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Honoring Service, Celebrating 250 Years of America

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An estimated 50 veterans representing American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars posts and communities across Delaware County gathered Oct. 10 at the Soldiers Monument on Courthouse Square in Delhi in recognition of America's 250th anniversary. Veterans from Delhi, Margaretville, Walton, Bloomville, Hamden, Downsville, Treadwell and Roxbury were among those represented, joining in a tribute to the men and women who served the nation.

Delaware County Farm Bureau Celebrates 110 Years, Takes Stand Against Battery Storage

Farmers discuss energy development, farmland preservation and the future of agriculture at annual meeting

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From left: Assembly Representative Joe Angelino, Dave Leiberg, Assembly Representative Chris Tague and Delaware County Farm Bureau member Bill Moody at the 2026 Delaware County Farm Bureau annual meeting.

DELHI - The Delaware County Farm Bureau marked its 110th anniversary with an annual meeting Friday, Oct. 16 at Fieldstone Farm, county Route 18, Delhi, bringing together about 50 members to celebrate local agriculture and debate policies affecting the industry's future.

The meeting, presided over by Farm Bureau President Barbara Hanselman, brought together farmers, elected officials and agricultural leaders for discussions ranging from farm promotion and rural community connections to proposed energy projects and the challenges facing modern agriculture.

Among the guests were Eric Ball, representing U.S. Rep. Josh Riley; Assemblymember Joe Angelino; Assemblymember Chris Tague; and Delhi resident Janet Tweed, candidate for the state Assembly who is also a Farm Bureau member.

Ball praised an earlier presentation as "a good reminder of how important agriculture is to Delaware County."

Tweed said she hopes to meet local farmers and learn more about the issues affecting their operations. Angelino represents the Delaware County towns of Sidney, Masonville, Tompkins and Deposit.

Tague, a self-described "recovering dairy farmer," spoke about the changes reshaping the industry and said agriculture is rebounding, although the way farmers operate has changed.

"We just farm differently," he said.

Keeping agriculture connected to the community

Hanselman's president's report highlighted the bureau's efforts to raise awareness of ag-

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Delhi Approves 15-Year PILOT for Solar Project

Agreement sets first-year payments at $32,550 with annual increases of 2%; underlying farmland remains taxable

Staff Report

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The view of the proposed commercial solar site, the former McFarland Farm, from state Route 10, Delhi.

DELHI - Delhi council members authorized a payment-in-lieu-of-taxes agreement Monday, Oct. 12, for a proposed commercial solar project on the Rama farm, county Route 18, establishing a 15-year payment schedule for the town of Delhi and Delaware County.

The agreement for Delhi Community Solar LLC's proposed 4.65-megawatt solar array at 739 county Highway 18 calls for an initial annual payment of $32,550, increasing by 2% each year. The town of Delhi would receive 75% of each payment, while Delaware County would receive the remaining 25%.

Council members approved entering into the agreement after Supervisor Maya Boukai asked whether members had questions about the document.

"All right, then, if I could please get a motion to enter into the pilot agreement with Genie Energy," Boukai said.

A motion was made and seconded, and council members approved it by voice vote.

The agreement itself identifies Delhi Community Solar LLC as the project owner.

What the agreement means

A payment in lieu of taxes, commonly called a PILOT, is an arrangement under which a property owner makes negotiated payments to local taxing jurisdictions instead of paying some or all of the property taxes that would otherwise apply. In this case, the agreement is structured under New York's Real Property Tax Law Section 487, which provides a tax exemption for qualifying renewable energy systems.

Under the agreement, the increase in the property's value attributable to the solar project would be exempt from real property taxation to the extent permitted by state law. In place of those taxes, the project owner would make the scheduled annual payments to the town and county.

The agreement does not exempt the underlying land from taxation. It specifically states that the property on which the project is built will remain on the tax rolls. Taxes owed on the land and any applicable special-district taxes would be paid separately from the PILOT.

The agreement names the town of Delhi and Delaware County as the taxing jurisdictions receiving payments. It does not list the school district as a party or provide for a separate school district payment.

The annual payment is calculated at $7,000 per megawatt of capacity in the first year, based on the project's expected 4.65-megawatt capacity. The agreement provides for a 2% annual increase beginning in the second year.

If the project operates at the anticipated capacity and remains under the agreement for the full 15 years, the scheduled payments would total approximately $562,901. Of that amount, approximately $422,176 would go to the town and $140,725 to the county.

The first-year payment would be $32,550 rising to $42,948.98 in the 15th year. The agreement states that the payment schedule would not be reduced because of depreciation or lower tax rates,

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BY THE NUMBERS

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Fog forms when air reaches 100% relative humidity	Grams; Amount of liquid in cubic meter of fog	Feet; Radiation fog range	Micrometers; Fog droplets diameter range. (Micrometer = one-millionth of a meter)

Source: weather.gov

WALTON

By Patty Wood pwood2@frontier.com

Bingo-Cize with Joanne Sampson has started again at the United Presbyterian Church Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4-5 p.m. To register call Office of the Aging at 832-5750. It started Oct. 13, but will run for 10 weeks.

The Walton Cemetery board of directors will have a chicken barbecue and bake sale Saturday, Oct. 24 at Armstrong's Service Station, starting at 10 a.m. until sold out.

There will be a Trunk or Treat at the Delaware Co. Fairgrounds Saturday, Oct. 24 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Prizes will be awarded for the three best trunks.

Fun includes a basket raffle in the barn, drawing at 2:30 p.m., a food truck, music by Randy's Nashville Sounds, a bounce house, hayrides from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. If you would like to do a trunk call Beth at 607-434-1319.

Walton Vet's Club is having a Kid's Halloween Party Saturday, Oct. 31 from 4 – 6 p.m. Fun games include fishing cauldrons, donut on a string, punch a pumpkin, and a mummy race - plus lots of candy. Make sure to make a stop there while you're trick or treating.

Booster Club Basketball sign-ups for grades 3-6 are tonight, Thursday, Oct. 22 from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Townsend School front entrance. Cost is $40 by cash, check or Venmo. Children in Walton and Downsville Schools or homeschooled from those towns are eligible. Commit to coming to the whole season as the teams will be depending on those signed up to play. Practices start the week before Thanksgiving and times will be announced per the coaches. Games will be played Saturday mornings (8 a.m. beginning with youngest teams), begin in December and go through the first weekend in February.

Sixth graders may have the opportunity to play in an end-of-season tournament. They definitely need referees and coaches. You don't need to be professional referee, just know the game and be willing to teach young kids. Grades K-2 will have signups and a season after the third to sixth grade season in order to have enough coaches and gym space. For questions or to volunteer message or call Eric Northrup at 919-819-0375.

The Football Booster Club will host a benefit spaghetti dinner Friday, Oct. 23 from 5-8 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, 55 Townsend Street. Dine in or take out, the menu is spaghetti, sausage, meatballs, garlic bread and salad. Free will donation; proceeds benefit Booster Club Football teams.

Walton Booster Club will also host a leaf raking fundraiser (village homes only) Sunday, Oct. 25. Hard-working little Warriors will rake your lawn, bag them up and leave them for village pickup. Freewill donations will support the Booster Club. Register by Friday, Oct. 23 by email: WBCyards@gmail.com or phone 607-434-5170 for more information.

The Walton Booster Club is having a benefit chicken dinner Saturday, Nov. 7 at Austin Lincoln Park. Dinners are $20 and include baked bean, coleslaw and a roll with butter. Halves are $12. They will also host their second annual Trunk of Treat Nov. 7 from 4-7 p.m. Set up a trunk for $5. Come enjoy music, games, haunted house, best costume contest, hot cocoa, basket raffle and a prize for the best decorated trunk.

I saw a Facebook post that Honor Flight is looking for mail for the veterans taken on honor flights to monuments cards, letters and notes to hand out at "mail call" reminiscent of their days in the service. If you, your church group, scouts, teams, or class wants to write short notes, pictures, or thank yous to send to vets for during their Honor Flights, I'm happy to take care of sending of the letters if people want to contribute. Kids drawings are always appreciated, from the very young to older students and adults can always contribute, too. Fifteen hundred to 1800 letters each year and are in need of some for this year's flights. Remember to stay positive and don't mention dates or specific wars as they are used on various flights. A long letter or a personal connection isn't necessary. A few sincere sentences of appreciation can make a lasting impression. Here are some suggested messages to help get you started: "Thank you for your service!," "Welcome Home, Veteran!," "Thank you for the sacrifices you made for our country," "Thank you for defending our freedoms, We appreciate everything you have done for us." Anything along these positive lines is appreciated. Get your letters, notes and drawings together and message me and I'll collect them to ship. Let's do it to mail out at Thanksgiving. I'll collect by the Christmas parade. A good project and time to give thanks to our vets.

Townsend Elementary School is again holding a small celebration for all Veteran's at the school auditorium Nov. 10 starting at 8:30 a.m. Join the students for donuts and coffee and socializing and then a performance from the children's chorus. All Veterans are welcome and should respond to Jami Aubin at jaubin@waltoncsd.org or me before the event. Thanks for your service!

A new event at the Trout Creek Schoolhouse sounds like lots of fun. Bring anything homemade, homegrown, baked, canned, handmade to swap at the Trout Creek Schoolhouse on Sunday, Nov. 15 from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. They're calling it Sunday Swap and you can get a table for just $5, and you can swap with others or sell your goodies.

The barrels downtown look great, with many redecorated for fall with mums and other fall decorations and colors. Thank you to all who have done them. The Walton Chamber of Commerce will host its Christmas barrel contest again, with barrels to be done by the Christmas Parade Friday, Nov. 27 at 6 p.m.

I have a correction to make. The weekend backpack program (WEB) supplies 36 students in Townsend School with food to take home for the weekend. The program is run from the United Presbyterian Church by donations and volunteers. There is a drop off box in the UP church sanctuary only. I had listed other places and that is not right. Contributions of money or food appreciated. Donations sought: 16 oz. jars of peanut butter, cans of tuna or chicken, canned vegetables (suitable for children), tomato or chicken noodle soup cans, oatmeal packets, single serve cereal, mac and cheese 7 oz box, shelf-stable milk, ramen noodles, Ritz or graham crackers, granola or fruit and nut bars, small boxes of raisins, individual cups of applesauce or fruit. For more information call the United Presbyterian Church at 607-865-4390.

Riverside Alliance Church will host a chili cook-off Saturday, Nov. 7 at the church at 110 Stockton Ave. Registration fee is $20 - register by calling the church at 607-865-4737 with your name and phone number. You can mail your registration to the church. Two cash prizes, one for judge's choice and one for people's choice which will also win a trophy. Set up starts at 4 p.m., tasting tickets are $5 per person and starts at 5 p.m. Judging at 6:30 p.m.

Walton Fire Department will hold its annual turkey raffle Saturday, Nov. 14 with doors opening at 5 p.m. Event starts at 6 p.m.; $2 entry fee, raffle table, 50/50 and food concessions; cash only. No saving seats so groups should get there at the same time. Donations toward the raffle table are appreciated. Reach out to a department member to donate.

When you're in Walton Diner this month consider taking some tickets for the lottery ticket raffle at the counter. Coordinated by the Walton Chamber, proceeds will go toward building a new business building on West Street to replace the one that burned. Don't need to be local to win - there will be mailed if you're out of town. Good luck and thanks in advance.

Also, it's time to start thinking about your Christmas parade entries. Send me a message if you or your group plan to participate. All are welcome, and because it's on Friday let's see families who have gathered in Walton for Thanksgiving bring in the season together at the parade.

Also, we want to do the Christmas windows again, so if you are interested in that contact me as well. Can't believe we are already at another holiday season but my heat keeps kicking on to remind me.

For the first time, the Southern Tier Singers' Collective (STSC) is bringing their music to Delaware County. Join them for an afternoon of beautiful Renaissance polyphony in celebration of All Saints, along with a few musical surprises. This special performance will be Sunday, Nov. 22 at 12 noon at the Walton United Presbyterian Church, 58 East Street. You may be familiar with the STSC from seeing them in Binghamton, and now they want to share their love of choral music with a new community. Mark your calendars, invite a friend, and spread the word.

The William B Ogden Library has digitized old Walton Central School yearbooks. They have Walton High School and Union School yearbooks from 1901-1918, Walton Public School yearbooks 1919-1948, and Walton Central School yearbooks from 1948-2013. You can explore the archives at https://ogden.advantage-preservation.com Books needed to complete the collection are: Yearbooks from 1952, 1953, 1956, 1997, 1999-2003, 2005, 2006, 2008, and 2014-2025. There is also a physical collection, so it is hoped that the missing years can donated. Call the library at 607-865-5929 if you are interested.

The Walton Theatre Preservation Association will welcome Kristina Marinova to the main stage of the Walton Theatre Nov. 7 at 7:30 p.m. Kristina will be performing her critically acclaimed solo piano arrangements of early-period Grateful Dead material from her most recent album "The Bus Came By and I Got On." The album is a fresh and imaginative reconceptualization of the band's iconic songs through the lens of classical piano expression.

A native of Bulgaria, Kristina is a recipient of multiple awards, has performed with many of the world's leading musicians. Tickets can be purchased on the Music on the Delaware website (www.musicon thedelaware.org) and at the door.

Clocks fall back on Nov. 1. Congress hasn't passed the elimination of Daylight Savings Time, so we still will do it. I personally don't love the clock changes, but I don't like kids going to school in the dark either. I hope they leave it alone, but for this year, its still "fall back" and we gain an hour.

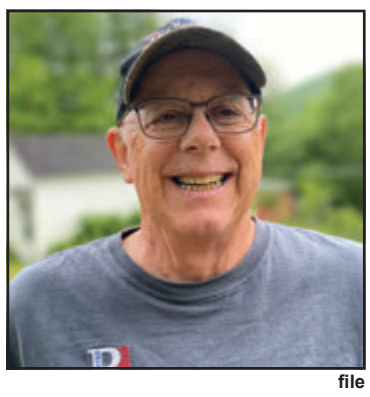
Weather Words with Frank Ward

Cold Nights, Nice Days

"Last Wednesday, Oct. 14 was our warmest. We got to 68 degrees. But Thursday, Oct. 15, was 65. We had two downpours on Friday, Oct. 16. One in the morning, one later in the day, and got 34/100ths of an inch of more precipitation. And I need to make a correction for last week where it said the amount of precipitation from the hurricane. It said 4 inches, it's supposed to say 1.4 inches, and a number of people kept saying, 'Hey, gee, we didn't get that much.' Yeah, you didn't. It was a misprint.

But anyway that happens every once in a while. Saturday, Oct. 17 was a cold, windy day. We started at 37, and if you were outside around 10 o'clock in the morning, we had a brief period of flurries. The kids were all excited. For me, it meant I had to find out where I put the snow shovels. But we only got to 46 that day, and it was a very windy, cold day. Then we had a really, really cold night. We got to 22 degrees. But then again, on that afternoon, we got to 61.

You know, we have all these cold mornings. Monday, Oct. 19, was 27 degrees. Tuesday, Oct. 20 was 28 degrees. But we keep getting into the 60s, and you know what? Lots and lots of beautiful sunshine. So we can't complain



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Walton Weather Observer Frank Ward

very much. I mean, this is, after all, nearing the end of October. Anyway, that's all due to the high pressure that's been over us. And it doesn't want to seem to leave. Let me tell you that we have lots and lots and lots of dry leaves. The woods are full of them, and lots of yards are too.

I just want to encourage people to be careful if you're doing anything outside with fires. But, you're going to need your jackets. I'll get to that in just a minute. For those of you that know me, you know, I support all the things that keep kids active. And let me just let me remind all the Walton-area people that there's still two more fundraisers for the Walton Booster Club. There is a spaghetti dinner at the Baptist Church on Townsend Street this coming Friday. And at the end of the season, at Austin Lincoln Field, that's Nov. 7, the final home game. All that money goes to help defray all the equipment and things that's needed to keep that program going for all the youngsters.

And I've spent some time up at the top of Oneonta Mountain with the WDA trap team watching young people and adults learn accuracy and shotgun safety and all of that, and watching 12 year olds shooting one for the first time and some adults, you have to be over 12 to join. But there's some females up there that have such accuracy better than I could have ever done. And we see kids setting goals. It's not a bad thing, and it's a beautiful place to do it. If you're interested, call Scott May, 607-437-0306 to get more information.

And then all the schools that have FFA, all their fruit sales are ongoing, so please, that is a big fundraiser. So even if you just order a pepperoni or a piece of cheese or one box of fruit, all that money goes to help fund them for the entire year. So, if we don't support our kids, these things disappear.

So, as far as jackets go, you'll need them until maybe Tuesday of this next week. And then, believe it or not, we might get a couple days of maybe hitting 70. That's like, 'Let's head into spring again.' Most unusual. However, just be careful with fires, get yards raked, and get ready for winter because sooner or later, it's going to get here. Have a good one." ~ Frank Ward

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Delaware County Slow-Walks Occupancy Tax Increase Despite Record Tourism Boom

By J. Lawrence-Bauer

DELHI - Members of the Delaware County Economic Development Committee have agreed to slow-walk a proposal for increasing the county's occupancy tax and sharing a portion of the increase with municipalities in the county. In a meeting Wednesday, Oct. 7, no official action was taken on the measure as John Kosier, Stamford supervisor and committee chairperson, agreed with a request from Economic Development Director Glenn Nealis to send the proposal back to the subcommittee where it originated.

After nearly two years of discussions about how Delaware County might help financially strained towns and villages, the Village–Town–County Fiscal Sustainability Sub-Committee presented a formal proposal to the Finance Committee Aug. 26. The proposal, developed after a lengthy meeting with Nealis May 27, seeks to take the county occupancy tax from 2% to 4% to strengthen "long term fiscal and operational sustainability of Delaware County communities while supporting tourism promotion and community development."

The proposal anticipated an additional $500,000 a year in revenue with $250,000 going directly to tourism promotion and $250,000 going to a multi-disciplinary, multi-department sustainability program.

The county's Finance Committee voted to advance the proposal to the county's Economic Development Committee for further review. Officials said the county attorney's office also would examine whether the proposed use of the additional occupancy tax complies with state law.

The Economic Development Committee reviewed the proposal in depth on Sept. 2 but took no action. In its most recent meeting on Oct. 7, Nealis told committee members that no formal proposal had actually been made by the subcommittee.

"At our last meeting, we discussed whether or not the law could be amended to make sure it was a viable use of occupancy tax, and I think, and we basically came to the [conclusion] that it could," said Nealis on a positive note. He continued by saying, "It was asked to come back to our committee, but to my knowledge it hasn't. I think it should first go back to the subcommittee, because they haven't actually acted on it and formally moved it forward. It was only a recommendation to do so."

Telling the committee: "My position would be that it should go back to that subcommittee for their approval, and then allow me the time to actually reach into all the parties involved to make sure that this is something that everybody agrees to before we try to rush it forward," Nealis secured agreement from Kosier who then moved on to the next agenda item.

The lack of action dashes any hopes of Delaware County mayors for a change in the law early in 2027 at a time when the county sales tax and the county occupancy tax are both soaring beyond what has been previously experienced; a time when the villages in the county are being forced to cut their budgets to the bone to be sure residents can sustain the village, town, and county taxes they must pay.

In the most recent sales tax report released by the county, sales tax revenue had increased from a 2025 year-to-date total by $1,757,735 with 12 payments still expected before the end of the year. At the end of 2025, sales tax collections were up $3,345,613 over 2024 totals. While current local occupancy tax reports are not readily available, a report reviewed at the Oct. 7 Economic Development Committee meeting noted that New York state taxable sales by category for Delaware County showed that Travel Arrangement and Reservation Services, described by officials as short-term rental services taxed, had risen from $450,629 in 2025 to $20,240,080 in 2026. Traveler accommodation services taxed in 2026 were $10,633,652, up from $8,385,697 in 2025.

The numbers appear to confirm the consistent news about tourism coming from the Economic Development committee. The uptick in regional interest is reflected directly in local hospitality numbers. From Jan. 1 through Aug. 27, Delaware County experienced a 6.12% increase in occupancy tax revenues over the same period last year. Mobile location and card spend data from Placer.AI indicates a 1% increase in two-to-three-night stays and a 4% increase in overall overnight spending.

In multiple previous meetings Nealis has expressed no concern that increasing the occupancy tax would have a negative impact on the tourism program. He offered analysis of taxes charged in other counties indicating that even doubling occupancy tax would still leave Delaware County at the lower end of the range of taxes charged.

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Delaware County Economic Development Director Glenn Nealis advised county officials not to rush forward on a proposal to increase the county occupancy tax and share part of the new revenue with villages and towns.

A Growing Divide Between County Coffers and Local Budgets

For municipal leaders across Delaware County, the stark contrast between booming regional tourism metrics and tightening local operating budgets remains a point of deep frustration. While short-term rental activity and overnight visitor spending continue to inject millions into county-level revenues, local village and town boards face the immediate burden of maintaining roads, public infrastructure, and emergency services under strict tax cap limits.

Advocates for the occupancy tax increase argue that local municipalities bear the brunt of tourism-related wear and tear, ranging from increased traffic and sanitation needs to heightened demands on emergency services, without directly sharing in neither the sales tax revenue nor the occupancy tax revenue generated by those visitors. The proposed 50/50 split between an additional 2% occupancy tax between traditional tourism promotion and municipal sustainability was intended to bridge that gap, giving local communities a dedicated funding stream to offset rising operating expenses.

However, procedural delays and legal reviews have effectively pushed any potential legislative relief past the upcoming budget cycle. By routing the proposal back to the Village–Town–County Fiscal Sustainability Sub-Committee, county officials have ensured that any formal adoption will require further administrative steps, public consensus-building, and potential state enabling legislation.

For now, village officials will have move into their 2027 budget cycles early in the new year without relying on expected revenue sharing from occupancy taxes.

Delhi Solar Project...

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nor increased beyond the agreed 2% annual escalation because of inflation or higher tax rates.

The 15-year term would begin with the first taxable status date after the project is recognized as exempt on the town's assessment roll. The agreement also allows payments to be adjusted proportionally if the project's capacity differs from 4.65 megawatts when construction is complete or if its capacity changes later.

The project owner would generally be required to pay by the dates specified in the agreement. Late payments would accrue interest at the statutory rate for delinquent taxes, and the taxing jurisdictions could pursue collection. The agreement also allows the jurisdictions to terminate the arrangement after written notice in specified circumstances, including failure to make payments.

The owner may terminate the agreement if it discontinues electricity production and decommissions the equipment, or if the project is no longer on the tax-exemption portion of the assessment roll. In that event, the project would be placed on the taxable portion of the roll, subject to applicable state law.

Background on the solar project

The PILOT follows the town of Delhi Planning Board's unanimous approval in June 2025 of a site plan for the Delhi Community Solar array after months of review and requests for additional information and mitigation.

The proposed project would occupy about 20 acres of a 79-acre section within a privately owned 213-acre parcel. The plans described in previous reporting called for ground-mounted panels covering about 6.9 acres, with no battery storage planned.

During the planning review, residents raised concerns about the project's visual impact, effects on wildlife, noise, property values and compatibility with the surrounding landscape. The planning board identified potential impacts related primarily to year-round visibility and the character of the area before seeking additional visual and noise studies.

The developer later agreed to add spruce trees along the eastern side of the project, facing the West Branch Delaware River, to supplement existing screening. A noise study submitted during the review placed the loudest measured or projected point at approximately 51 decibels, which the developer's representatives characterized as a low level of noise.

Previous reporting also stated that the solar array would connect to existing NYSEG infrastructure through underground lines and that the developer would cover utility upgrade costs. The project was described as a 4.65-megawatt array with an anticipated operating life of 25 to 30 years.

The PILOT sets out a separate financial arrangement for the project's added value. Rather than applying ordinary real property taxes to that value during the agreement's term, the town and county would receive the scheduled payments, while the underlying land would continue to be taxed.

The agreement is contingent on the project qualifying for the state tax exemption. It states that the owner has submitted or will submit the required application to the town assessor and must provide the taxing jurisdictions with a copy of the filing.

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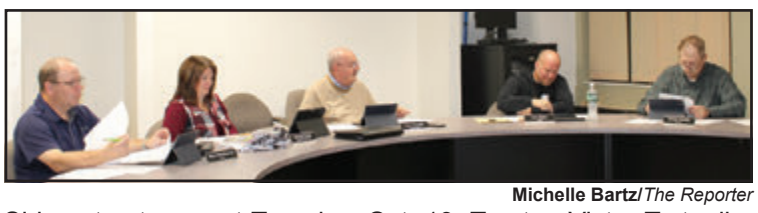

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Sidney trustees met Tuesday, Oct. 13. Trustee Victor Tartaglia, deputy mayor, led the meeting in the absence of Mayor Ray Baker. Pictured from left are Trustee Barry MacPherson, Clerk-Treasurer Michelle George, Tartaglia, Trustees Luke Higley and Tom Hoskins.

By Michelle Bartz

SIDNEY - After sending notices and reminder letters to owners of properties with delinquent taxes, the Sidney Village Board authorized its attorney in August to issue formal demands for payment. At the board's Tuesday, Oct. 13 meeting, village Clerk-Treasurer Michelle George said two payment agreements had been established, reducing the number of properties facing possible foreclosure to 13. Some properties are vacant or have deceased owners. The next step is to conduct deed searches through Delaware County and determine whether the properties have outstanding liens.

New Staff Hired

Trustees approved the hiring of Elijah Cone as DPW Laborer I, effective on Oct. 14, with an hourly wage of $20.58. Trustees also appointed Dennis Voltz as a part-time airport groundsman, effective Oct. 26, starting at $17 per hour with an increase to $19 per hour once he completes fuel tank certifications.

Vandalism at Sewer Plant

It was reported that on Oct. 5, someone broke into the panel box that connects electricity to the water tank and its controls, cutting the wire after the meter, at the municipal wastewater treatment plant. The incident was reported to the New York State Police and Taggert Electric restored power to the tank and controls Oct. 7.

Water Main Mishap and High Chlorine/Manganese in Water

It was reported that while drilling to install a utility pole on Winkler Road, NYSEG hit a water main. The water main had not been appropriately marked by the village crew. It has since been repaired and Winkler Road residents received a boil water notice awaiting lab results confirming it's safe to drink their water. Complaints of high chlorine levels have been received by residents with homes near the water treatment plant. The village is required to disinfect the water to an adequate level throughout the village. The amount of chlorine dissipates the farther away it moves from the water treatment plant. As a consequence, those residing closer to the plant will have higher levels than those farther away. Chlorine levels are currently being run between 1.5 mg/L and 1.9 mg/L. This has shown to meet requirements for those farthest away, and is also under the state's regulation that chlorine must not exceed 4.0 mg/L.

With the combination of switching to a new well and flushing the hydrants, some residents have voiced that they have experienced an increase of manganese in their water. The village will continue to flush and remove as much as possible from the lines. Residents can help flush the lines by running cold water.

In other business, Recreation Director Brett French reported that the soccer season has gone well, with minor issues resolved quickly. A pool inspection was completed Sept. 24, following the pool's Aug. 22 closure. The inspection identified fence issues that will be repaired, with photos submitted to the state Department of Health as directed. Youth football practices continue, although no additional home games are scheduled this season. French said the pool and parks will be winterized as colder weather approaches.

Trustees announced that trick-or-treating for Halloween will take place Saturday, Oct. 31 from 5-8:30 p.m.

Catskill Recreation Center Seeks $10K From Andes in 2028 Budget

The Arkville nonprofit says its programs serve residents across the region including Andes, and provide recreation, swimming and water-safety training

Staff Report

ANDES - The Catskill Recreation Center asked the Andes Town Council to include $10,000 in its 2028 budget, arguing that the Arkville nonprofit provides recreational and educational services that benefit residents beyond its membership.

Representatives of the center outlined its programs and regional reach during a presentation to the council Tuesday, Oct. 13. The request was presented for consideration as town officials prepare next year's budget; no approval was announced during the presentation.

Anya Pollara, the center's vice president, and Morgan Hubbell, its executive director, described a facility that serves hundreds of members and attracts tens of thousands of visits annually.

The center has approximately 700 members and records about 42,000 visits a year, according to the presentation. Twenty-two of its members are from Andes.

Located in Arkville, the nonprofit offers recreational opportunities for children and adults, including swimming and fitness activities. Its representatives said the center also serves a broader public purpose by providing water safety instruction and training lifeguards and swimming instructors for area pools.

That work, they said, helps communities maintain safe swimming programs and provides opportunities for residents to learn skills that can be used throughout the region.

The center also offers access to outdoor trails and other recreational amenities. Representatives described it as a resource that can help make the area more attractive to prospective residents, including families considering a move to the Catskills.

They said local real estate agents have used the center to show prospective buyers what recreational amenities are available in the region.

Although only 22 members are from Andes, the presenters argued that the center's reach extends well beyond its membership rolls. Its programs, facilities and training opportunities serve a regional population, they said, making municipal contributions an investment in shared services rather than a benefit limited to individual members.

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Catskill Recreation Center, Arkville.

The request comes as the center seeks financial support from several municipalities. Representatives identified Andes, Middletown, Shandaken and Roxbury among the communities they were approaching for contributions.

The proposed $10,000 allocation would be part of Andes' 2028 budget. The presentation did not establish whether the request would be included in the preliminary budget or ultimately approved by the council.

Municipal budget requests require officials to weigh the value of a service against competing demands on local revenues. The center's presentation sought to make the case that recreation, water safety and access to facilities are benefits that extend across municipal boundaries.

The center's nonprofit status also places its request within a broader model of community support: Rather than relying exclusively on membership revenue, the organization is seeking public contributions to help sustain services used by residents throughout the region.

For Andes, the question before the council is whether to commit taxpayer money to an organization based outside the town but used by some local residents and serving a wider Catskills community.

Middletown CSEA Union Salaries to Rise 15% Over Three Years

By J. Lawrence-Bauer

MARGARETVILLE — Middletown council members moved a tentative budget into preliminary status Wednesday, Oct. 14 after tweaking entries while at the same time offering CSEA union employees a 15% salary increase over the next three years. The budget will remain under the New York mandated tax increase cap by using unallocated funds to supplement the tax levy needed to cover town expenditures.

As he had done in a workshop meeting the week before, Supervisor Glen Faulkner read a summary of the budget with no documents being available for public view. The preliminary spending plan projects total appropriations of $4,887,058, with $3,508,522 slated to be raised by taxes. Officials noted that the overall increase in appropriations, including special districts, stands at $325,121, representing a 7% year-over-year increase driven largely by major equipment needs and infrastructure projects as well as a 5% salary increase for every employee whether elected or appointed.

"We're still in a pretty healthy fiscal position with our reserve," noted Faulkner during discussions, emphasizing that while fund balance utilization is higher than previous years, partly due to transfer station consultants, the town maintains strong financial reserves.

Revenue and Staff Compensation

On the revenue side, projected collections are expected to rise to $958,746. Key drivers include increased interest revenues, mortgage taxes, the traffic diversion program, anticipated new cannabis tax revenue, registration fees for short-term rentals, and expected highway CHIPs (state Consolidated Highway Improvement Program) reimbursement.

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Middletown Supervisor Glen Faulkner explained the rationale behind salary increases proposed for the 2027 town budget. In a meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 14, Faulkner noted CSEA union employees are expected to get a 5% increase each year for the net three years and all employees, elected and appointed, will get 5% increases for 2027.

Across-the-board compensation adjustments feature a 5% salary increase for all employees, including council members and supervisor. The highway department's 5% raise is tied to a newly negotiated three-year CSEA union agreement.

Town officials explained that while a 5% raise in a single year is greater than the 3.7% Consumer Price Index and represents a significant commitment, the figure acts as a necessary catch-up following a 3% adjustment last year, which fell below the cost of living. Officials also highlighted staffing stability, noting that five of eight town employees are relatively new and were hired at starting salaries slightly below those paid to their experienced predecessors, creating internal savings that help offset the wage adjustments.

Earlier in the year, officials had also discussed the goal of salary parity, noting that if highway employees are getting a 5% increase, other staff members should get the same amount. Though Faulkner did not commit to following that plan in future years, the commitment to give CSEA union employees 5% raises for each of the next three years is likely to lead all other employees to the same level of salary increases in future years.

Board Adjustments and Community Funding

Before adopting the document as the preliminary budget, council members made several last-minute line-item adjustments based on feedback.

Library funding for the coming year was totally eliminated following a community vote in May to attach dramatically increased library funding to school tax bills. The $2,000 which had been allocated for library support was divided in half and added $1,000 each for the Catskill Recreation Center and the town historian's expense line, bringing each to an anticipated total of $3,500 for 2027.

Council members scheduled a public hearing on the preliminary budget for Tuesday, Nov. 10, at 6 p.m. at town hall.

Roxbury Veterans Get Community Attention

By J. Lawrence-Bauer

ROXBURY - Local veterans and first responders were central to discussions at the Roxbury Town Council meeting Tuesday, Oct. 13, as council members reviewed potential tax exemptions for disabled service members and approved new initiatives to honor local heroes with street banners.

Assessor's Clerk Stephanie Seminara provided the board with an update on proposed disabled veterans tax exemptions currently built into state budget legislation. Available by local option, the measure would allow levying bodies, including towns, counties, and school districts, to grant property tax relief to permanently and totally disabled service members.

"It pertains to any service member who is considered permanently and totally disabled," Seminara explained, noting that eligibility hinges on a VA designation of total and permanent disability, regardless of employability or specific percentage ratings under pending statutory adjustments.

"Should you opt to adopt, there are currently 14 veterans that have a disabled veteran exemption," Seminara told the board.

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Roxbury Assessor Clerk Stephanie Seminara explained options the town will have for providing tax relief to disabled veterans in line with a new state law allowing the practice. Officials will be asked next month whether to adopt the exemptions which would help 14 veterans in the community.

She presented financial scenarios demonstrating the local impact, noting that if 100% of those 14 eligible veterans qualified, it would represent a total reduction in assessed value of "just shy of $4 million."

"So, in a town of our size, we're not talking about a significant thing," Seminara added.

She expects to present finalized eligibility guidelines next month before approaching the local school board to consider co-adoption.

Seminara also alerted the board to upcoming adjustments regarding the town's senior citizen property tax exemption. The current income limit caps at $39,799.99, serving roughly 57 to 58 local seniors on a sliding scale from 5% to 50% off assessed value.

To account for recent Social Security cost-of-living adjustments and updated HEAP eligibility guidelines, Seminara plans to recommend raising the income ceiling to approximately $42,000 next month. The adjustment aims to protect lower-income residents "subsisting on basically Social Security and maybe a small pension."

Hometown Heroes Banner Program Launches

Council members also heard from Tim Douglas representing the Grand Gorge Community Action Group who detailed ongoing efforts to launch a Hometown Heroes banner program across Roxbury and Grand Gorge.

Working in partnership with the Grand Gorge and Roxbury Fire Departments and local veterans Marty Finch and Tom Miner, the committee aims to hang commemorative street banners on utility poles in time for Memorial Day.

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Tim Douglas of the Grand Gorge Community Action Group outlined plans for establishing a Hometown Heroes project. Douglas and his collaborators hope to raise funds throughout the winter to acquire and hang banners honoring veterans from the community.

"What we want to do is get this going Nov. 1, work all winter, and have the banners up on the poles come Memorial Day," Douglas said. "It's about time we took care of our veterans and our first responders."

Council members unanimously granted permission to place informational flyers and banner applications on the town website and to position a donation box inside the town hall.

Douglas noted that sponsorships will be accepted from families, local banks, and community organizations, with fundraising also supported by a GoFundMe page and grant applications targeting regional organizations such as The MARK Project and the O'Connor Foundation. Individual banners are estimated at $179 each, inclusive of mounting hardware. Contributions will be processed through the Grand Gorge Community Action Group's tax-exempt 501(c)(3) status under a designated program account.

Town officials expressed enthusiasm for the grassroots effort, praising organizers for taking the lead on a long-desired community effort.

"Roxbury has needed for a while to get this program going," noted Supervisor Allen Hinkley. "It's just needed somebody to take hold of it and do it."

A final planning meeting is scheduled for Oct. 26 to finalize application logistics and fundraising targets prior to the public rollout on Nov. 1.

Stamford Council Members Review Preliminary 2027 Budget, Hear Multiple Department Reports

By Duane Martin

STAMFORD - Stamford council members reviewed the town's preliminary 2027 budget during its Oct. 14 meeting. Supervisor John Kosier, town bookkeeper Jackie Lamport, and former Deputy Supervisor Dan Deysenroth serve as the budget committee.

Deysenroth presented the proposed spending plan, outlining a $1.492 million budget that includes a 2% tax increase. He reported the town ended the previous fiscal year with an unexpended balance of $68,267 across the General and Highway Funds.

"The new budget was $1.492 million with a tax increase of 2%," Kosier said.

Discussion on Fund Balance and Tax Rates

Deysenroth recommended the town develop a formal policy for managing fund balance usage. He cited the town's contribution toward establishing Headwaters EMS, noting that the town used prior-year reserves to reduce the tax impact of the service's initial $100,000 cost, which has since risen to $104,000.

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The Stamford Town Council met Oct. 14 and adopted its 2027 preliminary budget. Pictured from left are Supervisor John Kosier, Town Clerk Ruthanne VanBuren, Highway Superintendent Daniel Miglanti, and Councilmember Julie Sechrist.

Resident Doug McMullen questioned whether maintaining unused allocations as reserves was more beneficial than reducing property taxes. Deysenroth explained the town has historically used certificates of deposit and savings accounts to earn interest on reserves.

McMullen said council members would be "heroes" if they avoided a tax increase. Deysenroth responded that while a 0% increase was possible by using reserves, it could lead to a significant spike - potentially up to 10% - in the following year.

He added that fund balance has historically helped cover unexpected costs, including a $50,000 culvert pipe replacement after storm damage. McMullen countered that federal and state aid exists for such emergencies, but Kosier clarified that aid requires an official emergency declaration.

Salary Questions and Rising Costs

Councilmember Jessica Watson asked about salary increases. Deysenroth said highway department wages and health insurance are contractual and have increased. He noted that full-time elected officials - such as the town clerk and highway superintendent - have not seen raises in more than a decade. Rising energy costs and other uncontrollable expenses continue to tighten the budget.

