

Supers ax health director



Supervisors Wes Laraway, Alicia Terry, Earlin Rosa, Werner Hampel, and Alan Tavenner listen during privilege of the floor Tuesday. Mr. Laraway left before the vote not to reappoint Amy Gildemeister Public Health director. Supervisors gave no public reason for their decision.—Photo by Patsy Nicosia

Who voted for, against

By Patsy Nicosia Under state law, it's the Board of Health—not the

point Amy Gildemeister to a lic Health director.

said after Tuesday's vote by

Voting to delay the vote to second six-year term as Pub- reappoint Dr. Gildemeister Gildemeister: Mr. Airey, Mr. until their January 3 Hampel, Ms. Manko, Mr. Board of Supervisors—that "What they did was vote reorganizational meeting Skowfoe, hires Public Health direc- not to pay her," Mr. Skowfoe were: Don Airey, Bill VanWormer. Federice, Werner Hampel, John Leavitt, Mr. Skowfoe, and Hait, Mr. Leavitt, Mr. Earl VanWormer. Opposing that motion: Tavenner, Ms. Terry, Mr. Peggy Hait, Alex Luniewski, Sandy Manko, Earlin Rosa, Alan Tavenner, Alicia Terry, Harold Vroman, and Steve Weinhofer.

Voting to reappoint Dr. Mr. and

Against: Mr. Federice, Ms

Dr. Amy, who led COVID effort, now out of a job

By Patsy Nicosia Amid off-the-record allegations of backroom politics, nomask grudges, and campaigns to ignore the law, supervisors voted not to reappoint Amy Gildemeister Public Health Director Tuesday.

"They don't know what they've done," Phil Skowfoe, who chairs the Public Health Committee, said afterwards.

Supervisors gave no explanation for the vote-which would have likely gone differently if two missing supervisors were there; it followed a long executive session that included Roy Korn, president of the Schoharie County Board of Health.

The Board of Health had previously voted unanimously to reappoint Dr. Gildemeister to a second sixyear term.

Afterwards, Dr. Korn said the Board of Health would be disappointed by supervisors' vote; he tried to make a strong case for reappointing Dr. Gildemeister during the executive session, he said.

Missing Tuesday-the Friday meeting was postponed by Friday's storm-were supervisors Wes Laraway of Middleburgh-who left before the executive session to go back to work-and Jeff Haslun of Richmondville.

As chair of supervisors' Rules & Legislation Committee, Mr. Laraway, had seconded the resolution reappointing Dr. Gildemeister; Mr. Skowfoe, of Fulton, had moved its adoption.

I'm proud of the work we did during COVID and of everything else my staff has done. . . -Amy Gildemeister

vote in executive session in November with the same results.

During Tuesday's executive session, Dr. Gildemeister said she was aware of what had been going on between the Board of Health and supervisors, but "I haven't been included in any discussions.

"It's happening all over the state," she said, of Public Health officials losing their job because of decisions made during COVID—one of the reasons Dr. Gildemeister believes she's out. "It's not a 'me' thing."

It's also likely that the Health Department's enforcement of water and wastewater and fire protection regulations played a role, she said, even though "we did our damnest to work with everyone."

Dr. Gildemeister has no deputy so it's unclear how supervisors will fill the post. Afraid the writing was on the wall, Dr. Gildemeister said she's already been interviewing for other Public Health jobs. "It is what it is," she said. "We did our best. I'm proud of the work we did during COVID and of everything else my staff has done for the people of Schoharie County during an extremely difficult time.

Health—Drs. Roy Korn, Stephen Strasser, and Rebecca Eckel, Fulton Supervisor Phil Skowfoe, Debra Wollaber, Bonnie Post, and Cark Stefanik voted unanimously to reap-

And the Board of supervisors. "What does that really mean? I don't know.

"I don't think they realize what the repercussions are going to be. We don't have a very good track record, do we?"

Luniewski, Mr. Rosa, Mr. Vroman, and Mr. Weinhofer.

Voting is weighted by population; Cobleskill has the most votes—418—and Blenheim, the least—33.

