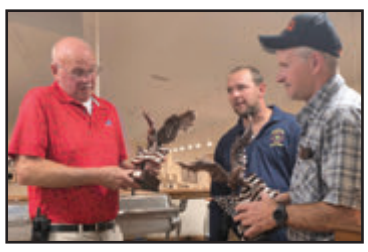
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Sidney: Stuffed With Love, Packed With Hope

Tri-County Seniors launch holiday collection to fill care kits with toys, comfort items and thoughtful surprises for children and families

By Michelle Bartz

SIDNEY - The Tri-County Seniors began their annual community service project Wednesday, Oct. 29. Each year the group chooses a project to benefit others, such as working with the Socks for Seniors program, collecting items for the homeless through Catholic Charities, giving stockings with books and toys to children in Head Start, and giving gifts at senior centers. After a short business meeting and a soup and bagged lunch, the group heard about the concept and details of this year's project – Uplift Collective Care Kits – kits that will be distributed to children experiencing severe health challenges, such as cancer or major surgeries.

The Uplift Collective is a volunteer-led nonprofit based in Sidney Center. Member Carol Behan described how the group, formerly known as the Sidney Center Improvement Group, has added to its purpose and focus. While continuing to improve Sidney Center's park and playground and coordinate

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Michelle Bartz/*The Reporter*
Beth Stacey, Ruth Carr, Loretta Gorman, Mary Bailey and Tri-County Seniors President Carol Allen with the collection boxes that will be placed in Bainbridge, Sidney, and Unadilla.

The Common Room: A Place to Create, Connect and Belong

A Vision For Accessible Community Arts Takes Shape In Walton



Patti Cantamessa/*The Reporter*
From left: The Common Room Community Arts board members Amanda Conkling, Jodie Schwartz, Lara Fassler, Tara Vitti, Stephanie Gline and Molly Little gather at the Fall for the Arts fundraiser Oct. 23 at Awestruck Mill in Walton. The event raised funds to help establish a new community arts space offering creative opportunities for residents of all ages.

By Patti Cantamessa

WALTON - Pumpkins, scarecrows, local artwork and the spirit of community filled Awestruck Mill Oct. 23 as residents gathered for Fall for the Arts, a fundraiser supporting a new venture that promises to bring creativity, connection and opportunity to Walton.

At the center of the celebration was Amanda Conkling, a familiar face in Walton's arts community whose longtime involvement in local events and creative programming has inspired her latest undertaking: The Common Room Community Arts.

What began as an idea for a small art studio has grown into something considerably larger, a community-centered organization where children, adults, families and artists of all abilities can gather, learn and explore their creativity.

For Conkling, a Walton native raising her own family in the community, the project is both a personal dream and an investment in the town she calls home.

"I want to see Walton thrive, because I know that we can, we just have to pull together," Conkling said.

A vision takes shape

Conkling's journey toward establishing The Common Room began with years of involvement in Walton's creative community.

Growing up with a father who is a professional artist, she was surrounded by gallery openings, exhibitions and artistic expression from an early age. Although she pursued her own creative interests primarily as hobbies,

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DVH to Mark Construction Milestone With Beam Ceremony Nov. 6

Community invited to sign final structural beam as $85M expansion advances toward 2028 completion

By Lillian Browne

WALTON - Delaware Valley Hospital will mark a major milestone in its $85 million expansion project Friday, Nov. 6, with a public topping out ceremony to celebrate the placement of the building's final structural beam.

The ceremony is scheduled for 11 a.m. and is open to the community, according to Hillary Zujovic-Gardepe, director of community relations and executive operations for UHS Delaware Valley Hospital.

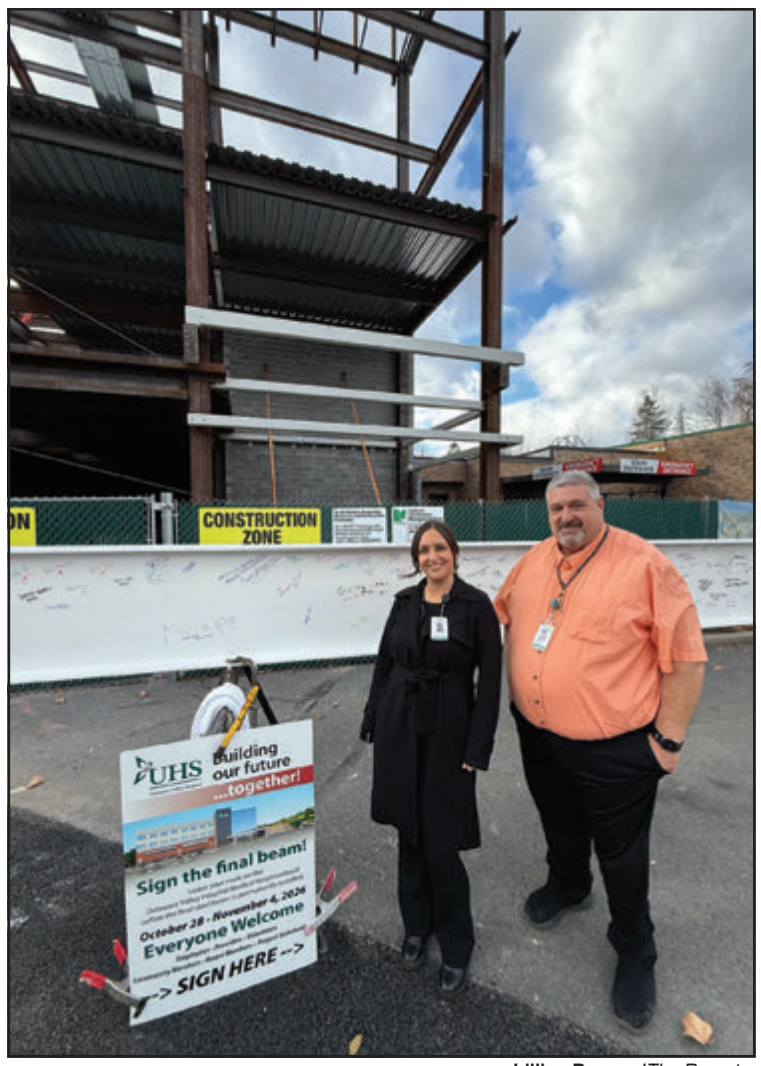
In advance of the ceremony, the final beam has been painted white and placed at ground level in front of the hospital. Hospital staff, providers, patients, construction workers and community members are invited to sign it and write messages before it is raised into place.

"We want them to come, sign their name, write a little sentiment, and just be part of it," Zujovic-Gardepe said. "This is their hospital."

The invitation extends beyond Walton to residents throughout Delaware County, she said.

Topping out ceremonies are a longstanding construction tradition marking the completion of a building's structural framework. They recognize the progress made by construction crews and

See **DVH Beam Ceremony...** page 6



Lillian Browne/*The Reporter*
Director of Community Relations and Executive Operations for UHS Delaware Valley Hospital Hillary Zujovic-Gardepe and CEO Rolland "Boomer" Bojo in front of the beam which will be placed atop the new structure Nov. 6.

BY THE NUMBERS

1919	1938	15.7M	6
President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed Nov. 11 as the first commemoration of Armistice Day	Congress made Nov. 11 a federal legal holiday known as Armistice Day	Estimated number of U.S. military veterans in 2024	Branches of the U.S. armed forces: Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard and Space Force

Source: department.va.gov

WALTON

By Patty Wood pwood2@frontier.com

The American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) will host a turkey dinner with all the fixings Friday, Nov. 6 at the Walton Vet's Club. Serving starts at 5 and goes to 6:30 p.m. or sold out. Just $15, dinner includes delicious desserts. For takeouts call 607-865-8094.

The Mustard Seed in the basement of the Walton United Presbyterian Church will have its annual Christmas sale early and for two days because they have so much stuff. The sale will be Friday and Saturday, Nov. 6 and 7 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Santa will be there Saturday. Lots of good stuff - you won't want to miss this one.

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

Walton Veterans Day Parade will take place Wednesday, Nov. 11. Always "11/11 at 11." Line up on Gardiner Place at 10:30 a.m. and march to the Old Armory (Castle) for a brief ceremony at 11 a.m. The public is welcome to join in with bikes, flags, respect. Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, 4H, others are welcome to march.

The parade will return to Gardiner Place to disband and there will be a luncheon at the Walton Veterans Club, which is free for those who march, and a free will donation will be collected from others. Please come out and participate by watching or marching and honor our local Veterans in this our 250th year.

Townsend Elementary School students are again holding a small celebration for veteran's at the school auditorium on Nov. 10 at 8:30 a.m. Join them 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 myself (pwood2@frontier.com) before the event. Thanks for your service!

The First United Methodist Church is holding its 20th annual basket auction at the church at 101 North Street on Saturday, Nov. 14 from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. Stop in for cake and a beverage with your entry fee and you will be able to bid on many wonderful gift baskets and gift cards donated by generous local merchants. Proceeds from the auction go to help local church missions.

A new event at the Trout Creek Schoolhouse, Sunday Swap, 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. You can get a table for just $5, and you can swap with others or sell your goodies.

Riverside Alliance Church will host a chili cook off Saturday, Nov. 7 at the church at 110 Stockton Ave. Registration fee is $20, and you can 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 - doors open 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 arrive together. Donations toward the raffle table appreciated. Reach out to a department member to donate.

For the first time, the Southern Tier Singers' Collective will bring 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 will share their love of choral music with a new community. Mark your calendars, invite a friend, and spread the word.

The Walton Theatre Preservation Association will welcome Kristina Marinova to the main stage of the Walton Theatre Saturday, Nov. 7 at 7:30 p.m. Marinova will perform her critically acclaimed solo piano arrangements of early-period Grateful Dead material from her recent album, "The Bus Came By and I Got On." Tickets can be purchased at www.musiconthedelaware.org and at the door.

On Sunday, Nov. 15, Music on the Delaware will host singer/songwriter Jason Starr as guest at its Coffeehouse at the Walton Theatre series. The concert will take place from 6-8 p.m. and is free to the public. Drinks and desserts will be served, with donations to Music on the Delaware gratefully accepted.

Starr, a resident of Franklin, is a guitar player and singer who has been performing in the area since he and his wife and daughter moved to the area in 2010. He has played at many local venues, including the Walton Theatre, and Castle on the Delaware. He plays both solo and with bands of varying line-ups. His music ranges from bluegrass, blues and Americana, to the Great American Songbook, Motown, and originals.

Save these dates: the Jan. 21, 2027, coffeehouse will feature the duo Blue Stone with Steve Eisenberg & Michael McGuane. A list of February through May 2027 coffeehouse concerts as well as Main Stage concerts can be found at www.musiconthedelaware.org

Note of interest: Cherish the Ladies Christmas Concert is scheduled for Monday, Dec. 21.

Music on the Delaware will welcome Backtrack Vocals - a New York City-based vocal group celebrated for their dynamic performances that blend heart, humor, and harmony - to the main stage at the historic Walton Theatre Saturday, Nov. 21 at 7:30 p.m. Education and community engagement are central to Backtrack's mission and have led interactive programs at over 250 schools worldwide, from elementary assemblies to college workshops covering topics like beatboxing, group vocal improv, pop vocal technique, and a cappella arranging. Their sessions help students discover their unique voices and foster a love of music. Workshops will be conducted with Walton schools on Friday, Nov. 20. Tickets can be purchased for the in-person and livestreamed concert at www.musiconthedelaware.org at select retailers and at the door.

The Walton Chamber of Commerce will release a flyer of events around Walton for Spend the Day in Walton Saturday, Nov 28. If you or your business has an event scheduled contact me as soon as possible. This year the Chamber will also sponsor the annual Christmas lights contest for village and town residents. This year we would like to have the judging early so that families that gather in Walton for Thanksgiving can kickoff the Christmas season together with the parade on Friday night and the lights contest being judged on Saturday. One of my favorite traditions is driving around to look at lights. Since there are many families who travel for Thanksgiving but don't get back for Christmas, we want to bring a little Christmas tradition to them by staying in Walton an extra day.

So if you want to be entered in the lights contest contact me and be ready to light them up on Nov. 28.

The Chamber is also looking for painters to paint business windows with Christmas themed art as this has been well received. The chamber will supply paint, you get the window approved for painting and have it done for the parade Nov. 27. Windows will be washed after the holiday by the chamber. Contact me to sign up for that, too. My email is at the top of this column.

And finally, the barrels! The barrels along Delaware and West Street will be decorated again in a contest. If you don't want to do the barrel you had in the spring contact me. Otherwise I will assume you will be changing them to Christmas by the parade.

Thank you to all who participate in these events and contests to bring a Christmas feeling to our little village. We appreciate your help and enthusiasm.

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Weather Words with Frank Ward

A Very Strange October

"Last Wednesday, we had 63 degrees, that was way above normal. Of course, as soon as the sun dropped behind the hills, the temperature dropped quickly and we ended up back into the 30s. Then we had Thursday, where we hit 70. That's way, way above normal. And people kept saying, where's the proper temperature? Well, we haven't even got there yet. But Friday was a rather miserable kind of a day. We started at 54 degrees. We only put 2 degrees on it for a high of 56. It was windy. It was cloudy. We saw a few hats blow off on the Townsend School parade for Halloween. And it seemed to make a difference to the adults. The kids could care less. They were having a great time. Big smiles on their faces, you know, Halloween's always fun for them. Saturday, it was cold for trick or treating, and that ended October, which turned out to be really, really weird. Because believe it or not, by average, we're supposed to have an inch of snow in October. Well, we had five minutes worth of flurries on the 17th and that's it. It's also supposed to be


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Walton Weather Observer Frank Ward

a very wet month with 4.6 inches worth of precipitation. We didn't even get close. In fact, we didn't even make it to 2 inches worth. We ended up with 1.86 inches. We had beautifully warm days, and really cold nights. The coldest here was 20 degrees. But believe it or not, when you averaged it altogether, the temperature came out to be exactly where it was supposed to be at 48.3 is our average. So too dry, too warm, not really too warm.

Not really warm days, but incredibly warm days, incredibly cold nights. November continued the same thing because we started out with 24 and 29 for night times. And we did finally, on Tuesday, get a wonderful .05 inches worth of rain. That really doesn't count. We have not had any significant rain for 18 days in a row. They're predicting it for Wednesday night and Thursday of this week. So we'll keep our fingers crossed. We really do need probably about a half an inch to wet things up. But then over the weekend, we're finally going to go back to much normal temperatures. Normal for us, believe it or not, should be a daytime high of about 50. Nighttime in the low 30s. We may not get to the 50s. He might be a little bit above that, and that's okay. They are predicting some more rain next week. We'll keep our fingers crossed. But while it's out there, enjoy the nice weather because sooner or later, Mother Nature's going to get even. I'm not sure when, but, I'd much rather have it stay where it's supposed to be than have these warm weather days where you don't know what to dress like in when you get up in the morning. Let that all be finished. Have a good one. I'll talk to you next week." ~ Frank

Colchester Salt Shed Project Faces Bidding Delay As Winter Approaches

By Patty Cantamassa

COLCHESTER - Colchester's new salt storage facility to be sited at the highway garage complex on River Road is progressing, but the town must complete a formal competitive bidding process before awarding a construction contract, officials learned during an Oct. 21 town council meeting.

Highway Superintendent Ken Eck reported that concrete work was underway and that three informal estimates had been obtained for constructing the building on the concrete foundation.

The estimates ranged from approximately $68,000 to $81,000, with a third estimate of approximately $75,000.

Highway department staff plan to perform the remaining work, with an outside contractor responsible for erecting the building.

Municipal attorney Nick Cortese advised officials that obtaining three estimates does not satisfy the state's competitive bidding requirements for a project of that size.


Patti Cantamessa/*The Reporter*
Colchester Highway Superintendent Ken Eck discussed construction estimates and competitive bidding requirements for the town's new salt storage facility Oct. 21.

Cortese explained that the town must solicit sealed bids and conduct a formal bid opening before awarding the contract.

Eck expressed concern that the additional process could delay construction as winter approaches.

Cortese suggested preparing bid specifications promptly and allowing a relatively short submission period, potentially enabling council members to award a contract at its next meeting.

Council members also discussed whether portions of the work could be handled separately. Cortese advised reviewing the town's procurement policy and applicable state requirements before proceeding.

The project was authorized in August when the council members approved spending up to $150,000 from the highway capital reserve fund for construction.

The resolution was subject to a permissive referendum, allowing residents an opportunity to petition for a public vote during the required statutory period.

The next regular town council meeting is Nov. 4 at 5 p.m. at the Cook's Falls Fire Hall.

2026 General Election: Hancock, Roxbury Supervisors Unseated

Franklin Voters Authorize 4-Year Seats

Staff Report

DELHI - Voter turnout was strong in the 2026 general election in Delaware County, often seen as a "mid-term," due to the presidential election calendar.

Delaware County voters made greater use of early voting this election cycle, with 2,916 ballots cast before Election Day - more than three times the 877 early votes recorded in 2025. The total also surpassed the 1,733 early voters in 2022, the last gubernatorial election year, though it remained below the 4,012 ballots cast early during the 2024 presidential election. The numbers suggest early voting has become a more widely used option among county voters, extending beyond presidential election years.

Winners of Contested Races

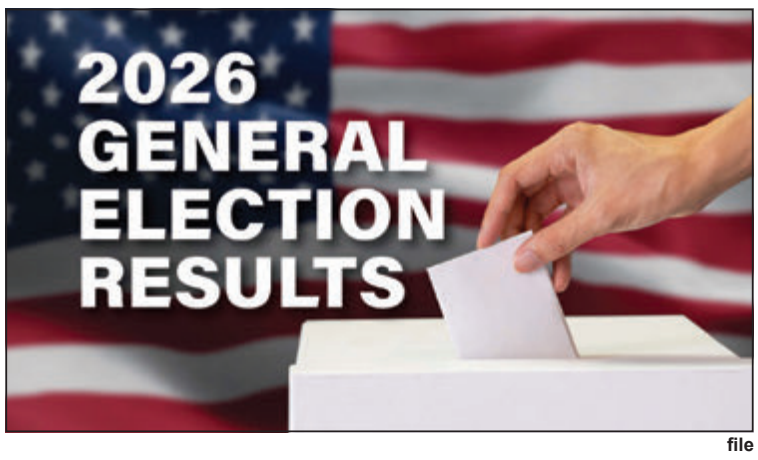
Hancock

Former Hancock Supervisor Sam Rowe, running on the Republican and an independent line, unseated incumbent Jerry Vernold, who lost the Republican primary to Rowe by a vote of 229 to 114 in June. Vernold ran on the Conservative and an independent line in the general election. In Tuesday's vote, Rowe outpaced Vernold by a vote of 663 to 387.

Of the win, Rowe said, "I am deeply grateful to the people of Hancock for giving me another opportunity to serve our community. The unofficial results are certainly encouraging, and I am humbled by the confidence the voters have placed in me. Having served as supervisor for 16 years, I understand the responsibilities of this office. I also recognize that the challenges facing Hancock today are different from those we faced when I previously served.

I want to thank Jerry Vernold for his years of service to our town. I know firsthand the time, effort, and personal sacrifices that come with public office, and I sincerely wish him well.

This election was never about returning to a position I once held. It was about offering my experience and a renewed commitment to helping Hancock move forward.



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I'm particularly excited about the opportunity to work with Blaise Bojo as deputy supervisor. I believe combining experience with the ideas and perspectives of a younger generation is important to our community's future.

There are difficult decisions ahead, particularly concerning town finances, infrastructure, flood protection, and economic development. I have no illusions about the amount of work involved.

My intention is to approach those challenges with an open mind, a willingness to listen, and a determination to find solutions.

I am grateful for this opportunity, but I also recognize that the real responsibility begins now. Hancock deserves our very best effort, and that is exactly what I intend to give."

Delhi

Incumbent Supervisor Maya I. Boukai, running on an independent and Democrat line bested challenger former Supervisor Mark Tuthill who ran on the Republican and Conservative line 875 to 572.

Thanking Delhi for placing a vote of confidence in her leadership, Boukai said "I'm so thankful for the vote of confidence from my Delhi neighbors; Democrats, Republicans, and Independents. I look forward to finishing the great work on all the projects we've started together."

Meredith

Incumbent Republican Supervisor James G. Ellis retained his seat against challenger Stephanie H. Munro who ran on the Democratic and an indepenent line by a vote of 410 to 364.

Roxbury

Democrat Thomas J. O'Brien who ran on the Democratic and on an independent line, bested incumbent Allen R. Hinkley, who ran on the Republican, Conservative and independent party lines, by a vote of 720 to 351.

O'Brien said, "I want to thank all of the community members that supported me for this position. I will advocate for and work on developing strong partnerships and help develop strategies on how to manage and forecast the town's economic and financial future. We must work together to continue to help improve our town. I wish Allen Hinkley the very best in his future endeavors and he should be honorably recognized for the years of public service he has provided the town and county."

Hamden

In Hamden, Republican candidate Wayne L. Shepard, who also ran on an independent line, defeated Democrat Jonathan C. Kilday by a vote of 375 to 231. Shepard succeeds retiring Supervisor Wayne Marshfield.

Uncontested supervisor seats include:

- Andes - Ritchie Gabriel (Republican)
- Colchester - Robert W. Hafele (Republican)
- Davenport - Timothy S. Kelso (Republican)
- Franklin - Donald Smith (Republican)
- Middletown - Glen A. Faulkner (Democratic and independent lines)
- Stamford - John S. Kosier (Republican)
- Walton - Joseph M. Cetta (Republican)
- Kortright - George E. Haynes Jr. (Republican)
- Masonville - Betty L. Scott (Republican)

Incumbent town clerks Cathy Roloson, Hamden, Sonja Johns, Franklin, Kristin Craft, Kortright, and Carrie Hewitt Choquette, Bovina, ran unopposed on the Republican line and were re-elected.

Incumbent Hamden town justice Gay Merrill ran unopposed on the Republican line. Jennifer L. Valentine ran unopposed as a Republican for Deposit town justice.

Fifty six candidates filed for local offices countywide, including town supervisor, highway superintendent, clerk, tax collector, justice and state committee positions.

Other Delaware County Uncontested Elections

In the town of Andes, John R. Bouton was reelected on the Republican line for superintendent of highways. Kenneth R. Eck Jr. was reelected as a Republican for highway superintendent in Colchester, while Jamie D. Archibald was reelected as Franklin highway superintendent on the Republican line. In Hamden, Rodney Tweedie was reelected on the Republican line for highway superintendent. Harry Craft was reelected on the Republican line in Kortright as highway supervisor, Bradley Hitchcock was reelected as highway superintendent as a Republican in Meredith, and Gordon Finch Jr. was reelected on the Republican line in Masonville for highway superintendent. Jeffrey Offnick was reelected on the Republican line for highway superintendent in Walton. In Bovina, Edward Weber was reelected for highway superintendent on the Democratic line.

Franklin Propositions

In Franklin, voters approved propositions to change the term of office for the town clerk from two years to four years by a vote of 665 to 418; and to similarly change the highway superintendent term by a vote of 599 to 486.

State Offices

Senate District 51

Christopher Tague, running on the Republican and Conservative lines, bested Michele Frazier, running on the Democratic and Working Families lines, 56,878 to 49,143.

Assembly District 102

Republican Marcus Molinaro, running on the Republican line, bested Democrat Janet Tweed 30,704 to 24,478.

New York State Comptroller

Incumbent Thomas DiNapoli, running on the Democratic and Workings Families lines, won 3.69 million to 2.01 million, against Republican challenger Joseph Hernandez.

Assembly District 121

Incumbent Joseph Angelino, who ran on the Republican and Conservatives lines retained his seat with a 20,897 to 12,605 victory over Democratic Vicki Davis.

Attorney General

Incumbent Letitia James running on the Democratic and Working Families lines retains her seat with a 3.4 million to 2.2 million vote against Saritha Komatireddy, who ran on the Conservative and Republican lines.

Governor

Incumbent Kathy Hochul, running on the Democratic and Working Families lines retained her seat with a 3.48 to 2.32 million vote against Bruce Blakeman who ran on a Conservative, Republican and independent line.

Federal Office

Congressional District NY-19

Incumbent Josh Riley, running on the Democratic and Working Families lines retained his seat with a 158,597 to 113,714 vote over challenger Peter Oberacker who ran on the Republic and Conservative lines.

** Results are unofficial*

Hancock Weighs Park Projects for $280K in Golf Course Sale Proceeds

Town attorney says funds must go toward public parkland; residents suggest trails, Eagle Watch upgrades and community pool

Staff Report

HANCOCK - Connecting parks and trails, improving the Eagle Watch area and exploring construction of a community swimming pool were among the ideas residents offered during a special Hancock town council meeting Monday, Oct. 27, to discuss how to use proceeds from the sale of the town-owned golf course.

No decision was made on how to spend the money. Town officials said they would first identify available town-owned property and consider which projects would comply with state law.

Town Attorney Robert McKertich advised that the proceeds must be used to acquire parkland or make capital improvements to existing parks and recreational facilities. Any land acquired with the funds must be located in the town of Hancock and owned and controlled by the town.

McKertich also cautioned against spending the proceeds on property owned by a nonprofit organization, even if the property is used for recreational purposes.

State law restricts use of proceeds

In his legal opinion, McKertich traced the restrictions to the state legislation authorizing the golf course sale.

The town previously owned the Hancock Golf Course, which was considered public parkland under New York's public trust doctrine. Because the property was dedicated to public use, the town needed state authorization to sell it.

On Nov. 20, 2019, the state legislature authorized the sale at fair market value, provided the course remained in operation. The law also required the town to dedicate an amount equal to or greater than the course's fair market value toward acquiring new parkland or making capital improvements to existing parkland and recreational facilities.

"Such land must be located within the town of Hancock and under the ownership and control of the town," McKertich wrote in his opinion.

If an appropriate parcel cannot be identified, the town board may use the funds for capital improvements to existing park facilities, according to the opinion.

McKertich said the town could risk violating state law if it used the proceeds to improve property owned by a private nonprofit corporation. He cited a court decision involving a town's use of public funds to maintain a park owned by a charitable trust.

The legal restrictions shaped the discussion, with residents emphasizing the need to identify suitable property before settling on a project.

Residents propose connected parks and trails

One resident asked how much undeveloped property the town owns, saying residents needed a clear picture of available land before proposing projects or deciding how to invest the proceeds.

The resident also suggested exploring revenue-generating recreational uses, such as installing platforms for tent camping that visitors could rent.

Supervisor Jerry Vernold said he would arrange for a map showing town-owned property to be prepared and shared with the group.

Former Supervisor Sam Rowe discussed a broader vision of linking recreational areas throughout the town, including East Branch, Fishs Eddy and Hancock. He suggested smaller projects that could be pursued in phases and supported by grants rather than spending the entire amount on one project.

He identified the Eagle Watch area as a potential starting point, saying its railings and other features could be improved. He also pointed to historic capstones stored on county property in Fishs Eddy that could be incorporated into a park project.

Rowe said connecting recreation areas could make the town more competitive for grants, which often favor projects that link communities and destinations.

Other possibilities included pursuing a trail project with the Friends of the Upper Delaware River, developing a pocket park in the Cadosia area and adding picnic areas or scenic overlooks along Route 17.

The discussion also revisited Readburn Park, where the town owns about 84 acres. Past plans for the property included hiking trails and camping areas, although no new project was selected at the meeting.

Community pool proposed

Mike O'Brien suggested investigating a community swimming pool that could serve Hancock residents for decades.

He pointed to a relatively small pool in Honesdale, Pennsylvania, as a possible model, proposing a seasonal facility open from late May through September, with swimming opportunities for children and adults.

"I would like to see us take a shot at doing something that's going to be meaningful for years," O'Brien said.

He said he would visit the Honesdale pool to learn who operates it and what it costs to maintain a similar facility.

O'Brien also noted that grant funding might be available to help finance a project, including money in an economic development fund designated for use in Hancock and Deposit.

Town officials discussed the ongoing costs of operating a pool, including maintenance and lifeguard staffing and training. They also noted that a potential site would need to comply with the legal requirement that property acquired with the proceeds be owned and controlled by the town.

The meeting did not establish a preferred project or authorize any spending.

The next steps are to prepare a map of town-owned land, evaluate which properties could accommodate eligible park and recreation improvements, and explore the cost and feasibility of a community pool.

