpack program that feeds hungry children along with many beneficial programs for health, environment, and education such as mental health initiatives, plastics reduction, children's summer reading, youth leadership training and student exchange.

More information about Rotary can be found at HobartRotary.com. RSVP at membership@hobartrotary.com

Andes: Parking problems peeve residents

Over 60 parking tickets issued on Community Day

By Elizabeth DeFalco

ANDES - Following a chaotic weekend in Andes in July, residents committed to resolving the problem of illegal parking and blocked driveways on state Route 28 - Andes' Main Street - reiterated their frustrations during a Sept. 9 meeting.

A large-scale event in July at Wayside Cider drew in approximately 1,500 visitors, which led to residents policing their driveways to ensure no one parked or blocked them when trying to park for the event.

Lisa Marasa, a member of an informal parking committee formed by town residents following the July meeting, recommended the town clerk's office produce uniform signs for residents to purchase for a small fee and post on their lawns to prevent people from blocking their driveways or leaving bags of dog waste on their property.

"But to me, it's so much more than that," Marasa said.

Andes has drastically changed within the last 10 years, Marasa said, with more businesses, second homeowners and weekenders, short-term rental properties, and businesses hosting large events.

"So now we have all these issues," Marasa said. "We're talking about a substantial amount of traffic that's coming through the town every weekend or when someone has an event."

On Community Day held Aug. 10, over 60 illegally parked vehicles were ticketed by the Delaware County Sheriff's Office, she said.

Not only are vehicles blocking driveways, she said, but motorists are illegally parking in the only handicap accessible spot on Main Street, and blocking fire hydrants and crosswalks.

Many of the fire hydrants in Andes are set back from the roadway and closer to residences, Marasa explained; if a property is not well-kept, it's easy for grass or weeds to grow and "hide" the hydrant. To resolve the issue, Marasa proposed the town designate fire lanes to prohibit parking.

"Having those fire lanes is key," Marasa said. "It's all about safety."

After speaking with fire department members at their monthly meeting, Marasa said members agree - the parking situation has created a safety issue.

"We want to be proactive, not reactive," Marasa said. "Reactive is [the fire department's job], proactive is ours."

The single handicap accessible parking spot is also not in a good, central location, Marasa said. The parking spot is near Dragonfly 55 at 55 Main Street, and is constantly blocked by delivery trucks delivering to the cafe, the Andes Diner, and other businesses, she said.

The handicap accessible parking spot was installed for a specific resident and is located in front of their property, council members clarified.

Regardless, Marasa suggested additional accessible parking spaces are necessary and should be located in front of the Andes Hotel or Sounds Good Music

available to purchase a parcel to create one, Gladstone said.

If agreeable, organizations like the fire department or churches with large parking lots could open their parking lots to the public during large events, and fundraise by charging donations for parking, residents said.

Travis Balcom of TAB Construction has previously offered his parking lot at 27905 state Route 28 - the former Catskill Harvest building - for parking during large events.

While Gladstone agreed that is a viable option, organizations will have to dedicate volunteers to manage parking and collect donations, he said. When the ground is muddy, those organizations and landowners will have to manage stuck cars and



Elizabeth DeFalco/The Reporter

Andes resident Lisa Marasa, standing, reiterated frustrations over illegal parking creating unsafe conditions for pedestrians on Main Street, during a Sept. 9 meeting.

House, closer to all businesses on Main Street.

The town should develop an event permit application that businesses must submit and receive before holding a large event that exceeds their capacity, residents said.

"We don't want to take away from the businesses, but we have to make adjustments for that," Marasa said. "And those adjustments are having designated parking, having the fire zones, and having these events have permission by getting a permit."

"I understand where you're coming from," Supervisor Wayland "Bud" Gladstone said to residents. "You've presented a problem which is a problem we've known about for a long time with limitations on how to correct it."

Painting parking lines and designating fire lanes may, in turn, create a larger problem, Gladstone said.

The town does not have many options to resolve the parking issue. There are no open, town-owned spaces available to convert into a parking lot, and no money

damage to their lawns or lots, he added.

Lots at the fire department and TAB Construction are too far outside of the hamlet for people to walk, Gladstone said, so a plan would need to be developed to shuttle people to and from their vehicles.

"And I don't think it's the town's responsibility to do it either, to be truthful about it. Nor can the town afford to do it."

Highway Superintendent John Bouton agreed he will reach out to the state Department of Transportation (DOT) about sending an engineer to walk Main Street and make recommendations on whether parking lines should be painted, where crosswalks should be located, signage should be posted, and more. Marasa will join Bouton and DOT representatives for the walk through.

Parking committee members will present additional potential solutions at the October meeting inspired by other towns dealing with parking problems, like Delhi, Marasa said.

Road work tops Stamford agenda

Highway dept. seeks to fill vacancy

By Duane Martin

STAMFORD - Stamford council members addressed road issues at their Sept. 11 meeting. Deputy Highway Superintendent Kevin Rhinehart briefed the council, reporting the John Deere tractor and side boom mower have been fixed, and that town crews were working with other towns as part of a shared services agreement helping oil and stone roads. The highway crew sandblasted and painted the town's trucks and hauled stone for winter mix. He also reported no one had applied for the available town highway position.

Rhinehart asked council members to budget more money for culvert piping. He reported three large pipes (5 to 7 feet in diameter and over 10 feet long) were needed on Decker Road, Turkey Hollow Road and a 60-foot culvert pipe on Foote Hollow Road is needed. Permits from the DEC (New York State Department of Environmental Conservation) are needed and a buffer zone will be rebuilt. Estimated costs range from \$40,000 to \$75,000 to replace all three pipes.

Council members agreed to advertise more expansively for a new employee and discussed having a seasonal driver during

winter plowing months. Council members discussed with Rhinehart about replacing the backhoe with a small excavator. No action was taken on this issue.

Town Clerk Ruthanne VanBuren announced the Delaware County's Comprehensive Plan survey is available at the clerk's office. It is for all Delaware County residents, business owners, and farmers, she said. The three-page questionnaire asks 12 questions, some specific for the town and some for the overall county, on what local residents would like to see for economic development and problems that need to be addressed for economic development. Last month, Supervisor John Kosier completed the questionnaire and shared it with council members.

Kosier reported the county Department of Public Works received the new truck ordered in 2022. He also reported Headwaters EMS has received its certificate of need, so the town did not have to renew its certificate. In the coming months, Headwaters EMS will take over all billing for calls in the town, and the town can close that account out.

In other business:

- Council members appointed John Rice to another three-year term on the assessment review board.

- Council members held an executive session with Attorney Nicholas Frandsen to discuss an employee and a legal matter. No action was taken.

The next board meeting is Wednesday, Oct. 9.

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Stitched Stories

DCHA to host quilt show Sept. 21-29

By Lillian Browne

DELHI -The Delaware County Historical Association will host the intricate and storied works of the Delaware County Town and Country Quilters at an annual quilt show - Quilts Along the River - Sept. 21 through 29. With approximately 48 quilts and 17 to 20 small wall hangings, this year's event promises to display not just fabric but the artistry, dedication, and history stitched into every piece. For two of the group's long-standing members, Rebecca "Becky" Wasserstrom and Eloise Henault, quilting is much more than a hobby.

The quilting group has a deep rooted history. First meeting at members' homes beginning in 1973-74, the group formalized and began meeting at the Delaware County Historical Association and called themselves the Delaware County Historical Quilters, Wasserstrom said. As

a pattern by a custom designer in the United Kingdom.

Though Adams is not a group member, the quilt is a masterpiece - the likes of which most people may never see, Wasserstrom said.

The quilt is more than an assembly of fabric, Wasserstrom said; "It's like an oil portrait," thanks to its complex use of fabric shades and intricate paper piecing — a technique where fabric is sewn onto paper templates to create detailed designs.

"You don't see paper piecing like this every day," Wasserstrom explained. "It's a meticulous process. Beth took fabric from a 1895 Hoffman collection and sewed together what feels like a million tiny pieces. It's all machine-stitched because doing it by hand would take a lifetime," she said.

The quilt was later finished by Katie Rosa of Margaretville, a local machine quilter, who added another layer of precision to the art.

"I have a love affair with quilts," she said.

She does not have a favorite quilt, she said, and she loves anything that is hand-pieced; but she does have a favorite color palette - autumn colors. A quilt she loves is one she made called a "Quilt of Many Colors." The quilt remains in her collection, she said, and will eventually be handed down to her grandchildren. Started in 2018, the quilt took her many years to make, she explained. She has approximately 12 quilts in her collection, Wasserstrom shared. She has a fondness, she said, for batik fabric, which uses a wax to prevent dye from infiltrating fabric fiber to create a pattern.

Wasserstrom will display her batik quilt in shades of purple at the show, which will eventually be handed down to a grandchild, she said. The quilt is utilitarian, queen-size and meant to be used.

Message Quilts

For group member Eloise



Lillian Browne/The Reporter

One of Henault's many message quilts, which are designed with coded messages that use images that correspond with letters.

jumpers and tumbling block quilts. But currently, she said, she is focused on message quilts. She attends the group, she said, because it's fun to see what others are working on and everyone

is encouraging.

Hands-On Quilting Activities

During the exhibit there will be hands-on activities for attendees. Henault will provide both materials and patterns for attendees to create mini-projects and will demonstrate facets of quilt-making. It's important, she said, to make quilting accessible to everyone, including beginners, and hopes to do that with small projects - like squares which can be used as coasters or small trinket boxes made of fabric.

The group is welcoming, Henault and Wasserstrom said, and members have a variety of skills and are working on a variety of projects. Everyone is welcome to join.

The Delaware County Historical Association Quilt Show will run Sept. 21 - 29. Admission fees and raffle ticket sales will benefit the Delaware County Historical Association. Visitors will have the opportunity to view dozens of quilts, meet local quilters, and learn about the craft through demonstrations and talks.

A program feature includes a Boutique with Bloom: Fabric, Art & Retreat table.

Admission is \$5.

For additional information including location visit dcha-ny.org and click on the calendar.



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Wasserstrom displays the group's Double Irish Chain quilt, which will be raffled as a fundraiser.

the group grew it eventually relocated its meetings to St. John's Episcopal Church in Delhi where it now meets twice a month and changed their name to the Delaware County Town and Country Quilters. They meet the first and third Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and welcome new members. Dues are \$20 per year.

Paper Pieced Project

This year, Wasserstrom said, the group is thrilled to showcase some truly special pieces, including "Hunter's Moon" quilt, created by Beth Adams.

The quilt is a pieced quilt, made as a gift for Adams' Russell Terrier breeder. Depicted on the quilt are four dogs - Colin and his daughter Gem, who both live with Adams, and two of Gem's daughters, Sissy and Smidge. This is Adams' third paper pieced project, which was created using reference photos transferred into

Raffle Quilt

Another key showpiece is the group's raffle quilt — a Double Irish Chain quilt — a traditional design made up of alternating light and dark fabrics.

"It took almost a year to complete," Wasserstrom said, reflecting on the group effort behind the piece. "We started after our last show and worked steadily," she explained.

Group members will start another quilt to be raffled as a fundraiser in next year's show, she said.

A Love Affair with Quilting

Wasserstrom learned to quilt at the hand of a neighbor when Wasserstrom's children were young and she was a stay-at-home farm wife. As her children grew and she went to work off farm, she temporarily gave up her hobby, but return to it once she retired in 2006, she said.



Lillian Browne/The Reporter

The Hunter's Moon quilt, a paper pieced project by Beth Adams, will be on display at the annual show at the Delaware County Historical Association Sept. 21 - 29.

Henault, quilting is more than a pastime. It's a blend of creativity and practicality, honed during her years as a children's librarian at the Cannon Free Library in Delhi.

"I love making message quilts," she said with a smile. "They're like puzzles, with hidden meanings woven into the fabric. I used to make them for the kids at the library. They loved finding the secret messages in the designs."

Henault began quilting later in life, after she retired from the library. But her love for fabric was there all along, starting with a necktie business she once ran. Now, 12 years later, Henault's quilts — particularly her message quilts — are a signature part of the group display. Her pieces often feature pictures that depict a letter (the letter the object in the picture begins with) and provides a visual and intellectual challenge for viewers. For example, a square might depict an owl and correspond letter "O." Kids and adults enjoy puzzling out the coded messages, Henault said.

Reasons for Quilting

Quilting is a tradition that goes back generations.

"It's about keeping that history alive," Wasserstrom said.

The group is also committed to giving back to the community. They have made baby quilts for an outreach project in a neighboring county, nursing home residents and for cancer patients undergoing treatments to provide them with a sense of comfort in addition to warmth.

Wasserstrom quilts, she says, because it allows her to explore creatively. It's also relaxing, she said.

"And it's fun to see the different patterns that come out from using lights and mediums and darks."

"What I like about quilting is that whatever you do is okay," Henault said. You can't "be wrong" in quilting, she said. Her interest in projects has varied, she explained, starting with

Aerial View of Community Spirit



Elizabeth DeFalco/The Reporter

Ed Chytalo donated a framed, aerial photo of High and Court streets of the annual Soapbox Derby held July 29 to Delhi trustees Sept. 17. The photo captured hundreds of people gathered at the bottom of the hill, Chytalo said, and 50 - 60 people at the top of the hill. The photo will be displayed in the hallway at Delhi Village Hall.



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Sidney Police Department

• **Alan E. Moore**, 42, Sidney, was arrested Sept. 9 and charged with third-degree aggravated unlicensed operation.

• **Justin T. Baker**, 36, Sidney, was arrested Sept. 7 and charged with third-degree grand larceny.

• **Zebulun Biggs**, 34, Sidney, was arrested Sept. 9 on a Sidney Village Court warrant for failure to appear.

• **Ondria E. Northrop**, 53, Sidney, was arrested Sept. 9 and charged with seventh-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance and first-degree criminal nuisance.

• **Jason E. Demilio**, 44, New Berlin, was arrested Sept. 10 and charged with third-degree aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

• **Dorothy Rendo**, 76, Unadilla, was arrested Sept. 10 and charged with third-degree aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

• **Cody J. Poss**, 32, Sidney, was arrested Sept. 10 on a Sidney Village Court warrant for failure to appear.

• **Toby L. Jones**, 51, Sidney, was arrested Sept. 11 and charged with third-degree aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

Delaware County Sheriff's Office

• **Ronnie A. Hernandez**, 36, Delhi, was arrested Sept. 5 on a fugitive from justice warrant from Pennsylvania. Hernandez was being held as an inmate at the Delaware County Jail at the time of his arrest. Hernandez continues to be held awaiting extradition.

• **Alyssa F. Jones**, 23, Bainbridge, was arrested Sept. 10 and charged with first-degree promoting prison contraband, accused of having a knife in her possession during a search at the Delaware County Jail during centralized arraignment. Jones was released on recognizance to answer the charge on Delhi Town Court.

• **Brent Davis**, 25, Mount Vernon, was arrested Sept. 15 and charged with operating a vehicle with suspended registration, operating without insurance, improper/switched plates and unregistered motor vehicle. Davis was issued

traffic summonses to answer the charges in Delhi Town Court.

• **Thomas Amato**, 64, Stamford, was arrested Sept. 11 and charged with driving while intoxicated, failure to keep right and consumption of alcohol in a motor vehicle. Amato was issued an appearance ticket and traffic tickets to answer the charges in Harpersfield Town Court.

• **Jonathan R. Hynes**, 43, Stamford, was arrested on a Sept. 5 warrant charging second-degree assault in Worcester Town Court.

New York State Police

• **Austin L. Smith**, 20, Sidney Center, was arrested by Sidney State Police Sept. 11 and charged with second-degree rape. Smith was held for centralized arraignment.

• **James A. Kuhn**, 52, Deposit, was arrested by Deposit State Police Sept. 11 and charged with second-degree criminal contempt. Kuhn was held for centralized arraignment.

• **Robert A. Trago**, 60, Hancock, was arrested by Deposit State Police Sept. 4 and charged with attempted murder and third-degree criminal possession of a weapon. Trago was held for centralized arraignment. As part of the same incident **Avahahvah Krajewski**, 36, Hancock was arrested and charged with second-degree criminal possession of a loaded firearm. Krajewski was held for centralized arraignment.

• **Cynthia Terbush**, 62, Davenport, was arrested by Oneonta State Police Sept. 15 and charged with petit larceny. Terbush was issued an appearance ticket to answer the charge.

• **Peter James Bartolillo**, 35, Sidney, was arrested by Sidney State Police Sept. 16 and charged with driving while ability impaired by drugs. Bartolillo was issued an appearance ticket to answer the charge.

• **Alexander Gregory Griffin**, 36, Deposit, was arrested by Sidney State Police Sept. 10 and charged with aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and second-degree obstructing governmental administration. Griffin was released on recognizance to answer he charge in Sidney Village Court.

DELAWARE COUNTY COURT

Weapons cache, legal sparring, decreased bail in Hancock attempted murder case

By Lillian Browne

DELHI - Delhi Justice Mat Burkert presided over the felony hearing Wednesday, Sept. 11, listening to witness testimony and reviewing document evidence against **Robert K. Trago**, age 60, of Hancock, who was arrested Sept. 4 and charged with second-degree attempted murder and third-degree criminal possession of a weapon, accused of attempting to kill his state Route 268 neighbor Justin Hadley, by discharging a firearm in Hadley's direction, striking Hadley in the arm.

A legal battle unfolded between Assistant District Attorney Denise Kerrigan and Public Defender Joseph Ermeti at the felony hearing over witness testimony from New York State Police Investigator Phillip Bambino, document evidence, and sharp arguments from both sides.

Kerrigan and Ermeti represented their respective positions for 21 minutes before Burkert ruled there was sufficient evidence to hold Trago in jail, at a reduced bail from his initial appearance, for grand jury proceedings.

At the heart of the case: a raid at Trago's residence that yielded a trove of firearms.

Prosecution's Case: Firearms cache and operability questions

Kerrigan's witness, Bambino, testified about entering Trago's residence after a search warrant was issued. Bambino recounted the discovery of a large gun safe containing approximately 25 long guns and three handguns, including a Colt Series 80 .45 caliber, a Frontier Scout .22 caliber, and a Ruger .357 caliber revolver.

However, under cross examination by Ermeti, Bambino tes-

tified that document evidence completed by the state police forensic investigation team, revealed that two of the three handguns were deemed inoperable, according to operability certificates submitted by the prosecution.

Ermeti pressed Bambino on his lack of direct knowledge about who owned the firearms, raising doubt over whether Trago could be definitively linked to the handguns. Bambino testified he did not ask Trago, or anyone else, whether they owned the pistols.

"You don't know who owns the three pistols in controversy, do you?" Ermeti asked Bambino. "No," Bambino responded.

"Can we agree it's not against the law to have 20 long rifles in one's possession?" Ermeti further asked.

Bambino answered that it depended on the circumstances, but added he did not find "any illegal" long guns in the safe. Nor did he know whether any fingerprints or DNA been collected from the weapons, Bambino testified.

Legal Sparring: Hearsay and firearm operability

Legal arguments revolved around hearsay rules and whether the evidence met the standard of reasonable cause to believe a felony had been committed.

Ermeti objected repeatedly to Kerrigan's attempts at eliciting hearsay evidence from Bambino about what other state troopers told him, including the ownership of the residence that was subject to a search warrant. Kerrigan maintained that a "fellow officer" rule exists where police can rely on statements made by their fellow officers to do their jobs.

"He [Bambino] believed the house to be Trago's," Kerrigan ar-

gued, and the information came from Bambino's senior investigator. "In all situations police officers rely on chain of command information," she said.

"She may think that, but that's not what the statute says," Ermeti stated.

Kerrigan maintained that hearsay is sufficiently reliable, claiming there are exceptions to the hearsay rule.

Ermeti also challenged the reliability of the firearm operability statements, pointing out inconsistencies. At one point, he argued that the paperwork indicated two guns were inoperable, undermining Bambino's testimony that all were functional. Kerrigan maintained that the evidence was sufficient. Burkert agreed, disputing Ermeti's interpretation of the document evidence by stating the court's interpretation that the document reflected the safety status of the guns, not their operability.

Bail Decision

While Trago had initially been held on \$100,000 attempted murder and criminal possession of a weapon charges, following centralized arraignment, Ermeti requested a reduction in bail to \$50,000, asserting the charges were "weakened" following the hearing, emphasizing that Trago was not a flight risk.

Kerrigan, however, urged the court to maintain the original bail, citing the gravity of the situation and the seriousness of the charges still pending.

"These are very serious charges, involving multiple police agencies and firearms," she said.

Burkert reduced Trago's bail to \$50,000 cash and scheduled an appearance for Sept. 24. Trago is being held at the Delaware County Jail.

Plea deal offered on Fleischmanns hate crime charge

By Lillian Browne

DELHI - Delaware County District Attorney Shawn Smith made an offer to settle a hate crime charge in Delaware County Court, Monday, Sept. 16.

The plea offer, a promised one-year interim probation sentence for **Joseph E. VanBlarcom**, 20, of Arkville, to a charge of second-degree aggravated harassment as

a hate crime, a felony, and if successful on probation, would be permitted to withdraw his guilty plea and instead plead guilty to second-degree aggravated harassment as a misdemeanor and be re-sentenced to three years of probation with credit for time served.

VanBlarcom was charged with second-degree aggravated harassment, accused of harassing, alarming or annoying another

person based upon VanBlarcom's perception of another person's religion, in the town of Middletown on July 29. VanBlarcom was indicted by the Delaware County Grand Jury Aug. 1. VanBlarcom pleaded not guilty to the charge Aug. 26.

VanBlarcom is at liberty on recognizance awaiting a further court appearance and possible plea scheduled for Oct. 7.

DA offers plea deal on weapon charge

By Lillian Browne

DELHI - Assistant District Attorney Schuyler Kinneman offered a plea deal to New Jersey resident **Antoine K. Laporte**, 39, in Delaware County Court, Monday, Sept. 16; which would dispose of a one-count indictment which charged Laporte with possessing a loaded firearm Nov. 1, 2023 in the town of Colchester.

The offer was neither accepted or declined by Public Defender Joseph Ermeti on Laporte's behalf, but Ermeti voiced a complaint that discovery material, potential evidence the district attorney's office plans to use to prove the criminal charge against Laporte - specifi-

cally body camera footage - was unable to be opened electronically.

More important, Ermeti continued, results of "DNA and fingerprint" evidence which was sent to a state police lab were not provided with discovery materials. Kinneman argued that his office is not required to turn the evidence over if it is not in his office's possession saying, "We have to disclose that we did tests. They are pending. We don't have the results."

In that case, Ermeti said, the certificate of compliance (a document which certifies that evidence against a defendant has been provided to the defense attorney and

that other pre-trial rules have been complied with) filed at the beginning of the proceeding cannot be valid.

"The people are not ready for trial," Ermeti contended. "The two most pivotal pieces of evidence are missing."

Kinneman stated that once the results are received his office will file a supplemental certificate of compliance.

Judge John Hubbard ruled that the district attorney's certificate of compliance is sufficient and allowed Ermeti two weeks to file an objection to his ruling.

Laporte is being held at the Delaware County Jail on \$25,000 bail, scheduled to return to court Oct. 7.

Downsville man pleads guilty to weapon possession in Sidney robbery

By Lillian Browne

DELHI - A Downsville man, **Harun A. Spence**, 45, pleaded guilty to a weapons charge in exchange for a negotiated prison sentence of no more than 7 years in prison to be followed by five years parole supervision, in Delaware County Court, Monday, Sept. 16.

Spence was charged with a seven count charging document accusing him of first-degree robbery, two counts of first-degree criminal use of a firearm, second-degree criminal possession of a weapon, fourth-degree grand larceny and second-degree men-

acing, alleging that Spence, while armed with a loaded firearm robbed a convenience store in the village of Sidney April 27.

Spence admitted to possessing a loaded firearm he believed to be operable on April 27 in the village of Sidney.

The plea deal is subject to change, with Spence's attorney Assistant Public Defender Andrew VanBuren given the opportunity to submit a written recommendation for a sentence following the receipt of a pre-sentence investigation report by the Delaware County Probation Department.

Judge John Hubbard explained to Spence that his attorney may

persuade the court to order a "lighter" sentence.

The deal will dispose of Delaware County charges only, District Attorney Shawn Smith explained; reporting that Spence is facing "shooter" charges in Otsego County.