Cobleskill gets By Jim Poole with the village providing \$ for lorio work

Cobleskill is going ahead with plans to overhaul Nick Iorio Park.

The village received a \$400,000 grant from state Parks and Recreation for the project, Mayor Becky Terk announced Tuesday night.

The project includes removing the Imagination Creation playground and putting in new playground equipment, a skate park and basketball and volleyball courts at the park off Campus Drive, the site of the village pool.

Mayor Terk said the new features will be in the park's green space, which needs drainage.

The total cost is \$535,000,

\$135,000 in funds and in-kind services.

Mayor Terk's idea is to year. move youth activities from Golding Park and Teen Town, which have been trouble spots for crime, and

move them to Iorio Park, where everything would be in one place. The project is only the

first phase of Mayor Terk's plans for Iorio Park. Looking ahead, she sees a walking path, pavilion, and "maybe some day," a community center.

"This is a very big deal. I'm really excited," Mayor Terk said.

Popular in its day, the wooden Imagination Creation was considered not up Work will begin next year, to standards by the village's Mayor Terk said, though she didn't know when the first insurance carrier earlier this phase would be finished.

Holiday hours for T-J

The Times-Journal will have holiday hours this coming week.

The T-J office will close at noon on Friday the 23rd and will also be closed on Monday the 26th.

Shorter hours change the ad deadlines:

9am Tuesday: Real estate, auto and arts and entertainment ads.

4pm Tuesday: All other ads, including legal and classified ads.

News deadlines remain the same:

10am Tuesday: Social news, Looking Ahead, letters to the editor, library news and correspondence.

8am Wednesday: All other news, including sports and obituaries.

If Mr. Laraway had continued to support the measure Tuesday, it would have passed.

Mr. Skowfoe tried to force a vote before Mr. Laraway left by asking to move supervisors' resolutions out of order. That failed, 2,053-670.

After the executive session but before the vote, Cobleskill Supervisor Werner Hampel asked for a vote on postponing the decision until all supervisors were there at the January 3 reorganizational meeting; Mr. Skowfoe seconded the motion.

That resolution went down, 1,287-1,094.

The resolution reappointing Dr. Gildemeister failed, 1,358-1,029.

"Yes, with reluctance," said Don Airey of Blenheim voting in favor of reappointment; "No, with no reluctance," said Earlin Rosa of Seward.

The vote followed a straw

Wood a winner in Santa game

David Wood Middleburgh is the latest winner in the Times-Journal's Where's Santa? game.

Mr. Wood found the tiny Santas hidden in ads for Cross Hill Heirlooms, Race Printing and Packaging and Cobleskill Outdoor Sports in last week's T-J.

Mr. Wood won \$25 after his entry was drawn from the 151 entries last week.

Where's Santa? continues this week, with three tiny Santas hidden in ads. Rules and an entry form are on page

As the crowd watches, Jim O'Connor places a wreath for POWs on a stand during Worcester's Wreaths Across America ceremony on Saturday. Participants placed wreaths on veterans' graves. Story, more photos on page 13.--Photo by Jim Poole.



Obituaries

Carl **Roberts**

Carl H. Roberts, 82, of Sharon Springs, entered into eternal rest Saturday, December 17, 2022 at Albany Medical Center.

Carl was born December 6, 1940 in Schenectady, the son of Walter and Madeline Bellinger Roberts.

He graduated from Sharon Springs Central School in 1959. He furthered his education at Hudson Valley Community College

Carl worked many jobs over the years. He worked at Comptone in Canajoharie; eighteen years at Burton (Klein Industries) in Cobleskill; fourteen years for the Town of Sharon Road Crew and several years for GTI Green Trucking. After retirement he spent time as janitor and substitute bus driver for Sharon Springs Central School. However his true passion was farming, helping his grandparents on their farm as a young boy. For many years he had beef cattle and then his own dairy for a few years. Until his health prevented it he helped his daughters with their sheep farm.

On October 19, 1968 he married the "love of his life,"

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Helen Paris Roberts. They shared 54 wonderful funfilled years together. He enjoyed many happy times with his family, especially the grandchildren.