Kosier asked council members to review the budget thoroughly before the next meeting.

South Kortright Sewer District Budget

Donald "Mike" Cairns, of LVDV Operations, Inc., operator of the South Kortright Sewer District, presented the district's preliminary budget, citing increases in electricity, insurance, and pumping costs to the Hobart sewer plant. Rates will be capped at 3.2%, with the New York City Department of Environmental Conservation covering $124,078 of the $140,840.42 total budget.

He also introduced a new seven year management contract between the town and LVD, the sewer plant operator. Services remain unchanged with slight increases in personnel costs. Council members approved the contract.

Highway Department Report

Highway Superintendent Daniel Miglanti reported that Foote Hollow Road will reopen following temporary repairs. The town is awaiting final permit approval from the Soil and Water Conservation District for longterm work.

Miglianti also warned that most town trucks are currently down and cannot pass inspection until they read diagnostic codes. The previous mechanic used his personal computer for diagnostics. Council members instructed Miglianti to contact Matt Finney of Oneonta for assistance.

With diesel prices high and staffing shortages ongoing, Miglianti requested permission to have winter sand delivered rather than hauled by town trucks. Council members approved the request.

He also reported that the village of Hobart Public Works took a large quantity of town stone for its paving project after an engineer underestimated the amount needed. Councilmember Debra Ballard said the village has replaced stone in past situations. Kosier said he would speak with village officials.

Social Services Requests More Foster Families

Kay VanDusen, caseworker for Delaware County Department of Social Services, addressed the council regarding a shortage of foster families. She explained the difference between traditional foster homes and kinship placements and emphasized the importance of keeping children within familiar school districts to reduce trauma.

VanDusen said the department's goal is reunification or adoption, but some children age out of the system at 18. She noted that children enter foster care due to various forms of neglect and abuse, including trafficking and sexual abuse, and sometimes include pregnant teens.

Anyone interested in fostering can contact her at 607-832-5257.

Other Business

- No bids were received for diesel fuel, gasoline, or propane.
- A movie production company has asked to use the town hall exterior and parking lot as a hospital set for a scene in a film. Council members postponed its decision until next month; filming is expected to begin next summer.
- A public hearing on the proposed 2027 budget is scheduled for 6:45 p.m. Nov. 19, with the regular meeting to follow at 7 p.m.

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'A Bleak Report' for Roxbury Highway Dept. as Winter Approaches

By J. Lawrence-Bauer

ROXBURY - With winter fast approaching the Roxbury Highway Department is facing a series of budget-straining equipment repairs, staffing shortages, and rising operational costs, according to reports delivered at the town council's monthly meeting Tuesday, Oct. 13. Highway Superintendent Ralph Sprague warned that residents could face delays in road plowing during storms unless equipment and staffing issues are resolved.

Sprague presented the sobering summary of the department's current operational state, detailing ongoing maintenance efforts alongside significant setbacks in both labor and machinery.

"We got Tanglewood Doors there working on our garage doors, but it's been two weeks now since they've showed back up again," Sprague told the board. "They got four doors on, but I guess they were sick."

Despite delays, crews have been actively working on roadside maintenance across the town.

"We're still cutting brush back on the roads, trying to get them wider. New tractors did a good job with the new guy," Sprague said, adding that staff have managed to stay ahead of schedule on smaller tasks. "We've got caught up in a lot of little projects and are starting to ditch roads for next year for stone and oiling."

However, preparations for winter road maintenance are being hampered by a personnel deficit.

"Snowplow routes are going to be changed," Sprague cautioned. "Might be a little longer now because we're down a guy. We still haven't filled Kent Perry's position."

Sprague noted that while an application had been received following public advertisements, filling the vacant role remains uncertain.

"I've got one person interested in it? We advertised it, and of course that's Jeff Ormiston. He wants the mechanic's position, so I don't know what we got to do for that."

Sprague did not point out the fact that Ormiston runs the town transfer station which was a major cost and ever increasing expense for the town until Ormiston took it over. Moving him to a post in the highway department would solve one big problem, but likely create another over at the transfer station.

Vehicle and heavy equipment maintenance presented further challenges for the town.

While Sprague reported "Our repairs are pretty well caught up" overall, several key vehicles remain out of commission.

"We got one truck down with turbo," he reported. "All the plow frames have been installed on the 10 wheelers, getting ready for winter. The one that burned up, we ain't got back yet. Still waiting on a wiring harness."

The most significant unexpected expense involves the department's John Deere grader, which suffered a major motor failure.

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Roxbury Highway Superintendent Ralph Sprague reported that unless equipment and staffing shortages can be resolved soon, snowplow routes will have to be changed and delays in plowing can be expected this winter. The news was part of a bleak report delivered at the monthly town board meeting Tuesday, Oct. 13.

"And that Cat or the John Deere grader that motor went in, [will be] $ 38,000," Sprague explained. "Cannot find a used one. They searched for us. It was $37,800 to rebuild the one that's in it. So I don't know what you want to do with that."

Beyond equipment troubles, the department will also see cost increases on the administrative side. Supervisor Allen Hinkley announced that premiums for the town's Excellus Blue Cross Blue Shield health insurance plan are set to rise.

"There is about a 10% increase this year, which considering where everything else is going, is probably about reasonable," Hinkley stated. The insurance coverage applies to approximately 15 town workers, most of whom are employed by the highway department.

The board also turned its attention to securing energy contracts for the upcoming heating and vehicle operation season.

"Next thing we have to talk about is the scary fuel bills for the next year," Hinkley noted.

He outlined options submitted by suppliers Main Care Energy and Mirabito.

"Got a price from Main Care and from Mirabito. I think Mirabito and Main Care both gave us bids for a fluctuating price," Hinkley explained. "We did receive a fixed bid from Mirabito too but I think based on the market and where everything is going, I think it makes much more sense to do a fluctuating price this year, and it looks to me like Main Care was the low bidder."

When asked for his input on the selection, Sprague voiced his support for the decision, noting simply, "Yes, they've got the better fuel."

Council members voted unanimously to award the bid to Main Care.

New Sidney Water Plant Online as Village Bridges $500K Shortfall

By Michelle Bartz

SIDNEY - Sidney's new water treatment plant went online Sept. 23 and is operating well, Jason Preisner of Lamont Engineering told village trustees at their Tuesday, Oct. 13, meeting. Preisner said operators are learning the system, which currently uses more chemicals than the previous system, though that may change as they calibrate operations. Only a few construction items remain at the plant, with other village infrastructure projects completed and closed out.

Water Project Falls Short By $500k

Preisner explained the current financing for the ongoing water project - improvements to the village water supply and distribution system. The state loaned what's called short term financing for the building project, he explained. When construction is completed, financing is converted to long-term financing - 30 year at 0% interest.

"So a little snafu came up in April, so that short term financing that you guys had was for a certain dollar amount... up to ...it was about half a million short of what you needed to finish," Preisner told trustees.

Preisner said the village secured a $480,000 grant two to three years ago to offset rising project costs and help pay for water meters. The state had planned to incorporate the grant into the project's long-term financing, but that adjustment would reduce the funds available to pay contractors and complete the work.

To bridge the funding gap and finish the project before January, trustees voted to authorize a $500,000 bond anticipation note for a two-month term.

Upcoming Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades

Preisner said that recent revisions and specs for the village's wastewater treatment plant upgrade project have been submitted to the state of New York and bidding on the project will take place the first week of January. Eighty-six percent of the $4.3 million dollar project will be covered by grants and loan forgiveness, leaving the remaining 14% to be covered by a 30 year, 0% interest loan. Calculations show an $18.85 annual increase per connection (assuming 1,000 hookups are made). The project will begin in one-and-a-half to two years.

I & I Grant

To meet state mandates for upgrading the sewer plant, Sidney must also address inflow and infiltration (I & I) into the sewer system. That includes anything that would increase the flow to the facility such as sump pump discharge or catch basins. Lamont Engineers has completed a preliminary engineering report for the $1 million project with Sidney's department of public works completing a portion of the work. Documentation will be presented at the November trustee meeting with a bond resolution to follow. The project has a protracted timeline with work being projected to be complete in 2029 or 2030.

Susquehanna River Basin Commission Grant

Preisner reported that a $300,000 Susquehanna River Basin Commission (SRBC) grant was used for water meters and new hydrants to be installed by DPW staff. Funds also replaced leaky valves at the intersection of River and Main streets.

"All those valves were actually leaking and inaccessible, so it was a good fix. Now the guys will actually have much more isolation capability on the water system if they have to fix leaks in the future around that area in the village," Reisner reported.

Grant funds have been expended. Most of the 1,400 users of the water system have been metered.

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Delhi Adopts 2027 Preliminary Budget Staying Below Tax Cap

Public Hearing Scheduled for Nov. 9 at 6 p.m.

Staff Report

DELHI - Delhi council members adopted their preliminary 2027 budget Monday, Oct. 12, and scheduled a public hearing for Nov. 9 at 5:55 p.m. as it moves toward finalizing next year's spending plan.

Council members also canceled a previously scheduled public hearing on exceeding the state's 2% property tax cap after determining that the proposed budget would not exceed the allowable limit.

"We don't need to have that permission as we're not going over the tax limit," Supervisor Maya Boukai said.

Boukai explained that the board initially scheduled the hearing as part of the budget process but determined during its budget discussions the previous week that it would not need to seek permission to exceed the cap.

"Last week when we had our budget hearings, we knew that we weren't going to go over," Boukai said.

Budget increases spending

The preliminary budget lists proposed appropriations of approximately $1.86 million across the townwide general, outside-village general and highway funds, compared with approximately $1.79 million in the 2026 adopted budgets. That represents an increase of about $69,000, or 3.9%.

The proposed 2027 budgets include:

- Townwide general fund: $894,298, up 2.68% from $870,943 in 2026.
- Outside-village general fund: $76,437, up 4.67% from $73,022.
- Highway fund: $884,677, up about 5.1% from $842,108.

The highway fund accounts for much of the proposed spending increase, reflecting the cost of maintaining roads, equipment and other highway operations.

Salaries and benefits

The budget includes increases in several personnel and employee-benefit accounts.

In the townwide general fund, medical insurance is budgeted at $46,000, up from $42,675 in 2026, an increase of about 7.8%. Total employee benefits in that fund rise from $117,025 to $120,350, or about 2.8%.

The preliminary budget allocates $150,657 for elected officials and $262,207 for appointed officials in 2027. Proposed elected salaries include $12,300 for the supervisor, $12,200 for each of the four town council members, $43,285 for the superintendent of highways, $30,824 for the town justice, $36,926 for the town clerk, $11,183 for the town clerk-tax collector and $3,939 for the dog control clerk. Among appointed positions, the largest allocations are $56,489 for the town justice-court clerk, $29,778 for the deputy town clerk/collector, $27,253 for the assessor's clerk, $26,454 for the supervisor-bookkeeper and $25,940 for the assessor. Recreation and pool salaries total $37,080, while highway employee salaries, including estimated overtime, total $515,527. The budget lists total salaries of $928,391 across elected officials, appointed officials and highway employees.

Fund balance helps finance budget

The proposed budget uses appropriated fund balance to help cover expenses. The townwide general fund includes $151,617 in appropriated fund balance, compared with $154,603 in the 2026 budget. The outside-village general fund includes $27,884, up from $25,469.

Fund balance represents accumulated resources from prior years. Using it can reduce the amount of revenue that must be raised in the current budget, but it also draws down money available for future expenses or emergencies.

The budget's revenue estimates include property taxes, interest earnings, state aid and other income. The highway fund's property-tax revenue line increases from $751,563 in 2026 to $864,677 in 2027. That line-item increase is distinct from the overall tax-cap calculation.

The Nov. 9 public hearing will give residents an opportunity to comment on the preliminary budget before the board completes the budget process.

To review the 2027 tentative budget, visit the-reporter.net and click on this article.

DelCo Farm Bureau...

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riculture throughout the year especially during Agriculture Week, Maple Week, June Dairy Month and the Delaware County Fair.

The organization also works with Cornell Cooperative Extension of Delaware County to educate children about farming through Agriculture Literacy Week books and ongoing video stories about local farms at the Ag Awareness Center.

Farm bureau has partnered with the Watershed Agricultural Council on its Share the Road campaign, which promotes awareness between motorists and agricultural vehicles sharing rural roads.

Another initiative, Farmers Night Out, gives farmers an opportunity to gather and connect with others who understand the demands of agricultural work. Hanselman said the event held at the Delhi American Legion, helps combat isolation by providing a chance for farmers to socialize and build relationships with their peers.

Farm Bureau also hopes to organize a local farm-to-table meal this year.

Farm Bureau County Manager Supervisor Todd Heyn emphasized that Farm Bureau policy is shaped by its members through a grassroots process. The annual meeting provides an opportunity for members to debate existing positions and propose changes.

"Anything in the policy book can be changed," Heyn said, describing the process as an important exercise in democratic participation.

Steve Smith, the Farm Bureau's District Nine state director, also encouraged members to use annual meetings to build connections across the agricultural community. He announced that Schoharie County Farm Bureau will host an Ag Solutions Conference March 9 at SUNY Cobleskill, featuring workshops, vendors and a free lunch for farmers.

Battery storage draws strong opposition

Energy development emerged as a major issue during the policy discussion, with members raising concerns about a proposed battery energy storage facility in Hamden.

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Farm Bureau's District Nine State Director Steve Smith and Ag Issue Leader Desiree Keever for Cornell Cooperative Extension of Delaware County at Delaware County Farm Bureau's 2026 annual meeting held Friday, Oct. 15.

Member Bill Moody questioned the potential effects of the project, while member Dwight Bruno warned that the development was approaching "like a runaway freight train."

Members discussed potential risks involving water quality and fire safety, along with the loss of farmland and changes to the character of rural communities. They also raised questions about the infrastructure needed to connect renewable energy projects to the electrical grid and how battery storage facilities would be decommissioned when they reach the end of their useful lives.

The discussion concluded with members adopting a new policy opposing all battery storage units being built in Delaware County.

The position establishes the county Farm Bureau's opposition to battery storage development as a matter for consideration in the state organization's policy process.

Farm machinery and wildlife concerns

Stamford farmer Frank Albano raised questions about whether the increasing size and weight of modern agricultural machinery could require farmers to obtain commercial driver's licenses.

Members reaffirmed existing state policy and called for clearer information about agricultural vehicle registration.

The group also reaffirmed five nuisance wildlife policies, including concerns about birds damaging corn crops and bears causing problems for farmers and rural residents.

Other reaffirmed positions included support for the John May Safety Program, the Rollover Protective Structure (ROPS) Rebate Program and the use of utility terrain vehicles on roadways for agricultural purposes.

Members adopted additional policies supporting the use of drones to locate wounded deer, issuing additional doe permits and revising a position in support of the Good Food Act. The act is intended to expand local farms' access to school and institutional food markets.

Leadership reelected

Members reelected Hanselman as president and Matt Scobie as vice president, each to one-year terms. Dave Lieberg and Duane Martin were elected to two-year director positions.

Members will meet again Dec. 4 to debate, modify or adopt policies that were previously rejected.

Village of Hancock Weighs FOIL Fee Changes, Fire Coverage and Future Police Vehicle Costs

Municipal attorney advises aligning records policy with state law; revised fire contract approved, requests for feral cat care heard

Staff Report

HANCOCK - Hancock trustees discussed changes to its Freedom of Information Law policy, approved a revised fire protection agreement and considered future police vehicle costs during its meeting Tuesday, Oct. 13, led by Mayor Shaun Shannon.

The meeting also included an update on a proposed rail trail, concerns about funding the care of feral cats removed from village streets, and questions about how the village will address the potential development of artificial intelligence data centers.

Attorney recommends revising FOIL policy

Municipal attorney Gina Middleton advised trustees against imposing flat fees for Freedom of Information Law requests, saying state law limits what municipalities can charge for records.

Middleton said FOIL fees must relate to the actual cost of reproducing or disclosing records and cannot include certain administrative expenses.

"There's a lot of different FOIL policies out there," Middleton said. "Some of them haven't gotten challenged, even if they're maybe not appropriate."

Under the state statute, she explained, fees for paper copies generally cannot exceed 25 cents per page, and an agency may charge for employee time preparing a copy only under specified conditions, including when at least two hours of agency employee time is required.

The statute also excludes search time and administrative costs from the calculation, she said.

"So, I mean, from a legal perspective, doing a flat fee - I wouldn't recommend it because of the statute," Middleton said.

Village officials discussed the existing policy, which includes a $5 charge. An official said the amount had been based on fees charged by other municipalities and agencies.

Shannon initially indicated the village would retain its current policy. The discussion continued, however, after an official raised the issue of requests for police body camera footage, which can require more time and resources to prepare.

Middleton said the law allows certain additional charges, depending on the work involved and the cost of equipment needed to disclose records.

"My recommendation usually is to just change it to reflect the exact language of the statute," she said.

Trustees agreed to revisit the policy. Middleton offered to draft revisions incorporating the applicable statutory language and asked the village to send her a copy of its current policy.

Fire protection agreement revised

Trustees approved revisions to a fire protection agreement involving the village and East Branch, following negotiations intended to maintain coverage for an area served by the Long Eddy Fire District.

East Branch and Hancock Fire Departments have been covering calls in the area, along with Fremont, and residents had faced increased fire insurance costs without reliable local coverage.

The agreement calls for payments of $4,000 per quarter, or $16,000 annually, for the remainder of 2026 and for 2027. The payments will support fire protection provided by the village and East Branch.

Middleton said she had revised the agreement's effective date, renewal provisions and compensation language. During the discussion, officials clarified that earlier drafts contained different payment figures and that the final version needed to reflect the negotiated amount.

The agreement will include quarterly renewals while good-faith negotiations continue, with payments due by the end of the month following each quarter. The board approved the agreement with the understanding that the dollar amounts would be corrected throughout the document.

Long Eddy's fire district goal is to restore its own fire department, but that will take time.

"If they still don't have a fire company, we'll look at other options," Shannon said.

Rail trail proposal advances through outreach

Hancock resident Sam Rowe Jr. updated officials on his efforts to build support for a feasibility study of a proposed rail trail along the Delaware River corridor.

Rowe said he had sent letters to 90-plus organizations in New York and Pennsylvania, including planning departments and other groups along the corridor. He said responses had begun arriving, with many expressing support for studying the idea.

Rowe said he spoke with a Norfolk Southern representative who indicated there was little interest in rail-with-trail projects along the local right of way. Rowe responded by pointing to other Norfolk Southern properties where rail-with-trail arrangements exist.

He said a feasibility study would be an important first step, rather than a commitment to build a trail.

"I don't know if that'll happen or if it won't," Rowe said.

He described visiting Jim Thorpe, Pennsylvania, where a trail connects communities and brings visitors to local shops and restaurants.

"So it would be an important economic development for the Upper Delaware [region]," Rowe said.

Village considers future police vehicle costs

Trustees also heard that a village police vehicle may need a new engine at an estimated cost of $15,000.

An official said the vehicle, which is about six years old, had already required a $15,000 transmission replacement last year. The official questioned whether another major repair was worthwhile and recommended exploring the purchase of a replacement vehicle in the next budget cycle.

"I don't think we should put 15 grand in it," Shannon said.

The official said it could take six or seven months to obtain a new vehicle and asked whether to contact a dealer for pricing. Shannon said the village could not commit to a purchase under the current budget but agreed that the official could gather cost information and report back to the board.

Having a second patrol vehicle available is important in case the department's other vehicle becomes unavailable.

Feral cat group requests help with ongoing care

Representatives of a local effort to trap, neuter and care for feral cats asked the village to allow funds previously allocated for spaying and neutering to be used for ongoing care, including food, litter, veterinary expenses, heat and electricity.

One representative said volunteers had been moving cats away from the Leonard Street area and bringing them to a cat house in East Branch. The effort followed years of work by local resident Lenny Sienko who had cared for cats near his law office that has since been sold.

The representative said volunteers had been working for five months to relocate cats and prevent new colonies from forming in problem areas. The group said it is caring for 95 cats year-round and has successfully addressed several locations where residents had reported problems.

"We're happy to continue this program, but we also need to care for these cats," the representative said.

The group said the cost of caring for the animals had become difficult to manage. The board did not make a decision on the funding request during the meeting. Shannon said the village would research whether the money could be used for those expenses.

Another representative said the trapping effort had been so successful that the group was temporarily suspending transport operations until March because fewer cats needed to be caught.

Data centers and other public concerns

During public comment, resident John Ogozalek thanked village officials for promptly removing a sticker described as hateful that had been placed on a pole. Shannon said he and another official removed it the same night it was reported. Officials said they had not identified who placed it.

Ogozalek also asked whether the village planned to take action concerning proposed artificial intelligence data centers.

Shannon said the village had not been approached by a developer. He added that the county was working on a local law addressing the issue.

Another attendee said the village's existing zoning authority could give it options that the town may not have. The attendee said the town's planning board was doing preliminary work following a proposed moratorium.

A separate update noted that releases from the reservoirs had shifted to their winter schedule, the lowest release level, and conditions were normal at the time of the meeting.

Green light bulbs are available at the town hall as part of the Greenlight A Vet campaign, which recognizes veterans during October and November, a resident announced.

Volunteers and donations were sought for Wreaths Across America. Riverview Cemetery needs 444 wreaths and is short 347, with each wreath costing $17. A fundraiser featuring a meat raffle and basket raffles is scheduled for Nov. 14 at 1 p.m. at the American Legion in Hancock. Wreaths Across America Day is Dec. 19, with wreath removal planned for January, weather permitting.

Other trustee actions included approving a request to declare a 2015 Chevrolet Silverado 3500 white dump truck surplus for sale by sealed bid, approving a sewer bill adjustment for 311 Leonard Street under the village's existing policy, and accepting a parade application for homecoming activities.

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Delhi Adopts Short-Term Rental Regulations

Staff Report

DELHI - The town of Delhi adopted regulations for transient rentals, commonly known as short-term rentals, after a public hearing Monday, Oct. 12, drawing support from a resident who said the rules could help prevent property owners from prioritizing profits over responsible rental practices.

The hearing and meeting, led by Supervisor Maya Boukai, focused on proposed regulations intended to establish standards for short-term rental properties.

What the Law Says

Under Delhi's regulations, property owners who rent a dwelling unit for 30 days or less to one entity must obtain a town permit. Hotels, motels and bed-and-breakfast establishments are excluded. A separate application, fee and permit are required for each dwelling unit used as a transient rental, and permits expire Dec. 31 each year. Owners must submit a new application or qualify for an annual renewal to continue operating.

The law does not set a specific permit fee. Instead, the town will establish the nonrefundable fee, which applies to both initial applications and annual renewals and may be changed by council resolution. The law also does not specify a separate inspection fee. Property owners should contact the town clerk or code enforcement officer (CEO) for current application forms and the applicable fee.

Applications must include the owner's name, address and daytime and nighttime telephone numbers along with the same contact information for the local manager, if one is designated. Owners must provide the number of off-street parking spaces, the proposed occupancy, a floor plan or written description of the property's bedrooms, bathrooms and kitchens, and a copy of the house rules. Those rules must include emergency service and local manager contact information, as well as information about relevant local laws. Applicants must also provide proof of liability insurance and a bed tax identification number.

Each rental unit must undergo an inspection by the CEO to determine compliance with fire and safety codes. Proof of inspection, in the form of a certificate of compliance, must accompany the application. The CEO has 45 days to determine whether an application meets the law's requirements. If the officer does not act within that period, the application is considered approved unless the applicant and officer agree to an extension. Applicants may also need to satisfy other applicable town, county or state requirements before a permit can be issued.

The law places limits on occupancy and parking. A rental may house no more than two people over age two per bedroom, unless fire and safety codes impose a lower limit. The CEO may further restrict occupancy based on the number, size, configuration and furnishings of bedrooms and sleeping rooms, as well as state law. Owners must provide enough off-street parking to accommodate the property's occupancy. Vehicles may not be parked on lawns, along public roads or at private off-site locations without the property owner's express written permission submitted with the application. Off-street parking may not be used for recreational vehicles or camping units during the permit period, and guests may not be housed separately from the rental unit in tents, trailers, campers, lean-tos, recreational vehicles or other nondwelling units.

Owners who live more than 30 miles from a rental property must designate a local manager who resides within 30 miles of the unit. The manager, who may also be the owner, is responsible for day-to-day operations and must be reachable day or night if a problem arises. A local agent must be able to arrive at the property within 45 minutes after being notified of an emergency. The rental must display its permit where occupants can easily see it, and an emergency contact card must be posted on or near the inside of the main door with contact information for the owner or local manager and instructions for calling 911.

The law also requires owners applying for both new and renewal permits to notify, by regular first-class mail, all property owners within 200 feet of the rental. The notice must provide the name, address and telephone numbers of the owner and local manager, if applicable, so neighbors know whom to contact about problems. The law states that notifying an owner or manager of a concern does not itself constitute an official complaint. Formal complaints must be submitted in writing to the CEO, who will investigate alleged violations and may issue a notice identifying the problem and required corrective action.

Violations of Regulations

The potential costs of noncompliance can be substantial. Renting without a permit violates the law. A first conviction carries a fine of up to $350; a second conviction within five years carries a fine of $350 to $700; and a third or subsequent conviction within five years carries a fine of $700 to $1,000. Each week a violation continues counts as a separate additional violation. The town may also seek a civil penalty of up to $500, pursue a court order or injunction, revoke a permit, or take legal action to stop an unsafe rental operation. If legal action is required, the property owner is responsible for necessary enforcement costs, including attorneys' fees, which may be added to the property's next annual tax levy.

The law takes effect once filed with the New York Secretary of State. Property owners considering or already operating short-term rentals should contact the town clerk or code enforcement officer to confirm the filing status, current fee, application process and any additional requirements that apply to their properties.

Public Reaction

One unidentified speaker addressed the board, calling the proposal a good idea and expressing concern about owners who rent to guests without considering the effect on surrounding properties.

"Something that really meets some standards," an unidentified resident said, adding that some owners, "Just want to make a quick buck and they don't care who's staying there."

The resident referenced a previous situation involving a camp on Dirt Road, which prompted discussion among board members.

"I don't think you want to have situations like that," the resident said.

Boukai said Delhi's proposed regulations were modeled on those adopted by the town of Hamden, with the goal of maintaining consistency in how the rules are applied.

"This is modeled after Hamden, so we're trying to go for consistency in terms of, you know, applying regulations," Boukai said.

With no further public comment, Boukai closed the hearing.

Advancing The Law

Following the hearing, council members addressed the State Environmental Quality Review Act, or SEQRA, determination for the proposed regulations.

Boukai said the town anticipated no environmental impact from the local law and requested authorization to complete the SEQRA documentation. Council members approved the motion.

In other business:

• Council members also received updates on the town's comprehensive plan, grants and municipal projects. Boukai said the comprehensive plan committee had met since the previous board meeting and received feedback on its goals and vision statement. Updates were posted to the town website, and the committee plans to increase advertising to encourage more public input as work continues.

A progress report for the Appalachian Regional Commission grant is due at the end of October, Boukai said.

The town is also awaiting completion of engineering plans for a project supported by an Environmental Protection Fund grant. Boukai said the next steps, once the plans are complete, will include submitting them to the state for approval and then putting the project out to bid. She hopes to have a draft of the plans presented at the board's November meeting.

• The town received reimbursement for its fitness court project after a wait of about six weeks. Boukai said the payment process involved resolving issues with outdated account information and that future reimbursements may move more quickly now that the town's payment information has been updated.

• Council members also discussed the status of a proposed joint municipal facility. Boukai said she planned to contact two architectural firms that have been involved in discussions about the project. The state Local Government Efficiency Grant program had not yet announced its next funding round, she said, and the town would continue focusing on the highway garages.

• Alan Bregman was appointed to the Planning Board to replace Mercedes Newkirk, who moved to DeLancey, making her ineligible to continue serving, Boukai said.

To review the regulations governing transient or short-term rentals, visit the-reporter.net and click on this article.

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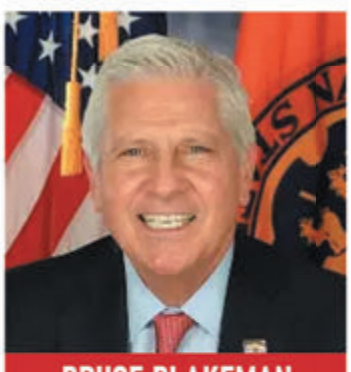
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County Clerk Reports Revenue Gains, Raises Concerns Over Transfer-on-Death Deeds

Clerk's Office records 11% revenue increase through September, while officials consider a local process to address gaps in property-transfer notifications

Staff Report

DELHI - Delaware County Clerk Haley Gransbury reported an 11% increase in revenue through September compared with the same period in 2025 during the county Legislative Committee meeting Wednesday, Oct. 7. She also raised concerns about New York's transfer-on-death deed law, which allows property to pass to a named beneficiary without probate but does not establish a clear process for notifying local officials when the owner dies.

Gransbury distributed financial comparisons for January through September of 2025 and 2026, along with a detailed breakdown of revenue from document recording, online copies, mortgage taxes, passports and other services.

One notable increase came from fees for online copies of property records, which generated 43% more revenue, she said.

"The intent wasn't to increase revenue at the time; it was to prevent or help prevent fraud," Gransbury said.

She explained that the fees were introduced to help prevent fraud involving deeds and other documents accessed and printed from the county's website. The increase in online copy revenue was an additional benefit.

Revenue from online Department of Motor Vehicles services also increased, and Gransbury said she expected that trend to continue through the end of the year.

Mortgage tax revenue was up as well. Gransbury attributed the increase to lower interest rates earlier in the year, which she said likely prompted more home purchases and refinancing. With interest rates rising again, she cautioned that mortgage tax revenue could be less predictable in 2027.

The comparisons covered the same nine-month period in each year, allowing legislators to evaluate year-over-year performance.

Transfer-on-death deeds raise concerns

Gransbury also briefed legislators on issues discussed at the New York State Association of County Clerks conference in late September. Among the priorities she distributed were the Judicial Security Act, transfer-on-death deeds, license plate reader technology and the state's Clean Slate law.

The most extensive discussion centered on transfer-on-death deeds, which allow property owners to designate a beneficiary to receive real estate upon their death without going through probate.

Gransbury said Delaware

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Delaware County Clerk Haley Gransbury.

County has recorded 67 of the deeds in approximately 18 months. While the process can simplify estate transfers for families, she said the law lacks a clear procedure requiring notification when the property owner dies.

That gap can leave beneficiaries, tax assessors and other local officials unaware that ownership has changed, she said. The property may carry unpaid taxes, mortgages or other liens, and the beneficiary may not know that bills have become their responsibility.

"There's no way of letting your local assessors, your county assessors know," Gransbury said.

She also raised concerns about the potential effect on property tax exemptions. For example, a beneficiary who does not qualify for an exemption held by the previous owner could continue receiving the benefit if the change in ownership goes unreported. Supervisors also questioned how the deeds could affect Medicaid eligibility and its five-year financial look-back period.

Gransbury said the law does not require a death certificate or other documentation to be filed with the County Clerk's Office when the owner dies, nor does it establish a uniform process for notifying local assessors. County clerks across New York have developed different approaches to address the gap, she said.

The deeds can also be revoked or changed while the property owner is alive. That flexibility creates another potential complication if a beneficiary believes they will inherit a property but the owner later designates someone else.

Gransbury said the County Clerk's Office already generates a notice to the beneficiary, known as the grantee, when a deed is filed. She said the office could ask its vendor to generate a notice to the property owner, or grantor, as well, helping ensure both parties know the document has been recorded.

Legislators supported developing a county-level procedure while awaiting possible changes to state law.

Gransbury agreed to share paperwork and procedures used by other county clerks with the county attorney so they can consider an approach for Delaware County. She cautioned that a local policy would not change the requirements of state law, but committee members said a notification process could help address immediate concerns.

An update is expected at a future legislative meeting.

Judicial security protections

Gransbury also discussed the Judicial Security Act, which allows eligible judges to request that records containing their property addresses be sealed for security reasons. She reported one request involving a judge who owns property in Delaware County. The request must go through the state Office of Court Administration before the County Clerk's Office can seal the records.

The law is intended to protect judges from threats and violence connected to their rulings. Gransbury said state lawmakers are also considering extending similar protections to district attorneys.

Sealing property records can complicate title searches, she noted, because the information may no longer appear in the public record.

Tourism Tax Revenue Rises, Trails Neighboring Counties

By J. Lawrence-Bauer

DELHI - Despite concerted promotion efforts and record-high sales and occupancy tax collections, Delaware County continues to trail its neighbors, sitting in a distant fourth place for visitor spending among the four Catskill counties of Ulster, Sullivan, Greene, and Delaware.

According to the Economic Impact of Visitors to New York report released in August 2026 by Tourism Economics, visitors spent $155.7 million in Delaware County in 2025. By comparison, Ulster County captured a staggering $1.242 billion in visitor spending over the same period.

The study, routinely published to highlight the economic weight of New York's tourism industry, showed overall spending across the four-county Catskill region rose 5.2% in 2025. However, the gains were sharply uneven. Ulster County led the pack with a 10.5% surge in spending, and Greene County posted a 5.3% increase. Meanwhile, Delaware and Sullivan counties both managed just a 0.2% tick in spending growth.

Lodging and Infrastructure Drive the Gap

The primary driver behind the disparities is clear in the data: lodging accounts for 51% of all tourism spending in the region.

Delaware County's lodging landscape lacks large-scale hotel infrastructure. Its only nationally recognized brand name property is the Super 8 by Wyndham in Sidney. Outside of that lone economy chain option, the county relies almost entirely on independent properties, historic country inns, boutique motels, and short-term rentals.

Highway access presents another quiet hurdle. While Ulster and Greene counties sit directly along the New York State Thruway, Sullivan County is bisected by state Route 17. Delaware County offers minimal major highway connectivity - Route 17 touches only the edges of Deposit and Hancock before crossing into Sullivan County.

A Multimillion-Dollar Local Impact

Despite ranking fourth in the region, visitor spending remains a vital engine for Delaware County's local economy.

Delaware County Tourism Director Sophia Picco highlighted that tourism supports approximately 1,205 jobs locally and generates roughly $50.7 million in personal income for local workers and businesses. Additionally, visitor activity brings in about $19.5 million in state and local taxes.

According to Tourism Economics, without the tax revenue generated by visitors in 2025, every household in Delaware County would have owed an estimated $1,017 more on their annual tax bills to balance the county budget.

In discussing the statistics, Picco noted her deliberate choice of phrasing due to adjustments in how the state study calculates total reach.

"I'm just using... the word approximately, just the report explicitly defines its economic impact methodology, as including direct, indirect, and induced impacts," Pico explained. "And I've just noticed, from year to year, in that report, the numbers aren't exactly the same as what they were on the report prior. So I just wanted to share that, not really a discrepancy, just their change in methodology."

Improvements in Promotion Spur Some Growth

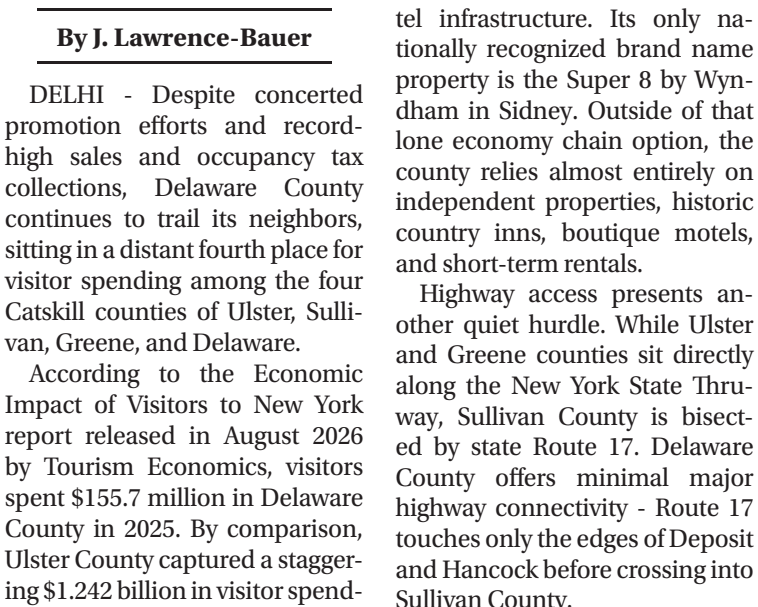
Recent efforts by Delaware County tourism officials to modernize its promotional efforts have brought been effective according to the data. After establishing a funding source to pay for tourism promotion, the county moved its tourism operations out of the purview of the privately run Delaware County Chamber of Commerce and into the offices of the County Economic Development Department.

Recent moves to increase digital and online advertising, work with social media influencers in addition to traditional media and efforts to track to efforts to see what actually works are expected to help increase tourism spending in future years.

Balancing Growth and Local Impact

As town and village leaders work to balance the quality-of-life impacts of tourism against local economic needs, the annual state report serves as a critical baseline.

With short-term rentals standing as one of the few viable options for transient tourists visiting Delaware County, municipal councils face the ongoing task of understanding their impact while monitoring the safety and concentration of available rentals across local communities.