"Whatever happens there is between the Otsego County DA and that court," Smith said.

Spence is being held without bail at the Delaware County Jail, awaiting sentencing scheduled for Dec. 9.

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Walton blaze linked to electric space heater displaces residents

By Lillian Browne

WALTON — A fire broke out late Monday, Sept. 16, at a home on Union Street, displacing two occupants. The fire, which was called in at 11:17 p.m., originated on the first floor and was caused by an electric space heater, Walton Fire Chief Bob Brown reported.

Firefighters arrived to find heavy smoke filling the home. The fire spread from the first floor into the walls, reaching the attic. The front windows of the room where the fire began blew out shortly after the department's arrival. The house sustained significant smoke and water damage, though Brown stated the structure is salvageable.

The two occupants were transported to Delaware Valley Hospital for evaluation due to smoke inhalation, Brown stated.

Walton Fire Department, assisted by Delhi, Franklin, and Trout Creek fire departments, battled the blaze, while Downs-ville was on standby for coverage. Walton EMS, Walton Police, and NYSEG were also on scene, with the American Red Cross providing aid to the displaced occupants.

Brown urges residents to follow space heater safety guidelines, including keeping heaters



photo from Walton Fire Dept. Facebook page

The home on Union Street, Walton.

away from flammable materials and ensuring smoke and carbon monoxide detectors are operational.

The fire department was back in service by 2:30 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 17. No injuries to firefighters were reported.

False gun threat causes stir at Sept. 13 Walton/Downsville, B-G football game

BAINBRIDGE — A tense moment unfolded at the Bainbridge-Guilford Bobcats' home football game against Walton/Downsville Friday night, Sept. 13, after a report surfaced that a student had allegedly made a remark about possessing a gun.

The incident occurred during the first half of the football game, when school administration was alerted to the claim. Officials swiftly located the student in question and escorted him outside the immediate game area, where staff remained with him until law enforcement arrived.

While rumors spread rapidly

both at the game and online, authorities confirmed there was no weapon present, and the student did not pose a threat.

According to Bainbridge-Guilford Superintendent Timothy Ryan, "...there was never a fight at the game and there was no gun. Also, in discussion with law enforcement, it was felt there was never a need to suspend or cancel the game or send everyone home."

The student, with his family, left the premises after meeting with police during the second half of the game.

"This situation has been and

will be taken very seriously," Ryan said in a letter to B-G parents. "The safety of our students and entire school community is our top priority."

Law enforcement stayed at the game until its conclusion, and district officials, along with law enforcement and the Bainbridge-Guilford Board of Education and District Threat Assessment Team continued to assess the situation over the weekend.

B-G school administration thanked the Walton community for their patience and understanding during the event.

Emergency assistance for homeowners impacted by remnants of Hurricane Debby

Governor Kathy Hochul announced Aug. 11 emergency assistance to support homeowners impacted by the remnants of Hurricane Debby. At her direction, New York Homes and Community Renewal is launching an emergency repair program for homeowners in Delaware and other counties impacted by the storm.

Additionally, staff from the New York State Department of Financial Services will be deployed to impacted communities to support residents and businesses with financial services questions. As these state-based resources are deployed, disaster recovery experts from the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services have begun working with their local counterparts to assess dam-

age statewide in order to determine the state's ability to request federal disaster relief resources from FEMA and the U.S. Small Business Administration.

Homeowners will be eligible for grants of up to \$50,000 to fund or reimburse certain qualifying health and safety related repairs to address damage caused by the storm that are not covered by insurance or other disaster relief programs. Applicants must be homeowners who occupy the home as a primary residence and total household income may not exceed 100% of the county area median income.

The program will be administered by local partners who will work directly with affected homeowners and assist them with insurance claims, the repair

and reconstruction process and reimbursement requests. Eligible homeowners interested in applying may inquire by visiting: forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=6rhs9AB5EE2M64Dowcge50PCUkzUgH1PsaPvj038hUBUNDRSU1JIMDg1RFZITjNLMFM0MEJFQZDSi4u&route=shorturl

Additionally, staff will be at resource centers to support residents and businesses with financial services questions, including insurance information regarding policy coverage for losses. Extended hours of the Disaster Hotline will provide similar support to those unable to visit a resource center. Impacted residents and businesses can call 800-339-1759.

OPINION LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Vote YES on Prop 1

In response to a recent letter from Walton in opposition to Prop 1, it seems to me the gentleman's issues are with the Dept. of Health and the Board of Education, not the Board of Elections' Equal Rights Amendment, or Prop 1. I think he's getting his BOEs confused. The purpose of Prop 1 is to protect everyone's Rights, including parents.

Vote YES on Prop 1
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CHAIR

What's good for the goose...

The brouhaha over questionable allegations by J.D. Vance and Donald Trump that Haitian immigrants in Springfield, Ohio are chowing down on wild geese from the city's parks brought back memories of the Great Van Cortlandt Park Goose Hunt in the 1990s.

The New York City Parks Department was vexed over a growing Canada goose population leaving prodigious portions of poop on that Bronx park's playing fields. One city functionary came up with the bright idea of rounding up the birds for slaughter and shipping them to Delaware County where, he presumed, senior citizens would be delighted to have them on their dinner tables.

Delaware Opportunities accepted the donation on behalf of its senior meals program but, ac-

ording to one former D.O. worker, the plan didn't go over well at all. "Some national goose welfare group got wind of the plan and raised heck," she recalled, adding, "I don't think any of the meat was ever eaten."

That got me thinking. If I had been the recipient of the city's largesse, how might my goose have been cooked?"

I googled Haitian goose recipes and found references to a Caribbean dish called kalalou, which can use any kind of poultry, but a website aimed at goose hunting beginners suggested cutting the breast into chunks and wrapping them with bacon.

In fact, bacon-wrapping seems to be suggested for lots of wild game.

That brings me to another memory. In the 1970s a friend from Margaretville, Jim Beers, ventured to Canada to hunt for moose. He returned with enough meat to share with everyone he knew. My wife and I had no idea how to prepare the stew meat he bestowed on us, but she was well enough acquainted with the great James Beard to call him for a recipe idea.

Without hesitation, he said, "Use Lyndon Johnson's recipe for fish." He told her to get a cedar plank and rub it with a variety of herbs and spices, then nail the meat to the board and put it in a low oven for several days. "Then," he advised, "throw away the meat and eat the board."

RICHARD STEIN
DELHI

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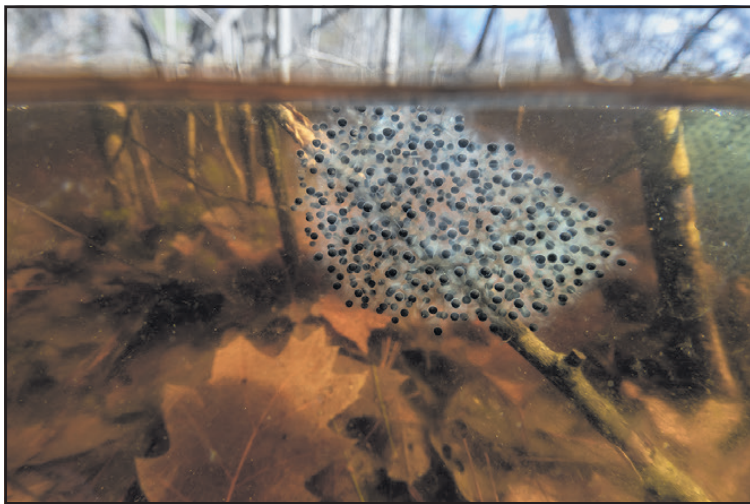
DelCo opposes proposed state wetland reg changes

By Lillian Browne

DELHI - Just shy of the Sept. 19 deadline for submitting public comment on proposed state regulation changes to wetlands, Delaware County Planning committee members approved detailed comments opposing rule changes, at a Tuesday, Sept. 17 meeting.

New York regulations for freshwater wetlands, governed by the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) under the Freshwater Wetlands Act were designed to protect and manage freshwater wetlands that are 12.4 acres or larger or those of unusual local importance.

Key provisions of the proposed



Wood frog egg mass in a vernal pool.

around vernal pools - small seasonal wetlands. As an example, the comments continue - a 20

untary but noted the potential to adversely impact adjacent property owners if one opts into the program, it could affect land use with restrictions on things like septic systems on the neighboring property.

Carbone also voiced concerns about wetlands of "unusual importance," which have no size limit and only need to meet one of 11 state criteria to be regulated. He warned that even small wetlands in floodplains could become restricted, citing that the list includes 800 protected plant and animal species. From a forestry perspective, Carbone argued that the regulations could hinder routine activities such as road building, which often involves altering drainage. Under the proposed regulations, Carbone said, "You're going to have to get wetland permits to build a road."

Summing up reasons for opposition, Carbone said, "There's a lot of people who think that's great because these policies don't affect them." He concluded that while some support the regulations, he hopes the opposition can prevent them from moving forward, saying "Portions of it are ridiculous."

New regulations are expected to take effect Jan. 1, 2025.

To read the proposed changes in their entirety visit: dec.ny.gov/regulatory/regulations/proposed-emergency-recently-adopted-regulations/fish-wild-life-revisions

square foot vernal pool with an 800-foot buffer would result in a 46-acre "circle" buffer around the temporary pool, where activity would be prohibited or require a permit.

The county also questions what type of effort it will take for the DEC to make those determinations and the administrative work required to document the information. There also doesn't appear to be any size limit for that type of wetland, the county's written comments state.

The impacts to logging and quarry operations will be devastating, the county's written comments continue. "Establishing a skid road that doesn't fall within 800 feet of a vernal pool will be nearly impossible."

The county also argues in its comments that more amphibians are killed in one night on roads on a rainy evening than could ever be impacted within 800 feet of a vernal pool.

Carbone said compliance with the new regulations will be vol-

"NYSDEC will be the judge, jury and executioner in a dispute regarding wetland determination."

WRITTEN COMMENTS SUBMITTED BY DELAWARE COUNTY TO DEC ON PROPOSED WETLAND REGULATION CHANGE

changes include wetland conservation expansion and conservation to support ecosystems, prevent flooding, protect water quality, and support wildlife. Currently, wetlands are classified into four categories based on environmental importance and any activity near a designated wetland requires a permit from DEC. Those activities include construction, draining, or filling, which could affect the wetland's ecosystem. Wetlands also have buffer zones - originally 100 feet wide where additional activities may be regulated to protect wetland health. The adoption of an 800-foot buffer was later added to the proposal, according to documents.

Watershed Affairs staff for the county Nick Carbone presented written objections to proposed changes in wetland regulations to committee members, which cite potential negative impacts to Delaware County and its property owners. He criticized the potential new buffer requirement

Treasure or Trinket? The art of appraisal

By Lillian Browne

DELHI - Bill Blair, a Pine Hill-based collectibles expert, has been appraising and evaluating treasures since 1967, and his decades of expertise have made him a go-to source for collectors in the Catskills. Blair discussed the art of appraising everything from antique jewelry to rare coins - and even marbles.

Blair's toolkit is straightforward: a gram scale to measure weight, an acid test to verify the purity of gold, and a magnifying glass to examine intricate details.

"The weight helps figure out what gold is worth," Blair explained, pulling out a piece of jewelry. A diamond ring circa the 1920s caught his attention, its vintage filigree style and minicut diamonds reflective of a bygone era.

"That one's worth a couple hundred dollars," he said, gauging its value by a combination of materials and historical significance.

Gold-filled items, he says, are more common than many might think.



Lillian Browne/The Reporter

Acid is used to test precious metals.



Lillian Browne/The Reporter

One of Blair's tools is a magnifying glass.



Lillian Browne/The Reporter

A gram scale is used to measure precious metal weight.

dies' watch, due to its size, and though it contains gold - there's not much. Unless a pocket watch contains "high-jewel movement" it will be worth around \$50, he said.

For Blair, it's not just about precious metals. He also deals in rare coins, military medals, and even marbles - some of which, depending on their condition, can fetch thousands of dollars.

"A mint marble with no chips can be worth a fortune. Kids played with these things hard, so finding one in perfect condition is rare," he said.

The most collectible marbles, Blair said, are made of glass. Early marbles, he said, were made of clay - "But they're no big deal," explaining clay marbles were utilitarian.

A common marble, he said, is worth 10 cents. A typical peanut butter jar, he said, is a good measurement for 100 marbles.

"Most marbles are 5/8th of an inch in diameter. But the shooters are going to be bigger, usually

3/4 of an inch to 1 inch. And those are the ones that got banged up the most because they were the ones you shot with," Blair said. Those can be really valuable, he said, "if they're unscathed."

His advice for budding collectors?

"Buy what you love. It might not make you rich, but if you enjoy it, it's worth something."

While trends come and go, Blair says that paper money is currently hot in the collectibles world.

"Old bills, especially those from 1923 and earlier, are highly sought after," he said.

Some of the more interesting items he's come across, he said, is an 1807 mint-condition dime. He came across the dime, he said, when a woman was having her father's coin collection appraised.

He also has a 1793 cent, which he paid \$15,000 for. He's already been offered \$20,000 for it, he said, because you simply don't come across them. The year marks the first year coins were minted, he said.

Blair offers a nugget of wisdom that summarizes his decades



Lillian Browne/The Reporter

A vintage filigree ring.

Arts funding available for DelCo projects

Roxbury Arts Group readies for 2024 regrant program

By Elizabeth DeFalco

DELHI - Delaware County Planning Committee members met with Roxbury Arts Group Creative Opportunities Coordinator Ursula Hudak to provide information about the Delaware County Arts Grant during a Sept. 17 meeting.

Hadek sought approval to present at an upcoming supervisors' meeting with the hope of reaching each town directly, she said.

The Delaware County Arts Grant program is a regrant program through the New York State Council of the Arts, Hadek said. Each year, the state appropriates a certain dollar amount to the Roxbury Arts Group which is awarded to community-based art initiatives across the county.

In 2023, Roxbury Arts Group received \$80,000 to fund the regrant program, Hadek said. The organization requested an increase, but awaits a response, she said.

The grant program offers three application categories: community arts, creative learning, and individual arts. The community arts category is to support events and projects for non-profits and organizations, Hadek explained, meaning towns and villages may apply for the grant directly.

As an example, Hadek said the grant funded the cost to hire three jazz bands to perform at the Hobart Sausage and Brew Festival, and has awarded grants to fund projects in Colchester and Stamford as well.

"How do you connect the dots between Sausage and Brew fest and Roxbury Arts Group?" Meredith Supervisor James Ellis asked.

The Hobart Sausage and Brew Festival featured live, public music, Hadek explained, which immediately qualified the event to apply for grant funding.

Hadek confirmed events like the Meredith Dairy Fest would also qualify for funding, as the

event offers public, live music performed by local artists and bands, and a cow painting contest.

Funding can be used to promote public art events, complete a public mural, and many more art-based projects, she said, as long as it benefits, involves, or engages the community in some way.

Towns and villages can apply for up to \$5,000 in funding, Hadek said. The event or project cannot be a fundraiser, and must take place in Delaware County.

Municipalities can also request to be added to a resource list, where individual artists with project ideas can reach out and pitch their ideas to work collaboratively with the municipality on a community project, Hadek said.

Individual artists seeking to create more of their work, rather than develop a community-based project, can also apply for the individual artist grant funding, Hadek said.

School districts seeking instructors or artists to come in and hold workshops or a series of classes for their students can apply for the creative learning grant, Hadek said.

Beginning Sept. 28, Roxbury Arts Group will hold a series of information sessions via Zoom regarding the grant program. Participation in an information session is mandatory to apply for grant funding, Hadek said.

If an interested applicant cannot make any of the scheduled information sessions, Hadek encouraged them to reach out to her directly and she will review the information with them personally.

Following her presentation, committee members approved Hadek to present before the full board of supervisors at a meeting scheduled Wednesday, Sept. 25.

More information about the Delaware County Arts Grant program can be found at roxburyartsgroup.org

of experience: "The value of a collectible isn't just in what it's worth - it's in the stories it tells."

For more information or to schedule an appraisal call 845-254-4717.



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Marbles can be worth thousands, Bill Blair, an appraiser said.



Lillian Browne/The Reporter

Vintage pocket watches hold little monetary value, Bill Blair said. This one, from the 1940s holds sentimental value, rather than monetary value.

IT'S Academic

Building bridges

Delaware Academy BOE welcomes 2024-25 student members

By Elizabeth DeFalco

DELHI - To continue efforts to build bridges and productive communication between administration and students, the Delaware Academy Board of Education welcomed its newest student members, seniors Brinley Wager and Rocco Schnabel, to the board for the 2024-2025 school year.

In addition to their positions as student members, both Wager and Schnabel have full schedules with multiple sports and extra-curricular activities.

Wager is a member of four school groups including Students Against Drunk Driving, Sources of Strength, Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America, and National Honor Society. Wager also plays varsity volleyball, basketball, and runs track, she said.

Schnabel is a member of both the varsity football and basketball team, is president of the school's National Honor Society, and a member of science club, he said.

To become student members, Wager and Schnabel had to complete an application and interview process. During the interview, they were asked what improvements they'd like to see at Delaware Academy, if they believed themselves to be open to multiple opinions, and if they could represent a differing opinion in an unbiased way.

During the interview process, it was too difficult to narrow the student member selection to one student, High School Principal Crystal Trask said. This year, 2024, is the second year two student members have joined the

board, Trask said.

"Having two members is beneficial as it improves accessibility for the entire student body," she said.

Following the interview process, the two students participated in a training with Deputy Superintendent Carey Schultz.

As student members, Schnabel and Wager express student opinions and concerns to board of education members in an unbiased way, Schnabel explained. If a student has an idea, issue, or an opinion they want heard by school board members, Schnabel and Wager voice them on their behalf, he said.

While students are always welcome to attend board meetings and express their opinions themselves, it can be intimidating for some to address administration directly, Schnabel and Wager agreed.

Wager and Schnabel will also relay opinions from board of education members to students, Schnabel said.

"Like being a bridge," he said.

Rather than be given a directive by board members, Schnabel and Wager can help explain to students directly, which may be more digestible and relatable coming from a peer.

Delaware Academy Board of Education has had a student member for three years, Trask said. Student members help administration and students work together to resolve issues or spread awareness about something collaboratively, Trask said.

Last year, a hot topic for the district was a capital project including the installation of a synthetic turf field, Trask said. To help ensure students' opinion on the

project was represented, student board members created and circulated surveys to all high school students to solicit feedback for board members to consider.

Schnabel attended multiple meetings regarding the capital project, he said, which inspired him to apply as a student member himself.

In 2022, student members helped amend the school's dress code, Trask said.

"They're really the pulse of the student body for us," she said.

This year, while the school year is just beginning, a large topic of discussion among students is a cellphone policy enforced school-wide, Wager said.

"There's always going to be somebody that doesn't like it."

Students are permitted to have cellphones in school, Trask explained, but must leave them in their lockers or in a wall cubby during class.

The policy is not new, and was enforced by some teachers previously, Wager said.

"So we're adjusted to those teachers, now it's adding every teacher."

Trask will also ask student members for student feedback regarding emergency drills, like lockdowns. The district is focused on ensuring their emergency drills are more trauma-informed and less intimidating for students, Trask said.

"How do we make [a drill] an educational moment to take seriously, and not discredit the seriousness of that, in a way that isn't terrifying for someone as well?" Trask questioned rhetorically.

The school year just began so Schnabel and Wager did not have much to report, and welcome fel-



Elizabeth DeFalco/The Reporter

Delaware Academy Seniors Brinley Wager and Rocco Schnabel recently joined the Delaware Academy Board of Education as student members for the 2024-2025 school year.

low students to share their opinions, concerns, wants and needs throughout the year.

Starting with the 2025-2026 school year, all school districts

will be required to appoint at least one student member to their board of education, in accordance with a recent law passed in New York state.

Church donates \$2,300 to Delaware Academy PTA

During the weekend of Aug. 23-24, all income from sales at the Kirk Thrift Shoppe - a mission project of the First Presbyterian Church of Delhi - was donated

to the Delaware Academy PTA. A total of \$2,300 was given to the PTA to be used as needed for its after school programs and activities.

Designing the Future: SUNY Delhi graphics students tour Decker Advertising



Lillian Browne/The Reporter

SUNY Delhi students learn design dynamics between the graphics and editorial team at Decker Advertising during a tour Thursday Sept. 12.

By Lillian Browne

DELHI - Students from Susan Tessier's SUNY Delhi graphic design class toured Decker Advertising in Delhi Thursday, Sept. 12, where they gained real-world exposure to graphic design and print production. The visit offered students hands-on experience in layout and design for a variety of print products, including magazines, newspapers,



Lillian Browne/The Reporter

A SUNY Delhi student gets hands-on experience with screen printing equipment at Decker Advertising.

developing in class can be directly applied in the workforce. From planning layouts to designing promotional items, the experience showed students that design is an integral part of everyday life, whether it's creating a magazine cover or selecting a photo for social media.

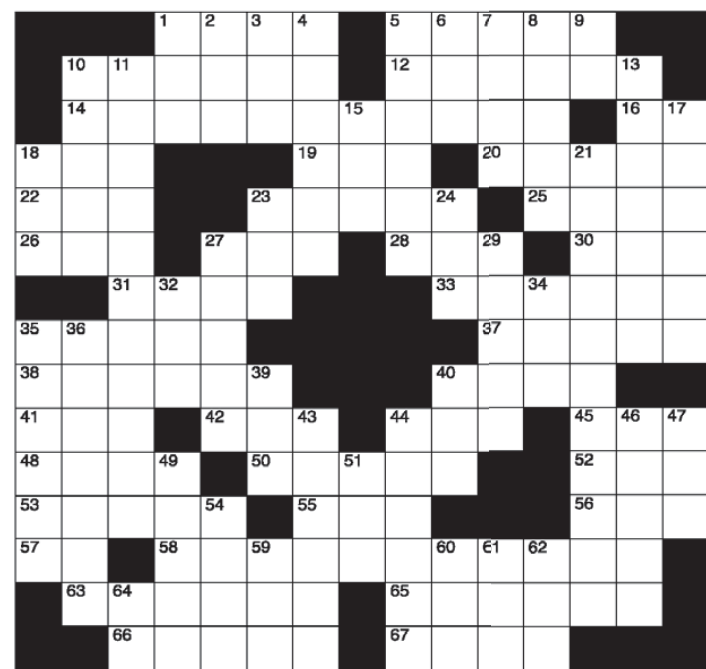
The hands-on exposure gave SUNY Delhi students a valuable look at how their classroom lessons translate into career-ready skills in the world of graphic design and advertising.



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Kaci Anderson of Decker Advertising in Delhi gives a demonstration on the operation of the large-format printer used to create a variety of promotional products including stickers, banners and decals.

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Wrest
- 5. Russian river
- 10. Grupo Montparnasse founder
- 12. One who quits prematurely
- 14. Related to the nature of being
- 16. Early multimedia
- 18. Indigenous Tibetan religion
- 19. Tease
- 20. J.M. __, Irish dramatist
- 22. Pounds per square inch
- 23. Surrendered
- 25. Notable Dallas Cowboy Leon
- 26. Dash
- 27. Man who behaves dishonorably
- 28. British Air Aces
- 30. Data executive
- 31. Spiritual leader
- 33. Flower cluster
- 35. Of the cheek
- 37. Tears down
- 38. Uncoordinated
- 40. Touches lightly
- 41. Soak
- 42. Founder of Babism
- 44. Not good
- 45. Inches per minute (abbr.)
- 48. Type of casino game
- 50. Skills assessments for adults
- 52. Check
- 53. Gives a job
- 55. Fifth note of a major scale
- 56. Small, faint constellation
- 57. Thou
- 58. Reduce
- 63. Another recording
- 65. Removes or good
- 66. Jill and Catherine are two
- 67. Cruise

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Greenwich Time
- 2. Metropolis
- 3. Complete
- 4. Scheduled
- 5. One who obeys
- 6. Resinlike substance secreted by certain lac insects
- 7. Days (Spanish)
- 8. Unsaturated hydrocarbon radical
- 9. Region of the U.S. (abbr.)
- 10. Tributary of the Alabama River
- 11. One who eliminates
- 13. Ballroom music
- 15. Officer in the Book of Mormon
- 17. Denies
- 18. Barrels per day (abbr.)
- 21. Make vital
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- 24. Kashmiri tribe
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- 51. Express displeasure
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- 62. Language
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Solution to last week's puzzle on page 15

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Walton living history tour

By Patty Wood

WALTON - The Walton Historical Society held its "If Graves-stones Could Talk!" living history tour Saturday, Sept 14, at the Walton Cemetery.