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Carol Behan of the Sidney Center Uplift Collective describes the idea and purpose of Uplift Collective Care Kits to Tri-County Seniors.

events such as the annual Down-Home Fall Fest and the upcoming Holidays in the Hamlet, they also have begun focusing on the children in the Western Catskills and the Southern Tier. One way they seek to improve the lives of those children and their families is through the giving of care kits.

Behan reported that The Uplift Collective has partnered with Bassett School Based Health, which covers 17 school districts and approximately 9,000 children. The partnership assists in finding families who could use support while also ensuring their privacy. It's also the group's goal to be able to provide the kits as close to the start of a health crisis as possible in order to help families know that they are not alone and their community cares for them.

After the presentation, the group wrapped large boxes to place at collection sites – six in all. They will be placed in Bainbridge at sfcu; in Sidney at Machos Tacos, Trackside Dining, Club 55, and the Tri-County Senior Center; and in Unadilla at Village Variety from Nov. 2 through Dec. 4.

The Tri-County Seniors hope for donations such as stuffed animals, quiet games, small Lego sets, crafts, coloring and activity books, and children's books or magazines. Comfort items, such as soft blankets, non-slip socks, beanies or hats (especially for chemo patients), and small neck pillows are sought, as well as self-care items including lip balm, unscented and hypoallergenic lotion, and water bottles. The Uplift Collective also encourages the addition of other items such as gift cards for gas, food on the road, or coffee shops. Handwritten notecards and artwork to uplift and encourage the families are also appreciated.



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Ruth Carr and Mary Bailey wrap a box for the Tri-County Seniors' annual community project.



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Loretta Gorton and Ruth Carr wrap a collection site box for the Tri-County Seniors Uplift Collective Care Kits project Wednesday, Oct. 29.



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Loretta Gorton, Ruth Carr, and Mary Bailey prepare collection boxes for items for children with urgent medical needs as part of the senior groups' annual community project.

The Tri-County Seniors who participated had good things to say about the project. Marge LaFave said that her son had cancer, so she could relate. Beth Stacey had been looking for something like this to do, she said. She has had family members go through seasons of illness and said that to have somebody else thinking of you when you're going through a tough time is really important.

Tri-County Seniors President Carol Allen said the group doesn't have a "membership" – that all seniors aged 60+ are welcome to come as often as they'd like, and can attend the trips and outings.

The Senior Center is a great place to build camaraderie and meet new people, she said. Speakers give information on topics that are important to the group – topics on healthcare, Medicare, wills, insurance, diabetes, etc. Seniors also play cards and games, such as Scrabble and Mahjong, and chat and socialize.

Some fun activities are planned for the next few weeks. On Nov. 11 at 10:30 a.m. the movie "Seeking Persephone" will be shown at the Center; on Nov. 14 at 2 p.m., Mary Frances Perricone will perform musical hits from the 50s to the 70s; and on Dec. 16, there will be a luncheon at the Elks Lodge with entertainment by pianist Thomas Hall (preregistration by Dec. 7 and payment of $20 at the door). Several day-trips are being lined up for next year.

The Senior Center is located at the AO Fox Tri-Town Campus, 43 Pearl Street, Sidney - take the driveway on the right side of the building. Open hours are Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. and Fridays from 10 a.m. to noon. Seniors are welcome to bring snacks or bag lunches if they like.

More information is available on Facebook under Tri-County Senior Center, or sign up for email notices with Carol Allen at 607-563-8065 or email tricountyseniorcenter@yahoo.com

WAC: Updated FAD Draft Expected In Spring 2027

Staff Report

WALTON - A draft of an updated Filtration Avoidance Determination (FAD) governing the New York City watershed program is expected in spring 2027, officials announced at the Watershed Agricultural Council monthly meeting Tuesday, Oct. 27.

The update was discussed during the meeting chaired by Tom Hutson in the absence of council Chairperson Wayland "Bud" Gladstone. A representative of the New York City Department of Health said members should watch for a draft in April 2027, though the meeting discussion did not provide further details about the agreement's proposed changes.

Council members also reviewed financial operations, approved additional funding for a farm pollution-control project and heard reports on agricultural programming, land conservation and forestry.

Farm Project Funding Approved

Council members approved a funding request for best management practices on a farm in Conesville after two rounds of bidding.

The project, identified as SCS-SF 297, BMPs 12 and 9, includes a barnyard, concrete storage and associated components designed to address agricultural runoff. The first round of bids was rejected because the prices were too high and the bids were deemed nonresponsive. A second round produced one bid.

The request exceeded the approval thresholds of staff members Ryan Naatz, executive director, and Connor Young, agricultural program manager, by $1,087 and was 13.5% above the engineering estimate. Staff attributed the difference in part to variations in fuel prices, farm locations and the limited number of contractors available for work on farms in the area.

Work is expected to begin in the fall, with completion by June 30, 2027, within the current fiscal year. Council members approved the funding request.

Board Governance And Program Planning

The Governance Committee reported that it had reviewed director self-assessments, particularly those submitted by members whose terms are expiring. Feedback will be returned to directors, and a full-board assessment survey is expected to be distributed for completion.

The Economic Viability Committee did not meet in October, but members reported that a capacity study is moving forward. An advisory committee comprised of representatives from various council committees and staff with possible outside advisers will help guide the work.

The study is intended to help shape programs and strengthen support for agricultural operators.

Agricultural and Conservation Programs

Council members also heard updates on forestry, easements and the East of Hudson program.

The Forestry Committee reported that its work remains on track to meet program deliverables. Potential handbook changes include expanding stewardship incentives related to invasive species and wildlife habitat improvement.

The committee also discussed the success of forestry education programs and opportunities to collaborate with other programs to give students a broader understanding of the watershed and its agricultural and conservation work.

The East of Hudson program continues efforts to identify farms that may need assistance through an agricultural census and to strengthen relationships between county governments and soil and water conservation districts. A composting workshop held Oct. 15 with Cornell Cooperative Extension drew 25 participants and included demonstrations at Hemlock Hill Farm and Cabbage Hill.

The council also recognized forestry committee member Frank Winkler for his years of service and contributions to forest stewardship as he prepares to move to Rochester.

DEP Officials Praise Agricultural Program

A representative of the New York City Department of Environmental Protection thanked council staff and partners for an agricultural program tour attended by senior agency officials, including Assistant Commissioner Shiloh Williams and Deputy Commissioner Jennifer Garigliano.

The representative said the visit highlighted the complexity and breadth of the watershed agricultural program, which extends beyond infrastructure such as fencing and manure storage to include precision feed management, cover crops, agronomic practices and newer technologies.

The officials came away with a greater understanding of the program's range and its many components, the representative said.

Council members also discussed an Oct. 3 visit by 35 Columbia University students to DelRose Farm in Bloomville. Participants said the visit helped students better understand working farms, agricultural conservation and the relationship between farming and watershed protection.

Farm owner Barb Hanselman welcomed the students and encouraged opportunities for more people to visit working farms and learn where their food comes from and how agriculture connects to the watershed.

Financial and Operational Reports

Council members reviewed its August financial report with staff reporting that submissions and receipts from the Department of Environmental Protection had been received on time and operations were proceeding as expected.

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More Than 100 Years of Service: Franklin Honors Two Firefighters

Surprise celebration recognizes Tom Worden and Dale Downin for decades of volunteer service to the community and emergency response

By Lillian Browne

FRANKLIN - More than a century of combined volunteer service was celebrated Thursday, Oct. 29 when Franklin Mayor Johanna VanDeusen, the village board and the Franklin Railroad and Community Museum, organized a surprise gathering at the Franklin Fire Hall to honor two longtime firefighters, Tom Worden and Dale Downin.

The celebration recognized their decades of responding to emergencies, strengthening local fire and emergency medical services, and helping improve emergency response throughout Delaware and Otsego counties.

VanDeusen opened by thanking the firefighters and emergency medical personnel who serve the community, saying their dedication can sometimes go unnoticed.

"Your dedication to the community may sometimes feel unseen but it is not," she said. "It takes a special person to volunteer their time so selflessly and tirelessly."

She described how volunteers respond regardless of the hour, weather or circumstances, whether they are at work, eating dinner, sleeping or celebrating a holiday.

"You go knowing that you may be witnessing the worst day for someone," VanDeusen said.

The department's service extends beyond emergency calls, she added. The fire hall can serve as a warming station when needed and opens its doors for community events.

"As both a resident and on behalf of the village, I wholeheartedly say thank you," VanDeusen said. "We appreciate your dedication to the community. We value the sacrifices you make each and every time you answer the call."



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Franklin Fire Chief Tom Worden was presented a gift from Assistant Fire Chiefs Austin McCall and Dale McCall.



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Franklin Firefighter Dale Downin was honored for 50 years of service with the Franklin Fire Department at a surprise ceremony Oct. 29, organized by Franklin Village Board members and the Franklin Railroad and Community Museum.

While the event recognized the entire fire and emergency medical services department, VanDuesen singled out Worden and Downin for their extraordinary contributions.

"Both have offered countless volunteer hours not only responding to emergencies as both firefighters and EMTs, but in many other ways both through the fire department and the community," she said.

Their work has included helping establish Firefighter Assist and Search Teams, improving Delaware County's 911 system, assisting with emergencies beyond the immediate area and ensuring the Franklin Fire Department has the vehicles and equipment needed to respond to a range of incidents.

"One has followed in his father and grandfather's footsteps, one is the longest serving fire coordinator in the state," VanDeusen said before revealing the honorees.

"Tom and Dale, combined you have offered more than 100 years of volunteer service to Franklin and beyond," she said. "You have contributed to our community beyond measure and we offer our deepest gratitude and appreciation for all that you have done and continue to do."

She also recognized the support of their spouses, Linda Worden and Jean Downin.

"It can't be easy to be married to people that give their time so readily," VanDeusen said. "Tom and Linda, Dale and Jean… thank you for all that you have given to our community."

Dale Downin: Decades of emergency response

Downin joined the Franklin Fire Department on Dec. 2, 1974, and the emergency squad on May 20, 1975. Over the years, he served as third, second and first assistant chief and maintained his emergency medical technician certification until recently.

He has been a member of the Franklin Fire Department's Firefighter Assist and Search Team, served on the Board of Commissioners and serves as a fire commissioner for the Franklin-Treadwell Fire District. He has also attended training courses and events at the state and national fire academies.

Downin became a deputy fire coordinator in 1980 and now serves as senior deputy coordinator for Delaware County. He is recognized as the longest-serving active fire coordinator in New York state.

In that role, he responds to emergency scenes throughout the county and has been involved in command and control operations during the devastating floods of 2006 and 2011.

Downin also established a grant program that has helped provide funding for personal protective equipment, strengthening fire and rescue capabilities while improving firefighter safety and survivability.

His service extends into other areas of the community. A former Eagle Scout, he has remained involved with Scouting and has served as a code enforcement officer for the villages of Franklin and Otego, the Town of Bovina and Delaware County, among other municipalities. He has also judged firefighters' parades at area county fairs and the Otsego County firemen's convention.

Tom Worden: Leadership and department improvements

Worden joined the Franklin Fire Department in January 1976, continuing a family tradition that included his father, uncles and grandfathers. He served as department secretary, treasurer and assistant chief before becoming fire chief in 2000.

As chief, Worden spearheaded a major expansion of the fire station and led efforts to plan and acquire a fleet of fire trucks and emergency response vehicles. The equipment included a four-wheel-drive vehicle to improve access to brush fires.

He also helped ensure the department had specialized equipment for emergency scenes, including tower lights, electric dump tanks, additional hydraulic rescue tools commonly known as the Jaws of Life, and multipurpose saws.

Worden provided leadership in establishing apparatus committees to improve the department's fire and rescue capabilities. His work also reached beyond Franklin: He served as chairman during the initial implementation of Delaware County's 911 system and helped guide subsequent changes involving staffing and the location of the county's 911 center.

Like Downin, Worden played a major role in the county's Firefighter Assist and Search Teams, which stand by at emergency scenes to help firefighters who become trapped, lost, injured or run out of air.

He was involved in emergency command operations during the 2006 and 2011 floods and responded to Hurricane Sandy for disaster relief.

A shared legacy

The two men have worked together across decades of service to the fire department and emergency squad, including efforts to purchase the department's first ambulance.

Both served on the county's 911 committee, advisory board and fire commissioners board. They also competed as members of the Franklin Fire Department's Firematics team, earning awards in events including Bucket Brigade, Water Ball and Midnight Alarm.

Their service has helped improve emergency response not only in the Franklin-Treadwell district but throughout Delaware and Otsego counties.

For VanDeusen, the surprise gathering was an opportunity to make sure that work was recognized.

"Both have shown an extraordinary commitment to our community and have given much of their lives in service," she said.

After decades of answering calls and helping others through emergencies, Worden and Downin were the ones being thanked by the community they have served.



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Franklin Fire Chief Tom Worden was honored for 50 years of volunteer service Oct. 29.

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The primary care building, left, will be deconstructed as part of the project.

others involved in the project while looking ahead to the work still to come.

Construction contractor LeChase will place a tree atop the final beam as part of the ceremony. The custom has historical roots in Scandinavia, where builders placed trees atop structures to honor spirits believed to inhabit trees and to bring protection and good fortune to the building and its occupants.

UHS Delaware Valley Hospital CEO Rolland "Boomer" Bojo said the ceremony marks an important point in the project.

"Besides being a historical moment, it's also the topping off of a building has a lot of prior history, and it's a big deal," Bojo said.

The expansion, planned for years, is intended to increase inpatient capacity and provide more space for primary and specialty care. In December 2025, Bojo described the project as "on time and on budget" and said it would improve access to healthcare for Walton and the surrounding region.



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Isabel Rosalez of Delta Engineering stopped to sign the beam Friday, Oct. 30.



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Salvatore Salvia wrote on the beam: "God Bless This Hospital," Friday, Oct. 30.

The project has progressed through an initial enabling phase, which included preparatory work inside the existing hospital, site work and an expansion of the parking lot. The current phase involves construction of the new building.

The building's structural framework is nearing completion. Crews will then continue installing floor decking and pouring the floors. The structure will be enclosed with a temporary covering and heated so construction can continue through the winter.

Bojo said the project remains largely on schedule, with favorable weather helping construction move forward. The hospital now anticipates completing the work and moving into the new building around April 2028.

The new structure will feature a glass entranceway and canopy. The canopy cannot be completed until the existing primary care building is deconstructed, so the hospital expects to move into the new building before that portion of the work is finished.

The expansion will also increase inpatient capacity and provide larger clinical areas to support growth in primary and specialty care. Bojo previously said, "Our intention is to continue to grow both."

Bojo said the project reflects the hospital's commitment to providing more healthcare services locally and reducing the need for residents to travel for care.

"It means a lot to me that we will be able to offer more and more services to the community, that we won't have to travel, because very often, if people have to travel for healthcare, they just don't get the healthcare," Bojo said, "and that's not good for the community. It's not good for our individuals in the community. And we just, want to be able to serve the community."

The beam signing is already drawing participation from the community. Isabel Rosalez of Delta Engineering stopped to sign the beam. She conducts weekly stormwater pollution prevention inspections at the construction site, documenting conditions and ensuring the project complies with requirements intended to prevent water pollution. She has witnessed the evolution of the new building from the onset of construction, she said.

Local educator Salvatore Salvia also signed the beam, writing, "God Bless this hospital."

Salvia said the hospital has been part of his life since childhood. His brother was born there and is now 41.

Bojo said seeing the project take shape has been especially meaningful.

"I get goosebumps when I drive in every day, because this is the vision I've had for this community since I've been back, and to see it materialize is pretty special," he said.

The Nov. 6 ceremony will include light refreshments and an opportunity for community members to witness the placement of the final beam.

The hospital has used its Facebook page to communicate construction updates, temporary closures and other project information. Residents can follow United Health Services Delaware Valley Hospital on Facebook for notices as work continues.

Margaretville Addresses Dead Trees and Discusses Road Salt Impact

By J. Lawrence-Bauer

MARGARETVILLE - Margaretville Trustees approved upcoming community events, addressed village property maintenance, and reviewed revenues from a cannabis dispensary during a meeting Tuesday, Oct. 20.

Trustees approved two parades that temporarily closed Main Street for the school's Halloween parade on Friday, Oct. 30, and the Day of the Dead parade on Saturday, Oct. 31, Both organizing groups coordinated logistics with the local fire department.

In other action, trustees addressed safety concerns regarding five dead ash trees located on village-owned property behind the parking lot along the Binnekill Stream. A local resident initially requested permission to remove the timber for personal use.

Trustees agreed to permit the removal on the condition that contractor liability insurance and proof of specific coverage for tree removal are provided in advance. Trustees emphasized that standard insurance policies would not suffice as tree removal must be included specifically.

Trustees reviewed tax distributions received from cannabis sales generated at the local dispensary located in the Granary building. Trustees noted a recent surge in received funds from $88 to $444, but Mayor John Hubbell said the increase was attributable to the state catching up on back-quarter payments rather than a single-month spike. Questions were raised regarding whether neighboring sales in Arkville impacted revenue, though trustees confirmed current returns remain steady.

Trustees reviewed municipal payments from the town of Middletown, which included quarterly licensing fees and code enforcement payments. Trustees noted that code enforcement revenue performed well over the past year due to permit fees associated with major projects, including a regional landing zone installation. Officials cautioned that such elevated code enforcement revenues are project-specific and unlikely to recur annually without similar development.

Upcoming Elections and Local Hearings

Trustees noted upcoming village election milestones, confirming that March elections will take place Tuesday, March 16, 2027. Petitions and candidate paperwork will become available starting in January for the mayor's seat and for two trustee positions. Additionally, trustees announced that the town of Middletown will host a public hearing on short-term rentals Dec. 2.



J. Lawrence-Bauer/*The Reporter*

Margaretville Mayor John Hubbell outlined strategies communities can take to be sure road salt does not contaminate drinking water at a meeting Tuesday, Oct. 20.

Hubbell shared insights from a recent environmental presentation hosted by the Lake George Association regarding road salt contamination in drinking water. Findings showed that groundwater salinity levels spike during dry periods as subsurface salt is pushed into local streams. Officials discussed evolving winter road maintenance strategies, including the use of pretreatment brine solutions, specialized plow blades, and potential state legislative caps on slip-and-fall liability to help municipalities reduce overall salt usage over the next decade.

Colchester Names New Code Enforcement Officer

DOWNSVILLE - Colchester has appointed Frederick Becker as its new code enforcement officer and floodplain manager, bringing more than 25 years of experience in construction and property management to the position, according to an announcement on the municipality's website.

Becker was hired Aug. 19 at a town council meeting after the town reviewed applications and interviewed five candidates.

As code enforcement officer, Becker is responsible for administering and enforcing New York state building and energy codes, floodplain development regulations and municipal ordinances. His duties include overseeing building permits and working with residents, contractors and business owners to promote compliance, protect public safety and preserve property values.

Supervisor Rob Hafele said Becker has already attended town council and town planning board meetings and introduced a new monthly report to council members.

Becker maintains office hours Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8 a.m. to noon and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Town Hall, 72 Tannery Road, Downsville.

Because the position requires frequent field inspections throughout Colchester, residents and builders are encouraged to schedule appointments before visiting to ensure Becker is available to assist with permit applications, project reviews and questions about local regulations.

To schedule an appointment or inquire about building permits and municipal regulations, call 607-363-7918 or email code.enforcement@colchesterny.gov





Walton Park Gets a Fresh Look Through Community Partnership

Lowe's, Ace Hardware, village officials and WEIC join forces on improvements at Austin Lincoln Park as recreation participation grows

By Lillian Browne

WALTON - Austin Lincoln Park has a fresh look following a community improvement project earlier this month that brought together donated materials and manpower from Lowe's and Ace Hardware, Walton village officials and Department of Public Works employees, with coordination and assistance from members of the Walton Experience Initiative Corp. (WEIC).

The work touched nearly every part of the park, from freshly painted buildings and railings to new playground equipment, flower boxes and repairs to the pedestrian bridge.

"We painted the storage shed and upgraded our bulletin board," WEIC member Eric Noll said. Guardrails on the parking lot facing the pool also got a refresh.

Workers painted posts throughout the park black, speed bumps coming into the park orange, and painted bathrooms near the racquetball area and the large pavilion. A bench was installed near the trail and creek, close to the smaller pavilion, and flower boxes filled with seasonal plantings were added along the pedestrian bridge.

The bridge also received attention, with warped and aging deck boards replaced.

Playground improvements included new swings and rubber surfacing at the swing set. The village purchased an Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant swing, although additional work is still needed on a separate accessibility project being developed by village officials. That installation requires concrete pillars.

The roofs on the park's bathrooms and pavilions remain on the list for future work, Noll said, and were not included in the recent project.

Mayor Bjorn Eilertsen credited village employees for preparing the park ahead of the Lowe's and Ace Hardware work, including pressure-washing and other maintenance.

"Staff spent a lot of time prepping the park," Eilertsen said, naming Brian Sprague, Kevin Coons and Ernest "Butch" Smith among those who helped get the site ready. Their work was intended to ensure the improvements would not require additional maintenance after the project was completed.

WEIC members involved in the effort included Noll, Jessica Woodcock and Nicole Cannizzaro, among others.

The park project builds on a broader beautification effort announced in early October. As previously reported, WEIC secured support through Lowe's Hometowns, expanding an initial request for a donated park bench into a larger, one-day improvement project. The effort also reflects the work of the Walton Beautification Committee, which operates under WEIC as a sub-committee and plans to help maintain plantings and other improvements at Austin Lincoln Park.

The park's revitalization has been part of WEIC's work since the organization began presenting projects to village trustees earlier this year. Previous efforts included refurbishing basketball equipment in partnership with Sportsfield Specialties in Delhi, paving and sealing basketball courts, and organizing volunteers to improve the park ahead of the summer season.



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Walton Experience Initiative Corp. (WEIC) members, from left, Jessica Woodcock, Nicole Cannizzaro and Eric Noll, at the equipment storage shed and information kiosk at Austin Lincoln Park which got a refresh with the help of Lowe's, Ace Hardware and village officials and staff.



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In addition to other improvements and upgrades at Austin Lincoln Park, new swings - including an ADA accessible swing - were installed, along with rubber mulch. WEIC members who helped facilitate the improvements are from left, Jessica Woodcock, Nicole Cannizzaro and Eric Noll.



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Walton village officials also provided manpower for the improvements at Austin Lincoln Park, which included replacing aged decking materials on the pedestrian bridge. Pictured are, left, Walton Mayor Bjorn Eilertsen with Trustees Beth O'Brien and Eric Northrup. A beautification sub-committee of the Walton Experience Initiative Corp (WEIC) planted flowers in planters along the bridge.

Recreation programs draw more participants

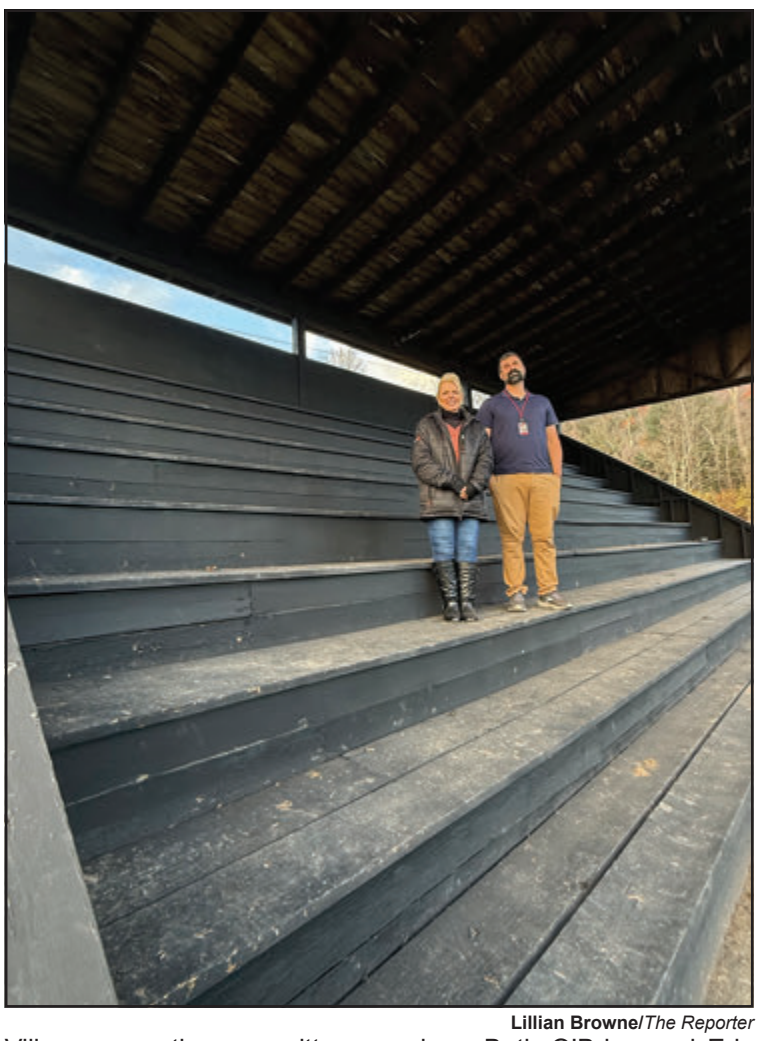
Village officials say the physical improvements are part of a larger effort to make the park a more active community gathering place.

Trustees Eric Northrup and Beth O'Brien, both members of the village's recreation committee, reported increased participation in summer recreation programs this summer season, after the village brought in new instructors.

Northrup said participation in previous years had been dwindling, but the village saw a strong response to changes in its crafts and basketball programs.

Amanda Conkling led the arts program, which received consistently positive feedback, Northrup said. Crystal Stanton, the varsity basketball coach, led the basketball program, which also experienced significant growth.

Children attended regularly throughout the summer, Northrup said, with the basketball program combining skill development, practice and scrimmaging.



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Village recreation committee members Beth O'Brien and Eric Northrup praised the efforts of residents, volunteers and village staff in making improvements throughout Austin Lincoln Park. Here, trustees are on the covered bleachers that overlook the American Legion field, which also received some needed upgrades from the Torres family.



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Eddie Torres and family of Walton also volunteered their time to repaint the American Legion dugout, bleachers and benches at Austin Lincoln Park.

Stanton's work gave young participants an opportunity to learn the game while staying active and having something to look forward to each morning, he said.

The village's pool remains another major summer recreation draw.

Northrup said the goal is to continue building programs that give children positive activities and encourage families to use the park.

The improvements to Austin Lincoln Park are intended to support that goal by making the space more inviting and usable.

Northrup described the effort as an investment in the community's future, saying he grew up in Walton and wants his children to have the same opportunity to enjoy the village.

"It's a great place to raise your family," he said. "I grew up here, and I want my kids to have that option someday, too."

He added that preserving and improving the park is a responsibility for the current generation.

The park's baseball field also has benefited from community involvement. Eddie Torres and his family painted the American Legion baseball field's bleachers, dugouts and benches and completed other work on the field. Torres also organized a fundraising softball event at the park earlier this year to benefit the Walton Fire Department, known as Ezra's Angels.

WEIC's work at Austin Lincoln Park reflects the organization's broader aim of bringing residents, businesses and village government together to improve community spaces. As Noll told trustees in April, "It's not my ideas, it's our ideas. That's what we're here for."

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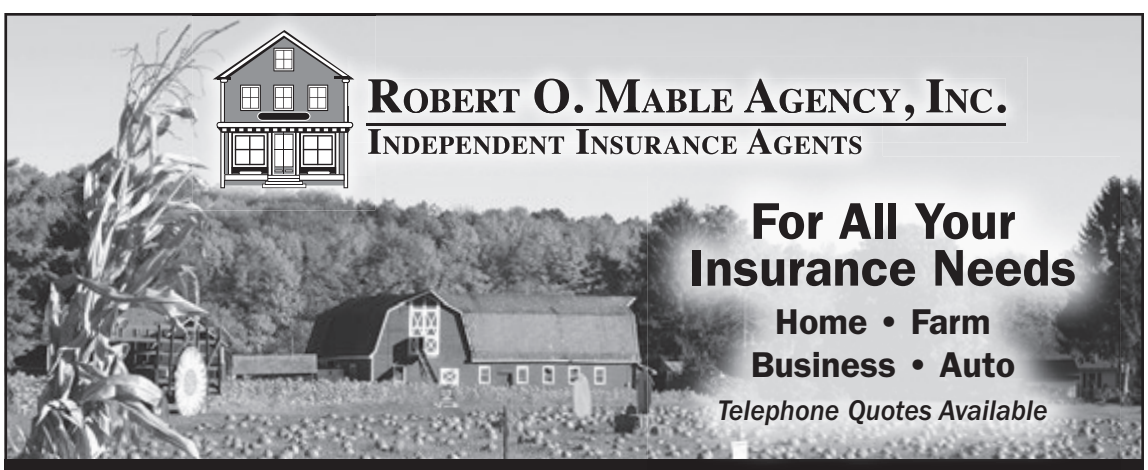
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O'Connor Foundation Grant Initiative Announced

The A. Lindsay and Olive B. O'Connor Foundation, Inc. of Delhi announced a grant program for 2027 focused on impacting youth in Delaware County, New York.