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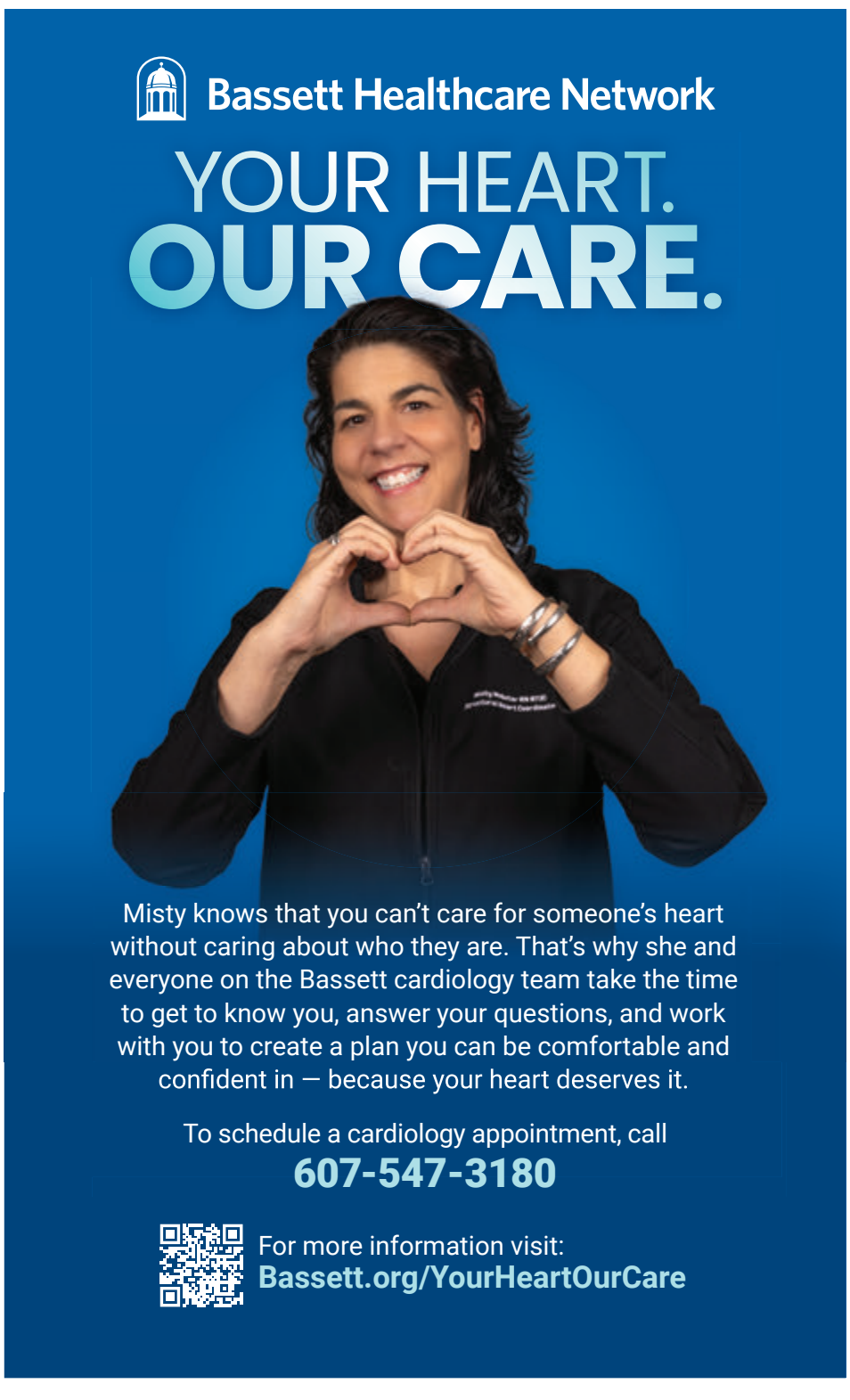

GENERAL ELECTION NOV. 3

Meet the Candidates

Hamden Supervisor Race: Kilday vs. Shepard

Meet The Candidates Before Election Day

HAMDEN - Voters in Hamden will choose their next town supervisor in the Tuesday, Nov. 3 general election with Democrat Jonathan Kilday challenging Republican Wayne Shepard, who is also running on the independent Hamden First line.

The Reporter submitted questions to both candidates about their priorities, positions on local issues and plans for Hamden's future. Both candidates provided responses which appear below, unedited, to allow voters to compare their answers directly and make informed decisions at the polls.

Early voting begins Saturday, Oct. 24. The Delaware County Board of Elections office at 97 Main Street, suite 5, will serve as the county's sole early voting location. Voting on Election Day Tuesday, Nov. 3, takes place at local polling sites.

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Wayne Shepard, left, and Jonathan Kilday, right, are seeking the Hamden supervisor seat in November's general election.

Q: Motivation: Why are you running for town supervisor, and what experience, qualifications or personal motivations make you the right person for the position?

JK: I'm running because I believe Hamden deserves a town government that keeps residents informed and asks for their input before making decisions, not after. Decisions about our land, our water, and our future are being made right now, and residents should be part of them. Families here have spent generations making Hamden the rural, close-knit place it is, and I want to help protect that. I'm not a career politician. I've spent months door-knocking across town, and the message I've heard most is that people don't feel heard and learn about major decisions too late to have a say. I want to change that. As supervisor, I will make transparency and clear communication the foundation of how Town Hall works, so every Hamden resident is well informed about what their town government is doing, what it is deciding, and why.

WS: I have lived in the hamlet of DeLancey for close to 70 years. My mom was the Hamden Town Clerk for over 50 years. The town clerk office was in our home for most of my childhood years. My mom had an open door policy where she would serve the town residents day or night, weekdays, weekends and holiday for hunting and fishing licenses, marriage licenses, death certificates and once a month holding town board meetings on the first Wednesday of the month. She gave of herself selflessly in serving the town residents. Her memories of giving to the town and it residents inspired me to consider running for town supervisor when I heard that our town supervisor was retiring at the end of his term in 2026. Being retired for almost a year I thought I would like to give back to our community. What better way than to run for town supervisor. I was employed for over 30 years with Delaware County, in Public Health as a supervisor and Director of Patient Services and ending my career for over tens years as the Director of Office for the Aging and New York Connects. In each of these roles, I was entrusted not only with leading people and programs, but also with making sound financial decisions and carefully managing public resources. Service to others isn't something simply talked about. It has been a common thread throughout my life. From caring of patients and advocating for older adults to working with employees, volunteers, community leaders, and public official. I have spent decades listening to people, solving problems and putting the needs of others first. If I'm elected town supervisor I look forward to serving all resident in the town of Hamden. My approach is simple: Listen carefully, spend responsibly, plan thoughtfully, treat people fairly, and always remember who's money is being spent.

Q: Priorities: What are your top three priorities if elected, and why are these issues important to the town and its residents?

JK: Transparency and communication. Residents should not have to chase information about their own town. I'll bring the Town Board practical, affordable ways to keep people informed, starting with a modernized town website with weekly updates, board meetings recorded with video and full transcripts posted online, official town social media, and mailers so neighbors who aren't online stay informed. As the budget allows, I'd also like to look into Nixle for Hamden's emergency text alerts and important town announcements. Too many residents have told me they've lost trust in Town Hall. I want to help rebuild that trust, and make sure residents hear about decisions that affect them first, not last.

Fiscal responsibility. Early in my term, I will ask the Town Board to authorize a full independent audit of the town's finances, last completed in 2013, and of outside contracts, including legal counsel, and I will share the results publicly. I also want to grow non-tax revenue by supporting small businesses, filling vacant commercial space, bringing new events to town, and pursuing grants that strengthen our budget and revitalize our main street, all to ease the tax burden on residents. Protecting our land. Hamden's watershed, farmland, and conservation easements are what make this place what it is. I support small-scale and rooftop solar on homes, barns, and businesses. I oppose large industrial projects that would put our watershed, easement land, or waterways at risk. Hamden already has a local law for battery storage, and the town is now working on rules for solar and data centers. I will help see that work through and strengthen our battery storage law, including tighter limits on waiving safety setbacks. These decisions should follow clear, advanced standards.

WS: Review town policy and procedures: Reviewing the town policy and procedures will provide the town supervisor guidance and rules expected of the town employees, compliance with the local, state and federal laws, reduce personal risk to the town and its resident, and a time to consider revising policies if needed. Work closely with Highway Superintendent. The Highway department oversees 77 miles of roads in the Town of Hamden. I would like the Highway Committee, Highway Superintendent and myself to meet monthly. Highway department has the largest portion of the town budget. The highway superintendent oversees the towns largest assets: roads, bridges and heavy equipment. The monthly meeting with the highway superintendent is critical for budget monitoring, discuss road concerns, equipment concerns, and opportunity to discuss shared services which saves taxpayers money. Ability for everyone to be able to participate, attend or be informed of what's taking place at town board meetings. Have all town board meetings be virtual and recorded. This will allow all residents who are unable to attend the monthly town board meetings or public hearings to watch them virtually or watch the recorded meeting on the town website. Doing the virtual or recorded meeting will allow all resident to be informed of what is taking place at their local town government meetings.

Q: Challenges and solutions: What do you see as the town's most significant challenges? Please identify specific actions or initiatives you would pursue to address them, including the steps needed to put your plans into practice.

JK: The most pressing challenge is the gap between Town Hall and the people it serves. The proposed Fraser Energy battery storage facility is a clear example. Our town's own law requires a 1,000-foot safety setback between a facility like this and neighbors' homes. The developer has asked the Planning Board to waive that and reduce it to 100 feet. Many of the residents I've spoken with had never heard about it. Whatever you think of the project, you deserve to hear about it before we decide to move forward with applications. My position is a no on that waiver. The developer must prove publicly that the project is safe for our water, our neighbors, and our fire and emergency services, and that it has a credible decommissioning plan.

To put this into practice:

- Work with the Town Board to strengthen our battery storage law, including limits on how far safety setbacks can be waived, and to complete clear standards for solar and data centers, with public hearings at every step.
- Push for town counsel with no ties to the industries the town regulates. The Town Board decides counsel, and I will make that case openly.
- Advocate for Hamden in the NYC DEP watershed land-swap talks. Hamden has 15 parcels on the list local towns put forward, more than any town in Delaware County. Where a swap could bring housing, local business, or other development that won't harm our land and waterways, I'll pursue it, and residents will hear about every proposal in public before anything moves forward.
- Work with the Town Clerk's office to bring everyday town business online, including bill and tax payments, dog licenses, permit applications, and public records requests, so residents can save a trip to Town Hall.
- Work with the town assessor to publish a plain-language guide to property taxes and assessments, covering how assessments are set, how and when to grieve them, and the senior, disability, veterans, and STAR exemptions available.

WS: The most significant challenge currently is the BESS (Battery Energy Storage System). The planning board worked close to two years reviewing all the resources related to BESS before developing the law. Once the law was completed by the planning board it was then presented for public hearing and then for board approval. The BESS law was approved at the Hamden Town Board meeting on Dec. 3, 2025. Currently, there is an applicant that would like to build a BESS in the town of Hamden. The planning board submitted the applicant a list of 180 questions and concerns regarding the application. The planning board is still waiting for the applicant response.

There is a process that must be followed. The applicant must submit the application to the planning board for review. Once reviewed by the planning board, and if the application meets the BESS law a public hearing will take place. After the public hearing the planning board will decide to approve or disapprove the application.

I'm opposed to having a BESS in the Town of Hamden. I have a big concern from a medical standpoint. If you recall the past two summers the smoke from the Canada Wildfires enveloped much of the United States including the Town of Hamden. Keep in mind the fires were hundreds of miles away from our town causing air quality concerns. Those having respiratory or cardiac concerns needed to either stay in their home or wear a mask.

With that said, if a fire should occur at the battery house what toxins would be released into the atmosphere even though the fire would supposedly be confined? The location where the applicant would like to put a battery house is on top of a mountain. I had and opportunity to visit the actual site on a sunny fall day. It was windy on a calm day. Will the toxins from the fire travel beyond the location of the battery house? Will the toxins impact most of the town of Hamden? Lastly, what harm would the toxins have on human life? The BESS law was passed on Dec. 3, 2025 prior to the new supervisor coming in. However, if I was elected town supervisor, I would work closely with the Hamden Town Planning board in making sure that when they review the application that they follow the BESS law and that the 1,000 feet non-participating residential property setback is not reduced to 100 feet.

In any organization the number one concern is effective communication. Good communication builds trust with the town residents, the town board and elected officials. I would like the town website to be an effective tool to communicate where visitors and town residents are able to access information at their own pace. In revising the website the following information to be included: recorded town board meetings and planning board meeting, town board and planning board minutes, calendar of events, closure of town office, closure of town roads, community resources, and etc.

Property taxation definitely is a concern for older adults and disabled residents who are living on fixed income. There are four different property tax exemptions available for residents who reside in the town of Hamden and own there own home. First is the "basic star." Requirements to receive this tax exemption are as follows: you must use the property as your primary residence; you must meet New York State STAR program requirements. Enhanced Star is for qualifying older adults homeowners age 65 an older with income limits set by New York state. The STAR exemption reduces the taxable assessed value of your home which can lower your property taxes. Remember it does not reduce your actual assessment. You can apply for this property tax exemption online at the NYS STAR website www.tax.ny.gov/star or you can call NYS STAR hotline at 518-457-2036.

Second exemption is "Town of Hamden Senior Citizens Property Tax Exemption". Must be 65 years of age or older; must own your own home and be your primary residence. The Senior Citizens Exemption reduces the taxable assessed value of your home, which can lower your property taxes. Required documentation as follows: Proof of residence, age (drivers license, birth certificate or other acceptable ID) and income (as required by the Town of Hamden). You must complete form RP-467 (first time applicants) or RP-467-Rnw (renewal applicant) and submit it to the Town of Hamden Assessor's office with all required documentation. Deadline for applications by March 1.

Third, Town of Hamden Veterans Property Tax Exemption (reduction in your property taxes for eligible veterans). This exemption reduces the tax value of your home which can lower your property taxes.

You must be an eligible veteran of the United States Armed Forces, own your own home which is your primary residence, and meet the New York state service and discharge requirements. Documentations required is proof of military service such as DD-214 or other official discharge papers and valid photo ID. Types of Veterans exemptions are: Service-Connected Disability, Combat Zone Veterans, Cold War Veterans, Disabled Veterans and surviving spouse of a veteran. Must complete the NYS for RP-458 or RP-459 and submit to town of Hamden Assessor's office with all required documentation March 1.

Fourth is Town of Hamden Agriculture Property Exemption. This exemption reduces the taxable assessed value of eligible agricultural land which can lower your property taxes. It does not reduce the actual assessment – it reduces the amount that is taxed. Who can apply: Land used for agriculture production, land actively devoted to farming for agricultural products and must meet New York state agriculture exemption requirements. Required documentation: current financial records related to the farming operation, completed New York state agriculture exemption forms, and signed notarized land lease if applicable, Schedule F (Federal tax return), farm income and expense records, evidence of agricultural use (sale receipts, invoices, etc, completed NYS forms such as RP-305 or other required forms, land lease agreement if applicable. Complete the NYS Agriculture exemption form RP-305, gather all required financial records and documents, then submit the completed forms and documentation to the town of Hamden Assessors office by March 1.

Hopefully, by providing information of the available property tax exemption many of the local residents who qualify for the exemptions will take advantage of them during the property taxes in 2027.

Q: The town's future: Where would you like to see the town in five years? What changes or accomplishments would you hope to achieve during your term to move the community toward that vision?

JK: In five years, I want Hamden to look and feel much as it does today: rural, open and protected. What I want to change is how the town works for the people who live here. I'd like every resident to be informed and involved in what the town is doing, what it's spending, and why, wherever they get their information, whether online, by mail, or in person at Town Hall. And I'd like to see new life in our community, with vacant commercial space filled, businesses supported, and town-wide events that bring neighbors together, such as

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GENERAL ELECTION NOV. 3

Meet the Candidates

Delhi Supervisor Race: Boukai vs. Tuthill

Meet The Candidates Before Election Day

DELHI - Voters in Delhi will choose their next town supervisor in the Tuesday, Nov. 3, general election, with incumbent Supervisor Maya Boukai running on the Democrat and independent Delhi United party lines being challenged by former supervisor Mark Tuthill, who is running on the Republican and Conservative lines.

The Reporter submitted questions to both candidates about their priorities, positions on local issues and plans for Delhi's future. Boukai provided responses, which appear below, unedited, to allow voters to compare their answers directly and make informed decisions at the polls. Tuthill did not respond to multiple email, telephone and text message requests for participation.

Early voting begins Saturday, Oct. 24. The Delaware County Board of Elections office, 97 Main Street, suite 5, will serve as the county's sole early voting location. Voting on Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 3 takes place at local polling sites.

Q: Motivation: Why are you running for Town Supervisor, and what experience, qualifications, or personal motivations make you the right person for the position?

MB: I am running for re-election as Town Supervisor because I believe local government should be transparent, accountable, fiscally responsible, and responsive to the people it serves. Over the past several years, I have worked to bring a practical, collaborative approach to town government while focusing on long-term planning rather than short-term decision-making.

Since taking office, I have helped strengthen transparency by reinstating public comment at Town Board meetings, improved access to financial information for all board members, expanded communication through social media and Nixle, and advocated for open government both locally and at the county level. Furthermore, the town offices function as a team with the focus being serving the taxpayers we work for.

I have also worked to improve the Town's financial position by helping implement investment strategies that have generated more than $360,000 in interest earnings since January 2024 when I first took office. In addition to making our money work for us we have we have strengthened reserves, improved financial reporting, pursued multiple grants, and have secured more than $875,000 in outside funding for community projects.

My motivation comes from a desire to leave the Town stronger than I found it. Whether it's updating our Comprehensive Plan, investing in recreation, supporting veterans, modernizing policies, or pursuing regional partnerships, I believe government works best when it plans ahead, listens to residents, and makes decisions based on facts, community input, and good stewardship of taxpayer dollars.

Q: Priorities: What are your top three priorities if elected, and why are these issues important to the town and its residents?

MB: 1. Long-Term Financial Stability and Smart Investment

My first priority is continuing to strengthen the Town's financial position. Over the last several years we have improved reserve planning, earned significant interest revenue through strategic investments, and leveraged local dollars with grants. Moving forward, I want to continue building reserves, pursuing grant opportunities, reducing unnecessary costs, and ensuring taxpayers receive the greatest value possible from every dollar spent. These efforts help protect residents from sudden financial pressures while allowing the Town to invest in important infrastructure and community projects.

2. Planning for Growth, Housing, and Economic Opportunity

Housing availability, economic development, and community planning remain major challenges throughout Delaware County. Through Delhi's Pro-Housing Community Certification and the ongoing Joint Comprehensive Plan update, we have laid the groundwork for thoughtful growth that preserves community character while creating opportunities for residents, businesses, and future generations. My goal is to use the updated Comprehensive Plan as a roadmap to guide housing, infrastructure, recreation, and economic development decisions over the next decade. Additionally, I would like to see meaningful progress on a joint Town and Village municipal facility so that we can return properties to the tax rolls.

3. Recreation, Community Quality of Life, and Public Services

Recreation is about far more than a swimming pool. It is an investment in community health, families, youth, seniors, and economic vitality. Through grants, partnerships with SUNY Delhi, expanded programming, and improvements at the pool and playground, we have transformed recreation into a community asset. I want to continue investing in facilities, programs,

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Incumbent Delhi Supervisor Maya Boukai, running on the Democrat and independent Delhi United party lines is being challenged by former supervisor Mark Tuthill who is running on the Republican and Conservative lines. Tuthill did not respond to multiple invitations to participate in the candidate Q & A.

and public spaces that improve quality of life while making Delhi an attractive place to live, work, and raise a family. Over the next two years I plan to have the EPF and SWIMS projects, if not completed, over 75% complete, and to have successfully applied for grants that promote local government efficiency so that the town and village can continue progress on joint facilities.

Q: Challenges and Solutions: What do you see as the town's most significant challenges? Please identify specific actions or initiatives you would pursue to address them.

MB: Housing Availability: One of the biggest challenges facing Delhi is housing availability and affordability. Young families, students, employees, and seniors all face difficulties finding housing that meets their needs. To address this issue, we are in the process of completing a new Joint Comprehensive Plan that will help guide future housing and land-use decisions. As part of that effort, we are in the process of updating zoning code to streamline the building and permitting process, reduce unnecessary barriers, and provide greater predictability for property owners and developers. Special attention should be given to Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs), which can create additional housing opportunities for seniors, young professionals, caregivers, and family members while helping property owners make better use of existing properties. Our Pro-Housing designation will help support these efforts by strengthening Delhi's competitiveness for state funding and housing-related initiatives.

Aging Infrastructure and Capital Needs: Roads, facilities, equipment, parks, and recreational infrastructure all require ongoing investment. We have already begun addressing these needs through reserve planning, grant funding, and strategic financing practices. Going forward, I would continue developing long-term capital plans, pursuing state and federal grants, and using reserves responsibly to reduce costs for taxpayers while maintaining essential services.

Government Capacity and Funding: Small municipalities are constantly expected to do more with limited resources. One solution is pursuing grants, shared services, partnerships, and training opportunities that expand capacity without overburdening taxpayers. Programs we have already participated in such as the ARC READY initiative, collaboration with SUNY Delhi, regional grant partnerships, and cybersecurity shared services demonstrate how local governments can leverage outside resources to accomplish far more than they could independently.

Q: The Town's Future: Where would you like to see the town in five years?

In five years, I would like Delhi to be recognized as a community that successfully balances growth with preserving the character that residents value.

I would like to see the Joint Comprehensive Plan implemented and serving as a guide for community decisions. I would like Delhi to have additional housing opportunities, stronger recreational assets, well-funded reserves, and a diversified portfolio of grant-supported projects that improve infrastructure without placing undue burden on taxpayers.

I would also like to see continued collaboration between the Town, Village, SUNY Delhi, Delaware County, local nonprofits, businesses, and residents. Many of our recent successes, from the Hometown Heroes program and Bramley Mountain Fire Tower to recreation improvements and grant awards, were achieved through partnerships. Building on those relationships will be essential to Delhi's long-term success.

Ultimately, my vision is a community where people choose to stay, raise families, start businesses, retire, and invest because they see Delhi as a place with strong leadership, strong finances, and a positive future.

Q: Leadership and Accountability: How would you ensure town government remains transparent, fiscally responsible, and responsive to residents?

MB: Transparency begins with access to information and opportunities for resident participation. I support public comment, open communication, accessible financial reporting, and regular updates through social media, Nixle, public meetings, and community outreach. We have already taken meaningful steps in this direction by reinstating public comment, providing board members with comprehensive financial information, improving public communications, and modernizing policies related to ethics, procurement, travel, and governance.

Fiscal responsibility means planning ahead instead of reacting to crises. This includes maintaining strong reserves, continuing strategic investment practices, pursuing grant funding, evaluating borrowing options carefully, and ensuring taxpayer dollars are spent efficiently. The results speak for themselves: more than $360,000 in investment earnings since 2024, over $875,000 in grant funding secured, strengthened reserves, and lower financing costs on major purchases.

Responsiveness means listening and acting. Whether it was supporting a deferred compensation informational session after an employee request, improving dog licensing compliance, responding to cybersecurity concerns, modernizing recreation programming, or developing a formal proclamation process, I believe government should identify problems and work collaboratively to solve them.

I would measure progress by establishing clear annual goals tied to the Comprehensive Plan, financial performance, infrastructure projects, recreation improvements, housing initiatives, and community priorities. I would continue providing regular updates on grant funding, reserve balances, project milestones, and municipal performance so residents can see measurable results.

In summary, my campaign is built on a simple principle: protect taxpayers, plan for the future, invest in our community, and ensure residents always have a voice in their local government.

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Maya has also been heroic in advocating for transparency and fairness on the County Board of Supervisors, which so often operates on darkness and favoritism.

We need Maya for two more years!

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GENERAL ELECTION NOV. 3

Meet the Candidates

Meredith Supervisor Race: Ellis vs. Munro

Meet The Candidates Before Election Day

HAMDEN - Voters in Meredith will choose their next town supervisor in the Tuesday, Nov. 3 general election with incumbent James Ellis, who is running on the Republican and independent Unity Party line, being challenged by Democrat Stephanie Munro, who is also running on the Meredith Neighbors independent line.

The Reporter submitted questions to both candidates about their priorities, positions on local issues and plans for Meredith's future. Both candidates provided responses which appear below, unedited, to allow voters to compare their answers directly and make informed decisions at the polls.

Early voting begins Saturday, Oct. 24. The Delaware County Board of Elections office at 97 Main Street, suite 5, will serve as the county's sole early voting location. Voting on Election Day Tuesday, Nov. 3, takes place at local polling sites.

Q: Motivation: Why are you running for town supervisor, and what experience, qualifications or personal motivations make you the right person for the position?

JE: I am running for re-election because I care deeply about Meredith and the people who call it home. My family has been part of this community since 1965, and serving as Town Supervisor for more than a decade has given me an even greater appreciation for the responsibility that comes with representing our residents.

Experience in this position matters. Being Town Supervisor involves much more than running meetings and preparing a budget. It means understanding town finances, maintaining our roads and infrastructure, working with county and state agencies, finding outside resources, responding to residents and making decisions today that may affect Meredith for many years.

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Incumbent James Ellis, left, is running for re-election as Meredith supervisor on the Republican and independent United Party lines. He is being challenged by Democrat Stephanie Munro who is also running on the independent Meredith Neighbors line.

My involvement beyond town government is an important part of that work. I serve as Vice Chairman of the Delaware County Board of Supervisors and participate in committees and organizations dealing with shared services, planning, human resources, agriculture, conservation and watershed issues.

I have also taken an active role in the Cornell Cooperative Extension/Delaware County Soil and Water Conservation District Conservation Innovation Grant initiative. This effort has brought approximately $6 million in additional funding to Delaware County to improve farm productivity, help minimize costs and, most importantly, protect water quality and our environment for future generations.

By being an active participant in these organizations and committees, I am making sure Meredith continues to have a voice at the table. For a small town, that matters. It allows me to advocate for Meredith, build relationships and make sure we are aware of opportunities and resources that can benefit our residents.

I am proud of what we have accomplished, but I also believe there is more work to be done. I am asking residents for the opportunity to continue putting that experience and those relationships to work for Meredith.

SM: In these times of rapid change, I believe Meredith will benefit from fresh perspectives, new approaches, and leadership that seeks to engage the community. Over time, leadership that goes unchallenged can become too comfortable with the status quo. In a time when the rural life we cherish faces fiscal and environmental threats, we need leadership to actively reassess town operations, seek new opportunities and approach residents' concerns with the urgency they deserve. Meredith deserves leadership grounded in service, responsible stewardship and a willingness to modernize how local government works. Having been both a program manager, and now an independent business owner, my budget development and management experience has prepared me for a key role as the town's chief financial officer. I understand the importance of tracking every dollar, spending wisely and living within our means—all essential when deciding what the Town of Meredith can and cannot afford. As a healthcare provider, I have devoted years to the well-being of my community by educating, advising and helping people work toward their goals, which has strengthened my communication and listening skills, taught me to keep learning and reinforced my commitment to helping others. Together, these experiences have prepared me to serve thoughtfully, manage the town's finances responsibly, and keep residents at the center of every decision.

Q: Priorities: What are your top three priorities if elected, and why are these issues important to the town and its residents?

JE: My priorities are fiscal responsibility, maintaining our roads and infrastructure, and planning responsibly for Meredith's future while preserving the rural character that makes our town special. First, we must continue to be careful with taxpayers' money. We have worked hard to keep Meredith's tax levy increases at or below 2%, even as the costs of equipment, materials, insurance and other essential services have continued to rise. Maintaining that discipline requires planning ahead and making thoughtful decisions about where and when we spend. Second, our infrastructure remains a major priority. Meredith maintains more than 80 miles of town roads, and doing that well requires both dependable equipment and long-term planning. It also means looking beyond local taxpayers to help pay for major projects whenever possible. Through our work with the Delaware County Soil and Water Conservation District and Delaware County Planning Department, we have been able to secure outside grant funding for culvert replacement on Elk Creek and, most recently, Honest Brook Road, with that project scheduled for 2027. Those partnerships allow us to complete important infrastructure projects without asking Meredith taxpayers to bear the entire cost. My third priority is preparing Meredith for the future without losing sight of who we are. I believe we can pursue opportunities and make improvements while protecting the rural character, agricultural heritage and quality of life that make people want to live here.

SM: My first priority is fiscal responsibility. The town must make the most of funding available whether from taxes, the state, or other sources. I will work to ensure that every dollar is assigned to the correct budget line, is carefully tracked and used effectively for the benefit of the town. Responsible budget planning is a keystone of the role of Supervisor because it protects taxpayers, supports essential services and helps Meredith plan for both current needs and future challenges. Second is helping the people of Meredith understand and prepare for major development proposals. Open land attracts large scale commercial projects such as wind turbines, solar installations, stone quarries, battery storage facilities and AI data centers. Such projects overtake land and resources while placing stress on town roads, agricultural and forest land, water and air quality, and wildlife. The supervisor serves as a key contact for agencies governing such projects, and I will work to ensure that the Meredith board and community has the necessary information so that we can form local policies to protect what the residents value. Key to the effort is timely, widely distributed public information so residents understand proposed projects and have the opportunity for input. Preparation allows the town to effectively evaluate proposals rather than react after decisions are already underway. Priorities 1 and 2 require clear and consistent communication so residents can follow town business, communicate to their representatives and feel their concerns are heard. Attending every evening in-person meeting is impractical for everyone. I plan to make meetings accessible through livestreaming or videoconferencing, publish meeting agendas in advance, and post approved meeting minutes quickly after monthly meetings conclude. I plan to make use of the town website for sharing updates, bids, and other public town business. I will work to establish regular office hours, to make town officials' contact information easy to find, and will explore a town social media account to help increase our reach.

Q: Challenges and solutions: What do you see as the town's most significant challenges? Please identify specific actions or initiatives you would pursue to address them, including the steps needed to put your plans into practice.

JE: One of Meredith's greatest challenges is providing the level of services our residents expect while costs continue to increase. Small rural towns face many of the same rising expenses as larger communities, but we have a much smaller tax base to absorb them. My approach has been to plan ahead and look for ways to

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GENERAL ELECTION NOV. 3

Meet the Candidates

Hancock Supervisor Race: Rowe vs. Vernold

Meet The Candidates Before Election Day

HANCOCK - Voters in Hancock will choose their next town supervisor in the Tuesday, Nov. 3, general election, with Republican Samuel Rowe Jr., who also appears on the independent Voice United party line, challenging incumbent Supervisor Jerry Vernold who appears on the Conservative line, as well as the independent Integrity party line.

The Reporter submitted questions to both candidates about their priorities, positions on local issues and plans for Hancock's future. Both candidates provided responses which appear below, unedited, to allow voters to compare their answers directly and make informed decisions at the polls.

Early voting begins Saturday, Oct. 24. The Delaware County Board of Elections office, 97 Main Street, suite 5, will serve as the county's sole early voting location. Voting on election day takes place at local polling sites.

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Hancock supervisor candidates, Jerry Vernold, incumbent, right, running on the Conservative line, and challenger, Samuel Rowe Jr., former supervisor, running on the Republican line. Both candidates are also running on an independent line.

Q: Motivation: Why are you running for town supervisor, and what experience, qualifications or personal motivations make you the right person for the position?

SR: I am running for Town Supervisor because I believe Hancock is at a crossroads and needs active, forward-looking leadership with a clear long-term direction. The loss of major employers, declining school enrollment, and difficulty attracting and retaining young families are interconnected challenges. We cannot simply wait for opportunities to find us—we must actively pursue them.

I served as Town Supervisor for 16 years, from 2002 through 2018. During that time, I gained extensive experience with municipal budgets, infrastructure, public services, emergency preparedness, economic development, and working with local, county, and state officials.

I also completed a 27-year career with the New York State Department of Transportation, finishing as a Highway Maintenance Supervisor II. That career gave me practical experience supervising personnel, coordinating highway operations, managing equipment and resources, and responding to storms and other emergencies.

In addition, I served as Chair of the Delaware County Public Works and Solid Waste Committee. I currently serve on the Delaware Valley Hospital Board of Directors and the Town of Hancock Planning Board.

Since December 2025, I have attended every Town Board meeting. I have also continued working independently on issues important to Hancock, including business recruitment, reuse of vacant commercial and industrial properties, long-term capital planning, emergency services, flood protection, recreation, Town–Village cooperation, and responsible development.

My personal motivation is simple: Hancock is my home, and I believe deeply in its future. I want our young people to have opportunities to remain here, our school to remain strong, our seniors to feel secure, businesses to invest, and taxpayers to know their money is being managed responsibly. I also want every part of the town to know that its concerns are being heard.

I am not running simply to return to a position I once held. I am running because I understand what the office requires and what effective leadership can accomplish. I believe my experience, current involvement, renewed energy, and willingness to listen, research the facts, bring people together, and follow through make me prepared to serve effectively from the first day in office.

JV: I'm running for re-election as Town Supervisor. I am endorsed by the Town of Hancock Republican Party and NYS Conservative Party. I have 18 years of experience. Four as a Councilman, Six as Deputy Supervisor, and Eight as Supervisor. Thus, with all these years, I am very qualified for Supervisor. I am very motivated because I enjoy doing what is right for my constituents. It's very satisfying knowing you have the opportunity to help people out. In all these years I have never not returned a phone call or answer an email. Even when you know you're going to converse with an unhappy taxpayer. Everyone has a right to question mine and the Board's decisions. After the conversation is over both parties may not agree with each other but at least you have earned the respect of the person with the complaint. That's very important to me. No one is perfect and if I'm wrong I accept it and move on.

Q: Priorities: What are your top three priorities if elected, and why are these issues important to the town and its residents?

SR: My first priority would be economic development and job creation. Hancock cannot wait for another major employer to discover us by accident. The Town needs an organized, year-round recruitment effort focused on reusing vacant commercial and industrial properties, including the former Becton Dickinson facility and the Wagner and former Walgreens properties. We should work closely with property owners, the Village, Delaware County, state agencies, and regional economic-development organizations while also supporting our existing businesses. Good jobs strengthen the tax base, support local businesses, give young people a reason to remain or return, and help stabilize school enrollment.

My second priority would be responsible long-term planning for infrastructure, equipment, and essential services. I would develop written 10-year capital plans for the highway department, transfer station, Town facilities, vehicles, and major equipment. Those plans should identify current conditions, anticipated replacement dates, estimated costs, and possible grants or outside funding. The Town must also plan carefully for emergency services, flood protection, and other critical needs. Planning ahead reduces costly emergencies, helps prevent sudden tax increases, and allows residents to understand where their tax dollars are going.

My third priority would be transparent, accountable, and cooperative government. Residents deserve regular updates on Town projects, finances, grants, economic-development efforts, and the work of Town departments and appointed officials. Major proposals should be presented with their full costs, available options, and long-term consequences so the public can provide meaningful input before decisions are made.

The Code Enforcement Officer should provide a written monthly report or attend the monthly Town Board meeting to update the Board and residents on complaints received, inspections conducted, violations being addressed, and the overall progress of enforcement efforts. This would create greater accountability and help ensure that residents' concerns are properly documented and followed through.

I would also work to rebuild a strong partnership between the Town and Village and strengthen cooperation with Delaware County, the school, fire districts, community organizations, and every hamlet within the Town. Economic development, recreation, sidewalks and trails, emergency services, and grant-funded projects cannot be successfully addressed in isolation. Cooperation can reduce duplication, stretch limited taxpayer dollars, and make Hancock more competitive for outside funding.

The common thread connecting these priorities is active leadership: planning ahead, pursuing opportunities, bringing people together, and providing residents with measurable results.

JV: My top three priorities are Public Safety, improving everyone's way of life, and attracting business.

As for Public Safety, we have three excellent emergency services in the E. Branch Fire Department, Hancock Fire Department, and the Town of Hancock Volunteer Ambulance Corp. Wea are very fortunate to have them. Recruitment is a very big issue as our population ages and the difficulty young people have setting aside time to do all the training to be a part of these. This is something I said I would look into last year, and I have. The difficulty is the same as it is for many things. The Legislatures in Albany aren't interested in hearing about it. Thankfully we have Assemblyman Chris Tague, State Senator Peter Oberacker, and Assemblyman Brian Maher fighting daily to ease the burden for recruitment to these vital organizations.

Improving everyone's way of life means maintaining our infrastructure and keeping everyone safe.

I feel it is essential to provide our Seniors with all the tools they need.

Also, we need to give our children everything they need to live a happy and productive life.

We have over 160 miles of roads, far more than any other Township. Highway Superintendent Neil Emerich has a dedicated crew that does a wonderful job keeping our roads in excellent shape. This has been an exceptionally tough year because of all the storms. In the aftermath of the tornado his crew had the roads passable in a matter of hours by working most of the night on them. It's very important to open the roads as soon as possible in order for emergency services to respond to any problems. We were extremely fortunate to not have had any personal injuries and minor home damage. The coordinated effort between the Hancock EMS, Hancock Fire Department and Town Highway Department was nothing short of excellent.

Q: Challenges and solutions: What do you see as the town's most significant challenges? Please identify specific actions or initiatives you would pursue to address them, including the steps needed to put your plans into practice.

SR: Several of the Town's most serious challenges—including economic development, job creation, long-term capital planning, fiscal responsibility, transparency, and Town–Village cooperation—are addressed in my previous answers. Hancock faces many additional challenges, and each requires a practical plan rather than another study that sits on a shelf.

One immediate challenge is ensuring that the Town has appropriate local laws in place before receiving major data-center or utility-scale battery-storage applications. The need for a data-center moratorium has been before the Town Board since June 2026. The Planning Board has now sent a formal recommendation to the Town Board, and it should be addressed at the October meeting. I support acting on that recommendation.

A moratorium would provide a temporary planning period in which Hancock could develop responsible standards. It would not be a permanent ban or an automatic rejection of development. The Town should use that period to prepare a data-center local law and establish appropriate standards for utility-scale battery energy storage systems.

I have established daily searches for new information concerning these important and rapidly changing topics. As relevant information becomes available, I add it to a living draft report so it will be available when the Planning Board begins developing its recommendations and proposed standards. Those recommendations can then be forwarded to the Town Board and Town Attorney for legal review and completion of the required process for enacting local laws.

That work should involve qualified engineers, NYSEG, fire and emergency-service representatives, regulatory agencies, and the public. The laws should address electrical capacity, responsibility for infrastructure costs, water and cooling, setbacks, noise, lighting, traffic, stormwater, battery-fire risks, emergency plans, inspections, decommissioning, and financial security. Applicants should pay for specialized engineering reviews rather than placing those costs on taxpayers.

Flood resilience and mitigation are also critical challenges for a town surrounded by rivers, streams, steep terrain, and floodplains. I would begin with an updated inventory of vulnerable roads, culverts, drainage systems, stream corridors, critical facilities, and areas with recurring flooding. Projects would be prioritized according to public-safety risk, potential property damage, and available funding.

The Town should work continuously with Delaware County, NYSDEC, FEMA, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Soil and Water Conservation, property owners, and neighboring municipalities. We must pursue hazard-mitigation funding, maintain drainage systems, address stream obstructions through the proper permitting process, consistently administer floodplain protections, and carefully evaluate whether proposed filling or development could increase flooding elsewhere.