The stories of eight Waltonians buried in the cemetery were told by actors who portrayed them.

Dr. Harry Wilbur was portrayed by his son, Harry Wilber III. He told stories of being a country doctor, and some of the funny situations that were brought about by practicing out of his family's home. He told stories from his youth and his days as the school doctor, a responsibility he shared with the late Dr. Marvin Huyck.

Jane Contello portrayed Helen Lane, and gave a humorous and inspirational account of Lane, who operated Lane's Pharmacy with her husband, Frank. She went blind later in life, but she didn't let that stop her from organizing Walton's Bicentennial or writing two books on the history of Walton, which are available at the Walton Historical Society.

Phil Lindsay portrayed his grandfather, Sheldon Brink, who

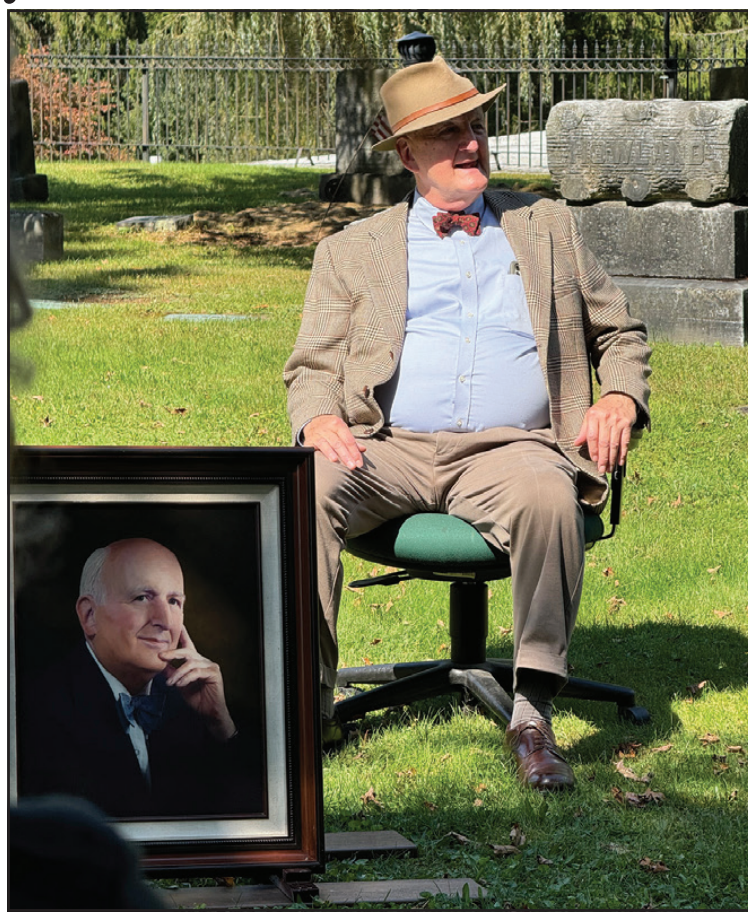
was an agricultural teacher and was instrumental in planting the school forest on Pine Hill behind Townsend School. His performance included "shout outs" to classmates and students in the crowd, who were descendants of the people he referenced.

Tanner Neale, playing six-year-old George Neale, relayed the tragic circumstances of his death from being run over by a truck. He died just before Tanner's great-great-grandfather Harold was born. Having never met them, Tanner - "George" - surmised that Harold's descendants were probably "pretty cool."

Gale Neale, Tanner's father, portrayed Abram Ogden Chrisman, who was a hard working man in the 1840s when he boarded with and worked for Colonel and Mary Stockton St. John at the location of the current O'Connell house on Stockton Avenue. The original house was moved to William Street, but is believed to be the oldest frame house in the village. Chrisman's life was a great example of life in those days where he did farm chores, hunted, built stone walks, dug wells,

built wood rail fences, dug ditches, planted, harvested, prepared for the changing seasons, and attended social and church events. He also cut and processed lumber at the Chrisman mill and delivered it and other provisions for those building a plank road. He built homes in and out of village and was instrumental in the formation of, and acquiring equipment for the early fire department. He was among those who stood to protect locals during the Anti-Rent War.

Jim Rice relayed the story of Merritt Loudon, who was a teacher at several one-room schoolhouses, the last one being Pines Brook, District 4. He grew up on South Street on land his father purchased from the Harby family. He also farmed the land where the current Delaware County Fair parking lot is, and across the road where the New York National Guard Armory is now. He was active in community and church affairs and quietly contributed to Walton's history. The beautiful barn next to the main entrance to the Delaware County Fairgrounds, now owned by his daughter, Barbara Tyler, was maintained and expanded and is a testament to his legacy. Robbie Jean Rice told the story



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Harry Wilber III portrayed his father Dr. Harry Wilbur.

of Sarah North, young daughter of one of Walton's founding families, Robert and Elizabeth

North. She told visitors about her romance with her fiancée Will, who was devastated when Sarah succumbed to pneumonia just months before their wedding. Will lived a full life, became wealthy and famous, but he never forgot his first love, Sarah North. He donated the money to build the William B. Ogden Library for his hometown and to honor her memory.

Ron Galley was cast as Rev. Julius Pattengill, a mid-1800s minister that was instrumental in the organization and building of the Walton Academy on Townsend Street. He was also the minister at the Congregational Church for a number of years. He was an energetic man and a forward thinker, contributing to Walton's growth. He recited a prayer at the end of the tour.

The event was organized by Lorraine Miller, researched by Walton Historical Society Historian Deb Bartlett, board member Donna Thomson, and family members of those portrayed. Walton Historical Society President Jason Schwartz and directors of the Walton Historical Society contributed hours of effort and with community support. Approximately 80 people went on the tours.



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Jane Contello portrayed Helen Lane.



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Tanner Neale played six-year-old George Neale.

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Colchester: Creating Games and Crafts from the Past Sept. 21

The Colchester Historical Society will host "Creating Games and Crafts from the Past" Saturday, Sept. 21 from 1 - 4 p.m. Participation is free of charge and is open to all who register prior to the date and with space available (10 participants per activity, per session). There will be 10 games or craft creations available to choose from. Each 45-minute game or craft creation will be repeated three times during the time period so participants can do three activities throughout the day. The activities include candle dipping, making potpourri sachets, creating colonial whirligigs, postcard design, outdoor checkerboards with individually designed checkers, mirror paint-

ing, silhouette portraits, sock dolls, kaleidoscope creations, and calligraphy drawing.

Between activities, Story Laurie will entertain participants with songs and stories. A photo opportunity will be available for participants and their families.

Entertainment will also be provided by local bluegrass musicians Freestone Flood Band during the event.

The event will be held at the Shinhopple Memorial Center, 1406 Trout Brook Road, Downsville. Register for up to three activities by calling Mary Ellen Reynolds at 607-363-2596, Monday - Saturday from 9 a.m. - 7 p.m., or email MEReynolds10@yahoo.com

14th annual Sidney Center Tractor Parade Sept. 21

The 14th annual Sidney Center Tractor Parade will take place Saturday, Sept. 21. This event honors the people and families of the Delaware County farming community and recognizes the importance of the farming industry and its history in our country.

This year's parade organizers are proud to honor Kenny Finch as the grand marshal.

Kenny grew up in Sidney Center, and lived and worked on the family farm, and married his high school sweetheart, Donna. They have three children, Jenny (Toby), Michael (Spring) and William, and 13 grandchild-

dren. Kenny loves to hunt and spend time with his children and grandchildren; he still cares for the farm and sells hay.

Free parade registration begins at 9 a.m. at the Sidney Center Fire Station, and ends at 11:45 a.m. Last years parade had 91 tractors, 14 classic vehicles, one doodlebug and 28 other entries.

There will be raffle prizes, 50/50, and delicious chicken barbecue by the Sidney Center Fire Department.

For parade details call Lynn at 607-369-9074 or Tom 607-610-4098.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Concert, storytelling workshop Oct. 5, 6

The Roxbury Arts Group presents Athabascan and Iñupiaq songwriter Quinn Christopherson in concert Saturday, Oct. 5 at 7:30 p.m. at the Roxbury Arts Center. Christopherson will also lead a storytelling workshop at the Headwaters Center for the Arts Sunday, Oct. 6 from noon - 5 p.m. in Stamford. The concert will be held at the Roxbury Arts Center, 5025 Vega Mountain Road, Roxbury and the workshop will take place at The Headwaters Arts Center, 66 Main Street, Stamford. Ticket prices are varied and available at www.roxburyartsgroup.org



Quinn Christopherson contributed

raised in Anchorage, Alaska where storytelling and music were vehicles by which his family shared their care and their culture. His songwriting is informed by this storytelling tradition as well as his personal journey, resulting in music which is authentic, well crafted and often moving. On Christopherson will offer a 5-hour storytelling workshop at the Headwaters Arts Center Sunday, Oct. 6. The cost of the workshop is \$45 but special discount coupons are available for members of the LGBTQIA+ community, the indigenous community and those in recovery; for more information call 607-326-7908.

Still life photography at Headwaters Art Center Oct. 5

Learn the basics of still life and tabletop photography with photographer Peter Pioppo Saturday, Oct. 5 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Headwaters Arts Center, 66 Main St., Stamford. This informal, hands-on workshop will cover the basics skills for any type of successful image capture. Bring your own camera, be it a smartphone, aim and shoot or a full size professional camera and learn tricks and techniques that will help you make intentional images rather than simply "take a picture."



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Registration for this workshop is \$25 and available at roxburyartsgroup.org

Pioppo has built a career working with recognizable names in the culinary and beverage

worlds, innovating ways to turn transient consumables into distinctive packaging, high-impact advertising and groundbreaking art.

This workshop will give participants the tools to capture

your new vision for posterity. For more information or to register visit roxburyartsgroup.org or contact the Headwaters Arts center at headwaters@roxburyartsgroup.org or 607.214.6040.

Quilt show to feature folk art, vintage, contemporary works

"Quilted Legacies" will be the theme of the annual Major's Inn Quilt Show, 104 Marion Avenue, Gilbertsville, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 4 - 6. Show hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday. Lunch will be available each day beginning at 11 a.m.

The featured quilter is Ellen Adams, a member of the Night Owls Quilters from the Delhi/Hamden/Walton area of Delaware County. Adams' work is done exclusively by hand.

Night Owls Secretary Dawn Seneschal said, "She is wonderfully good. Our group is just amazed at what she does."

Seneschal described Adams' work as "folk art" or "primitive," adding that Adams also makes "wonderful teeny, tiny quilts."

The Night Owls Quilters meet the first and third Wednesday of each month at the United Methodist Church of Walton and occasionally holds "sew-ins" on Saturdays and holidays for those unable to participate during working hours. Seneschal said Night Owls quilters range from beginners to experts. The group welcomes new members, she said. Anyone interested in joining the group should call Sen-

eschal at 607-865-6064.

In 2023, Sarah Pressler of Sidney curated a special exhibit of vintage Ozark Mountain quilts, all made by members of her family. The exhibit was much appreciated by attendees. This year, more vintage quilts from her family will be on view.

Quilts by the Triangle Quilters of Whitney Point will also be on exhibit.

Information on the quilt show is available by calling 607-783-2780 or 607-783-2967, or email albud@citlink.net or visit www.themajorsinn.com

Singer/Songwriter at Bainbridge Theatre Sept. 21



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The opening show Saturday, Sept. 21 at 7 p.m. at the Bainbridge Town Hall Theatre will feature Ron Fetner, an irreplaceable guitarist and singer/songwriter, who draws on traditional folk and the early blues and jazz of the south. Fetner is approaching a five-decade music career with 35 years devoted to a singer/songwriter tag. If you love folk music come Sept. 21 for an emotional and moving performance and check the entire fall schedule at www.jerichoarts.com

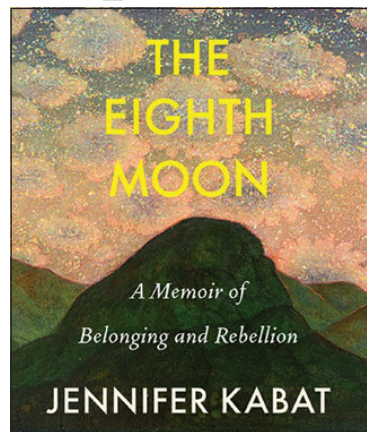
Anti-Rent War performance, discussion at Bushel, Sept. 28

Bushel, 106 Main Street, Delhi, will host a reading by Delaware County writer Jennifer Kabat, followed by her conversation with political organizer L.A. Kauffman, and a performance by sound artist G Lucas Crane, Saturday, Sept. 28, from 3-5 p.m. This event is open to the public; suggested donation is \$10-\$15.

Kabat will read from her new book, "The Eighth Moon," a combination of a memoir detailing her move to the Catskills in the 2000s, and an essay on the mid-nineteenth-century Anti-Rent War.

"The book opens with a shootout in a corral in dresses and builds to a polytemporality where the past and present run together," states Kabat. "Collapsing the two times together has been my way to understand the rise of political violence."

Kabat's reading will be the basis of her conversation with L.A. Kauffman, a political organizer



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Jennifer Kabat's new book, "Eighth Moon."

who wrote a definitive history on protest movements, "Direct Action: Protest and the Reinvention of American Radicalism." To round out the program, G Lucas Crane will perform a sound piece, incorporating audio recordings of present-day relatives of Anti-Rent protesters, reading their forebears' letters and testimony along with songs from the uprising. Doors at 2:40 p.m.; program at 3.

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Walton/Downsville boys soccer tops Margaretville 2-0 in league opener



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Margaretville's Chase Norwick and Walton/Downsville's Kai Storrer play the ball during their game on Tuesday, Sept. 17.



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Margaretville's Edwin Espino and Walton/Downsville's Chase Mabery chase the ball during their game on Tuesday, Sept. 17.



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Margaretville's Luis Gutierrez Gonzales and Walton/Downsville's Chayce Albanese head the ball during W/D's 2-0 Delaware League win on Tuesday in Downsville.

DOWNSVILLE - Walton/Downsville boys varsity soccer team secured a 2-0 victory over Margaretville in their first league contest of the season on Tuesday, Sept. 17. Walton/Downsville dominated offensively but had to remain patient to find the back of the net.

The scoring began in the first

half when Tyler Reed broke the 0-0 deadlock, converting a pass from Chayce Albanese. Despite 21 shots on goal, Walton/Downsville couldn't extend their lead until late in the second half when Gavin Harrington netted the insurance goal off a cross from Chase Mabery.

Walton/Downsville's defense

held strong, limiting Margaretville to just three shots, with goalkeeper Aiden Reed making two saves. Margaretville's goalkeeper kept the game close with nine saves.

The win improves Walton/Downsville's record to 4-1 overall and 1-0 in league play.

Delaware League Standings

Varsity boys soccer (7 league games)

Downsville/Walton	0-0	3-1
SKCS	0-0	2-1
Jefferson/Stamford	0-0	3-2
Gilboa/Roxbury	0-0	2-1-2
HTC	0-0	1-2
Windham	0-0	1-2

Margaretville	0-0	1-3
Charlotte Valley	0-0	0-3

Varsity girls soccer (7 league games)

Windham	1-0	3-0
SKCS	0-0	2-1
Stamford/Jefferson	0-0	2-1
Charlotte Valley	0-0	2-2

Gilboa/Roxbury	0-0	1-2
HTC	0-0	1-2
Downsville/Walton	0-0	1-4
Margaretville	0-1	0-3

Varsity boys golf (7 league matches)

Andes/SKCS	5-0	5-0
HTC	5-1	5-1

Gilboa	4-2	4-2
Windham	2-3-1	3-3-1
Margaretville	2-3-1	2-3-1
Charlotte Valley	2-4	3-4
Jefferson/Stamford	2-4	2-4
Roxbury	0-5	0-5

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Warriors volleyball tops D-H 3-1 in Monday MAC match



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W/D's Olivia Barnes defends the net while Sophia Aqouaouch plays the ball during their game Monday, Sept. 16.



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Walton's Chloe Edwards plays the ball during her team's win Monday, Sept. 16.



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W/D's Abi Bojo dives for a ball during her team's win Monday, Sept. 16.

WALTON - Walton/Downsville varsity volleyball secured a 3-1 victory over Deposit-Hancock in a Midstate Athletic Conference (MAC) matchup Monday, Sept. 16. The Warriors took the win with set scores of 25-14, 25-22, 18-25, and 25-17.

Katelynn Gregory led the charge for Walton with an impressive 10 kills and 4 aces, dominating both offensively and defensively. Setter Chloe Edwards was a key playmaker, dishing out 26 assists to guide her team's attack.

Kendra Terrell contributed 12 assists and added 3 aces to the Eagles' effort.

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Walton/Downsville's Olivia Bartlett and Lily Klinegardner celebrate their team's 3-1 win over Deposit/Hancock Monday, Sept. 16.



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Walton's Katelynn Gregory plays the ball during her team's win Monday, Sept. 16.

DA Bulldogs bounce back, crush Chenango Valley 44-6

CHENANGO VALLEY - Delhi's varsity football team delivered a commanding performance Friday night, Sept. 13, defeating Chenango Valley 44-6 in a lopsided non-league contest. After a tough loss the previous week, the Bulldogs rebounded with a statement win, dominating on both sides of the ball.

Delhi jumped out to a quick lead in the first quarter with a 4-yard touchdown run by Adam Cook, followed by a 76-yard dash to the end zone by Ian Johnson. Cook added another 2-yard score to put Delhi up 21-0 at the end of the first.

Quarterback Zach Cornell connected with Ivan Richardson for a 21-yard touchdown pass early in the second quarter, and Johnson added a 6-yard rushing touchdown to make it 35-0 at halftime.

Delhi continued its control in the third quarter as kicker Lucas

Nealis nailed a 23-yard field goal and then found John Wilson for a 10-yard touchdown pass, bringing the score to 44-0.

Chenango Valley avoided a shutout with a 39-yard touchdown pass from Kaden Skinner to Nate Marinaro in the fourth quarter, but it was too little, too late.

Ian Johnson led the rushing attack with 150 yards and two touchdowns on 14 carries, while Adam Cook contributed 104 yards on 20 attempts and two scores. Cook also led the defense with 9 tackles, followed by Cameron Thomson with 8 and Rocco Schnabel with 7.

Head coach Phil Neumann praised his team's preparation. "After a tough loss, we had a really good week of practice and it showed in the game. We cut down on mistakes, only had one penalty, and didn't turn the ball over."

Neumann credited the offensive line for its dominant performance, singling out Cameron Thomson, Justin Dorio, Hunter Nichols, Connor McVitty, Stephen Hillis, and tight end Rocco Schnabel for their work in controlling the line of scrimmage.

"We wanted to be the more physical team this week and play faster on defense," Neumann added. He also highlighted the contributions of kicker Lucas Nealis, who made five extra points and a field goal, giving Delhi a clear advantage on special teams.

With the win, the Bulldogs improve to 1-1 on the season. They'll look to continue their momentum next week against Susquehanna Valley, a team Coach Neumann knows will present a challenge: "They have a lot of team speed and a very dangerous quarterback who can throw or run."

Delhi sweeps Greene in 3-0 varsity volleyball victory

DELHI — Delaware Academy secured a commanding 3-0 victory over Greene in varsity volleyball action Monday, Sept. 16, with set scores of 25-9, 25-16, and 25-4.

Rebecca Verspoor led the Bulldogs with a well-rounded performance, tallying 6 aces, 6 assists, and 5 kills. Carly Guy also played a key role, delivering 7 aces, 1 assist, and 1 block. Peyton Maney contributed with 8 aces, 2 assists,

and 1 dig, showcasing the team's depth.

Additional contributions came from Brinley Wager with 2 kills, Giorgia Dewitt with 3 kills and 2 assists, and Alessia Gheri adding 2 assists. Kalani Clapper and Jamie Otte each chipped in with aces to round out the Bulldogs' dominant performance.

With the win, Delhi improves to 2-0 in conference play and 3-0 overall.

Oxford sweeps Sidney in MAC volleyball

OXFORD — Oxford claimed a 3-0 victory over Sidney in a Mid-state Athletic Conference (MAC) volleyball matchup Monday, Sept. 16. The visiting Blackhawks secured the win with set scores of 25-15, 25-18, and 25-17.

Emerson LaMonica led Oxford's defense with 12 digs, while

Kassidy Miller contributed 13 assists to help guide the Blackhawks to the sweep.

Sidney's Bri Taylor finished with 6 kills. Kate Youngs added 2 kills and 2 aces, and Madison Carmona added 2 aces, 1 kill and three assists.

Unatego overcomes Oxford in 6-4 thriller

In a girls varsity soccer matchup Tuesday, Sept. 17, Unatego secured a 6-4 victory over Oxford. The game saw back-and-forth action, with Unatego ultimately pulling away in the second half to claim the win.

Oxford opened the scoring in the 16th minute with a goal by Colette Kappauf, assisted by Paige Rickard. Five minutes later, Kayla Knapp doubled Oxford's lead with an unassisted strike. Unatego responded quickly, cutting the lead in half in the 23rd minute with a goal by Tessa Brown, assisted by Natalia

Barnes. Unatego equalized in the 28th minute when Avery James found the net off an assist from Harly Birdsall. However, Oxford regained the lead in the 33rd minute as Knapp netted her second goal of the match.

The second half saw Unatego take control. In the 21st minute, Lilyanna Barnes tied the game at 3-3, assisted by Brown. Oxford briefly retook the lead in the 24th minute when Knapp completed her hat trick, assisted by Taegan Manwarren. Unatego answered immediately, with Elizabeth Craft scoring just one minute

later to tie the game at 4-4. The decisive goals came in the final minutes, with Birdsall scoring in the 35th minute and Craft sealing the win with her second goal in the 37th minute, assisted by James.

Both teams were evenly matched in corner kicks, with three apiece. Unatego recorded 20 shots on net compared to Oxford's 9. Unatego goalkeeper Dixie Boglioli made 3 saves, while Oxford's Raya Warner had 6 saves.

Unatego and Morris/Edmeston girls varsity soccer battle to 2-2 draw

Unatego and Morris/Edmeston had a 2-2 tie in a hard-fought varsity soccer matchup Monday, Sept. 16.

Morris/Edmeston took the lead early, with Hannah Wist scoring in the 11th minute of the first half. Wist struck again in the second half, extending the lead in the 18th minute.

Unatego mounted a comeback, with Avery James finding the back of the net in the

27th minute, assisted by Tessa Brown. In the 38th minute, Lilyanna Barnes delivered the equalizer, leveling the match at 2-2.

Unatego dominated in corner kicks, with 9 compared to Morris/Edmeston's 1, and pressured the opposition with 19 shots on goal. Unatego goalkeeper Dixie Boglioli made 7 crucial saves, while Abby White of Morris/Edmeston recorded 12 saves.

Warriors pickup 4-1 MAC win over Sabers



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Walton's Lo Robinson takes a shot during her team's game Saturday, Sept. 14.

WALTON — Chasidy Constable powered the Walton Warriors to a 4-1 victory over the Sidney Sabers in a Section IV Division II matchup Saturday, Sept. 14. Constable scored twice and added an assist, leading Walton to even its

record at 2-2 for the season.

Walton struck early, with Constable finding the back of the net on a chip shot to the right corner, assisted by Kylie Wood, with 7 minutes left in the first quarter. The Warriors kept up the pres-

sure in the second quarter, as Brynlee Hunt and Lo Robinson each scored off penalty corners, extending Walton's lead to 3-0 at halftime.

Sidney's Dylan Casey broke through in the fourth quarter,



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Walton players from left, Abi Doig, Layne VanValkenburg, Chasidy Constable, and Lo Robinson celebrate the first of Constable's 2 goals during their 4-1 win over Sidney.



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Sidney's Ayla Gronwall takes a shot during her team's game Saturday, Sept. 14.



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Walton's Brynlee Hunt takes a shot during her team's 4-1 win over Sidney Saturday, Sept. 14.

scoring on a fast break setup by Dejah Taylor, cutting the deficit to 3-1 with 9 minutes remaining. However, Constable sealed the victory for Walton by converting a penalty stroke with 4 minutes left, securing the 4-1 win.