Survivors include his wife, Helen; daughters, Carleen and Karen; son, George and his wife, Kari all of Sharon Springs; grandson, Donovan Roberts; granddaughters, Darienne Roberts of Port Orange, Florida; grandson, Levi Roberts of Sharon Springs; step-granddaughter, Ashley Coons of Richfield Springs. He also has a great-granddaughter, Scarlett of Richfield Springs. Carl is survived by his brothers, Richard (Diana) Roberts of Tavares, Florida and William Roberts of Sharon Springs; as well as many nieces and nephews. He is also survived by a very special cousin, Shirley Dingman Hoerle and her family.

He was predeceased by his parents; step-grandson, Tyler Woods; and greatgranddaughter, Addison Cutter; and sister-in-law, Nancy Roberts.

Carl was a very active member of Zion St. John's Lutheran Church for many years serving as Treasurer and Church Council Member. He was also a member of Sharon Springs Rescue Squad for several years.

Jerry Waddell



Carl Roberts

A funeral service will be held on Thursday, December 22, at 11am at Zion St. John's Lutheran Church, 114 Mesick Avenue, Cobleskill (Seward), with Pastor Wendy Cook and Pastor Paul Messner co-officiating. Spring interment will be in Slate Hill Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers contributions in memory of Mr. Carl H. Roberts may be made to the Sharon Springs Rescue Squad, 37 Beechwood Road, Sharon, NY 13459, or to Zion St. John's Lutheran Church, 114 Mesick Ave., Cobleskill, NY 12043.

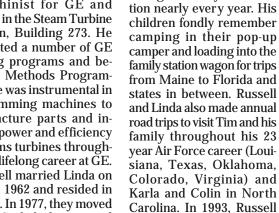
Further information and the provision for online condolences may be found at www.mereness putnamfuneralhome.com.

Russell Wilday Russell T. "Papa" Wilday,

84, of Carlisle, passed away on December 15, 2022 with members of his family by his side thereby ending his 20 year struggle with Parkinson's Disease. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Linda (Allen); his children, Tim (Rachel of Virginia), Karla (Colin Stephenson of North Carolina), Sheila (of Cobleskill), and Jennifer (Kevin Gavel of Galway), Cliff and Annie Hay (Cobleskill); his sister, Judy of Colorado; his grandchildren, Coleman (Jennifer Mills of Georgia), Sarah (of Gloversville), Russell G. (Joy of Florida) and Kristine Hay (of Cobleskill); his greatgrandchildren, Quorra, Flynn, Everett and Eli (of Coleman), Samuel, CarolAnne, James and Melody (of Russell G.) as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Russell was the son of Ivan and Janice (Shafer) Wilday of Sharon Springs. He graduated from high school in 1955, and at age 17 got his foot in the door at General Electric in Schenectady, as a message carrier. From 1956-1959, Russell earned his Certificate of Apprenticeship as a Machinist for GE and worked in the Steam Turbine Division, Building 273. He completed a number of GE training programs and became a Methods Programmer. He was instrumental in programming machines to manufacture parts and increase power and efficiency of steams turbines throughout his lifelong career at GE.

Russell married Linda on July 21, 1962 and resided in Seward. In 1977, they moved to the Carlisle homestead where they raised their children and regularly hosted





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were inseparable. Sadly, due to the progression of his disease, in March 2021 Russell moved to the Edward L. Wilkinson Residential Healthcare Facility in Amsterdam, where his dedicated daughter Jennifer could usually be found, managing his care and adding priceless joy to his final years. He was visited regularly by Linda and Willy whose antics brought comic relief to many other residents. Karla and Tim frequently traveled back and forth to New York to reminisce with Dad about the good times, our life lessons and his profound words of wisdom. Russell is remembered as a devoted and loyal family man who valued integrity, leading by example, and a strong work ethic. Papa's absence is felt deeply by his family, friends and dog.