Proposals should demonstrate a specific impact on youth, leveraging as many other available resources as possible. The level of funding proposed for 2027 should be more than $500 but less than $2000. All projects should be designed to be completed by Dec. 31, 2027. The deadline for applications is Feb. 1, 2027.

Applications are available by mail by contacting the Foundation's office at 109 Sherwood Road, Delhi, NY 13753 or 607-538-9248. You may also visit www.theoconnorfoundation.org for further information and/or to download the application.

Successful applications will be announced March 31, 2027.

CCE Annual Meeting Nov. 13

The Cornell Cooperative Extension Board of Director's Annual Meeting is scheduled for Nov. 13, at Camp Shankitunk, 2420 Arbor Hill Road, Delhi, NY 13753, from 6 - 8 p.m.. Space is limited, RSVP by calling 607-865-6531 or email at delaware@cornell.edu

This is a "Pie Social", bring a pie to share, no dinner provided.

Cover Your Acres - Protecting People & Property: Nov. 19 in Hamden

Cover Your Acres - Protecting People & Property will be presented by Cornell Cooperative Extension Tuesday, Nov. 10, from 12 noon to 2 p.m.

The program will include a practical overview of the key insurance and risk management considerations to keep in mind, including

- What to look for when reviewing liability & property policies
- Considerations for protecting yourself & employees
- Health insurance
- Featuring FSA Dairy Margin Coverage and vegetable insurance options.

Registration Required - there is no fee to attend: contact Desiree Keever, JD Ag Issue Leader by email at dnk2@cornell.edu or call 607-865-6531.

The program will be held at CCE Delaware County, 34570 state Highway 10, Hamden.

Barn to Market Workshop for New York Pork Producers Dec. 7 in Walton

Cornell Cooperative Extension will host and present a Barn to Market Workshop for New York pork producers: "Pork Workshop - Producing Wholesome Pork for your Consumers" at Walton Agricultural Conservation Center, 44 West Street, Walton, Dec. 7. Registration is required by Dec. 4. Call Kim Holden at 607 865-7090 or email kmh19@cornell.edu

The workshop includes a pork dinner served at 5:30 p.m. and the $10 cost to attend will be collected at the door.

The evening will be packed with practical, evidence-based information to help produce quality pork and strengthen direct-to-consumer markets for a more profitable operation.

- "New York State of Pork" overview by Emma Kron, from the NY Pork Producers Association;
- Production Best Practices: proper handling techniques, how feed and genetics impact carcass quality, and discuss key biosecurity steps – Amy Barkley, CCE;
- Marketing & Pricing Strategies: Use of free tools to market and price your pork effectively - Matt LeRoux, Cornell's Dyson School of Economics & Management



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Helios Care Turkey Trot Returns Thanksgiving Morning

Annual Oneonta event features 5K run, 2.5K walk, canned food drive and fundraising challenges

ONEONTA - Helios Care's annual Turkey Trot for Hospice returns Thanksgiving morning, Nov. 26, bringing runners, walkers and community members together to support hospice and bereavement services across the region.

The event begins at 9 a.m. on House Street in front of Riverside School in Oneonta. Participants can choose between a 5K run and a 2.5K walk.

This year's event includes two special fundraising challenges.

The Dash & Donate Canned Food Challenge will benefit local families. For every canned good donated at designated collection sites, $1 will be contributed. Each can carried to the designated drop-off point along the race route will generate a $2 contribution.

Last year, participants collected 324 cans and raised $500. Organizers are challenging the community to exceed those totals this year.

A separate individual and team fundraising challenge invites participants to gather family members, friends and coworkers to raise money for Helios Care. Special trophies will recognize fundraising efforts. Proceeds support the organization's programs and services throughout Otsego, Delaware and Schoharie counties.

Early registration and packet pickup will be available at three locations:

- Tuesday, Nov. 24, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.: Helios Care office, 297 River Street Service Road, Oneonta.
- Wednesday, Nov. 25, 4 to 6 p.m.: Oneonta Boys & Girls Club, 70 River Street.
- Thanksgiving morning, 7:30 to 8:45 a.m.: Oneonta Boys & Girls Club.

Participants are encouraged to register early to receive a commemorative Turkey Trot shirt, available while supplies last.

More than a holiday race, the event raises funds for Helios Care's grief support services, children's bereavement camp, caregiver programs and community education.

To register or learn more, visit the Turkey Trot for Hospice page at: https://thanksgivingday5k-turkeytrotforhospice.itsyourrace.com/event.aspx?id=9965 or call 607-432-6773.

DO Staff Honored at Youth Bureau



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Walton Central School High School Guidance Counselor Karen Gilbertson with Delaware Opportunities Big Buddy Coordinator Jamie Smith who was awarded the Outstanding Youth Worker Award, along with Townsend School social worker Christine Harby and high school social worker Kate Hoffmeister. The award was given to recognize their work to develop and implement the school's mentoring program.

Delaware Opportunities staff attended the 41st Annual Youth Awards Banquet to celebrate the outstanding youth and youth workers making a difference in our community.

Delaware Opportunities Board members Wayne Marshfield and Jeff Staples were also in attendance, with Jeff Staples receiving an Outstanding Youth Worker Award.

Maggie Neale, Prevention Services Director for Delaware Opportunities, was recognized with an Outstanding Youth Worker Award for her dedication to supporting foster parents and youth throughout Delaware County.

Big Buddy Coordinator Jamie Smith was also awarded the Outstanding Youth Worker Award, along with Walton Central School staff Christine Harby and Kate Hoffmeister, for their outstanding work in developing and implementing the Walton Central School Mentoring Program.

Additionally, Delaware Opportunities staff nominated several local youth who were recognized with Outstanding Personal Growth Awards for their accomplishments and growth.

Congratulations to all the board members, staff, and youth who were honored at this year's banquet! Delaware Opportunities extends a heartfelt thank-you to the Delaware County Youth Bureau for hosting this annual event and recognizing the incredible individuals who make a difference in our community.

Tri-County Seniors Collect Care Kit Donations for Families Facing Medical Challenges

SIDNEY — The Tri-County Seniors in Sidney are collecting donations for Care Kits to support children and families facing serious medical challenges, including cancer treatment and surgery.

The annual holiday project will benefit families in need through Uplift Collective, an all-volunteer nonprofit organization based in Sidney Center. Volunteers will assemble the kits which will be distributed through Bassett Health Care Network's school-based health offices.

Donation boxes will be available at the following locations throughout the Tri-Town area from Nov. 2 through Dec. 4:

- Trackside Dining, Machos Tacos, Club 55 and the Tri-County Senior Center in Sidney
- Village Variety in Unadilla
- SFCU in Bainbridge

Suggested donations include blankets, soft socks, stuffed animals, children's books, crafts, games, snacks and personal care items. Gift cards for gas, groceries and restaurants are also welcome.

A complete list of suggested items is available on the Tri-County Senior Center's Facebook page, by emailing tricountyseniorcenter@yahoo.com or at each donation site.

For more information, contact Carol Allen, president of the Tri-County Seniors, at 607-563-8065.



4-H Builds Skills for Life

Hancock Town Council hears presentation during National 4-H Week; enrollment open through Dec. 1

Staff Report

HANCOCK - Leadership, responsibility, community service and confidence were among the skills highlighted during a presentation by Delaware County 4-H at a special Hancock Town Council meeting Monday, Oct. 27.

Corinne Tompkins of the Delaware County 4-H program introduced Addilyn Rappold, an 11-year-old sixth grade student at Delaware Academy who is in her fifth year of 4-H. The presentation was part of National 4-H Week, observed during the first full week of October, and was intended to show how the program helps young people prepare for life and work.

Rappold shared examples of how the four parts of the 4-H pledge - head, heart, hands and health - have shaped her experiences.

"I pledge my head to clearer thinking," she said, describing how serving as vice president of her 4-H group has helped her develop leadership skills. She also discussed learning to use tools such as a handsaw, hand drill and wood burner to make the board game Shut the Box.

Her commitment to caring and responsibility is reflected in raising pigs, which involves feeding, breeding, farrowing and walking them. She also took a class in flower arranging and made a bouquet for her mother for Mother's Day.

For community service, Rappold participated in a 4-H gardening contest in which members received seeds to grow produce for local food pantries. She also said her 4-H group cleaned more than two miles of road on Earth Day.

Her other experiences include participating in a bicentennial parade, making pierogies from scratch and attending 4-H camp, where she said she developed independence, friendships and self-confidence.

Rappold also displayed a certificate marking completion of her fourth year in the program, along with ribbons and a plaque she won with her pig, Clover.

"Hard work pays off and builds confidence," she said.

Photography and public speaking

Creative projects and public speaking have also been part of Rappold's 4-H experience.

She displayed a pressed-flower art project made at camp using a photographic process called cyanotype. Tompkins explained that the camp has a working darkroom where participants experiment with different photography techniques. Addie's work helped her earn a place at the state fair, Tompkins said.

At the Delaware County Fair, Rappold was selected to participate in "Voices of the Barn," an opportunity that requires her to answer questions from visitors about her farm and pigs throughout the fair.



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4-H Camp Shankitunk, Delhi.

The experience has helped her develop public-speaking skills by interacting with people she does not know. A QR code on her display allows visitors to watch a video of her explaining her farm and animals.

Tompkins thanked council members for the opportunity to share the program's work and said materials were available for residents interested in learning more.

Camp scholarships and enrollment

Tompkins also highlighted a campership established by Hancock the previous year to help young people attend 4-H Camp Shankitunk. Applicants can enter an essay contest for a scholarship that may cover the full cost of camp. Information and application flyers were available at the meeting.

Delaware County 4-H is accepting enrollment for the coming year through Dec. 1. Participation is free for young people who live in Delaware County, Tompkins said. Paper enrollment packets and online enrollment are available.

The camp will celebrate its 100th anniversary in summer 2027, with a centennial event planned for June 12. The year will also mark 125 years of 4-H nationwide, Tompkins said.

Cattle Handling Systems Tours Nov. 7

Cattle handling facilities make many things easier and safer on the beef farm. Beef farm businesses are welcome to visit two locations in Delhi where updated cattle handling facilities have been incorporated.

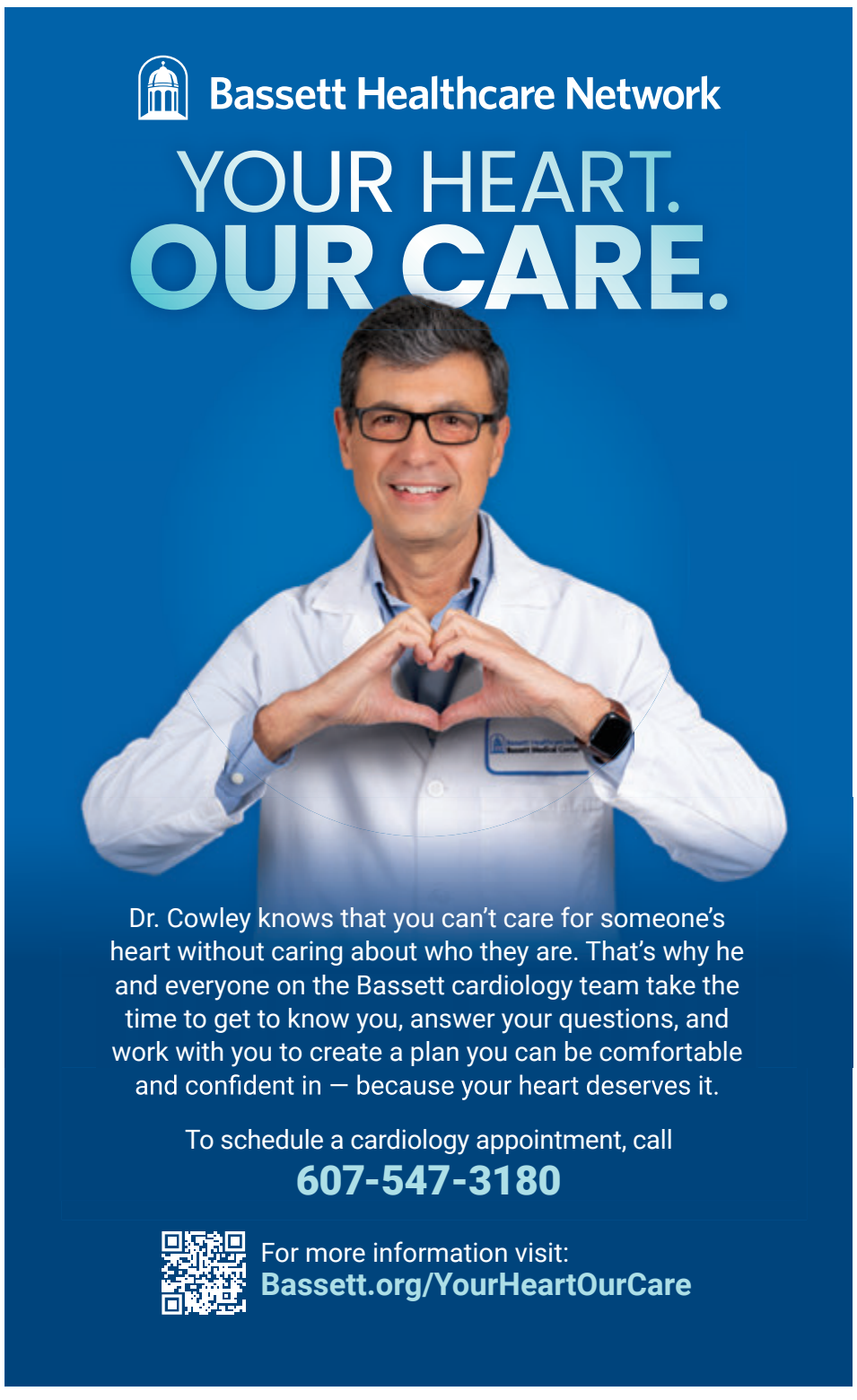
Both tours are Saturday, Nov. 7, and first scheduled is at 10 a.m. at Riverdale Farm, 48018 Hwy. 10, Delhi, with the Frisbee family who has a commercially manufactured chute with sweep. Additionally, the John May Farm Safety Fund will be explained.

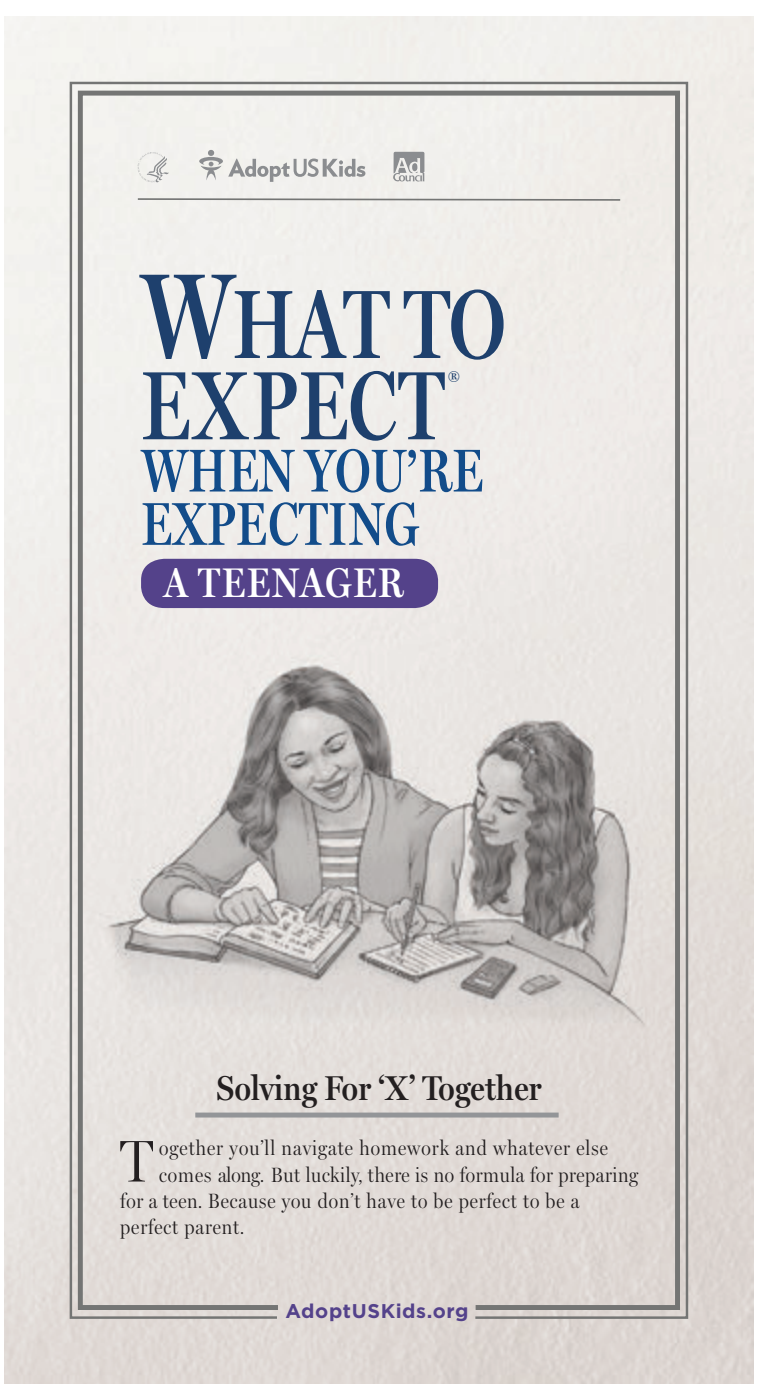
At 11 a.m., Scott Rasmussen at Sydetta Farm, 835 Spring Valley Road, Delhi, will demonstrate an in-barn combination of farm-constructed holding areas and alleys with squeeze chute/scale; and will share an overview of recently incorporated pasture rotation with a low-cost watering system.

There is no cost to attend and those interested may attend one or both to hear from the farmers about why they invested in their system, how they use it, and how it advances their farm goals.

Register by Nov. 5; call Kim Holden at 607-865-7090 or email kmh19@cornell.edu







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The Common Room...

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she found herself increasingly involved in bringing people together through the arts.

She has served as event coordinator for Walton Porchfest, managed the Walton Farmers' Market and worked with musicians, vendors and local creators. Earlier this year, she volunteered her talents to design Walton's new town seal and has also led the Drawing Community Together initiative.

But it was her experience directing the village's six-week summer arts and crafts program that helped crystallize her vision.

Working with children and watching their enthusiasm for creative activities showed her how rewarding it could be to provide opportunities for others to explore the arts.

Initially, Conkling imagined



Patti Cantamessa/*The Reporter*

Renee Hardenkamp of Walton with her daughter Robin, 4, and son Lee, 15 months, attend the Fall for the Arts fundraiser at Awestruck Mill Oct. 23.

opening a studio of her own. Then a conversation with someone at the Roxbury Arts Group introduced another possibility.

"Have you ever thought about a nonprofit?" she recalled being asked.

The more she explored the idea, the more natural it seemed.

A nonprofit community arts organization could combine her interest in creativity with her commitment to giving back to Walton.

The name, The Common Room, reflects the welcoming atmosphere she hopes to establish.

"I chose The Common Room because I wanted it to feel like a familiar space to people," Conkling said. "When you think of your living room or your common room, that's where you go to relax."

She wants visitors to feel equally comfortable in the new studio, regardless of their age, experience or artistic ability.

A home on Delaware Street

The Common Room is preparing to occupy approximately 2,000 square feet at 134 Delaware Street, a storefront most recently used as a pet store.

Conkling said she had spent years looking at potential locations, but the cost of downtown commercial space often made her plans difficult to pursue.

When the Delaware Street property became available, its location, affordability and accessibility made it particularly appealing.

Situated between Walton's schools, the storefront offers convenient access for future after-school programming. Its large windows provide visibility along the downtown corridor, while parking and a ramped entrance make the space more accessible.

The interior has already been cleaned, painted and renovated, including the installation of a bathroom.

A grand opening is planned for Saturday, Nov. 28, coinciding with Walton's Small Business Saturday celebration. Conkling hopes to offer some classes even sooner.

The organization is awaiting approval of its federal 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status, and the board is working through the many practical details involved in establishing a new organization.

Among the immediate challenges are rent, electricity, heating and the cost of maintaining a supply of materials.

The studio uses electric baseboard heat, an important consideration during the winter months because paints, clay and other art supplies must be protected from freezing.

Conkling recognizes the financial balancing act involved in keeping the doors open while making classes affordable.

"We want to keep the lights on and we want to keep things affordable," she said.

Creativity without boundaries

While painting and drawing will certainly have a place at The Common Room, Conkling's definition of the arts extends far beyond traditional studio activities.

Plans include multidisciplinary art classes, fiber arts, pottery, writing, storytelling, music, creative movement, culinary arts and opportunities for community groups to gather around shared interests.

Regular classes are expected to begin soon after opening, with subjects changing according to community interest and available instructors.

Conkling also hopes to establish open studio hours through a membership program that would allow participants to use shared supplies, work on ongoing projects and store materials at the studio.

Open mic nights and other musical events are among the possibilities, drawing on the connections she has developed through Walton Porchfest.

For families with very young children, Conkling envisions a gathering called the Morning Nest, where parents and caregivers could enjoy coffee, conversation and simple creative projects.



Patti Cantamessa/*The Reporter*

Benjamin Steinbacher and Oban Conkling, both 5, help create a scarecrow at The Common Room fundraiser event with the help of Tara Vitti at Awestruck Mill.

Adult classes, family workshops and private rentals for birthday parties or other gatherings are also planned.

One of her greatest priorities, however, is developing after-school programming.

Conkling hopes to establish a welcoming environment where students can gather, create and connect, particularly those who may not participate in organized sports.

She anticipates that developing partnerships with the school district and securing funding will take time, with after-school programming potentially beginning in spring 2027 or the following fall.

The need for such opportunities was raised during Walton's Oct. 8 public hearing on downtown revitalization, when resident Dana Baker expressed concern that children interested in reading, writing, music, theater and art have fewer organized activities available to them than those involved in sports.

Conkling shares that interest in providing alternatives while welcoming children with all kinds of interests.

Her goal is not to duplicate existing programs, but to collaborate with other organizations and build upon the creative opportunities already available.

Community support takes center stage

The Oct. 23 fundraiser at Awestruck Mill offered an early glimpse of the community connections Conkling hopes The Common Room will foster.

The evening featured sushi, bread, artwork from STUDIO 190, pumpkin painting, scarecrow making and other seasonal activities.

Awestruck Mill donated a portion of its sales to the effort and provided space for the event.

Conkling said the partnership developed naturally through her longstanding relationship with Awestruck co-founders Patti Wilcox and Casey Vitti and previous collaborations with the business.

Grace Benkovitz, Awestruck's continuous improvement lead, said supporting community initiatives is central to the business's philosophy.

"Without the community, we have nothing," Benkovitz said.

She noted that the arts offer opportunities for personal expression, emotional wellbeing and connections among people of different generations.

The fundraiser exceeded its financial goal, providing the organization with money to begin covering startup and operating expenses.

It also introduced the Founding 50 Ginkgo Leaf Permanent Art Installation, recognizing early supporters who contribute $50 or more.

The planned installation will feature personalized bronze, green and gold ginkgo leaves, representing the community support helping The Common Room take root.

Conkling said the ginkgo leaf was chosen in part for its symbolism of resilience and strength. The idea was inspired by an earlier community art project associated with the Walton Theatre.

Rather than arranging the leaves on a traditional tree, the board envisions them appearing to float in the breeze.

By Oct. 27, only a few Founding 50 opportunities remained, although additional donations are welcome.

Conkling also expressed gratitude to the Walton Theatre Preservation Association, which initially offered space in the theater for her arts programming.

She said the association approved her proposal over the summer, allowing her to begin planning classes in the theater's upstairs space. However, as her vision expanded, she realized the program would require a larger, more accessible location.

The theater's upstairs space presented accessibility challenges, while the new Delaware Street storefront offers a ground-level entrance and room for a wider variety of activities.

Conkling emphasized her appreciation for the association's early encouragement and willingness to support her efforts.

The experience reflects the collaborative spirit she hopes will define The Common Room,



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A scarecrow welcomes visitors to Awestruck Mill in Walton for the Oct. 23 Fall for the Arts fundraiser benefiting The Common Room Community Arts, a new nonprofit dedicated to expanding creative opportunities for residents of all ages.

with local organizations working together to expand opportunities rather than compete with one another.

A place for everyone

Among those attending the fundraiser was Renee Hardenkamp of The Uplands in Walton, accompanied by her children, Robin, 4, and Lee, 15 months.

Hardenkamp welcomed the prospect of additional creative programming for children and adults, including storytelling and writing workshops.

"This is exactly what we need in our community," she said.

She praised the Walton library's existing children's programming while emphasizing that additional opportunities would be beneficial.

Hardenkamp also sees The Common Room as a way to strengthen relationships between families who have lived in Walton for generations and those who have recently moved to the area.

With a growing mix of longtime residents and newcomers, she believes shared creative experiences could help bring people together.

Walton resident Sally Cranston expressed similar enthusiasm, particularly for adult classes and opportunities to explore new artistic interests.

"I think it draws community together, but I also think it's just personal growth," Cranston said.

Having moved away from Walton for approximately 30 years before returning, Cranston appreciates the sense of community she has found in her hometown.

Asked what would make The Common Room a welcoming place, her answer was immediate.

"It's already a welcoming place. Amanda's running it."

Katie Steinbacker, Conkling's sister, attended the fundraiser with her 5-year-old son, Benjamin, who participated in pumpkin painting.

Steinbacker said she looks forward to having additional activities where children can gather and families can spend time together.

"I think it's going to be great for the kids," she said. "Finally something in town where kids can come together."

Building on community connections

Conkling credits an enthusiastic board of directors with helping turn her idea into reality.

Vice President Tara Vitti brings nonprofit experience and creative interests, while Treasurer Jodie Schwartz contributes financial expertise and community connections.

Secretary Stephanie Gline has worked with Conkling through Porchfest and is involved with Jeremiah Pottery.

Molly Little brings experience with The Arc and its STUDIO 190 arts program, which supports creative expression among adults with developmental disabilities.

Board member Jessica Hanley, a photographer and small-business owner, has discussed the possibility of establishing a creative studio with Conkling for several years.

Another especially meaningful connection is board member Lara Fassler, who once taught Conkling art.

Conkling remembers Fassler encouraging her artistic interests as a student and entering her work in an exhibition at SUNY Oneonta, where she received recognition.

Today, the teacher and former student are working together to create similar opportunities for others.

Looking ahead

The Common Room's immediate priorities include furnishing the studio, organizing donated materials, establishing a class schedule and welcoming local artists and instructors interested in sharing their skills.

Conkling encourages residents to suggest programs, offer feedback and help shape the organization as it develops.

She hopes grants, sponsorships and partnerships will eventually make sliding-scale fees and free programming possible.

Although The Common Room is not currently pursuing New York Forward funding because it does not own its building, Conkling sees the organization as part of Walton's broader effort to strengthen its downtown and attract people to the community.

Her longer-term dream includes eventually owning a building and creating an arts destination that draws participants from Walton and surrounding communities.

For now, success means something simpler: keeping the doors open, filling the studio with activity and ensuring that everyone who enters feels welcome.

Conkling is especially eager to reach people who believe they lack artistic ability.

"We're all learning. We're all students," she said, emphasizing that creativity takes many forms and that beginners should never feel intimidated.

The Common Room, she hopes, will be a place where people can experiment, make mistakes, discover new talents and enjoy the company of others without fear of judgment.

After years of imagining what such a space might look like, Conkling is watching her dream become a reality.

What began as an idea for an art studio is becoming a place where the community itself will help determine what happens next.