Walton dominated in shots (10-3) and penalty corners (18-1), while goalie Mackenzie Roach made two saves to anchor the defense. Sidney's Kristen Siegenthaler recorded six saves in a strong effort despite the loss.



Panthers top Franklin/Unatego in Mayor's Cup Championship



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Franklin/Unatego's Rashad Kiel and Edmeston's Sean Braswell chase the ball during their game Saturday, Sept. 14.

STAMFORD — The Edmeston Panthers captured their first Stamford Mayor's Cup championship in dominant fashion, defeating Unatego/Franklin 5-0, Saturday, Sept. 14. Collin Lund led the Panthers with two goals, while Brock Redner, Gavin

McEnroe, and Max Bolton each added one to secure the win.

Gavin Zinger, Sean Braswell, and Braymon Clark provided assists in a well-balanced attack that helped Edmeston take home the tournament title.



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Franklin/Unatego's Isaac Wright and Edmeston's Aiden Godrich chase a ball during their game Saturday, Sept. 14.



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Franklin/Unatego's Jake Kingsbury and Edmeston's Warren Galley race to a ball during the Panthers 5-0 win Saturday in the Schenevus Mayor's Cup championship.



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Franklin/Unatego's Reese Wilson and Edmeston's Gavin Zinger battle for a ball during their game Saturday, Sept. 14.

Franklin girls soccer edges Schenevus 2-1

FRANKLIN - The Franklin Central School girls varsity soccer team secured a hard-fought 2-1 victory over Schenevus in Tri-Valley League action Thursday, Sept. 12.

Franklin's Shannon Kingsbury led the charge for the Purple Devils, netting both of the team's goals. Riley McNamara and Ka-

tie Sanford provided key assists, setting up Kingsbury's decisive plays.

Annie Gallagher kept the Dragons in the game, scoring Schenevus' lone goal off an assist from Sam Barrett. Despite their efforts, Schenevus couldn't find the equalizer as Franklin's defense held strong.

South Kortright/Andes girls soccer falls to Schenevus 2-1 in Mayor's Cup final



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South Kortright/Andes' Nova Sazonova plays the ball during her team's game Saturday, Sept. 14.



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South Kortright/Andes's Jaylee Kelly takes a penalty shot during her team's 2-1 loss to Schenevus in the championship game of the Stamford Mayor's Cup Saturday, Sept. 14.



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South Kortright/Andes's Lily Marigliano and Schenevus's Charlotte Barrett fight for a ball during their game Saturday, Sept. 14.



South Kortright/Andes' Lexi Hendrickson throws the ball inbounds during her team's game Saturday, Sept. 14.

STAMFORD - The Schenevus Dragons girls varsity soccer team secured the 2024 Stamford Mayor's Cup championship in their first year in the tournament, edging South Kortright/Andes 2-1 in the title match. Sam Barrett and

Autumn Burton each scored for the Dragons, sealing the victory and bringing home the crown.

Nora Trimbell found the net for South Kortright/Andes, but it wasn't enough to overcome Schenevus' solid defense.



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Warriors fall to Bainbridge-Guilford 34-14 in Friday night football

BAINBRIDGE — Walton/Downsville's varsity football came up short against Bainbridge-Guilford in a 34-14 defeat under the Friday night lights, Sept. 13.

Bainbridge-Guilford's Connor Davy led the offensive charge with 147 passing yards, including two touchdowns and a key two-point conversion. Davy also contributed on the ground with a 1-yard touchdown run in the first quarter, setting the tone early.



Benjamin Patton/The Reporter
Walton's Eddie Salimbangon celebrates an interception during his team's Friday game with Bainbridge-Guilford.

Darrin Walley put Walton/Downsville on the board with a 1-yard touchdown run in the second quarter, followed by a successful two-point conversion from London Gardner. Caleb Moren added a 23-yard rushing touchdown in the third quarter, but it wasn't enough to close the gap as Bainbridge-Guilford's defense held strong.

Walton/Downsville tallied 315 total yards on offense, compared to Bainbridge-Guilford's 394. Despite several strong plays, Walton/Downsville struggled on third-down efficiency, converting only 30% of their attempts.

W/D moved the ball well for a lot of the game, Coach Adam Hoover said. B/G "tightened up their defense when we got close to scoring," Hoover said. "They would make a good play and we would make a mistake."

He contributed the early season loss to a combination of things. A team usually sees a big improvement in play between the first and second game, he said, and B/G made a much bigger jump in their level of play than W/D did.

It was "little mistakes," Hoover said, that hampered the War-



Benjamin Patton/The Reporter
Walton's Darrin Walley pulls in an interception during his team's Friday game with Bainbridge-Guilford, Sept. 13.

riors' success.

Hoover praised his defense. They did, however, allow a couple of big plays, which is something they didn't do last week.

He's hoping for more team communication on the field, and took responsibility for not calling a timeout to thwart a play which B/G converted on a fourth and 15.

"That should have been a first down and we should have got the ball," Hoover said.

Hoover praised Eddie Salimbangon on a great defensive game. Salimbangon had three

interceptions, and nearly a fourth that bounced off his hand. Unfortunately, a B/G receiver was behind Salimbangon and caught the bounced-away ball and ended up netting 40 yards on the play.

Bainbridge-Guilford's defense sealed the victory with a 65-yard interception return in the third quarter, further distancing themselves on the scoreboard.



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Bainbridge-Guilford's Parker Buttice pulls in a catch during his team's win Friday, Sept. 13.



Benjamin Patton/The Reporter
Bainbridge-Guilford quarterback Connor Davy points down for a block during his team's 34-14 win over Walton Friday, Sept. 13.

Unatego girls soccer tops Walton/Downsville 8-1



Benjamin Patton/The Reporter
W/D's Grace Walley and Unatego's Calli Ruff play the ball during their game Thursday, Sept. 12.

OTEGO - The Unatego girls varsity soccer team delivered a commanding 8-1 victory over Walton/Downsville Thursday, Sept. 12, with a standout performance by Elizabeth Craft and Avery James leading the charge.

The game kicked off with a fast-paced start as both teams found the back of the net at minute six. Unatego's Elizabeth Craft

opened the scoring, assisted by Avery James, but Walton/Downsville quickly responded with a goal from Calla Conklin, assisted by Ella Beardslee. However, Unatego took control just a minute later when Tessia Brown scored, again with help from James.

Craft added to Unatego's lead with a successful penalty kick in the 26th minute, closing out the



Benjamin Patton/The Reporter
Unatego's Harly Birdsall looks to pass during her team's Thursday win over W/D.

first half 3-1.

In the second half, Unatego's offense went on a tear, with Avery James scoring in the 14th and 31st minutes and assisting on three more goals. Craft completed her hat trick with goals in the 15th and 33rd minutes, while Harly Birdsall added a strike in the 20th minute. The relentless attack saw Unatego outshoot Walton/Downsville 27-3, forcing Walton/Downsville goalie Aubrie Green to make 15 saves.

Unatego's defense remained solid, with goalie Dixie Boglioli making two saves on three shots.



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W/D players from left, Kahrin Vesterfelt, Avery Howard and Calla Conklin celebrate Conklin's first half goal during their game Thursday, Sept. 12.



Benjamin Patton/The Reporter
Unatego's Elizabeth Craft celebrates with goalie Dixie Boglioli after a Craft goal during Unatego's 8-1 win Thursday, Sept. 12.



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Franklin girls soccer shuts out Gilboa/Roxbury 4-0 in Stamford Mayor's Cup

STAMFORD — The Franklin Purple Devils secured third place at the Stamford Mayor's Cup with a commanding 4-0 victory

over Gilboa/Roxbury Saturday, Sept. 14. Shannon Kingsbury led the attack, scoring two goals for Franklin, while Irene Cox had a

standout performance with one goal and two assists. Zaeda Beadle also added a goal to cap the win.

Local XC runners compete in Queensbury Invitational

QUEENSBURY - Varsity cross country runners from Delhi - South Kortright (DA-SK), Afton-Harpursville-Bainbridge Guilford (A-H-BG), and Sidney, participated in the 2024 Queensbury Pre-State Invitational, Saturday, Sept. 14, competing against teams from 150 schools across New York.

Overall, DA-SK boys placed ninth overall in the Division 3 category, and DA-SK girls placed 10th.

"It was a hot day to race, but our teams performed well," DA-SK Coach Skip Baxter said.

Out of 260 runners in the boy's varsity Division 3 category, DA-SK's Nelson VanMaaren placed 40th with a time of 18:07. Teammate Jaden Lewis had a time of

18:11 for 44th place, and Latham Gielskie placed 49th with a time of 18:17.

DA-SK's other scoring runners were Jason VanMaaren who placed 85th in 19:18, and Dylan Leddy who placed 129th with a time of 20:30.

Trent Thibault of Lansing took first overall in the boys Division 3 category with a time of 15:54.

In Division 4, Sidney's Carson Strauss led his team with a time of 18:03 to place 20th overall out of 287 runners. Teammate Joshua Mcnamara followed with a time of 20:03, placing 82nd.

Boys Division 4 was led by Victor Delgado of Hendrick Hudson, who placed first with a time of 16:24.

DA-SK's Aurelia Comer, a

freshman, was the first among her team to finish in the varsity girl's Division 3 category with a time of 21:24, placing 23rd overall among a total of 222 runners. Lilly McGonigal, also a freshman, had a time of 21:37 placing 26th, and Elsa Marigliano placed 64th in 22:59.

Other scoring runners for the DA-SK girls were Olivia Kruppo, who placed 126th in 25:13, and Emma Smith who placed 138th with a time of 25:55.

Of the 202 runners competing in the girls Division 4 category, A-H-BG's Maddie Ingham placed 47th with time of 23:48, and teammate Lelaenia Baldwin placed 53rd with a time of 23:56.

Vestal girls varsity field hockey shuts out Walton/Downsville 2-0 in non-league play

WALTON - The two-time defending state champion Vestal girls varsity field hockey defeated Walton/Downsville 2-0 in a non-league matchup Thursday, Sept. 12. Vestal's Helene Ryan scored both goals, leading her team to victory.

Ryan wasted no time netting the first goal just one minute into the game after a rebound opportunity. The teams remained locked in a defensive battle until Ryan struck again in the fourth quarter, sealing the win for Vestal with 11 minutes left on the

clock.

Walton/Downsville kept up the pressure, earning six corner shots and taking four shots on goal, but Vestal's goalkeepers Kaylynn Tanton and MJ Fey combined for four saves to secure the shutout. Walton's Mackenzie Roach made four saves in goal to keep her team within striking distance throughout the match.

Walton drops to 1-2 on the season.

SUNY Delhi receives grant to expand public access to swimming

NY SWIMS initiative provides funding for 12 SUNY schools

DELHI - In a significant step to increase access to swimming facilities and education in underserved communities, SUNY Delhi has been awarded \$40,702 as part of Governor Kathy Hochul's NY SWIMS initiative. The initiative, which allocates nearly \$150 million statewide, aims to make public pools more acces-

sible to New Yorkers by expanding opportunities for swimming instruction, lifeguard certification, and improving swimming facilities.

SUNY Delhi is among 12 SUNY schools selected to receive funding. The college will use the grant to offer lifeguard instruction and swimming lessons and to pro-

vide transportation for children from local 4-H groups and nearby school districts to the Kunsela Hall Pool on campus. The grant will also support swim lessons for SUNY Delhi students.

For more information on SUNY Delhi's swimming programs, contact Aquatics Coordinator John Kolodziej at 607-746-4263.

MASONVILLE

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Physicist and writer Michael Guillen: "We behold it in a sunflower tracking the sun across the sky; the rise and fall of the tides, mirroring the lunar cycle; and birds nesting in perfect step with the seasons. Every single rhythm is an echo of God's voice. Stop and listen to what's around you."

Pictures taken this week - Thursday, Sept. 19 and Friday, Sept. 20 for elementary school. Sunday, Sept. 22 is the "First day of fall, welcome the turning of the tree leaves all around the hills of our Delaware County and beyond. Thursday, Sept. 26, open house for the junior senior high school. Parents, come see what your young folks are doing since the opening of school and into future days to come and meet their teachers and see their classrooms.

Here on the Farm the fellas have been getting the machinery ready for chopping corn since they found that most of the fields are ready and the ears on the corn are getting hard and ready to go. Reed got the chopper hooked up and when he turned it on to check things out found a hole in one of the hoses so Harold and I are going to get it fixed tomorrow morning. When the hose is fixed he will hook up the corn head to the chopper and hopefully everything will be ready to get going when it is greased up. Hoard's Dairyman Sept. 2024 reported that dairy has entered one of the most unique market moments in over a generation. Feed prices are at a 5 year low and dairy beef calves are at a market high. Milk prices have been steady so keep purchasing all the dairy products

you may need and let's keep our farmers in business.

It was a beautiful, sunny day for the marriage ceremony of Allie Houck and Austin Scott officiated by Masonville Judge Judy Jackson Saturday, Sept. 14. Many family and friends enjoyed a delicious buffet prepared by the groom's family. A DJ played music as the bride and groom had the traditional first dance and danced with father daughter and mother son. All had fun visiting and dancing to the DJ's music. Congratulations to the new couple and we wish them many years together.

Birthday greetings to Vicki Green and Amanda Jane Lent Sept. 20, Tom Sherman, Theresa Schalk and Amanda Mott Sept. 22, Linda Hager Bailey, Jerry Warner and Dennis Clapperton Sept. 23, Tracy Tripp Ramage Sept. 24, and Alex Rude and Morgan Pierce Sept. 28. Have a great day, everyone.

Masonville Library September events are underway and we are now at the Saturday, Sept. 21, at 10 a.m. it's board game time. Come have fun and bring your favorite board game to share. Tuesday, Sept. 24, from 3:30 to 7 p.m. Drop-in craft night - come make pumpkin tea lights. Enjoy your crafts at the library with friends and family. Masonville Federated Church Sunday services are at 11 a.m. with Rev. Dr. John Helgeson, pastor with Bible study Tuesdays at 3:15 p.m. in the dining hall. The third Wednesday of the month is the food bank open from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. with a light lunch and the last Thursday of the month is Share the Bounty at the Sacred Heart Church in Sidney from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 15. Church Council meeting 6 p.m. committees and 6:30 p.m. meeting; Sunday, Sept. 29, Blue Grass Gospel Hour for worship service. World Mission is the million giving for September.

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SK/Andes claims 3rd place in Stamford Mayor's Cup with 3-1 win over Jefferson/Stamford

STAMFORD — South Kortright/Andes secured a 3-1 win over Jefferson/Stamford Saturday, Sept. 14 to take third place in the Stamford Mayor's Cup. A balanced attack saw Skylar MacIntyre, Cole Thomas, and Jack Byrne each find the back of the

net for SK/A.

Assists came from JB Trimbell and Jackson Hudson, helping to orchestrate the victory. Jefferson/Stamford's lone goal was scored by Pat Terk, with Jon Michael Leas assisting on the play.

Sidney Sabers dominate Whitney Point, 5-0, in Oxford Tourney consolation

OXFORD — The Sidney Sabers boys soccer team cruised to a 5-0 victory over Whitney Point in the consolation game of the Oxford Tournament Saturday, Sept. 14. Powered by two goals each from Gavin Granger and Gabe Cirigliano, Sidney controlled the match

from start to finish.

Cirigliano opened the scoring for the Sabers, then added an assist later in the game. Granger netted two goals, while Travis Weeden chipped in with one of his own, sealing the win.

Dash in the Dark Meet

OWEGO - Cross country athletes from Deposit-Hancock and Afton-Harpursville-Bainbridge Guilford (A-H-BG) competed in the 2024 Dash in the Dark meet Friday, Sept. 13, at Owego High School.

Among the 186 competitors in the varsity girls 4,000-meter run, Deposit-Hancock's Mirabella Sanford placed 16th with a time of 17:25. Sanford outpaced her Deposit-Hancock teammates by nearly five minutes, with Noelle

Doughty placing 124th in 22:19.

For the boys 4,000-meter run, A-H-BG's Owen Degan, a freshman, led his team with a time of 15:46 to take 64th place out of 164 runners. Teammate Rowan Beasinger placed 75th with a time of 16:37, and Aidan Quick placed 81st with a time of 16:54.

Deposit-Hancock's Daniel Ray led his team with a time of 16:53, placing 91st overall, and teammate Gavin Canedo had a time of 17:32 to take 116th place.

Whitney Point field hockey dominates Sidney 8-0

SIDNEY - Whitney Point rolled to an 8-0 victory over Sidney in varsity field hockey Thursday, Sept. 12. The visiting team unleashed a relentless offensive attack, scoring early and often to secure the non-league win.

Sadie Short led the charge for Whitney Point with a hat trick, netting three goals. Contributions came from across the roster, with Kylan Smith, Payton Martin, Ava Oliver, Genevieve Huston (1 goal, 1 assist), and Mackenzie Harvey each finding the back of the net.

Sidney's defense, led by goalkeeper Krystal Siegenthaler, worked hard to withstand the onslaught, with Siegenthaler making 9 saves and Lukas Goodspeed adding 3. Alecea Begeal also made a defensive save to prevent further scoring, but Sidney's offense struggled to gain traction, managing just two shots and three corners.

Lauren Magill of Whitney Point made two saves to preserve the shutout, while Whitney Point's offense fired 21 shots and earned 10 corners.

Delhi golf tops BG: Winner takes medalist honors

DELHI - In a tight match at the College Golf Course in Delhi, Delaware Academy's varsity golf team edged out Bainbridge-Guilford with a final score of 263-273, improving their season record to

3-2, Wednesday, Sept. 11. Cameron Winner of Delaware Academy secured medalist honors with a standout round of 44, leading his team to victory.

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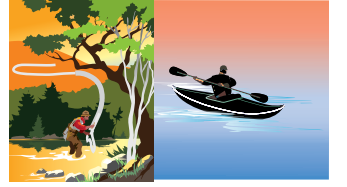
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Photo by Rick Bunting

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Join the Delaware Otsego Audubon Society (DOAS) for this program Friday, Sept. 20 at 7:30 p.m. at the Elm Park United Methodist Church, 401 Chestnut Street, Oneonta, or remotely on Zoom.

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For those who wish to attend the presentation on Zoom, pre-registration is required at tinyurl.com/4mk2ve44

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How to Fish: Brook trout are commonly found in small streams and headwaters of larger waters in the Adirondacks, Catskills, and other areas of the state. In Adirondack lakes and ponds, they may grow to five pounds or more. Brook trout are relatively easy to catch on worms or synthetic baits, as well as spinners, small spoons, and flies. Perhaps one of the most popular methods is using a Lake Clear Wabblers (spoon) with a trailing hook and worm, spinner, or fly. Fly fishing for brook trout is also popular. Try trolling a woolly bugger, mickey finn or gray ghost pattern. Using dry flies that imitate adult insects or nymphs that mimic immature insects can be very effective.

Safe Handling: With their soft fins and small scales, the best

way to handle trout are to cradle them in your hand(s). To prevent removing the protective slime coating from their bodies, always wet your hands first. If possible, unhook trout in the water and consider using a rubber coated landing net to maximize survival.

Fish Fact: Brook trout are native to New York and the official state fish. Brook trout populations have declined from historical levels in New York state due to habitat loss, competition with non-native fish species and acid precipitation.

How You Can Help: Follow baitfish regulations. Intentional or unintentional, the introduction of competitive fish species is a major threat to brook trout populations. Data suggests that brook trout grow faster and to larger sizes when no other fish (including baitfish) are present. (For example, the current state record brook trout was caught from a "brook trout only" pond.) As such, the use of baitfish is strictly prohibited in most brook trout ponds.

Do not move fish from one water body to another.

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Give back on Fish and Wildlife Day



Participate in the first ever Fish and Wildlife Day Saturday, Sept. 28.

Fish and Wildlife Day is a Love Our New York Lands Stewardship Day event. DEC, in partnership with State Parks and Parks & Trails New York (PTNY), will host stewardship and educational events across the state to celebrate wildlife conservation and protect New York wildlife. Help plant

native species and remove invasive plants to foster healthy wildlife habitat at a nearby State Park, learn to build and repair bird houses that will benefit species at a Wildlife Management Area, or pair your stewardship efforts with a birding or nature walk that highlights the importance of wildlife conservation.

Gather your friends and family and join your community to help preserve and protect New York lands.

Participant registration for Fish and Wildlife Day is open. Find event locations and register online at Parks & Trails New York. A limited number of volunteer shirts will be available, first come, first serve, at events offering service projects.

Check out past Love Our New York Lands Stewardship Days dec.ny.gov/get-involved/living-green/protect-fish-wildlife-open-space/stewardship

"Summit September" theme for Love Our New York Lands photo contest

Submissions accepted through Sept. 30

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation announced the September 2024 Love Our New York Lands photo contest. September's theme is "Summit September" to help increase awareness of principles and guidelines that encourage safe, accessible, respectful, and sustainable use of public lands heading into the fall season.

New York state has a wide range of opportunities to get outside and enjoy activities year-round, including birding and wildlife viewing; warm-weather adventures such as swimming, biking, and horseback riding; cold-weather pursuits such as skiing, snowshoeing, and snowmobiling; and challenging adventures like geocaching or rock and ice climbing.

The Love Our New York Lands campaign, launched in 2020 by DEC and the State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, encourages all users of state-owned lands to recognize that these lands are shared by

ALL of us, our families, and our neighbors, and we all need to take care of them. The campaign includes guidance on Leave No Trace™ principles so that visitors can do their part to help ensure these special places are protected for future generations. Love Our New York Lands encourages visitors to be respectful of other visitors in these shared spaces. Visitors are asked to share trails, treat people with kindness, and leave things as they found them for others to enjoy. Visitors are encouraged to think of themselves as responsible for helping protect these irreplaceable destinations for future generations. More information is available on DEC's website.

Five winning pictures will be chosen that feature creative shots of the public enjoying outdoor activities on public lands all across New York state. Prizes will be awarded to the winning entries. Photos will be judged on the following criteria: originality; artistic composition; technical

quality; and whether the photograph showcases people enjoying New York's outdoor activities safely and responsibly.

Summit September submissions should be emailed to social@dec.ny.gov by Sept. 30, with the subject line Summit September, the full name of the submitter, the state land or site where the image was taken (if applicable), and the Instagram/social media handle of the person making the submission as appropriate.

DEC encourages New Yorkers to join the state's ongoing efforts to protect lands and resources for generations to come by minimizing impacts, carrying out what they carry in, and encouraging others to care for our shared lands, as well.

New Yorkers can take action to give back:

- Participate in one of DEC's Love Our New York Lands Stewardship Days, including the last stewardship day in 2024, scheduled for Sept. 28;
- Get involved with local trail crews to help build and maintain trail systems nearby, and Adopt a Trailhead;
- Take a Leave No Trace™ workshop or become a Leave No Trace™ educator;
- Apply for a stewardship position in the Catskills or Adirondacks;
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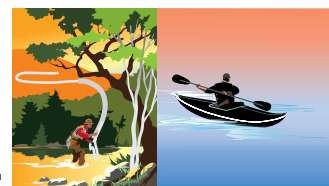
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OUTDOOR LIFE



Hancock ginseng poachers ticketed in Tompkins

TOMPKINS - Environmental Police Officers Dustin Osborne and Nathan Doig received a trespassing complaint in the town of Tompkins Aug. 29. The complainant advised there were two people trespassing on a large tract of remote land, possibly harvesting ginseng ahead of season, which began Sept. 1.

Osborn and Doig responded to the area and located an SUV and small utility trailer hidden off-road on a logging trail. They spoke to nearby residents who explained the owner of the vehicle may be an individual who recently obtained multiple logging contracts in the area and was potentially out marking timber. The properties covered by the alleged timber contracts consisted of approximately 2,000 acres with 51 separate properties, all off-road.

They eventually located two individuals on an ATV with their hands and knees soiled with dirt, unusual for a crew marking timber, but a potential indicator of ginseng collectors. The two subjects, identified as **Cory J. Newman, 53**, and **Kevin M. Wormuth, 67**, both of Hancock,

denied digging for ginseng, but a search around the ATV produced a small duffel bag hidden in a brier patch. The bag contained 13 ginseng roots harvested on the property, illegally and out of season. Newman and Wormuth, a press release said, posed as loggers to gain access to the vast tract of land and steal ginseng from posted property. They were both charged with a total of six tickets for poaching ginseng out of season and without permission from landowners.