The family is grieving privately over the holiday season but intends to have a Celebration of Life in the Spring on or near Russell's 85th birthday. We would like to thank the entire staff at The Wilkinson's Residential Facility for the services they provided for nearly two years. Thank you to Michael Fox Jr of Ottman Funeral Home, Cherry Valley for your gentle, comforting manner and escorting Russell on the final leg of his journey. Finally, the family would like to express our sincerest gratitude to Dr. Eric Molho, Director of The Parkinson's Disease and Movement Disorder Center @ Albany Medical Center, for his decades of stable, realistic and compassionate care for Russell.

To honor Russell's memory, donations can be made to the Parkinson's Disease Research Fund @ Albany Med in Russell's name.

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retired from GE after 38

years to help Linda care for

their youngest grandchild,

Kristine. Daily life with

Kristine and summer visits

with his other grandchildren

brought Russell much joy.

Those years between retire-

ment and his diagnosis of

Parkinson's Disease, were

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Russell Wilday

their grandchildren and

great grandchildren. "Papa"

was a master videographer,

leaving behind many price-

less narrated VHS tapes of

his grandchildren, holiday

gatherings and family vaca-

tions. Throughout the years,

Russell found time for travel

taking his family on a vaca-

Russell was a conservative and private man, and a proud supporter of our 2nd Amendment.

He enjoyed tinkering on anything with a motor in his "Last Chance" garage, snowmobiling, bowling, hunting and fishing. In the last 13 years of his life, Russell and his "favorite child," Willy the dachshund,

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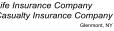
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Or you can cherish the memory and let it live on. You can live in the sorrows of yesterday Or you can do what I would want for you. Greet tomorrow with hope, love and go on.

> Merry Christmas in heaven, honey We love you with all our hearts.



Love, Mom, Tammy and Vicki



Hospital leader Stein retiring

By Jim Poole

Eric Stein, a point man for Schoharie County health care for two decades, is retiring at the end of the month.

Known for years as president of Cobleskill Regional Hospital, Mr. Stein has been Chief Hospital executive for Bassett's critical access hospitals, O'Connor Hospital in Delhi, Little Falls Hospital and CRH since last April.

It's at Cobleskill Regional, however, where Mr. Stein has had his greatest impact: stabilizing finances, improving facilities and building community confidence.

"I'm proud that this community has a positive relationship with the hospital," he said Monday.

"We're not perfect, but from the vast majority of the comments I hear, people are very thankful for the hospital and complimentary of the hospital staff.'

It might not have been that way when Mr. Stein arrived as hospital president in October 2002.

"The outpatient area was so bad when I came, I had to shut it down," he said.

That changed. Mr. Stein's first project, approved by the hospital board, was putting a new roof on part of the building.

The second was a complete renovation of the outpatient area, which supports 20 Bassett clinics.

He's also overseen the expansion of the Emergency Department, a new groundfloor entrance and the addition of state-of-the-art tech equipment.

Much of that was financed via CRH's designation as a critical access hospital by the federal government. This meant the hospital is reimbursed at cost plus one percent for Medicare patients.

"This made us sustainably viable financially," Mr. Stein said.

"We're pretty up to date. I like to think we've been prudent stewards of hospital finances.

Not that there haven't been challenges along the way. Like many hospitals, CRH struggles with staffing, and money is sometimes an issue.

Possibly because of the pandemic, health care is more important to people, Mr.



Eric Stein

sponds to services at CRH, Oakes Ferrucci, who's vice especially the clinics.

"We provide as much as we can locally and have good referrals to the medical center when necessary," he said.

Mr. Stein's successor, Susan tals.

president of operations and chief nurse of the same critical access hospitals Mr. Stein serves now.

She's been at CRH for 14 years, and they've worked Bassett has already named together at all three hospi-

"In the universe of transition plans, this is one of the best," Mr. Stein said.

He'll miss the people--"the medical staff is great"--and the intellectual challenge of being in the dynamic field of health care.

Mr. Stein will remain as a consultant during the transition period, and he also has ideas about the future of health care here: treating patients at home, such as the tele-medicine system that started during the pandemic and continues.

"We have to re-define ourselves and put greater em-

phasis on non-bedded care, helping patients at home," he said.

"We have to maintain quality, patient satisfaction and the community's faith in our services."