Emergency preparedness, response, recovery, and hazard mitigation must be continuously improved. During my previous service as Supervisor, we conducted emergency-preparedness exercises. I have not been able to find evidence that those exercises have continued, and I would reinstate them on a regular schedule.

This would not usurp the responsibilities or emergency authority of our fire departments, ambulance services, or other first responders. They are the professionals who lead emergency operations. The Town's responsibility is to ensure that municipal officials, the highway department, the Village, first responders, Delaware Valley Hospital, the school, utilities, and Delaware County Emergency Services understand how they will work together during a major emergency.

Each exercise—and every actual emergency—should be followed by an after-action review documenting what worked, what did not, and what improvements are needed. Those findings should be maintained in the Town's records and used to update emergency plans, contact information, communication procedures, available resources, sheltering, evacuation, and recovery procedures.

The purpose is not to take control away from anyone. It is to document our collective experiences and preserve those lessons so they can be transferred to future supervisors, Town Board members, emergency personnel, and community leaders.

The goal is straightforward: put rules in place before applications arrive, reduce known hazards before disaster strikes, and ensure that Hancock can respond effectively, recover quickly, and carry its hard-earned knowledge forward.

JV: Attracting new business is a real challenge. NY State is one of the worse, if not the worse, states for attracting business simply because of taxes and the high cost of doing business.

You also have the competition between towns wanting the same things.

Plus, I will continue to work with, not against new business.

Then you also need housing. The difficulty here is that second homeowners have driven prices up, thus making it very difficult for young couples to afford housing.

Secondly, you need a strong medical environment.

Thirdly, you need a strong school presence.

What we do have going for us is good cooperation between the Village and Town in seeking out businesses. We also have excellent infrastructure in the means of water, sewage, rail service, Interstate/Route 17, and a strong willed workforce.

These are the strong challenges we have going forward. Although this is a major challenge I will continue to work to achieve this.

Q: The town's future: Where would you like to see the town in five years? What changes or accomplishments would you hope to achieve during your term to move the community toward that vision?

SR: Five years from now, I want Hancock to stand on a firm foundation of trust—trust that our elected leaders are working for the greater good, conducting the Town's business openly, and giving residents meaningful opportunities to participate.

Transparency must become a regular practice, not something provided only when requested. Department heads and appointed officials should report to the Town Board and public on a consistent basis. Meeting agendas, supporting information, reports, minutes, project updates, and financial information should be made available promptly. Town Board meetings should also be livestreamed and archived so residents can watch from their own homes or another location when they cannot attend in person.

Most importantly, we must build a broader platform for participation. During the recent

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Roxbury Supervisor Race: O'Brien vs. Hinkley

Meet The Candidates Before Election Day

ROXBURY - Voters in Roxbury will choose their next town supervisor in the Tuesday, Nov. 3 general election with Democrat Tom O'Brien, who is also running on the independent Roxbury Partners line, challenging incumbent Republican Allen Hinkley who is also running on the Conservative and independent People's Voice Party line.

The Reporter submitted questions to both candidates about their priorities, positions on local issues and plans for Roxbury's future. Both candidates provided responses which appear below, unedited, to allow voters to compare their answers directly and make informed decisions at the polls.

Early voting begins Saturday, Oct. 24. The Delaware County Board of Elections office at 97 Main Street, suite 5, will serve as the county's sole early voting location. Voting on Election Day Tuesday, Nov. 3, takes place at local polling sites.

Q: Motivation: Why are you running for town supervisor, and what experience, qualifications or personal motivations make you the right person for the position?

TO: In the spring, a group of people approached me about running for town supervisor and it piqued my interest as I have thought about running for public office in the past. As the retired superintendent of Roxbury Central School District, I have always had an interest in the political process and have experience with facility operations, finance and policy formation, which is part and parcel of a public leadership role. I accepted the challenge.

We have lived in Roxbury for almost 25 years and raised our family here and love this region and community. I was one of the longest-serving school leaders at Roxbury Central. I have served as a volunteer EMT for over 20 years and am a former trustee of Margaretville Memorial Hospital. During my time as superintendent, I also held appointed positions at the New York state level focused on school safety and addressing the opioid epidemic. I am comfortable in a public role and working in finance and advocacy.

I want to be the town supervisor to bring my years of experience managing a complex organization such as a school district by bringing my management principles to the position.

I am honored to be entrusted with this candidacy and be asked to run.

AH: I'm running because I care deeply about Roxbury and want to keep working for the community that I've called home all my life. I've served as town supervisor for six years and spent 18 years on the Town Board before that. I'm also a local business owner and have been a member of the Roxbury Fire Department for 45 years, including six years as fire chief.

That experience has given me a strong understanding of our town and the people who make it special. I'm committed to keeping Roxbury safe, supporting its businesses, and helping our community thrive for generations to come.

Q: Priorities: What are your top three priorities if elected, and why are these issues important to the town and its residents?

TO: My priorities reflect both my own views and the concerns of many members of our community. One recurring concern is that decisions are being made hastily without clear public notice. Examples of this would be the issuance of a 25-dollar transfer station fee and of specific building permit fees. Residents were left surprised about the new fees without an adequate explanation or public notification.

I support an "open government" approach. Open government is built on transparency, participation, and collaboration. It helps local government be more accountable and responsive to the public.

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Tom O'Brien, left, running on the Democrat and Roxbury Partners independent line, is challenging incumbent Allen Hinkley, who is running on the Republican, Conservative and independent People's Voice Party Line, for Roxbury supervisor in November's general election.

As superintendent, I focused on education, communication, and advocacy as a personal focus and will bring this to help address the challenges that face our town.

Education

Education begins with research. I have seen and verified instances in which policies and proposals were presented to the public without thorough review. Communication among board members has also not been intensive enough to ensure they are prepared to act together.

The supervisor should ensure that board members have the information they need, adequate time to review proposals, and opportunities for meaningful discussion before decisions are made. The leader must be in charge of educating and preparing to effectively roll out initiatives and present new regulations and discuss concerns that come before the board. That preparation helps give the community confidence in the process. One of my major goals would be to provide clearer explanations of proposals, how decisions are made, and the expected outcomes.

Communication

Communication goes hand in hand with education. It should help the wider community understand what the town is doing and why. Procedural jargon needs to be explained in plain language. When the board makes a decision, it should be shared with the community through public notices, social media posts, and press releases so residents know what to expect.

I would post scheduled office hours so residents can meet with me one-on-one. Board members would receive updates throughout the month, ahead of meetings and scheduled workshops, and whenever significant issues arise. I would also share budget reports with the public throughout the year, including updates on spending and the town's fund balance.

The Roxbury Comprehensive Plan would be publicly reviewed quarterly, with updates on challenges and next steps. This would help keep the town focused on its priorities and allow for adjustments, when needed, with community input.

Often, communication requires silence and the patience to listen more and talk less.

Advocacy

The town supervisor is an advocate and spokesperson for the town. The job involves more than running a monthly business meeting. The supervisor also represents the town at the county level, and I would regularly update the board and the community about the work being done in Delhi.

If needed, I would bring issues directly to Albany with the assistance of our state representatives. Advocacy also means staying informed about issues facing other municipalities and bringing useful ideas and practices back to our community.

It also means celebrating the good things happening here and helping, when possible, with the challenges our neighbors face day to day.

AH: My first priority is supporting local businesses and building on Roxbury's strengths in tourism, recreation, and community growth. We should help businesses grow in ways that reflect our rural character. When local businesses prosper, the benefits can reach the entire community through more services, opportunities, and jobs.

My second priority is creating opportunities for jobs and affordable housing. Young families and workers need to be able to live in Roxbury and contribute to its future. The town's $10 million New York State Downtown Revitalization Initiative grant, which serves Grand Gorge and Roxbury, will support commercial and municipal projects. It gives us an opportunity to improve downtown spaces, expand housing options, and create room for business growth.

My third priority is maintaining and improving our infrastructure, including roads, bridges, culverts, water, and sewer systems. Flooding in recent years has damaged many culverts and bridges. We have secured support from FEMA and organizations such as Trout Unlimited, and we must now complete the funded projects. We have also secured grant funding for needed water and sewer upgrades. My goal is to see this work completed on time and in a fiscally responsible way.

Q: Challenges and solutions: What do you see as the town's most significant challenges? Please identify specific actions or initiatives you would pursue to address them, including the steps needed to put your plans into practice.

TO: Our greatest challenge is keeping our community viable. The people who live here are our greatest asset. We need a shared commitment to helping our community grow while preserving its rural character. Sustainable growth will take all of us working together.

The Town of Roxbury is diverse in both its geography and its people, with its mountain valleys and the two main hamlets of Roxbury and Grand Gorge. We have important businesses in our area and many are not visible, along with the independent hard-working businesses that line our roads. Outdoor recreation, hospitality, building trades, maintenance services, and agriculture are important parts of the economy, and we must support them

Valuable partnerships, such as those behind the impressive work now underway through downtown revitalization grants, must remain a focus. We should continue seeking new partners and additional support. We should also promote the Upper East Branch of the Delaware River in cooperation with our neighboring communities and bring that collective regional voice to the county and state levels.

Housing affordability is complicated in the Catskills, particularly where environmental protections, infrastructure cost, and development constraints come into play. I would work with the town board, regional housing organizations, and county and state agencies to identify available housing programs, evaluate potential development sites, and understand what changes, if any, to local policies could encourage housing options while respecting watershed protections. The town needs to be attractive, both in its appearance and its policies, to investors interested in helping address housing affordability and bringing other businesses to the township. The "open" sign must be clearly illuminated, with the welcome mat rolled out. We also need to clearly explain how outside pressures, including inflation, rising fuel prices, and other costs, affect the town's finances. I would advocate for a multi-year financial planning process that examines historical spending patterns, anticipated costs, available reserves and a plan to increase them, and projected revenues. This would help the town anticipate and remedy financial pressures rather that simply react to them during the annual budget process.

AH: One of Roxbury's biggest challenges is maintaining financial stability and keeping the tax burden reasonable for residents. As the costs of goods and services rise, the town must balance investment in community needs with affordability. The Town Board and I have worked to manage costs while moving important projects forward. I will continue to carefully review spending, pursue outside funding, and weigh the long-term costs and benefits of major investments.

Roxbury also faces limits on development related to New York City watershed regulations. A strong partnership with the New York City Department of Environmental Protection is important to finding workable solutions. Nearly 30% of land in Roxbury is owned by New York City or New York State. That land helps preserve the town's rural character and provides recreational opportunities, but it also limits land available for housing and business development. I will continue working with the city on potential land-swap programs that could create affordable housing opportunities, as well as ways to expand recreational use of city and state-owned land.

Q: The town's future: Where would you like to see the town in five years? What changes or accomplishments would you hope to achieve during your term to move the community toward that vision?

TO: In five years, I would like to see a town that has made meaningful progress rather than maintaining the status quo. I hope we have strengthened our economy, made progress on housing affordability and supported our existing businesses and the agricultural community. And by doing this we will have established a sounder and more collaborative town government. During my term, I want to build a shared voice across the community, remain open to new ideas, and be honest about the difficult realities we may face.

Our area is 150 miles from New York City and 60 miles from the Albany metropolitan area, and people are discovering it again. This presents both opportunities and challenges. We need to welcome new residents, support those who already live here, and help that transition work for everyone. I would like to see greater cooperation between Roxbury and Grand Gorge, stronger relationships with neighboring communities and continued attention and investment in the appearance and vitality of our town.

Some of our challenges are simple, while others require years of sustained effort. Everything cannot be solved in a single term, but we can establish clear priorities, pursue solutions, and measure our progress along the way. Ultimately, I want Roxbury to remain as a place where people can afford to live, where businesses can succeed, and where residents feel they have a voice in shaping the future of the community.

AH: In five years, I want Roxbury to be on solid financial ground, with reserves that can help us handle unexpected challenges. I also want to see more affordable housing for residents and workers, and local businesses that have the support they need to grow.

We can make progress by working together—with residents, businesses, and community organizations—to solve problems and make the most of opportunities. Town government should be a partner, not an unnecessary obstacle. We should support responsible growth while protecting the character that makes Roxbury home.

Q: Leadership and accountability: How would you ensure town government remains transparent, fiscally responsible and responsive to residents? How would you measure progress on your priorities and keep the public informed about your efforts?

TO: I would make it a priority to strengthen how the town board works together and create a more open dialogue with residents. That means providing board members with timely information. Encouraging meaningful discussion, and ensuring that decisions and their financial implications are clearly explained to the public.

One of the board's primary responsibilities is managing public finances openly and honestly, with as few surprises as possible. Balancing sound financial management with the services residents expect can be difficult. We should explain those choices throughout the process and meet our obligations responsibly in accordance with municipal law.

Accountability also means measuring results. I would support regular financial reports, quarterly reviews of progress of the comprehensive plan, and updates on the status of major town initiatives and projects. Residents should be able to see not only what their government intends to do, but what has been actually accomplished.

Once again. I would establish regular office hours and encourage residents to bring questions, ideas and concerns directly to me.

It would be an honor and a privilege to serve as Roxbury's town supervisor. I would bring my love for this community, a personal sense of responsibility, and the experience of leading a public school district where openness and transparency have been required for decades.

Local government is at the root of our democracy. How we act locally helps set the tone for a healthy public dialogue.

AH: Throughout my time as town supervisor, I have worked to make town government transparent, accountable, and accessible. We redeveloped the town website to make it easier to use, and we work to keep its information and announcements current. Roxbury is also one of the few towns in the county that continues to offer residents access to regular meetings through Zoom.

I strive to be available to residents by phone or in person. I will continue sharing updates on town projects and priorities through public meetings, the website, and direct communication with residents. Progress can be measured by whether projects are completed on schedule and within budget, grant-funded work is delivered as planned, and residents can readily access information and raise concerns.

I also represent Roxbury on the Delaware County Board of Supervisors, where I serve on four committees. I take that responsibility seriously and will continue working with residents and local organizations to promote access and transparency at the county level.

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an annual road race at the Hamden Covered Bridge, building on the success of the one held for the bicentennial, which I was proud to run in. Two years isn't long, so I want to be realistic. By the end of my term, I'd like to balance the budget each year with no surprises, complete the independent audit and share it publicly, and keep up a steady effort to bring in grant money so taxpayers aren't carrying the whole load. I'd like board meetings on video with full transcripts, more town business handled online, and a plain-language property tax guide so seniors, veterans, residents with disabilities, and STAR-eligible homeowners know what savings they qualify for. I'd also like to see clear rules in place for solar, data centers, and battery storage. Most of all, I hope people leave Town Hall with more confidence, because they can see for themselves how decisions get made and why. I can't do any of that alone, but we can do it together.

WS: I would like to see that the Town of Hamden remain rural, affordable for families and residents of all ages, feeling of being safe to walk or ride a bicycle through the neighborhood, enjoy taking in fresh non-polluted air, clean, clear crisp water, and family community setting. The availability of being able to purchase locally grown fruits and vegetables, free range chickens, local beef, local honey, etc. by attending local farmers market. I would like to see that the covered bridge park is used for different events. One particular event would be to have a weekly farmers market spring through fall. The farmers market to include local grown vegetables, meats, honey, local food vendors, baked goods and etc.

I would like to see cellular service be available in all parts of the Town of Hamden. This is especially important when the volunteer ambulance gets a call to a home with some one having chest pain. They need to have immediate access to cellular service in order to send an EKG to the nearest hospital. Currently, soon as the ambulance leaves the Hamden Town Hall bay the ambulance has no access to cellular service.

Q: Leadership and accountability: How would you ensure town government remains transparent, fiscally responsible and responsive to residents? How would you measure progress on your priorities and keep the public informed about your efforts?

JK: If elected, I look forward to working alongside our current Town Board. I respect their work, and I intend to be a collaborative partner. In a town this size, that's the only way anything gets done. When I talk about transparency, I mean specific things. I'll work with the board to video-record every board meeting and post it online with a full transcript. I'll publish a monthly update on decisions made and funds spent. I want a town website that stays current and is easy to search. I'll hold office hours at different times so people who work during the day can still reach me. And if you send me a message, I'll answer it myself. On fiscal responsibility, the first step is to ask the board to authorize an independent audit. It gives residents and the board a clear, shared baseline of where the money goes. From there, I'll report progress on each of my priorities in plain language, through the website, town social media, and printed mailers, so residents can judge my work for themselves. If something isn't working, I'll say so, and explain what I'm doing to fix it.

WS: I have a strong understanding of budgeting and financial management, years of administrative and leadership experience, and perhaps most importantly, a genuine belief that public officials are entrusted to serve the people. I will work at keeping the annual budget increase at or below 2% consistent with the New York state's tax-cap standard and manage the towns expenditure according to the approved budget. Monthly revised budget will be presented to each board member at the monthly town board meeting and available to residents or attendees as well.

Progress can be measured by setting reasonable goals and deadline of each priority. Keep the public informed by effective communication using the town website, use of spreadsheets and presenting the information at the monthly town board meeting will allow the public to be informed of the outcome and efforts.

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bring resources into Meredith rather than simply turning to taxpayers every time costs increase. The Elk Creek and Honest Brook Road culvert projects are examples of that approach. By working with Delaware County Soil and Water Conservation District and Delaware County Planning, we have been able to obtain outside grant funding for important infrastructure work. I am also currently participating in an Appalachian Regional Commission program designed to better prepare Meredith for future grant opportunities. Grant programs can be competitive, and small communities need to be prepared before those opportunities become available. Having projects identified, understanding the process and developing relationships with the appropriate agencies puts Meredith in a much stronger position to compete for funding. I believe good local government is not simply about deciding how to spend taxpayers' money. It is also about finding ways to accomplish what needs to be done without asking taxpayers to shoulder the entire cost.

SM: Let's face it, rising costs are squeezing household, local business, and town/county finances. I would work closely with the town board and community to review town spending priorities. I would also develop ways to connect residents to food, home energy, and health care support programs, working to develop and maintain an up-to-date list of assistance resources and contact information on the town website. Agriculture remains important to Meredith, but our farms face rising costs, limited labor, and development pressures that threaten productive land. I would work with farmers to identify urgent needs, connect them with agencies and available funding or technical assistance, and ensure that town planning decisions recognize the importance of agriculture to Meredith's economy, landscape and identity. Meredith needs to expand economic development options that will create employment opportunities and strengthen the tax base. I would connect entrepreneurs and existing businesses with county, state, federal and private grant resources most relevant to Meredith beginning with the Delaware County Office of Economic Development. As in many rural communities, population shifts have led to a shrinking labor and volunteer pool. Local businesses, farms, emergency services and community organizations struggle to meet residents' needs with many of us wearing multiple "hats." I would tap into workforce development resources and use the town website to communicate local job and volunteer opportunities while working with community members to identify and help break down the barriers to involvement. Additionally, our population is aging, calling us to consider strategies to increase the town's population. This requires taking a close look at both existing and potential housing options, a long-term task that can be supported by work currently underway in various county departments.

Q: The town's future: Where would you like to see the town in five years? What changes or accomplishments would you hope to achieve during your term to move the community toward that vision?

JE: Five years from now, I would like Meredith to still feel like Meredith. Progress doesn't have to mean changing the character of our community. I want Meredith to have well-maintained roads, dependable equipment, sound finances and a town government that is prepared to take advantage of opportunities when they arise. One example of how we are planning for the future involves the vacant parcel owned by the town. Rather than deciding behind closed doors what should happen with that property, we have held multiple open meetings and asked residents for their ideas and input. The conceptual plans currently being considered are being shaped by what we have heard from the public. That is the kind of planning I want to continue. We should identify opportunities, listen to our residents, determine what makes sense financially and pursue outside funding whenever possible. I also want Meredith to remain a community where agriculture and environmental stewardship can succeed together. My involvement with the Conservation Innovation Grant initiative is an example of how partnerships can help improve farm productivity while protecting water quality and our natural resources.

My goal isn't to make Meredith into something different. It is to take care of what we have, improve where it makes sense and make sure we're prepared for the future.

SM: In five years, Meredith residents will have a local government that is open, responsive and easy to engage with. Town meetings will be available via a virtual option. Residents will be able to connect through a useful and regularly updated website and/or social media site that provides timely town business information, meeting agendas in advance, and adopted meeting minutes, along with the opportunity for residents to provide input on emerging challenges and opportunities. These efforts will result in residents having greater ownership in their community, a belief that they have a voice and a responsibility in the decisions that affect them. Strategies to achieve this vision are covered in my prior answers.

Q: Leadership and accountability: How would you ensure town government remains transparent, fiscally responsible and responsive to residents? How would you measure progress on your priorities and keep the public informed about your efforts?

JE: Transparency starts with listening. One of the things I value most about serving as Town Supervisor is knowing so many of our residents and, in many cases, knowing their families and the generations who came before them. That connection to the community is something I take pride in. At the same time, new families continue to make Meredith their home, and I want them to know that their voices matter just as much. I encourage anyone I haven't had the opportunity to meet to reach out to me at Meredith Town Hall. I want residents to know who their Town Supervisor is and to feel comfortable bringing their questions, concerns and ideas to me. The town-owned parcel is a good example of that approach. We have held multiple open meetings because I believe residents should have an opportunity to help shape decisions involving their community before those decisions are made. Fiscal accountability is equally important. We have worked to control the tax levy while continuing to maintain services and infrastructure, and we have actively pursued grants and partnerships that bring outside dollars into Meredith. I measure progress by results. Are our roads being maintained? Are we planning ahead for equipment replacement? Are we controlling costs? Are we successfully bringing outside funding into town? Are we preparing for future opportunities? And are residents being heard? You can't effectively represent a community if you don't know the people you're representing. In that same spirit of transparency, I am holding a meet-and-greet at Stonewall at the Meredith on Sunday, Oct. 25, from 2–6 p.m. I want to provide residents with another opportunity outside of a formal Town Board meeting to sit down with me, ask questions, discuss concerns, share ideas, or simply introduce themselves. Whether we agree on every issue or not, residents deserve the opportunity to speak directly with their Town Supervisor and understand where I stand and why decisions are made. I welcome anyone who would like to stop in and have a conversation. That is the kind of Town Supervisor I have tried to be, and it is the kind of Town Supervisor I will continue to be if Meredith residents give me the opportunity to serve another term.

SM: U.S. Supreme Court Justice Louis Brandeis once said, "Sunlight is said to be the best of disinfectants." In other words, visibility and transparency are necessary to ensure honesty, integrity, and scrupulous behavior. Consistently publishing agendas, minutes, key information and updates via the website or social media provides the foundation for transparency. Virtually accessible meetings invite engagement amid conflicting responsibilities such as work, caregiving, or home and business demands. Sharing clear contact information for public officials invites community members to seek and hold officials accountable for responsiveness. While the supervisor is the chief fiscal officer, fiscal responsibility if the job of the entire team, with community input as to priorities that are most valued. This requires robust, two-way communication. As the team monitors actual spending against the adopted budget, regular, understandable, published budget updates will allow residents to be aware of the "unexpected" that has either put us over, or under in a specific budget line. If elected, I would work with the team to establish a small set of specific, measurable, attainable goals so we can hit the ground running. Using the budget development cycle provides a structure around which annual goals can then be formed and reported on in a public forum. Developing a culture of reasonable, attainable goal setting and public measurement takes time, and connects transparency to community engagement. Sharing goals and publishing progress updates allows residents to see both the work being done and the results achieved. I have thought long and hard about the demands, challenges, and potential rewards of running for local office. Though I quickly had four full pages of ideas on what and how I would accomplish the vision for a bright future for Meredith, I'll finish with this simple truth: this role is about deeply listening to the goals and challenges of members of the community, working with town offices and board members to assure the wise use of all resources available, and building relationships that serve to connect all corners of the Meredith community to resources, both private and public, that can help us achieve our individual and community goals. I'm fiercely committed to every one of those actions, and if you live in Meredith, I'm asking for your vote in November to prove it to you.

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school-merger process involving Hancock and Deposit, we saw members of our next generation step forward, become informed, speak publicly, and take responsibility for an issue that would affect our community for years. That was encouraging, and I want to build upon that momentum.

At several community meetings, residents have expressed the feeling that local decision-making can resemble a "good-old-boys club." Whether that perception is intended or not, it discourages participation and weakens trust. Hancock's future cannot be planned by the same handful of people. We must actively seek ideas and participation from young adults, parents, students and recent graduates, seniors, business owners, volunteers, first responders, community organizations, and residents from every hamlet.

I would organize a joint Town–Village community-vision process. Meetings would be held at accessible times and locations, with written and online opportunities for those unable to attend. Openings on committees would be widely advertised and the resulting vision should become an action plan that identifies responsibilities, timelines, potential funding, and a method for reporting progress—not another document placed on a shelf.

During my term, I would work to establish a formal Town–Village economic-development partnership, create a coordinated business-recruitment program, and move at least one of our major vacant properties toward productive reuse. I would also pursue an updated comprehensive plan, 10-year capital plans for Town infrastructure and equipment, responsible local laws for data centers and utility-scale battery storage, and a prioritized program for flood resilience, emergency preparedness, recovery, and hazard mitigation.

Five years from now, I want Hancock to have more jobs and investment, reliable services, well-maintained infrastructure, stronger cooperation, and renewed confidence in its future. I also want a new generation of community leaders to be prepared to carry that work forward.

Our future is not a Democratic, Republican, Independent, lifelong-resident, or newcomer issue. It belongs to all of us. We must come together, share ideas, listen respectfully, agree to disagree when necessary, and complete tasks in a timely manner on the issues where we can find common ground.

My administration would work for the people and remain answerable to the people. That is the only way we have a chance to build something lasting—not only for our children and grandchildren, but for our grandchildren's grandchildren.

JV: The Towns future is bright. I see it as a glass half full, not half empty. I would like nothing more than to see the Towns return to the community it once was and I believe we are heading in the right direction. Let's not forget that we live in a beautiful part of the country! Voted Best Small Town in the USA by Time Out magazine!

Hopefully we get some positive ideas at the Town Board meeting on the 27th. One thing needed is for everyone to pull together!

Q: Leadership and accountability: How would you ensure town government remains transparent, fiscally responsible and responsive to residents? How would you measure progress on your priorities and keep the public informed about your efforts?

SR: I have touched on transparency, fiscal responsibility, and public accountability in several of my previous answers because those principles should be part of everything Town government does.

Most of my career has been spent in leadership positions. I completed a 27-year career with NYSDOT, finishing as a Highway Maintenance Supervisor II, and served for 16 years as Town Supervisor. I also began serving as the lead petty officer for the Navy's damage control shop and sheet metal shop when I was 20 years old. These experiences gave me an early foundation in leadership, responsibility, and managing people and resources in demanding situations.

Leadership is not new to me. My military, NYSDOT, and Town government experience required me to manage people and resources, make difficult decisions, respond during emergencies, and accept responsibility for the results.

I pride myself on being the type of person who runs toward problems rather than away from them or shifts responsibility to someone else. That does not mean acting hastily or believing I have every answer. It means identifying the problem, gathering the facts, bringing the right people together, assigning responsibility, establishing a timetable, and following through until the matter is resolved.

Transparency should begin with making information readily available. Meeting agendas and supporting documents should be posted before meetings whenever possible. Minutes, financial reports, department reports, project updates, and grant information should be made available promptly. Town Board meetings should be livestreamed and archived so residents who cannot attend can still follow their government. Department heads and appointed officials should report regularly, including a monthly report or attendance by the Code Enforcement Officer.

Fiscal responsibility requires more than adopting an annual budget. The Town Board should receive regular budget-to-actual reports so potential problems are identified early. Major projects should be presented with their complete costs, funding sources, long-term maintenance obligations, and effects on taxpayers before approval. Competitive procurement procedures must be followed, grants and partnerships should be pursued, and 10-year capital plans should guide the replacement of vehicles, equipment, and infrastructure.

To ensure that residents receive responses, the Town should maintain a system for tracking questions, complaints, and service requests from the time they are received until they are referred, addressed, and closed. Residents may not always receive the answer they want, but they deserve an acknowledgment, an explanation, and an honest update on what can or cannot be done.

I would measure progress through a public work plan. Each major priority would identify the actions required, the person or department responsible, the anticipated timeline, estimated costs, funding sources, and current status. I would provide monthly updates at Town Board meetings and a more detailed quarterly progress report showing what has been completed, what remains underway, and what has been delayed—and why.

Progress should be measured by results, not simply by the number of meetings held or announcements made. That means tracking businesses contacted, serious prospects developed, grants submitted and awarded, projects completed on time and within budget, capital-plan milestones, local laws completed, emergency planning improvements, and resident concerns resolved.

Accountability means being willing to report both successes and setbacks. If a goal is delayed or cannot be completed, residents deserve to know the reason and what the next step will be. My responsibility as Supervisor would be to keep the work moving, keep the public informed, and accept responsibility for the administration's performance.

Thank you to The Reporter for giving Hancock residents the opportunity to hear directly from the candidates. I have also been sharing regularly on my Facebook page, where residents can take a closer look at my ideas, my experience, and who I am. If you share my vision for a more transparent, united, and prosperous future for Hancock, I humbly ask for your support. Together, we can build a stronger Hancock—rooted in our community, connected by our past, and always moving forward.

JV: Town government is, always has been, and will continue to be transparent. We are fiscally responsible and in excellent financial shape. I have always been responsive to residents. I have never ignored a voicemail or email.

There are many ways for constituents to stay informed. They can go to our new website www.townofhancockny.gov come to Board meetings, read the Hancock Herald, call the Town Hall at 607 637-3651, email me at thetown@hancock.net or call or text me on my personal phone at 607 287-2317. As I've said before, the Town is in the best shape it has ever been in. Another very strong thing constituents have is an excellent group of people working for you at the Town Hall. I want to make sure they are recognized. Deputy Supervisor Pat O'Brien, Councilmen Paul Vetrone, Jim Gardner, and Tim Newman; Clerk Cindy Whiting, Deputy Clerks Ginny Gotthardt and Diane Nearing, Bookkeeper/Budge Officer/Secretary to Highway Superintendent Monika Noble; Attorneys Leonard Sienko and Bob McKertich; Highway Superintendent Nel Emerich; Tax Collector Nancy Milk; Code Enforcement Officer Josh Morgan; Deputy Code Enforcement Officer Corey Steffen; Assessor Jim Basile; Judge Mike O"Brien; Court Clerk Ksenia Stanton; Deputy Court Clerk Vivian Leonard; Animal Control Officer Donna Torch; Maintenance Supervisor John Martin; Transfer Station Attendants Mike Jandyl and Dennis Hoey. Please vote for me on either the Integrity or Conservative lines.

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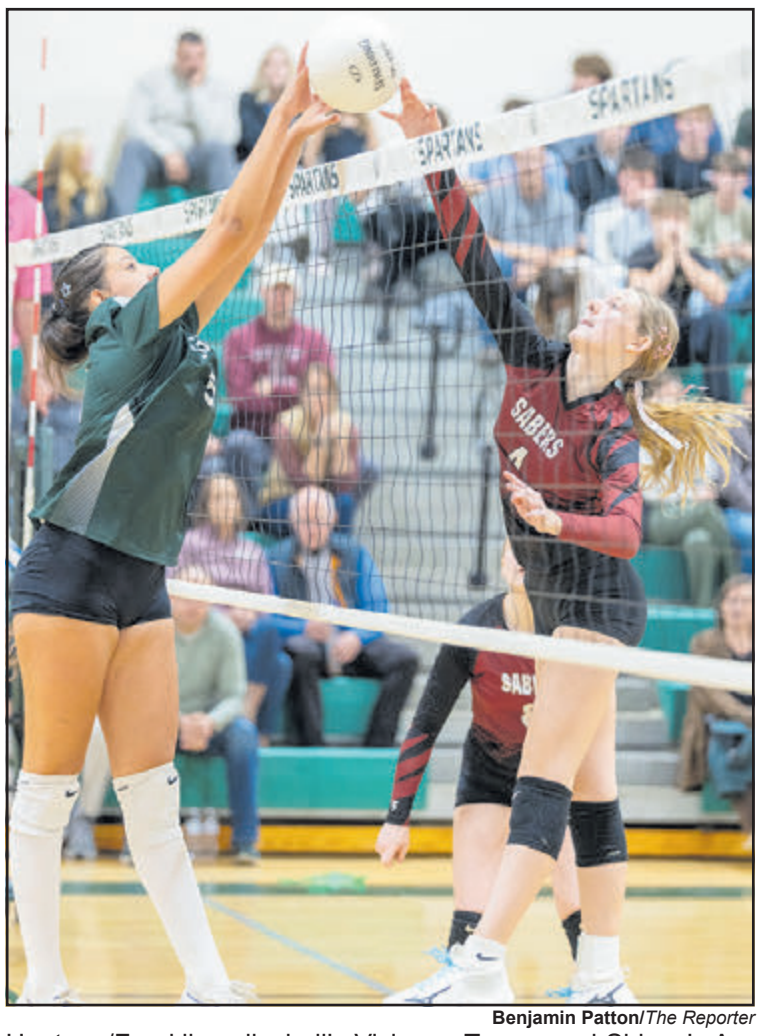
Unatego/Franklin Volleyball Clinches Playoff Berth With Win Over Sabers

Benjamin Patton/*The Reporter*
Unatego/Franklin's Mallory Hafele sets the ball at the net during her team's win on Monday, Oct. 19.

Benjamin Patton/*The Reporter*
Sidney's Sydnie VanValkenburgh dives to play the ball during her team's game with Unatego/Franklin Monday, Oct. 19.



Benjamin Patton/*The Reporter*
Unatego/Franklin volleyball's Vivienne Tesoro and Sidney's Audrey Snell battle at the net during their game Monday, Oct. 19.

Benjamin Patton/*The Reporter*
Unatego/Franklin's Nica Hurlburt plays the ball at the net during her team's 3-1 win over Sidney Monday, Oct. 19.

OTEGO - Unatego earned a key Midstate Athletic Conference volleyball victory Monday, Oct. 19, defeating Sidney 3-1 on its home court.

The Spartans took the opening set 25-19 before Sidney answered with a 25-22 win in the second. Unatego regained control with a 25-19 victory in the third set and closed out the match with a 25-16 win in the fourth.

Mallory Hafele paced Unatego with 25 assists and five aces. Nica Hurlburt recorded 10 kills and seven digs, while Vivienne Tesoro contributed 12 kills and eight digs.

Sidney's Sydnie VanValkenburgh led the Sabers with 11 kills and 14 digs. Philomena Chirico tallied 33 assists, seven digs and four aces, while Audrey Snell and Natalie Debiew added nine kills apiece.

Leelah Charles collected 10 digs for Sidney, and Madison Paul finished with eight digs.

Benjamin Patton/*The Reporter*
Unatego/Franklin volleyball celebrates their 3-1 win over Sidney Monday, Oct. 19. The win clinches a MAC playoff spot for the Spartans.

DA Girls Soccer Season Ends With Class C Tournament Loss

ODESSA - Delaware Academy's girls varsity soccer season came to a close Oct. 20 with a 3-0 loss to Odessa-Montour in the opening round of the Section IV Class C tournament.

The Bulldogs were unable to find the net against the host team, bringing a successful season to an end.

U/F Girls Soccer Advances in Class C Tournament

OTEGO - Unatego/Franklin's girls varsity soccer team earned a 3-2 victory over Groton Oct. 20 in the opening round of the Section IV Class C tournament.

Shannon Kingsbury scored twice for the Spartans. Finly Birdsall scored the game-winning goal with 13 minutes remaining to secure the victory and send Unatego/Franklin into the next round.

Harly Birdsall and Brooke Benson each contributed an assist, while goalkeeper Lindsay Rinker made 14 saves to help preserve the win.

SK/A Girls Soccer Shuts Out Hunter-Tannersville In Class D Opener

SOUTH KORTRIGHT - South Kortright/Andes opened the Section IV Class D girls soccer tournament with a 3-0 shutout of Hunter-Tannersville Oct. 20.

The Rams scored three goals to defeat H-T and advance in the postseason tournament.

Darbey Mondore, Zariah Fortune and Lily Marigliano each scored a goal for South Kortright/Andes. Scout Lamport added an assist in the shutout victory.

Walton Field Hockey Shuts Out Marathon to Close Regular Season

WALTON - Walton closed out its regular season field hockey schedule with a 5-0 shutout of Marathon Monday, Oct. 19, keeping the offensive pressure on throughout the game.

The Warriors scored once in the opening quarter and added another goal in the second to take a 2-0 halftime lead. Walton continued its attack with two third-quarter goals before adding one more in the fourth to seal the victory.

Brynlee Hunt opened the scoring five minutes into the game, assisted by Alexa Scofield. With 10 minutes remaining in the first half, Madalynn Gregory extended Walton's lead to 2-0 on an assist from Karlee McClenon.

McClenon and Madilyn Russell added third-quarter goals to push the advantage to 4-0. Ava Hall scored the final goal with 12 minutes remaining in the fourth quarter.

McClenon finished with one goal and one assist. Rilynn Daye and Lina Duprey-Diederichson also recorded assists.

Walton dominated offensively, recording 21 shots and nine penalty corners while holding Marathon without a shot. Marathon goalkeeper T. Eaton made 16 saves, while Walton goalkeepers Mackenzie Roach and Kayleigh Ostrander were not required to make a save.

The victory improved Walton's record to 6-10, while Marathon fell to 0-15.

Walton travels to Sidney Friday for a 5 p.m. Class C Sectional quarterfinal matchup.

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Unatego/Franklin Boys Soccer Falls to Greene in MAC Championship

ONEONTA - Greene captured the 2026 Midstate Athletic Conference boys varsity soccer championship with a dramatic 3-2 victory over Unatego/Franklin Oct. 17, scoring the game-winner with just 33 seconds remaining in regulation.

Judd Dutcher delivered the decisive goal to give the Trojans their first league championship since 2019. Dutcher finished with two goals including one on a penalty kick.

Gavin Ely added a goal for Greene, while Jack Rice contributed two assists.

Unatego/Franklin stayed within striking distance behind goals from Jake Kingsbury and Levi Russell. Kingsbury also recorded an assist.