And for Conkling, that may be the most exciting part of all.

Residents interested in classes, volunteering, donating supplies or teaching workshops can contact The Common Room Community Arts through its Facebook page or email thecommonroomarts@gmail.com

Costumes, Candy and Community: Margaretville Celebrates Halloween



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The Margaretville Central School band led the annual Halloween parade up Main Street Friday, Oct. 30. Under the direction of Jennifer Sobas Sands, the musicians added depth to the performance by moving from the street into the Galli Curci theater before returning to the school.

By J. Lawrence-Bauer

MARGARETVILLE - Margaretville's annual Halloween Parade Friday, Oct. 30 drew the usual cohort of elementary school students, high school musicians and parents, teachers and friends when it stepped off from the school at 1 p.m. and moved up Main Street.

Marchers of all ages joined in, rocking costumes that ranged from simple to elaborate, store-bought to homemade. Holding to tradition, students marched to and around the NBT Bank where staffers were on hand to dole out sweet treats to marchers.

Led by the Margaretville Central School band under the direction of Jennifer Sobas Sands, the marchers added a new dimension this year when they marched to the Galli Curci Theater which hosts the annual Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) celebration in the village. Inside the historic theater, the band stood at parade rest to perform its program where it could be better heard than on the street.

The Dia de los Muertos parade scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 31 followed with music, dance and traditional foods as well as local and Mexican artists, hosted by Sacred Soil at the Galli Curci Theater.



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Margaretville Central School's Xavier Belzil rocked the boat in his Titanic costume during the annual Halloween parade Friday, Oct. 30.



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Golden retriever puppy Teddy attended his first ever Halloween parade Friday, Oct. 30 dressed as a monkey with his "forever parents" Kate and John Van Benschoten.



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Jaimee Hubbell, left, holding daughter Jordyn joined Kayleigh Hubbell for the annual Halloween parade in Margaretville Friday, Oct. 30.



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Beth Erickson Smith, long-time trainer of Margaretville Central School bus drivers and retired head bus driver returned to the school on Friday, Oct. 30 to participate in the annual Halloween parade. Always one to don an elaborate costume, the mother and grandmother carried a pumpkin full of treats for kids.

Waldo Takes Over Walton in Townsend School's Halloween Parade

Goblins, ninjas, superheroes and princesses fill the streets as students and staff celebrate ahead of Halloween



Lillian Browne/*The Reporter*

By Lillian Browne

WALTON - The weather was chilly and gray, but the streets of Walton were anything but dreary Friday, Oct. 30, as students and staff from Townsend Elementary School brought their annual Halloween parade through the village.

From goblins and ninjas to princesses and plenty of familiar red-and-white stripes, the parade featured costumed students from universal prekindergarten through fifth grade. Teachers and staff joined the fun, with multiple Where's Waldo costumes making them easy to spot in the crowd - at least for anyone looking for Waldo.

Leading the procession was Walton Police Chief Tahir Haqq, whose patrol vehicle had a ghoulish co-pilot for the occasion.

The Walton Central School Marching Band provided the musical entertainment, adding a festive soundtrack as the young marchers made their way around the block.

Held a day before Saturday's Halloween trick-or-treating festivities, the parade offered students, staff and the community an early chance to celebrate the season.



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A Little Radio Station With a Big Voice

WIOX's Next Chapter in the Catskills

By Lillian Browne

ROXBURY - For years, WIOX Community Radio relied on volunteers to keep its programming on the air. But as hosts became less able to commit to regular shows, the Roxbury station struggled to maintain a consistent schedule. Some programs disappeared, recorded classical music filled the gaps and at times, the station went silent.

Joe Piasek, a WIOX founder who returned to help the station, said it might have gone off the air for good a year ago due to intermittent management, irregular programming, and no mechanism for sustainable funding. Now, WIOX is joining forces with Radio Catskill, the nonprofit operator of WJFF in Jeffersonville, in an effort to keep the station operating while expanding its programming and listeners.

The stations began sharing programming Oct. 26, and will begin a totally integrated schedule Nov. 8. This week the FCC cleared the way for a merger by approving what's referred to as a license "assignment" that combines the two stations under the ownership umbrella of the nonprofit Radio Catskill, Inc.

WIOX initiated the partnership after recognizing that it needed the management systems, staff expertise and organizational structure that Radio Catskill could provide.

"Expanded is the right word," Piasek said of what listeners should expect. "Expanded programming and expanded reach to strengthen local radio for the future in this region.

"WIOX's local character is being folded into a more regional 'Radio Catskill' that celebrates all things Catskills, giving programs such as Pop-Up, The Andy Cahill Show, Alan Reynold's Radio Truckstop, Mark Birman's Sports show, All That Gumbo, and other WIOX programs, greatly increased audience, from northeast PA to Windham.

A Station Built By Its Neighbors

WIOX began broadcasting Aug. 27, 2010, following a community effort to bring a full-power FM station to a part of the Catskills with limited local radio options. Its 91.3 FM signal was designed to serve Roxbury and surrounding communities, where mountain terrain can make reception unpredictable.

The station relied heavily on volunteers. WIOX's historical description identified more than 85 community volunteers producing live and local programming. Over the years, the roster of contributors grew into the hundreds, Piasek said.

WIOX developed an eclectic schedule reflecting the interests of its volunteer hosts. Programs explored local agriculture and forestry, Catskills folklore, health and community issues. Music shows covered everything from New Orleans and Latin music to Irish traditional, country, blues and folk. Other programs featured poetry, spirituality, sports, political commentary and independent artists. The diversity reflected a model in which the station's identity was shaped by the people who volunteered to make its programming.

"The listeners were the program hosts, the supporters, the underwriters," Piasek said.

But eventually that all-volunteer model also revealed weaknesses. When volunteers left, became busy or could no longer appear regularly, the schedule became difficult to maintain. Piasek said the problem was not a lack of ideas but the lack of a management team to engage contributors, support programming and make the technical operation sustainable. For a few years, WIOX was managed by WSKG, but that ended when management shifted there. The relationship with WJFF is a much better fit.

What's not changing is the Roxbury studio's physical home which also reflects local initiative. WIOX occupies a building on Bridge Street that once housed a Masonic Lodge. Piasek and other local residents became involved in saving the building when it was in danger of deteriorating. A group of friends purchased it, builder Bill Fane rebuilt the interior, Steve Walker's crew renovated the exterior.

As the building's future was being considered, the radio project was taking shape. The owners offered space for a studio, and the building became WIOX's home.

The property was later sold, and the station now leases its space. Piasek said it will continue broadcasting from Roxbury with its transmitter in Grand Gorge as part of the combined operation. Radio Catskill maintains studios in Liberty with a transmitter in Jeffersonville.

Although licensed to Roxbury, WIOX has listeners beyond Delaware County. The Catskills' mountainous terrain can interfere with radio signals, and coverage does not necessarily follow county boundaries. Piasek describes WIOX as a station at the crossroads of several Catskills counties. The merger is intended to broaden its reach by making programming from the merged stations available across a wider area and through digital platforms.

Listeners will still be able to tune in to WIOX at 91.3 FM. Piasek said the call letters and frequency will remain unchanged, although the combined operation is branded Radio Catskill. At the top of each hour, though, listeners will hear station identifications for WIOX in Roxbury and WJFF in Jeffersonville.



J. Lawrence-Bauer/*The Reporter*

WIOX radio is housed on Bridge Street, Roxbury.



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Joe Piasek and Dan Kelleher, the co-founders of WIOX radio, in its early days.

Why The Merger Happened

Both stations face the costs of operating a broadcast service, including equipment, transmission, utilities, maintenance and staffing. Piasek, whose professional background is in commercial media, said nonprofit stations face many of the same operating expenses as commercial broadcasters.

"They all have the same kinds of expenses," he said. "They all have staffing. They all need professional expertise to remain compliant as non-profits and federal license holders. They all have energy usage, utilities, hard expenses."

The difference, he said, is what happens to the money after those costs are covered.

"The only thing that doesn't exist is that above-the-line profit of a commercial enterprise goes to shareholders," Piasek said, "and the difference is that nonprofits, and our non-commercial licenses, instead of having shareholders, have community stakeholders."

WIOX has never received funding from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, Piasek said. Its financial support has come from individual donors and other local sources including the Sherr family, whose support continued after the death of neighbor Dan Sherr, but for the past few years no one had their eye on sustainability.

Radio Catskill faces different financial pressures. As an NPR-affiliated station, WJFF has relied in part on public-media funding, and Piasek said federal funding cuts have added pressure to its finances.

The two stations are coming together with different needs. WIOX needed organizational support to assist its volunteer hosts. Radio Catskill offered management resources and had an opportunity to expand its regional broadcast presence.

The Radio Dial In An On-Demand World

As a medium, radio now competes with streaming services, podcasts, social media, satellite radio and video platforms that also offer audio programming. Edison Research's Share of Ear survey found that, in the second quarter of 2025, AM/FM radio - whether heard over the air or through a station's digital stream - accounted for just over one-third of daily audio listening time among Americans ages 13 and older. Internet-delivered audio formats collectively accounted for more than half.



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The late Tom Hynes, former Roxbury supervisor, at the mic in the studio.

For a small station, the challenge is to offer something that large digital platforms cannot easily reproduce: a connection to a particular place and its people. Piasek argues that locally rooted radio can provide a level of trust and editorial veracity that social media does not necessarily offer.

"The easy, one-word answer is a 'gate,'" he said, describing what this local radio merger can provide. An on-air gateway to the Catskills.

Radio Catskill streams its broadcasts and offers an app through which listeners can hear programming live, revisit archived shows or browse podcasts. They use social media and collaborate with MTC (Margaretville Telephone Company) on television distribution.

Radio Catskill has retrofitted and updated the WIOX studios for recording and live broadcasts. That will allow hosts who cannot commit to a weekly live broadcast to produce programs or longer interviews for podcasts, which WIOX could not have done alone. A live show requires a host to be in the studio at a specific time. Recorded interviews and podcasts offer more flexibility, allowing volunteers to continue contributing around their other commitments.

Local Voices, Under A Larger Roof

The shift to a common simulcast schedule will change what WIOX listeners hear in ways that are more professional yet still community minded, including NPR programs such as All Things Considered and Wait Wait ... Don't Tell Me! The Radio Catskill combined schedule adds more than 18 hours of local programming originating at both locations.

The more structured schedule is intended to provide consistency and expand access to national news. The challenge will be maintaining the range of local voices that distinguished WIOX while operating under a more centralized management structure, and merging those shows with some of WJFF's legendary local programs that go back more than three decades, such as Farm & Country, Ballads & Banjos, and Catskill Character.

WIOX has benefited from the contributions of an estimated 300 to 400 people over its 16-plus years. They have brought music, interviewed neighbors, discussed local issues and helped keep the station on the air.

"The audience should be commended for keeping the station alive and for supporting the merger that keeps it—that will continue to keep it—alive," Piasek said.

Piasek estimates that the combined service could reach about 100,000 to a million or more people across its coverage area. That figure represents the potential audience within the stations' coverage area and fringe, not a measured number of listeners as the seasonal population changes — "and you know," he said, "New York City is just down the road."

For listeners, the merger means local radio will not disappear. It will be more expansive and vibrant, and remain a sustainable, valuable public service.

"Yes, the schedule will change, evolve, as it has throughout its existence, but now with a solid team led by Tim Bruno, Mimi Bradley, and Jason Dole. There's no place like the Catskills, and there's no better way hear about it every day than on Radio Catskill."

Listeners can find programming updates and the new schedule at RadioCatskill.org



Walton Approves $1K Cap On Police Officers' Criminal Defense Costs

Staff Report

WALTON - The village of Walton unanimously approved a local law Tuesday, Nov. 3, allowing the village to reimburse police employees for up to $1,000 in criminal defense expenses when charges arise from actions within the scope of their public employment and the employee is acquitted or the charges are dismissed. The vote followed a public hearing that drew questions about the use of taxpayer money, the potential cost to the village and whether residents would be able to review reimbursements.

The law implements a provision of the collective bargaining agreement between the village and its police employees' union. It establishes reimbursement as an employment benefit and additional compensation for services rendered.

Under the law, a covered employee is someone who was employed by the village in a position covered by the police collective bargaining agreement at the time of the incident. Leaving village employment afterward does not automatically disqualify the employee.

Eligible expenses include reasonable attorney fees and necessary disbursements actually incurred in defending criminal charges. The maximum reimbursement is $1,000 per occurrence, regardless of how many related charges or proceedings arise from the same incident.

Payment would be made only after an acquittal or dismissal of the charges. An adjournment in contemplation of dismissal would qualify only if the charges are ultimately dismissed. The law does not authorize advance payments.

Employees seeking reimbursement must submit a written application to the village clerk, including information about the incident, its connection to their job duties, documentation of the charges and their disposition, itemized legal expenses and any payments received from other sources.

Trustees, after consulting with the village attorney, will determine whether the requirements have been met and whether expenses are reasonable and necessary. Employees must have an opportunity to provide supporting information before a claim is denied. Any denial or reduction must be explained in writing.

The law also states that reimbursement cannot exceed the employee's actual eligible expenses remaining after payments from other sources or the $1,000 limit, whichever is less. Approved claims would be paid through the village's regular claims procedures.

During the hearing, resident Carol Armstrong questioned whether the reimbursement would violate state constitutional restrictions on the use of public funds for private purposes. She also raised concerns about public officers accepting financial benefits connected to their positions.

"It's not my opinion. It's the law," Armstrong said.

Trustee Eric Northrup asked Armstrong to explain how she interpreted the provisions. She said she believed public money should not be used to provide gifts or benefits to individuals when they have broken the law.

Trustees explained that the reimbursement applies only when an officer is acquitted or charges are dismissed, and only when the underlying conduct occurred within the scope of public employment.

Mayor Bjorn Eilertson said the provision was requested by the police union as part of its contract.

"This is a union requirement for their contract," Northrup said, describing the law as an added layer of protection for officers facing criminal charges stemming from their work.

Another resident, Meghan Armstrong, asked whether the village had estimated the potential cost to taxpayers and whether annual reports detailing reimbursements would be available.

Northrup said the village had no way to predict when a qualifying incident might occur. Another described such cases as "extraordinarily rare" and said the village did not anticipate a significant financial burden.

"We've never had one," Trustee Virginia O'Dell said, in response to a question about whether the village had previously faced such a situation.

Meghan Armstrong asked whether residents could review how often the provision was used and how much public money was spent.

Eilertsen said residents could submit a Freedom of Information Law request, although some personal information might not be releasable. Officials also pointed to the village budget as a source of annual spending information.

Officials described the $1,000 maximum as a limited expense spread across village taxpayers, saying the cost would amount to "nickels on the dollar" if a reimbursement were needed.

Armstrong said she wanted to ensure residents could access information about the spending, particularly those living on fixed incomes who are affected by increases in local taxes and fees.

The law does not diminish any rights police employees have under their collective bargaining agreement, including grievance procedures, or any separate rights to defense or indemnification under state law or other village enactments. It also prohibits reimbursing the same expense more than once.

The law applies prospectively to incidents occurring on or after its effective date. Any rights established under an earlier collective bargaining agreement or other lawful authority are preserved.

It takes effect immediately upon filing with the New York Secretary of State.

Deputy Promoted



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DELHI - At a swearing-in ceremony held at the Delaware County Public Safety Building Thursday, Oct. 22, Sheriff Craig S. DuMond announced the promotion of Deputy Sheriff Justin Mohr to Deputy Sheriff Corporal effective Oct. 25.

Mohr joined the sheriff's office in 2023 transferring from the Delhi Police Department. A graduate of the Otsego County Law Enforcement Academy in March 2018, he brought law enforcement experience and specialized training to the agency.

Since joining the sheriff's office, Mohr has expanded his professional expertise and contributions. He is a certified K9 handler assigned to K9 Dexter, a certified drug recognition expert, and a member of the Sheriff's Office Special Response Team (SRT). He also holds a New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services Master Instructor certification. In addition to his operational responsibilities, Mohr serves as a mentor to fellow deputies and members of other law enforcement agencies.

Mohr has received numerous awards and recognition for his outstanding service. Most recently he shared New York State Sheriffs' Institute Deputy of the Year honors with fellow members of the sheriff's office for their response to a shooting incident in Hancock. He has also received numerous Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) awards for his dedicated efforts in detecting and apprehending impaired drivers on Delaware County roadways.

Speaking on the promotion, Sheriff DuMond said Mohr has consistently demonstrated the professionalism, dedication, and sound judgment expected from deputies.

"His experience, initiative, and commitment to serving the people of Delaware County have established him as a respected member of this agency. His specialized training and willingness to mentor others demonstrate his commitment not only to the sheriff's office, but to the law enforcement profession as a whole. I have confidence in his leadership abilities and his capacity to take on the additional responsibilities that come with this promotion. I look forward to his continued contributions to the sheriff's office and the communities we serve," DuMond said.

Hancock Police Responded to 44 Calls, Made One Arrest in October

HANCOCK - The Hancock Police Department responded to 44 calls for service and investigations in October, issued 10 traffic tickets and made one arrest, according to the department's monthly activity report.

Officers also conducted 135 property checks, investigated one motor vehicle accident and assisted other agencies four times. No parking tickets or alarm activation responses were reported.

The department recorded one arrest during the month. On Oct. 6, **Preston S. Walker**, 29, of Hancock, was picked up from the Broome County Correctional Facility on three village of Hancock bench warrants. He was transported to Delaware County Jail for centralized arraignment.

On Oct. 22, police transported a man to the hospital for evaluation under Mental Hygiene Law Section 9.41.

Calls for service included five harassment complaints, five requests for citizen assistance, three domestic complaints, two civil complaints, two disturbance complaints, two larceny complaints, two trespassing complaints and two landlord-tenant complaints. Officers also handled one mental health complaint, one suspicious person or vehicle complaint, one animal complaint and one 911 hang-up complaint.

Police assisted the New York State Police once and fire and emergency medical services three times.

Training, school visits and community details

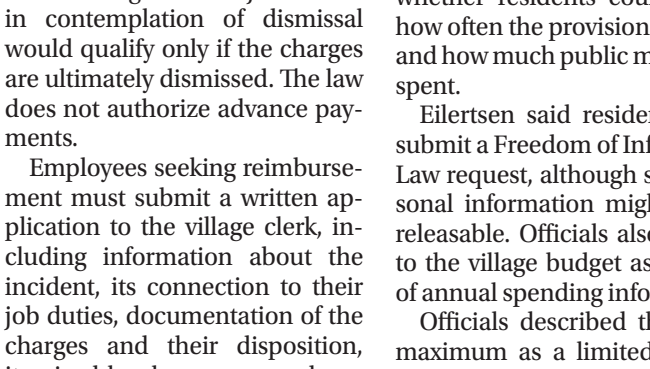
Department members also provided traffic control and security at several community events and school activities in October.

On Oct. 7, an officer attended domestic violence training. Members worked a special detail at the Town Square Harvest Festival Oct. 9 and provided traffic control for the Tractor Parade Oct. 10, with assistance from Hancock Fire Police.

An officer visited Hancock Central School Oct. 20 for a pre-kindergarten Halloween safety presentation and returned Oct. 27 for the school's Safety Day.

Police and Hancock Fire Police provided traffic control for the Oct. 22 homecoming parade. Department members also worked a special detail at the bonfire at Firemen's Field that evening, followed by a special detail at the varsity football homecoming game Oct. 23.

Police returned to the school Oct. 30 for a varsity football playoff game and provided traffic control for the Halloween parade Oct. 31, with assistance from Hancock Fire Police. Extra patrols were also assigned for Halloween.



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Sidney K-9 Chase: A Four-Legged Officer With A Nose For Police Work - And A New Layer Of Protection

Dutch shepherd helps find evidence, track suspects and detect drugs; donated bullet- and stab-resistant vest will add protection on high-risk calls

By Lillian Browne

SIDNEY - He can find drugs hidden from view, track people through tall grass and recover evidence that might otherwise go unnoticed. But when Sidney Police Officer Royce Terry describes his K-9 partner, Chase, he also talks about a dog who barks at shadows, keeps an eye on neighborhood cats and loves nothing more than stretching out in the sunshine.

At 23 months old, Chase is a young member of the Sidney Police Department, but he already has a wide range of responsibilities. Now, a donated bullet- and stab-resistant vest will provide an added layer of protection when the Dutch shepherd is sent into potentially dangerous situations.

The vest is being provided through Vested Interest in K9s Inc., a nonprofit organization that supplies protective equipment to law enforcement dogs. Gordon and Joan Terry of New Hartford sponsored Chase's vest, which will be embroidered with the words, "Born to Love-Trained to Serve-Loyal Always." Delivery is expected within 10 weeks.



image courtesy of Sidney Police Department

Sidney Police Officer Royce Terry and his partner, Chase.

Chase came to Sidney in October 2025 from a breeder in Williamsport, Pennsylvania. His mother is a bomb-detection dog in Pennsylvania, and his father is a working dog in another state. Both come from successful working lines, Terry said.

The department began handler school with Chase shortly after his arrival, preparing the team for narcotics detection and patrol work.

Chase is trained to detect fentanyl, heroin, methamphetamine, MDMA and cocaine. His other skills include tracking suspects and missing people, patrol work that includes bite training, and locating discarded evidence - a specialty Terry particularly enjoys watching.

"Honestly, it's my favorite thing to watch because it really makes the dogs work," Terry said.

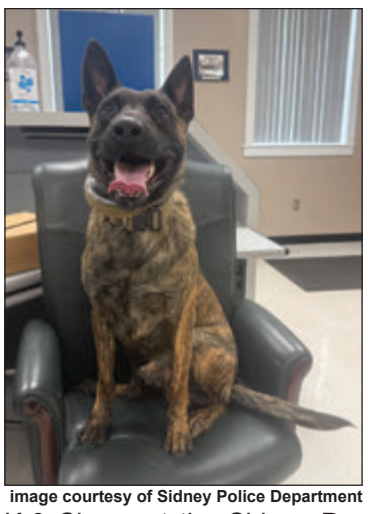


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K-9 Chase at the Sidney Police Department, awaiting duty.

He described an incident over the summer when an officer dropped a body camera during a foot pursuit. The camera landed in tall grass, where it would have been nearly impossible for a person to spot. After officers established the general area where the pursuit took place, Chase was deployed and located the camera within minutes.

The ability to find such items can help investigators recover evidence, including objects that may contain DNA or connect a suspect to a crime through video.

Chase's work also extends beyond Sidney. Terry said the team has assisted multiple agencies in Delaware County and surrounding counties.

One recent example came Sept. 18, when Chase assisted New York State Police during a traffic stop. The search resulted in the discovery of 47 grams of cocaine, 29 grams of fentanyl, 18.4 grams of heroin and 39 grams of methamphetamine.

"Without Chase that morning we would have never located those narcotics," Terry said.

A working partnership

Terry, who began his law enforcement career in 2017 and joined the Sidney Police Department in 2019, is Chase's handler. The department began working to bring a K-9 team back to the agency in 2022, when it received K-9 Riggs, a single-purpose narcotics dog donated through the Southern Tier Police K-9 Association. Riggs retired in 2026 because of medical issues.

Sidney also had a K-9 officer years earlier, when Officer Grant Coates worked with a police dog.

Terry and Chase now spend 16 hours each month in maintenance training with other local K-9 teams, including the Delaware County Sheriff's Office.

The work requires constant practice, Terry said. Skills that are sharp one day may need attention the next, and handlers must continually adjust training to keep dogs engaged and prepared.

As an overnight officer, Terry sees particular value in having Chase available when fewer resources may be nearby. The presence of a police dog can also serve as a deterrent.

"If I was going to do a crime and a patrol car rolled past me and a dog barked, I may think twice," he said.

Terry emphasized that police K-9s do far more than apprehend suspects. Their ability to locate people, find evidence and detect drugs can help solve cases and protect lives. They can also have a calming effect on people experiencing difficult moments.

"Sometimes, someone having a bad day just wants to see the dog or pet them and it can totally change the trajectory of their event," he said.

A dog with a personality

When Chase is not working, he lives with Terry full time. His routine is structured: He waits at the door until Terry gives him permission to go outside, and he works for the things he receives.

He gets plenty of time to play with his ball, but he also has a reputation for being vocal.



image courtesy of Sidney Police Department

Sidney Police Department's K-9, Chase.

"Chase has quite the personality; he definitely is a dog that will try to push your buttons and bully you, but I truly think he does it to keep me on my toes," Terry said.

Chase is especially alert to movement, including shadows and cats crossing the street. Terry, who works overnight shifts, sometimes gets a loud reminder of the dog's observations.

"I catch myself saying, 'Wow - he is so observant' or 'How did he catch on so fast?'" Terry said.

On a sunny day, however, Chase is content to lie on his back with his paws in the air and enjoy the warmth.

Terry tries to bring Chase to community events when his schedule allows, giving residents and children an opportunity to meet the dog behind the badge.

He hopes people understand the range of work police dogs perform and the trust required between a dog and handler.

"Chase is a great dog; he truly trusts me to have his back just like he has mine and without that the calculations don't calculate," Terry said.

Protection for a four-legged officer

The donated vest will be worn during high-risk deployments when it becomes available. Terry said the additional protection is important, even though officers hope never to put their K-9 partners in situations where it is needed.

Chase was measured at the police station using instructions provided with the fitting materials. Terry completed the measurements and returned the information so the vest could be made to fit him.

The Sidney Police K-9 Association Inc., a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, helps fund the department's working K-9 program. Chase was purchased through donations and grants, and Terry said much of the unit's equipment is obtained through those sources.

Vested Interest in K9s Inc., established in 2009, provides bullet- and stab-resistant vests and other assistance to law enforcement and related agencies across the country. The organization's custom-fitted vests are made in the United States, certified by the National Institute of Justice and backed by a five-year warranty.

The organization reports providing more than 6,710 vests valued at $6.9 million to K-9s in all 50 states. A vest sponsorship costs $1,050, while each vest has a stated value of $1,800 and weighs an average of four to five pounds.

For Terry, the equipment is one more way to protect a partner who works alongside him in situations where the outcome is not always known.

And while Chase may be best known for his nose, his training and his work on the street, Terry said the bond between a K-9 and handler is what makes the partnership work.

As he put it, there is always something new to train, refine or improve - because a good K-9 team never stops learning.

Police Blotter

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Colchester Police Department

• **Christina M. Lorusso,** 37, Downsville, was arrested Oct. 18 and charged with second-degree aggravated unlawful operation of a motor vehicle. Lorusso was issued an appearance ticket to answer the charge in Colchester Town Court.

• **Joseph A. Iorio,** 41, Sidney, was arrested Oct. 25 and charged with first-degree aggravated unlawful operation of a motor vehicle. Iorio was issued an appearance ticket to answer the charge in Colchester Town Court.

• **Austin Wright,** 26, Walton, was arrested Oct. 31 and charged with operating a motor vehicle while impaired by drugs. Wright was issued an appearance ticket to answer the charge in Colchester Town Court.

• **Walter Greene,** 52, Walton, was arrested Oct. 31 and charged with driving while intoxicated. Greene was issued an appearance ticket to answer the charge in Colchester Town Court.

Delaware County Sheriff's Office

• **Dustan Manley Jr.,** 33, Bainbridge, was arrested Oct. 16 and charged with driving while intoxicated. Manley was issued an appearance ticket to answer the charge in Sidney Village Court.

• **Zakaria Meggali,** 59, and **Robert Smith**, 46, both of Walton, were arrested Oct. 21. Maggali was charged with driving while ability impaired by drugs, obstructed plate, drivers view obstructed, uninspected motor vehicle and failure to stop at a stop sign. Smith was charged with two counts of seventh-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance and one count of fourth-degree criminal possession of a weapon. Both were issued appearance tickets to answer the charges in Walton Village Court.

• **Katelyn Rumovicz,** 25, Maryland, was arrested Oct. 13 and charged with third-degree aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and unlicensed operation. Rumovicz was issued an appearance ticket and traffic summons to answer the charge in Walton Village Court.

• **Jeffrey A. Borst,** 51, Cobleskill, was arrested Oct. 17 and charged with driving while intoxicated, unsafe backing and obstructed view. Borst was issued an appearance ticket and traffic summons to answer the charges in Harpersfield Town Court.

• **Cory Gaebel,** 51, Livingston Manor, was arrested Nov. 1 and charged with driving while intoxicated, failure to keep right, speed not reasonable or prudent and speed in zone. Gaebel was also charged with second-degree obstructing governmental administration and resisting arrest. Gaebel was held at the Delaware County Jail for centralized arraignment.