Although the hospital and health care have been Mr. Stein's career, he's been a leader in the community: Chair of the College Council at SUNY Cobleskill, active in Schoharie Kiwanis and on the boards of the Schoharie Economic Enterprise Corporation, Literacy Volun-

teers and Helios Care. "I'll continue. . . if they still want me," Mr. Stein laughed. More seriously, he noted the similarities to his community work.

"They're all different organizations, but they're all connected in their mission of making this community better," Mr. Stein said. "That's a good thing."

He and his wife, Kathie, plan to travel a bit, but they also will remain in Schoharie County.

Other than that, he has no plans.

"I want to see how it feels to be retired," Mr. Stein said. "I'll play it as it comes."



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Stein said. But at the same time, people are more critical of the challenges brought on by staffing and financial shortages.

Nonetheless, Mr. Stein believes the community re-





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Yes, Virginia

Christmas, if you listen to the songs, is sleigh bells, cattle lowing, merry gentlemen and boughs of holly; in a word, tradition. Christmas editorials, like bells and holly, are traditional, but few scratch the surface of what the celebration really means. An editorial written as a reply to a letter written by a little girl asking, "Is there a Santa Claus," was published in the New York Sun in 1897. The editorial has been attributed to Sun editor Charles Dana, but it was actually written by editorial writer Frank Church. We know better than to question St. Nick's authenticity, but for the doubters out there, here it is:

We take pleasure in answering at once and thus prominently the communication below, expressing at the same time our great gratification that its faithful author is numbered among the friends of The Sun:

"Dear editor: I am 8 years old.

Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus.

Papa says, 'If you see it in The Sun, it's so.' Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus? Virginia O'Hanlon,

115 West 95th Street

Virginia, your little friends were wrong. They have been affected by the skeptical age. They do not believe except what they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensive by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! How dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor we can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world. You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernatural beauty and glory beyond. Is it all right? Ah, Virginia, in all the world there is nothing else real and abiding. No Santa Claus! Thank God he lives and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, nay, 10 times 10 thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood."



Holiday heroes

Honoring fallen veterans at Maple Grove Cemetery, Worcester

Mare's Nest

By Patsy Nicosia Saturday at about 1pm PST, Team Long Road touched the Pacific Ocean, 3,365 miles and almost six months to the day after they walked through the Town of Sharon on their way from Boston. Massachusetts to Newport, Oregon.

You remember them right? Retired US Maine Sergeants Major Justin Lehew and Coleman Kinzer, who crossed 12 states on the longest highway in the nation (Staff Sergeant Ray Shinohara joined them midway) to spread the mission of History Flight Inc., a nonprofit working to locate the remains of more than 81,900 American service members still missing in action.

Not quite two years after I helped Natalie move from Colorado to Connecticut, the trip's still a blur, but somewhere, I have a photo of a Route 20 sign I took near Michigan City, Indiana.

"Hey, that's *our* Route 20," I told Natalie.

I didn't think too much of it when I met JD and Rocky at the top of Sharon Hill in June (Shino had yet to surprise-join them); if you live along Route 20, you know they haven't been the first and they won't be the last.



Justin Lehew, in the foreground, Coleman Kinzer behind, crest Sharon Hill in June.

Along the way, people who've heard of their journey turn out to welcome them to their town, walk with them a ways, or just say thank you.

Tuesday, a small crowd organized by members of the DAR gathered outside Sharon Springs Central School to wait for them and help send them on their way.

They didn't do much physical preparation for the trip, Mr. Lehew said; for starters, how do you prepare for 3,000plus miles?





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But to follow Team Long Road cross-country, through countless small towns, watch them hurry in and out of national parks before the roads closed for the winter, crushing the miles, and gathering friends and fans along the way has been quite the adventure.

This is what I wrote when I caught up with them in June, two weeks into their trip:

It's a long walk, crossing the country on historic Route 20, but retired Marine Corps veterans Justin Lehew and Coleman Kinzer are up to the challenge.

They're walking from Boston to Oregon as a way to raise awareness about still-missing service personnel—and as a way to raise funds to continue searching for their remains through the organization History Flight Inc.