Benjamin Patton/*The Reporter*

Unatego/Franklin's Jake Kingsbury heads the ball out of the possession of Greene goalie Jackson Roth while Jacob Acevedo looks on during their game Saturday. The play would result in a U/F goal.

Benjamin Patton/*The Reporter*

Unatego/Franklin's Shon Klintchev passes during his team's game Saturday, Oct. 17.

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Unatego/Franklin's Levi Russell sneaks a shot by the Greene defense for a goal during his team's 3-2 loss in the MAC championship game Saturday, Oct. 17.

Benjamin Patton/*The Reporter*

Unatego/Franklin's Bodie Jordan takes a shot during his team's 3-2 loss to Greene in the MAC championship Saturday, Oct. 17.

Soccer Battles To 1-1 MAC Championship Draw in OT

Unatego/Franklin girls soccer team after being named MAC co-champions Saturday. Oct. 17.

Benjamin Patton/*The Reporter*

Unatego/Franklin girls soccer celebrates during their game Saturday, Oct. 17.

ONEONTA - Greene and Unatego/Franklin battled to a 1-1 draw in the 2026 Midstate Athletic Conference Girls Soccer Championship Saturday, Oct. 17, finishing as co-champions after two scoreless overtime periods.

Unatego/Franklin took a 1-0 lead with 22 minutes remaining in regulation when Shannon Kingsbury broke free for a breakaway goal off an assist from Ivana Svecharnik.

Greene answered five minutes later. Khloe Waltz collected a long punt from goalkeeper Quinlan Cavanaugh and found the back of the net to even the score at 1-1.

Neither team could find a winning goal during two 10-minute sudden-death overtime periods, leaving the teams deadlocked at the final whistle.

Central Empire State Rifle and Pistol League

In Match III of the Central Empire State Rifle and Pistol League for Oct. 16, teams from Rockdale, Walton and Oneonta notched victories.

Rockdale defeated Delhi: 1058-14X to 979-9X.

High shooters for Rockdale were: Rob Gould 271-2X; Dave Dewey 265-2X; Steve Ingalls 262-5X; and Gerry Palmer 260-5X. Others shooting for Rockdale were: Pat Hawkins, Brent Wessels, Rick Braun, and Dave VanValkenburg.

High scores for Delhi were: Mable Gutliph 266-3X; Kevin Gutliph 254-2X; Bob Anderson 242-2X; and Jeremiah Anderson 217-2X. Other Delhi shooters were: Rob Anderson and Dennis Klimowski.

Walton defeated Stamford/Richmondville: 1107-14X to 1114-20X. High shooters for Walton were: Dennis Bennett 286-6X; Bill McAdams 279-6X; Glenn Bowker 277-4X; and Michael Noviello 272-4X.

Other Walton shooters: Ryan Boice, Brian MacRabie, Steve Dutcher, Carl Banker, Peter Green, John Noviello, Jeff Yambor, and Michelle Bowker.

High shooters for Stamford/Richmondville were: Harry Wyckoff 279-7X; Gus Mueller 279-3X; Carl Tubbs 275-2X; and Jim Hitt 274-2X.

Other Stamford/Richmondville participants were: Larry VanDeusen, Brian Righi, Stephen Hansen, Steve Baker, Pat Mattice, David Ferris, Jeff Mattice, Maynard Vance, and Mark Gifford.

Oneonta beat Sidney: 1066-16X (corrected X count) to 1034-11X.

Top shooters for Oneonta were: Bryana May 272-5X; Kevin Lord 268-3X; Scott May 264-5X; and Adam Nichols 262-3X. Other Oneonta shooters were: Mark Eagle, Ken Soden, Hunter Sitts, Carl Morganstern, Don Fleming, Justin Ruff, Calli Ruff, Nate Lowe, Traci Sitts, Roland Groppe, and David Gerowe.

Top shooters for Sidney were: Jim Winn 263-3X; Connor Sherman 261-2X; Mike Pecocaro 255-4X; and Brandi Sherman 255-2X. Also shooting for Sidney were: Mike Terzo, Chris Curtin, and Bruce Gerkin (2H).

Stats

- Rockdale 3-0
- Stamford/Richmondville 2-1
- Walton 3-0
- Oneonta 1-2
- Sidney 0-3
- Delhi 0-3

Sporterrifle League

In match 5 of the New York State Sporterifle league, Delhi defeated Nassau 1404 to 1385.

Top shooters for Delhi were Mabel Gutliph 295, Garret Fitch 285, Kevin Gutliph 276 (94 on target 3), Sarah Keehr 276 (89 on target 3) and Kara Fitch 272.

Also shooting was Kristy Fitch.

Delaware League Standings

Varsity Boys Soccer		
(5 league games)		
Gilboa Conesville/ Roxbury	5-0	12-2-1
HTC	3-1-1	9-2-1
SKCS/Andes	3-1-1	5-9-1
Jefferson/Stamford	2-3	2-11-1
Margaretville	1-4	3-11-2
Windham	0-5	0-10
Varsity Girls Soccer		
(6 league games)		
Charlotte Valley/ Schenevus	6-0	12-3
Margaretville	4-2	11-4
SkCS/Andes	3-3	8-5-1
Gilboa Conesville/ Roxbury	3-3	9-5
HTC	3-3	5-7
Stamford/Jefferson	2-4	3-10-1
Windham	0-6	0-11-1
Varsity Boys Golf		
(7 league matches)		
HTC	7-0	10-2
Charlotte Valley/Schenevus/ Milford	6-1	8-1-1
Gilboa Conesville	4-2-1	6-3-1
Roxbury	4-2-1	4-4-1
Windham	3-4	4-5
Andes/SKCS	2-5	3-6-1
Margaretville	1-6	1-9
Jefferson/Stamford	0-7	1-9

Edmeston Tops Gilboa-Conesville/Roxbury In Tri-Del Championship

Benjamin Patton/*The Reporter*

Gilboa-Conesville/Roxbury's Liam Tyree defends as Edmeston's Braymon Clark shoots during their game Saturday, Oct. 17.

Benjamin Patton/*The Reporter*

Gilboa-Conesville/Roxbury's Gabriel Allen takes a shot during his team's game Saturday, Oct. 17.

Benjamin Patton/*The Reporter*

Gilboa-Conesville/Roxbury's Preston Bruck heads the ball at the net while Edmeston goalie Sire Champen makes a save.

ONEONTA - Edmeston captured the first-ever Tri-Del Boys Soccer Championship with a 3-0 victory over Gilboa-Conesville/Roxbury, Saturday, Oct. 17.

Brock Redner scored twice to lead the Panthers, while Braymon Clark added a goal and an assist in the championship win.

The victory secured Edmeston's place in the history of the inaugural Tri-Del boys soccer championship.

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Gilboa-Conesville/Roxbury's Gavin Bohringer dribbles during his team's loss to Edmeston in the Tri-Del Championship Saturday, Oct. 17.

Benjamin Patton/*The Reporter*

Gilboa-Conesville/Roxbury's Brian Duncan dives to make a save during his team's game with Edmeston.

CV/S Girls Soccer Falls To E/M in Tri-Del Championship

Benjamin Patton/*The Reporter*

Charlotte Valley/Schenevus's Carleigh Reed plays the ball during her team's game Saturday, Oct. 17.

Benjamin Patton/*The Reporter*

Charlotte Valley/Schenevus's Madison Losie and E/M's Kendall Gould play the ball during their game Saturday, Oct. 17.

Benjamin Patton/*The Reporter*

Charlotte Valley/Schenevus's Brooke Green takes a shot during her team's 1-0 loss to Edmeston/Morris Saturday, Oct. 17 in the Tri-Del Championship game.

ONEONTA - Edmeston/Morris captured the first-ever Tri-Del Girls Soccer Championship with a 1-0 victory over Charlotte Valley/Schenevus on Oct. 17 in Oneonta.

Sophie Robinson scored the lone goal for Edmeston/Morris, securing the championship for the team representing the Tri-Valley League.

The victory gave Edmeston/Morris the inaugural Tri-Del girls soccer title, defeating Charlotte Valley/Schenevus, representing the Delaware League, in the championship matchup.

← Benjamin Patton/*The Reporter*

Charlotte Valley/Schenevus's Jordan Odell plays the ball during her team's game Saturday, Oct. 17.

DA Sweeps UV for MAC Volleyball Victory

NEW BERLIN - Delaware Academy earned a Midstate Athletic Conference volleyball victory Monday, Oct. 19, sweeping Unadilla Valley 3-0.

The Bulldogs won the opening set 25-14 before taking the next two sets by identical 25-19 scores to complete the straight-set win.

Tegan Perry led DA with six kills. Carly Potrzeba contributed four kills and four aces, while Carly Guy added five kills. Madalyn Moody chipped in four aces for the Bulldogs.

Oxford Tops Walton/Downsville in MAC Consolation Playoff

OXFORD - The Oxford Blackhawks defeated Walton/Downsville 8-1 Oct. 16 in the Midstate Athletic Conference girls varsity soccer consolation playoffs.

Jayne Fleury and Jordan Palmer scored two goals apiece to lead Oxford's offense. Emily Williams added a goal and an assist while Ahna Kappauf, Reese Tefft and Jenna Denz each scored once.

Paige Rickard contributed two assists for the Blackhawks.

Sadie Kaja scored Walton/Downsville's lone goal.

DA Dominates Walton 54-6 in Football Matchup

WALTON - Delaware Academy put together a dominant performance Saturday, Oct. 17, rolling past Walton 54-6 in varsity football action.

DA built a 27-0 lead in the first quarter and added 14 more points in the second to take a commanding 41-0 advantage into halftime. The Bulldogs added a touchdown in the third quarter before Walton got on the scoreboard in the fourth. Delhi answered with one final touchdown to secure the victory.

Saverio Prisco led Delhi's ground attack with 153 yards on seven carries and three touchdowns. He scored on runs of 21, 38 and 51 yards.

Johnny Wilson opened the scoring with a 21-yard touchdown run. Simon Cowles added a 6-yard touchdown run, while Jeremy MacNeill broke free for a 31-yard score in the second quarter.

Anthony Burkert scored on a 24-yard run in the third quarter, and Chase Rowe capped Delhi's scoring with a 1-yard touchdown run in the fourth.

Mason Reed converted seven extra-point attempts. Two kicks were unsuccessful.

Walton avoided the shutout in the fourth quarter when Marco Possemato scored on a 23-yard touchdown run. The two-point conversion attempt failed.

DA finished with a productive rushing attack, with MacNeill gaining 70 yards on five carries, Rowe adding 51 yards on four carries and Burkert recording 32 yards on two attempts. Wilson scored on his only carry of the game.

Quarterback Cole Kivell completed two of three passes for 61 yards. Reed caught one pass for 47 yards, and Wilson added a 14-yard reception.

Defensively, Jack Mokay led DA with 11 tackles and recovered a fumble. Gabe Burkert recorded eight tackles, Anthony Burkert had seven tackles, and Liam Finnegan added three tackles and a fumble recovery.

UV/G-MU Edges Sidney 1-0 in MAC Consolation Playoff

SIDNEY - Unadilla Valley/G-MU scored early in the second half to secure a 1-0 victory over Sidney Oct. 16 in the Midstate Athletic Conference girls varsity soccer consolation playoffs.

Unadilla Valley/G-MU broke the scoreless tie when Logan Lindholm found the back of the net following a scramble in front of the goal after a corner kick.

Walton Volleyball Sweeps to Division Title, Remains Unbeaten at 11-0

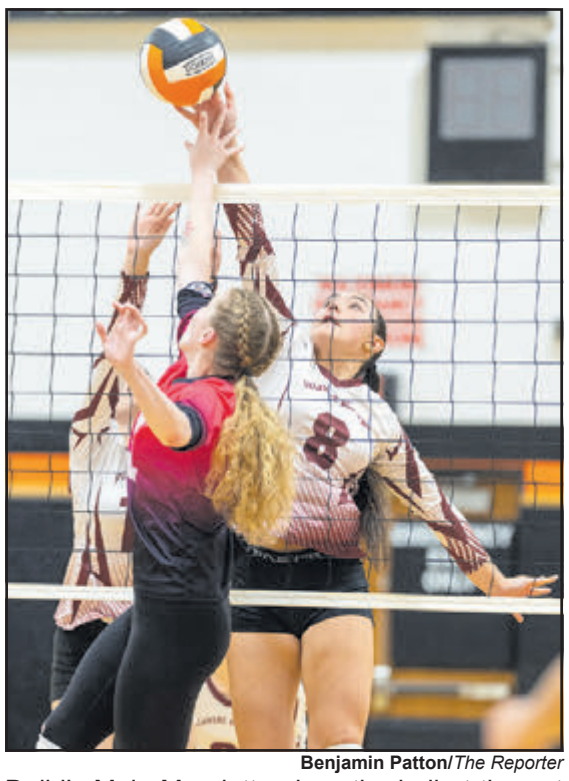
Walton defeats Delaware Academy in four sets

Benjamin Patton/*The Reporter*

Walton volleyball celebrates after topping Delaware Academy 3-1 to remain undefeated on the season.

Benjamin Patton/*The Reporter*

Walton's Tylee Northrup and Chloe Edwards play the ball during their win over Delaware Academy on Thursday, Oct. 15.



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Delhi's Maja Margiotta plays the ball at the net while Walton's Chloe Edwards defends during their game Thursday, Oct. 15.

WALTON - Walton's varsity volleyball team clinched the league division championship Thursday, Oct. 15, with a 3-1 victory over Delhi, improving its overall record to 11-0 and its league mark to 9-0.

The Warriors won the opening set 25-19 before Delaware Academy answered with a 25-21 victory in the second. Walton regained control in the third set, winning 25-21, then closed out the match with a decisive 25-16 win in the fourth.

Cami Barriger led Walton with 11 kills and added four blocks. Chloe Edwards contributed eight kills and 13 assists, helping direct the Warriors' offense.

Hayden MacDonald served four aces, while Tylee Northrup added three. MacDonald and Julianna Roy each recorded 13 digs, and Lilly Eisele finished with 10.

Delaware Academy received strong serving performances from Charlotte Menke and Teagan Perry, who each recorded five aces. Carly Potzeba led the team with seven kills, followed by Perry with six.

The loss left DA with a 6-2 record.

Benjamin Patton/*The Reporter*

Walton's Hayden Macdonald bumps the ball during her team's win over Delhi Thursday, Oct. 15.

Benjamin Patton/*The Reporter*

Walton's Lilly Eisele plays the ball at the net while Delhi's Madalyn Moody defends during their game Thursday, Oct. 15.

DA Girls Soccer Edges B-G, 1-0, in MAC Consolation Game

DELHI - Delaware Academy girls soccer earned a 1-0 victory over Bainbridge-Guilford in the MAC League Tournament consolation game Friday, Oct. 16.

Abby Lunn scored the game's only goal in the first half, finding the net in the 11th minute off an assist from Leah Young to give the Bulldogs an early lead.

Delaware Academy held the advantage through the remainder of the game to secure the shutout victory. Goalkeeper Jill Fishner recorded four saves for DA, while Saige Barnard made nine saves for Bainbridge-Guilford.

The Bulldogs outshot Bainbridge-Guilford 10-4 on target and finished with 12 total shots. Both teams recorded one corner kick.

Delaware Academy improved to 8-7-1 overall and 6-4 in league play with the win.

Sidney Volleyball Tops Deposit-Hancock in Four Sets

Sabers get 16 assists from Philomena Chirico and seven aces from Audrey Snell in 3-1 victory

SIDNEY - Sidney earned a 3-1 varsity volleyball victory over Deposit-Hancock on Thursday, Oct. 15, winning the match in four sets.

The Sabers took the first two sets, 25-21 and 25-11, before Deposit-Hancock rallied to claim the third, 26-24. Sidney responded in the fourth set, closing out the match with a 25-14 win.

Sydnie VanValkenburgh led Sidney with 10 kills and eight digs, while Madison Paul added nine kills and seven digs. Leelah Charles contributed five digs.

Philomena Chirico paced the Sabers with 16 assists, and Madaline LaRose added five. Audrey Snell led Sidney from the service line with seven aces and recorded one block. Natalie Debiew contributed five aces.

For Deposit-Hancock, Emma Tice led the team with seven kills and six digs, while Kourtney Woodmansee recorded six assists and four aces. Tice also had one ace.

Oxford Boys Soccer Outlasts DA 6-3 in MAC Consolation Playoffs

OXFORD - Gordon Smith scored three goals and added an assist to lead Oxford to a 6-3 victory over Delaware in the MAC boys varsity soccer consolation playoffs Thursday, Oct. 15.

Smith powered the Blackhawks' attack with a hat trick, while Dawson Viele contributed a goal and two assists. Paxton LaMonica added a goal and an assist, and Joey Locke also scored for Oxford.

DA kept pace offensively behind Benny Schnabel, who scored twice and assisted on another goal. Julian De Paoli added a goal and an assist, while Liem Sass contributed an assist.

Sidney Girls Soccer Defeats Walton/Downsville in MAC Playoffs

Sabers shutout Warriors 5-0

SIDNEY - Maddox Johnson scored three goals to lead Sidney to a 5-0 victory over Walton/Downsville in the MAC girls varsity soccer playoffs Wednesday, Oct. 14.

Johnson powered the Sabers' offense with a hat trick, while Stella Smith and Kaden O'Hara each added a goal to complete the scoring.

Isabella Phelps, Brooke Grow and Brooke Baker each recorded an assist for Sidney, contributing to the team's five-goal performance.

Goalkeeper Trinity Lowe anchored the Sabers defensively, earning the shutout as Sidney held Walton/Downsville scoreless.

Walton/Downsville Boys Soccer Advances With 3-1 Win Over UV/G-MU

WALTON - Walton/Downsville earned a 3-1 victory over Unadilla Valley/GMU in the MAC boys varsity soccer consolation playoffs, Thursday, Oct. 15, advancing with a balanced scoring effort on its home field.

Tyler Reed, John Noviello and Kai Storrer each scored a goal for Walton/Downsville, giving the Warriors three different scoring threats in the playoff matchup.

Dylan Webb scored the lone goal for Unadilla Valley/GMU.

Unatego/Franklin Girls Soccer Shuts Out DA to Reach MAC Girls Soccer Final

Second half goals lift U/F to a 2-0 semifinal victory

FRANKLIN - Unatego/Franklin scored twice in the second half to defeat Delaware Academy 2-0 in the MAC girls varsity soccer semifinals Wednesday, Oct. 14.

Shannon Kingsbury and Harly Birdsall each found the net after halftime to lift past the Bulldogs and secure a place in the league championship game.

Kingsbury also recorded an assist, contributing to both goals in the semifinal victory.

Deposit: McCann Relay Results

DEPOSIT - Deposit/Hancock, Sidney and Delhi-South Kortright runners competed in the McCann Relays Oct. 14 in Deposit, with teams placing runners among the top finishers in the varsity boys and girls races.

Boys varsity

Sidney's Owen Mott and Kellen Begeal led local runners with a third-place finish in 17:29. Teammate Brayden Strauss and Greg Bales placed 16th in 20:12, followed by Alexander Secor and Alexander DeCarlo in 24th at 22:05 and Marcito Cole and Ebben Hensley in 32nd at 24:04.

Delhi-South Kortright's Emmett Tweed and Liam Munro finished fifth in 17:52, followed by teammates Kyson Van Maaren and Augustus Green in eighth at 18:55. Eric Blackman and Kieran Walsh placed 14th in 20:06, while Finnegan Manning and Declan Briggs finished 35th in 25:59.

For Deposit-Hancock, Eliot Dermitt and Daniel Ray finished 10th in 19:32. Chris Braun and Parker Ballard placed 19th in 20:57, followed by Marcel Harden and Krystian Lee in 21st at 21:20.

The top listed boys finishers were Sean Fowler and Owen Degan of BGAH in with a combined time of 16:45, followed by Bennett Kraus and Chris Oakley of ME in 17:10.

Girls varsity

Sidney's Grace Beauchat and Olivia Beauchat led the local girls, finishing third in 21:36. Rhian Gill and Marley Rutenber placed 16th in 26:35.

Delhi-South Kortright's Lilly McGonigal and Aurelia Comer finished fifth in 22:06. Olivia McGonigal and Emma Smith placed eighth in 23:51, while Skadi Gielskie and Emily Blackman finished 14th in 25:28. Zooey Bartow and Lilah Francisco placed 17th in 28:06.

Deposit-Hancock's Kali Buttacavoli and Alexis Axtell finished fourth in 21:50. Penelope Vernon, listed with Delhi-South Kortright's results, finished 20th in 31:27 alongside Adalyn Turner of EDMO.

The top listed girls finishers were Jailyn Barton and Madison Novotny of ME in 20:13, followed by Elizabeth Miller and Paige Sherwood of EDMO in 20:56.

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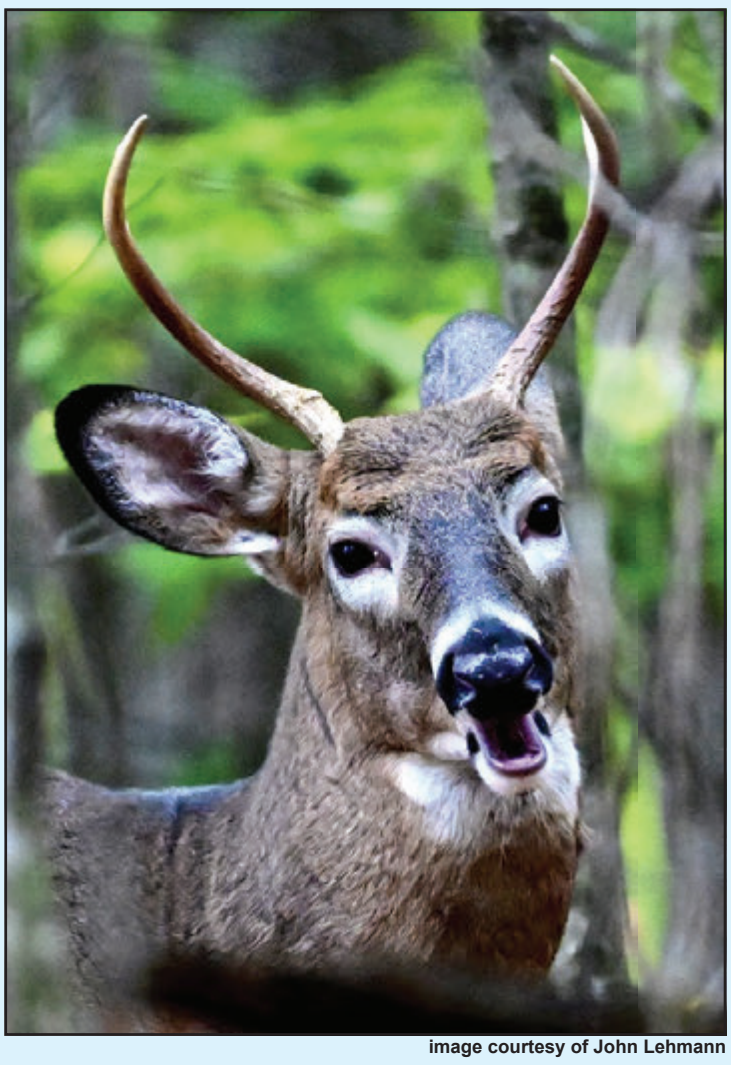
OUTDOOR LIFE

Oh, Deer! Time for a Morning Nap



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Even a big buck needs his beauty sleep. John Lehmann captured this Red Kill Valley resident mid-yawn Thursday morning, Oct. 15, just before it settled in to bed down for the day.

One Last Acorn Before Sunset

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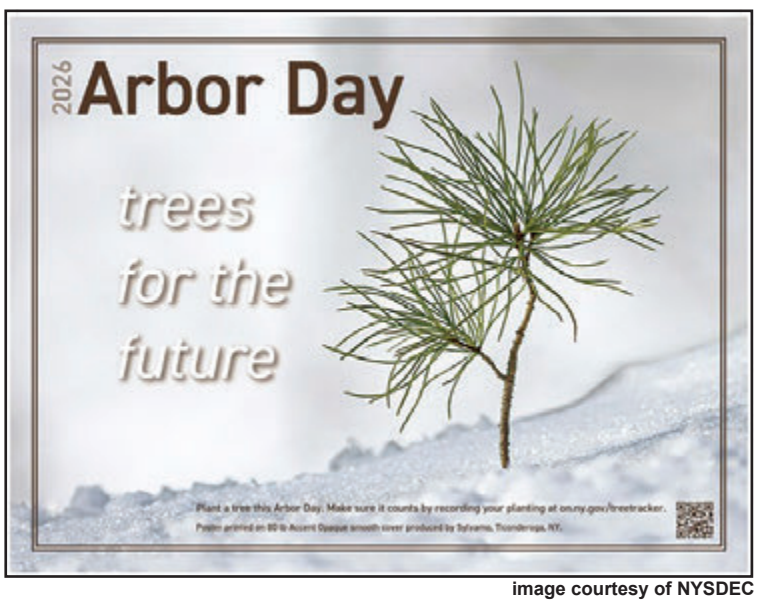
A chipmunk hustles one more acorn back to its den as the sun sets over the Red Kill Valley Oct. 15.

Arbor Day Poster Contest Now Open



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Celebrate the beauty of New York state's trees by participating in DEC's annual Arbor Day Poster Contest. Submit your original photography or artwork to be considered for the 2027 New York State Arbor Day Poster. DEC prints thousands of posters for distribution to schools, the New York State Fair, libraries, and other venues every year. This year's theme is "Trees for Vibrant Communities," and submissions should express the importance of trees in building resilient, healthy, and livable communities.

Contest Guidelines:

• Photos must be taken in New York, and artwork must be of a New York state location, tree species, or otherwise clearly connected to New York state.

• Only one submission per person is allowed.

• Photos and digital art must meet submission requirements for quality and size.

• Model consent forms are required for each person included in a photo.

• Photos and artwork must be the original creations of the person submitting them;

• AI Artwork is not eligible.

• All submissions must be received by Nov. 10, 2026.

Visit DEC's webpage: https://dec.ny.gov/nature/forests-trees/urban-and-community-forestry/arbor-day#contest to learn more about the poster contest rules and submitting your artwork or photo, Arbor Day, and DEC forestry programs including New York State's 25 Million Trees by 2033 initiative.

Composting Your Pumpkins At Home or In Your Community

Tips for Composting Pumpkins:

• Smash up any pumpkin rinds and guts before mixing them into your backyard pile with plenty of carbon sources (leaves, wood chips, twigs, etc.).

• Be sure to remove any candles, wax, or lights from your spooky creation, and avoid composting any painted or glittered pumpkins.

• Removing seeds ahead of time can help prevent growing pumpkin plants in your compost pile later on.

• No home compost pile? Find a local Pumpkin Smash or pumpkin drop-off event in your area for a fun way to send your Jack-O-Lanterns off sustainably.

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For more information: https://dec.ny.gov/environmental-protection/recycling-composting/organic-materials-management/home-composting

Keep an Eye Out for Kudzu

Kudzu is a semi-woody perennial vine that is invasive to North America. Capable of growing one foot per day, this invasive vine quickly engulfs large areas of trees, shrubs, ground vegetation, and buildings with a blanket-like covering of leaves and stems. Kudzu is challenging to control due to its extensive root system and its ability to form new plants from nodes on the stem. However, eradication can often be achieved with multiple years of management. Without management, Kudzu can spread rapidly and outcompete native plant species. This can lead to habitat loss and disrupt food chains for animals that rely solely on native species. Masses of vines can conceal potentially dangerous hazards, limit access to areas, and cause trees, power lines, or structures to fall under the weight of the plant.

image courtesy of NYSDEC

Thick green vine with orange hairs (left), large leaves with three lobes (middle), and purple clusters of flowers (right). Learning what kudzu vines (left), leaves (center), and flowers (right) look like can help you identify this invasive plant.

Identification

Kudzu leaves consist of three leaflets that are each 3-8 inches long with up to three lobes. The leaf stem is hairy and 3-8 inches long. The vines are yellow green with bristly orange hairs when young. As they age, the vines turn brown and woody. In the late summer, kudzu plants flower with clusters of red, purple, or pink petals that smell like grapes. This flower will turn into a brown, flat, hairy seed pod up to 5 inches long.

Where Is Kudzu Located?

In New York, kudzu has been found on Long Island and in New York City and the Hudson Valley. Infestations are mainly present where kudzu was originally planted (e.g., on steep slopes and along railways and roadsides). It has also been found in disturbed areas — including vacant lots, industrial areas, and backyards — where it was most likely brought in through infested soil.

The Ghost Pipe

Monotropa uniflora, more commonly known as the ghost pipe, is a native wildflower named for its white, waxy, and translucent appearance. To find ghost pipe, look for whitish plants 4"–8" tall, growing out of the shady forest floor. The ghost pipe's unusual color, which can vary from bright white to a pinkish hue, is due to a lack of chlorophyll. Chlorophyll is the green pigment found in plants that give them their green hues and helps them absorb energy from the sun through a process called photosynthesis.

So, without the help of chlorophyll, where does the ghost pipe get its energy?

Believe it or not, ghost pipe is a parasitic plant! It takes its energy from fungi that grow on the roots of neighboring trees. Ghost pipe is one of less than 1% of flowering plants that do not get their energy directly from the sun, making this spooky plant a rarity.

image courtesy of NYSDEC

Next time you're out on a hike, keep your eyes peeled! You might catch a glimpse of this fascinating, yet ghoulish, native New York plant.

Help Protect New York's Forests from Invasive Species and Wildfires During National Firewood Month

With chillier days on the horizon and fall activities in full swing, October is the perfect month to celebrate National Firewood Month. Before you build a bonfire under the stars with friends and family, roast marshmallows over the campfire, or cozy up next to your woodburning stove on a crisp fall day, it is important to know how to safely and responsibly use firewood.

Help stop invasive pests and diseases from hitching a ride to a new area by following these quick tips from the New York state firewood regulation:

• Untreated firewood may not be imported into New York from any other state or country.

• Untreated, New York-grown firewood must stay within a 50-mile radius of its source of origin.

• If transporting untreated firewood and your destination is within 50 miles, you must fill out a Self-Issued Certificate of Origin.

• If purchasing and transporting untreated firewood, it must have a receipt or label that identifies the firewood source; hold onto your receipt until all the firewood is burned.

• Heat-treated firewood can be transported anywhere in New York, but it must have a receipt or label that says, "New York Approved Heat-Treated Firewood/Pest-Free", meaning it has been heated to 71° C (160° F) for 75 minutes.

Help protect New York State's forests by following these quick tips about fire safety:

• Check the fire danger map to make sure it's safe to have a fire where you are and avoid burning on windy days.

• Use existing campfire rings when possible.

• Clear away any burnable material in a 10-foot diameter circle around your campfire.

• Campfires must be less than 3 feet in height and 4 feet in diameter.

• Be sure your match is out. Hold it until it is cold.

• Never leave a campfire unattended. Always keep water and hand tools nearby to control the fire, if necessary.

• Drown the fire with water, stir the remains, and repeat. Make sure all embers, coals, and sticks are wet. Move rocks as there may be burning embers underneath.

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IT'S Academic

Walton's O'Neill High School Honor Rolls for First Marking Period Released

Walton Central School's O'Neill High School administration has released its first marking period honor rolls for the 2026-2027 school year.

Superintendent's list students have achieved averages of 95-100%.

Grade 12: Armstrong Izabella, Carr Levi, Conklin Lynn, Ethan Hall, Emma Kingsbury, Finnley Kane, Hoffman Natalie, Hunter Ryan, Maisy Rhinehart, Marco Possemato Jr., Morales Savannah, Natalie Hoffman, Preston Petrocine, Smith Samuel, Stone Ryder.

Grade 11: Aliya Carman, Annabelle Wagner, Averie Williams, Avelyn White, Chloe Edwards, Christian Hanrahan, Esther Salvia, Kennedy Williams, Lauren Sloan-Boice, Mayla Evans, Petrocine Lee, Rebecca Speriatu, Reaghan VanTyle, Zarema Amangeldiyeva.**Grade 10:** Anika Fassler, Ava Merwin, Isis Guervaz, Julianna Roy, Kayleigh Ostrander, Maia Fassler.

Grade 9: Aimee Furgeson, Alivia Conklin, Annabelle Wagner, Ava Hoover, Brystal Hunt, Carsen Gardepe, Connor Stanton, Elias Bayne, Grace-Mary Walley, Haven Barnes, Hayley Goodspeed, Hill Renee, Jayden Wright, Josilynn Covell, Landon Colfer, Mackenzie Roach, Noah Scofield, Owen Gahan, Raegan Foster, Ryder Stone, Samuel Smith, Savannah Morales, Vanessa Burgos.

Principal's list students achieved averages between 90 and 94%.

Grade 12: Jiaye He, Marcus Marano, Matias Navia, Anderson McEntee, Lorelai Angevine, Parker Cash, Samantha Barnes, Dylan Stanton, Aubrie Green, Kaya Stanton, Amirrah Budine, Tripp Taylor, Tyler Yakalis, Evelyn Brooker, Aidan Bush, Colt Covey.

Grade 11: Eli Kingsbury, Liam Kane, Eilis Greene, Natalie Dean, Lilliana Eisele, Jacob Constable, Gjianna Ildefonso, Adam Rice, Alexa Scofield, Annalia Yetto, Bentley Wickham, Tessa Church, Jordan Tolbert, Timothy Clinton, Paige LeBarge, Scarlett Beardslee.

Grade 10: Jayda Young, Jersey Forrest, Gabriel Padgett, Kendyll McDonald, Colton Walley, Malena Moore, Maria Salimbangon, Joshua Clifford, Rilynn Daye.

Grade 9: James White, Henry White, Lillie Beers, Madison Hoffman, Rylee Mead, Elanor White, Anthony Salvia, Zoey Kille, Madalynn Gregory, Benjamin Dougherty, Riley Wood, Tylee Northrup, Nico Catalano, William Voorhies, Korbyn McDonald, Autumn Gerace, Emma Freel, Reed LaTourette, Giovanni Roselli-Lattimer, Zaina Bartlett, Nolan Sperry, Lennox Slauson, Donny Ford, Landon Salimbangon.

Honor roll students have achieved averages between 85 and 89%.

Grade 12: Katherine Gorence, Hayden MacDonald, Payton Landry, Skylar Bennett, Jasmine Scutt, Lucas Furgeson, Jaedyn Roloson, Justin Somers, Jayden Campbell, Dawson Gregory.

Grade 11: Lila Trimbell, Zayden Haskins, Jazmin Clifford, Miley Dunbar, Logan Viscio, Dixie Manzer, Linkin Backus, Katelynn Houck, Ryan Alessi, Camiren Barriger, Alyssa Howe, Brody Hutchinson, Xager Wickham, Kohl Muller.

Grade 10: Richelle Wood, Nolan Evans, Landon Darcy, Owen Hodges, Tony Catalano Jr., Jali Shelton, Landen Branigan, Abigail Boyles, Savannah Johnson, Austin Scutt.

Grade 9: Martie Foster, Paige Tompkins-Hitt, Amelia Darling, Tessa Spickerman, Dakota Morse, Levi Wickham, Preston Roy, Jenaveve Butler, Maggie Armstrong, Madison Scofield, Isabella Eisele, Blaze D'Angelo, Madeline Cash.

College News

Bridget Dacey-Martin, Bloomville, graduated from Bismarck State College with an associate in applied science in electric power technology in summer 2026.

SUNY Oneonta awarded $80,660 in grant funding to support 54 students pursuing internships during the fall 2026 semester. The grant program aims to make internship experiences more accessible by helping defray costs such as transportation, living expenses, technology, etc. Any student who plans to complete an internship for academic credit can apply for a grant of up to $3,000 through SUNY Oneonta's Career Planning and Networking Center, which also provides career counseling and helps students find and secure internships in their fields of study. **Cadence Losie** of Davenport received funding from the Red Dragon Internship Support Fund to help defray the expenses of their The Walt Disney Company internship. Losie is studying business administration at SUNY Oneonta and was awarded the fund by the business department. **Lucille Menke** of Delhi received funding from the Red Dragon Internship Support Fund to help defray the expenses of their Vocal NYC internship. Menke is studying music industry at SUNY Oneonta and was awarded the fund by the music department. **Isabella Yetto** of Walton received funding from the Red Dragon Internship Support Fund to help defray the expenses of their mathematics learning center internship. Yetto is studying adolescence education: mathematics and mathematics at SUNY Oneonta and was awarded the fund by the mathematics, computer science, and statistics department.