• **Agron Bitici,** 38, Walton, was arrested Oct. 27 and charged with driving while ability impaired by drugs, failure to stop at a stop sign, inadequate muffler, unsafe tire and failure to notify DMV of address change. As part of the same traffic stop, **Benjamin Pankiewicz**, 46, and **Ashlee Calabrese**, 40, both of Walton, passengers in Bitici's vehicle, were charged with seventh-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance. Bitici was held at the Delaware County Jail for centralized arraignment. Calabrese and Pankiewicz were issued appearance tickets to answer the charges in Walton Village Court.

• **Gary Scofield,** 42, Walton, was arrested Oct. 25 and charged with driving while ability impaired by drugs, second-degree aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, suspended registration, unlicensed operator, unregistered motor vehicle, consuming alcohol in a motor vehicle and obstructed plate. Scofied was issued appearance tickets to answer the charges in Walton Village Court.

• **Sonne Lavelle,** 65, Binghamton, was issued criminal summonses Oct. 23 and charged with reckless driving, improper passing, moving from lane unsafely and failure to keep right. Lavelle is scheduled to answer the charges in Sidney Town Court. As part of the same incident, **Justin McRitchie,** 38, Pleasant Valley, was charged with reckless driving, failure to keep right and moving from lane unsafely. McRitchie was issued summonses to answer the charges in Sidney Town Court.

• **Amanda Oliver,** 44, Sidney, was arrested Oct. 14 and issued a criminal summonses charging third-degree aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle. Oliver is scheduled the answer the charge in Delhi Town Court.

Walton Police Department

• **Joseph A. Farula Jr.,** 57, Walton was arrested Oct. 8 and charged with second-degree harassment. Farula was issued an appearance ticket to answer the charge in Walton Village Court.

• **Jason A. Coffey,** 29, Walton was arrested Oct. 13 and charged with second-degree obstructing governmental administration and seventh-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance. Coffey was held at the Delaware County Jail for centralized arraignment.

• **Trenton Shelton,** 19, Walton was arrested on Oct. 14 and charged with petit larceny. Shelton was issued an appearance ticket to answer the charge in Walton Village Court.

• **James M. Roemer,** 43, Walton was arrested Oct. 24 and charged with third-degree criminal trespass. Roemer was issued an appearance ticket to answer the charge in Walton Village Court.

• **Jordan G. Scoville,** 38, Hancock was arrested Oct. 28 and charged with fourth-degree criminal mischief and second-degree criminal contempt. Scoville was held at the Delaware County Jail for centralized arraignment.

New York State Police

• **Richard M. Foster,** 52, Walton, was arrested by Oneonta State Police Oct. 28 and charged with petit larceny. Foster was issued an appearance ticket to answer the charge.

• **David Matthew Raber,** 46, Delhi, was arrested by Margaretville State Police Oct. 27 and charged with driving while intoxicated. Raber was issued an appearance ticket to answer the charge.

• **Wilmer A. Vazquez-Portillo,** 27, Deposit, was arrested Oct. 22 by Deposit State Police and charged with third-degree assault. Vazquez-Portillo was held for centralized arraignment.

• **Joseph J. Amato,** 52, Treadwell, was arrested Oct. 30 by Oneonta State Police and charged with driving while intoxicated and second-degree aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle. Amato was issued an appearance ticket to answer the charge.

• **Christian Anthony Claudio,** 25, Delhi, was arrested Oct. 30 by Margaretville State Police on a warrant. Claudio was held for centralized arraignment.

• **Lewis Bassett,** 50, Grand Gorge, was arrested Nov. 1 by Oneonta State Police and charged with petit larceny. Bassett was issued an appearance ticket to answer the charge.

• **Dominick A. Forte,** 66, Harpersfield, was arrested Nov. 1 by Margaretville State Police and on a warrant. Forte was turned over to another agency.

• **Jeremy Lee Jacobs,** 44, Sidney Center, was arrested Nov. 2 by Oneonta State Police and charged with second-degree aggravated harassment. Jacobs was held for centralized arraignment.

• **Jonathan C. Gutliph,** 39, Hamden, was arrested Nov. 2 by Margaretville State Police and charged with second-degree assault. Gutliph was held for centralized arraignment.

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American Legion Leaders Visit Sidney, Highlighting Veterans and Youth Programs

Annual Delaware County stop includes history museum tour, community lunch and wreath-laying ceremony; local commander reports about 655 members county-wide

By Lillian Browne

SIDNEY - American Legion leaders from across New York visited Sidney Oct. 27 as part of the organization's annual state department visitation, highlighting programs for veterans, youth and local communities while recognizing the work of Delaware County's Legion family.

The day included a visit to the Sidney Historical Association and Museum, 44 Grand Street, lunch at Cafe 55 and a wreath-laying ceremony at the Sidney Veterans Memorial Park on River Street.

The wreath was placed in remembrance of veterans who have died, including those honored at the memorial. The day concluded with a dinner at Sidney's Charles L. Jacobi American Legion Post 183.

Delaware County American Legion Commander Patricia Svoboda served as master of ceremonies and helped coordinate the visit with members of the county legion family, who assisted in welcoming the state representatives and other guests.

The annual visitation brings newly elected state legion leaders into local communities, giving them an opportunity to meet members, learn about local efforts and raise support for their projects, Svoboda said.



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Sidney Veterans Memorial Park, 116 River Street, Sidney.

Hancock. Svoboda estimated approximately 655 members are enrolled across the county's posts.

Youth programs and veterans' services

Youth engagement was a central theme of the State Commander Thomas Schreck's remarks, with an emphasis on American Legion Boys State.

Boys State is a week-long citizenship and leadership program for high school students who have completed their junior year. Participants learn how government operates by taking part in a simulated government, with students assuming roles in local, county and state government.



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Delaware County American Legion First Vice Commander James Omahen and Thomas Schreck, commander of The American Legion Department of New York, makes remarks at the Sidney American Legion Post Tuesday, Oct. 27.

"It's a way of honoring them and also for them to get to know the people in the state, and then also to raise money for their projects," she said.

Svoboda serves in three Legion leadership roles: adjutant for Margaretville Post 216, commander for Delaware County and adjutant for the Sixth District. She also oversees the county's Boys State program.

The county has American Legion posts in Stamford, Roxbury, Margaretville, Downsville, Walton, Sidney, Delhi, Franklin and

The program is designed to develop an understanding of civic responsibility, public service and democratic government.

Svoboda said she and the state commander have both been involved with the program for years. She said the Legion's youth work also includes scholarships and an oratorical contest.

State American Legion Auxiliary President Lora Rowe highlighted a creative arts project for veterans living with post-traumatic stress disorder or military sexual trauma, known as MST, or both. The program uses activities such as painting, music and other forms of artistic expression as therapeutic outlets.

Detachment Commander Edward Hooke discussed two additional initiatives: the Oxford Guild, an outreach and advocacy arm of the New York State Veterans Home at Oxford, and ClearPath for Veterans.

The Oxford Guild supports veterans at the Oxford veterans home, providing assistance beyond what the facility's state-funded operations can cover. ClearPath for Veterans, which serves veterans in the region, organizes activities and offers resources that encourage camaraderie and connection. Svoboda cited group meals, kayaking events and other activities as examples of its work.

She said the projects reflect the Legion's broader mission of supporting veterans while encouraging community involvement and service.

A veterans' organization with a community mission

The American Legion describes itself as the nation's largest wartime veterans organization, devoted to mutual helpfulness and committed to mentoring youth, sponsoring community programs, advocating patriotism and honor, promoting national security and supporting fellow service members and veterans.

Svoboda said the Legion is often misunderstood by people who associate local posts primarily with their buildings or canteens.

"The American Legion is not a bar; it is a service organization," she said.

She explained that local posts provide veterans with opportunities for camaraderie and con-

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American Legion Leaders...

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nection, while also supporting youth programs, scholarships, veterans' services and community activities.

Svoboda joined the Women's Army Corps in 1976, served on active duty until 1980 and later joined the Army Reserve. She was activated during Desert Shield and Desert Storm in January 1990 and worked at the Armed Services Blood Program office in Washington, D.C. She retired from the military in 2004 and joined the American Legion in 1990.

She said the organization appealed to her as both a veterans' group and a community service organization.

"It was a veterans' organization - that was first and foremost, but it was a community-oriented service group," she said.

Svoboda said she would like to see the Legion continue its work as an advocate for veterans before Congress while maintaining its support for young people and local communities.

She identified declining population and limited public awareness of the Legion's service work as challenges to maintaining membership.

She pointed to changes in school enrollment as one indication of the region's population decline, noting that Margaretville Central School had more than 900 students when her oldest child graduated in 2008 and now has roughly 300 students, including prekindergarten.



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American Legion members, from left, Patricia Svoboda, Delaware County Commander Thomas Schreck, commander of The American Legion Department of New York, and Linda Belmont, Walton American Legion Post Ladies Auxiliary president, tour the Sidney Historical Association and Museum Tuesday, Oct. 27.

She also said people who join Legion online should contact their local post to ensure their membership is assigned to the community where they live. Otherwise, new members may be placed in a general post and not connected with their local organization.

Membership and local involvement

Membership in The American Legion is open to eligible veterans and current service members who meet the organization's service requirements. Under the LEGION Act, the eligibility period extends from Dec. 7, 1941, to the present, covering the current war era. Prospective members can contact a local post to learn about eligibility and joining.

Svoboda encouraged interested veterans to connect with a nearby post rather than simply enrolling online, so they can become involved in local activities and meet other veterans.

For more information about the organization's mission and programs and connection to local posts email Svoboda at alnypost216@gmail.com or call her at 845.586.3563.



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Following the ceremony Tuesday, Oct. 27, veterans, legionnaires and auxiliary members reflect at the Sidney Veterans Memorial.

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8 Ways to Honor Veterans



Millions of people make considerable sacrifices to protect the freedoms of their fellow citizens. According to the Pew Research Center and data from the Department of Veterans Affairs and the U.S. Census Bureau, there are currently more than 18 million living veterans in the United States.

The term "veteran" refers to a person who served in the active military, naval, air service, or space service and was discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable. In the U.S., there are actually five types of protected veterans, according to the Vietnam Era Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974. Under VEVRAA, a veteran may be classified as a disabled veteran, recently separated veteran, active duty wartime or campaign badge veteran, or Armed Forces service medal veteran.

Veterans deserve respect and admiration all year long, but also get their own holiday each November. Veterans Day celebrates veterans' patriotism and willingness to sacrifice and serve. This Veterans Day, people can consider these eight unique ways to honor the veterans in their community.

1. Attend events. Organize or participate in local Veterans Day celebrations, such as parades and ceremonial events.

2. Get involved with veterans' affairs. Support veterans by volunteering with organizations that assist them, such as the VA, local veteran's groups, VA hospitals, or charities dedicated to veteran services.

3. Petition for veteran speakers. Reach out to schools, scout troops or other groups and arrange opportunities for veterans to share their stories and contributions. Learning about the sacrifices these men and women made can heighten individuals' appreciation for veterans.

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VETERANS DAY SALUTE

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2026 Delaware County Veterans Day Commemorations



Andes

Thursday, Nov. 5 at 1 p.m. Andes Central School will host a Veterans Day luncheon. RSVPs from veterans were required by Oct. 30.

Delhi

Tuesday, Nov. 10 – Delaware Academy Central School District at Delhi will host its annual Veterans Day assembly which will begin at 8:15 a.m. with breakfast provided for area veterans. After breakfast at 8:50 a.m. the assembly will begin with performances by high school, middle school, and elementary school students. Contact the main office to RSVP at 607-746-1300.

Downsville

Tuesday, Nov. 10 – Downsville Central School will host a Veterans Day event at 12:45 p.m. with a luncheon, followed by a ceremony at 1:30 p.m. in the gymnasium. Veterans, to RSVP call 607-363-2106 by Friday, Oct. 30.

Wednesday, Nov. 11 – Legion Post 167 will hold a Veterans Day ceremony at the Colchester Community Church monument starting at 11 a.m. on Main Street.

Franklin

Tuesday, Nov. 10 - Franklin Central School will host a Veteran's Day program to honor the community's veterans. A breakfast for veterans starts at 8:15 a.m. and the program starts at 9:15.

Hancock

Hancock Central School will welcome veterans at their morning program **Thursday, Nov. 12** at 10:25 a.m. Following the program veterans are invited to stay for coffee and donuts.

Harpersfield

The Col. Harper Grange, 170 Wilcox Road, Harpersfield, will host a free dinner for veterans and a spouse or guest **Saturday, Nov. 7** at 3 p.m. RSVP to 607-434-6613 to reserve a seat.

Margaretville

Margaretville Central school will honor veterans **Tuesday, Nov. 10** at 8:30 a.m. with a ceremony and breakfast.

Roxbury

Tuesday, Nov. 10, Roxbury Central School will host a Veterans Day assembly at 1:30 p.m., followed by a luncheon for veterans. The public is welcome to attend.

Sidney

Nov. 11 – Sidney VFW Veterans Day event with meal to follow starts at 6 p.m. at the Sidney VFW Post 7914, 133 West Main Street, Sidney.

South Kortright

Friday, Nov. 13 at South Kortright Central School, a Veterans Day program will be hosted at 2 p.m. by Ms. Katie Wayman's 12th grade Participation in Government class. Veterans are invited to attend but no reservation or RSVP necessary.

Unadilla

Tuesday, Nov. 10, the Unatego Elementary School will have a Veterans Day breakfast from 8:30–9:15 a.m. and program from 9:30-10 a.m. to honor local veterans who have a connection to elementary students, facility, and staff at the school. Reservations by Nov. 9, please - veterans should call 607-369-6200 or email kbarber@unatego.stier.org if you would like to attend.

Walton

Nov. 10 – Townsend Elementary School will host a Veterans Day program with songs, discussions, and light refreshments starting at 8:30 a.m. To RSVP call 607-865-5220.

Nov. 11 – A Veterans Day parade will form on Gardiner Place at 10:30 a.m., and at approximately 10:50 a.m. will march to the World War II Memorial in front of the Castle on the Delaware (former armory) on Stockton Avenue, where a ceremony will be held at 11 a.m.

8 Ways...

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4. Support the families of veterans. Reach out to veterans' families, who also must make sacrifices and concessions. Anything from shopping, babysitting, doing chores, or making a meal can help the families of veterans.

5. Make a donation. If finances allow, make contributions to reputable charities that provide services for veterans like those that offer mental health counseling or job placement services. If there isn't a charity that fits with your vision, begin one.

6. Hire veterans to work. If you are a business owner or hiring manager, consider hiring veterans for open positions at your company. It can be challenging to re-enter the workforce after service, so make it known that your firm welcomes veterans.

7. Offer personal acknowledgements. Take the time to speak to veterans and thank them for their service. If possible, when dining out, ask the server if you can pay for the meal of a veteran who also is dining that day.

8. Don't forget the fallen veterans. Although Memorial Day is designed to honor those who lost their lives through military service, people still can honor the fallen veterans on Veterans Day by sharing stories or placing flags at veteran cemeteries.

Veterans Day is celebrated on November 11, marking an opportunity to express one's gratitude and support for the scores of veterans who have served honorably.















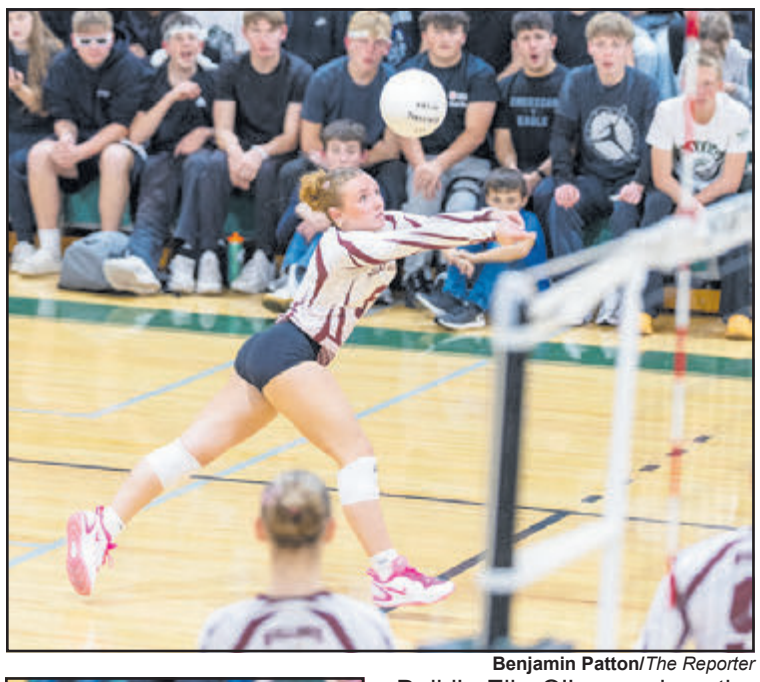






SPORTS REPORTER

Unatego Tops Delhi in Section IV Playoffs



Benjamin Patton/*The Reporter*
Delhi's Ella O'Leary plays the ball during her team's game with Unatego Tuesday.



Benjamin Patton/*The Reporter*
← Unatego's Caedence Nordberg and Nica Hurlburt celebrate during their 3-1 win over Delhi in the Section IV Class C playoffs Tuesday. The win moves the Spartans on to the final four pool play round Thursday.

OTEGO - Unatego/Franklin volleyball defeated Delaware Academy in four sets Tuesday, Nov. 3.

After dropping the first two sets, Delaware Academy rallied in the third, earning a hard-fought 25-23 victory to extend the match and keep its hopes alive. U/F responded in the fourth set, however, closing out the match with a 25-17 win.

Despite the loss, DA received contributions from throughout its lineup. Madalyn Moody led the team with 10 assists and added nine digs and an ace.



Benjamin Patton/*The Reporter*
Unatego's Hailey Condon plays the ball at the net during her team's win Tuesday.



Benjamin Patton/*The Reporter*
Unatego's Nica Hurlburt spikes the ball during her team's game Tuesday.

Carly Guy served up three aces while recording four kills, an assist and a dig. Tegan Perry also made her presence felt offensively, finishing with five kills and three aces.

Carly Potrzeba contributed four kills, three assists, two aces, two blocks and two digs, while Jaslene Villalva added an ace, a kill and five digs. Maddison Wake chipped in with a kill, two blocks and four digs.

Defensively, Grace Reynolds recorded five digs, while Ella O'Leary added an ace and a dig. Alanna Dones contributed two kills, Maja Margiotta recorded an ace, and Daniella Pizzo finished with two digs.

Margaretville Wins First S4 Title Since 2002



Benjamin Patton/*The Reporter*
Margaretville's Xandria Gavette plays the ball while Edmeston/Morris's Gabby Cotten defends during their game Friday,Oct. 30.



Benjamin Patton/*The Reporter*
Margaretville's girls soccer team celebrates after Mackenzie Hubbell (12) scored the game-winning goal of their 2-1 2OT victory over Edmeston/Morris Friday. The Section IV Class D title for the Blue Devils was the school's first since 2002.



Benjamin Patton/*The Reporter*
Margaretville's Mackenzie Hubbell takes a shot during her team's 2-1 win over Edmeston/Morris Friday, Oct. 30.

SIDNEY - Margaretville captured the 2026 Section IV Class D girls soccer championship Friday, Oct. 30, defeating Edmeston/Morris 2-1 in double overtime.

The victory gives the Blue Devils their first Section IV title since 2002 and sends them to the New York State Class D regional round.

Edmeston/Morris took an early lead when Brenna Bolton scored off a pass from Elle Nichols. The Panthers held the 1-0 advantage until the final 10:30 of regulation, when Mackenzie Hubbell converted a feed from Xandria Gavette to tie the game for Margaretville.

Neither team found the net in the first overtime. Hubbell delivered the championship-winning goal in the second overtime, scoring off a free kick from River Williams.



Benjamin Patton/*The Reporter*
Margaretville's Maria Colberg passes the ball during her team's game Friday, Oct. 30.

Margaretville advances to the state regional round Nov. 7.

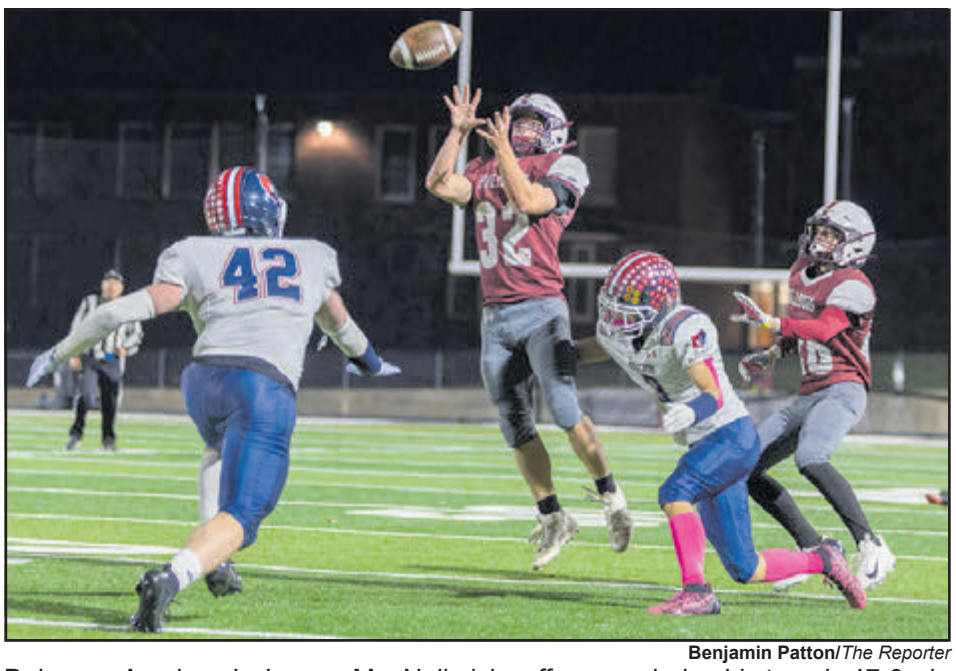


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Margaretville's girls soccer team is seen after winning the 2026 Section IV Class D championship.



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DA Football Advances To S4 Semifinals



Benjamin Patton/*The Reporter*

Delaware Academy's Jeremy MacNeil picks off a pass during his team's 47-0 win over Bainbridge-Guilford Friday, Oct. 30.



Benjamin Patton/*The Reporter*

Delaware Academy's Liam Finnegan pulls down the BGAH quarterback as Liam Pehrsson pressures the throw during the Bulldogs' 47-0 win Friday, Oct. 30.

DELHI - Delaware Academy's football team closed out its regular season with a 47-0 shutout of BGAH Friday, Oct. 30, using four takeaways to fuel a dominant performance at home.

DA scored twice in the first quarter on touchdown runs by Saverio Prisco, who broke free for 69 yards, and Johnny Wilson, who added a 26-yard run. Mason Reed converted both extra points.

The Bulldogs added three touchdowns in the second quarter. Jack MacNeill returned an interception 80 yards for a score, followed by a 36-yard touchdown pass from Cole Kivell to Levi Shephard. Prisco recovered a fumble and returned it 42 yards for another touchdown. Reed converted two of the three extra-point attempts in the quarter.

Kivell and Shephard connected again in the third quarter, this time on a 27-yard scoring pass. Jack Mokay capped the scoring with a 3-yard touchdown run. Delhi led 47-0 heading into the fourth quarter.

Kivell completed four of seven passes for 104 yards and two touchdowns. Shephard caught two passes for 63 yards and both scores. Prisco led the rushing attack with 90 yards on 10 carries and added a touchdown. Wilson scored on his only rushing attempt, gaining 26 yards, while Mokay also ran for a touchdown.

Prisco led the defense with nine tackles and the 42-yard fumble recovery for a touchdown. Mokay recorded seven tackles, Anthony Burkert had five and MacNeill finished with two tackles and the 80-yard interception return. Jeremy MacNeill and Simon Cowles also intercepted passes, while Oliver Rowe recorded an interception.

Coach Phil Neumann credited the defense's communication and improved leadership, particularly from middle linebacker Mokay.

"Our defense is playing really well, they're doing a great job communicating," Neumann said. "Middle Linebacker Jack Mokay has really stepped up and become a vocal leader on defense, making sure everybody's getting lined up right."

Neumann also praised the defensive backs and linebackers for their speed and coverage, along with the defensive line's pressure.

Offensively, Neumann said DA got off to a slow start but benefited from the extra possessions created by its takeaways.

"We talk all the time about playoff football, and getting the tough yards," he said. "Our backs are running really hard, and even though our O-Line isn't very big, they're opening up holes."

DA now turns its attention to Saturday's matchup with Deposit-Hancock.

"Saturday we know is going to be a dog fight," Neumann said. "D-H is very physical and they get after you."



Benjamin Patton/*The Reporter*

Delaware Academy's Jack Mokay and Simon Cowles bring down a BGAH receiver during their game Friday, Oct. 30.

Walton Punches Ticket to Volleyball Semifinals

WALTON — The Walton varsity volleyball team is moving on! The Warriors delivered a strong performance Tuesday, Nov. 3, earning a 3-1 victory over Harpursville/Afton in the quarterfinal round of the volleyball playoffs.

Walton came out ready to compete, edging Harpursville/Afton in two tightly contested opening sets, 27-25 and 25-22. Harpursville/Afton answered with a 25-16 win in the third set to keep its postseason hopes alive, but the Warriors regrouped and closed out the match with a 25-18 victory in the fourth set.

Walton's balanced attack and strong defensive effort helped secure the postseason win. Gianna Ildefonso led the Warriors from the service line with five aces and added five kills. Cami Barriger paced the offense with nine kills, while Julianna Roy contributed six kills and led the defensive effort with an impressive 20 digs.

Chloe Edwards orchestrated the Walton offense with 23 assists and added a block. Sadye Colao chipped in with 18 digs, while Lilly Eisele recorded 14 digs. Barriger also contributed a block.

Harpursville/Afton put up a determined fight, led by Iyanna Brown, who recorded four aces and nine kills. Gabby Piester kept the offense moving with 26 assists, while Megan Cole contributed five blocks. Hiliana Mendoza led the defensive effort with seven digs.

With the victory, Walton advances to the Sectional Semifinals, scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 5.

Sporterrifle League

In Match 7 of the Sporterrifle league, Delhi defeated Southern Dutchess & Putnam Sportsmen's Association 1383 to 1376. Top shooters for Delhi were Mabel Gutliph 292, Garrett Fitch 286, Kevin Gutliph 271, Bryan Fitch 270, and Sarah Keehr 264.

Also shooting was Kristy Fitch and Kara Fitch.

Central Empire State Rifle and Pistol League

In Match V of the Central Empire State Rifle and Pistol League for Oct. 30, teams from Walton, Stamford/Richmondville and Oneonta notched victories.

Walton defeated Rockdale: 1076-10X to 1069-17X. High scores for Walton were: Dennis Bennett 278-4X; Michael Noviello 268-2X; Steve Dutcher 266-2X; and Bill McAdams 264-2X.

Other Walton shooters were: Glenn Bowker, Kris Bowker, Brian MacRabie, Carl Banker, Ryan Boice, Jeff Yambor, Al Budine, and John Noviello. High shooters for Rockdale were: Rob Gould 281-4X; Brent Wessels 267-6X; Dave Dewey 261-2X; and Steve Ingalls 260-5X. Others shooting for Rockdale were: Gerry Palmer, Jennine Noxon, Gloria Galley, Rick Braun, Rick Jaycox, Tom Rees, Pat Hawkins, Bonnie Budd, David Smith, and Joe Ocasio.

Stamford/Richmondville defeated Sidney: 1085-19X to 1054-12X.

High shooters for Stamford/Richmondville were: Carl Tubbs 281-7X; Jim Hitt 276-7X; Larry VanDeusen 268-4X; and Brian Righi 265-1X. Other Stamford/Richmondville shooters: Stephen Hansen and Maynard Vance.