They're calling their journey the Long Road Home and it is: 3,365 miles across 12 states.

They won't reach Oregon until November.

After walking through Schoharie County Sunday through Tuesday, when they crossed the Schoharie-Otsego County line into Cherry Valley, they're hoping the rest of the trip is...flatter.

"These are some big hills," Mr. Lehew said on a quick break at the top of Sharon Hill just after 10am Tuesday.

Together, Mr. Lehew, 52, from Fredericksburg, Virginia, and Mr. Kinzer, 44, from Kailua, Hawaii, have a combined 56 years of active duty between them.

Mr. Lehew said they average about three miles an hour and 20 miles a day, travel no matter the weather; and spend the night where they can.

Monday, they camped at the Carlisle Fire House. Tuesday, they were headed for a treat, a donated B&B in Cherry Valley. "We're just winging it, joked Mr. Kinzer.

Along the way, they're making friends, seeing some of the most beautiful scenery in the country and drawing attention to their cause.

The two walkers are keeping track of their trip with a Facebook page, The Long Road, sharing their stops, photos of road signs, and stories.

In Carlisle, they learned about the late Marcus Heim of Middleburgh, a Distinguished Service Cross recipient with his own story.

Mr. Heim was a member of the Legion of Valor, America's oldest veterans' service organization and made up of all of America's Medal of Honor, Distin-



Nearly at their finish line, Team Long Road takes a selfie. From the left: "Rocky" Kinzer, "Shino" Shinohara, and JD Lehew.

guished Service Cross, Navy Cross and Air Force Cross recipients. *Mr. Lehew? He's the Legion of Valor's national commander.*

Questions reps' stance

Dear Editor,

As we settle into the cold months of winter, keeping our homes warm remains a top priority for everyone in New York State.

Many in rural communities use propane to heat our homes and rely on timely deliveries throughout the season from a single supplier.

But sometimes, for whatever reason, our supplier is unable to make a delivery, and as consumers we have had no recourse to receive badly needed heating fuel from another propane company.

Fortunately, that has changed thanks to the emer-

gency home heating bill recently signed by Governor Kathy Hochul.

"By cutting the red tape that previously prevented these homeowners from utilizing alternate suppliers in emergency situations, this commonsense legislation prioritizes the well-being of our community by providing them with more options this winter season," said the bill's sponsor Assemblyman Angelo Santabarbara.

The bill also for the first time creates a propane consumer bill of rights to further safeguard the protections put for ward in this law.

With so many Schoharie County homeowners relying on propane for home heating, you would expect our local representatives in Albany to support such a badly needed protection. But you would be wrong. Even though the measure passed overwhelmingly in the State Senate and Assembly, Republican State Senator Peter Oberacker and Republican Assemblyman Chris Tague both voted against the now-signed law.

Why would they leave their constituents out in the cold?

Greg Bucking Jefferson

More letters on next page.



74 Years Ago

December 23, 1948 New York State hunters harvested an all-time record wildlife crop of 37,275 deer during the 1948 hunting season, according to Conservation Commissioner Perry B. Duryea. Of this total, 345 deer were taken in Schoharie County this year, as compared to 320 in 1947.

Howard Snyder, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Snyder, has been confined to his home with an ear ache this week.

The Cub Scouts held a Christmas party at the home of the assistant scout master, David Kniskern, Tuesday evening.

The Substitute Bridge Club met last Thursday with Mrs. J. Lewis DuMond. The club members presented Miss Phyllis Wheeler, who is to be married during the Christmas holiday, with a gift.

SHARON SPRINGS - The weekly meeting of the Rotary Club was held at the Twin Pines restaurant Thursday. There were 17 members and five guests present. The guests included: W.L. Gilbert of Cobleskill; D.S. Parce, Oneonta; S.D. Foote and W.J. Howe of this village and the speaker, E.S. Priddle of Syracuse, who explained the operation of the dial phone system.