SUNY Delhi is proud to welcome nearly 1,300 new students who enrolled for the fall 2026 semester including these Delaware County residents: **Chayce Albanese** of Sidney Center, pursuing a degree in recreation & sports management; **Aubrey Anzalone** of Sidney Center pursuing a degree in biology; **Mackenzie Backus** of Sidney Center pursuing a degree in veterinary science technology; **Maddison Barnes** of Walton pursuing a degree in early childhood education; **Michael Beiner** of Hamden pursuing a degree in business management; **Brodie Bennett** of Hamden pursuing a degree in electrical construction & instrumentation; **Madison Brockway** of Stamford pursuing a degree in nursing; **Blair Brown** of Walton pursuing a degree in business management; **Kendall Brown Arrufat** of Delhi pursuing a degree in nursing; **Wyatt Butler** of Walton pursuing a degree in residential construction; **Gavin Caffery** of Treadwell pursuing a degree in mechatronics design; **Jayden Cawley** of Franklin pursuing a degree in biology; **Alina Chojnowski** of Roxbury pursuing a degree in nursing; **Cambry Cobb** of Hancock pursuing a degree in nursing; **Sierra Conant** of Bloomville pursuing a degree in biology; **Lukai de Oude** of Andes pursuing a degree in electrical construction & instrumentation; **Robert Desanto** of Delhi pursuing a degree in electrical construction & instrumentation; **Justin Dorio** of Hamden pursuing a degree in early childhood education; **Charles Doyle** of Walton pursuing a degree in business management; **Riley Gancio** of Walton pursuing a degree in nursing; **Naydine Gilson** of Sidney Center pursuing a degree in veterinary science technology; **Hunter Goodrich** of Walton pursuing a degree in healthcare management; **Thomas Haight** of New Kingston pursuing a degree in automotive mechanics; **Jaiylah Harrell** of Franklin - undeclared major; **Annlyse Haynes** of Bloomville pursuing a degree in veterinary science technology; **Maryan Kilas** of Delhi pursuing a degree in nursing; **Nikola Krzyston** of Delhi pursuing a degree in business administration; **Ava Lafever** of Delhi pursuing a degree in humanities & social sciences; **Monica Liddle** of Delhi pursuing a degree in architectural technology; **Phade Lindsay** of Walton pursuing a degree in architectural design & building; **Grace Maduri** of Denver pursuing a degree in humanities & social sciences; **Tucker McClenon** of Sidney Center pursuing a degree in business administration; **Jasmine Moore** of Arkville pursuing a degree in criminal justice; **Dietrich Morganstern** of Bovina Center pursuing a degree in automotive mechanics; **John Napoleone** of Walton pursuing a degree in culinary arts management; **Lucas Nealis** of Walton pursuing a degree in electrical construction & utility operations; **Hunter Nichols** of Delancey pursuing a degree in Construction Management: Design & Building; **Max Pascarella** of Fleischmanns pursuing a degree in applied communication; **Kelly Phoenix** of Walton pursuing a degree in nursing; **Aliya Pickens** of Walton pursuing a degree in nursing; **Madysen Reeves** of Hobart pursuing a degree in nursing; **Alyssa Sarrantonio** of Walton pursuing a degree in biology; **Caden Scofield** of Walton - undeclared major; **Crystal Scofield** of Walton pursuing a degree in nursing administration; **Micah Simmons** of Hancock pursuing a degree in electrical construction & utility operations; **Kelsea Small** of Delancey pursuing a degree in nursing; **Damien Stacy** of Sidney pursuing a degree in cyber operations; **Adrianna Tanner** of Masonville pursuing a degree in criminal justice studies; **Cole Thomas** of Bloomville pursuing a degree in accounting; **John Trimbell** of Bloomville pursuing a degree in electrical construction & utility operations; **Tierney Turner** of Stamford pursuing a degree in nursing; **Logan Vamosy** of Denver pursuing a degree in business management; **Gavin VanEtten** of Stamford pursuing a degree in electrical construction & utility operations; **Elodie VanNostrand** of Delhi pursuing a degree in nursing; **Layne VanValkenburg** of Sidney Center pursuing a degree in nursing; **Darrin Walley** of Walton pursuing a degree in welding technology: pipefitting; **Ethan Wilber** of Sidney Center pursuing a degree in mechatronics technology; **Brinlee Wright** of Davenport Center - undeclared major; **Eian Wright** of Treadwell pursuing a degree in business administration.

SIDNEY/UNADILLA

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Sidney

The Rotary Club of Sidney will host the CNY Rotary Peace Team Friday, Oct. 23 at noon at the St. Luke's Church, 139 West Main Street. This meeting is sponsored by the Sidney Club and District 7180 to explore the positive peace pillar: good relations with neighbors. Guests are welcome to attend to learn about bringing positive peace principles and focusing on good relations in our communities.

A chicken and biscuit dinner will be held Saturday, Oct. 24 at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 139 West Main Street serving from 4 to 6:30 p.m. The menu will be chicken and biscuits, gravy, mashed potatoes, spiced green beans and assorted homemade desserts. A freewill offering will be accepted - dine-in or takeout. Handicap accessible.

The free Share the Bounty community meal will be Thursday, Oct. 29 serving from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Sacred Heart Parish Hall, 15 Liberty Street. The meal will be hosted by the Masonville Federated Church serving macaroni and cheese, tossed salad, bread and dessert. All are welcome to attend.

The Tri County Senior Center in the back of the hospital building at 43 Pearl Street is open Wednesday and Thursdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Fridays 10 a.m. to noon. For more information contact Carol Allen at 607-563-8065 and on Face book.

The Tri-County Senior Center group will put together Uplift Care Kit boxes to be given to children and their families who are going through difficult times such as cancer treatment, major surgery or other serious medical challenges. Items to be distributed through the Bassett Healthcare Network School-based health offices to those most in need. Look for boxes Nov. 4 through Dec. 4 with a list of items needed at Village Variety in Unadilla, SFCU in Bainbridge and Macho's Tacos in Sidney. The Seniors will meet Wednesday, Oct. 28 for a work session to organize the Uplift Care Kits boxes.

Sidney Memorial Public Library, 8 River Street, is open Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday 1 to 4 p.m. Phone 607-563-1200 and for programs visit website www.sidneylibrary.org Many programs for preschoolers and school age kids - visit website www.sidneylibrary.org

The Sidney library has extended The Great Give Back through October. Donations of cleaning supplies, cat/dog food and toys are being donated to the Delaware Valley Humane Society. You may bring donations to the library during regular library hours.

The Masonville Branch Library is having a Halloween Scavenger Hunt. Stop Tuesday, Oct. 27 or Wednesday, Oct. 28 from 3:30 to 7 p.m. both days and Friday, Oct. 30 from 1 to 5 p.m. and find whatever you can to win a prize.

The Sidney Historical Association monthly meetings are held the third Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. at 44 Grand Street. All are invited to come and consider becoming a member. The hours to visit are Wednesday and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The food bank at the Sidney United Methodist Church, 12 Liberty Street, is open Mondays and Thursdays from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

The Catholic Charities Emergency Food Pantry, 21 Liberty Street, is open by appointment Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Regular hours for Catholic Charities are Monday thru Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Birthright of Sidney, 21 Liberty Street, Suite 10, serves Chenango, Delaware and Otsego counties. Office is open Monday 1 to 4 p.m., Thursdays and Fridays 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free services, trained volunteers, information is confidential; 607-563-4321. Offering counseling, pregnancy tests, agency referrals, baby food and diapers.

Unadilla

Pancake breakfasts by the Unadilla Rod and Gun Cub, 566 Butternut Road, every Sunday through Nov. 15. Serving ham or sausage, beverage, and all the pancakes you can eat with real maple syrup from 8 to 11 a.m.

On Saturday, Oct. 24 at 11 a.m. the Unadilla Public Library will show the movie Hotel Transylvania.

The Unatego Cue and Curtain will present a fall musical production of Newsies. The production is based on the real-life Newsboy Strike of 1899, this new Disney musical tells the story of Jack Kelly, played by Jason Ostrander. The family-friendly tale will be brought to the Unatego stage Friday, Oct. 30 and Saturday, Oct. 31 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 1 at 1 p.m.

Trick and Treating in the village will be Saturday, Oct. 31 from 5 to 7 p.m.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Kentucky Bluegrass in Bainbridge Oct. 24

BAINBRIDGE - The Kevin Prater Band will perform at 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24, at the Bainbridge Town Hall Theatre, 15 N. Main Street.

The band, based in Belcher, Kentucky, is known for its traditional Appalachian bluegrass, combining fast-paced instrumentals, country influences, four-part a cappella gospel and bluegrass arrangements of classic rock songs.

Band leader Kevin Prater is a multi-instrumentalist and vocalist with more than 45 years in the music industry. He spent 12 years touring and recording with the Grammy-nominated James King Band and has performed alongside bluegrass musicians including Melvin Goins. Prater plays mandolin, banjo, guitar and bass and is known for his high tenor vocals.

The band's lineup also includes banjo player and baritone vocalist Codie Allen, 24, of Campbellsville, Kentucky; multi-instrumentalist, fiddler and vocalist Eb Saunders, 17, of Chattanooga, Tennessee; and vocalist Aidan Kerber, originally from Pennsylvania and now living in Johnson City, Tennessee.

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The Kevin Prater Band

The group draws on the traditions of early bluegrass artists, including the Stanley Brothers and Bill Monroe. The musicians do not use a set list during live performances, allowing them to choose songs and arrangements as the show unfolds.

Doors open at 6 p.m. Tickets will be available at the door, or reservations can be made by calling 607-288-3882.

The theatre's gallery will feature its fifth annual photography show that evening. The gallery opens at 6 p.m. before performances and remains open through intermission. Admission to the gallery is free.

Headwaters Arts Center To Offer Beginner Crochet Workshop

STAMFORD - Fiber artist and longtime instructor Linda Jones will teach a beginner crochet workshop from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7, at Headwaters Arts Center, 66 Main Street, Stamford.

The two-hour, hands-on workshop will introduce participants to crochet fundamentals using granny squares. It is designed for beginners and those looking to refresh their skills.

Participants will learn to make a magic ring, work single and double crochet stitches, weave in loose ends and join granny squares. Jones also will demonstrate blocking, a technique used to shape and finish crochet projects.

Tools and materials will be provided, but participants may bring their own. Attendees will leave with the skills needed to complete their projects at home.

Registration is available at givebutter.com/crochet-for-beginners Tiered pricing is $15, $25 or $40.

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Jones has more than 60 years of crocheting experience. She sells knitted and crocheted items at the Delhi and Bovina farmers markets and at Birdsong in Hamden. Through the CROP program, she also teaches crocheting, knitting and sewing to students in first through eighth grade at Delaware County schools.

For more information, visit roxburyartsgroup.org email headwaters@roxburyartsgroup.org or call 607-214-6040.

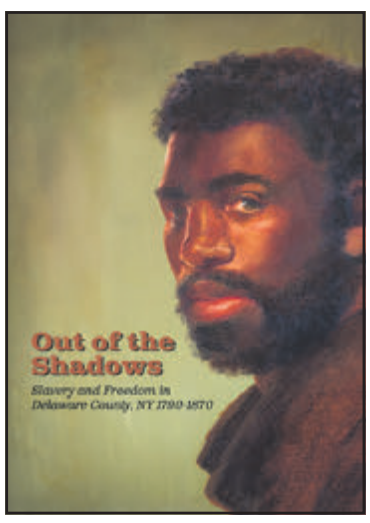
Traveling exhibit explores slavery and freedom in rural Delaware County

TREADWELL - A traveling exhibition exploring the history of enslaved and free Black people in rural Delaware County will open Oct. 24 at the Bright Hill Press Gallery, 94 Church Street, with a reception from 1 to 4 p.m.

"Out of the Shadows: Slavery and Freedom in Delaware County, NY, 1790-1870" will remain on view in Treadwell through Nov. 15 before moving to the William B. Ogden Free Library in Walton, where it will be displayed from Nov. 17 through Dec. 14.

The collaborative project combines art, history and design to examine a largely overlooked chapter of the region's past. It features imagined portraits of enslaved and free Black people by artist Robin Kappy, accompanied by narratives based on personal documents, official records, memoirs, newspaper accounts and other historical sources.

The research was conducted by Diane Galusha, historian for the Town of Middletown and president of the Historical Society of Middletown. Drew Harty of Treadwell designed the exhibition, integrating the portraits and text. Visitors are invited to share their responses and reflections.



Galusha will give illustrated talks at 3 p.m. Oct. 24 at the Bright Hill Press Gallery and at 6 p.m. Nov. 19 at the Walton library. She will discuss some of the primary sources used in her research.

Enslavement in rural Delaware County largely developed after the Revolutionary War, when some settlers from the Hudson Valley and New England moved west with enslaved people. Their labor helped clear land, establish homes and farms, care for children and support mills and shops.

Despite losing their freedom and being separated from family and future opportunities, enslaved people maintained a degree of dignity and agency. Some sought freedom through self-emancipation before New York abolished slavery in 1827.

The exhibition also examines the lives of free Black residents who established farms and families, started businesses and, in some cases, served in the Civil War.

Linda Norris, founder of the international museum consulting firm Creative Futures LLC. and former director of the Delaware County Historical Association, is the project manager. She lives in Treadwell.

The project also received guidance from an advisory team that included Diane Ciccone, a writer, filmmaker and attorney; Christina Hunt Wood, an artist who organizes participatory art, history and public programming projects; and Jennifer J. Burns, a historian specializing in Black history in New York state and the Atlantic world.

Holiday Bazaar to Mark Final Day for Bainbridge Thrift Store Oct. 24

A collection of holiday decorations, vintage treasures and homemade treats will be available Saturday, Oct. 24, at a Holiday Bazaar and Bake Sale at First Presbyterian Church in Bainbridge.

The event will run from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the church dining room at 3 Church St., on the village green.

Shoppers can browse new, used and vintage items for Christmas, fall, Halloween and Easter, along with an assortment of home-baked goods.

The bazaar will also mark the final day of operation for the New Beginnings Thrift Store, giving visitors one last opportunity to shop before the store closes.

Library Friends Host Fall Book Sale Oct. 29-31

The Friends of the (Sidney and Masonville) Libraries will hold the fall Grand Book Sale at the Sidney Memorial Public Library in the Smart Community Room Thursday, Friday and Saturday Oct. 29-31.

Hours Thursday will be 4-7 p.m., Friday 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

There will be something for everyone - come and stock up on reading material for your winter reading enjoyment.

Sidney: Share the Bounty Community Dinner Oct. 29

The next Share the Bounty free community dinner will be held from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 29, at the Sacred Heart Parish Center, 15 Liberty Street, Sidney.

The meal will be hosted by Masonville Federated Church. The menu will include macaroni and cheese, tossed salad, bread and dessert.

The dinner is open to everyone. Community members are invited to join their neighbors for a meal and fellowship.

Give Back, Explore Local History and Find a Good Read at Sidney Library

SIDNEY - The Sidney Memorial Public Library has a busy October planned, with a community donation drive, two history presentations, a fall book sale and a movie screening.

Throughout October, the library is collecting cleaning supplies, cat and dog food, and toys for the Delaware Valley Humane Society as part of The Great Give Back, an annual initiative involving libraries across New York state.

Community members can drop off donations at the library during regular business hours to help support the animals cared for by the humane society.

History programs explore the Erie Canal and the Revolutionary War

The library will host two history programs in the Smart Community Room.

At 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 23, Derrick Pratt, deputy director of the Erie Canal Museum, will present "Revolutionary Waterway: The Erie Canal and the American Revolution."

Although the Erie Canal opened 50 years after the American Revolution, the presentation will examine how the Revolution shaped the people, places and ideas behind the influential waterway.

At 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 24, Terry McMaster will present "Rev. William Johnston and His Gang of Villains: A Loyalist Perspective," exploring the Revolutionary War through the perspective of a Loyalist.

Friends of the Libraries plan fall book sale

The Friends of the Libraries will hold the fall book sale over three days:

- Thursday, Oct. 29: 4-7 p.m.
- Friday, Oct. 30: 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 31: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The sale offers readers an opportunity to browse for books while supporting the Friends' work on behalf of the library.

Sunday movie screening

The Friends of the Libraries will also present "Song Sung Blue," starring Hugh Jackman and Kate Hudson, at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 18, in the Smart Community Room.

The film is rated PG-13 and runs two hours and 12 minutes.

For more information about the programs, donation drive or book sale, contact the Sidney Memorial Public Library.

Last Week's Crossword Answers

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Classic Cars Take the Scenic Route at Walton's Fall Harvest Festival

Nearly 40 vehicles joined a leaf-peeping cruise organized by Maxine and Bob Locherer as the Historical Society welcomed vendors and visitors to the Delaware County Fairgrounds.

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The leaf peeping cruise traveled through Walton Saturday, Oct. 10

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More than 40 vintage and classic cars participated in the cruise, which launched from the Delaware County Fairgrounds in Walton Saturday, Oct. 10.

WALTON — Nearly 40 classic cars took to the road Saturday, Oct. 10, for a leaf-peeping cruise organized by Maxine and Bob Locherer through the Walton Wheel group in conjunction with the Walton Historical Society's annual Fall Harvest Festival at the Delaware County Fairgrounds.

Richard "Dick" Doig and his wife Mary led the cruise in their convertible Mazda Miata, guiding the procession of vehicles through the autumn scenery as fall foliage drew drivers out for a seasonal outing.

The cruise added a classic-car attraction to a festival that brought together vendors, community organizations and visitors at the fairgrounds.

Jason Schwartz, president of the Walton Historical Society, estimated that about 147 vendors and 18 informational vendors participated in the festival. He also thanked the Locherers for coordinating the car cruise.

The event included a cornhole activity coordinated by RutRow Rabid Bags. Although participation was lower than hoped, Schwartz said organizers would like to bring it back next year and build interest.

The Fall Harvest Festival is an annual gathering organized by the Walton Historical Society, celebrating the community's history and bringing local vendors and organizations together for a day of activities.

Sidney Rotary to Host Positive Peace Conversation Oct. 23

Roundtable discussion will explore the importance of building good relationships with neighbors

SIDNEY — The Central New York Rotary Peace Team will host its first Rotary Area 9 and Delaware County Positive Peace Conversation at noon Friday, Oct. 23, at St. Luke's Church Community Room, 139 W. Main Street, Sidney.

Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Sidney and Rotary District 7180, the one-hour discussion will focus on the Positive Peace principle of maintaining good relations with neighbors.

The roundtable conversation will center on four questions designed to encourage participants to reflect on the value of being a good neighbor and building stronger community relationships.

Organizers say Positive Peace Conversations are not intended to promote debate or force agreement. Instead, they offer a setting for curiosity, self-reflection, respectful dialogue and a deeper appreciation of the role good neighbors play in community life.

At a time of international conflict and changing attitudes at home, the conversations aim to help Rotarians and community members focus on strengthening relationships and fostering peace in their own communities.

The Sidney event marks an early step in the CNY Rotary Peace Team's effort to incorporate Positive Peace principles into Rotary meetings and expand the discussions into the broader community.

Rotary clubs and community organizations interested in hosting a Positive Peace Conversation can contact the CNY Peace Team at peace@cnyrotary.org

More information is available at cnyrotary.org

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Richard "Dick" Doig, and his wife, Mary, led the cruise in their Mazda Miata.

FRANKLIN

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Franklin Central School fall sports events can be found at https://www.schedulegalaxy.com/schools/130 Student Council is selling coupon books for $25 that include over $100 worth of savings. Purchase from any Student Council member or at https://www.sapaynow.com/291013 The Backpack Program is fundraising via the Regional Food Bank. Donations can be made at https://give.regionalfoodbank.net/franklincs

Greater Franklin Food Pantry, 574 Main Street, will be open Friday, Oct. 23, 2-4 p.m. Sign-ups are now open to new and returning pantry neighbors for the November and December holiday food boxes. Sign up for the November box by Friday, Oct. 30, either at the pantry during open hours, by calling or texting the pantry, or by emailing the pantry. Franklin Head Start and Franklin Central School families can sign up with their Head Start staff or FCS counselor. The pantry provides food for members of our community and is sustained through non-expired food and monetary donations. Appointments outside of open hours are welcome. The pantry phone number is 607-386-1601 or visit greaterfranklinfoodpantry.org

Franklin Railroad and Community Museum, 572 Main Street, will be open Sunday, Oct. 25, 1-4 p.m.

Franklin Free Library, 334 Main Street, is open Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. and 1 to 6 p.m., Wednesdays, 2-8 p.m., and Saturdays, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Franklin Film Forum will offer a free screening of Clue (1985), Saturday, Oct. 24, 7 p.m.

At Bright Hill Press, 94 Church Street, Treadwell, The Word & Image Gallery will host an opening reception for "Out of the Shadows: Slavery and Freedom in Delaware County, NY 1790-1870," Saturday, Oct. 24, 1-4 p.m. Diane Galusha, exhibit curator and historian, will give a presentation at 3 p.m. The exhibit will be displayed through Nov. 15. Gallery hours are Mondays-Thursdays, 12:30-4:30 p.m. or by appointment.

Bright Hill Community Library, 94 Church Street, Treadwell, is open weekly, Monday through Thursday, 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Saturdays, 11 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Creative fiber artists are welcome to the Fiber Sitting Circle, Monday, Oct. 26, 2 p.m. for inspiration, conversation, and motivation while working on your art.

Treadwell Fire Department is selling tickets for its 2026 Sportsmen's Raffle with the drawing Saturday, Nov. 7, 7 p.m. during the chili dinner and silent auction, 4-8 p.m. Four hundred tickets are available for a $20 donation per ticket. Contact a member of the fire department to purchase and learn about prizes.

Franklin Fire Department is seeking new volunteer firefighters and EMS members. No experience needed – all training provided. Stop by any Monday, 6:30-8:30 p.m. or call 607-829-6822.

Open Doors: A United Methodist Community, 475 Main Street, worship service at 10:30 a.m. Sundays with activities for children provided. Tai Chi, sponsored by Delaware County Office for the Aging, is held Tuesdays and Fridays, 11 a.m.-12 p.m. at no cost.

Community Bible Church, 89 Center Street, Sunday worship service starts at 10:45 a.m. Nursery care and Kingdom Kids Sunday School provided during the service. AWANA is open to all kids prekindergarten to sixth grade. Regular club meetings are held Thursdays after school. Community Ladies' Bible Study is held Wednesdays at 3:15 p.m. at the train museum. All ladies are invited. Call the church at 607-829-5471 or email cbchurch@cbchurchfranklin.com

Aldrich Baptist Church, 2770 state Route 28, North Franklin, Sunday worship service is held 9:30-10:30 a.m. Children's Sunday school is held during the service after Children's Time.

Organizers of the Franklin Christmas Stroll House Tour, Saturday, Dec. 12, 1-5 p.m., is looking for homeowners and businesses that would like to open their space to appreciative visitors during the stroll. Host homes show only their main floor area decorated for the holidays and, if they would like to, may provide light refreshments such as cookies. This is an important fundraiser for the Franklin Improvement Society, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit community organization. Contact candjmartin@fastmail.com for more info.

Free Medicare Counseling Available During Open Enrollment

New York's Medicare Open Enrollment period runs through Dec. 7, giving beneficiaries an opportunity to review health and prescription drug coverage for 2027.

The New York State Office for the Aging is urging older adults to seek free, unbiased counseling as changes to Medicare Advantage plans may affect availability, costs, provider networks and benefits. Coverage changes take effect Jan. 1.

The state's Health Insurance Information, Counseling and Assistance Program (HIICAP) provides local counseling to help beneficiaries compare plans, understand costs, appeal coverage decisions and identify financial assistance programs.

Call 1-800-701-0501 for free counseling. The Medicare Rights Center also offers a free helpline at 1-800-333-4114.

"During Medicare Open Enrollment we understand you're bombarded with advertisements, and it can be overwhelming," said Greg Olsen, director of the state Office for the Aging. He encouraged beneficiaries to seek objective guidance and explore programs that could reduce their healthcare costs.

Savings program could provide $8,100 annually

Income-eligible beneficiaries may qualify for the Medicare Savings Program, which helps pay Medicare Part B premiums and automatically enrolls participants in Extra Help for prescription drug costs.

Eligible enrollees could save an estimated $8,100 annually, according to the state. More than one million people have enrolled since Gov. Kathy Hochul expanded the program in 2022.

HIICAP counselors can help determine eligibility and assist with applications.

Watch for scams and misleading marketing

Medicare experts warn that beneficiaries may face misleading advertisements and increased fraud risks during open enrollment.

Insurance companies may send marketing mail, but generally cannot call, email, visit a home or approach someone in public to market a plan without permission unless the person has agreed to be contacted.

Beneficiaries should be wary of anyone pressuring them to change plans, claiming to represent Medicare or threatening loss of benefits unless they enroll in a particular plan.

The state also advises beneficiaries to protect their Medicare numbers as they would Social Security numbers or credit card information. Do not share personal information with unsolicited callers or uninvited visitors.

Anyone concerned about potential fraud or identity theft can contact Medicare at 1-800-633-4227 or visit Medicare.gov

County Shifts $84,150 for Probation Retirement Plan, $11,922 for Breath Tester

Supervisors approve two budget amendments; probation director declines to explain retirement costs

By Lillian Browne

DELHI - Delaware County supervisors approved two budget amendments Wednesday, Oct. 14, including an $84,150 transfer toward paying off a retirement plan for probation department peace officers and an $11,922 transfer to replace the sheriff's department's breath-testing equipment used in impaired-driving investigations.

The retirement-plan amendment seeks to avoid additional interest on a state payment plan carrying a 5.9% interest rate. The second amendment redirects money from the county's STOP DWI program to purchase a replacement Datamaster, an evidential breath-testing instrument used by law enforcement in processing suspected impaired-driving cases.

Retirement plan carries 5.9% interest rate

The probation department's budget amendment stems from Resolution 212 of 2024, which authorized a 25-year retirement plan for peace officers employed by the department. The plan took effect Jan. 1, 2025.

According to the resolution, the remaining balance to pay off the plan is $134,323.97, plus accrued interest. The county currently has $55,831 available in the Retirement 25-Year Plan account.

The resolution states that paying the balance in full would be more cost-effective than continuing under the state's payment plan because of its 5.9% interest rate.

To fund the additional payment, supervisors approved transferring $84,150 into the retirement plan account. The money will come from two county budget lines: $59,150 from contingency funds and $25,000 from the personal services account.

The amendment does not specify how many probation department employees qualify as peace officers, how many employees the department employs in total or how retirement costs are handled for employees who are not covered by the 25-year plan.

The Reporter asked Probation Director Scott Glueckert to explain whether the county was responsible for reimbursing the state for retirement costs, why interest was being charged and how the retirement arrangements differ for peace officers and other department employees.

Glueckert did not answer the questions. After consulting County Attorney Amy Merklen, he directed *The Reporter* to submit a Freedom of Information Law request for the information.

New York's Freedom of Information Law generally requires government agencies to provide access to existing records, but it does not require officials to answer questions or create new records in response to an inquiry. Questions are not FOILable.

STOP DWI funds to replace breath-testing equipment

In a separate resolution, supervisors approved an $11,922 transfer from the county's STOP DWI patrols account to its equipment account to fund a replacement Datamaster unit for the Sheriff's Department.

The resolution describes the instrument as an advanced desktop breath-testing device used by law enforcement to obtain evidential breath-test results when processing arrests involving alleged impaired driving.

The resolution says the sheriff's department is an essential partner in the county's STOP DWI program and that funding is needed to acquire a new unit.

The amendment transfers $11,922 from the STOP DWI patrols budget line to the equipment line. It does not identify the existing unit's age, the reason it needs replacement or the expected delivery date for the new instrument.

Both resolutions amend the county's 2026 budget by reallocating existing funds to cover the identified expenses.

Sidney Police Make 38 Arrests In September

SIDNEY - Sidney police made 38 arrests in September including six felony arrests, and responded to 179 calls, according to a written report presented to village trustees Oct. 13.

Of the arrests, 19 were for violations and 13 were for misdemeanors. Police also assisted other agencies seven times and deployed the department's canine twice, with two training sessions conducted.

Year to date, the department reported 418 arrests, compared with 397 during the same period in 2026. Calls for service totaled 1,707, down from 1,790 during the same period last year.

Police issued two speeding tickets, three moving violations and six nonmoving violations during September. The report also listed three arrests for aggravated unlicensed operation, two for driving while intoxicated and one for driving while ability impaired by drugs. Two warnings were issued.

Officers responded to six motor vehicle accidents, all involving property damage. No foot patrols were conducted during the month.

The department reported 173.5 hours of overtime, including 125 hours for shift coverage, 13 hours for court appearances, 24 hours for training and 6.5 hours for special details.

Delaware County Sheriff's Office Names Employee of the Quarter

contributed

DELHI - The Delaware County Sheriff's Office has named Corporal Elizabeth Cherry its Employee of the Quarter, recognizing her professionalism, leadership and commitment to service.

Cherry began her career in the Sheriff's Office Corrections Division in May 2022 as a part-time corrections officer. She moved to a full-time position the following month.

She graduated from the Basic Corrections Academy and earned her Municipal Police Training Council certification in May 2023. She has since earned additional certifications in inmate classification, field training and honor guard service.

Cherry was promoted to corporal in March 2026. Since becoming a corrections supervisor, she has continued to develop her leadership skills and take on additional responsibilities, according to the sheriff's office.

Nominated by fellow supervisors, Cherry was recognized for her attention to detail, strong work ethic, dependability and ability to set a positive example for colleagues.

She also has demonstrated proficiency with facility software and databases, helping ensure that records and information about incarcerated individuals are updated accurately and efficiently, the office said.

In addition to her supervisory duties, Cherry serves as officer in charge of the Delaware County Sheriff's Office Honor Guard and Parade Detail Unit. In that role, she represents the office at official functions and community events.

The sheriff's office congratulated Cherry on the recognition and thanked her for her service to the department and Delaware County communities.

Walton Apartment Fire Displaces Residents; Eight Units Uninhabitable

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By Lillian Browne

WALTON - Eleven people were displaced after a fire damaged eight apartments at Mountainview Estates, apartments on Munn Street Extension on Tuesday, Oct. 20, prompting a response from about 50 firefighters and multiple mutual aid departments.

Walton Fire Chief Bob Brown said firefighters quickly brought the blaze under control, preventing it from spreading beyond the building.

"We got it under control pretty quick," Brown said in an interview Wednesday, Oct. 21. "They had heavy fire in two apartments - a top floor apartment and first floor apartment. And they hit it with a large amount of water and knocked the fire down pretty quickly," Brown said.

Firefighters were dispatched at approximately 3:10 p.m. A firefighter responding from across the village reported seeing heavy fire and smoke from Delaware Street, Brown said. The first units arrived about 11 minutes after dispatch and found flames coming from the rear and roof of the apartments.

Although the fire was concentrated in two apartments, all eight units sustained damage. Two apartments suffered fire damage, two others sustained water damage, and the remaining four had smoke damage, according to Brown.

The building is currently uninhabitable, leaving 11 residents displaced. The American Red Cross responded to help the displaced residents, Brown said.

Brown said the fire's cause is believed to be smoking-related.

"I believe right now that it was smoking related," he said. "I'm not sure if it was a chair or exactly what started first, but it was smoking related."

Two residents were transported to Delaware Valley Hospital for medical attention, Brown reported. No firefighter injuries were reported, he said.

The response included firefighters from Walton, Trout Creek, Delhi, Downsville, Hancock and Franklin, along with Delaware County EMS and a medic fly car. Additional departments provided standby coverage for communities whose emergency personnel were at the fire.

NYSEG crews shut gas and electricity off to the building, and the Walton Department of Public Works shut the water off after waterlines broke.

Brown said the department had an adequate water supply and no significant operational challenges, but the time of day initially limited the number of available firefighters.

"But the few we had there did what they needed to do and knocked fire down really quick," Brown praised the volunteer firefighters.

Firefighters and other responding units cleared the scene and returned to service at about 7 p.m. Delaware County emergency management coordinators and fire investigators were also at the scene to assist and investigate the cause.

Police Blotter

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

New York State Police

• **Kevin J. Clapper,** 44, East Meredith, was arrested Oct. 8 by Richfield Springs State Police and charged with third-degree aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, second-degree criminal contempt, and seventh-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance. Clapper was held for centralized arraignment.

• **Orlando Camino,** 37, Margaretville, was arrested Oct. 15 by Oneonta State Police and charged with first-degree sexual abuse and second-degree unlawful imprisonment. Camino was held for centralized arraignment.

• **Shelby L. Richards,** 34, Deposit, was arrested Oct. 11 by Deposit State Police and charged with driving while intoxicated, and aggravated driving while intoxicated. Richards was issued an appearance ticket to answer the charge.

• **Jonathon Tyler Kinnetz,** 30, Walton, was arrested Oct. 15 by Oneonta State Police and charged with third-degree aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle. Kinnetz was issued an appearance ticket to answer the charge.

• **Ashlee S. Calabrese,** 40, Walton, was arrested Oct. 16 by Sidney State Police and charged with operating a motor vehicle while impaired by drugs. Calabrese was issued an appearance ticket to answer the charge.

• **Daniel Jay Obrien,** 41, Stamford, was arrested Oct. 18 by Margaretville State Police and charged with driving while intoxicated and aggravated driving while intoxicated. Obrien was issued an appearance ticket to answer the charges.

• **William Caiti,** 34, Hancock, was arrested Oct. 18 by Deposit State Police and charged with criminal mischief. Caiti was held for centralized arraignment,

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OPINION

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A Lack of Affordable Housing

The lack of affordable housing in our upstate region is a critical issue with large ramifications. For the young, the seniors and the economic health of the region.

Young people are leaving the area because they can't afford to rent or buy a house here. That's leading to a major brain drain of talented and often college-educated residents. And it means an entire generation is missing out on building home-ownership equity-a key source of savings.

On top of that, local companies and other employers have trouble getting people to work here-and that makes it tougher for them to stay in business, let alone expand.

That's why I was encouraged to learn that our congressman, Rep. Josh Riley, had backed bipartisan legislation aimed at easing the housing crunch. He helped pass the "21st Century ROAD to Housing Act" in July—a law that promotes home construction by lowering costs, cutting red tape in housing programs, protecting housing in rural communities and restricting large institutional investors from buying affordable single-family homes.

The law also requires major federal agencies to coordinate environmental reviews regarding housing construction, increases housing in government Opportunity Zones, and expands a rental-assistance program.

While this isn't going to end the housing crisis per se, I am encouraged that it shows Rep. Riley is doing what he can to ease the situation. As the mid-term election nears, I am hopeful that we'll gain more like-minded Representatives to look out for our well-being in Washington. We continue to see how this current administration puts the wealthy above the interests of the rest of us. It is efforts and successes like Rep. Riley's that can help and protect our Upstate interests in living full affordable lives.

BERNARD COHEN
MARGARETVILLE

Why Are We Tolerating Grift And Corruption?

The current administration is widely described as operating in an environment of unprecedented opportunities for private enrichment through public power—and it's a systemic problem blurring the line between public duty and private gain.

Trading stocks in the same companies the federal government is regulating, negotiating personal business deals while on official government trips, and operating cryptocurrency firms earning billions are just a few ways that the administration is driving trucks through ethics loopholes and presidential immunity decisions by the Supreme Court.

At the same time, the administration has been dismantling oversight and accountability agencies such as Inspectors General, pausing enforcement of anti-bribery and foreign influence laws, and replacing non-aligned watchdog leaders with political allies whose only qualifications may be loyalty to the president. When oversight agencies are hollowed out, corruption becomes easier to commit and harder to detect.

This pattern in which donors, corporate sponsors, and foreign governments receive official benefits for financial contributions creates a marketplace where our government is clearly for sale to the highest bidder.

And where does that leave us? Out in the cold dealing with exorbitant prices for food, gas, and everything, paying for a costly war in human life and treasure, and seeing our social contract torn up by deep cuts to our Medicaid, Medicare, and Social Security (benefits that we have earned and paid for). I urge everyone to vote in the mid-terms and tell this administration and their collaborators in Congress: We're NOT going to take this anymore. Use your vote to restore oversite with three functioning branches of government, as the constitution intended, and end this grift and corruption before it ends the country we love and the principles we have strived to live by.

ROBIN FACTOR
ROXBURY

Your Vote is Very Important

The current situation in our country is one in which just a small group of very rich and powerful people are controlling our government. The wealth disparity, along with the corruption and lies, has never been greater. The future of our democracy is at stake.

The vast majority of Americans, both Republicans and Democrats, want the same things: affordable healthcare, housing, and utilities; good education; safe food; clean air and water; and so on - really everyones' basic necessities. Our current administration is only interested in obtaining more money and power for themselves. Since local and state elections affect what happens on the national level, we need to vote out of power those elected officials who support and enable what's happening in Washington.

In the not too distant past the Republicans and Democrats were fairly close in ideology. Those Republicans are being lost.

We need two or more good parties to maintain oversight of our political system, and to work out their differences so that the majority of people benefit. We need to clear out this destructive government and reorganize politically for a new, and better, future. Life has always been best in a democracy. Let's not lose this one. Please vote carefully.

BOB GIAMBALVO
DELHI

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GUEST COMMENTARY

Guest Commentary: Hamden Deserves a Say on the Battery Project

Since August I've been knocking on doors in Hamden, DeLancey, Mundale and Hawleys. The question I hear more than any other is about the battery storage facility proposed here. People want to know what it is, who's deciding, and where I stand.

I'm a no on the Fraser Energy Storage application as it has been submitted.

The biggest reason is the setback. Last December, after a public hearing, Hamden adopted a local law requiring battery facilities to sit at least 1,000 feet from neighbors who aren't part of the project. The developer has said publicly that it's asking the Planning Board to waive that down to 100 feet. That's one tenth of what our law calls for. If a project only works by setting aside the main protection in the law, I don't think it's the right project for that site.

Fire safety is another. In 2023 New York had fires at battery storage sites in Warwick, East Hampton and Jefferson County, enough that the state formed a working group to review fire codes. Some of those fires burned for days, and people nearby were told to stay inside because of potentially toxic smoke. Hamden doesn't have its own fire department. We're covered by the Delhi and Walton departments. Before anything moves forward, I want to hear from them, in public, that they're trained and equipped for a fire like this.

Then there's the water. I live on protected DEP land myself. Hamden sits on the West Branch of the Delaware, upstream of the Cannonsville Reservoir, and a lot of us are on private wells. Water used to fight a battery fire has to go somewhere, and so does runoff from construction.

The Planning Board makes the decision on this application, and that's how it should be. I respect the work they do. By law they have to give every application a full and fair review, and they will see this one through. What I'm asking is that they hold the developer to the law we already have. Our battery storage law is less than a year old, it was written to protect our neighbors, and it shouldn't be waived for the first developer to come along.

This project also shows a bigger problem. The Town Board has been discussing it at its meetings, but most people can't make those meetings. These past few months, I've met a lot of neighbors who were hearing about it for the first time from me. That shouldn't be how residents find out. You deserve to hear about decisions like this before they're made, not after.

There are practical ways to fix that. Board meetings can be video recorded and posted online with full written transcripts, so anyone can watch or read exactly what was said. Documents and developer proposals can be posted before meetings, not after. The town can have official social media, and updates can go out by mail to neighbors who aren't online. None of this is complicated, and all of it would help.

I understand why a project like this is tempting. The town needs money for roads and services, and nobody wants higher taxes. But the first offer isn't the only option. There's grant funding for main street revitalization and town needs. There are commercial properties for sale or sitting underused that could be put back to work. There are local businesses worth promoting, and there's room for new business and industry that respects our land and water. We can grow without putting at risk the things that make Hamden worth living in.

Come to the Planning Board and Town Board meetings. Read the application. Ask questions. Neighbors have also started a Facebook group, Hamden NY United, where people are sharing information and keeping each other informed. Join it if you haven't. Whatever you think of this project, make sure your voice is part of the record.