High shooters for Sidney were: Mike Terzo 270-3X; Connor Sherman 264-4X; Eddie Cotton 263-3X; and Jim Winn 256-2X. Other Sidney participants were: Brandi Sherman, Chris Curtin, and Bruce Gerkins

Oneonta beat Delhi: 1043-15X to 1009-5X. Top shooters for Oneonta were: Carl Morganstern 268-4X; Adam Nichols 260-1X; Bri May 259-6X; and Kevin Lord 256-4X. Other Oneonta shooters were: Wayne Jones (qualifying), Ken Soden, Allen Nichols, Justin Ruff, Charlie Lowe, Hunter Sitts (Jr.), Nate Lowe, Calli Ruff, Glenn Sullivan, Don Fleming, Traci Sitts, Roland Groppe, and David Gerowe.

Top shooters for Delhi were: Mabel Gutliph 277-2X; Kevin Gutliph 254-3X; Bob Anderson 245-0X; and Bryan Fitch 233-0X. Also shooting for Delhi were: Jeremiah Anderson and Dennis Klimowski.

Stats

- Walton 5-0
- Rockdale 4-1
- Stamford/Richmondville 3-2
- Oneonta 2-3
- Sidney 1-4
- Delhi 0-5

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From Ice Rink to Skate Park, Walton Teens Find a Place to Roll

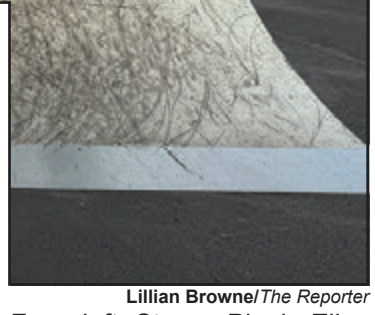
Former skating rink at Austin Lincoln Park gets new life as a daily hangout for young skateboarders





Lillian Browne/*The Reporter*

The quarter pipe is a favorite feature for Walton skateboarders.



Lillian Browne/*The Reporter*

From left: Steven Plank, Elias Bayne and Daniel Sullivan at Austin Lincoln Park where an ice-skating rink has been repurposed as a skateboard park.

By Lillian Browne

WALTON - The ice may be gone, but the action is picking up at Austin Lincoln Park, where three 18-year-olds were making the most of Walton's new skate park Friday, Oct. 30.

Steven Plank, Elias Bayne and Daniel Sullivan said they are enjoying the new setup, with Bayne and Sullivan reporting they use it every day.

Their favorite feature? The quarter pipe - a ramp they said gives local skateboarders an opportunity they did not previously have.

"We've never had that," Plank said.

The skate equipment is temporarily occupying the site of the former ice-skating rink, which struggled for years to operate consistently because of unreliable winter weather, a damaged rink liner and a shortage of volunteers to set up, take down and maintain the rink.

Rather than leave the space underused, the village and community volunteers began pursuing a new recreational purpose for the area.

The skate park proposal gained momentum this spring after the Skate Park Committee of WEIC (Walton Experience Initiative Corp.) reported strong interest during a Memorial Day weekend skate jam. The committee initially envisioned a permanent, professionally designed facility, but temporary modular equipment offered a way to provide an immediate recreational opportunity while building support for the longer-term project.

For some Walton teens, the result is already a success: a place to skate, meet up and spend time outdoors.

OUTDOOR LIFE

Safe and Sound: Kiosks



image courtesy of NYSDEC

Visiting a state forest for a hike or a Wildlife Management Area to go birding? Don't forget to check out the kiosk.

Kiosks provide visitors with maps, history, rules and regulations, and facts about the fish, wildlife, and plant species they may encounter. The map typically depicts trails, fishing access sites, campsites, and other landmarks and amenities that visitors may want to stop and see or use. The map usually shows and provides information about the varied habitats of a property, like woodlands, meadows, and bodies of water. The kiosk also typically notes the accessible features on the property for people of different abilities.

Some kiosks contain a trail register that visitors should review and use to sign in. Visitors often use the sign-in register to note wildlife observations or recent hazards, like downed trees, areas with high water, or muddy trails. Visitors should also know that signing in at a site's kiosk can help Forest Rangers locate you in case you get lost. Kiosks provide crucial information for visitors to find their way and help ensure a safe and enjoyable experience.

DEC's Dogs for Invasive Species Control Program Helps Protect Nature One Sniff at a Time

DEC's newly developed Dogs for Invasive Species Control (DISC) program in collaboration with the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference has recently begun, meaning scent-detecting dogs are now available to help sniff out invasive species across the state of New York. Dogs have a sense of smell up to 100,000 times more powerful than humans and can detect invasive species that are nearly impossible to locate with traditional survey methods.

Each dog on the team is trained using the same scent detection protocols used for search-and-rescue and forensic K-9 units. Since the dogs locate species by scent, they can easily find invasive species that are difficult to locate by sight alone. Some are hard to identify without lab testing, others are distributed across large areas of land, and many use natural camouflage and go unseen by the average human eye. Searching by scent allows this team to overcome these challenges.

These dogs have been involved in conservation efforts focused on:

- Detecting scotch broom at Letchworth State Park in western New York;
- Public outreach and education at the Saratoga County Fair;
- Detecting zebra and quagga mussels at boat launches across the state;
- Training to deploy in the detection of shrubby bushclover and pepperweed; and
- Detecting and removing kudzu within New York City, Long Island, and the Lower Hudson Valley.



image courtesy of NYSDEC

Conservation dogs help with education and outreach at public events like the Saratoga County Fair to inform community members about invasive species-related conservation efforts.

When these charismatic dogs are on the job, surveys and management projects are more effective and efficient. These dogs learn to work closely with their handler to navigate a wide variety of environmental conditions, maximize the amount of land covered, improve the accuracy of detections, and minimize any kind of ecological disruption to the surveyed land. The DISC program works in collaboration with land managers, scientists, and conservation organizations to detect and manage invasive species, monitor the health of New York's lands, support new and ongoing research, promote stewardship within their local communities, and bring smiles to spectators.

For more information visit: https://www.nynjtc.org/conservation-dogs

Arbor Day Poster Contest—Now Open

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.

Side Trails: 2026 Catskills Fire Tower Challenge

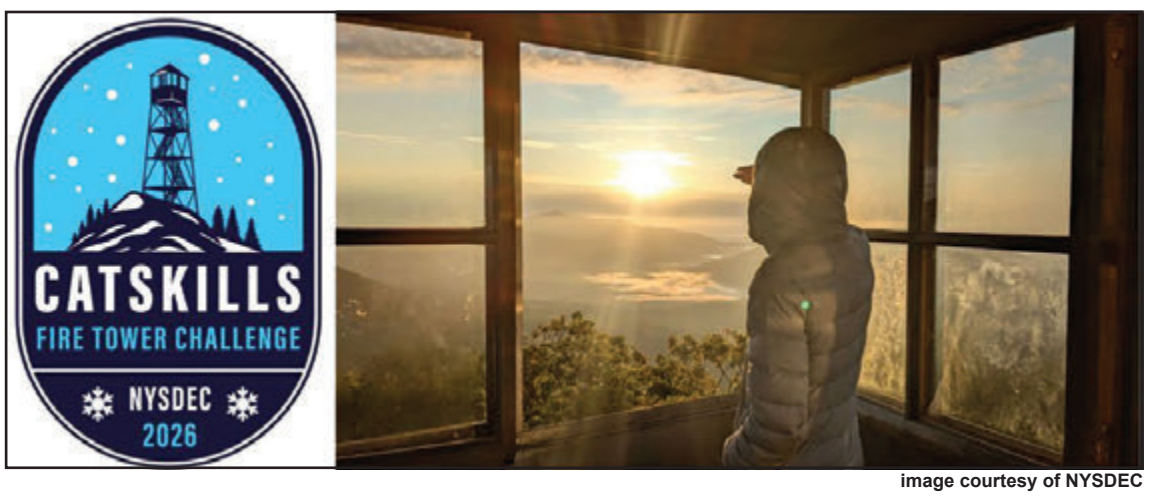


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There's still time to complete the 2026 Catskills Fire Tower Challenge. This annual hiking challenge tasks participants with hiking to and climbing all eight of the remaining historic fire towers in the Catskill region.

The fire towers are located on Balsam Lake Mountain (Hardenburgh); Hunter Mountain (Hunter); Overlook Mountain (Woodstock); Red Hill Mountain (Denning); Tremper Mountain (Shandaken); Upper Esopus (Catskill Visitor Center, Mt. Tremper); Mount Utsayantha (Stamford); and Bramley Mountain (Delhi).

To participate:

Visit all eight Catskill Fire Towers by Dec. 31, 2026.

Fill out the log of completed hikes via SurveyMonkey or download 2026 Catskills Fire Tower Challenge and email the log with a photo to: catskillschallenge@dec.ny.gov

The log and photo can also be submitted via mail to New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, Outdoor Recreation, 625 Broadway, Albany, NY 12233-1020; entries must be postmarked by January 5, 2027.

All finishers will receive a commemorative patch and be entered into the grand prize drawing*. The first 1,000 finishers will also receive a one-year subscription to DEC's Conservationist magazine and a gift subscription for a second person of their choice.

Trout Unlimited Meeting To Explore Genetics of Lake Ontario Salmon

The Dave Brandt Chapter of Trout Unlimited will host a presentation on the use of genetics to determine the sex of Chinook salmon in Lake Ontario during its monthly meeting Monday, Nov. 9, at 7 p.m.

The meeting will be held at the Sixth Ward Athletic Club, 22 W. Broadway in Oneonta. The public is welcome.

Guest speaker Elijah Horst of Canandaigua will discuss research he conducted as an undergraduate at SUNY Oswego, where he studied ways to genetically identify the sex of Chinook salmon.

The research supports a separate study examining the ratio of hatchery-raised and wild fish in Lake Ontario. While visual identification is generally reliable, genetic testing can provide greater accuracy, particularly with smaller salmon, which are more difficult to distinguish by appearance.

Horst conducted genetic tests on tissue samples from more than 2,200 fish collected during 2024 egg takes at two hatcheries. He also tested salmon caught in the Oswego River and Lake Ontario. The research remains underway with his former undergraduate lab.

Horst is pursuing a master's degree in lake management. He began fishing on Lake Ontario at age 7 and later worked as a first mate on his father's charter fishing operation after graduating from high school in 2022.

Following the presentation attendees can enjoy refreshments and take part in the chapter's monthly raffle which will feature four or five prizes.

For more information about the meeting or membership, contact chapter Co-President Tom Trelease at 607-434-7211 or tomtrelease@gmail.com or Co-President Steve Eichler at 607-643-1516 or sefranklinmtn@yahoo.com



Explore the Outdoors With Susquehanna ADK Hiking Group

The Susquehanna Chapter of the Adirondack Mountain Club welcomes hikers and outdoor enthusiasts from Otsego, Delaware and Chenango counties to join its monthly outings and meetings.

The chapter offers Tuesday morning hikes featuring relatively easy walks over flat or rolling terrain at a leisurely pace. Hikes that differ in difficulty or distance will be noted in their descriptions.

The Tuesday outing schedule is available at susqadk.org/outing-schedule For meeting times and locations, call or text the hike line at 607-431-8010.

Participants should be physically prepared for each activity and bring appropriate clothing, gear and enough water to stay hydrated.

The chapter meets on the third Wednesday of each month. From September through May, meetings are held at 6 p.m. in the community room at Elm Park United Methodist Church, 401 Chestnut Street, Oneonta. From June through August, meetings take place at local parks, with locations announced in advance.

Meetings begin with a potluck supper. Attendees are asked to bring a dish to share, along with their own table service and beverages. Programs begin at 7 p.m. for those who do not attend supper. Meetings and programs are open to members and nonmembers.

The chapter's executive committee also encourages members who live outside Oneonta to carpool to meetings and activities to reduce the group's carbon footprint.

Saturday all-day hikes expand in 2026

Following a successful launch last year, the chapter expanded its Saturday all-day hike series for 2026.

The program was created to offer longer, more challenging hikes in new areas, with greater distances and elevation gains than the regular Tuesday outings. In 2025, the chapter scheduled seven hikes on the third Saturday of each month from April through October. More than 80 people participated across the series.

The response prompted the chapter to expand the program to 10 Saturday hikes in 2026. The schedule will include return visits to popular destinations as well as opportunities to explore new terrain.

The all-day hikes require advance registration and are limited to 20 participants. Hikers bring their own lunches.

People interested in hiking with the Susquehanna Chapter can find outing information and additional details at susqadk.org

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Try Your Hand At Leather Stamping At DCHA



image courtesy of DCHA

The Delaware County Historical Association will host a leather-stamping workshop at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14, offering participants a chance to learn the historic craft of decorating leather.

Participants will make three items to take home: a coaster, bookmark and keychain. All materials will be provided.

The workshop is open to adults and children ages 12 and older. The cost is $15 per person, and registration is required by Nov. 11.

To reserve a spot, call 607-746-3849 or email dchadelhi@gmail.com

DCHA Annual Meeting and Award of Merit Presentations Nov. 8

Go to the Delaware County Historical Association, 46549 state Highway 10, Delhi, for its annual meeting Sunday, Nov. 8 at 1 p.m. The meeting will begin with a dish to pass lunch, followed by a brief business meeting and the 2026 Award of Merit presentations.

This year's awardees are Roger Davis, Elizabeth Cole (posthumous), the Delaware County Town and Country Quilters, Elizabeth "Buffy" Calvert, and Christian Walter. if you plan to attend the lunch, bring a dish to pass.

The public is also invited to the 2:45 p.m. presentation by DCHA Assistant Executive Director Samantha Misa on recent efforts to commemorate the 250th anniversary of American independence.

The meeting, including the presentation, is open to the general public, and there is no charge to attend. For further information or reservations call

607-746-3849 or email dchadelhi@gmail.com RSVPs are requested by Nov. 6.

Roxbury Arts Group Receives $30K Grant To Establish Reserve Fund

Roxbury Arts Group has received a $30,000 grant from the New York State Council on the Arts and the New York Foundation for the Arts to establish a financial reserve fund.

The organization is one of 59 arts organizations statewide selected for the NYSCA Reserve Fund Grants program, which awarded a total of $1.76 million in its second year. The recipients were selected from 771 eligible applications and represent a range of artistic disciplines and regions, with 59% located outside New York City. Eighty percent of the recipients will establish a reserve fund for the first time.

The program helps nonprofit arts organizations establish or expand financial reserves to address the industry's financial uncertainties, including rising costs, declining philanthropic support and unpredictable income. Reserve funds can help organizations manage unexpected expenses, withstand revenue shortfalls, strengthen their financial position to attract funders and support long-term planning.

Roxbury Arts Group Executive Director Patrick Barnes said the reserve fund would help the organization plan for the future and maintain the music, art and cultural connections that communities depend on, regardless of unexpected challenges.

Roxbury Arts Group is a nonprofit, multi-arts organization serving the Western Catskills. It offers programming at the Roxbury Arts Center in Roxbury, Headwaters Arts Center in Stamford and the Old School Baptist Church in Denver. Like many community arts organizations, it relies on a combination of grants, donations and ticket revenue that can fluctuate from year to year.

The new reserve fund will provide a financial cushion to cover unexpected costs or revenue declines without interrupting concerts, exhibits, workshops and other community programming.

NYSCA Executive Director Erika Mallin said the program helps organizations prepare for unexpected challenges, adapt when necessary and plan for the future. The financial support and technical assistance are intended to strengthen the organizations' stability and help them serve their communities for years to come.

The program was open to New York-based nonprofit arts organizations that received direct NYSCA funding within the past three years and had operating budgets between $150,000 and $3 million. Grants ranged from $15,000 to $50,000, depending on each organization's operating budget.

Michael Royce, CEO of the New York Foundation for the Arts, said the program recognizes the central role arts organizations play in creative communities and invests in their long-term stability and the people they serve.

In addition to grant funding, recipients will receive one year of technical assistance from Advance Collaborative focused on organizational sustainability and financial management. Services include a one-hour virtual workshop on reserve funding and long-term sustainability strategies, a one-hour individual consulting session and monthly office hours where recipients can ask questions and share concerns.

More information about the grant program and the full list of recipients is available at nyfa.org/news

Sidney Library Announces November Programs and Events

The Sidney Photography Club will hold an opening reception from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7. The club's work will be on display in the Smart Community Room through Nov. 28 during regular library hours.

The Friends of the Libraries will hold an à la carte book sale in the library's main lobby from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov. 7 and 21.

The library's book club will meet at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 10, to discuss "This Story Might Save Your Life" by Tiffany Crum. Copies are available at the circulation desk.

The Sidney Memorial Public Library Board of Trustees will meet at 4:30 p.m. Nov. 10 in the Smart Community Room. The public is welcome.

A free Citizen Emergency Preparedness Training program will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14. The program will provide residents with tools and resources to prepare for disasters, respond to emergencies and recover. Registration is required by calling the library at 607-563-1200.

The Friends of the Libraries will present a screening of "Project Hail Mary," starring Ryan Gosling, at 1 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 15. The film is rated PG and runs 2 hours and 36 minutes.

Local historian Scott Payne will continue his series on the American Revolution in New York state with a presentation titled "The Snow Turned Red: The Cherry Valley Massacre" at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21. The program is free, and registration is not required.

The Mahjong Club meets from 2 to 4 p.m. every Monday at the library.

The library will be closed Wednesday, Nov. 11, in observance of Veterans Day. It will close at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 25, and remain closed Thursday, Nov. 26, for Thanksgiving.

For more information, visit sidneylibrary.org or the library's Facebook page.

Last Week's Crossword Answers

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COLCHESTER

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Hello friends. According to Merriam Webster, El Niño is an irregularly recurring flow of unusually warm surface waters from the Pacific Ocean toward and along the western coast of South America that prevents upwelling of nutrient-rich cold deep water and that disrupts typical regional and global weather patterns. Each year around Christmas time, a warm equatorial current flows southward along the coast of Peru. In the 19th century, Peruvian fisherman named that annual current "El Niño" in honor of the Christ child (el niño means "the child" in Spanish). Later, when scientists noted that in some years this warm current flow is more intense than usual, they adopted the name and applied it to that more potent but erratic climate changes. Now El Niño is used almost exclusively for the severe episodes rather than for the annual ones to which it was originally applied. NOAA's U.S. Winter Outlook released Oct. 15, shows how El Niño will likely influence the upcoming winter months (December 2026 to February 2027), with warmer-than-average temperatures in the North and East and lots of rain expected across the U.S. Many believe that the gorgeous autumn we are experiencing is also a result of the warmer Pacific Ocean. It remains to be seen what our winter will produce but the promise of warmer temperatures is welcome when one looks at winter heating bills. For us old wives, the wooly bears and the less than fluffy squirrel tails have been predicting a milder winter to come.

So, we have survived another turning back of the clocks Nov. 1, the Day of the Dead Nov. 2, and Election Day Nov.3. Many things are happening and November has just begun.

Don't forget - the presentation by Delaware County Historical Association Educator Dr. Samantha Misa and Delaware County Diggers at the Shinhopple Memorial Center, 1405 Trout Brook Road, Downsville, Saturday, Nov. 7 at 2 p.m. She will share tales and lore about buried treasures found in our area. The Delaware Diggers will exhibit some of their metal detecting finds. This will be the final historical lecture for 2026 sponsored by the Colchester Historical Society. Looking forward to seeing what is planned for 2027.

Diwali is a five-day Festival of Lights and a widely observed Hindu festival that falls Sunday, Nov. 8. Happy Diwali, Hindu friends. Each culture seems to have its own celebration of lights during these ever-darkening days of November and December. Time to find the twinkle lights and candles.

The Downsville Central School will honor Veterans Tuesday, Nov. 10 at 12:30 p.m. A luncheon at the school will be followed by a prekindergarten through grade 12 community service at 1:30 p.m. in the school gymnasium. The luncheon is open to all veterans, but you need to call Sarah Hood -607-363-32106 - to reserve a seat at the table. Wednesday, Nov. 11 at 11 a.m., we will celebrate Veterans' Day at the Veterans' Memorial next to the Colchester Community United Methodist Church (CCUMC) to thank all who have served to keep our country free. Thank you to the Downsville Central School for their continued support of our Veterans and to the James S. Moore chapter of the American Legion for giving us the opportunity to thank our hometown heroes.

If you are interested in an Advent study while preparing for the Christmas holiday fast approaching, you can join CCUMC Mondays beginning Nov. 30 at 10:30 a.m. You need not be a member of the church to attend, books will be supplied. Call Toni at 607-363-7363 if you plan to attend or to ask questions. The study will last for the four weeks of Advent, and all are welcome.

Our hearts are saddened by the loss of two of our neighbors and friends, Don Tompkins and Betty Tompkins. They were very special people.

Till next week, Peace~

MASONVILLE

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Carla Hall, chef and food network personality on advice she'd give her younger self. "Say 'yes' when you can, 'no' when you need to and 'I don't know' when you really don't know."

Hopefully everyone turned your clocks back one hour and didn't get caught with the wrong time on Sunday, Nov. 1.

Congratulations to the candidates that won the positions they wanted. Friday, Nov. 6, is Sidney Elementary School's picture retake day.

Tuesday, Nov. 10 - board of education meeting in the high school library at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 11 is Veteran's Day - no school and the district offices will be closed also.

Does it seem that it has been enough weeks in school that it is time for your first marking period to end? Good luck students for a great report and if you do not get one, get busy and study more and keep your grades up.

Here on the Farm the fellas have been busy getting the last of the corn silage into the bunk. They covered the corn up for the very last of the chopping when they received a call that the chopper they hired to cut and crimp the last field of corn was going to be done late this week. Cliff told Harold and me that they were coming to get it done and if we would like to see, so we got in the car and ended up watching the very last load to be chopped. We were very impressed with how it was loaded on the truck while following the machine around the field and when that truck was full and traveled to the bunk, Reed drove the dump truck to it and took over the next load. When they were done with the loads and returned to the bunk, the corn was run over with another tractor and packed. Later that evening the fellas covered the bunk with a large tarp to keep for winter feeding. There is one more field to be picked later in the month and all corn will have a home. Now it is time for the winter's wood to be gotten and stored away. The price of milk is not very good and along with the price increases in diesel fuel, gas and fertilizer costs, it is time to reorder the corn seed for next year. Farmers will be having a tough time getting ahead of the expenses to take care of. Keep purchasing all the dairy products that you need and for your enjoyment that you are able and keep supporting the dairy industry and other farmers in need. Have a great, healthy and safe week everyone.

Wednesday, Nov. 11 is Veteran's Day. We are grateful that we live in a country that is being protected by our men and women in the military. This is a day to remember the sacrifice that our men and women have made to keep this country's freedom. If you see a person that has been in the military when you are out and about, thank them for their service and give them a hand shake and smile.

We have some birthdays for November starting with Kathy McGovern Phelps and Adrienne Benson Nov. 4, Melissa Pecor, Nov. 5, Pamela Wilcox Salisbury and David Barnes Nov. 6, Rosie Earle, Chuck Howland, David Pritchard and Christopher Cutting Nov. 7, Heather Ayers Nov. 9, Kathy Butts Lent Nov. 10, Chris Scott Pierce and Danny Charles Jr. Nov. 11. Have a great day everyone.

Masonville Federated Church Sunday services are at 11 a.m. with Rev. Dr. John Helgeson. Bible study is held at 3:15 Tuesdays in the church dining hall.

The food bank is open from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month and a light lunch is served until 12:30 p.m.

Food items like boxed sweet breads, gravy mixes and turkeys for the Thanksgiving baskets might be available.

The next Church Council meeting will be at 3:15 Monday, Nov. 9.

The Share the Bounty meal will be served on the last Thursday of the month at the Sacred Heart Church in Sidney from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

FRANKLIN

By Amber Gray
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Franklin Planning Board will meet tonight, Thursday, Nov. 5, 6:30 p.m. at the Town Garage, 12480 county Route 21.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 307 Main Street, First Thursday Community Dinner tonight, Nov. 5, 5-7 p.m. or until sold out. This is the annual "thank you" turkey dinner in grateful appreciation of community who has supported the church and each other for 17+ years. Cost is by donation. All faiths and families always welcome to Sunday service in the chapel facing Main Street during the winter season beginning at 10 a.m. Save the date for A Hometown Christmas with the Catskill Brass, Saturday, Dec. 19 at 6 p.m.

Thank you to all who have served our country. Veterans and their families are invited to the Veterans Day breakfast Tuesday, Nov. 10, 8:15 a.m., followed by a program at 9:15 a.m. which is also open to the public. The district will be closed Wednesday, Nov. 11, in observance of Veterans Day.

The Christmas Stroll House Tour is Saturday, Dec. 12, 1-5 p.m. Organizers are seeking Franklin homeowners and businesses to open their spaces to appreciative visitors during the stroll. Host homes show only their main floors 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.

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. Open Doors is looking for a keyboard musician for weekly worship services. Salary based on experience. Call 607-829-2250 and leave a message if interested. Save the date for the third annual Thanksgiving potluck Sunday, Nov. 22, at 5 p.m. All are welcome.

Village of Franklin board will meet Monday, Nov. 9, at 7 p.m. at Village Hall, 141 Water Street with a public hearing regarding the repeal of a local law for parking at the beginning of the meeting. If you plan to attend by Zoom contact Village Clerk Paula Niebanck at clerk@villageofranklinny.us prior to the meeting for the meeting link.

Franklin Recreation Commission will meet Monday, Nov. 9, 6 p.m. at Village Hall, 141 Water Street.

Franklin Central School (FCS)fall sports events can be found at https://www.schedulegalaxy.com/schools/130 The Backpack Program is fundraising via the Regional Food Bank. Donations can be made at https://give.regionalfoodbank.net/franklincs

Fruit and cheese orders are being taken by FCS FFA members and members of the junior class through Nov. 8. See a member to order.

There will be a FCS Board of Education committee meeting and audit committee meeting Thursday, Nov. 12 at 5:30 p.m.

The annual Thanksgiving luncheon for seniors will be Nov. 18 at 1 p.m. Reservations are required - call the district office at 607-829-3551 ext. 1517 by Nov. 13.

Franklin Head Start, 293 Main Street, is recruiting children ages 3 to 5 for their full day program. Call 607-829-3312 for more info.

Franklin Improvement Society will meet Wednesday, Nov. 11, at 7 p.m. at Open Doors Methodist, 475 Main Street, which is handicapped accessible. New members are welcome.

Greater Franklin Food Pantry, 574 Main Street, will be open Friday, Nov. 6, from 2-4 p.m. Sign-ups are open to new and returning pantry neighbors for the December holiday food box. Sign up for the December box by Monday, Nov. 30, either at the pantry during open hours, call or text 607-386-1601 or email info@greaterfranklinfoodpantry.org 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.

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. There will be a Zine ("a small-batch, self-published booklet") intro session Tuesday, Nov. 10, 5-6 p.m., to introduce the concept for the following Zine workshop Saturday, Nov. 14, 1 p.m. Both the intro session and workshop are for all ages, with the workshop's Zines on display through Thursday, Dec. 10. The library will be closed Wednesday, Nov. 11 in observance of Veterans Day. The library board meets Thursday, Nov. 12 at 1 p.m. The public is welcome to attend.

Bright Hill Press, 94 Church Street, Treadwell: "Out of the Shadows: Slavery and Freedom in Delaware County, NY 1790-1870" is on display in the Word and Image Gallery through Nov. 15. Gallery hours are Mondays-Thursdays, 12:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. or by appointment.

Bright Hill Community Library, 94 Church Street, Treadwell, is open weekly, Monday through Thursday, 12:30 to 4:30 p.m., and Saturdays, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Lego Club will be held Monday, Nov. 9, 3:30-4:30 p.m. for ages 5+. If your child is riding the bus to Lego Club call the library at 607-829-5055 to register your child in addition to filling out a bus note with the school.

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.; 400 tickets are available - $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.

At 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 grade six. 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. Save the date for "A CBC Christmas Carol," a live production put on by church members and others in the community that will be presented on the evening of the Christmas Stroll, Saturday, Dec. 12, at 7:30 p.m. Call the church at 607-829-5471 or email cbchurch@cbchurch-franklin.com

Aldrich Baptist Church, 2770 state Route 28, North Franklin, Sunday worship 9:30-10:30 a.m. Children's Sunday school is held during the service.

Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, Xi Delta Iota Chapter, is holding a pre-Thanksgiving bake sale Saturday, Nov. 21 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Munson's Building Supply, 5662 State Highway 7, Oneonta. If you have no time to bake, get your holiday pies, cakes and more. Gluten-free baked items will be available. Proceeds help fund local family services, veterans' services, food banks and animal shelters.