When harvested and dried, American ginseng (*Panax quinquefolius*) can be a valuable resource. However, New York has strict laws regulating ginseng, including an established season (Sept. 1 - Nov. 30), age of the plant which may be legally harvested, and landowner permission when harvesting. American ginseng is a native perennial herb and an important forest crop.

More information on the laws and regulations of American ginseng can be found on the DEC website: dec.ny.gov/nature/animals-fish-plants/american-ginseng



photo contributed by NYSDEC

Illegally harvested ginseng seized in Delaware County.

Stay Safe in the Woods

Learn to use a topographic map, GPS, and compass, and always carry them. Trust your compass. Many people get lost because they don't believe their compass. Global Positioning Systems (GPS) units have become very affordable and can be extremely useful. However, they are only an aid to navigation and must be used along with a compass and map. Knowing your GPS coordinates may be of little help if you cannot figure out which way and how far you need to walk to reach safety.

Pick out landmarks that are easy to find at the end of the day. If you hunt or hike south of a road that runs east-west, for example, then you know that by walking north, you will eventually come to the road. Keep this kind of landmark in mind before your trip and during it, especially when light wanes at the end of the day.

Carry a small flashlight, extra batteries, and bulb. Few things are more frustrating than being stuck in the dark. If you do have to spend the night in the woods, even a small flashlight will be a great help in finding shelter or gathering firewood.

Bring a watch and know what time it gets dark. Many people leave too little time to get out of the woods before dark. Cloudy days keep you from telling time by the sun.

Carry a cell phone. If you will be in an area where coverage is available, then a cell phone with a fully charged battery can be a lifesaver. Leaving word with a contact person, however, is still highly recommended.

Bring waterproof matches and fire starter material. If you do have to spend a night in the woods, a fire can make the difference between a tolerable experience and a nightmare. Waterproof matches work better than cigarette lighters when wet, and some lighters can be hard to operate with cold hands. A candle and strips of paper can be used to help light a fire.

Wear a pack to carry clothing, food, and water. For a short trip, you will need at least a fanny pack, but a knapsack is better for cold weather use. Remember, it's easy to stay warm when you're moving, but if you have to spend the night out, you will want all the clothing you can get. Hypothermia can kill even when temperatures are above freezing. A tiny emergency "space blanket" can save your life.

Prepare for the weather. Check the forecast before your trip, and assume the worst. If the forecast calls for a chance of showers, assume it will pour. Rain gear is a must. If the forecast predicts flurries, expect a snowstorm. In cold, wet weather, wear wool or synthetics. Do not wear

cotton (including blue jeans), as it absorbs water and drains your body heat. A hat that covers the ears is also very important in cold weather. Without one, your head and neck can radiate up to 40% of your body heat. Bring extra food and water.

Your body can't function unless you keep it fueled. Becoming dehydrated or not eating enough can cause hypothermia, which can lead to physical debilitation or mental confusion and poor decision-making. If you plan to drink water from streams in the woods, filter or treat it to avoid intestinal distress or disease.

Leave word with someone about your whereabouts and expected time of return. Make sure your contact person has the phone numbers of the local Forest Ranger, DEC Dispatch 1-833-NYS-RANGERS (1-833-697-7264) and the county emergency dispatch.

CMC 20th anniversary celebration Sept. 28

The Catskill Mountain Club (CMC), creator and maintainer of the Bramley Mountain hiking trail, will celebrate its 20th anniversary at its annual dinner at Bluestone in Delhi Saturday, Sept. 28 at 6 p.m., with a cocktail party from 4 - 6 p.m. Members also hope to celebrate the construction of the Bramley Mountain Fire Tower. Working on the final requirements is being done and expected to be breaking ground in the next couple of weeks.

The CMC is a sister organization to Friends of Bramley Mountain Fire Tower and has been fully involved in the efforts to rebuild the fire tower. The CMC has built many very popular hiking trails in our area in addition to the Bramley Mountain Trail, and leads free recreational events like hikes, paddles and bike rides.

The speaker at this year's dinner is Paul Rush, the deputy commissioner of the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). The DEP owns the land encompassing the tower site, and they have been extremely helpful partners on the project. Rush has been instrumental in opening up DEP land for recreational purposes.

The dinner will feature a cocktail hour with hors d'oeuvres from 4 - 6 p.m. a dinner, served at 6 p.m. with three choices of entrees and a silent auction with an array of desirable items. Tickets are \$60. To register and purchase ticket: lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/r9k9xkx

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COLCHESTER

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I have a correction to make on last week's column. My husband the "history buff" reminded me that back in 1812, the U.S. was attacked by Britain on its mainland in a war that gave us the national anthem. So, 911 was not the first time the mainland was attacked by a foreign entity. My apologies to the history buffs. We pray that it never happens again.

"Celebrate the Constitution Day" is Sept. 17. I wish I had heard about it sooner so I could have reminded you of the event on Courthouse Square in Delhi at 4:30 p.m. I wonder how many of us have actually read the document that has been quoted so often especially during election seasons. The preamble states, "We the People of the United States, in order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America." May we continue to live by its principles and enjoy the freedoms that it declares are the rights of all citizens of these United States.

Banned Book Week is celebrated Sept. 22 - 28. Another of our freedoms is the freedom to express ourselves in writing and to read the books we want to read. I'm sure Ogden Library will offer some interesting events next week or at least have a display. Sadly, our Town Reading Room will not be opened because of the major work that needed to be done after the broken pipes at the Town Hall. Libraries offer so much more than just books these days, so I encourage you to check them out and see what interesting activities you might find there.

Concerts in the Park have ended for the year. Thanks to the Chamber of Commerce for sponsoring these evenings of entertainment. Thanks, too, to the Lions Club for providing their awesome hot dog stand for those attending. Hope to see more folks attending next year.

Remember to attend the Colchester Historical Society's "Creating Games and Crafts from the Past" Saturday, Sept. 21 from 1 - 4 p.m. It looks like a fun day for all.

The Colchester Community United Methodist Church (CCUMC) will meet for a combined unity service at the United Church of Roscoe Sunday, Sept. 29 at 10 a.m. along with members of the First Walton United Methodist Church and the East Branch/Harvard United Methodist Church. All four churches

meet on the fifth Sundays to worship together. If you belong to any of these churches, they look forward to seeing you there. If you are a member of any of these communities, you are invited to join them for these special events. It's always fun to see old friends and welcome new ones. Mark your calendars.

Football season is here and I am loving it. It seems the Buffalo Bills and the Giants are the teams to watch but I'm still a Steelers fan from way back and have an interest in Kansas City. I have to root for Penn State and/or Ohio State for many reasons. I couldn't tell you much about any of these teams, so I guess I'm not a very good fan but when the season begins, these are the teams I root for the most. One of my favorite parts of the games I watch are the inspirational messages on the back of some of their helmets like "Stop Hate", "Inspire Change" and "Choose Love." I hope their messages are getting across. Unfortunately for my husband, I take after my Mom who is an avid sports fan with very outgoing reactions to various plays. The first games we watched together after I moved to New York, I happened to be very vocal and emotive. He now watches his Giants and Bills in the quiet of his "man cave." There's nothing like a good football game to get the blood flowing.

There's lots to look forward to in October in our little corner of the world. Saturday, Oct. 5, there will be a Blessing of the Animals at CCUMC. All are invited to bring your pets to the church between 9 a.m. and noon for a special blessing by Pastor Christine Lindeberg. Leash your dogs and hold onto your cats and other pets. Everyone is welcome and every pet, too!

Oct. 12 is the annual Maple Fest at the Downsville Fire Hall from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. with food, local raffles and interesting crafts to purchase. Lions Club will be there with their famous hot dogs, so stop by and support our local groups.

Oct. 25 and 26 the annual fall rummage sale of the CCUMC will be at the Downsville Fire Hall. Oct. 24 is setup and drop off day. Debbie Odell is the contact person. If you are able to help or have stuff to donate, contact her. To drop off stuff ahead of time you can come to the church on Wednesdays between 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. This event benefits the ministries of the church. You need not be a member of the church to help with the sale. Thanks in advance.

Enjoy this beautiful official end to summer. Autumn begins Sept. 22. Time to fill the bird feeders and clean up the gardens for the long winter's nap. Get your mum plants, gourds, apples and squash. 'Tis the season! Peace~

MIDDLETOWN

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Summer's back. The weather during this second week of September has been nothing short of spectacular. The afternoon sunshine, even in late afternoon, penetrated as it does on a hot July day. Though people may be inclined to call it an "Indian summer" week, that would be premature. Technically, according to old timers I know, Indian summer is a period of unseasonably warm, dry weather that comes after a first heavy frost has occurred. While we did have some cold weather, we certainly have not had any frost. Additionally, it really is still summer since fall does not officially arrive until this Sunday, Sept. 22.

If you picked up the paper today, there might still be time for you to visit the Margaretville Central School annual open house tonight, Thursday, Sept. 19 from 5 to 7 p.m. In addition to free pizza, salad and beverages, visitors can see classrooms and meet teachers and there will be a demonstration of a new electric bus at 5:30 p.m. at the bus garage behind the school.

With school back in session, the halls are buzzing with activity. It's nice to see there are 20 UPK students this year in two classes. It's nice to see so many young students. It bodes well for the future. One student in particular had a great week last week: Lochlan Fairbairn earned one of the first student recognitions given throughout the year, being named STEM student of the week. STEM (Science, technology, engineering and math) is getting an extra push at MCS this year with a veteran teacher moving from her third grade teacher post to a new post teaching STEM at elementary levels.

Soccer lovers can look forward to watching our young men and women in the Nelson and Cohen soccer tournaments coming up. The women play in the Cohen Classic Tournament, named for teacher, the late Dan Cohen - today, Thursday, Sept. 19 at 5 p.m. and again Saturday, Sept. 21 at 1 and 5 p.m. The men play in the Nelson Tournament, named for the late Al Nelson Friday, Sept. 20 at 5 and 7 p.m. and again Saturday, Sept. 21 at 3 and 7 p.m. The games under the lights are a special treat each year and the teams play hard.

The Open Eye Theater, 960 Main Street, Margaretville continues its Legends and Tales - 2024 series Saturday, Sept. 21. Different legends and tales are told each week accompanied by music. Directed by Michelle Macau, the performances start at noon. For more information call 845-586-1660.

Local artists seeking grant funding for their projects will want to be at The HUBB Wednesday, Sept. 25 at 5 p.m. for a presentation by the Roxbury Arts Group on how to apply for arts grants for the coming year. For more information call Ursula at 607-326-7908.

People celebrating birthdays during this wonderful part of September include my beloved sister Diane Munro as well as Matt Steen, Faith Wayman, Dr. John Fairbairn Sr., and Corine DeBari

We are also remembering Iri-

nea Lanzilotta and sending sincere condolences to her family and friends as they note her passing and celebrate her life.

In closing, my weekly mantra: Contact me using the info at the top of the column to see your events or milestones here. Have a great week.

DELHI

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This week's trivia question: How many vendors have registered for the Delhi Harvest Festival on Saturday, Sept. 21? There are 69 vendors for this Saturday's Harvest Festival that will provide a fun-filled shopping experience, shopping along Main Street and a huge vendor market at Courthouse Square. The event celebrates the hard work of summer by welcoming fall and the joy of fall harvests. Make a plan to attend between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. to go shopping and get a bite to eat.

You also won't want to miss the SUNY Delhi Exhibit at the Cannon House, 47 Main Street, where you can view yearbooks and other memorabilia from SUNY Delhi from noon until 3 p.m.

Community volunteers of the week are the volunteer coaches for Pee Wee football and cheerleading. Thanks to Shirley Martanis, Trista Temple, Kristen Swartz, Amanda Ghidinelli, Jeannie Burnham, and Hayley Angus for their efforts to lead the three cheer teams. Thanks to Nate Whittaker, Ben Cairns, Chad Burns, Marco Dones, and Ed Whittaker for coaching the Bulldog Pups Flag football team. Thanks to Brenton Hood, Chris Clark, Jonathan Moore, Gerald Dix, and Doug Vredenburg for coaching the Junior Bulldogs and Chris Maney, Adam Pinkey, Greg Dungan, Danny Maney, and Kyle Pagillo for coaching the Senior Bulldog team. And thanks to Hope DellaCrosse Knapp for being the team mom for all six teams. All these folks' efforts for Pee Wee football are greatly appreciated.

Watch the Pee Wee Football teams in action as they take on BG on the field at DA Sunday, Sept. 22. The flag team starts at 11 a.m., the Junior's start at 1 p.m. and the senior team plays at 3 p.m.

This week watch the Delaware Academy Bulldogs at home Monday, Sept. 23 when the girl's varsity soccer team plays Scheneyus at 4:30 p.m., the boy's varsity soccer team plays Afton/Harpurville at 4:30 p.m. and the girl's varsity and JV volleyball teams play Oxford at 5 and 6 p.m. in the middle school gym. On Tuesday, Sept. 24, the girl's Varsity soccer team plays Unatego, the girl's modified soccer team plays Sidney and the boy's modified football team plays Afton, all at 4:30 p.m.; Thursday, Sept. 26, the boy's modified soccer team plays Walton/Downsville at 4:30 p.m. Visit www.delhischools.org/o/dacsd/page/athletics to see the calendar.

This week watch the SUNY Delhi Broncos Saturday, Sept. 21 when the women's volleyball team plays in a tri-match with MCLA and Paul Smith's College starting at 11 a.m. in the Maines

Arena. Sunday, Sept. 22, the women's tennis team will face off against Rutgers-Camden at noon. Visit delhibroncos.com to find links for live coverage. You can even watch games that have already been played at www.team1sports.com/college

The West Kortright Centre, 49 West Kortright Church Road, East Meredith will host a "Make Your Own Eco-Printed Table Runner" with Maggie Pate Saturday, Sept. 21, from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. The cost is \$125 and includes materials. Come learn the slow textile technique of botanical printing while designing and making your own runner. Each attendee will explore this unique, natural technique. Everyone will leave with their own cotton table runner adorned with seasonal and local plants - just in time to dress up your table feasts for harvest season. Pate is a slow textile artist and natural dyer; www.nadestudio.com and at www.westkc.org/artsandcrafts/table-runner

The Bovina Public Library, 33 Maple Avenue, Bovina Center, will host a Feldenkrais Awareness through Movement class Saturday, Sept. 21 from 10:30 a.m. until noon. The class is taught by Feldenkrais practitioner Suzanne Ausnit. For more info on the method, go to move2livenow.com Space is limited, so RSVP to reserve your spot. The class is free, although donations to the library are welcome. If you have any medical issues, it is suggested that you consult with your doctor prior to taking this class. Bring a moving blanket or thick yoga mat and two large hand towels, which may be used to support your head and/or knees. This method will help improve posture, balance, and mobility by teaching you to pay attention to how you move. You will develop better body awareness and learn how to self-modulate by practicing small, gentle movements. No prior experience is needed, other than curiosity and an ability to pay attention. There will be time for questions at the end of the class. Email Suzanne directly at suzanneausnit@gmail.com or call her at 973-204-0929 with questions.

Closing performance for the 'Shape of the Question: lily gold in residence' at Bushel, 106 Main Street, Saturday, Sept. 21, from 6 until 9 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 22 from 1 until 4 p.m. To close the loom portal, join lily and collaborators for in-progress showings of the research from their time in residence.

There will be a benefit concert with Julian Fleisher & Terry Radigan Saturday, Sept. 21, at 7 p.m. at the Bovina United Presbyterian Church, 2128 County Hwy 6, Bovina Center. Suggested donation of \$25, but don't let that keep you home because you too will benefit from seeing this amazing performance.

Mark your calendar for Politics and Protest: The Eighth Moon and the Anti-Rent War's Relevance Today Saturday, Sept. 28, from 3 until 5 p.m. at Bushel, 106 Main Street. Join for a reading by Delaware County writer Jennifer Kabat from her new book, The Eighth Moon, followed by her conversation with political organizer L.A. Kauffman, and a performance by sound artist G Lucas Crane. Open to the public; suggested donation \$10-\$15. Doors at 2:40 p.m.; program at 3 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

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Greater Franklin Food Pantry, 574 Main Street, will be open Friday, Sept. 20 from 2-4 p.m. or by appointment. They need volunteers; contact them at greaterfranklinfoodpantry.org/volunteer

The pantry gratefully accepts items such as non-expired food, drinks, personal care, etc. and monetary donations.

Franklin/Treadwell Conversation will meet Saturday, Sept. 21 at 11 a.m. in the basement at the Franklin Free Library, 334 Main Street.

Franklin Stage Company, 25 Institute Street, will host a staged reading of Murder in a Nutshell, by Oliver Wadsworth Saturday, Sept. 21 and Sunday, Sept. 22 at 3 p.m. Admission free; donations welcome.

Franklin Farmers' Market, 25 Institute Street, Sunday, Sept. 22 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Open Doors presents Messy Church Ice Cream Social Meet and Greet Sunday, Sept. 22 at 12:30, 475 Main Street. All are welcome.

Franklin Rotary Hwy 357 Litter Pick Up, Wednesday, Sept. 25, at 5 p.m. sharp. Meet at Open Doors Methodist Church, 475 Main Street. Bags, sticks, vests, and hard hats provided. Volunteers

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September 9, 2024							
FARUCCI PAMELA (EXR OF/EST OF)	HARPERSFIELD	DESANTIS KAREN	0.00	BRESEE SUSAN A	ROXBURY	BARN 23 LLC	500.00
DESANTIS KAREN (EXR)				DOROSKI ROBERT J	STAMFORD	DOROSKI ROBERT J	0.00
BIRNBAUM JOANN (HEIR AT LAW/DIST)	HANCOCK	PETRONE DANIEL	0.00	AUDIA JOSEPH (BY AGENT)	HARPERSFIELD	JOSEPH AUDIA IRREVOCABLE TRUST DATED SEPTEMBER 16 2015 (BY TR)	0.00
PETRONE WILLIAM (HEIR AT LAW/DIST)		PETRONE MATTHEW		AUDIA LORETTA (SEE INST)		AUDIA JOSEPH SCOTT (TR)	
PETRONE LOUIS (HEIR AT LAW/DIST)		PETRONE WILLIAM T		AUDIA JOSEPH SCOTT (AGENT)			
PETRONE JOSEPH (HEIR AT LAW/DIST)		BUDSOCK PATRICIA DOOLEY		STAIB DAVID CHARLES (AKA/ADMIN OF/EST OF	ANDES	BASTIAN-STAIB JENNIFER M	0.00
PETRONE LOUIS (HEIRS OF/DIST OF)		BUDSOCK CHRISTINA CECILIA		STAIB DAVID (AKA/ADMIN OF/EST OF			
PETRONE MARIE (HEIRS OF/DIST OF)				STAIB DAVID C (SEE INST)			
BRUSH RAYMOND (HEIR/DIST AT LAW)				BASTIAN-STAIB JENNIFER M (IND/ANC ADMIN CTA)			
BRUSH JOHN (HR/DIST AT LAW OF)				September 13, 2024			
DOOLEY JAMES J (AKA/PRS/SRVG SPSE)	DEPOSIT	WHEELER EXCAVATING LLC	600.00	MESMER TINA	HANCOCK	GOEBEL PAUL W JR	0.00
DOOLEY JAMES J JR (PRS/SRVG SPOUSE)	COLCHESTER	CARRA LORI J	0.00	MESMER ROBERT G			
DOOLEY JUDITH A (SRVG SPS OF/HR/DIS)				FULLER BRUCE R (SEE INST)	MASONVILLE	BETTS ALLAN	1,060.00
AMATO HENRIETTA (HEIR OF/DIST OF)				MOTT WENDY SUZANNE		LABONTE LISA	
AMATO SALVATORE (HEIR OF/DIST OF)				MUHTASEB HAMDI (ADMIN OF/EST OF)	SIDNEY	HARRINGTON ELLEN	500.00
F E KAMP INC				MUHTASEB AZIZA (ADMIN)		GILL DAVID W	
STRAIN JAMES M (EXR)				TAYLOR ALICE C	WALTON	TAYLOR WILLIAM H	0.00
STRAIN STANLEY M (EXR OF/EST OF)				TAYLOR RALPH W JR			
STRAIN JEANETTE M (SEE INST)				LEE CHRISTOPHER	HANCOCK	BAE JUNE	670.00
CORBINE RAINA ANN STOUTENBURG	MIDDLETOWN	WARSHAVSKY EUGENE	1,100.00			DAMIANOS KONSTANTINOS	
CORBINE TRISTAN STEVEN SOUCIS		ONOPA SVITLANA		CICIO HOWARD R (EXR)	HANCOCK	FISHER PATRICIA A	0.00
ZAPPULLA FRANK	ROXBURY	ZAPPULLA FRANK J (TR)	0.00	SPERLING JAMES W (EXR OF/EST OF)		FISHER BRAIN D	
ZAPPULLA ELIZABETH		FRANK ZAPPULLA JR FAMILY TRUST (BY TR)		MERCURIO MARK A	MASONVILLE	GUTIERREZ BRIAN	144.00
		ELIZABETH A ZAPPULLA FAMILY TRUST (BY TR)				GUTIERREZ DAWN	
September 10, 2024				DOLAN JOHN M	ANDES	BOULLIANNE MARY (TR)	0.00
REY ARNOLD J (SEE INST)	WALTON	TUCEK TIM	1,156.00			JOHN M DOLAN IRREVOCABLE TRUST U/T/D NOVEMBER 8 2022 (BY TR)	
REY GLADYS J		TUCEK HEATHER		SMITH JESSICA A	SIDNEY	BELL BETTY JEAN	780.00
LEE DANNY S	MIDDLETOWN	LEE DANNY (TR)	0.00	MOSES PHILIP WILLIAM	ROXBURY	LESNIAK JERZY	900.00
LEE SHARON S		LEE SHARON (TR)				LESNIAK KINGA	
		LEE FAMILY REVOCABLE TRUST DATED AUGUST 16 2024 (BY TRS)		September 16, 2024			
KICK JOHN V	KORTRIGHT	TROTTIER MAGAN	1,112.00	NORTHROP CECELIA	WALTON	NORTHROP CECELIA	0.00
KICK SHARON A		FIALA ELISE		NORTHROP RICHARD D (SEE INST)			
TIENKEN TODD	COLCHESTER	TIENKEN TODD	0.00	NORTHROP CECELIA	WALTON	NORTHROP CECELIA	0.00
FINCH SARAH				NORTHROP RICHARD D (SEE INST)			
LECESNE WILLIAM	MEREDITH	BOBKO CHRISTOPHER PHILIP	588.00	LE TENNIER JEAN MICHEL (BY REF)	SIDNEY	DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY (TR)	2,864.00
		LEONG KELLY MAHEALANI		BAKER STEPHEN (REF)		JP MORGAN MORTGAGE ACQUISITION TRUST 2007-CH3 ASSET BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2007-CH3 (BY TR)	
EFINGER THOMAS	ROXBURY	INSPIRATION SPRING LLC	380.00	BACA JOHN	MIDDLETOWN	BURKART HELEN M	340.00
ROACH TRUDI HELENA				ELKIS-ABUHOFF DEBORAH			
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KEAUHOU PROPERTIES CO LTD	ANDES	ANDES STUDIOS LLC	2,200.00	QUIGLEY ELAINE (NKA)	MIDDLETOWN	ZAROHM LLC	1,736.00
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ALEXANDER ALYSSA	MEREDITH	HENDERSON MAXWELL	0.00	LEVANO GERALD A (SEE INST)			
HENDERSON MAXWELL				CITIZENS BANK AND TRUST (ANCILLARY EXR)	MASONVILLE	HITT LYNDA	0.00
MACY MARY D	MIDDLETOWN	MARY MACY 2024 REVOCABLE TRUST DATED APRIL 11 2024 (BY TR)	0.00	SCHREIER MATTHEW PAUL (AKA/EST OF/EXR OF)			
		MACY MARY D (TR)		SCHREIER MATTHEW (EST OF/EXR OF)			
SPECK THERESA	STAMFORD	SPECK AMY M	0.00	SUDA PATRICIA (SOLE HEIR)	FRANKLIN	PRINZ BRETT	0.00
MULLEN EDWARD				SUDA FLORENCE (HEIR OF)		PRINZ MATTHEW	
JACKSON DENISE	WALTON	T P PRENTS LLC	288.00	PRINZ FERDINAND JR		PRINZ KEVIN	
WRIGHT WILLIAM J SR	DEPOSIT	WRIGHT EMILY	0.00	DAVIS JOHN R	MIDDLETOWN	DAVIS DANIEL	0.00
WRIGHT MARY		WRIGHT WILLIAM J JR		DAVIS SHIRLEY A			
CHARLES ROBERT (SEE INST)		LESTER AMY		FULLER ANNA MARIE	FRANKLIN	SANDIFER BARBARA	940.00
CHARLES DELCIE L (SEE INST)				ULMER INGRID		CRUCITTI JOSEPH D	
September 11, 2024				IERVOLINO THOMAS (EXR)	MASONVILLE	ORKULAS PANAGIS	108.00
TILLBROOKS TARABROOKE	MEREDITH	JONES TYLER	1,352.00	IERVOLINO RICHARD (EXR OF)			
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RUSSO FRANK P	TOMPKINS	RUSSO FRANK P	0.00	MANNE TRACEY ANN (EXX)			
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GOELLNER JOSEPH	DAVENPORT	CLAREEN JEFFREY	22.00	PORCINO-HRISTODOULOU NANCY		MINOSSO MARCOS	
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ADAMS JESSICA						VINCENT MICHAEL KIERNAN AND MELISSA MARGARET KIERNAN JOINT REVOCABLE TRUST DATED SEPTEMBER 4 2024 (BY TRS)	
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KOPFMAN CHARLES (EXX OF/EST OF)							
KOPFMAN PATRICIA (SEE INST)							
KOPFMAN CHARLES J (SEE INST)							
September 12, 2024							
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		COROMILAS KYLA ANN					
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At the close of the hearing there will be a regular board meeting of the commissioners to conduct any and all business that may come before the board.