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Last week's trivia question: What is the theme for this year's Holiday Parade on Friday, Dec. 4 at 5:30 p.m.? This year's theme will be Festival of Lights. Sign up to participate in the parade at forms.gle/uQpuDrix5msM9ZJd8

This week's trivia question: What was the name of the hurricane that made it to Delhi in Oct. of 1954?

Community volunteers of the week are the coaches of the Delhi PeeWee football and cheerleading teams. The many nights spent by these folks, practicing with their teams are greatly appreciated. Join them for the final game of the year Saturday, Oct. 24. The flag teams start at 3 p.m., the junior team at 5, and the senior team at 7.

This week, the Delaware Academy Bulldogs play at home Wednesday, Oct. 28, the girl's modified soccer team plays Walton/Downsville at 4:30 p.m., the girl's varsity volleyball team takes on BG at 5 p.m., and the boy's modified football team takes on Walton at 6:30 p.m. All home DA varsity games and matches played in our gymnasiums or Dave Kelly Field are available online and away games held at schools using Hudl may also be available. Just search for "Delaware Academy High School" at www.hudl.com Let's go Bulldogs.

This week, the SUNY Delhi Broncos play at home Friday, Oct. 23, when the women's volleyball team take on Oswego at 6 p.m. On Saturday, Oct. 24, the women's volleyball team will face Morrisville at 11 a.m., the men's soccer team will play Buffalo State at 1 p.m., and the women's basketball team will take on SUNY Broome at 3:30 p.m. for their home opener. On Tuesday, Oct. 27, the men's basketball team plays SUNY Broome at 5 p.m. for their home opener. On Friday, Oct. 30, the men's and women's swimming and diving teams compete against Kings/Gallaudet at 5 p.m. Visit delhibroncos.com to find links for live coverage. You can watch games that have been played at www.team1sports.com/college Let's go Broncos.

The Heart of the Catskills Humane Society will host its annual Happy Tails Year-End Review & Picture Slide Show Saturday, Oct. 24 at 11 a.m. via Zoom. The slideshow will highlight events and activities that have happened at the shelter this past year. Details for joining the Zoom meeting will be posted on www.heartofthecatskills.org just prior to 11 a.m., when the meeting starts.

Early voting for the general election will be available in Delhi at the Delaware County Board of Elections, 97 Main Street, suite 5. Vote early Saturday, Oct. 24 and Sunday, Oct. 25 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday, Oct. 26, from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 27, and Wednesday, Oct. 28 from 8:30 a.m. until 8 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 29 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Friday, Oct. 30 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Saturday, Oct. 31 and Sunday, Nov. 1 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Board of Elections Office is accessible to voters with disabilities. If a voter casts a ballot during early voting, the voter will not be allowed to vote on Election Day or a subsequent voting day of early voting. You can also vote Election Day - Tuesday, Nov. 3, at the Public Safety Building, 280 Phoebe Lane from 6 a.m. until 9 p.m. Find a link to the sample ballot for Delhi at www.delcony.gov/boe/home/sample-ballots Delhi Historical Society will serve a delicious dinner prepared by SUNY Delhi's Hospitality Program at the Delhi Fire Department between 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Election Night, Nov. 3, to raise funds to help promote Delhi's rich history.

On Saturday, Oct. 24, there will be an angel's dinner at The Stonewall at the Meredith from 4 to 9 p.m. to benefit Greg Dungan who was recently diagnosed with cancer.

DCHA's Twilight Lantern Tours of 1797 Judge Gideon Frisbee House Oct. 24. The historic Gideon Frisbee House will be open for a special Twilight Lantern Tour, including the "coffin door," the "break-neck" rear stairway, and the narrow room in which a "presence" is said to lurk. The historic Frisbee family cemetery will also be open for guests to explore. The lantern tours will be led by DCHA's Samantha Misa who will be attired in costume and on hand to answer questions guests may have about the house. A brief preview of what guests may expect to encounter can be seen at video.wskg.org/video/haunted-history-frisbee-house Light refreshments will be available free of charge. Tours leave promptly at 5 and 6 p.m. and cost adults $10. Kids 12 and under are free. Tours are limited to eight people each. Reservations are required by Thursday, Oct. 22. Call DCHA at 607-746-3849 or email dchadelhi@gmail.com to register.

Town Supervisor Maya Boukai and Deputy Supervisor Christina Viafore will be at the Delhi Town Hall, 5 Elm Street, Wednesday, Oct. 21, and Wednesday, Oct. 28, from 4:30 until 6:30 p.m. if you prefer to give feedback on the draft vision and goals for the Delhi Comprehensive Plan in person. You can also provide feedback in writing and turn it in to the town hall or share your feedback through the project's online engagement tool at bandl.mysocialpinpoint.com/interactive-tools/delhi-comprehensive-plan-vision-goals-feedback-tool by Oct. 28. Visit townofdelhiny.gov/compplan for more info on Delhi's Comprehensive Plan process. Here is the draft vision statement: In Delhi, the rhythms of agriculture, the beauty of the Catskill landscape, and the stewardship of its land and waterways connect residents to their heritage and to one another. Educational institutions, local businesses, farms, healthcare providers, artists, entrepreneurs, and civic organizations create a network of knowledge, innovation, and service that extends far beyond the community's borders. Quality housing, parks and trails, reliable infrastructure, cultural experiences, and civic participation should be accessible to people of every age, ability, background, and income. Delhi is a community where relationships matter, where neighbors know one another, and where a shared commitment to the future is rooted in respect for the past. Here are the draft goals. Sense of Community - Build connections through arts, culture, civic engagement, volunteerism, and social activities that strengthen pride and belonging for people of all ages. Preserve local heritage by supporting organizations, events, festivals, public spaces, and creative initiatives; Parks, Trails, and Recreation - Protect, expand access to, and responsibly manage Delhi's landscapes, waterways, forests, open spaces, and outdoor recreation assets; Housing - Promote a diverse, attainable, and adaptable housing market for residents at every stage of life. Encourage varied housing types, densities, and ownership options that complement Delhi's character; Economic Development, Tourism, and Agribusiness - Leverage SUNY Delhi, agriculture, tourism, healthcare, and entrepreneurship to attract investment, expand jobs, and strengthen the tax base. Help small businesses, farms, remote workers, and emerging industries thrive; Climate Resilience and Natural Resources - Strengthen preparedness for flooding and severe weather through proactive planning, infrastructure improvements, conservation, and nature-based solutions while also promoting energy efficiency, renewable energy, and waste/emissions reduction; Infrastructure and Civic Services - Provide reliable and efficient infrastructure and public services that support quality of life and future community needs. Expand access to utilities, broadband, communication systems, and transportation.

Mark your calendar for a chili cook-off hosted by Worn & Weathered, Inc. Saturday, Nov. 7, from 3 to 7 p.m. at the Delhi American Legion. The cost is $10 to enter and $10 to taste. First prize chili gets $100, second gets $50, and third gets $25. Don't miss this fun event with music, vendors, and fun.

LOOKING BACK

100 Years Ago From The Pages of The Walton Reporter

100 Years Ago,
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1926

THE WEEK IN WALTON

What We Are Talking About at the County Hub

ROCK RIFT ROAD OPENS

Ran His Auto into Train-One Girl Autoist Bumps Another-Stedman Gets Long Term in Jail

The ticket sale for the high school and community lecture course will begin Monday, October 25. The adult tickets are $2 and student tickets $1.

Dr. A.L. Brown, veterinarian, will open his office Saturday, October 23, at 163 Delaware street. Dr. Brown has practiced at Deposit for several years. Walton has been without a veterinarian since the removal of Dr. Conlon.

Clark Beers ran his Oldsmobile roadster into the Mountain express at the crossing near the Beerston station Monday morning. The car had a broken radiator and a bent fender and axle. Mr. Beers states that the accident was caused by the road being so slippery that the brake would not hold the car.-Beerston correspondent.

The first killing frost of the season came Friday night. This was followed Monday morning by a slight snowfall which covered the ground with a white mantle and snow again fell Wednesday. The weather this month has been much warmer than the same month last year. It is unusual to have a killing frost delayed until October 15th.

One day the latter part of the week Everett Fitch stopped his truck near the Third brook schoolhouse when two sons of June Boice came down the road and in passing the truck got so near the other machine that the windshield of their automobile struck the corner of the truck. The windshield of the Boice car was broken but this was about the extent of the damage.

One day recently while Mrs. Harlow W. Parsons of Franklin was out motoring with her children the rear door of the car became unlatched and Donald, who had been leaning against the door, was thrown backward to the ground. He suffered a bad cut on the forehead and one arm was badly sprained. Douglas Parsons, an older brother of Donald, recently fractured an arm.

The plans have been completed for the athletic card to be given by members of Company F, 10th Infantry, at the armory on Monday night, October 25th. The program will start at 8 o'clock with contests in which the entire company will take part. This will be followed by five wrestling matches and six boxing bouts. A good live evening of athletics is planned and the public is cordially invited.

A Ford coupe driven by Miss Esther Culver was badly damaged on Monday when struck in the rear by a Dodge car operated by Miss Ada Salton of Hamden. The accident occurred when Miss Salton attempted to pass Miss Culver's car near the Standard Oil gas station on the Delhi road just outside the village. The rear wheel of the Culver machine was smashed and the rear axle broken. Miss Culver teaches school at Delancey and drives to and from that place.

The state road will be opened for travel on one strip of concrete tomorrow, Saturday, October 23rd. The full width will probably be opened the following Saturday, October 30. If pleasant weather prevails through the remaining half of autumn many autoists will enjoy this splendid concrete road and also the scenic beauty of this Delaware-Catskill highway. One of its characteristics is its varied scenery. Only a rod or so ahead of one the contour of hills and river will change almost beyond recognition. The grandeur of the mountainous scenery will most certainly be an increasing source of joy.-Rock Rift correspondent.

The troubles of the families of Enock Stedman of Pines brook and John Ackley of Rock Rift were aired in Justice E.S. White's court this week and ended Tuesday with the sentence of Stedman to four months in the Delhi jail on the charge of endangering the morals of his children under the age of sixteen years. This is the third time Stedman has appeared in justice's court within three months. Ackley and Mrs. Stedman left their homes on Monday of last week and are alleged to have traveled about together in this vicinity in Ackley's car for nearly a week. A warrant charging abandonment was issued for him and when the couple were found in the car on Prospect avenue Monday evening Ackley was in an intoxicated condition. He was sent to jail for ten days on the latter charge and his operator's license was revoked. The action on the abandonment charge was postponed for a time as Ackley wished a reconciliation with his family. The papers in the case will be turned over to the district attorney for action should Ackley again fail to support his family. Three of the Stedman children have been placed with relatives and the youngest, a child of two, is with Mrs. Stedman, who is at the home of her sister, Mrs. Thomas Phoenix. Charges may be made against her should investigation by the county child welfare agent warrant the same.

ABSENT TREATMENT GIVEN DUTIES BY COUNTY OFFICERS

If a business man should hire a helper and his new employee should spend a large part of his time on other work he would be promptly fired.

This is what certain county officials in Delaware county are doing. They are servants of the county but have been spending much of their time on private business and politics.

There is William J. Howland of Andes, county superintendent of highways. He is paid $3,000 a year by the county. Republican and Democrat supervisors alike voted for his appointment with the idea that he would conduct the office free from politics and devote his time to the duties of one of the most important offices in the county. During the last summer the office has had absent treatment. Mr. Howland has been busy with work for private individuals or seeking to round up votes against John D. Clarke. His salary has gone on just the same.

Then there is A.B. Shaw of Hamden, county treasurer. The late Henry S. Graham found no difficulty in attending to the office of county treasurer without clerical help and at the same time was able to spare time for his own hardware business. When Mr. Shaw was elected the supervisors were induced to give him an assistant and there is now talk of additional help for him. Work of the office has doubtless increased in the past six years, but an officeholder who is able to conduct a large farm and be at his office on the average only six hours a day is not suffering from overwork.

County Clerk Whitaker is another officeholder who is not overworked. He spent days riding the county to get votes for Tolley and is away from his office a large part of the time. Additional help has been given the county clerk and he now does little, if any, of the real work of that important office. In the neighboring county of Sullivan Roy Johnston, the Democratic county clerk, visits various towns about the county at the period of the distribution of the automobile license plates to facilitate this work. He also makes out the renewal blanks and sends them to the license holders of the past year. Such an accommodation of the public has apparently never occurred to the county clerk of Delaware county. There has been no change in the usual Saturday afternoon closing of the clerk's office during the rush period for automobile licenses. Men who have traveled long distances to Delhi to get their licenses or plates have gone home without them and been forced to make a second trip.

When the voters of Delaware county take an accounting of the service some of their public officials are rendering they will demand a change.

CITY SEEKS WATER IN HUDSON STREAMS

Will Develop Reservoirs in River's Tributaries

NOT TO USE DELAWARE

Report of New York Commission Should End Rumors of Flooding Vicinity Territory

New York city will find its next source of water supply in Dutchess, Putnam and Rensselaer counties if plans and maps presented last Thursday to the New York city board of estimate and apportionment by the board of water supply are carried out. The plans call for an expenditure of $347,934,000 extending over 15 years.

This action puts to an end, for the time at least, the recurring rumors that the city would next come to the Delaware river or some of its tributaries to secure additional water.

Immediate action is urged by the board of water supply which points out that at the present increasing rate of consumption the water supply will be taxes beyond its capacity by 1935. The board estimates that water from the new source cannot be brought to the city within ten years.

The following streams will be developed if the recommendations are followed: Fishkill creek and tributaries, Wappinger creek and tributaries, Roeliff Jansen Kill, Taghkanic creek, Claverack creek, Kinderhook creek and tributaries. These streams will increase the city's supply by 412,000,000 gallons daily. The present supply is, in normal conditions, 1,100,000,000 gallons daily.

The commission points out that the Rondout and Catskill creeks could be tapped for about 280,000,000 gallons and the lower watershed of Schoharie creek would yield about 360,000,000 gallons. It would be necessary, however, to bring water from this source across the Hudson and the commission found that the total cost would not compare favorably with the cost of developing the streams on the east side of the Hudson. The Adirondack watersheds are too far away, the commission decided.

The commission concedes that provisions of the general municipal law may preclude the city from taking the waters of Dutchess county. In this event, the commission declares, it may be necessary to construct an aqueduct cross the Hudson river to tap the Rondout and Catskill creeks at a considerable increase in cost. It will also be necessary to obtain amendments to existing laws at the next session of the legislature to make available the waters of Putnam, Dutchess, Columbia and Rensselaer.

The board of water supply recommended this distant source of water as the most available after carefully canvassing all other possible supplies, including further development of the Catskill watersheds, the Housatonic and Delaware rivers, the ground waters of Suffolk county, the lower watershed of Schoharie creek and the Adirondacks.

The commission gave very careful consideration to the development of the Delaware, but pointed out that there has already been great delay in arriving at an agreement with Pennsylvania and New Jersey as to the rights of the three states in this boundary river. On this point the report states:

"Our studies of all available sources have brought out in clear relief the possibility of the development of the Delaware watershed and its advantages, but problems, readily observable, and continuing delay, easily conceivable, in adjusting questions of importance to other sovereignties do not justify neglect of the needs of the city of New York, whose interests are paramount, and we have concluded that it is inadvisable to wait further the presentation on a plan which will meet the city's requirements and be a complete, permanent and economical unit in our water supply system, furnishing a pure and wholesome water."

The need for immediate action and the danger of waiting further on New Jersey and Pennsylvania is indicated by the commission when it points out that the present water supply of the city will be taxed beyond its capacity by 1935. The board estimates that the first gallon of water from the new source cannot be brought to the city within the next ten years. Immediate action is therefore necessary, it is pointed out.

Only recently it was reported that the city would construct a huge reservoir in the Mamakating valley in Sullivan county which would flood Wurtsboro, Cuddebackville and other villages in that valley. Similar reports have from time to time gone forth regarding a reservoir near Margaretville. The recent visit to Arkville of four surveyors from the state highway department caused considerable excitement in that section until it was ascertained that their work was to survey the Arkville railroad crossing with a view to its elimination.

The acquisition of certain water power rights along the Delaware river in the vicinity of Cannonsville, Granton and further below are said to have been based on the assumption that the city of New York would eventually require water from the Delaware and the owners of these water powers would then be recompensed for the land taken for this purpose on the basis of their holding valuable power sites.

The action of the New York authorities in seeking additional water in the sheds of the streams lying between the Hudson river and the Connecticut and Massachusetts state lines from a point near Poughkeepsie to the vicinity of Albany and Troy if carried into effect, as seems probable, will put an end for fifteen years or more to plans for the use of the Delaware. Eventually the city may turn to that river, but not now.

DAUGHTER GETS HALF OF SANDERSON ESTATE

Walton Church Loses Part of $7,500 Legacy

LAW AND FACTS CLEAR

Statute Forbids Persons to Will More Than Half of Estate to Church While Children are Living

The Reformed Presbyterian church of Walton will receive only half of the estate of the late Gibson R. Sanderson of Walton, instead of the entire estate, except for a $200 bequest, under the terms of a decree made by Judge A.J. McNaught Monday.

The will of Mr. Sanderson came before Judge McNaught in surrogate's court in Delhi Monday on the petition of Mrs. Ethel Beers, an adopted daughter, for a construction of the document.

The will was made in 1912 and provided that after payment of a legacy of $200 to Ethel Beers the residue should go to the Reformed Presbyterian church of Walton. Mr. Sanderson died early in 1926 leaving an estate valued at about $7,600.

The will was admitted to probate in April. The adopted daughter claimed that under the decedent estate law that no more than one-half of the property could be willed to a religious corporation where there was a wife, child, or grandchildren surviving. She further alleged that as to one-half of his estate Mr. Sanderson died intestate, in other words in the same condition as if he had made no will, and that the adopted daughter being the only heir at law was entitled to one-half of the net estate, it being the law of New York state that an adopted child inherits the same as a natural child.

The matter came before Judge McNaught Monday with Attorney A.E. Conner appearing for the petitioner, Mrs. Beers, and John G. More the executor. Rev. Boyd A. White, pastor of the church, William T. Gag and Charles Watrous, deacons, appeared for the church.

It appeared from the evidence presented that Mrs. Ethel Beers was legally adopted by Gibson R. Sanderson and his wife on Sept. 18, 1894; that prior to her adoption Mrs. Beers was Ethel Gross. The law in the case being clear and the facts undisputed as the question of adoption was a matter of record, Judge McNaught made a decree holding that as to one-half of the estate be paid to Mrs. Beers and one-half to the Reformed Presbyterian church of Walton. After payment of debts, administration expenses and costs the church and Mrs. Beers will each receive about $3,300, it is expected.

FARM TRANSFER VOID IN GREGORY CASE

Referee Baker Finds Walton Man Deeded Farm to Wife To Escape His Creditors

Filing a petition in bankruptcy will not relieve Daniel J. Gregory of Walton for paying a judgement of $2,700 secured by Dr. A.W. Selleck of Roscoe, under a decision rendered last week by Elmer Baker of Sidney referee in bankruptcy, in the action brought by Vincent N. Elwood as trustee of the bankrupt estate of Daniel J. Gregory against Mr. Gregory and his wife. The First National bank of Walton and the Citizen's bank of Binghamton, in which certain moneys were deposited to the credit of Mrs. Gregory were for this reason also named as defendants in the matter.

One Sunday in November, 1914, Daniel Gregory and his family were traveling by auto from their home near Walton to visit the father-in-law, who lived near Liberty. Dr. A.W. Selleck, of Roscoe, had been called to visit a sick patient at Rockland. Just opposite Dr. Miller's corner, where the road turns towards Cooks Falls, the two cars came in collision. Dr. Selleck got a broken nose, several broken ribs and other injuries which laid him up for a considerable time. The physician sued Gregory and his son, John, in the Sullivan county supreme court and recovered a judgment of $2,700. Appeal was taken to Albany where the judgment was affirmed. Very soon after that Dan Gregory and his son filed petitions in bankruptcy at Utica through their attorney, A.D. Peake, of Walton.

Upon their examination before the referee at Sidney it was found that a few days after the accident Gregory gave his father-in-law a mortgage on his farm for $6,000 and a chattel mortgage on his stock for $3,000 and then deeded all the interest he had left in the farm to his wife. In August, 1925, his barn burned and he collected over $13,000 insurance, which his wife deposited in various banks in Binghamton and Walton in her own name, nothing being paid to the father-in-law, it being claimed he presented his interest to the daughter. About two thousand dollars was collected later for cattle condemned by the state and that was also deposited to the credit of the wife. Dr. Selleck then began a judgment-creditor's suit in the state court, but Mr. Peake got a stay from Federal Judge Cooper. Finally on the suggestion of Judge Cooper it was agreed that the state court action be transferred to the federal court and tried before Referee Baker. Mr. Baker's opinion covers 22 closely typewritten pages and goes thoroughly into the fact as well as the law of fraudulent conveyances and the rights of creditors. The case will probably be settled soon. J.D. Lyons of Monticello was Dr. Selleck's lawyer in the case.

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Carey Shultz, Superintendent of Schools
Delaware Academy CSD at Delhi
2 Sheldon Drive
Delhi, NY 13753
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DELAWARE COUNTY
LEGAL NOTICE

TO THE VOTERS OF DELAWARE COUNTY
PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 4-120.1& 4-122.1 OF THE NEW YORK STATE ELECTION LAW, please take notice that the following list contains the name of every candidate for public office to be filled at the General Election to be held Tuesday, November 3, 2026. All polling places will be open from 6:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M.

GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR- VOTE FOR ONE
Kathy C. Hochul for Governor (Dem) (Working Families)
Adrienne E. Adams for Lt. Governor (Dem) (Working Families)
Bruce A. Blakeman for Governor (Rep) (Conservative) (Vote Affordable)
Todd Hood for Lt. Governor (Rep) (Conservative) (Vote Affordable)
STATE COMPTROLLER- VOTE FOR ONE
Thomas P. DiNapoli (Dem) (Working Families)
Joseph Hernandez (Rep) (Con)
ATTORNEY GENERAL- VOTE FOR ONE
Letitia A. James (Dem) (Working Families)
Saritha Komatireddy (Rep) (Con)
CONGRESS 19TH DISTRICT- VOTE FOR ONE
Josh Riley (Dem) (Working Families)
Peter K. Oberacker (Rep) (Con)
STATE SENATE 51ST DISTRICT- VOTE FOR ONE
Michele Frazier (Dem) (Working Families)
Christopher W. Tague (Rep) (Con)
MEMBER OF ASSEMBLY 101STDISTRICT- VOTE FOR ONE
Brian M. Maher (Rep) (Con)
STATE ASSEMBLY 102nd DISTRICT- VOTE FOR ONE
Janet S. Tweed (Dem) (Working Families)
Marcus Molinaro (Rep)
MEMBER OF ASSEMBLY 121st DISTRICT- VOTE FOR ONE
Vicki Davis (Dem)
Joe Angelino (Rep) (Con)
TOWN OF ANDES- VOTE FOR ONE
Supervisor-Ritchie Gabriel (Rep)
Superintendent of Highways-John Bouton (Rep)
TOWN OF BOVINA- VOTE FOR ONE
Supervisor- Tina B. Mole (Rep)
Clerk/Collector- Carrie A. Hewitt-Choquette (Rep)
Superintendent of Highways-Edward F. Weber (Dem)
TOWN OF COLCHESTER- VOTE FOR ONE
Supervisor-Robert Hafele (Rep)
Superintendent of Highways-Kenneth R. Eck Jr. (Rep)
TOWN OF DAVENPORT- VOTE FOR ONE
Supervisor-Timothy Kelso (Rep)
TOWN OF DELHI- VOTE FOR ONE
Supervisor-Maya Boukai (Dem) (Delhi United)
Mark Tuthill (Rep) (Con)
TOWN OF DEPOSIT- VOTE FOR ONE
Clerk/Collector- Elizabeth Polomcean (Rep)
Member of Council-Daniel B. Axtell (Rep)
Town Justice- Jennifer L. Valentine (Rep)
TOWN OF FRANKLIN- VOTE FOR ONE
Supervisor- Donald T. Smith (Rep)
Clerk/Collector- Sonja L. Johns (Rep)
Superintendent of Highways-Jamie D. Archibald (Rep)
TOWN OF HAMDEN- VOTE FOR ONE
Supervisor - Jonathan Kilday (Dem)
Wayne L. Shepard (Rep)
Clerk/Collector- Cathy Roloson (Rep)
Superintendent of Highways-Rodney I. Tweedie (Rep)
Town Justice- Gay L. Merrill (Rep)
TOWN OF HANCOCK- VOTE FOR ONE
Supervisor-Samuel N. Rowe Jr. (Rep) (Voices United)
Jerry Vernold (Con) (Integrity)
KORTRIGHT VOTE FOR ONE
Supervisor- George Haynes Jr. (Rep)
Clerk/Collector- Kristin A. Craft (Rep)
Superintendent of Highways-Harry C. Craft (Rep)
MASONVILLE VOTE FOR ONE
Supervisor- Betty Scott (Rep)
Clerk/Collector- Linda Bourn (Rep)
Superintendent of Highways-Gordon L. Finch Jr. (Rep)
MEREDITH VOTE FOR ONE
Supervisor- Stephanie Munro (Dem) (Meredith Neighbors)
James G. Ellis (Rep) (Unity Party)
Superintendent of Highways- Bradley S. Hitchcock (Rep)
MIDDLETOWN VOTE FOR ONE
Supervisor- Glen A. Faulkner (Dem) (Community Collaboration)
ROXBURY VOTE FOR ONE
Supervisor- Thomas O'Brien (Dem) (Roxbury Partners)
Allen Hinkley (Rep) (Con) (People's Voice Party)
Tax Collector- Bonnie Walker (Dem)
STAMFORD VOTE FOR ONE
Supervisor- John S. Kosier (Rep)
WALTON VOTE FOR ONE
Supervisor- Joseph Cetta (Rep)
Superintendent of Highways-Jeffrey Offnick (Rep)

TOWN OF FRANKLIN PROPOSALS:
Proposal Number One, A Question:
"Shall the Town of Franklin in the County of Delaware increase the term of office of the Town Highway Superintendent from two (2) years to four (4) years, with the extension taking effect with the term of office beginning January 1, 2027?"
Proposal Number Two, A Question:
"Shall the Town of Franklin in the County of Delaware increase the term of office of the Town Clerk from two (2) years to four (4) years, with the extension taking effect with the term of office beginning January 1, 2027?"
Copies of a Constitutional amendment or questions may be obtained at the Board of Elections.
(D) Democratic (R) Republican (C) Conservative (W) Working Families (I) Independent
Election Night Results will be on the Delaware County Elections Web Site:
https://www.delcony.gov/boe/home/election-night-reporting/
Maria E Kelso Judith L Garrison
Delaware County Commissioners of Elections
Delhi, New York Dated: October 15, 2026
Early voting Saturday October 24th - Sunday November 1st Location: Board of Elections 97 Main St Suite 5 Delhi, New York 13753. Call 607-832-5321 for hours.

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DELAWARE COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

1199 HOBART LLC. Filed 8/17/26. Office: Delaware Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: John Parker, 67 Chapel St, Kingstron, NY 12401. Purpose: General.

DELAWARE COUNTY NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF DELAWARE
CITIZENS BANK, N.A.

Plaintiff,

Against
CASEY BEERS AS HEIR AT LAW AND NEXT OF KIN TO MARIE T. MONROE A/K/A MARIE T. CARLOUGH A/K/A MARIE THERESA MONROE; KIMBERLY FORTIER AS HEIR AT LAW AND NEXT OF KIN TO MARIE T. MONROE A/K/A MARIE T. CARLOUGH A/K/A MARIE THERESA MONROE; et al.

Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, duly entered 03/27/2026, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction, Delaware County Courthouse, 3 Court Street, Delhi, NY 13753, on 11/18/2026 at 10:00AM, premises known as 3690 County Highway 2, Walton, NY 13856, and described as follows:
ALL that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate in P.V.B. Livingston Patent, Town of Walton, Delaware County, New York State.
Section 209 Block 1 Lot 7.6

The approximate amount of the current Judgment lien is $23,793.20 plus interest and costs. The Premises will be sold subject to provisions of the aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale; Index # EF2024-85
William Chellis, Esq., Referee.

MCCABE, WEISBERG & CONWAY, LLC, 10 MIDLAND AVENUE, SUITE 205, PORT CHESTER, NY 10573

Dated: 10/2/2026 File Number: 23-300185 MB

TOWN OF DELHI LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Public Hearing; Please Take Notice of a Public Hearing to be held by the Delhi Town Planning Board to consider the application:

Site Plan/Special use Permit – Barn to be Used as a Multi-Use Event Building – not to exceed 99 attendees. Site Location – 746 Tom Hoag Road, David Luquette Tax Map No. 195.-2-1

Said hearing will be held at Town Hall, 5 Elm Street, Delhi, New York, on Monday October 26, 2026, at 6:30 PM.

By Order of the Town of Delhi Planning Board
David Wakin, Administrative Assistant

TOWN OF WALTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HERE BY GIVEN that the Walton Town Board will hold a public hearing on the Preliminary 2027 Budget at the Town Hall at 6:00 p.m. on the 9th day of November, 2026 and that at such hearing any person may be heard in favor or against the preliminary budget as compiled for or against any item or items therein contained. Pursuant to Section 108 of the Town Law, the proposed salaries of the town officers are hereby specified as follows:

Supervisor $15,593.00
Councilperson 4 each $3,382.00
Town Clerk $56,406.00
Highway Superintendent $72,953.00
Town Justice $15,095.00

Dated October 12, 2026
By order of the Town Board
Tamara MacDonald
Walton Town Clerk

DELAWARE COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Notice of Formation of a NY Limited Liability Company. Name: SULLIVAN ACRES LLC. Articles of Organization filing date with Secretary of State (SSNY) was 25 September 2026. Office location: Delaware County. SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and SSNY shall mail copy of process to 44 Dearborn Dr, Old Tappan, NJ 07675. Purpose is to engage in any and all business activities permitted under NYS laws.

DELAWARE COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Notice of formation of ANDES FAMILY TABLE, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/14/2026. Office location: Delaware County. SSNY designated as an agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to The LLC: 160 Main Street, Andes, NY 13731, USA. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

TOWN OF WALTON BID NOTICE

Legal Notice
ATTENTION BIDDERS
The Town of Walton Highway Department is seeking bids for (1) 2021 or newer Tractor with roadside mower. The equipment must have 4WD, a 100 HP minimum diesel engine, an enclosed cab with heat and A/C, fewer than 2,000 hours, and an over-the-guide-rail style mower with a minimum 50" rotary head. Sealed bids will be accepted until 10:00 a.m. on November 5, 2026. All bids and a non-collusion form must be received in a sealed envelope marked Tractor/Mower Bid and submitted to the Walton Town Clerk at 129 North Street, Walton, NY 13856 on or before 10:00 a.m. on November 5, 2026. The Town of Walton reserves the right to reject any bids as well as approve any bid that is in the best interest of the Town. Contact Highway Superintendent Jeff Offnick at 607-865-5120 with questions or bid specs.

DELAWARE COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Notice of formation of Miller Instinct LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/10/2026. Office location: Delaware County. SSNY designated as an agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Northwest Registered Agent LLC: 418 Broadway, Ste N, Albany NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

CATSKILL WATERSHED CORPORATION ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

The Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) is seeking qualified entities for removal of two underground storage tanks in the Village of Hunter, Greene County on a property purchased pursuant to the NYCDEP funded Flood Buyout Program and approved by the Village. A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held at 10:00 AM on November 10, 2026. Bids must be received at CWC by 3:00 PM, November 24, 2026. For bid documents please contact Eric Lane or Timothy Cox at 845-586-1400. EOE

VILLAGE OF DELHI NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Village of Delhi is accepting bids for a contractor to perform snow & ice removal from the sidewalks of identified properties throughout the winter season. Bidder must be insured. Sealed bids (envelope marked snow & ice removal bid) must be received at the Village Clerk's office, PO Box 328, 9 Court St, Delhi, NY 13753 no later than 11/2/2026 by noon. Bids will be reviewed by the Village of Delhi's Board of Trustees. The Village of Delhi reserves the right to reject any and all bids.
Kimberly Cairns, Treasurer

DELAWARE COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Notice of formation of Ryan Lowry Pictures LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/08/2026. Office location: Delaware County. SSNY designated as an agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Ryan Lowry: 326 burke rd Delancey New york 13752. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

DELAWARE COUNTY NOTICE OF QUALIFICATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Notice of Qual. of Twin River Holdco, LLC. Auth. filed with SSNY on 9/22/2026. Office location: Delaware. LLC formed in DE on 9/10/2026. SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to: 1500 K STREET, 2ND FLOOR, WASHINGTON, DC 20005. Arts. of Org. filed with DE SOS. 401 Federal St., Suite 3 Dover, DE 19901. Any lawful purpose.

TOWN OF ANDES ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

Carol Ames Town Clerk Town of Andes
Phone # (845)676-4791 email c.ames@andesnewyork.gov
NOTICE TO BIDDERS
Please take notice, General Municipal Law of the State of New York, that pursuant to authorization of the Town Board of Andes, Delaware County, SEALED BIDS for the following:
Andes WWTP:
1.) Plowing consists of snow removal of the driveway, parking lot and gate. Snow will be removed prior to 6:30AM. Snow will be removed in front of every overhead door each time the facility is plowed and around the front of the court building. The Court sidewalk/walkway is also to be shoveled every day prior to 6:30AM.
Andes Water District:
1.) Spring Treatment Plant- Plowing to consist of snow removal of the driveway, wide enough for truck deliveries, inside the fence to each building and the gate. Snow removal will be before 6:30AM. Bid per season.
2.) Pump House- Shovel entrance and steps to the Pump House.
Town of Andes-
1.) Snow removal on delinquent home owner sidewalks will be at the direction of the Town of Andes C.E.O. or the Town of Andes Supervisor. Delinquent home owner snow removal from sidewalks will be on a per sidewalk basis. Photographs, date, and time of each snow plowing are required for any bill submitted to the Town.
2.) Snow removal from Veteran's Park (Bohlmann Park) sidewalk, Library sidewalk, emergency exit, walkway and Hamlet bridges prior to 8AM
3.) Snow removal from the Andes Town Hall sidewalk and both entrances prior to 8AM
4.) Snow removal at the Andes Railroad Station. Plowing and shoveling to the building as needed. Snow must be removed from the driveway and parking area. Snow must be shoveled from the walkways and doorways of the building.
5.) WINTER MIX- For fuel oil for heating at the Town Highway Garage-automatic delivery
6.) L.P. GAS- Wastewater Plant, Town Hall, Library, Railroad Station and Spring Water Reservoir- automatic delivery
7.) GASOLINE- Town Highway Garage- automatic delivery
8.) DIESEL FUEL- Town Highway Garage-automatic delivery, fixed rate and flux rate.
9.) WINTER MIX FOR DIESEL FUEL-Town Highway Garage-automatic delivery.
Instructions MUST be followed in order for your bid to be opened!
*One Bid Per Envelope
*Item being bid must be specified on envelope: Number, bid name, and your name
*All bids must be accompanied by a non-collusive bid certificate.
*All snow removal bids must be accompanied by proof of insurance.
*If your bid is accepted- you must provide proof of prevailing wage.
*ALL snow removal bids, will be bid per season, except #1 for the Town of Andes. The use of sand/deicer shall be used in necessary conditions on all parking lots, sidewalks, and entrances. The purchase of sand/deicer is the responsibility of the bidder.
*Bids #6-11 are to be twelve months bids to take effect 11/11/2027
Bids will be accepted at the Town Clerk's Office or can be mailed to:
Andes Town Clerk
115 Delaware Ave.
P.O. Box 125
Andes, NY 13731
Bids will be accepted until November 6nd, 2026 at 12:00PM at the Andes Town Hall. The bids will be opened on Friday, November 6th, 2026 at 12:00PM. The bids will be awarded at the Regular Board Meeting of the Andes Town Board, Tuesday November 10th, 2026 at 7:00 P.M. at the Town Hall -115 Delaware Avenue.
Copies of the bid notice may be picked up at the Town Clerk's Office.
*The Andes Town Board may reject any and all bids and re-advertise.
By order of the Andes Town Board
Carol Ames
Town Clerk

DELAWARE COUNTY LEGAL NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE OF ESTOPPEL
The bond resolution, a summary of which is published herewith, has been adopted on September 14, 2026, and the validity of the obligations authorized by such resolution may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the Village of Sidney, Delaware County, New York, is not authorized to expend money, or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of publication of this notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.
A complete copy of the resolution summarized herewith is available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Office of the Village Clerk for a period of twenty days from the date of publication of this Notice.
Dated: Sidney, New York,
September 14, 2026.

/s/ Mary Hiller
Deputy Village Clerk

BOND RESOLUTION DATED SEPTEMBER 14, 2026.
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF AN ADDITIONAL $500,000 BONDS OF THE VILLAGE OF SIDNEY, DELAWARE COUNTY, NEW YORK, TO PAY PART OF THE COST OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS TO THE VILLAGE WATER SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM, IN AND FOR SAID VILLAGE.

Class of objects or purposes:	Construction of various improvements to the Village water supply and distribution system
Maximum Estimated Cost:	$9,907,183
Period of probable usefulness:	Forty years, limited to five years
Amount of obligations to be issued:	$9,907,183 bonds
Prior Bond Resolution Authorization:	$9,407,183 bonds with grants proviso
Additional Bonds Authorized:	$500,000 bonds
SEQRA Status:	Type | Action. Negative Declaration. SEQRA compliance materials on file with office of Village Clerk where they may be inspected upon appointment.

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DELAWARE COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Notice of Formation of Riverwood Acres LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/27/2026. Office location: Delaware County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 1259 Walnut Ave., Bohemia, NY 11716. Purpose: any lawful activities.

NOTICE

Notice of formation of Trinity Contracting of New York, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/09/2026. Office location: Delaware County. SSNY designated as an agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Sean Hesse: 39-04 201st street, Bayside, NY, 11361. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

DELAWARE COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

ROCK MOUNTAIN SPRINGS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/08/26. 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, c/o Vnitah Vivinetto, 255 Beebe Road, Mineola, NY 11501. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

DELAWARE COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

PALETTE CLEANSER LLC. Filed 9/16/26. Office: Delaware Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: Jennifer Toth, 188 Moxham Rd, Harpersfield, NY 13786. Purpose: General.