45 Years Ago December 21, 1977

The Koble-Aires Junior Drum and Bugle Corps is actively recruiting new members from all over Schoharie county, according to Henry Mau, corps director. The Koble-Aires is not restricted to Cobleskill residents as has often been assumed in the past. Present members come from all over the county, including Middleburgh, Richmondville and Dorloo.

Mrs. Harold Joyce and son, Harold of Albany are spending Christmas and remaining for a week with Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Joyce and family. Sister Maureen Joyce of Albany will join the family on Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Mereness will have Christmas weekend guests, Mr. and Mrs. Alan Linck and son, Nathan of Glens Falls; Miss Margaret Mereness and David Mereness, both of Albany; also David's fiancée, Miss Maureen Collins and her brother, John Collins, both of East Greenbush; also, Ray Velez of Washington DC.

tained on December 10 at a

Mrs. Robert Jones enter-

An enduring

Dear Editor,

tradition

Last October 28 David DePape broke into the Pelosi home in San Francisco to kidnap Nancy Pelosi, soon-to-be retired Speaker of the House, because he felt there was, "evil in Washington."

She wasn't home. So DePape beat her hus-

band with a hammer. Somehow Mr. Pelosi managed to survive though surgery to repair a skull fracture

I'm glad to see some of our esteemed traditions survive to this day. Marianna Tomasino Cobleskill

More letters on next page.

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This photo from the Times-Journal collection is one of our favorite Christmas shots, and we publish it every holiday season. It's from 1935, when the Cobleskill Exchange Club had a Christmas party for kids at the Park Theatre. The kids probably aren't looking forward to seeing 'Hands Across the Table,' a romantic comedy starring Fred MacMurray, Carole Lombard and Ralph Bellamy. Instead, they're anxious to get to the party and meet Santa.

pre-Christmas luncheon at her home to observe the December birthdays of Mrs. Henry Van Deusen and Mrs. John Wadsworth.

Mrs. Gertrude Breymeier will spend Christmas day with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Jones of Sharon Hill.

24 Years Ago

December 23, 1998 Bion and Anna Call attended the 50th wedding anniversary of Carl and Mae Hinkleman of Harpursville on Saturday, December 19.

Merry Christmas

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season. We feel truly honored to serve

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The Italian-American Club of Schoharie Valley held its annual dinner/dance October 25 at the Best Western Inn at Cobleskill.

Interknitting recently honored its 10-year employees at a party at the Best Western Inn in Cobleskill. Among those in attendance were: Ernie Canilleri, Lenore Sossei, Carolyn Garner, Charlotte Rack, Evelyn Schweppe, plant manager Niall Muldoon, vice president of operations, Peter Doug Wilder, George Traver and Larry Decker.

The Middleburgh Central School most valuable play-

Nitmann, James Reynolds, Tara Hamm for girls' soccer and Scott Heiser for boys' soccer.

Howard and Doris Wood attended the family Christers for the fall season were mas party at the home of Jessica Weimer and Amanda Donald and Crystal Westerman for volleyball, Cartwright on December 19.





and serious injuries to his right arm and hands.

Mr. DePape planned to do the same with other people including California Governor Gavin Newsome, actor Tom Hanks, President Joe Biden's son Hunter and other politicians and their families.

Upon hearing about the attack on Mr. Pelosi, several Republicans laughed and made fun of the incident.

Do you think this is funny? If so, you can join the ranks of past Republicans.

În 1850, Senator Charles Sumner of Massachusetts made a speech that criticized President Franklin Pierce, his administration and Missourians in regards to the issue of slavery.

Two days later, Representative Preston Brooks (a cousin to one of those Sumner had referred to) went to a nearly empty Senate chamber and battered Sumner over the head more than 30 times with a goldheaded cane. Southerners applauded.

Former army officer (and later Confederate general) Braxton Bragg wrote the House should vote a thanks to perpetrator Brooks because "You can reach the sensibilities of such dogs only through their heads and a big stick."

Citizens from all over the South sent notes of congratulations (and dozens of new canes) to Brooks.

He was fined \$300. Sumner's injuries were se-

rious.

His head was split open, and his injuries, along with mental wounds left by the beating, would keep him away from the Senate for most of the next four years.