Tompkins Fire District
By: Kim Holden
Secretary

- Dated: September 13, 2024

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DELAWARE COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Notice of Formation of Benny J's Welding and Fabrication LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/06/2024. 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 Benny J's Welding and Fabrication LLC: 3662 Case Hill Rd, Treadwell, NY 13846. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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 October 15, 2024 at 10:00AM, premises known as 235 Wedemeyer Road, Downsville, NY 13755 AKA 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 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 82028

DELAWARE COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

CASA DELMONDO LLC Arts of Org. filed SSNY 10/24/2022 Delaware Co. SSNY design agent for process & shall mail to ZENBUSINESS INC. 41 STATE ST #112 ALBANY, NY 12207 General Purpose

TOWN OF KORTRIGHT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town of Kortright Planning Board will have a public hearing on September 25, 2024 at 7:00pm at the Town Hall, 51702 State Highway 10, Bloomville, NY, regarding the proposed Minor Subdivisions located on State Highway 23 tax map #17.-3-4.1. Kristin A. Craft Planning Board Secretary

TOWN OF DELHI NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Notice of Formation of PRO WELL HUB LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/12/2024. 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 Malgorzata Gladys: 2463 Glen Burnie Rd, Delhi NY 13753. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.



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DELAWARE COUNTY FORECLOSURE NOTICE

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 October 1, 2024 at 1:00 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. Stephen F. Baker, Esq., Referee Knuckles & Manfro, LLP, 120 White Plains Road, Suite 215, Tarrytown, New York 10591, Attorneys for Plaintiff

DELAWARE COUNTY FORECLOSURE NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS AND NOTICE-SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, COUNTY OF DELAWARE - COMMUNITY BANK, N.A., Plaintiff, -against- THOMAS GEORGE HARRIS, AS HEIR, DEVISEE, DISTRIBUTEE OF THE ESTATE OF THOMAS M. HARRIS; ANY AND ALL KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING AN INTEREST BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE ESTATE OF THOMAS M. HARRIS; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY - INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK; BRITNEY RYAN S/H/A JOHN DOE #1, Defendant - Index No. EF2023-942 Plaintiff Designates Delaware County as the Place of Trial. The Basis of Venue is that the subject action is situated in Delaware County. To the above named Defendants-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 Plaintiff's attorney(s) within 20 days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. That this Supplemental Summons is being filed pursuant to an order of the court dated July 1, 2024. 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 the mortgage company will not stop the foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (COMMUNITY BANK, N.A.) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of the Honorable Brian D. Burns, J.S.C. Dated: July 1, 2024 Filed: July 10, 2024. The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage and covering the premises known as 2332 Parker Hollow Road, Unadilla, NY 13849. Dated: May 16, 2024 Filed: August 21, 2024 Greenspoon Marder LLP., Attorney for Plaintiff, By: Raspreet Bhatia, Esq., 1345 Avenue of the Americas, Suite 2200, New York, NY 10105 P: (212) 524-5000 F: (212) 524-5050 (No Service by fax) Please respond to Cypress Creek Office: Trade Centre South, 100 W. Cypress Creek Road, Suite 700, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309 P: (888) 491-1120 F: (954) 343-6982

DELAWARE COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

MARZIG HOLDINGS NY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/12/24. Office: Delaware County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 2785 Grand Avenue, Bellmore, NY 11710. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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**DELAWARE COUNTY
LEGAL NOTICE**

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK INDEX NO. EF2024-331
COUNTY OF DELAWARE

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR THE WAMU MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2004-PR2 TRUST,

Plaintiff
designates
DELAWARE
as the place
of trial situs of
the real
property

Plaintiff
f,

vs.

ANTONIA D'OCCHIO A/K/A ANTONIA M. D'OCCHIO; MANA LENYA D'OCCHIO-ALBERTINA, if living, and if she/he be dead, any and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or who may claim to have an interest in, or general or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assignees of such deceased, any and all persons deriving interest in or lien upon, or title to said real property by, through or under them, or either of them, and their respective wives, widows, husbands, widowers, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors and assigns, all of whom and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff; PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; RAY ALBERTINA,

Defendants.

"JOHN DOE #2" through "JOHN DOE #12," the last eleven names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the tenants, occupants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises, described in the complaint,

To the above named Defendants

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in the above entitled action and to serve a copy of your Answer on the plaintiff's attorney within twenty (20) days of the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, or within thirty (30) days after service of the same is complete where service is made in any manner other than by personal delivery within the State. The United States of America, if designated as a defendant in this action, may answer or appear within sixty (60) days of service. Your failure to appear or to answer will result in a judgment against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. In the event that a deficiency balance remains from the sale proceeds, a judgment may be entered against you.

NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT

THE OBJECT of the above caption action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure the sum of \$185,000.00 and interest, recorded on August 17, 2004, in Liber 1172 at Page 192, of the Public Records of DELAWARE County, New York., covering premises known as 3316 DUNKHILL ROAD, WALTON, NY 13856.

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.

DELAWARE County is designated as the place of trial because the real property affected by this action is located in said county.

**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 the mortgage company will not stop the 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: August 28th, 2024

ROBERTSON, ANSCHUTZ, SCHNEID, CRANE & PARTNERS, PLLC
Attorney for Plaintiff
Matthew Rothstein, Esq.
900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 310
Westbury, NY 11590
516-280-7675

**DELAWARE COUNTY
NOTICE OF FORMATION OF
A LIMITED LIABILITY
COMPANY**

SMALL'S ELECTRIC LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/12/24. Office: Delaware County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 1518 Huska Road, Delancey, NY 13752. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

**NEW YORK STATE
NOTICE OF FORMATION OF
A LIMITED LIABILITY
COMPANY**

Notice of Formation of KFLH LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/16/2024. 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 C/O LLC: 108 Fair Street, Cooperstown, NY 13326. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

**DELAWARE COUNTY
NOTICE OF FORMATION OF
A LIMITED LIABILITY
COMPANY**

Notice of Formation of PRO WELL HUB LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/12/2024. 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 Malgorzata Gladys: 2463 Glen Burnie Road, Delhi NY 13753. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

**DELAWARE COUNTY
NOTICE OF FORMATION OF
A LIMITED LIABILITY
COMPANY**

Laurelin Farms LLC. Filed 8/14/24. Office: Delaware Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 234 Bramley Mountain Rd, Delhi, NY 13753. Purpose: General.

**DELAWARE COUNTY
LEGAL NOTICE**

Legal Notice is hereby given that the annual fire safety inspections for 2024-25 of the following districts: ANDES, CHARLOTTE VALLEY, CHERRY VALLEY - SPRINGFIELD, COOPERSTOWN, EDMESTON, JEFFERSON, GILBOA-CONESVILLE, HUNTER-TANNERSVILLE, LAURENS, MARGARETVILLE, MILFORD, MORRIS, ONEONTA, ROXBURY, SCHENEVUS, SOUTH KORTRIGHT, STAMFORD, WORCESTER, NORTHERN CATSKILL and OTSEGO AREA OCCUPATIONAL CENTERS, and all BOCES owned/leased facilities in the Otsego Northern Catskills BOCES Safety/Risk CoSer for the fire hazards which might endanger the lives of students, teachers or employees therein, have been completed and the reports thereof are available at each respective school district during the regular business hours or at the ONC BOCES Safety and Risk Management office during the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

**DELAWARE COUNTY
SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION**

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK – COUNTY OF DELAWARE
INDEX # EF2023-772 FILED: 10/19/2023
SUMMONS

Plaintiff designates Delaware County as the place of trial based on the location of the mortgaged premises in this action. Plaintiff's principal place of business is c/o PHH Mortgage Corporation, 1661 Worthington Road, Suite 100, West Palm Beach, Florida 33409. BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR MORTGAGE ASSETS MANAGEMENT SERIES I TRUST, Plaintiff, against ERIC ROSSMAN A/K/A ERIC V. ROSSMAN AS HEIR AT LAW AND NEXT OF KIN TO BARENT VICTOR ROSSMAN JR. A/K/A BARENT ROSSMAN JR. A/K/A BARENT ROSSMAN; VICTORIA LANGE AS HEIR AT LAW AND NEXT OF KIN TO BARENT VICTOR ROSSMAN JR. A/K/A BARENT ROSSMAN JR. A/K/A BARENT ROSSMAN; 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 BARENT VICTOR ROSSMAN JR. A/K/A BARENT ROSSMAN JR. A/K/A BARENT ROSSMAN, WHO WAS BORN IN 1944 AND DIED ON APRIL 20, 2023, A RESIDENT OF DELAWARE COUNTY, WHOSE LAST KNOWN ADDRESS WAS 64157 STATE HIGHWAY 10, STAMFORD, NEW YORK 12167, 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 HUSBANDS, WIVES OR WIDOWS, IF ANY, ALL OF WHOM AND WHOSE NAMES AND PLACES, ARE UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF; NEW YORK STATE AFFORDABLE HOUSING CORPORATION; SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, BASSETT MEDICAL CENTER; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA O/B/O INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; "JOHN DOE" said name being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the persons or parties, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the mortgaged premises described in the complaint, Defendants. To the above-named defendants: 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 plaintiff's attorneys within twenty (20) days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within thirty (30) days after the service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); and 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 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 (BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR MORTGAGE ASSETS MANAGEMENT SERIES I TRUST) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. MCCABE, WEISBERG & CONWAY, LLC, Attorneys for Plaintiff, One Huntington Quadrangle, Suite 4N25, Melville, NY 11747. (631) 812-4084 (855) 845-2584 facsimile. File # 22-300862. HELP FOR HOMEOWNERS IN FORECLOSURE NEW YORK STATE LAW REQUIRES THAT WE SEND YOU THIS NOTICE ABOUT THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY. SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME. IF YOU FAIL TO RESPOND TO THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THIS FORECLOSURE ACTION, YOU MAY LOSE YOUR HOME. PLEASE READ THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT CAREFULLY. YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT AN ATTORNEY OR YOUR LOCAL LEGAL AID OFFICE TO OBTAIN ADVICE ON HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF. SOURCES OF INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE The State encourages you to become informed about your options in foreclosure. In addition to seeking assistance from an attorney or legal aid office, there are government agencies and non-profit organizations that you may contact for information about possible options, including trying to work with your lender during this process. To locate an entity near you, you may call the toll-free helpline maintained by the New York State Department of Financial Services at 1-800-342-3736 or visit the Department's website at www.dfs.ny.gov RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO LEAVE YOUR HOME AT THIS TIME. You have the right to stay in your home during the foreclosure process. You are not required to leave your home unless and until your property is sold at auction pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale. Regardless of whether you choose to remain in your home, YOU ARE REQUIRED TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR PROPERTY and pay property taxes in accordance with state and local law. FORECLOSURE RESCUE SCAMS Be careful of people who approach you with offers to "save" your home. There are individuals who watch for notices of foreclosure actions in order to unfairly profit from a homeowner's distress. You should be extremely careful about any such promises and any suggestions that you pay them a fee or sign over your deed. State law requires anyone offering such services for profit to enter into a contract which fully describes the services they will perform and fees they will charge, and which prohibits them from taking any money from you until they have completed all such promised services. § 1303 NOTICE

**DELAWARE COUNTY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to Title 5, Chapter 3, Subchapter 3 of the Administrative Code of the City of New York, a Real Property A&D Public Hearing will be held on Wednesday, September 25, 2024, at 10:00 AM. The Public Hearing will be held via Conference Call. Call-in #: 646-992-2010, Access Code: 717-876-299.

REAL PROPERTY PUBLIC HEARING in the matter of the acquisition by the City of New York of a Fee Simple (Fee) interest on the following real estate in the County of Delaware for the purposes of preserving and preventing the contamination or pollution of the New York City water supply system:

NYC ID	County	Municipality	Type	Tax Lot ID	Acres (+/-)
4818	Delaware	Andes	Fee	283.-1-33	10.03 ac.
	Delaware	Andes	Fee	283.-1-34	10.21 ac.
7631	Delaware	Bovina	Fee	p/o 152.-2-10.12	9.26 ac.

A copy of the Mayor's Preliminary Certificate of Adoption and maps of the real estate to be acquired are available for public inspection upon request. Please call 914-749-5410.

In order to access the Public Hearing and testify, please call 646-992-2010, Access Code: 717-876-299 no later than 9:55 AM. If you need further accommodations, please let us know at least five business days in advance of the Public Hearing via e-mail at DisabilityAffairs@mocs.nyc.gov.

**TOWN OF WALTON
LEGAL NOTICE**

LEGAL NOTICE FOR
WALTON FIRE DISTRICT
SPECIAL REFERENDUM

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that a special Fire District Referendum in and for the Walton Fire District will take place on Tuesday, October 1, 2024, between the hours of 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. at the Walton Fire Station, 59-61 West Street, in the Town of Walton, New York, for the purpose of submitting the following described proposition for the approval of the qualified electors of said Fire District:

PROPOSITION

Shall the bond resolution adopted by the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Walton Fire District dated August 26, 2024, authorizing the expenditure of up to \$575,000 for the aggregate costs of acquisition and equipping of a rescue truck, the issuance of up to \$575,000 of general obligation bonds of the Fire District and notes in anticipation thereof, to be offset and reduced dollar for dollar by the amount current funds available therefore, presently estimated to be up to \$200,000, and pledging the faith and credit of said Fire District to the payment of said bonds and notes and the interest thereon, be approved?

A copy of the bond resolution referred to in the aforesaid proposition is on file in the office of the Secretary of said Fire District, where the same may be examined by any interested persons during regular business hours.

Those who are qualified to vote on the aforesaid proposition are qualified voters who shall have resided in said Fire District for thirty days next preceding such election.

Dated: August 26, 2024
Walton, New York

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF THE WALTON FIRE DISTRICT, NEW YORK
By:
Lenore Dutcher, Secretary
Walton Fire District, New York

LOOKING BACK

100 Years Ago From The Pages of The Walton Reporter - Saturday, September 20, 1924

THE WEEK IN WALTON

What We Are Talking About at the County Hub

CIVIC CLUB RECEPTION

Railroad Will Run Passenger Trains—Bus Also to Operate—Steam Shovels Digging at the Rift.

Thirty-eight tried the chauffeur's examination in Walton last Thursday.

George Berryann has sold his interest in the blacksmith business at More Brothers yards to his partner, George Loker.

William Stedman had his right wrist sprained Monday when the engine of a Chevrolet car backfired while he was cranking the machine.

Eighty-nine tickets were sold at the Walton station for the. Coney Island excursion Sunday. About 1,500 passengers were carried on the excursion.

The young son of Mr. arid Mrs. Howard Houck fell one day this week and received a bad cut on his wrist from a broken milk bottle. A small artery was severed.

The Stockton avenue and Miller avenue playgrounds are closed at 6 o'clock. This rule will be enforced and parents are asked to see that their children leave the grounds at this hour.

While Harland Beers, son of Bert Beers of Beerston, was trying to get on a moving truck one day recently a wheel of the machine passed over his left foot, crushing it and fracturing one of the small bones. Dr. W. R. Gladstone was called in attendance.

The vote on congressman by districts in the Republican primary Tuesday was as follows: No. 1, Clarke 93, Tolley 31; No. 2, Clarke 108, Tolley 56; No. 3, Clarke 88, Tolley 44; No. 4, Clarke 103, Tolley 12; No. 5, Clarke 55, Tolley 8; No. 6, Clarke 20, Tolley 0.

A public hearing was held at the village hall in Deposit on Monday night upon the application of Robert N. Utter of Walton, for consent of the village board of trustees to operate motor busses upon the streets of the village of Deposit as a part of a route from Walton. No decision in the matter was made at the hearing, the petition being laid upon the table for future consideration.

Monday evening at 8 o'clock in the firemen's parlor, the Civic club, will give their annual reception to the faculty and board of education of the Walton schools. Supt. D. J. Kelley of Binghamton will be the speaker. Supt. Kelley will bring a message of special interest to teachers and to all interested in our schools. It is hoped all the Civic club members and their husbands will come out to hear him and welcome their guests.

Fire starting in the Arcade block on East Bridge street, Oswego, next to the Oswego river, early Friday morning, did damage to the extent of \$100,000 to stores and office buildings. The fire spread through the Wells clothing store, the largest in the city, and gutted the S. B. Thing company shoe store as well as a score of other offices. S. F. Flynn, formerly of Walton, is manager of the Thing store which suffered a loss estimated at \$25,000.

Three steam shovels are at work on the state highway at Rock Rift this week, one at the bank above the Legrand Houck place, which will soon be leveled, one at the river bridge removing earth from the acre of bank in the Burt Gorton pasture. When dumped into the wagons it is hauled up through town and used for filling, making the new road higher than the old one. The third steam shovel made its way slowly and

ponderously through the river on Tuesday afternoon, arriving on the opposite bank about 7 p.m. It was interesting to watch it pick up and carry around behind and placed before it the forward wheels on which to move its ponderous weight a few inches more. Heavy timbers were placed before it for some distance and were held in place by a large cable. This steam shovel is now working on the Walton side of the river.—Rock Rift correspondent.

An agreement was signed Tuesday between J. H. Nuelle representing the Ontario & Western railroad and committees of the towns of Delhi and Hamden relative to the restoration of train service on the Delhi branch. The agreement, which must be approved by the public service commission, provides that the Ontario & Western shall restore the Utica Flyer between Walton and Delhi and also carry passengers on the regular branch trains from December first to April first, and also before and after these dates if weather conditions make it necessary. Railroad tickets will be good on either the bus or the trains and baggage may be checked on either to destination. During the four months mentioned the bus will make three trips and five the rest of the time. W. T. Black, F. G. Thompson and Harry Fraser were the citizen's committee for the town of Delhi and M. S. Crawford and Harry Eckert represented the town of Hamden. Objection to the granting of a franchise to the bus line will be withdrawn. The men on the committees have devoted much time to bringing about an agreement and the settlement reached should prove satisfactory to all.

PREPARE TO FIGHT RURAL SCHOOL BILL

Opponents of Measure Hold Meeting in Syracuse

WANT OTHER CHANGES

Resolutions Favor Making Compulsory Consolidation of Districts Impossible.

Opponents of the rural school measure which was prepared as a result of the report of the committee of 21, and which has been defeated in two succeeding legislatures are beating the proponents to it. At a meetings in Syracuse on Saturday they launched a drive to kill any such measure if it appears in the 1924 legislature.

Adelbert Moot, vice chancellor of the board of regents, who opposes the bill, gave the chief address, in which he advocated other methods, chiefly improvement of the teaching personnel.

At the conclusion of the session approximately 50 of those who had remained voted to adopt a number of resolutions condemning the rural school bill, supporting a measure that would make compulsory consolidation of rural districts and rural schools impossible and in favor of several minor changes in the school law.

Doctor Moot claimed, first, that the state is not meeting its duty in providing money for maintenance and support of free common schools. He declared the state ranks about fortyfifth in its generosity, spending about \$40,000,000 of a total of \$200,000,000 expended annually for educational purposes.

He further charged the money appropriated is divided unequally, schools needing it least getting more than they should and schools needing it most not receiving enough.

Claiming the state can only get better education by training and paying better teachers, he suggested an allowance to all duly qualified teachers by the state of \$700.

In that case he said 56,000 teachers would receive \$40,000,000, instead of \$32,000,000, as paid. A related factor, he said, was to provide for better normal training, asserting the state ranks behind Arkansas in this regard.

Doctor Downing represented the

MUST GET LICENSE BEFORE OCTOBER 1

Only 4,700 Out of 15,000 Operators Have Done So In Delaware County

County Clerk E. J. Turnbull states that up to date about 4,700 operators' licenses have been issued at his office.

There are 10,000 motor vehicles in Delaware county and it is estimated that 15,000 to 20,000 persons will want operators' licenses. While the law permits the motor vehicle inspector to extend the time when operators' licenses may be secured, but not later than Dec. 1st, it is quite probable that Commissioner Harnett will decide that ample opportunity will have been given everyone to secure a license before Oct. 1st. Should this be the case every applicant after Oct. 1st will be required to pass a road test under the supervision of a motor vehicle inspector.

At least one such inspector is assigned to each county.

After Oct. 1st, when the gigantic task of licensing all the motor vehicle operators outside the New York city district is completed, the duties of inspectors will be to assist in protecting life and property by:

Inspecting motor vehicles as to proper registration and equipment, including headlights, brakes, etc.

To patrol the highways and aid in preventing violations of the highway law.

To investigate and report all accidents involving motor vehicles.

Upon special order, to investigate complaints.

To investigate thefts of motor vehicles and, in general, to enforce all laws and regulations pertaining to the use of the highways by motor vehicles and to promote safe travel

on the highways.

While the inspectors will be concerned with all violations and infractions of the motor vehicle law when they are on patrol of the highways, they will bear in mind that their duty is to make the highways safe by reducing the number of accidents, which can best be accomplished by reducing the amount of reckless and careless driving. Except when they are especially directed to do so, they will not concern themselves with the regulation of traffic, with local ordinances or kindred activities.

Where an inspector discovers an infraction of the law not serious enough to warrant an arrest he will give the operator of the motor vehicle a warning and will report the incident to motor vehicle bureau headquarters' in Albany. A complete history of the warning and all the circumstances will be given in the report blank.

Warnings of this kind will be recorded against the operator in the permanent files of the bureau, and a series of them will result in the suspension or revocation of the operator's license.

Under the provisions of the law a thirty day period will be granted a person learning to operate a motor vehicle. Such a person must file a certificate of his intention to learn to operate and file the same with the county clerk. A fee of ten cents is charged for filing. Such a person must not drive a car unless accompanied by a licensed chauffeur or operator.

state department of education, extending its wish that the farm people of the state will work out some method for rural education they are convinced is practical and present it.

He denied emphatically the board of regents attempts to be a despotic body as charged by a former speaker and added it had not had anything to do with rural education until a few years ago when the law was unified and authority centralized.

CHICKEN THIEVES GET LONG SENTENCE

West Davenport Men to Serve Two to Three Years in Prison

The West Davenport chicken thieves were arraigned for sentence Monday in Norwich before County Judge Hubert C. Stratton and each was given an indeterminate term of from two to three years in Auburn state prison.

The men are George Patrick, his brother-in-law, Harold Maxim, and John Hitchcock, all of West Davenport, and all of them have confessed that for two years or longer they have made chicken stealing a business and they have operated extensively throughout the counties of Otsego, Delaware, and Chenango. The trio were neighbors and members of a gang and they found a ready market for their stolen fowls among the hotel and boarding house keepers in the Catskills, especially in the vicinity of Hunter.