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DCMO BOCES School Lunch Management Program Honored

The DCMO BOCES School Lunch Management team was honored at an event in Binghamton Tuesday, Oct. 27. The Rural Health Network of South Central New York held its annual Rural Health Awards celebration, recognizing individuals and organizations whose dedication and contributions advance the health and wellbeing of rural people and communities in the region. The DCMO BOCES School Lunch Management team was named this year's Rural Health Champion at the event, held at the SUNY Broome Culinary Center in Binghamton. The award is presented to an individual or organization that exhibits concern for rural issues and takes steps to address those concerns. For DCMO BOCES, those steps include partnering with the Rural Health Network's Farm to School program to create healthier rural communities by forging connections with local food producers and expanding their students' access to fresh, healthy local food.

Since 2018, when DCMO BOCES began the Farm to School partnership, the program has grown in both scope and reach, from a single school district to 16 participating school districts and their nearly 11,000 students.



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Members of the DCMO BOCES School Lunch Management team were recognized with the Rural Health Champion Award Tuesday night at the Rural Health Network of South Central New York's awards celebration in Binghamton. From left: Dee Shalna, Brandi Fiester, Luci Hopps, School Lunch Manager Connie Babino, Nicole D'Elia, Deanna Jacobs, and Rural Health Network Farm to School Coordinator Hannah Ogborn.

Their successful partnership has increased opportunities for students to try local foods through taste tests and "NY Thursday" lunches, expanded professional development opportunities for school nutrition staff, and supported New York state producers through local procurement efforts.

DCMO BOCES was recognized for actively working to grow their program, including applying for and managing three New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets Farm to School Grants, as well as continuing to invest their own time, resources, and creativity into making Farm to School an important part of their school food service.

DCMO BOCES School Lunch Manager Constance Babino accepted the award, along with members of the school lunch team. The DCMO BOCES School Lunch Management program currently provides cafeteria management and planning services for both DCMO BOCES campuses and schools in the following districts: Afton, Bainbridge-Guilford, Downsville, Greene, Hancock, Norwich, Oneonta, Otselic Valley, Oxford Academy, Schenevus, Sherburne-Earlville, Sidney, Unatego and Walton.

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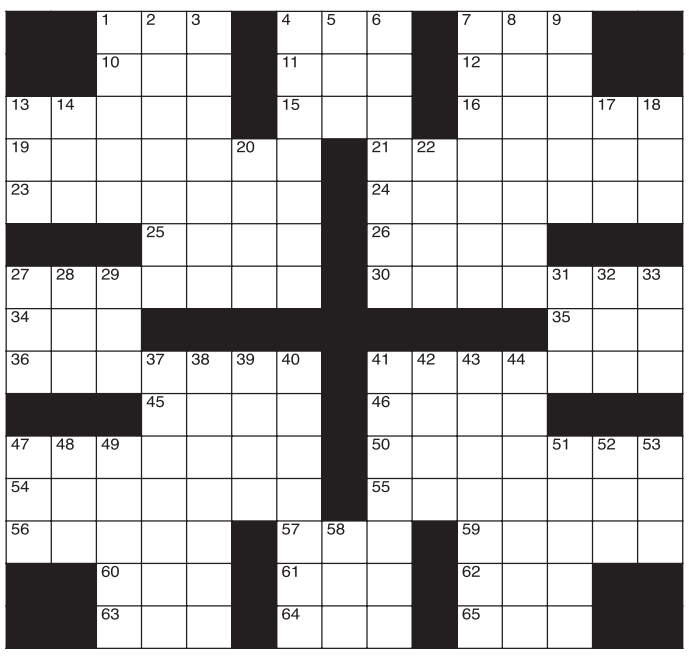
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The Roscoe Central School Class of 1963 gathered Sept. 25-27 for its 63rd class reunion, with a weekend of get-togethers in Roscoe. Festivities began Friday with a buffet at the Courtyard, continued Saturday with dinner at the Rockland House and concluded Sunday with breakfast at the Roscoe Diner. Attending were Marge Gorton, the class's only remaining teacher; Carrie Gorton, Linda Stadel Cortright, Joe Perino, Tony Perino, Kathy Vantran DeRosia, Judie Darbee Smith and Dick, Marsha Bowers Banks, Eric Banks, Tom Mealie and Cathy, Lulubelle Thomas Cosgrove, Nate Thomas, Joe Hesse and Beverly, and Nancy Kirchner. Unable to attend were Jim Ackerley, Allen Bowers, Peggy Bowers Cumiskey, Diane Buck Evans, Sonja Goldstein Suss, Alan Howard, Sue Schad Rampe and Roger Seip. The class was unable to contact Sue Flynn Kirchner and Marilyn Bock Cook. Of the original 31 classmates, 17 have died: Audrey Banks Hudson, Nick Bermel, Harold Bowers, Bill Darbee, Vince Ebert, Eugene Eck, Carol Eggleton Miner, Judy Foote Van Wagner, Ann Gartland Childress, Sue Jones Goin Allen, Don Klinger, Julie Marks, Sheila Moore, Linda Pierpoint, Pete Pomeroy, Joe Rieping and JoAnn Wegman Bowers.

Capital Project Public Forum - Thursday, Nov. 12

There will be a Walton CSD 2026 Capital Project Public Forum for Q&A on Thursday, November 12, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the O'Neill High School auditorium.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Tire pressure metric
4. Request
7. Clairvoyance
10. 007's creator Fleming
11. Male adult
12. Norse mythological figure
13. Coffin cloths
15. Breeze through
16. Ladyfish genus
19. We all take them
21. Nobleman's jurisdiction
23. Members of U.S. Navy
24. Rummy-like card game
25. Unable to move
26. Type of horse
27. Parted
30. Woman's cloak
34. South American plant
35. Prohibit
36. Something one takes
41. Dish detergent manufacturer
45. Romanian river
46. Personification of pity
47. Makes upset
50. Discuss again
54. Medical instrument
55. Support
56. Informal term for money
57. Catch doing something wrong
59. Prehistoric people
60. Large African antelope
61. Automobile
62. "Losing My Religion" rockers
63. High-resolution scientific instrument
64. A major division of geological time
65. Attempt

CLUES DOWN

1. Indoor plant
2. Fit to be sold
3. Rather
4. Collected
5. A baglike structure in a plant or animal
6. Irish rap group
7. Ageless
8. Lists indicating curriculum
9. Pokes at
13. Public television station
14. They __
17. Cooking tool
18. Separately managed account
20. Iron-containing compound
22. Swiss river
27. Former French coin
28. Electronic countermeasures
29. Taxi
31. Helps little firms
32. Unhappy
33. Midway between northeast and east
37. Glowing
38. Lists of items to be discussed
39. An informal body of friends
40. Indispensable quality
41. Neural structures
42. Brews
43. A place to dock
44. Festive singer
47. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
48. Northernmost point of mainland Wales
49. Most worthless parts
51. Type of "bear"
52. Take or consume
53. Defunct European organization
58. Swiss river

Solution to last week's puzzle on page 21

SIDNEY/UNADILLA

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Sidney

Donations for Uplift Care kit boxes can be left at the following places through Dec. 4. Kits are given to children and their families who are going through difficult times such as cancer treatment, major surgery or other serious medical challenges and are to be distributed through the Bassett Healthcare Network School-based health offices to those most in need. See list of items needed at Village Variety in Unadilla, SFCU in Bainbridge and Macho's Tacos, Trackside Dining, Club 55 and Tri County Senior Center in Sidney.

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 Crafts and creations for those in kindergarten through grade 12 Thursdays from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Nov. 5 - twig window frame painting; Nov. 23 - crayon melt suncatchers; and Nov. 19 Thanksgiving luminaries. The Photography Club will hold its art exhibit in the Smart Community Room from Nov. 7 through 28 with an opening reception Saturday, Nov. 7 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. The Book Club meets Tuesday, Nov. 10 at 11:30 a.m. and will discuss the book, "This Story Might Save Your Life" by Tiffany Crum. Copies of the book are available for checkout at the library. The library Board of Trustees will meet in the Smart Community Room Tuesday, Nov. 10 at 4:30 p.m. The public is always welcome. A Citizen Preparedness Training will be held Saturday, Nov. 14 at 2 p.m. in the Smart Community Room. This free program will give residents tools and resources to be prepared for any type of disaster, respond accordingly, and recover as quickly as possible. This program is presented by NY Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services. Register by calling 607-563-1200.

The "In Stitches" quilting group will meet in the Smart Community Room Tuesday, Nov. 17 from 1 to 4 p.m. All levels of quilters are welcome to join.

Make a bookmark, hunt for turkeys at the Masonville Branch Library Tuesday, Nov. 17 and Wednesday, Nov. 18 from 3:30 to 7 p.m.; Friday, Nov. 20 from 1 to 5 p.m. Stop in and enjoy these fun crafts; for more information call 607-265-3330. The Yarn Club will meet Nov. 14 and 28 from 10 a.m. to noon.

The Tri County Senior Center in the back of the hospital building at 43 Pearl Street is open Wednesdays 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 Facebook.

The Sidney Historical Association (SHA) meetings are held at 44 Grand Street on the third Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. All are invited to come and consider becoming a member. Visit SHA 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

Veterans Day breakfast and assembly at Unatego Elementary School Tuesday, Nov. 14 to honor local veterans - including a spouse or significant other - who have a connection to students, faculty and staff at the elementary school. Breakfast from 8:30 a.m. to 9:15 a.m., program in the gymnasium from 9:30 to 10 a.m. with families of veterans welcome. To make reservations call 607-369-6200 or email kbarber@unatego.stier.org First-time attendees may send a military photo to to use for the Wall of Honor to Unatego Elementary School, 265 Main Street, Unadilla, NY 13849, Attn: Veterans Day - or you may drop it off at the school.

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

The Unadilla Community Food Pantry and Unadilla Methodist Church have coordinated to provide a Blessing Box for those in need in Unadilla. The box is located on the front porch of the Community House. If you would like to help to stock it, here is a list of some items needed. Pasta, rice, cereal, crackers, soup in box, instant potatoes, boxed mac and cheese, tea, coffee, toilet paper, paper towels, socks. All items to be brand new. If you wish to donate, you can leave items on the front bench in the Unadilla office or place them in the Blessing box.

A free breakfast in the basement of the First United Methodist Church, 170 Main Street is held on the first and third Saturday of each month from 9 to 11 a.m. Call 607-369-20 52 for reservations.

Village board meetings are being held on the third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Firehouse, 77 Clifton Street.

Town board meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Municipal Building, 1648 State Highway 7

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

Unadilla Public Library, 193 Main Street - board open monthly meetings every third Monday beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Unadilla Food Pantry, 172 Main Street, is open Mondays, Fridays and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Second Wednesday of every month is 4 to 6 p.m. For more information call 607-267-5602.

The Unadilla Methodist Church has a clothing donation shed in its parking lot sponsored by Troop 1 BSA. You may stop anytime to donate clothing, shoes, blankets, sheets, curtains, stuffed animals.

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Dr. Stacy E. Ward, Superintendent
Roxbury Central School
53729 State Hwy. 30, Roxbury, NY 12474 EOE

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The Watershed Agricultural Council, a non-profit organization working to protect the NYC Watershed, while supporting farm and forest land uses, is seeking an **Economic Viability and Communications Executive Assistant.**

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To review qualifications and requirements, and to apply for this position, visit:
https://nycwatershed.org/about-us/career-opportunities/
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Supervisor-$7,500;Council Members-$1,650;Town Clerk-$23,690;Highway Superintendent-$62,060.00
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Sheilah Burnham, Town Clerk

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TOWN OF DELHI LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF HEARING UPON PRELIMINARY BUDGET

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Delhi Town Board will hold a public hearing on the Preliminary 2027 Budget at the Town Hall at 5:55pm, 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:

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Town Clerk/Tax Collector	48,109.00
Justice	30,824.00

The regular monthly Town Board Meeting will be held directly following the Public Hearing.

Dated: October 12, 2026
By order of the Delhi Town Board
Elsa Schmitz
Delhi Town Clerk

DELAWARE COUNTY RFQ

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS
Professional Engineering Services for Hydrologic and Hydraulic Modeling
The Delaware County Soil and Water Conservation District (DCSWCD), 44 West Street, Suite 1, Walton, NY 13856, is seeking proposals from qualified professional engineering firms to provide hydrologic and hydraulic modeling, analysis, and related engineering services to support the DCSWCD in the protection of water quality and management of stream systems throughout Delaware County.
The purpose of this Request for Qualifications (RFQ) is to establish contracts with qualified consultants to provide engineering and technical assistance for the planning, design, evaluation, and permitting of stream restoration, flood mitigation, and water resource management projects. Services will be provided on an as-needed basis and will not be limited to any specific project.
Specific services may include, but are not limited to: hydrologic analyses; one-dimensional and two-dimensional hydraulic modeling; sediment transport analysis; topographic and bathymetric surveying; field data collection and site assessments; hydraulic evaluation of bridges, culverts, and stream crossings; stream restoration and floodplain project reviews; regulatory permitting assistance; emergency flood response and recovery; flood hazard mitigation; and related technical consulting, training, and public outreach.
The anticipated contract term is two (2) years, with an option for renewal. DCSWCD may award up to three (3) contracts under this solicitation.
Request for Qualifications documents may be obtained at the Delaware County Soil and Water Conservation District office between the hours of 7:30 AM and 3:30 PM or electronically by contacting Donna Wood at donna-wood@dcswcd.org . Addenda, if any, will be issued only to vendors whose names and addresses are on record as having obtained the RFQ documents.
Proposals will be received by the Delaware County Soil and Water Conservation District, 44 West Street, Suite 1 Walton, NY 13856, until **11:00 AM, prevailing time Monday, November 30, 2026** . Late proposals will not be accepted. E-mailed or faxed proposals will not be accepted. Vendors are responsible for the timely delivery of their proposals.
Minority-owned and women-owned businesses are encouraged to apply. The Delaware County Soil and Water Conservation District reserves the right to reject any and all proposals or waive informalities in the proposals.
Questions should be directed to Graydon Dutcher, Executive Director, Delaware County Soil and Water Conservation District, 44 West Street, Suite 1, Walton, NY 13856, 607-865-5223 (phone), 607-865-5535 (fax), or e-mail: graydon-dutcher@dcswcd.org .

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.

TOWN OF ANDES PUBLIC NOTICE

Annual Election of the Andes Fire District On December 8, 2026
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual Election of the Andes Fire District will take place on December 8, 2026, between the hours of 6:00 PM and 9:00 PM at the Andes Fire House located at 5259 County Route 1 Andes, NY 13731, for the purpose of electing one Commissioner for a five (5) year term, commencing on January 1, 2027, to December 31, 2032. All voters registered with the Delaware County Board of Elections on or Before November 15, 2026, shall be eligible to vote.
Candidates for District Office shall have filed their names with the Secretary of the Andes Fire District, at the fire house at 5259 County Rte. 1 Andes, NY 13731, mailing PO Box 493 Andes, NY 13731, **no later than twenty days before the election, November 18, 2026**, to be placed on the ballot.

DELAWARE COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Notice of formation of TEPLO Sauna Rituals, 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 Secretary of State of New York: 1492 Roses Brook Road, South Kortright NY 13842. 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.

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.



WATERSHED AGRICULTURAL COUNCIL INVITATION FOR BIDS

Dominick Siniscalchi, 6900 St Hwy 206, Sidney Center NY is seeking bids for a trail & walkway, waste storage – roof, timber roofed concrete barnyard and animal trail & walkway (implementation Spring 2027) to be funded by the Watershed Agricultural Council. Prospective bidders will receive a bid package which contains a bid sheet with instructions to bidders, sample contract, plans and specifications. Bid packages may be obtained by contacting Chelsea Ingram at the Watershed Program Office, 44 West Street, Walton, NY 13856 or by calling 607-865-7090 ext. 209. Prospective bidders must be in attendance for the full group site showing at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 18, 2026, at the Siniscalchi farmstead. Failure to attend will result in the rejection of your bid. Sealed bids must be clearly marked "Siniscalchi - Sealed Bid" and will be accepted on behalf of the landowner at the Watershed Agricultural Program Office at 44 West Street, Walton, NY until 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 2, 2026, where they will be opened and read. Small and minority owned businesses are encouraged to apply. The Watershed Agricultural Council, Inc. reserves the right to reject any and all bids. E.O.E.

DELAWARE COUNTY NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT- COUNTY OF DELAWARE

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, F/K/A THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS SUCCESSOR TO JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE FOR THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF ABFS MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2001-1, MORTGAGE-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2001-1 , Plaintiff,
AGAINST
GLORIA A. LAUREANTI A/K/A GLORIA LAUREANTI, ANN M. LAUREANTI AS HEIR AT LAW AND NEXT OF KIN OF ALFRED LAUREANTI, and UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE ESTATE OF ALFRED LAUREANTI, if they be living and if they be dead, the respective heirs-at-law, next-of-kin, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, devisees, legatees, assignees, lienors, creditors and successors in interest and generally all persons having or claiming under, by or through said defendant(s) who may be deceased, by purchase, inheritance, lien or inheritance, any right, title or interest in or to the real property described in the Complaint; CHERYL L. STEWART A/K/A CHERYL L. LAUREANTI AS HEIR AT LAW AND NEXT OF KIN OF ALFRED LAUREANTI; LAURA L. PORRETTA A/K/A LAURA L. LAUREANTI AS HEIR AT LAW AND NEXT OF KIN OF ALFRED LAUREANTI; ALFRED LOUIS LAUREANTI A/K/A ALFRED LAUREANTI AS HEIR AT LAW AND NEXT OF KIN OF ALFRED LAUREANTI; et al. Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale duly entered on September 3, 2026.

I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Delaware County Courthouse, 3 Court Street, Delhi, NY 13753 on December 1, 2026 at 9:00 AM premises known as 50439 State Highway 30, Roxbury, NY 12474 A/K/A P.O. Box Route 30 State Road, Roxbury, NY 12474.

Please take notice that this foreclosure auction shall be conducted in compliance with the Foreclosure Auction Rules for the Sixth Judicial District, Delaware County, and the COVID 19 Health Emergency Rules, including proper use of masks and social distancing.

All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Roxbury, County of Delaware and State of New York. Section 200., Block 2 and Lot 11.

Approximate amount of judgment $74,011.95 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment. Index #EF2025-756.

Kelley M. Eckmair, Esq. , Referee,
Aldridge Pite, LLP - Attorneys for Plaintiff - 40 Marcus Drive, Suite 200, Melville, NY 11747

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.

DELAWARE COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Lone Wolf Realty LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/17/2026. Office: Delaware County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: The LLC, PO Box 158, Oneonta, NY 13820. Purpose: any lawful act.

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.

NOTICE

The Annual Meeting of the North Kortright Cemetery Association will be held on November 16, 2026 at 6:00 pm at the Charlotte Valley Presbyterian Church, Davenport, NY for the purpose of electing 5 Directors and transacting any other business that comes before the meeting.

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

DELAWARE COUNTY NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF DELAWARE
US BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR VRMTG ASSET TRUST

Plaintiff,
Against
MARTIN HART A/K/A MARTIN J. HART; et al

Defendant(s)
Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, duly entered 08/06/2025, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction, at the Delaware County Courthouse, 3 Court St., Delhi, NY 13753, on 12/8/2026 at 9:30AM, premises known as 2971 State Highway 28 S., Oneonta, NY 13820, and State Highway 28 S, Oneonta, NY 13820, and described as follows:

ALL that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate in the Town of Franklin, County of Delaware and State of New York.

Section 59. Block 1 Lot 24 and Section 44. Block 1. Lot 36.2.

The approximate amount of the current Judgment lien is $135,478.73 plus interest and costs. The Premises will be sold subject to provisions of the aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale; Index # EF2023-768

Michael J. Shultes, Esq., Referee.

MCCABE, WEISBERG & CONWAY, LLC, 10 Midland Avenue, Suite 205, Port Chester, NY 10573

Dated: 10/14/2026 File Number: 23-300726 CA

DELAWARE COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

NAIL BANGER CIGARS, LLC. Filed with SSNY on 10/13/2026. Office: Delaware County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 45 MAIN ST, HOBART, NY 13788. Purpose: Any Lawful

TOWN OF SIDNEY NOTICE OF MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Sidney will hold a public meeting on **November 16, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.**
The meeting will be held at **44 Grand Street, Sidney (Town Building).**
By Order of the Zoning Board of Appeals
Dated: October 26, 2026

DELAWARE COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Notice of Formation of Songbird Rentals, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/20/2026. Office location: Delaware County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Pierro, Connor & Strauss, LLC, 43 British American Blvd., Latham, NY 12110. Purpose: any lawful activities.

MIDDLETOWN-HARDENBURGH FIRE DISTRICT BID NOTICE

Notice to Bidders: SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

Middletown Hardenburgh Fire District will be seeking sealed bids on the following surplus item:

2006 Chevrolet 2500HD 4 wd Ext cab pickup, Mileage: 9862 Engine: LBZ Duramax diesel, Box: 8 ft.,Condition: Excellent

Inspection of the vehicle may be arranged by calling District Chief Nelson Delameter at 845-707-3126.
Send bids to, the Middletown Hardenburgh Fire District, PO Box 201, Margaretville NY, 12455. The envelope must be clearly marked **"Bid for 2006 Chev PU"** on the outside of the envelope. Bids will be accepted until 7:00P.M., November 16,2026 when they will be publicly opened and read. Minimum bid of $20,000.00 is placed on this truck.
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Middletown Hardenburgh Fire District reserves the right to reject any or all bids.
Barbara Funck, Secretary

DELAWARE COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Notice of Formation of Catskills Log Cabin Retreat, LLC. Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 10/23/26. Office location: Delaware Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served SSNY shall mail process to: United Corporate Services, Inc., 10 Bank St, Ste 560, White Plains, NY 10606, the registered agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. Purpose: any lawful activities.

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 Dragonfly Mudworks LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State (SSNY) on 10/1/26. Office location: Delaware County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 83 Walnut St, PO Box 1175, Margaretville, NY 12455. Purpose: any lawful activity.

DELAWARE COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Notice of Formation of Gun House Hill Games LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State (SSNY) on 10/13/26. Office location: Delaware County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 60125 NY-10, Hobart, NY 13788. Purpose: any lawful activity.

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.

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

DELHI JOINT FIRE DISTRICT LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF ANNUAL ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Delhi Joint Fire District are hereby holding an Annual Election on December 8th, 2026 between the hours of 6:00p.m. and 9:00p.m. at the Delhi Fire Department's firehouse located at 140 Delview Terrace Extension, Delhi, New York 13753 for the purpose of electing one **(1) commissioner**:

One (1) commissioner for a 5-year term commencing on January 1st, 2027 and ending on December 31st, 2031.

Candidates for District Office of Commissioner must file a letter of intent to run for election with the Secretary of the Fire District no later than November 18, 2026.
All voters registered with the Delaware County Board of Elections on or before November 16, 2026, who are residents of the fire district for thirty (30) days preceding the election, shall be eligible to vote.

Scott May, Chairman
Board of Commissioners
Delhi Joint Fire District
5 Elm Street
Delhi, NY 13753

TOWN OF TOMPKINS LEGAL NOTICE

TOMPKINS FIRE DISTRICT
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Board of Commissioners of the Tompkins Fire District shall hold the annual election on 12/08/2026 between the hours of 6pm and 9pm at the Trout Creek Fire Station located at 8695 County Highway 27 Trout Creek NY 13847 for the purpose of electing one (1) commissioner for a 5 year term commencing 01/01/2027 and ending on 12/31/2031.
Candidates for the district office of commissioner must file a letter of intent with the secretary of the fire district no later than 11/18/2026.
All voters registered with the Delaware County Board of Elections on or before 11/6/2026, who are residents of the district for thirty days preceding the election shall be eligible to vote.

Kim Holden, Secretary
Town of Tompkins Fire District
PO Box 44
Trout Creek NY 13847

DELAWARE COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

HAGER MOUNTAIN REPAIR LLC. Filed 7/13/26. Office: Delaware Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 8856 County Hwy 33, Bloomville, NY 13739. Registered Agent: Legalzoom Usca, Inc., 45 Main St, Ste 238, Bklyn, NY 11201. Purpose: General.

DELAWARE COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Notice of formation of What if We Made LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/19/2026. 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 Adam Brody / Isabel Kagan: Franklin NY. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

WATERSHED AGRICULTURAL COUNCIL INVITATION FOR BIDS

Michael Noonan, 2363 Bramley Mountain Road, Bovina Center NY is seeking bids for a covered concrete heavy use area, high-tensile fence and an animal trail and walkway (implementation Spring 2027) to be funded by the Watershed Agricultural Council. Prospective bidders will receive a bid package which contains a bid sheet with instructions to bidders, sample contract, plans and specifications. Bid packages may be obtained by contacting Chelsea Ingram at the Watershed Program Office, 44 West Street, Walton, NY 13856 or by calling 607-865-7090 ext. 209. Prospective bidders must be in attendance for the full group site showing at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 17, 2026, at the Noonan farmstead. Failure to attend will result in the rejection of your bid. Sealed bids must be clearly marked "Noonan Sealed Bid" and will be accepted on behalf of the landowner at the Watershed Agricultural Program Office at 44 West Street, Walton, NY until 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 1, 2026, where they will be opened and read. Small and minority owned businesses are encouraged to apply. The Watershed Agricultural Council, Inc. reserves the right to reject any and all bids. E.O.E.

LOOKING BACK

100 Years Ago From The Pages of The Walton Reporter

100 Years Ago,
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1926

THE WEEK IN WALTON

What We Are Talking About at the County Hub

The Southern New York Truck Terminal in Binghamton has started operation of a truck line from Binghamton to Walton. The line is under the direction of E.D. Rickerson with C.C. Rider of Binghamton as truck driver. Headquarters in Walton will be at Parker's service station and round trips will be made daily.

On Monday Austin Covert shot a five-point buck on the Fred St. John farm on Bear Spring mountain. The same day Earl Thomas returned from Big Indian with a buck which he had shot. Reports from the East Branch valley would indicate that deer are fairly plentiful in that region.

William P. Hall cracked two ribs on his right side last Thursday. He works on the town highway force and was unloading some empty cement bags at E.R. Howland's mill preparatory to putting on another load of cement. He overreached in such a way as to strike his side against the flange of the truck so heavily as to injure the ribs. Mr. Hall did not know the extent of the injury and worked that day. Monday, he consulted Dr. W.R. Gladstone who discovered the injury and gave treatment.

A total of 2,044 votes were cast in the town of Walton Tuesday, divided as follows: District 1, 386; No.2, 475; No.3, 328; No. 4,481; No. 5, 280; No.6, 94. These figures include 18 absentee ballots. George A. Peck was the first voter in district one and Mrs. Minnie Lange the last voter. Arthur Hoyt cast the first vote in district 2 and William Ostrander the last. In the third district C.A. Churchill was the first voter and Mrs. C.G. Thomson voted last. In district five C.R. Wakeman's vote was the first polled and that of Mrs. Myron More the last received. In the fifth district James DePuy voted first and Mrs. Grace Golden put in the final ballot.

Automobiles driven by Stewart Fultz and Miss Margaret Woodburn collided early Monday evening at the corner of Delaware and Bridge streets. Mr. and Mrs. Fultz were returning from a visit at Union Grove and had the side curtains in place on their car. They live on Stockton avenue and when the signal light at the street intersection flashed on the green Mr. Fultz swung his car to turn from Delaware street into Bridge street. He failed to see Miss Woodburn's car which was proceeding easterly along Delaware street and crashed broadside into her machine. Both cars were going slowly. The impact smashed the running board on the left side of the Woodburn car and jammed the door on that side. A wheel on the Fultz car was broken and the front of the machine damaged.

Announcement of the engagement of Miss Marjorie Shaw and Robert Nichols was made at a dinner party given Monday evening, November first, in the Sunlight room of the Royal café by the Misses Margurette and Marjorie Shaw. Covers were laid for twenty-six and the engagement was made known through the place cards, which represented two kewpie dolls, whose hands were joined by a betrothal ring; this, however, was cleverly hidden by means of the bit of folded paper, containing the announcement. The color scheme, for the table decoration, was gold and white. A large basket of deep yellow chrysanthemums was placed in the center of the table, while streamers of gold crepe paper were arranged in attractive design from end to end of the long table, which was effectively lighted by gold candles set in black candle-sticks. The favors, also, carried out the gold and white color scheme. The four-course turkey dinner was followed by bridge, the prize for high score going to Miss Margaret Woodburn.