DELAWARE COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

BOOMSTICK, LLC. Filed with SSNY on 07/23/2026. Office: Delaware County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 45 MAIN ST, HOBART, NY 13788. Purpose: Any Lawful

DELAWARE COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

BRIK2 LLC. Filed with SSNY on 05/13/2026. Office: Delaware County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: PO BOX 15, FLEISCHMANNS, NY 12430. Purpose: Any Lawful

TOWN OF COLCHESTER NOTICE OF BUDGET WORKSHOP

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: that a Budget Workshop will be held on Tuesday, October 27, 2026 at 1:00PM, at the Town Hall, 72 Tannery Road, Downsville, NY.
The purpose of this workshop is to review and discuss the Preliminary Budget for the upcoming 2027 fiscal year. NO public comment will be taken at this session. Budget materials to be discussed will be available at the Town Clerk's office during regular business hours.
By Order of the Town Board
Allison R. Gill
Dated: October 14, 2026

DELAWARE COUNTY LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC): Charge Rehab and Performance LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on May 1, 2026. Office location: Delaware County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: 16111 State Highway 28, Delhi, NY 13753. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

DELAWARE COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Notice of formation of Clara Clara, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/24/26. Office location: Delaware County. SSNY designated as an agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to ZenBusiness Inc.: 41 State Street. Suite 112, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

DELAWARE COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Notice of formation of Clark Brothers Development LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/15/2026. Office location: Delaware County. SSNY designated as an agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Sean Clark: 208 Phoebe Lane, Delhi, NY 13753. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

DELAWARE COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Notice of formation of SNOWSERV LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 07/09/2026. Office location: Delaware County. SSNY designated as an agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Vincent Citarella: 3479 County Highway 26, Hamden New York, 13782, USA. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

SIDNEY CENTER BID NOTICE

The Sidney Center Fire District is requesting bids to supply propane to the Fire Station 6762 County Hwy. 35, Sidney Center NY - in the station's tank for the 2027 year (1/1/2027 - 12/31/2027. Bids should be sent to: Sidney Center Fire District, PO Box 431, Sidney Center NY 13839. **TO BE RECEIVED NLT 11/20/2026.** Envelope must be clearly marked **PROPANE BID**. The average annual usage is 1,600 gallons. Bids to be opened and awarded at the District's 12/01/26 meeting. Questions may be directed to Chairman Gerald Ruestow, 607-369-7415.

SIDNEY CENTER PUBLIC NOTICE

SIDNEY CENTER FIRE DISTRICT ELECTIONS
Notice is hereby given that the District will be holding elections for:
One position of commissioner for a term of five years,
and
One position of treasurer for a term of three years.
The treasurer will be responsible for maintaining the district's financial records using QuickBooks Pro. Experience managing AR/AP, reconciliations, budgets and monthly/yearly financial reports. Work with board members preparing the yearly budget. Experience working with govt. agencies including familiarity with govt. procedures, requirements, and reporting protocols for NY State.
The election will be held on Dec., 1 at the SC Fire Station, 6762 Co.Hwy. 35, Sidney Center between the hours of 6 and 9 PM. Interested parties will be required to obtain a nominating petition form from the District Secretary G.Mott 607-369-4538
The signed petition must be returned to her NLT 11/20/26.

DELAWARE COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

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TOWN OF HAMDEN NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY BUDGET HEARING

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Town of Hamden preliminary budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2027 has been completed and filed in the Office of the Town Clerk where it is available for inspection during regular office hours.
Further notice is hereby given that the Town Board will meet and review said budget and hold a public hearing at the Hamden Town Hall at 6:30 pm on the 4th day of November 2026 and at such hearing any person or persons may be heard in favor of or against the preliminary budget as compiled or for or against any item or items therein contained pursuant to Section 108 of the Town Law and proposed salaries of the following Town Officers and hereby specified as follows:

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$10,000.00

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16,100.00

Councilmen
2,062.50 each

Town Justice
7,400.00

Supt of Hwy
69,140.00

Regular meeting will follow the public hearing.
Dated: October 7, 2026
Cathy Roloson
Hamden Town Clerk

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Notice of formation of Smally's Property Services. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 8/17/2026. Office location: Delaware County. SSNY designated as an agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to James Small: smalljay@hotmail.com. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

OBITUARIES

Betty Ann Clark

Betty Ann Clark, 95, passed away peacefully on the 15th of October 2026, at O'Connor Hospital. She was only briefly ill, within six days prior to passing. She was surrounded by her loving family; her son and daughter-in-law had stepped out leaving Betty with her two granddaughters and two great-grandchildren.

She was born February 16th, 1931, in Delhi and lived in Bloomville with her parents John Cornell and Susie McIntosh Cornell. She had an older brother Ike, and a sister Eva, and later a brother LeRoy.

She went to school in South Kortright and received many honors. While attending South Kortright school, Betty was a cheerleader and served on the Kalends board. In 1950, she started the year off right and married William Glenford Clark of Delhi; the only child of Stanley E. Clark and Redith Clark. Stanley has a farm on the flat above Frasers on Route #10. Bill was a tractor-trailer driver, and mom was a stay-at-home mom. In April 1951, Sandra Marie Clark was born, and in June 1953 David William Clark was born. That was the way it was until David reached 6 or 7. Then Betty started work at Delaware Academy School working in the kitchen.

After this she began a new career at Delhi Tech College, where she worked for 25-30 years. She began in the maintenance department, then she went to the campus clinic where the nurses were, then to life sciences where she mingled with veterinarians, farm and equestrian people, horticulturists, and biologists. Then she went to the business office in Bush Hall where she performed many tasks including working for the President of the College. She received many words of praise from each area she worked in. Her work was always neat, and she had an uncanny ability to get to the bottom of things.

She had three homes in the Delhi area in her lifetime. The first was on Delview Terrace from 1955-1972, where the children were raised. The second home was on Back River Road, past the 4H camp from 1972-1987, where William Clark died in 1986. The third house was in Grandpa's home on Route #28 near the trailer court heading toward Oneonta from 1987-2026. In 1995, she had her second husband of 6 years, Hal Niemiller, who later passed in 2001. She also purchased a home in Summerfield, Florida, where she would stay six months out of the year until it was sold in 2015.

Her personal endeavors included flower gardens, camping trips every summer while my father was alive, from Canada, Maine, New Hampshire, Washington D.C., Florida, New York parks, Niagara Falls, and Virginia. She was an Eastern Star member for years, was a quilter until she couldn't manipulate the needle anymore. My father and her were Western Star dancers for years and they were also in a bowling league as well. My sister and I would be at Smalley's Theatre while my parents were bowling. In late years, my mother Betty was on the First Presbyterian board of Deacons and improvement boards. She was also in the thick of things in the Florida Church and a little in the Community Church here in Delhi. She always enjoyed Bible study and the people that participated in them. The "Red Hatters" was a lady's group that she also enjoyed.

Surviving is Betty's son David and Tammy Clark, their son Noah, their daughter Sarah (1st Lt. US Navy); Betty's daughter Sandra Craft, Sandra's daughter Jennifer (Robert) Pickett, and her son Dustin (Jamie) Goodspeed; Jennifer's children Brandon Scherer and Kayla (Tymon) Geelen, and her grandchildren Oaklynn, Willow, and Meadow.

There will be a Celebration of Life Service at 1 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 29, at the Delhi Community Church, 46378 NY State Highway 10, Delhi NY 13753.

In lieu of flowers, please consider contributions in Betty's honor to the Delhi Community Church.

Please visit www.macarthurfh.com to share a condolence with Betty's family.

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David Mooney

David Warren "Dave" Mooney, 73, of Glasgow, Kentucky, died Saturday, Sept. 26, 2026. Born in Englewood, New Jersey Sept. 25, 1953 to the late Blanche Mooney, he grew up in Closter, New Jersey.

Dave was quiet, dependable, and generous with his time and abilities. His care for family and friends was often expressed through practical help, drawing on his knowledge of automotive repair, electrical work, plumbing, and woodworking. His children remember him as someone who could repair almost anything. He worked for more than 25 years as a splicer and lineman for the telephone company.

Community service was an important part of Dave's life, beginning with his volunteer service as a teenager. He served as a volunteer firefighter in Demarest, New Jersey, Goshen, New York; and Treadwell, where he also served as an EMT. He valued both the responsibility of that work and his relationships with fellow first responders.

Dave enjoyed fishing, working on old cars, and building radios and radio equipment. His lifelong interest in radio began in childhood, when he installed antennas and shortwave radios in his mother's home in Closter. Operating under the call sign N2RCA, he kept a book of contact cards from fellow operators and was proud of his ability to connect with people all over the world.

Dave and his wife Beatrice moved to Kentucky in 2019. There, he became a member of the Mammoth Cave Amateur Radio Club and the Barren River Rod & Gun Club, and attended First Presbyterian Church.

He was predeceased by his mother Blanche and his wife of 47 years, Beatrice Ann (Walker) Mooney. Dave and Beatrice were married Sept. 17, 1977.

He is survived by his son Christopher Mooney and his wife Vivian Verlaan of Burlington, Connecticut, and their children Ava and Kees; his daughter Erin Olsen and her husband Robert of Oneonta and their children Robert II, Jacob and Annaliese; and his son Sean Mooney and his wife Amber of Treadwell, and their sons, Killian, Declan, Wesley and Wyatt.

He is also survived by his beloved dog, Abby.

Arrangements are entrusted to Hatcher & Saddler Funeral Home in Glasgow. A memorial service will be held at a later date in New York.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Dave's name to the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation.

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The Pastor's Pen

The Fruit of Life

Deborah Jinhwa Lee

In Delaware county all four seasons are beautiful, but fall is especially beautiful when people enjoy the colorful foliage of maple trees, the sight of pumpkins, and golden cornstalks. I often hear people talk about how much they love this season. Fall is also known as "the season of harvest." The time when the fruits of the land are gathered. Perhaps, that is one reason people love autumn, which offers the fruits of the year's labor - not only on the fruits of the land but also on the invisible fruit that becomes evident as time passes.

There was an ancient Chinese philosopher who reflected on the progression of life through the passage of time. Confucius lived in the sixth and fifth centuries B.C. In The Analects, he said that at the age fifteen, he set his heart on study; at thirty, he established himself; at forty, he became free from doubts; at fifty, he understood the mandate of heaven; at sixty, he was able to comprehend what he heard without resistance, and at seventy, he followed his heart's desire without overstepping moral laws.

Confucius' account of his own development and self-realization are remarkable. His teachings later developed into a religious tradition known as Confucianism. However, very few people are able to attain such an ideal in their own lives. This vision also placed great emphasis on personal ability and cultivation as a means of attaining moral maturity.

Then, what about Christianity? The Bible consistently teaches that Christians can bear spiritual fruits only through the spirit of God. In John 15, Jesus compares himself to a vine and his disciples to branches, and says, "Apart from me, you can do nothing (John 15:5)" and "No branch can bear fruit by itself themselves; it must remain in the vine (John 15:4)." In other words, Christians can grow and bear fruits only as they abide in Jesus, through a loving relationship with the triune God.

Furthermore, the Bible clearly identifies the fruit of the Spirit of God. It says, "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control (Galatians 5:22). The fruits of the Spirit help those who are in Jesus grow more in the love for God and for one another. As they live in a loving relationship with God, they become more like him, growing in love, goodness, holiness, and kindness, which eventually lead them to love one another as God has loved them."

So, I ask us to consider this question: What kind of fruits are we bearing in our lives? Perhaps we have been pursuing wealth, fame, self-realization, or meaningful relationship; but I strongly encourage us to set our hearts on something greater – something that goes beyond this early life and reaches into everlasting life: the spiritual fruit that truly matters in the presence of the eternal God.

Rev. Deborah Jinhwa Lee is Pastor of Bovina United Presbyterian Church.

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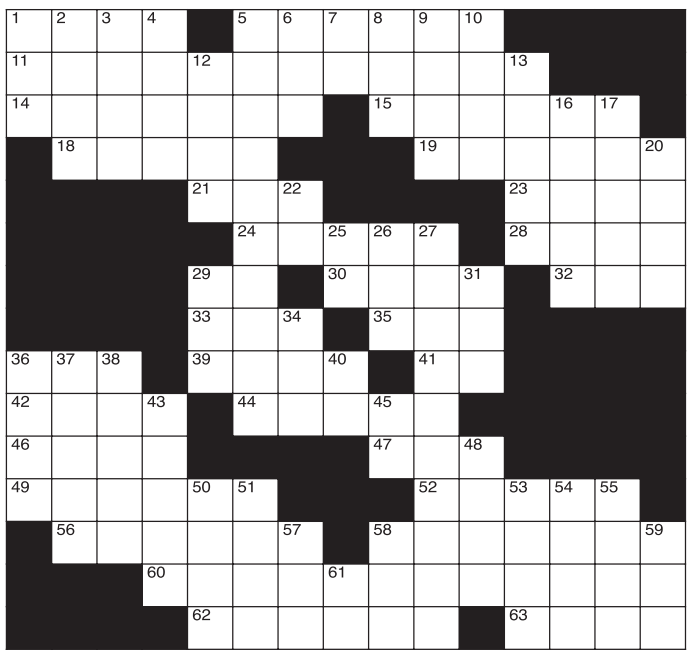

CLUES ACROSS

1. El Dorado High School
5. A sculpture representing a human or animal
11. A type of return
14. Tie the knot again
15. Washington city
18. Hairlike structures
19. Mark used over a vowel
21. Explosive
23. Popular 500 car race
24. Pile up
28. Currency
29. Commercial
30. A minute amount (Scottish)
32. Mass of fish eggs
33. Baseball stat
35. Licensed accountant
36. Japanese classical theater
39. Gasteyer and de Armas are two
41. Blood group
42. Assist in wrongdoing
44. Language of Cameroon
46. Grayish-white
47. A woolen cap of Scottish origin
49. Microorganism
52. Strong social customs
56. Calm and dependable
58. Congressman
60. Force
62. As a result of this document
63. A main branch of Islam

CLUES DOWN

1. Make a mistake
2. American DJ Rick
3. Fictional Asimov planet
4. Coughed out
5. Singing to one's lover
6. Scotland's longest river
7. One of the six noble gases
8. Body art
9. Two-toed sloth
10. Electronic counter-countermeasures
12. A foolish person
13. Of the wind
16. Mansion
17. Sound
20. English river
22. Business symbol
25. Exclamation of surprise
26. Pouch
27. Individually
29. Satisfaction
31. The bill in a restaurant
34. Japanese delicacy
36. Port in southern Japan
37. Double-reed instruments
38. Center
40. "The Mount Rushmore State"
43. Soldier
45. Indicates position
48. Beauty treatment: __-pedi
50. Nonsense (slang)
51. Republic of Ireland
53. Ballplayers' tools
54. American state
55. Clusters of a fern frond
57. Patriotic women's group
58. A person's brother or sister
59. Breed of sheep
61. Of I

Solution to last week's puzzle on page 23

OBITUARIES

Lucinda Lee McNeil

Lucinda Lee McNeil (Shaw), age 81, of Marlboro, born and raised in Walton, passed away Oct. 16, 2026 at her home she shared with her beloved husband Albert (Sonny) McNeil, surrounded by family.

Born on March 23, 1945 in Walton to Ralph and Ruth Shaw (Payne), Cindy shared her life with her soulmate and loving husband Sonny by her side. Together they lived a life of love for family, friends and their fur babies. Cindy loved her peaceful life at the farmhouse in Walton, planting flowers, watching them grow, enjoying nature and her little dog, Cooper. Cindy and Sonny enjoyed the company of family and friends, sharing good conversation and many laughs. Cindy was a loving wife, mother and grandmother and will be remembered for her devotion to her husband and family.

Cindy is survived by her loving husband Sonny, daughters Kellie Casey (Kevin) and Terrie Ligotino, stepchildren Kelly McNeil, Todd McNeil (Nick), and Mark McNeil (Maxine). She was greatly loved by her many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Cindy was preceded in death by her beloved son, Shawn Christopher Peck.

A graveside memorial service will be held at Walton Cemetery Walton Oct. 20 at 11:30 a.m. In lieu of flowers a donation in Cindy's name to Hudson Valley Hospice Foundation, 80 Washington Street, Suite 204, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 or to a meaningful animal charity of your choice.

Anne D. Valentine

Anne D. Valentine, 94, of Delhi passed away Monday, Oct. 19, 2026.

Anne was born Oct. 5, 1932 in Delhi, the daughter of Wilbur and Jennie (MacFarlane) Doig.

She was raised on their dairy farm on Elk Creek. She graduated from Delaware Academy in 1950 and from Plattsburgh State in 1954 with a degree in Home Economics, and completed her master's degree. Anne first taught in Andes and Delhi, then went on to teach at SUNY Delhi in the Hotel Management program for many years. Anne loved teaching and her students.

Anne married Glenn Valentine, also of Delhi, in 1959. After retirement, she and Glenn spent winters in West Palm Beach, Florida, where they enjoyed new friends and Delhi friends for many years.

She was an 82-year member of the First Presbyterian Church in Delhi, Delta Kappa Gamma and the Eastern Star. She spent many years judging food at the Walton Fair. Anne also enjoyed playing bridge with her friends all her adult life.

She was predeceased by her husband Glenn Valentine, her brother James Doig and great-granddaughter Isabel Muehlhauser.

Anne is survived by her three daughters Elizabeth (Kyle) Abraham of Lubbock, Texas, Kay (David) Stilwell of Poughkeepsie, and Margaret (Brad) Valentine of North Potomac, Maryland; six grandchildren - Amanda (Rich) Hosgood, Brad Stilwell, Elliot (Lauren) Abraham, Katherine Abraham, Alex Garzon, and Katrina (Matteo) Muehlhauser; four great-grandchildren: Spencer, Cole, and Nolan Hosgood, and Fiona Muehlhauser; she is also survived by sisters-in-law Betty June Doig and Ann Pickett, and many nieces and nephews.

Calling hours will be 4-6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 26 at the MacArthur Funeral Home, 134 Main Street, Delhi. A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 27 at the First Presbyterian Church, 4 Clinton Street, Delhi. A light luncheon will follow at the church. Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

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

Roger Dowie Brown

Roger Dowie Brown, 81, of Delhi, passed away early Sunday morning, Oct. 18, 2026 at his home.

Born on Nov. 29, 1944, Roger was the son of the late Donald H. and Mabel (Dowie) Brown.

He graduated from Delaware Academy, class of 1963. Roger went to work immediately after graduation for the village of Delhi Water Department, where he worked for 38 years, retiring in July 2001 as water superintendent. He also was the manager of Leisure Village Park for 29 years, until his retirement in 2019. He could often be seen riding a lawnmower and smoking his pipe. Over the years Roger also worked for RH Lewis and Delhi Motor Company detailing vehicles.

He also was a former volunteer fireman with the Delhi Fire Department.

Roger married Fae Estus in July 1964. They were married 62 years. Roger and Fae built their family together including two sons, five grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

Besides his wife, Roger is survived by his sons Don (Rhonda) and Mike (Faith); grandchildren Erin (Matt), Jordan, Jamie (Esther), Meredith and Amber; a brother Doug (Linda); brothers-in-law Ray (Linda) Estus, Donald (Marylou) Estus and David Estus, along with a very special niece, Verna Dietrich.

Besides his parents, Roger was predeceased by three sisters and two sisters-in-law.

Calling hours will be held 1 – 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 25, at the MacArthur Funeral Home, 134 Main Street, Delhi. Private burial will be in Woodland Cemetery, Delhi.

In lieu of flowers consider donating in memory of Roger to the Delhi EMS, 140 Delview Terrace Ext., Delhi, NY 13753

Visit www.macarthurfh.com to share condolences with the Brown family.

Marie E. Conway

"Pretty" Marie Conway passed away Thursday, Oct. 15, 2026 at her home surrounded by her family at the age of 92.

Marie was married to the late Kenneth Conway who was a lifelong resident of the Cannonsville area.

She was also predeceased by her son and daughter-in-law Kenneth and Suzanne Conway.

Marie is survived by her children Suzanne Conway, Steven Conway, and Larry and Barbara Conway; grandchildren Lindsey, Melissa, Jason, Robert, Tracy, Jeff, KC, and Jay; and several great-grandchildren.

She grew up in Long Island but her life was engulfed in the beautiful home her husband Kenneth of 38 years built where they raised their four children.

Marie was known by all for her funny, generous, and caring heart. Her family and friends cherished her humor and quick wit. There was never a dull moment when in her presence.

She worked 30-plus years for Bard-Parker where she made many friends. When she retired, she became a caregiver to the elderly.

Her grandchildren were the center of her life - especially Melissa, Jason, Lindsey, and KC.

Friends and extended family checked on her regularly.

She will be missed, but never forgotten.

At Marie's request there will be no funeral services; interment will be held in McClure Cemetery at later date.

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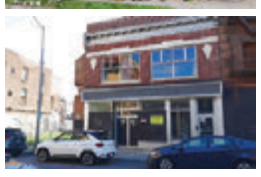

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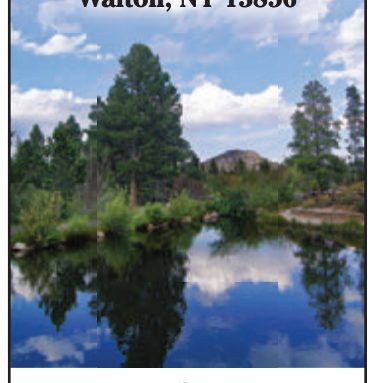

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By Toni Vessey
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Hello friends. While traveling over Bear Spring the other day, I couldn't help but remember the Autumn Leaves song by Nat King Cole. Remember him? Frank Sinatra did a nice rendition as well as did others. While the leaves danced over the roadway the DJ in my head made sure the song was on a loop that would stay with me most of the day. I guess I am dating myself by my internal playlist; I am a boomer and proud of it. These days are difficult for us boomers and my parents' greatest generation. We have lived through difficult times before with civil rights and anti-war demonstrations, but these times seem different. There's an unsettling feeling nowadays that I cannot put my finger on, something unnerving by the way we have become unable to debate freely and openly without the threat of violence. It makes one nostalgic for a time of greater leadership, open minds, people willing to work for the common good. Sometimes I wonder where common decency and respect have gone and that makes me sound like an old fuddy-duddy. It would be nice to hear from others who feel the same.

Sherry Becker was beaming with pride and gratitude at the amazing turnout for the Lions' Club Maple Leaf Festival Oct. 10. It was awesome to see so many vendors and folks who came to enjoy a beautiful autumn day in beautiful downtown Downsville. Thanks to all the hands that made it such a special day. She was happy, too, to be able to show the public the machine used to test our little ones' eyesight so that their school experience will be a good one without any optical problems. Thank you, Lions, for offering this service to our children free of charge.

Debbie Odell reminds everyone about the annual fall rummage sale sponsored by the Colchester Community United Methodist Church at the Downsville Fire Hall Friday, Oct. 23 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 24, between 9 a.m. and noon. Saturday is bag day so come out and fill up those bags with treasures. Donations are free will - offer what you can afford and be generous when you can. The proceeds will go to the church's Benevolence Fund and Fuel Fund. Like all of us, the church has to pay monthly bills and supply heat for its members on Sunday mornings and those using the building during the week. Thanks in advance for your help.

Sue Early and the Friends of Town of Colchester Library would like to thank everyone who supported and donated to their annual basket raffle at the Maple Leaf Festival on Oct. 10. There was a wonderful turnout (both locals and visitors), beautiful weather, and they earned enough to support our local reading room and keep making improvements. A big thank you to the Lion's Club for sponsoring this festival despite dwindling club membership - it's a worthwhile group to join and they could use the help); thanks to President Sherry Becker, too. Thank you to the basket donors (there were 15 this year). Six were from library board members Barry Jones, Pam Homovich, Nancy Tompkins, Amber Heimbuecher, Ben Rhodes and Susan Early. The remaining donors were Mickey McClenon, Lori Ray, Debbie Hendrickson, Cindi Early, Carol Barnes, Allan Homovich, Gordie Tompkins, Mickey McClenon, Dayette Zampolin, and a very nice basket and generous donation from DePuy Excavating. All the baskets were nicely done and so appreciated. Basket winners were Erin Hume, Sylvia Reed, Chelsea Shields, Janet Champlin, Stephen and Dixie DePuy donated three, Teresa Hock, Brenda Smith, Lydia Snyder, Colleen Griffith, Joan Homovich, Judy Mills, Gloria Sherburne, and Melinda Matthews. Congratulations to all - we appreciate your support and hope to see you next year. Special thanks to our DCS Library volunteer who stayed and helped so much. Couldn't have done it without you, Kendall.

There's good news coming from Downsville Central School (DCS). The Mobile Museum of Tolerance is coming back to DCS today - Thursday, Oct. 22 - offering a more meaningful educational experiences for our students and an opportunity to engage with the wider community. The community is invited to join them for an evening of learning, reflection, and meaningful conversations. Schedule: 6 p.m. – Power of Ordinary People; 6:40 p.m. – Civil Rights; 7:20 p.m. – Power of Ordinary People. If you can't visit the Mobile Museum in person learn more online at www.mmot.com

Ms. Furman's eighth graders received an environmental exchange box from their partner school in Brooklyn, IS 228. Through their shared connection to water, they are learning about the unique environments, traditions, and interests that make each community special. The exchange was full of exciting discoveries. They received pen pal letters and some of their partners' favorite snacks, including treats from Russian and Chinese cultures. In return, the eighth graders from Downsville shared maple products from Mrs. Reed's store, local bluestone, pictures showcasing some of the students' favorite activities and hobbies, and a digital tour of the eighth grade schedule throughout their school day. The students were excited to meet their pen pals when they traveled to New York City for the first of two field trips offered through the Green Connections Program provided by the Watershed Agricultural Council. They visited One World Observatory and participated in the Billion Oyster Project. They are building friendships, learning from one another, and exploring the connection between our communities. In the Spring, IS 228 will visit us here as they continue this meaningful connection through water and the NYC Watershed.

Six DCS students have been selected to participate in the Zone 8 Area All-State Music Festival. This is an incredible achievement and a true honor for these students. Being selected for Area All-State is the result of hard work, dedication, and musical growth. To be considered, students first prepare and perform a New York State School Music Association (NYSSMA) solo, at a challenging level, in front of a NYSSMA adjudicator. Students are evaluated on many aspects of their performance including pitch, rhythm, tone, technique, musical expression, sight reading, and overall musicianship. Students must earn an outstanding rating on their solo to be eligible for consideration. From there, students who meet the requirements are submitted for Area All-State consideration, where students are selected based on their NYSSMA performance and overall musical achievement. These students will now begin learning new and challenging repertoire to perform alongside some of the most accomplished student musicians from across five counties in our area. The festival will be held in Cooperstown Jr./Sr. School Nov. 20 and 21. The concert will be Saturday, Nov. 21 at 3 p.m. We should be proud of these musicians and the work they and their teachers have put in to achieve this accomplishment. Congratulations Hannah B, Kale'a C, Ryan F, Braelyn G, Paige H, and Sadie K. Good Luck at Area All-State.

A friendly reminder that the DCS Halloween Parade will be held Oct. 30. Children should not wear their costumes to school; they will have help to get dressed later in the day. No costume weapons should be brought to school. At 12:55 p.m., the buses will transport the students to the Old Town Shed area where they will begin the parade at 1:15 p.m. back to the school. After the parade parents may sign out their children if they have filled out the proper form. Normal dismissal will be at 2:49 p.m. In the event of inclement weather, the parade/festivities will be held inside the school. The debate remains of when to Trick or Treat. Most of the comments have been in favor of Saturday night, Oct. 31, on Halloween Day. Be sure to leave your porch light on if you are welcoming ghosties and ghoulies.

More days to celebrate this coming week: Smart Is Cool Day, National Croc Day, Wear It Pink Day, World Pasta Day, Howl at the Moon Day, Cranky Co-Workers Day and National Chocolate Day. Some pretty good reasons to celebrate, don't you agree? I'll be listening to your howling on Oct. 26. Till next time, Peace~

ESTATE SALE – DELHI
Oct 23 (Fri) 9-4, Oct 24 (Sat) 9-3
& Oct 25 (Sun) 10-2
3969 Ridge Road, Delhi, NY

Sale conducted by **The Green Giraffe** 607-369-3234
Selling next to new leather couches & recliners, taxidermy, Polaris 4-wheeler, overload of tools, sheet rock stand, tack welder, propane heaters, quality collectibles & décor, carved bed, wall art, furniture. This is a must come to believe sale go to **estatesales.net search Delhi, NY for more info & pics.**

HOSKING SALES LLC
CERTIFIED ORGANIC MARKETING AGENCY

Weekly Sales Every Monday – Misc. items, produce etc. will start approx. 1:30 unless otherwise advertised (if we have a lot of dairy) before the Dairy follow with any sheep, lamb, goat & pigs.
NOTE: CALVES WILL SELL AT 4-4:30 PM, FOLLOWED BY FEEDERS AND ENDING WITH BEEF.
Oct. 19th - Cull Dairy ave. $1.13, Top Cow $1.33, Maiden Heifer $1.08-$1.70, Grassed Organic Cull Dairy $0.67-$1.11, Bulls - over 1100# $1.59-$1.89, Dairy Feeders $1.15-$1.75, Feeder Bulls $1.00-$2.50, Feeder Heifer $1.00-$2.80, Feeder Steer $1.50-$2.40, Slaughter Hog $0.73-$0.83, Ewe $0.45-0.50, Bull Calves top $10.80, top beef calf $14.00, Heifer Calves top $7.00, top beef calf $13.90, Bred Heifer top $2400, Open Heifer $400
Sat. Oct. 24th-11:30 a.m. Fall Premier All-Breeds Sale at Hosking Sales. 120 head
Mon. Oct. 26th - Normal Monday Sale & Organic Sale. 10 Organic cows. All milking & bred back for spring.
Sat. Oct. 31st- 9:00 a.m. Fall Machinery Consignment Sale at Hosking Sales, now accepting consignments.
Mon. Nov. 2nd - Normal Monday Sale & Fat Cow & Fall Round-Up Feeder Sale. Feeders will sell approx. 5:30 p.m.
Sat. Nov. 7th - 11:30 a.m. Tumilowicz milking herd dispersal. 90 head. Sale held on site 141 Holmesville Hill Rd, Norwich
Let's keep the cattle in the marketplace to help the competition – sending direct gives you no competition. Beef prices have been strong, time to cull the bottom end, let us help you.
****OUR CAFÉ IS ALWAYS OPEN EVERY SALE DAY!**
WATCH FUTURE ADS ON UPCOMING SALES WE HAVE IN THE WORKS IF YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO SELL IF IT'S ONE OR A WHOLE HERD LET US HELP YOU THROUGH THE PROCESS.
**Trucking Assistance – Call the Sale Barn or check out our trucker list on our website. Call to advertise in any of these sales makes a difference. Watch websitse for any last-minute updates.
Directions: Hosking Sales LLC, 6096 NYS Rt. 8, 30 miles South of Utica & 6 miles North of New Berlin, NY.
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REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Grantor	Location	Grantee	Transfer Tax
October 13, 2026			
SIMCHERA JOHN P (SEE INST)	DELHI	BOOKHOUT TRAVIS	548.00
SIMCHERA MARSHA T			
PAUL SHEILA R	SIDNEY	LOPEZ HUGO	450.00
		RACIOPPI JEANNE	
BOEGER PAULA	FRANKLIN	GRANGE HALL RD LLC	78.00
BOEGER RUSSELL			
INNAMORATO GERARDO N	SIDNEY	INNAMORATO ROCCO	800.00
GRGAS STEVE	MEREDITH	PRICE ANGELA (TR)	0.00
GRGAS RUZICA		STEVE GRGAS FAMILY TRUST DATED SEPTEMBER 30 2026 (BY TR)	
GRGAS STEVE	STAMFORD	PRICE ANGELA (TR)	0.00
		STEVE GRGAS FAMILY TRUST DATED SEPTEMBER 30 2026 (BY TR)	
GRGAS STEVE	STAMFORD	PRICE ANGELA (TR)	0.00
		STEVE GRGAS FAMILY TRUST DATED SEPTEMBER 30 2026 (BY TR)	
MASTRANDREA CARL (TR)	DEPOSIT	SCHERMERHORN BRUCE R	180.00
MASTRANDREA THERESA (TR)			
CARL MASTRANDREA AND THERESA MASTRANDREA LIFETIME REVOCABLE TRUST U/A/D OCTOBER 22 2020 (BY TRS)			
KIESGEN DAVID	STAMFORD	MILES-ANCEWICZ CHRISTIE	260.00
KIESGEN INGA		KATHARINE	
		ANCEWICZ MARK EDWARD	
STUNTZNER JEAN (CO ADMIN)	SIDNEY	HARVEY BRODY	800.00
MATTESON JOHN (CO ADMIN)		ROBERTSON-REHBERG	
MATTESON DAMON KENDRICK (ADMINS OF/EST OF)		EILEEN A	
JENKINS RONALD	ANDES	WALKER WILLIAM KARL	240.00
BAILEY KAREN (AKA)		WALKER ANGELA J	
JENKINS KAREN			
QUICK HAZZIE	WALTON	HALSTEAD REBECCA J	0.00
QUICK SUSAN J			
KOENIG LEO (BY ATTY)	ANDES	HARDEN SYLVIA	2,800.00
WEI JAMES E (ATTY)			
October 14, 2026			
NATIVE DANCER MANAGEMENT COMPANY LLC	DELHI	15581 STATE HIGHWAY 28 DELHI LLC	0.00
CLOUSTON-BABIAK CATHERINE R (SEE INST)	HANCOCK	TENEWITZ CHARISSE M	440.00
BABIAK JOHN JR			
ESHELMAN ELLEN A	FRANKLIN	KALTSAS KONSTANTINO	1,200.00
ESHELMAN HOWARD W			
NORWOOD VICKY	HANCOCK	NORWOOD VICKY	0.00
LACEY CLARA (SEE INST/AKA)		NORWOOD JACK	
LACEY CLARA MAY (SEE INST)			
COMMUNITY LD LLC	HANCOCK	MCHENRY ROBERT J	64.00
BILY JOSEPH	DAVENPORT	WEBB HILL LLC	1,520.00
BILY NORA			
October 15, 2026			
DINARDO KATHERINE A (EXX)	HANCOCK	DINARDO KATHERINE A	0.00
SHER PAULA (EXX)		SHER PAULA	
MCKAY THERESA (EXX)		MCKAY THERESA	
BIANCULLI FRED (EXXS OF/EST OF)			
BIANCULLI PATRICIA (EXXS OF/EST OF)			
LEVENSON WILLIAM JAY (AKA)	MIDDLETOWN	LEVENSON WILLIAM JAY (TR)	0.00
LEVENSON WILLIAM J		WILLIAM LEVENSON	
LEVENSON ELENA T (SEE INST)		SEPARATE PROPERTY TRUST DATED AUGUST 6 2026 (BY TR)	
LEITNER RUPERT (AKA)	HANCOCK	KISH RICHARD	800.00
LEITNER RUPPERT		KIRSCHNER KEO MONY JUNE	
ALVAREZ ADRIANA			
October 16, 2026			
KAZAM EZRA	ANDES	2725 LLC	0.00
KAZAM BONNIE B (SEE INST)			
ELMORE CHRISTOPHER (HEIR/DIST)	COLCHESTER	ELMORE BRIAN	0.00
ELMORE CHARLES (HEIR/DIST)			
FLETCHER DAKOTA (SOLE HEIR)			
ELMORE DAVID (HEIR/DIST)			
ELMORE MELISSA (SOLE HEIR OF)			
ELMORE NORMA J (HEIRS OF/EST OF)			
ELMORE CHARLES (HEIRS OF/EST OF)			
KUJAWSKI GREGG M	FRANKLIN	KUJAWSKI MARIA J	0.00
KUJAWSKI MARIA J		KUJAWSKI ANTHONY J	
		MULLIGAN AMY M	
		MULLIGAN ANDREW G	
COLE CHRISTINE A	STAMFORD	COLE CHRISTINE A	0.00
COLE DONALD F			
NIEVES DEBRA S (TR)	KORTRIGHT	CONNINGTON DENNIS	0.00
NIEVES FAMILY REVOCABLE TRUST (BY TRS)			
NIEVES CESAR E JR (TR)			
October 19, 2026			
HEDLUND KYLE	SIDNEY	BARRETT TIMOTHY	324.00
HEDLUND REBECCA			
CATSKILL COMMONS LLC	BOVINA	RESCH LYNNE	0.00
MALAVE ANTHONY	COLCHESTER	BRUSCHI LOUIS	700.00
		BRUSCHI JESSICA	
CHAMBERS WAYNE S	DAVENPORT	GUNDLACH NATHAN	80.00
CHAMBERS LLOYD M			
JOHNSON RITA J			
EDHOLM ROBERTA (ADMIN)			
CHAMBERS KEITH (ADMIN OF/EST OF)			
GUNDLACH NATHAN	DAVENPORT	GUNDLACH NATHAN	0.00
LEDERMAN LINDA	ANDES	EARLE JASON	408.00
LEDERMAN PETER		FELD LOUISE	
ECHEVERRIA EUSKAR (BY ATTY)	ROXBURY	BRUNNER MARIA - ISABEL DE	0.00
ALMELA FABIAN ORLANDO ECHEVERRIA (ATTY)		LOS MILAGROS (TR)	
		ALMELA FABIAN ORLANDO ECHEVERRIA (TR)	
		BLANCA ROSA IRREVOCABLE LIVING TRUST UNDER DECLARATION OF TRUST DATED SEPTEMBER 30 2026 (BY TRS)	
RODGERS TODD MATTHEW (ADMIN)	DELHI	CRIDER JONATHAN	820.00
TOFTEN KATHLEEN (EST OF/ADMIN OF)		BOUKAI MAYA	
YOUNG PAUL J	DEPOSIT	TUCCI JOHN	1,542.00
SCHENCK BRITTANY	HAMDEN	DIXON MATTHEW BEASLEY	924.00