Patrick gave his age as 43 years and said that he has a wife and six children, the oldest being 11 years and the youngest 16 months. Hitchcock is 39 years of age and the father of three sons.

The gang came to grief about the first of August when two of them attempted to rob the hen house of a New Berlin farmer. The wife of the latter being taken ill in the night, arose to secure a household remedy and glancing out of the window saw their automobile drive into the yard. She gave an alarm and the hired man and a boy covered Hitchcock and held him until state troopers arrived and took him into custody. Maxim managed to get away but both he and Patrick were arrested later.

Attorney Donald H. Grant of

Oneonta appeared Monday for Maxim and the others were represented by former District Attorney David F. Lee of Norwich. It is expected that the men will be taken at once to Auburn.

SEE THINGS DIFFERENTLY

Andes People Don't Agree on Way Aeroplane Goes.

(From Andes correspondent.)

An aeroplane passed over Andes Sunday afternoon and it is amusing to hear people remark where they saw it. The writer thought that it passed almost directly overhead and saw where it went over the mountain almost to the spot, and when hearing others remark about it they say it went directly over their house or farm and people living all the way from Perch lake to Palmer hill, a distance of about five or six miles, all say it went over their place. The valley runs north and south and the plane was traveling east to west so someone surely must be wrong. It proves that when a machine is traveling several thousand feet in the air it is impossible to tell just what course it is taking.

LOSES LIFE IN RIVER

Franklin Man Drowns When Boat Upsets

NEARLY REACHES SHORE

Franklin Man Goes Under as He Reaches for Overhanging Branches

—Wife and Friend Saved.

The upsetting of a boat caused the death by drowning of Joseph Balmis of Franklin in the Unadilla river near Rockdale on Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Balmis and Barney Wallace of Walton, who were in the boat with Balmis, clung to the overturned boat and were rescued by another fisherman.

Both Wallace and Balmis came from Lithuania, formerly a part of Russia, and they have known each other for two or three years.

Sunday morning Barney Wallace, a member of the firm of Wallace Bros., local junk dealers, went to the home of Balmis, located on

Handsome brook, about two miles from Franklin on the Walton road, and suggested that they go over to the Unadilla river and fish. Balmis accepted and, accompanied by the latter's wife and two sons, they went to Pine Grove, a mile above Rockdale, and rented a boat and started out fishing, the two men first going out alone. Later they returned to shore and Mrs. Balmis went out with them in the boat.

After they had fished a while near the middle of the river, desiring to change location, Balmis arose and in attempting to pull up the anchor lost his balance and fell overboard. This caused the boat to capsize, throwing both Wallace and Mrs. Balmis out. Wallace was sitting at the rear of the boat, Balmis in the center, and the latter's wife in the bow. Balmis could swim and started for shore and Wallace assisted in righting the boat and in getting Mrs. Balmis to its side, where she could cling, and later they were assisted to shore by another fisherman. Mrs. Balmis was nearly exhausted and Wallace held her with one hand and with the other grasped the boat which came to their rescue.

When the two were gotten out safely, attention was turned to Balmis, who it had been supposed had reached the river's bank, as he was seen swimming within a few feet of the water's edge. No trace of him could be found and his two sons, who were seated on the opposite bank watching the tragedy, said he had not reached shore and had gone down as he was reaching for the branches' of an overhanging tree. His body at first could not be located, and it was necessary to secure grappling hooks and two hours were required before his body was brought ashore. Life then had long been extinct.

Dr. Allen of Unadilla, acting coroner, was called and decided it to be unquestionably a case of accidental drowning.

The grief of the widow and the two sons, Joseph, aged 10, and John, aged 8 years, the two latter having watched the occurrence from the west bank, was distressing to witness. After it was certain that the man was beyond resuscitation they went to their home in Franklin.

Balmis has occupied the farm for about three years and is of Lithuanian birth. His age is said to be 33 years. The wife and two sons named are the only survivors.

Barney Wallace, who was with Balmis, states that he warned the latter when he stood up to pull up the anchor, but that the boat was upset almost simultaneously and the three occupants were thrown into the water. The boat was about midstream and fifty or sixty feet from shore. The water is about six or seven feet deep.

WERE IN FIGHTING MOOD

Pitched Battle Follows Slight Auto Accident.

(From Cannonsville correspondent.)

Last Wednesday as Clair Walker backed his auto out of Frank Walley's barn he accidentally struck a car driven by a party named Decker, slightly damaging it. Walker promptly offered to settle. This was refused. There were several in the Decker car and they seemed to be in a fighting mood and pitched into Walker. Arthur Backus came to the rescue and was knocked down and his cheek bitten, making a bad wound. At this point George Walley entered into the fray and Walker was rescued from his assailant. The result would have been serious for Walker, who was in no way at fault, but for timely assistance.

URNS FARM INTO PARK.

E. E. Shatraw, who had his barn burned on his farm near Roxbury a few weeks ago, has sold the farm to Dr. Gilbert Palen of Philadelphia, who we expect will make it his summer residence and make the large acreage into a park adjoining the Kirkside park.

OBITUARIES



Carlton G. Fancher

Carlton G. Fancher, a devoted husband, father, fire chief and fire commissioner, passed away Sept. 11, 2024, at the age of 80. He leaves behind his beloved daughters Carol (Mark) Wageman of Arizona and Lori (Rocky) Griggs of North Carolina and his grandchildren Rachel, Kyle and Meghan, his brother, John (Terri) Fancher, sister, Cindy (Daryl) Bakker and three nieces, Courtney, Kelsey and Kristin, and nephew Dallas.

Carl is preceded in death by his wife Sylvia Fancher.

Throughout his career in fire-fighting and public service, Carl demonstrated unwavering dedication to his community, always ensuring the safety and well-being of those around him. Carl was a member of the Walton Fire Department for 54 years, he was current chairman of the Fire District Board of Commissioners. His leadership and commitment to protecting others will be remembered by all whom he served.

Carl dedicated his life to service, working at Del-Met and then later at DOMO until his retirement. He was also an owner of a garbage collection company for a time. Carl proudly served as a member of the Army/National Guard Reserve from 1965-1969.

Relatives and friends are invited to call Friday, Sept. 20, from 6-8 p.m. at the Walton Fire Department & Emergency Squad, 59 West Street, Walton.

Services will be held privately at Walton Cemetery.

On Saturday, Sept. 21, join family for a reception at 12 p.m. at Walton Fire Department, 59 West Street, Walton.

Contributions in Carl's honor may be made to the Walton Fire Department and Emergency Squad, 59 West Street, Walton NY 13856.

Arrangements are with Courtney Funeral Home, 25 Townsend Street, Walton. Expressions of sympathy may be made online at www.courtneyfh.com



Janis Robertson

Janis Ruth Robertson, 83, passed away in Walton, Sunday, Sept. 15, 2024.

Janis was born in Dover, New York on July 21, 1941, to Clayton Williams and Ruth (Smith) Williams.

Janis is preceded in death by her husband Robert Robertson in 2008.

Janis worked as an aide in the Townsend School until her retirement in 1999. Janis and Robert had a beef farm on East Brook Road for many years. After retirement she and her husband enjoyed traveling in their motorhome until they settled in Arcadia, Florida, at Toby's RV Park. Janis' was a familiar face at Toby's RV Park, where she made many cherished memories and friendships. She found joy in activities like quilting, crocheting, biking, and water aerobics, always em-

bracing life with a sense of adventure and enthusiasm. Janis was known for her love of Elvis and her active participation in groups like the Red Hat Society.

Janis was a beloved member of the Trinity VMC Arcadia, Florida community where her faith was a guiding light in her life. She spent countless hours at the church, sharing her love and compassion with all those around her.

Janis is survived by her daughter Karen (Chris) Howland, Walton, son Robert (Lisa) Robertson Jr., Port Charlotte, Florida, step-grandchildren Jonathon Horowitz, Riley (Alyssa) Howland, and Elijah Howland; brother Richard (Alice) Williams, sister Karen (Warren) Mehring and several nieces. Janis is also survived by many close friends she considered family who were a constant support through the last six months of her life battling cancer.

Services will be held at the family's convenience.

Arrangements are with Courtney Funeral Home, 25 Townsend Street, Walton, New York.

Expressions of sympathy may be made online by visiting www.courtneyfh.com



Myra Scofield

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted." Matthew 5:4

Myra Marie Scofield, 87, of Walton, passed away peacefully Sept. 16, 2024 at Bassett Hospital.

Myra was born on March 22, 1937, in Walton, to George and Fannie (Puffer) Higley. She attended school at a one-room schoolhouse in Trout Creek, and later received her high school

diploma from Deposit Central School.

Myra married Donald Scofield on Sept. 15, 1956. During those years of marriage Myra tenderly cared for her husband at home during his illness with a steadfast love until his passing in 2001.

Myra worked as a production worker at Amphenol Corporation in Sidney for 40 years before she retired.

Myra lived life with a deep sense of joy and adventure. She loved traveling the country in the motorhome, visiting family, and exploring America's beauty, nearly accomplishing a 50-state tour. She loved NASCAR races, luncheons with friends, reading romance novels and crafting which brought her immense happiness. As a skilled seamstress, she could sew anything and everything from pillow covers to stunning quilts, filling her home and those of loved ones with her handmade treasures. In retirement, she shared her talents at craft shows, for the pure joy of it. Her creativity lives on through the many handmade pieces she has gifted to family and friends, each one a cherished reminder of her love.

Myra was predeceased by her beloved husband Donald Sr., her son Donald Jr., her daughter-in-law Joanne Scofield, her parents Fannie and George, and her brothers Luther Higley and Donald Higley; her sisters Emma Higley and Sandra Alvarez.

She is lovingly remembered by her children Timothy Scofield (Vicki) of Sidney Center, Carl Scofield (Karin) of Sidney Center, Rhonda Stanton (David) of Walton, and Raymond Scofield (Penny) of Bloomville, and her daughter-in-law Cathy Scofield.

Myra is survived by her sister Betty Winchester of Wells Bridge, her brother Eugene (Priscilla) Higley of Kentucky, and a sister-in-law Doris Brink of Alabama. Myra leaves behind a loving legacy to her grandchildren: Marie Scofield (Sarah), Jason Scofield (Becky), Eric Scofield (Meghan),

Mindy Elwood (Roger), Jake Cotton (Amanda), Dave Cotton (Hydie), Melinda Westcott (Trevor), Kristie Scofield, Brittany Constable (Burt), Shannon Stanton-Helms (Jared), Jennifer Stanton, Gerry Stanton (Ashley), David Stanton (Courtney), Sybil Henschen (Jordan), Arley Scofield and husband Jake Wetzel, Robert Scofield and Paul Scofield. Each of her children and grandchildren carry with them fond memories and cherished moments. In addition, she was adored and will be remembered fondly by many great-grandchildren, great-great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends, all of whom were a treasured part of her life.

Myra's life was a testament to the value of dedication to hard work and an open mind to creativity. Her generosity and adventurous spirit touched the hearts of all who knew her. She will be deeply missed, but her memory will live on in many lives she influenced and in the countless treasures she has left behind.

A celebration of life will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 12, at Plymouth Church, county Route 21, Walton, followed by a graveside service at Highland Cemetery, Franklin Depot Road, Sidney Center. The family invites you to join them for a reception at the Plymouth Church to continue celebrating the life of Myra. In lieu of flowers please give to one's choice of charity in honor of Myra's life.

"So do not fear; for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." Isaiah 41:10.

In lieu of flowers, the family ask that donations be made to the Cancer Research Institute in her honor.

Arrangements are with Courtney Funeral Home, 25 Townsend Street, Walton.

Expressions of sympathy may be made online by visiting www.courtneyfh.com

SIDNEY/UNADILLA

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Sidney

The Sidney Alumni Sports Hall of Fame will be held Friday and Saturday, Sept. 20 and 21. The annual event will be at the Sidney Elks Lodge with tickets available by contacting Anne Mott, ammottie@gmail.com or 607-316-2716. The Sports Hall of Fame Induction also raises money for the annual \$750 scholarship honoring a graduating senior. Induction weekend begins Friday evening with inductees and the Hall of Fame Legacy team. There will be a traditional recognition at halftime of the Sidney game at Alumni Field. Game time is 7 p.m.

The Knights of Columbus will have a chicken barbecue Saturday, Sept. 21 at noon at 15 Liberty Street. This event is by Sacred Heart Council #4937.

Share the Bounty free community meal will be held Thursday,

Sept. 26 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Sacred Heart Parish Center, 15 Liberty Street. The meal is hosted by the Masonville Friends and will serve sloppy Joes, French fries, broccoli and ice cream. All are welcome.

Sidney Memorial Public Library, 8 River Street, exhibit in the Smart Community Room during September: photos by Rick Bunting. Art workshop Saturday, Sept. 21 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. focusing on color mixing. Public computing center Excel 1 class Friday, Sept. 20 from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Learn the basics about creating and using spreadsheets. Register at the circulation desk or call 607-563-1200.

Tri County Senior Center, 43 Pearl Street; the Wednesday, Sept. 25 meeting will welcome Megan Blenis of Get There, who will suggest programs that assist people with transportation. All seniors are invited. The Get There serves Broome, Chenango, Delaware, Otsego and Tioga counties. Call 855-373-4040 Monday through Friday 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

for more information.

The 14th annual Sidney Center Tractor parade is Saturday, Sept. 21 at noon with raffles and a chicken barbecue by the Sidney Center Fire Department. Registration for tractors opens at 9 a.m. Call Lynn Roof 607-369-9074 or Tom Hunt 607-610-4098.

The Tri Town Theatre will present Beauty and the Beast at the Sidney Central School, 95 West Main Street, Friday, Oct. 18 and Saturday, Oct. 19. Both shows start at 7 p.m. and on Sunday, Oct. 20 at 2 p.m. Tickets now on sale www.tritowntheatre.com

Tri-County Seniors have a trip Tuesday, Nov. 12 to see A Christmas Playhouse 2024 at Hunterdon Hills Playhouse, West Hampton, New Jersey. For more information and reservations by Oct. 4 call Carol at 607-563-8065.

Brooks BBQ Saturday, Oct. 5 10 a.m. until sold out at the O'Hara lot (formerly Whitaker's), by the Main Street Bridge sponsored by Beta Sigma Phi Chapter. Chicken halves and ribs, BSP special recipe macaroni salad and baked beans, too.

Fly-in Breakfast at the Sidney Municipal Airport Sunday, Oct. 6 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Pancakes, sausage, eggs, real maple syrup and beverages. Plane rides available by Delaware Aviation, aircraft displays, Civil Air Patrol, craft vendors and 50/50 raffle. LifeNet of NY helicopter display and flight team members.

Sacred Heart Harvest Festival Oct. 11 and 12. Looking for donations of craft items, farmers market and treasure chest items. Donations by Oct. 4 so the items can be priced. Also clean glassware, ceramics, dishes, holiday decorations. Bring items to the Parish Hall during office hours - call 607-563-1591.

The United Presbyterian Church of East Guilford Blessing Box is regularly filled with non-perishable food, fresh fruit and veggies and personal hygiene items for those in need. It is available 24/7 at the drive-up location

in the church parking. Take only what you need, leave what you can for others in need.

Unadilla

Harvest Supper Saturday, Sept. 21, 4 to 6:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 156 Main Street. Roast pork tenderloin, dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, winter squash and applesauce. Dessert - homemade pumpkin or apple pie with cheddar cheese. Take out available; handicap accessible.

The annual fall pancake breakfasts at the Unadilla Rod and Gun Club, 566 Butternut Road, every Sunday have started. Serving from 8 to 11 a.m.

The annual dinner and awards by the Unadilla Chamber of Commerce will be held Sunday, Oct. 6 at Far View Farms, Rod and Gun Club Road. Honorees: Business of the Year: The Green Giraffe; Good Neighbor Award: Kaleigh Barber; Commitment to Community award: Kirsty and George Roefs. Social at 3 p.m. and dinner at 4:30 p.m. More information and reservations by Sept. 26 - contact Linda Bickos at 607-369-2614.

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

Breakfast in the Basement at the Unadilla Methodist Church Saturday, Sept. 21 from 9 to 11 a.m. Takeout only. Call 607-369-2052 for reservations.

Stitch and Visit every other Thursday at Threads Past to Present at the Green Giraffe, 179 Main Street. Sept. 19 - enjoy company and work on your sewing,

needlework projects.

A rummage and bake sale will be held Friday Sept. 27 and Saturday, Sept. 28 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Unadilla Methodist Church basement, 170 Main Street. Benefit: Unadilla Food Pantry.

Unadilla Fall Fest 2024 Sunday, Sept. 29 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Covered Bridge Farm Market, 331 Covered Bridge Road. Rain or shine; 50 plus vendors, live music, food trucks, corn maze, kids activities, pumpkins and more. Free admission and parking.

Cornhole tournament fundraiser Sunday, Sept. 29 starts at 11 a.m. to benefit Eric and Ashley Eberling. The event will be held at The Pines at Covered Bridge Garden, 1532 Covered Bridge Road. Vendors, food, dunk tank, raffles and a kids' zone with bounce house, air brush tattoos and face painting. Music by Sundown. Call 607-431-3778 to sign up.

Alec Pitel memorial Sprintin' for Spartans 5K, 5 mile run or walk will be Sunday, Oct. 4 starting at 10 a.m. at the Unatego High School, cross county course, 2641 State Highway 7. Register online.

The CNY Rotary President Lizzy Martin's official to areas 9 and 11 Rotary clubs Wednesday, Oct. 6 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the William Bauer Community Center, 246 Main Street. Area 11 includes Bainbridge, Franklin, Sidney and Unadilla. Register by Wednesday, Oct. 2 to Don Tuttle 607-237-7203 or email sginkusa@gmail.com for more information.

Unadilla Fire Department members are pleased to announce the arrival of a new UTV skid tank, custom built to the fire department's specifications. The unit will better balance the load of water, tools and a patient. It is capable of securing a stokes basket for remote rescue of EMS patients. The department appreciates the Unadilla village board members for their support to better serve the community.

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OBITUARIES



Jimmie Finch

Jimmie D. Finch, age 93 of Walton, passed away Saturday, Sept. 14, 2024, at A.O. Fox Nursing Home in Oneonta.

Jimmie was born in Gordensville, Texas, to William Rodgers and Delia Kelley.

She was preceded in death by her parents William Rodgers and Delia Kelley, her first husband Donald Hunt in 1980, second husband Howard Finch in 2022, son William Hunt, and brothers Wayne Rodgers and Ronnie Rodgers.

Jimmie retired from Delhi Telephone Company where she worked as an operator. She was previously employed by the Walton Reporter, and as a Walton Central School bus driver.

Jimmie enjoyed gardening, quilting, and canning.

Jimmie is survived by sons Michael (Jean) Hunt of Walton and James Hunt and Ann Gregory of Bainbridge, a brother Don Rodgers of Arizona and sister Glenna (Bill) Karl of Florida; grandchildren Justin (Jennifer) Westcott, Trevor (Melinda) Westcott, Elizabeth Hunt and Skyler Hunt; great-grandchildren Jillian (Caleb) Dana, Riley Westcott, Lylah, Keansey and Maura Westcott; and Brynlee, Brystal and Brielle Hunt.

Graveside service will be private in Walton Cemetery, with Pastor Rev. Robert Wilkie officiating.

Courtney Funeral Home 25 Townsend Street Walton, is assisting the family.

Contributions in Jimmie's honor may be made to the Walton Emergency Squad, 59 West Street, Walton, NY 13856.



Barbara Lavorgna

Barbara Lavorgna, 93, of Roscoe (formerly of Campbell Hall) entered into rest Wednesday, Sept. 11, 2024 at home in Roscoe.

Barbara was born March 19, 1931 in Rosendale. She was the daughter of the late Harold and Dorothy Gregory. She married Philip Lavorgna.

She is survived her daughter, Phyllis Clynes (Paul), and her son, Gregory Lavorgna (Nona), both of Roscoe; her grandchildren Laura Palmer (Charlie), Kimberly Palmer, Brian Lavorgna (Leigh), Rebecca Burns, Ryan Clynes (Mary Rose), and Josh Lavorgna (Darren); great-grandchildren Kenneth Gordon, Marissa Szadkowski, Penny Clynes, Winter Clynes, Amilia Lavorgna and Adaleine Lavorgna; and great-great-grandchildren Asher Gordon and Aurora Gordon.

Barbara was a member of Ridgewood Singers, The First Presbyterian Church of Hamp-

tonburgh, United Church of Roscoe, The Otterkill Engine Company Ladies Auxiliary and Cooks Falls-Horton Auxiliary.

Barbara enjoyed life to the fullest, especially her children and grandchildren. She was always ready for the next adventure, or there to help a friend.

Visitation was held Friday, Sept. 13 at Donovan Funeral Home, Inc., 82 South Church Street, Goshen. The funeral service to celebrate her life was held Saturday, Sept. 14, at the First Presbyterian Church of Hamptonburgh, Campbell Hall. Burial followed the funeral service in Hamptonburgh Cemetery, Campbell Hall.

The family requests that memorial donations be made in Barbara's name to the First Presbyterian Church of Hamptonburgh, 2815 NY 207, Campbell Hall, NY 10916, The United Church of Roscoe, 2 Church Street, Roscoe, NY 12776, or Cooks Falls-Horton Fire Department, 116 Cooks Falls Rd., Roscoe NY 12776.



Matthew A. Batson III

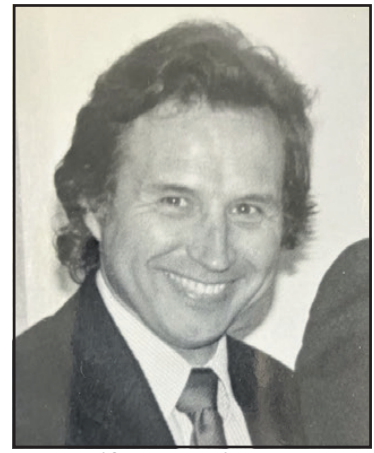
Matthew Arlington Batson III, 79, passed away on Sept. 12, 2024, at Naples, Florida. He is the namesake of his grandfather who won the Medal of Honor for Valor and was an early aircraft pioneer and his father, an aeronautical engineer. Matt grew up in Smithtown, Long Island, and attended local schools. He was a veteran of four years in the U.S. Navy and was an avid outdoor sportsman.

Batson and his wife, Margaret, spent most of their adult lives owning and operating New Direction, a drug and alcohol rehab facility in Walton. The facility combined a course in the Twelve Step program with a family atmosphere and home cooking in a bucolic setting. Many of those who had gone through the house called it "hallowed ground." An annual reunion picnic brought hundreds of alumni and their families back to Walton to greet the friends made during their residence and avow that Matt and Marg, as they were known, literally saved their lives and launched them on the road to recovery. As Matt was often heard to say, "It's a beautiful thing." New Direction closed in 2021 when Mr. and Mrs. Batson retired.

He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Margaret Hadley Batson, three sisters, Susan Batson McNeil, JoAnn Batson Poulton, and Catherine Batson; and two brothers, Thomas and David, several nieces and nephews and his beloved dog, Buttons.

Funeral services will be held Friday, Sept. 20 at 11 a.m., at

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 25 Benton Ave, Walton; reception to follow at the church. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Matt's memory to St. Matthew's House, Justin's Place Recovery Program, 2601 Airport Road South, Naples, FL 34112.



Wolfgang Scheuerer

Wolfgang Willie Scheuerer of Fredericksburg, Texas, formerly of Walton, died Sept. 11, 2024 peacefully at his home in Fredericksburg surrounded by his children. He was 82 years old.

Wolfgang was born Feb. 2, 1942 in Műnnerstadt, Bavaria, Germany, the son of Josef and Magdalena Scheuerer. After a childhood in war-ravaged Germany, he moved in 1953 with his parents to Solon, Ohio, near to relatives of his mother. He graduated from Orange High School in 1960, and from Heidelberg College, Tiffin, Ohio, in 1964 with a bachelor's degree in political science. He spent his junior year of college at the University of Heidelberg, Germany, where he met his first wife Susan Eymann.

After graduation from college, the couple joined the Peace Corps, and were sent to Santa Maria de Jetibé, a small farming community in the state of Espirito Santo, Brazil. There, Wolfgang's linguistic abilities came into play as he spoke to Portuguese-speaking Brazilians in Portuguese and to the German-speaking descendants of Pomeranian immigrants in German. In addition to community development projects, he helped found school lunch programs throughout the country with staples from the Food for Peace Program. The school lunch program in Santa Maria has won national recognition and continues to this day.