RED CROSS ROLL CALL

Engagement Announced-Polled 2,044 Votes-Truck Line to Binghamton-Autos Crash-Ribs Cracked

The Red Cross roll call will be held beginning Armistice day under the leadership of Lee Camp. The chapter is asking for funds for the local work as well as the memberships. Half of each membership fee remains in Walton, but the returns are not sufficient to finance the local nursing program. Miss Taylor has made a splendid success of her work in the schools and the community at large. To keep her in Walton will require gifts totaling $1,000. Therefore, when solicited join the National Red Cross and also subscribe to the local health program. Preliminary to the Red Cross roll call, a union Red Cross service will be held in the United Presbyterian church Sunday evening. On Tuesday evening, Nov. 9, a Red Cross subscription supper will be held at the Walton House. Heretofore, the supper has been complimentary. This year for the first time the workers are buying their tickets. The supper will be followed by an address by Dorothy Honeywell Johnston, field representative for the National Red Cross. Mrs. Johnston was an overseas war-time worker with the Red Cross.

TRAIN HITS CAR ON OQUAGA CROSSING

Cannonsville couple Injured When Auto Overturns After Collision

(From Cannonsville correspondent)

Last Thursday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Gransbury escaped being killed by a narrow margin at the railroad crossing at McClure. Mr. Gransbury had been to Oquaga Lake after Mrs. Gransbury, who had been employed there during the summer, driving his Ford coupe. Enroute for home at the McClure crossing they waited for the up freight to pass, then started to cross the track. Two wheels were on the track when the engine stalled and they were struck by the down freight. The car was overturned and hurled around by the impact. The train was stopped and assistance rendered. Mr. Gransbury had one finger broken and a deep gash cut across his left hand and his left leg bruised. Mrs. Gransbury sustained injuries to the back of her neck and one shoulder and one leg hurt. Dr. Axtell rendered medical assistance. The Ford coupe was completely demolished. A pet dog was in the car which escaped injury.

COUNTY STILL DRY REFERENDUM SHOWS

Delaware One of Few Giving Negative Votes

MIDDLETOWN VOTES WET

Fifty-Eight of Sixty-Six Election Districts Return Negative Majorities on Proposition

The prohibition referendum carried in the election Tuesday by over a million votes. With some districts still missing Thursday the vote was going at the ratio of nearly three to one in the affirmative. In round numbers the total vote in the state will approximate 1,750,000 in the affirmative and 600,000 in the negative.

The question submitted read as follows: "Should the congress of the United States modify the federal act to enforce the eighteenth amendment so that the same shall not prohibit the manufacture, sale, transportation, importation or exportation of beverages which are not in fact intoxicating as determined in accordance with the laws of the respective state?"

A vote of "yes" on the question was therefore an expression of opinion in favor of modification of the Volstead law and a vote of "no" was an expression against such change.

There are sixty-six election districts in Delaware county and eight of these voted in the affirmative. These districts are the Beerston district in Walton, Rock Rift district in Tompkins, Rock Valley and Lordville districts in Hancock, the lower Downsville district in Colchester, the Vega district in Roxbury, the Union Grove district in Andes and the Fleischmanns and Arkville districts in Middletown. The vote in the two Middletown districts was sufficient to give the affirmative a majority in that town.

The total vote in the county was 5,702 in favor and 8,594 against, the majority against being 2,892. There were blanks which is less than the usual number of blanks cast on a referendum in the county.

FLEE IN NIGHTCLOTHES

Brothers Escape From House As Roof Caves in

ALL BUILDINGS BURNED

Fire Starting in Barn on Murtagh Farm at Franklin consumes All Farm Buildings

The farmhouse, and its contents, the large overshot barn filled with hay and farm machinery and the wagon house and other smaller buildings on the farm of Matthew Murtagh, situated three and one-half miles from Franklin were burned to the ground Friday morning about one o'clock. Mr. Murtagh's two sons, Arnold, 28, and Burnham, 19, narrowly escaped with their lives as they fled from the burning house in their nightclothes.

The origin of the fire is unknown but it is thought that it started in the barn. Mr. and Mrs. Murtagh were visiting in Schenectady at the time and had left the farm in charge of the two sons. About one o'clock Friday morning Arnold, the elder son, awoke and the ceiling over his head was in flames. He awakened his brother, Burnham, and the two grabbed clothes hanging nearby and fled into the yard. It was only a few minutes afterwards that the roof of the house fell in. When the two men rushed from the house the large barn was already a ruin, the roof having fallen in.

Among the first to arrive at the scene of the fire was Harry McKown, who came soon after the brothers had come from the burning house, but nothing could be done but stand and watch the progress of the fire.

The farm is situated on the hill between Handsome and East brooks and the barn was one of the finest in that section. It contained about 140 tons of hay and a stack of hay nearby was also burned, as well as the silo filled with the season's crop of hay. In the wagon house, which was near the barn, was stored all the farm machinery, which was practically new. Nothing was saved from the house. The cattle and horses were in the pasture.

Mr. Murtagh carried an insurance of $11,600, which he estimated will not half cover his loss.

GRANDPARENTS HAVE CHILD

Are Given Custody of Ruth Bartholomew for the Present

Justice Kellogg on Wednesday continued the hearing of the proceedings instituted by Lillian Bartholomew, now of New Jersey, for the custody of her four year old daughter, Geraldine Ruth Bartholomew, which had been in the care of the grandparents, Col. and Janie Bartholomew, Andes.

The mother alleged that she had been compelled by the treatment accorded her to leave the home her husband, Carl Bartholomew, proved for her with his parents in Andes, and that when she attempted to take the daughter with her the grandmother prevented it and kept the child.

The case presented many problems but the evidence disclosed that the child was given a good home by the grandparents and that she was contented and happy there while the ability of the mother to provide for the daughter seemed in doubt, her earning power being limited in her present condition.

The court directed the entry of an order leaving the custody of the daughter with the grandparents until such time as the mother could show some court of competent jurisdiction had awarded her sufficient sum payable by her husband to support the child or show the court that she herself was earning sufficient moneys to do so.

Arthur F. Curtis of Delhi appeared for the petitioner and Frank C. Huntington of Oneonta for the respondents.

ORPHAN ASYLUM BURNS

Children Marched Out of Institution In Good Order

Coolness and prompt action on the part of L.W. Steele, principal in charge of the Susan Fenimore Cooper Foundation, an orphan asylum at Cooperstown, was responsible for 80 boys and girls in the school escaping uninjured from the main building, when it was destroyed by fire of unknown origin Monday. Steele detected the odor of smoke just before the morning recess at 10:30 o'clock and after locating the fire on the third floor of the building assembled the children as if nothing had happened and marched them from the building.

SUES AFTER COLLISION

Cannonsville Man Claims Auto Ran Into His Car

(From Cannonsville correspondent)

Erford Seymour of Cannonsville, who is employed in Binghamton, has sued Charles S. Sidman of New York city in supreme court to recover damages in the sum of $3,114. The action is the result of a collision between the automobiles of the above parties on the 31st of last July on the Windsor state road. Mr. Seymour claims that his car was at a standstill when struck by Sidman's automobile. Attorney H.W. Smith of Deposit represents Mr. Seymour and Attorney John E. Gates of Syracuse Mr. Sidman.

JURY LEFT OFF ONE DIGIT

Find Verdict of $1,075 instead of $10,750 asked

A verdict of $1,075 was given John T. Robinson of Hancock in his action against Joseph Palm of Hancock, tried in supreme court in Binghamton this week.

Robinson brought action for $10,750 on account of an automobile accident on the Hancock-Susquehanna highway the afternoon of August 8th. The jury returned a verdict Wednesday for $1,075 instead of the $10,750 asked.

A.C. Thomas, Robinson's brother-in-law, was at the wheel of Robinson's Gardiner sedan. Palm was driving his Chrysler sedan.

Thomas was trailing Palm for some distance and finally decided to pass him. He gave the proper signal but as he started to pass he claims Palm swung his car to the left, forcing the Robinson car, as was testified, over the shoulder of the narrow road and into the ditch. The car overturned and Robinson was hurt. The accident occurred in Pennsylvania but the suit was brought in a New York state court, as both parties reside in the latter state.

Shoot 1,000 Pheasants

(From Andes correspondent)

At the estate of R.L. Gerry, near Andes, where Mr. Gerry and his friends have their annual pheasant shoot consisting of three days, about 1,000 birds were shot, 600 being the largest day's shoot.

HIT IN HEAD WITH AXE

Fishs Eddy Child Has Narrow Escape From Death

(From Fishs Eddy correspondent)

While playing in the dooryard of her home Saturday little Charlotte Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Johnson of Fishs Eddy, had the misfortune to cut her head quite badly with an axe.

Mr. Johnson had been cutting wood and his double bitted axe was lying on the woodpile. The little girl picked up the axe and raised it up above her head. The handle of the ace slipped through her hands and the corner of the axe struck her head cutting a gash about three inches long. She was rushed to Dr. Woolsey's office in Hancock, where it was found that the skull had been cut but not deep enough to penetrate to the brain. Some pieces of bone were removed and the wound closed and the little girl is getting along nicely. She will have to wear a white cap for some time, however. One bit of the axe was very sharp and one other quite dull and luckily it was the dull bit that struck the child, otherwise the story might have had a more tragic ending.

RIBS BROKEN IN AUTO UPSET

Delhi Man's Car Turns Over Twice at Bovina

(From Bovina Center correspondent)

Quite a little excitement was created Monday afternoon in town when a car driven by Riger Van Derbogart of Delhi got beyond his control. Coming down the grade into the village the machine swerved across the road opposite the store of Cecil Russell and turned twice over, throwing the driver clear from the car, who escaped with some bruises. The car was completely wrecked.

Hunters Active at Shavertown

(Shavertown correspondent)

Eno Fletcher of Shavertown was the first man to shoot a deer in that vicinity, having shot one very early Monday morning on Perch Lake hill. Three other men shot bucks near Shavertown, also a large wild cat was shot on Buck hill last Wednesday.

Kills a Bear

(From Belleayre correspondent)

Walter Merritt, Niles Fairbairn and John Gerstl, while hunting Monday, shot and killed a bear near Balsam lake.

A BAD CORNER

Six Accidents in Two Weeks on Stamford Corner

The Ford touring car of Ralph Depew of Unadilla and a Ford roadster driven by Leona Baxter of Masonville were in collision Saturday, Oct. 30, at the corner of Hobart road and Harper street. Both cars were damaged.

About 11 a. m. Monday, Mrs. Elizabeth W. Higbie of South Kortright, while driving a Ford sedan and making the turn from the Hobart road to the road to Oneonta, her car was in collision with an automobile driven by Robert Hume, who was about to turn from Harper street to the Hobart road. No one was injured but the Ford car was badly damaged.

There have been some six accidents at this point within the past two weeks and while no one has been injured, there have been several narrow escapes and the autos were damaged.

OBITUARIES



Donald L. Tompkins

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Donald L. Tompkins, who left us Oct. 27, 2026, at the age of 84. He was born Sept. 14, 1942, to his parents John Tompkins and Isabelle Croop.

Donald devoted 25 years of his life to dairy farming. He also took great pride in serving the community as a bus driver for Downsville Central School, ensuring that local children made it to school safely every day. In addition to his time in farming and education, Donald worked with S.J. Bailey and Sons Co. and C.H.I. in Corbett, before moving on to maintenance at Mallinckrodt Pharmaceuticals.

Donald cherished moments spent hunting and fishing - the tranquility of nature always brought him joy. He had a passion for dancing and found great joy in bowling, often sharing laughter with friends and family. Donald also had a special connection with quarter horses, enjoying every moment spent raising them. Donald often reminded us with his favorite saying, "Can't fix stupid," leaving behind a legacy of humor.

Donald is survived by his family, his wife of 63 years Dona Tompkins, his sons Michael (Patty) Tompkins Sr., John Tompkins, and Rodney (Edna) Tompkins; his siblings Ted, Glenn, and Gordon, his grandchildren Michael Jr., Dylan, Ethan, Adam, Natasha, Nicholas, and Hunter; his great-granddaughters Mackenzie, Lily and Meadow, and special friends Sharon Edwards and Hyrum Rudolph.

Donald was predeceased by his parents John and Isabelle Tompkins, siblings Wesley, Richard, Charlotte and Irene, and his daughter-in-law Dina Tompkins.

Calling hours will be held Saturday, Nov. 7, from 10-11:30 a.m. with a service to begin at 11:30 at the Courtney Funeral Home, Walton.

The Tompkins family would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone that helped grant Donnie's wishes to pass comfortably on the farm. We'd also like to thank Helios Care for their amazing team in assisting with their help and amazing care.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Courtney Funeral Home, Walton. To leave a message of peace and comfort for Donald's family visit his online tribute at www.courtneyfh.com



Betty D. Tompkins

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Betty D. Tompkins, who left us peacefully on Oct. 30, 2026, at the age of 82. She was born on Oct. 1, 1944, in Walton, to her parents Lawrence Doyle and Mary F. Rose.

Betty was a proud graduate of Walton Central School, class of 1962, and she later built a fulfilling career in customer service at Gladstone Insurance in Downsville. Betty was a dedicated member of the Colchester Community Church and an active participant in her community. For over 50 years, she served with pride in the Ladies Auxiliary for the fire department, always ready to lend a hand and support her local heroes.

A true racing fan, Betty had an unwavering passion for NASCAR, especially for her favorite driver, Dale Earnhardt, Sr. She loved attending races and cheering him on. Family and friends will remember her as the welcoming host of many joyous race parties, where love and laughter filled her home. Her love for sports extended to Syracuse basketball, where she could be found cheering passionately for her team.

Beyond her interests in sports, Betty had a creative flair. She loved crocheting and knitting, making beautiful Afghans that became treasured gifts for family and friends. Betty loved spending time with her family. She also enjoyed dancing with her late husband, Walter B. Tompkins, whom she married on June 26, 1966, in Walton, who brought her immense joy. Their love and shared moments on the dance floor were a testament to the beautiful life they built together.

Betty is survived by her beloved children Mark Tompkins (Pam), Daniel Tompkins (Tena), and Andrew (Laura) Tompkins, her grandchildren Rachel, Emily, Brennon, Justin, Christopher, Jason, Mark, Matthew, Amanda and Nicholas; numerous great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild, sister-in-law Lena Barnes, longtime friend Jody Elmore, and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Betty was preceded in death by her beloved husband Walter B. Tompkins, her parents Lawrence Doyle and Mary Rose, son Duane Tompkins, granddaughter Tabitha Coffey and siblings Patricia Knapp, Shirley DeSilva, Robert Doyle, and Luella Olson, her sister-in-law Barbara Doyle and brother-in-law Bill Barnes.

A graveside service to celebrate Betty's life will be held Friday, Nov. 6, at 11 a.m. at Paige Cemetery, Downsville with Rev. Christine Lindeberg officiating. Immediately following the graveside, family and friends are invited back to the James S. Moore American Legion Post 167, 1 Legion Lane, Downsville.

Memorial donations in Betty's memory may be made to the Downsville Fire & EMS, 15166 NY-30, Downsville, NY 13755.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Courtney Funeral Home, Walton. To leave a message of peace and comfort for Betty's family visit her online tribute at www.courtneyfh.com



Brian E. Robinson

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, uncle and friend.

Brian E. Robinson, 83, of Walton, passed away peacefully surrounded by loved ones Saturday, Oct. 31, 2026 at Wilson Memorial Hospital in Johnson City.

He was born April 25, 1943 at Smith Hospital, son of Myron E. Robinson and Laura E. Pierce of Walton.

Brian graduated from Walton Central School Class of 1961 and was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1965. He was sent to boot camp at Fort Dix, Mercer, New Jersey and was deployed after basic training to South Korea, then honorably discharged in 1967.

He married the love of his life, widow Elizabeth (Dunshee) Hall Jan. 27, 1968, in Afton, becoming not only a devoted husband but also a loving stepfather to four young girls. He and Liz lived their lives together in Bainbridge where they enjoyed 33 years of marriage.

After his service with the U.S. Army, Brian was employed by the Great American where he proudly worked until his retirement in 2001. During his time in the grocery business Brian made many friends and fostered a warm environment for all customers.

Brian was known for his love of his family and being incredibly proud of his daughters and their beautiful families, but his greatest love was for his grandchildren. Many nights were spent attending sporting events and fostering a love of sport in each and every one of them.

Brian will be remembered for his devotion to family and friends and his love for the New York Giants and the New York Yankees. A lifelong fan of both clubs he could often be seen donning a hat or jacket of his favorite team.

He is survived by his daughters Jeannie (David) and Amy (Reginald); his beloved grandchildren Cheryl, Bridget (Tom), Theresa (Jonathan), Lisa, Edwin, Erica, Colleen (Eric), Brandon (Jessica), Jessie, Jessica (Luis) and Allen; his niece Jodi Supernault (Bill), and many great-grandchildren; his brother and sister-in-law Jan and Barb Robinson; several nieces, nephews, and cousins; and of course his loyal companion Charlie and special friends Doug Snyder, Doug Furman, and Dick Layton.

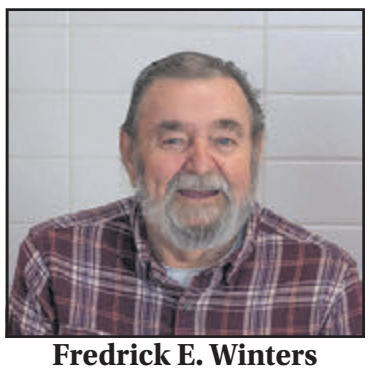
He was predeceased by his wife of 33 years, Elizabeth; parents Myron and Laura, and stepfather Irvin Biedekapp; daughters Carolyn and Cindy; his step-grandson Mike, and his dogs Sadie and Molly.

In honoring Brian's wishes there will be a graveside service with military honors at the Walton Cemetery Saturday, Nov. 14, at 11 a.m. We welcome anyone who would like to attend to come celebrate his life.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Heart of the Catskills Humane Society, 46610 NY-10, Delhi, NY 13753, in the Robinson name.

A special thank you to the entire staff at the Wilson Memorial Hospital, Johnson City, and the Courtney Funeral Home's staff for their help and services during this very difficult time.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Courtney Funeral Home, Walton. To leave a message of peace and comfort for Brian's family visit his online tribute at www.courtneyfh.com



Fredrick E. Winters

Fredrick E. Winters, 81, passed away on Nov. 1, 2026, leaving behind a family who loved him dearly and memories that will last a lifetime. Born in Dover, New Jersey, and raised in Marcella, Fred was a hardworking, independent man who lived life his own way. He had a personality all his own, a great sense of humor, and was always willing to lend a helping hand. He took pride in everything he did, but his greatest pride and joy was always his family. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather who loved his family more than words could say.

Fred shared 56 years of marriage with his wife, Patricia M. (Harrison) Winters. He was a proud father to his daughter, Shannon M. (Winters) Safford, and her husband, Thomas E. Safford Jr. He was a loving grandfather to Victoria Safford and Cassandra (Safford) Carr and her husband, Brandon, and a proud great-grandfather to Owen Carr.

Fred was a hardworking and independent man who wore many hats throughout his life. He spent years working as a mason before eventually pursuing his passion for trucking. He went on to become an owner-operator and proudly owned and operated his own trucking business, Winters Trucking, prior to retirement. He took great pride in his Peterbilt and the trucking business he built.

When he wasn't working, Fred enjoyed the simple pleasures in life, especially his love of old cars and trucks and spending time out on his tractor. He took pride in the things he did and the life he built. He was also someone who was always willing to lend a helping hand, never hesitating to help someone who needed it.

Fred had a personality all his own and a sense of humor that those who knew him will never forget. There was never any question about how much he loved his family. He was their biggest supporter and cheerleader and took tremendous pride in their lives and accomplishments. His family brought him great joy, and it showed in the way his face lit up when they were around.

Fred is survived by his wife Pat, his daughter Shannon, and her husband Tom; his granddaughters Toria and Cassie, and Cassie's husband Brandon; his great-grandson Owen; his sister Gail Crane, and many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his parents, V. Fred and Shirley Winters, and his sister Jacqueline Stickle.

Fred leaves behind a lifetime of memories, laughter, stories, and a family who will forever cherish the love and support he gave them. His presence will be deeply missed, but the lessons he taught, the kindness he showed, and the memories he created will live on in the hearts of those who knew and loved him.

Calling hours will be held Monday, Nov. 9, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m., followed by a brief time of remembrance at 1, all at the Henderson-Biedekapp Funeral Chapel, Hancock.

In lieu of flowers consider a donation to Helios Care, 297 River Street Service Road, Suite 1, Oneonta, NY 13820, or to Trout Creek Volunteer Fire Co., 8695 County Hwy. 27, Trout Creek, NY 13839, or to the Delaware Valley Humane Society, 17420 County Hwy 23, Sidney, NY 13838, or to the Hancock Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 816, Hancock, NY 13783.

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DELHI

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Last week's trivia question: What's on the menu at the Delhi Senior Dining Center for Monday, Nov. 9? You can enjoy baked chicken with gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, whole wheat bread, and pineapple tidbits. The Delhi Dining Center is open Monday through Friday from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. at 97 Main Street, Suite 3. For information about congregate meals (community/group serving) or home-delivered meal services call Office for the Aging at 607-832-5750.

This week's trivia question: When will the next round of Hometown Heroes banners go up? The banners on display right now will be taken down after Veterans Day. If you are interested in purchasing a banner for your Hometown Hero visit townofdelhiny.gov/delhihistoricalsociety to find the application and more information.

Community volunteers of the week are the members of the SUNY Delhi Hospitality Club who prepared the election night dinner. Thanks to professors Amanda Holland and Sean Pehrsson for their leadership and support of this Delhi Historical Society fundraiser. We are fortunate to have such talented students and chefs willing to support events like this in the community.

The Delaware Academy Bulldogs play at home Tuesday, Nov. 10, when the girl's seventh and eighth grade basketball teams play BG at 4:30 and 5:30 p.m. The varsity football team will play in the Class D Section IV semifinal on Saturday, Nov. 7 at Union-Endicott High School against Deposit-Hancock at 12 p.m. All home DA varsity games and matches are available to watch via Hudl. Away games may also be available. Search for "Delaware Academy High School" at www.hudl.com and start watching. You can also watch on your phone, just download the free Hudl app from the Apple or Android store. Let's go Bulldogs.

This week, the SUNY Delhi Broncos are home on Saturday, Nov. 7, when the women's basketball team will play Bard at 7:30 p.m. They will then face Bryn Mawr on Sunday, Nov. 8 at 1 p.m. The men's basketball team's next home game is on Saturday, Nov. 14 against Brockport at 4 p.m. Visit delhibroncos.com to find links for live coverage. You can even watch games that have already been played at www.team1sports.com/college Let's go Broncos.

There will be a chili cook-off hosted by Worn & Weathered, Inc. Saturday, Nov. 7 from 3 until 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.

The Songwriter's Circle at Bushel is a musical collective open to songwriters of all levels and genres. The group's mission is to cultivate creativity, exchange resources, offer constructive critique (if it's desired), workshop ideas, share new work, and promote collaboration in a focused, supportive environment. Participants are expected to be actively engaged in their songwriting practice. There is no fee to participate. The group will meet in person Sunday, Nov. 8 from 11 to 12:30 p.m. This group meets online and in-person alternately, unless otherwise stated. RSVP to Christina at livingarchive.catskills@gmail.com

There will be a public hearing for the 2027 budget prior to the regular monthly meeting of the Delhi Town Council Monday, Nov. 9, at the Town Hall, 5 Elm Street, at 5:55 p.m. Following the public hearing, the council will meet. The town of Delhi has subscribed to Nixle/Everbridge for a notification system that communicates with residents in real-time for localized emergency situations and relevant alerts, advisories, and community messages. The town can communicate with residents through a system that coordinates phone calls, texts, emails, and notifications through the Everbridge app. There are several ways to register to receive the communications. Sign up at townofdelhiny.org search 13753 in the Everbridge app, text 13753 to 888777 from your mobile phone, or call 607-746-TOWN to sign up. View recent messages sent out at local.nixle.com/town-of-delhi

There will be a leather stamping workshop at the Delaware County Historical Association Saturday, Nov. 14 at 2 p.m. that will introduce participants to the historic art of leather stamping and decorating. Attendees will create three pieces to take home – a coaster, a bookmark, and a keychain. All materials will be provided. Adults and children over 12 are invited to attend. Registration is required by Wednesday, Nov. 11; the cost is $15 per person. To reserve a spot, call 607-746-3849 or email dchadelhi@gmail.com

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Delaware County Board of Directors' annual meeting is scheduled for Nov. 13 at Camp Shankitunk, 2420 Arbor Hill Road, from 6 until 8 p.m. Space is limited, so RSVP at 607-865-6531, or email delaware@cornell.edu by Nov. 6. This will be a "pie social;" bring a pie to share- no dinner provided.

Mark your calendar: a pulled pork dinner to benefit veterans will be hosted by the Delaware River Lodge #439 at 37 Meredith Street on Saturday, Nov. 14, from 4 to 7 p.m. The suggested donation is $15, with all proceeds going toward local military veteran David Cobane and his family to assist in offsetting medically induced transportation costs to travel to and from various medical facilities.

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Mon. Nov. 16th - Normal Monday Sale & Sheep, Lamb, Goat, & Pig Sale

Mon. Nov. 23rd - Normal Monday Sale & Monthly Organic Sale

Mon. Nov. 30th - Normal Monday Sale

Mon. Dec. 7th - Normal Monday Sale & Monthly Fat Cow & Feeder Sale

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FISHER LISA FISHER JOSEPH (SEE INST)	DAVENPORT	FISHER RUSSELL FISHER LISA (LIFE USE)	0.00
MIELE JOSEPH J	HAMDEN	JOSEPH MIELE III TRUST	0.00
SCOTT CAROL A SCOTT KENNETH (SEE INST) MOSCATO JOSEPH (SEE INST) MOSCATO MELODY A	DELHI	SCOTT CAROL A SCOTT KELLY SCOTT CAROLANN SERRANO BRANDON MOSCATO MELODY MOSCATO DARREN	0.00
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CRISELL CHARLES L CRISELL PATRICIA L	SIDNEY	OLIVER JODEY L OLIVER BRENDA L	0.00
IMBROGNO MARIO	MIDDLETOWN	MARIO IMBROGNO AND ANNA MARIA IMBROGNO FAMILY TRUST DATED OCTOBER 9 2026 (BY TR) DELGAUDIO DANIELA-MARIE (TR)	0.00
WALLACE HARRIET (NKA) LECLAIR HARRIET	HANCOCK	PEAS EDDY REAL ESTATE MANAGEMENT LTD	0.00
WALLACE JANE (NKA) BARNES JANE	HANCOCK	PEAS EDDY REAL ESTATE MANAGEMENT LTD	0.00
WALLACE PATRICIA (NKA) WHITMORE PATRICIA	HANCOCK	PEAS EDDY REAL ESTATE MANAGEMENT LTD	0.00
WALLACE WILLIAM R	HANCOCK	PEAS EDDY REAL ESTATE MANAGEMENT LTD	0.00
DESANTIS MICHAEL STOREY KEITH	MEREDITH	BRANDOW KEITH SERRANO JOSEPH SERRANO ZACHARY	480.00
BENJAMIN SCOTT D BENJAMIN MARIE (AKA) BENJAMIN MARIE A	DEPOSIT	SCOTT D BENJAMIN LIFETIME TRUST NUMBER ONE AN (BY TR) MARIE A BENJAMIN LIFETIME TRUST NUMBER ONE (BY TR) BENJAMIN SCOTT D (TR)	0.00
KOSTER ARNOLD KOSTER DANIELLE	HANCOCK	MONTECALVO GERARD A MONTECALVO DONNA L	420.00
CUTLER VINCENT CUTLER KELLY	HANCOCK	ROUTZAHN MICHAEL	580.00
LLOYD JAMES M	DEPOSIT	LLOYD ZACHARY J LLOYD JAMES M (LIFE USE)	0.00
DEJAGER OTTO	HANCOCK	DE JAGER HANCOCK NY LLC	0.00
GATANAS MARIA GATANAS ELIAS	MASONVILLE	GATANAS FAMILY LIVING TRUST (BY TRS) GATANAS ELIAS (TR) GATANAS MARIA (TR)	0.00
LABELLE CAMILLE	TOMPKINS	EMERSON SAMANTHA	796.00