After the Peace Corps, Wolfgang earned a master's degree in economics from Penn State University, State College, Pennsylvania, and was employed by Shell Inc. in New York City and, later, in Martinez, California. In 1972, he moved with his family to Walton, New York, where he held management positions at Kraft companies until his retirement in 1996. In Walton, he was a member of the Lions Club In-

ternational, served as a family liaison with AFS, acted with the Walton Little Theater Group, and chaperoned the high school ski club.

On February 1, 1992, he married Mary Ann Roach of Walton. They moved to Fredericksburg, Texas, in 1996. Together, they took care of their aging parents. Wolfgang also enjoyed traveling, modeling for the local art studio, listening to live music, staying current on world affairs (winning trivia contests on Christmas Eve), tracking the stock market, finding deals at garage sales, trying new wines at nearby wineries, and volunteering at Hill Country SPCA where he appreciated walking the dogs and going to the shelter's yearly galas.

Wolfgang took great care of his family. At the end of every phone conversation or visit, he would say "take care." - his way of saying, "I love you."

Wolfgang is survived by his children Kristin Scheuerer and Elizabeth Allen of Tempe, Arizona; Karen Scheuerer and Amy Newton of Mount Rainier, Maryland; Stephen Scheuerer of Los Angeles, California; Angela and Andrew De Nardis of Endicott, New York; Michael Roach of Hyde Park, Massachusetts; Christopher and Dawn Roach of Spring, Texas; Carol and Anthony Antonelli of Hyde Park, Massachusetts; and twelve grandchildren.

Wolfgang's family is deeply grateful to Methodist Hill Country Hospice for the wonderful care and support they provided to Wolfgang during his final days. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Hill Country SPCA or to a local hospice. Private services will be announced at a later date.

Joyce W. Worden

A graveside service for Joyce W. Worden, 92, of Franklin, who passed away on Tuesday, July 23, 2024, will take place on Saturday, Sept. 28, at 11 a.m. in Ouleout Valley Cemetery Franklin.

Arrangements are by the Kenneth L. Bennett Funeral Home, Franklin.

To leave a condolence or memory for Joyce's family, visit www.bennettfh.com



Jesus' RXs for finding new life

Rev. Milton Cruz

If you study the Bible, you will know the importance of context regarding biblical interpretation. Many dialog about the importance of not taking passages of the Bible out of context because we would succumb to misinterpretation. We also reflect on the need to take the ancient writings of Scripture and find out the original intent of the biblical writers with the result of applying Scripture to our world today. Our world is one of a 21st century, western, and postmodern mindset. In short, our world could care less that there is a God and that He has a wonderful plan for our lives.

With that said, how are we to interpret the message Jesus told the old Pharisee, Nicodemus to be "born again"? Were there other encounters that Jesus had with people, and did He recommend the same for all of them? Considering our limited space to discuss all the encounters and that at length, I will just briefly comment on just four.

In John, chapter three, Jesus told an old man that he had to be born again. It was Jesus' way of getting to the crux of his heart. There, in front of the Master, Nicodemus stood vested with a prestigious and religious pedigree. Jesus saw through all of that and saw the need for Nicodemus (later turned disciple of Christ), to be born from above. Hence, Nic's first protest of needing to be born from his mother's womb - at his age.

In John, chapter four, Jesus told a Samaritan woman at the well, that He would give her water that would cause her to never be thirsty again. Jesus made her thirsty of this water and caused her to ask for it. Again, Jesus saw

her spiritual thirst and asked her to bring her husband to Him. Long story short, she had a record of failed relationships and marriages. Jesus told her (in summary), I will give you water to drink for your soul; water that wells up to eternal life. Such was her life change that she went to the town and invited the men to come and meet Jesus.

In John, chapter eight, Jesus tells a woman caught in adultery, to go and sin no more. Jesus asks her to show Him her accusers. After seeing none, Jesus tells her that He didn't condemn her either. She was then to go and quit her lifestyle of adultery. She left forgiven.

In Luke, chapter 18, a rich, young ruler asks Jesus' advice about how to get to heaven. Thinking that he had all his ducks in a row, he also figured that he was home-free. Jesus, the discernor of man's hearts, gives him the answer to the \$60,000 question. "Sell all that you have, give it to the poor, and you will have treasures in heaven," was Jesus' reply. He was then asked to come and follow Jesus. With a heavy heart, he could not because he had great wealth.

The juxtaposing element of these stories was that Nicodemus, the Samaritan woman and the woman caught in adultery all took the plunge and trusted Jesus as their redeemer. The rich young ruler looked over the cliff of faith and walked away. His wealth held a tight and deadening grip on him. All in all, we all need to be born again, drink of the waters of eternal life and go and sin no more to be rescued. If there is something that keeps us from following the Master when he beckons, we need to let that go as well.

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TRUCKS

- 2024 Toyota Tundra Limited CrewMax 4WD** Charcoal, 3.4L V6, htd./cooled seats, parking sensors, tow pkg., one owner, 12800 mi., stk# 024493A **\$57,975** **\$970/72 mos.**
- 2023 Ford F-150 XLT SuperCrew 5.5-ft. Bed 4WD** Blue, 3.5L V6, htd. mirrors, parking sensors, dual zone climate control,prev. rental, 28100 mi., stk# 024621 **\$46,975** **\$786/72 mos.**
- 2022 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 RST Crew Cab 4WD** Black, 5.3L V8, leather, htd. seats, remote start, tow pkg., one owner 26600 mi., stk# 024625 **\$49,975** **\$837/72 mos.**
- 2022 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 Trail Boss Custom Crew Cab 4WD** Blue, remote start, htd. seats, parking sensors, tow pkg.,one owner, 19800 mi., stk# 024561 **\$48,975** **\$820/72 mos.**
- 2023 Chevrolet Silverado 2500HD LTZ Crew Cab Short Box 4WD** Red, 6.6L V8, leather,htd./cooled seats, sunroof, remote start,65400 mi., stk# 024605 **\$50,975** **\$853/72 mos.**
- 2022 Ford Transit T-350 Box Van** White, 3.5L V6, auto, leather, bucket seats, windows, rear view camera, prev. rental 10000 mi., stk# 024472 **\$39,975** **\$670/72 mos.**
- 2022 GMC Canyon Elevation Crew Cab 4WD** Black, 3.6L V6, auto, pwr. driver seat, rear view camera, tow pkg., dual zone climate control, one owner 21900 mi., stk# 024249B **\$35,975** **\$635/72 mos.**
- 2022 Nissan Titan S Crew 4WD** Red, 5.6L V8, auto, cruise, parking sensors, pwr. windowsprev. rental 42900 mi., stk# 024322 **\$32,975** **\$594/72 mos.**
- 2022 RAM 2500 Tradesman Crew Cab SWB 4WD** White, 6.7L I6, remote start, rear view camera, prev. rental, 46500 mi., stk# 024604 **\$49,975** **\$836/72 mos.**
- 2021 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 RST Crew Cab 4WD** Black, 5.3L V8,remote start, htd. seats, htd. steering wheel, tow pkg., one owner, 42800 mi., stk# 024645 **\$42,975** **\$735/72 mos.**
- 2021 RAM 1500 Big Horn Crew Cab SWB 4WD** White, 5.7L V8, leather, remote start, tow pkg., nav. one owner, 37100 mi., stk# 024628 **\$43,975** **\$752/72 mos.**
- 2021 RAM 1500 Big Horn 4WD Quad Cab** Gray, 5.7L V8 auto, remote start, htd. seats, htd. steering wheel, dual zone climate control,prev. rental 36600 mi., stk# 24468 **\$39,975** **\$683/72 mos.**
- 2020 Ford F-150 XLT SuperCrew 6.5-ft. Bed 4WD** Blue, 5.0L V8, tow pkg., pwr. seat, rear view camera, one owner, 79700 mi., stk# 024600 **\$32,975** **\$564/72 mos.**
- 2020 Ford Ranger XL SuperCrew 4WD** Red, leather, remote start, tow pkg., one owner, 74800 mi., stk# 024573 **\$29,975** **\$512/72 mos.**
- 2020 RAM 1500 SLT Quad Cab 4WD** Maroon, auto, a/c, cruise, rear view camera, htd. mirrors,prev. rental, 41000 mi., stk# 024298 **\$29,975** **\$512/72 mos.**
- 2020 Toyota Tacoma SR5 Dbl. Cab SLB** Silver, 3.5L V6, cap, pwr. seat, rear view camera, pwr. windows, tow pkg., 65100 mi., stk# 24426 **\$33,975** **\$581/72 mos.**
- 2019 Chevrolet Colorado Z71 Crew Cab 4WD** Blue, remote start, tow pkg, htd. seats, dual pwr. seat, one owner, 68400 mi., stk# 024555 **\$31,975** **\$542/72 mos.**
- 2019 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 LT Trail Boss Crew Cab 4WD** Black, auto, cruise, a/c, remote start,prev. rental, 35100 mi., stk# 024314a **\$39,975** **\$717/72 mos.**
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- 2019 Ford F-250 SD XLT Crew Cab 4WD** White, 6.2L V8, rear view camera, tow pkg., one owner, 78900 mi., stk# 024582A* **\$36,975** **\$632/72 mos.**

- 2019 GMC Sierra 1500 SLE Double Cab 4WD Texas Edition** Charcoal, 5.3L V8, remote start, htd. seats, dual zone climate control, tow pkg., one owner, 87600 mi., stk# 024632 **\$26,975** **\$461/72 mos.**
- 2019 RAM 1500 Classic 4WD** Yellow, 5.7L V8 auto, auto climate control, pwr. windows, tow pkg., one owner 35200 mi., stk# 024541 **\$36,975** **\$629/72 mos.**
- 2018 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 LT Crew 4WD** Gray, 5.3L V8, leather, htd. seats, rem.start, rear view camera, tow pkg., one owner 95900 mi., stk# 024492 **\$29,975** **\$521/72 mos.**
- 2018 Ford F-150 4WD SuperCab 145" Lariat** Black, 3.5L V6, leather, htd./cooled seats, nav. one owner, 96400 mi., stk# 024531 **\$33,975** **\$590/72 mos.**
- 2018 Ford F-150 XLT SuperCrew 5.5-ft. Bed 4WD** Gray, 5.0L V8, keyless entry, pwr. seat, rear view camera, 83200 mi., stk# 024519 **\$29,975** **\$521/72 mos.**
- 2017 GMC Sierra 1500 SLE Double Cab 4WD** White, 5.3L V8, remote start, htd. seats, auto climate control, tow pkg., one owner, 59900 mi., stk# 024637 **\$28,975** **\$555/60 mos.**
- 2017 RAM 1500 Tradesman Quad Cab 4WD** White, 3.6L V6, htd. seats, tow pkg., pwr. seat, 70500 mi., stk# 024388A **\$24,975** **\$478/72 mos.**
- 2017 RAM 1500 Tradesman Crew Cab SWB 4WD** Gray, 5.7L V8, tow pkg., htd. mirrors, tinted windows, 104200 mi., stk# 024292A **\$21,975** **\$421/72 mos.**
- 2017 RAM 1500 SLT 4WD Crew Cab SWB** White, 5.7L V8, auto, tow pkg., htd. seats, rear view camera, auto climate control, one owner 76700 mi., stk# 024489 **\$29,975** **\$574/60 mos.**

SUV'S AND VANS

- 2024 Hyundai Palisade Calligraphy AWD** Pearl White, 3.8L V6, leather, remote start, htd./cooled seats, nav.,prev. rental, 19800 mi., stk# 024653 **\$49,975** **\$836/72 mos.**
- 2024 Kia Seltos S AWD** Green, remote start, parking sensors, nav.,prev. rental, 27300 mi., stk# 24580 **\$27,975** **\$468/72 mos.**
- 2023 Chevrolet TrailBlazer RS AWD** Black, auto, leather, htd. seats, remote start, htd. steering wheel, prev. rental 15100 mi., stk# 24419 **\$27,975** **\$518/72 mos.**
- 2023 Jeep Cherokee Latitude Lux 4WD** Blue, leather, htd. seats, remote start, parking sensors,prev. rental, 29575 mi., stk# 024585 **\$28,975** **\$485/72 mos.**
- 2023 Jeep Grand Cherokee L Laredo 4WD** Burgundy, leather, htd. seats, remote start, bluetooth,prev. rental, 26200 mi., stk# 024649 **\$37,975** **\$635/72 mos.**
- 2023 Mazda CX-9 Grand Touring** Red, leather, htd. seats, remote start, parking sensors, prev. rental, 24500 mi., stk# 024396* **\$33,975** **\$585/72 mos.**
- 2022 Hyundai Kona Limited AWD** Green, leather, htd. seats, remote start, nav., one owner 27150 mi., stk# 024510A **\$24,975** **\$418/72 mos.**
- 2022 Hyundai Tucson Blue Hybrid AWD** Silver, remote start, htd. seats, parking sensors,one owner, 79000 mi., stk# 024556A* **\$21,975** **\$368/72 mos.**
- 2022 Hyundai Tucson SEL AWD** White, leather, htd./cooled seats, remote start,one owner, 26300 mi., stk# 024569 **\$28,975** **\$485/72 mos.**
- 2022 Jeep Compass Limited 4WD** Black, loaded, leather, htd. seats, remote start, & more one owner, 39800 mi., stk# 024643 **\$26,975** **\$431/72 mos.**
- 2022 Toyota RAV4 XLE AWD** Green, dual zone climate control, rear view camera, htd. mirrors,one owner, 25000 mi., stk# 024646 **\$32,975** **\$552/72 mos.**

- 2021 Buick Encore Preferred AWD** Black, auto, cruise, pwr. seat, one owner, 56900 mi., stk# 024373 **\$18,975** **\$324/72 mos.**
- 2021 Chevrolet Equinox LT AWD** White, remote start, htd. seats, pwr. seats, 29500 mi., stk# 024608 **\$23,975** **\$409/72 mos.**
- 2021 Chevrolet TrailBlazer LT AWD** Copper, remote start, htd. seats, dual zone climate control, one owner 66400 mi., stk# 024623 **\$21,975** **\$376/72 mos.**
- 2021 Chevrolet Traverse LT Cloth AWD** White, remote start, htd. seats, parking sensors,one owner, 24600 mi., stk# 024663 **\$23,975** **\$564/72 mos.**
- 2021 Dodge Durango SXT AWD** Blue, 3.6L V6, auto, htd. seats, htd. steering wheel, dual zone climate control, sat. radio, prev. rental 37400 mi., stk# 024484 **\$31,975** **\$547/72 mos.**
- 2021 Jeep Cherokee Limited 4WD** Black, leather, remote start, htd. seats, htd. steering wheel, one owner, 25000 mi., stk# 024641 **\$27,975** **\$478/72 mos.**
- 2021 Jeep Cherokee Trailhawk 4WD** Gray, auto, cruise, htd. seats, pwr. seat, prev. rental, 57300 mi., stk# 024313A **\$25,975** **\$444/72 mos.**
- 2021 Jeep Cherokee Limited 4WD** Gray, sunroof, htd. seats, remote start, one owner, 20600 mi., stk# 024630 **\$27,975** **\$478/72 mos.**
- 2021 Jeep Cherokee Limited 4WD** Green, leather, htd. seats, remote start, keyless entry, prev. rental, 29700 mi., stk# 24537 **\$27,975** **\$478/72 mos.**
- 2021 Jeep Cherokee Ltd. 4WD** Silver, leather, remote start, parking sensors, htd. seats, keyless entry, nav., prev. rental 37700 mi., stk# 024536 **\$27,975** **\$478/72 mos.**
- 2021 Jeep Compass Latitude 4WD** Maroon, remote start, htd. seats, parking sensors,prev. rental, 48500 mi., stk# 024304A **\$22,975** **\$394/72 mos.**
- 2021 Jeep Wrangler 4xe Unlimited Sahara 4x4** Green, leather, htd. seats, remote start, dual zone climate control, one owner, 28500 mi., stk# 024577* **\$39,975** **\$683/72 mos.**
- 2021 Mitsubishi Outlander Sport 2.0 ES AWD** Brown, dual zone climate control, rear view camera, bluetooth, one owner, 41200 mi., stk# 024629 **\$19,975** **\$341/72 mos.**
- 2021 Nissan Rogue SV AWD** Blue, remote start, pwr. seat, dual zone climate control, one owner, 91100 mi., stk# 024564 **\$20,975** **\$359/72 mos.**
- 2020 Buick Envision** Black, AWD, auto, leather, rem. start, nav, prev. rental 87800 mi., stk# 024502 **\$21,975** **\$375/72 mos.**
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- 2020 Dodge Durango SXT AWD** White, htd. seats, 3rd row seating, htd. steering wheel, one owner, 50000 mi., stk# 024354B **\$28,975** **\$495/72 mos.**
- 2020 Ford EcoSport SE AWD** Red, htd. seats, pwr. seat, rear view camera, 54300 mi., stk# 024624 **\$17,972** **\$307/72 mos.**
- 2020 Ford Escape Titanium 4WD** White, leather, remote start, tow pkg., prev. rental, 65000 mi., stk# 024572 **\$22,975** **\$393/72 mos.**
- 2020 Jeep Grand Cherokee Limited 4WD** White, leather, htd. seats, remote start, one owner, 43200 mi., stk# 024581 **\$28,975** **\$495/72 mos.**
- 2020 Jeep Wrangler Unlimited Sport** Silver, remote start, rear view camera, sat. radioprev. rental, 74200 mi., stk# 024609A **\$27,975** **\$478/72 mos.**
- 2019 Chevrolet Suburban LT 4WD** White, 5.3L V8, leather, htd. seats, sunroof, nav., remote start, tow pkg., 70200 mi., stk# 024626 **\$38,975** **\$667/72 mos.**

- 2019 Chevrolet Tahoe LT 4WD** Silver, 5.3L V8, leather, htd. seats, sunroof, nav., remote start, tow pkg., prev. rental, 96000 mi., stk# 024620A **\$31,975** **\$547/72 mos.**
- 2019 Jeep Cherokee Limited 4WD** Black, remote start, leather, htd. seats, one owner 56800 mi., stk# 024570A **\$23,975** **\$410/72 mos.**
- 2019 Jeep Compass Latitude 4WD** White, pwr. equipment, cruise, rear view camera, 28900 mi., stk# 024631 **\$21,975** **\$375/72 mos.**
- 2018 Ford EcoSport SES AWD** Silver, htd. seats, keyless entry, nav., one owner, 31000 mi., stk# 024599 **\$18,975** **\$330/72 mos.**
- 2018 GMC Terrain SLE AWD** Tan, remote start, dual pwr. seat, pwr. tailgate, 106300 mi., stk# 023907B **\$15,975** **\$278/60 mos.**
- 2018 Mitsubishi Outlander Sport** Red, AWD, cruise, htd. seats, pwr. windows, rear view cameraprev. rental 67200 mi., stk# 024213B **\$17,475** **\$330/72 mos.**
- 2018 Nissan Rogue SV AWD** Silver, htd. seats, pwr. seat, adj. lumbar support, 128200 mi., stk# 024295A **\$13,975** **\$239/72 mos.**
- 2018 Subaru Forester 2.5i Premium 6M** Charcoal, htd. seats, rear view camera, pwr. seat, 123400mi., stk# 024660 **\$16,975** **\$295/72 mos.**
- 2018 Subaru Forester 2.5i Premium CVT** White, remote start, sun roof, htd. seats, 98400 mi., stk# 024612 **\$19,975** **\$347/72 mos.**
- 2017 Honda HR-V EX 4WD CVT** Brown, htd. seats, nav. dual zone climate control, 130700 mi., stk# 024658* **\$13,475** **\$258/60 mos.**
- 2017 Jeep Cherokee Trailhawk 4WD** Red, leather, remote start, htd./cooled seats, one owner, 52000 mi., stk# 024638 **\$21,975** **\$421/72 mos.**
- 2017 Jeep Compass 4WD** White, leather, sun/moonroof, remote start, htd. seats, keyless entry, prev. rental, 75400mi., stk# 024526 **\$15,975** **\$385/48 mos.**
- 2017 Jeep RenegadeLatitude 4WD** Black, remote start, keyless entry, htd. steering wheel, dual zone climate control, prev. rental, 25800mi., stk# 024481 **\$19,975** **\$382/60 mos.**
- 2015 Jeep Cherokee Trailhawk 4WD** Gray, Cruise, pwr. windows, 59900 mi., stk# 024640 **\$19,975** **\$482/72 mos.**
- 2015 Toyota Highlander Limited AWD V6** Black, leather, htd./cooled seats, nav., 149000 mi., stk# 024595A **\$17,975** **\$433/48 mos.**
- 2022 Chrysler Pacifica Touring-L** Gray, remote start, leather, htd. seats, remote start, prev. rental, 60400 mi., stk# 024435 **\$25,975** **\$435/72 mos.**
- 2022 Chrysler Voyager LX** Silver, remote start, htd. seats, htd. steering wheel, parking sensors, prev. rental, 65550 mi., stk# 24527 **\$23,975** **\$401/72 mos.**
- 2020 Ford Transit 250 Cargo Van** White, 3.5L V6, auto, bucket seats, pwr. windows, rear view camera, one owner 20500 mi., stk# 024515 **\$42,975** **\$735/72 mos.**
- 2020 Ford Transit Connect XL** Gray, auto, 3rd row seating, rear view camera, rear liftgate, LWB, 76300mi., stk# 024477 **\$18,975** **\$324/72 mos.**
- 2019 Dodge Grand CaravanSXT** Gray, remote start, 3rd row seating, rear view camera, prev. rental, 98564mi., stk# 024086A **\$16,975** **\$290/72 mos.**
- 2019 Dodge Grand CaravanSE** Blue, auto, cruise, pwr. windows, a/c, one owner, 42000mi., stk# 024594 **\$21,975** **\$367/72 mos.**

CARS

- 2023 Dodge ChallengerSXT** Blue,3.6L V6, auto, pwr. seat, parking sensors, dual zone climate control, prev. rental, 26900mi., stk# 24412 **\$25,975** **\$485/72 mos.**

- 2023 Hyundai ElantraSE** Black, pwr. seat, htd. mirrors, parking sensors, one owner, 38500mi., stk# 024301B **\$19,975** **\$384/72 mos.**
- 2023 Hyundai ElantraSEL** Gray, leather, htd. seats, parking sensors, one owner, 19700mi., stk# 024509 **\$24,975** **\$417/72 mos.**
- 2023 Hyundai Elantra SEL** Blue, auto, dual zone climate control, bluetooth, rear view camera, one owner 13000mi., stk# 024454 **\$22,975** **\$385/72 mos.**
- 2023 Nissan LeafSV** Charcoal, remote start, leather, htd. seats, one owner, 21200mi., stk# 024627 **\$21,975** **\$368/72 mos.**
- 2022 Chevrolet Malibu LT** Gold, auto, pwr. driver seat, htd. seats, remote start, cruise, a/c, prev. rental 59000 mi., stk# 24383 **\$18,975** **\$317/72 mos.**
- 2022 Chevrolet Malibu LT** White, 4 cyl., Auto, Heated seat, Power lumbar support, remote ignition, one owner 56600 mi., stk# 024381 **\$18,975** **\$317/72 mos.**
- 2022 Dodge Challenger GT AWD** Black, remote start, pwr. seat, parking sensors, prev. rental, 54000 mi., stk# 024615 **\$29,975** **\$504/72 mos.**
- 2022 Subaru Forester Wilderness Edition** Green, auto, leather, htd. seats, pwr. sunroof, nav., sat. radio, 48800 mi., stk# 24488 **\$29,975** **\$529/72 mos.**
- 2021 Chevrolet Spark1LT CVT** Red, bucket seats, pwr. windows, auto, cruise, 59799mi., stk# 024563 **\$14,975** **\$256/72 mos.**
- 2021 Hyundai Elantra SEL** Black, remote start, auto climate control, one owner, 44300 mi., stk# 024666 **\$18,975** **\$324/72 mos.**
- 2021 Kia Soul LX** White, auto, cruise, a/c, pwr. windows, prev. rental 56200 mi., stk# 024326 **\$15,975** **\$290/72 mos.**
- 2021 Mitsubishi Mirage</**