The Congress was now, quite literally, divided into two (armed) camps as members took to carrying pistols to work.



For those who need it most

Dear Editor,

The Christian faith is oriented entirely around the core concept that God chose to dwell not just in some faraway heaven, but right here on earth in a person.

Yet when Jesus' mother was about to give birth, no one would make room.

It was into a stable, on a pile of hay that the savior of the world began his life.

The story of Christmas is the story of God entering into our story in the most lowly and vulnerable way.

An unwed teenage woman. Shepherds working the fields outside of town.

Pagan foreigners from across the world.

Work animals exhausted from the day's labor.

A baby with no bed.

Is it any surprise that making room for those who are most vulnerable became the central message of Jesus teaching?

Two-thousand years later, we still celebrate Christmas. But how?

This past year when the Warnerville United Methodist Church was confronted with the real and urgent problem of homelessness in

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church building could be more than a place for Sunday services.

It could give sanctuary to anyone who might find themselves without a warm bed on a cold night.

They decided they could make their ministry an authentic and enduring 21st century celebration of the Christmas message.

But the local government didn't agree.

On November 15, the Town of Richmondville closed the church's newlyopened warming station citing a violation of zoning code.

Sheltering those without homes was simply not religious enough for the town officials and they deemed the operation outside of permitted use.

What even is Christianity if it is not this?

What difference did the first Christmas make if there are people still sleeping in stables today?

Is church ministry only okay when it attracts people who have their lives put together?

Is church ministry only okay when it stays within the bounds of neat and tidy Sunday worship?

What ministry might the local government come after next?

We need churches where everyone is welcomed and accepted even on the worst days of their life.

We need Christmases that are less about ourselves and more about the most vulnerable.

We need governments that let us be compassionate.

The real war on Christmas has nothing to do with the language we use to wish each other well during this season.

The real war on Christmas is about us refusing to see Christ in the person standing on our doorstep looking for a bed.

The way Warnerville United Methodist Church stepped into the gap to provide shelter for those experiencing homelessness should be a model to us all who desire to authentically celebrate Christmas.

Unfortunately, the Town of Richmondville is standing in the way of this kind of Christmas. We humbly ask that they do the right thing and reopen Warnerville United Methodist Church's Warming Station.

If you want to add your support to this cause, please sign the petition at this link: https://forms.gle PBSBwdtueSbzwN4z9.

come for those who need it most

Rev. Anna Blinn Cole, Pastor of Cobleskill United Methodist Church



The Warnerville UMC Warming Station has now been closed for over a month the Town bv of Richmondville.

Because of this closure we have not been able to provide a much-needed ministry in a time where it is imperative.

of The issue homelessness is not only hitting other cities and counties in other states, it has hit Schoharie County particularly hard.

Our church has experienced firsthand the hardship of homelessness.

We sprang into action when a fellow church member became homeless within hours with her four schoolaged children.

The Warnerville United Methodist Church sprang into action to provide her with a place to rest during the day while her children were in school.

We provided a place where she could prepare meals for her children.

We provided gas cards to help her with the cost of traveling back and forth each day from Oneonta.

We even provided work for This year, let Christmas her to help subsidize her throughout this ordeal of homelessness.

Her car was not safe for her to travel with her four children from Oneonta each day. Our church members re-



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placed her brakes and ball joints on her car to ensure the safety of her family. Because of this experience our church was "called"

to help other homeless individuals. The opportunity presented itself to provide

space for a Code Blue Warming Station, giving homeless individuals a secure, safe, warm shelter on bitter cold nights.

When some, not all, residents in the community heard "homeless" they immediately began to panic, not understanding anything about our church's ministry – nor did they care to know.

Because their voices are louder than those of the church and the people it serves, the Warming Station doors were closed.

We have heard assurances that the town will do all it can to help us to reopen, but have not experienced one overture toward resolution, and the need is dire.

The Warnerville United Methodist Church has been blessed to retain an attorney that has the same passion for helping the less fortunate as the church does through this ministry.

Monday, we filed paperwork to the ZBA to quickly review the town's unjust decision and immediately reopen this much needed ministry.

We will see how sincere the Town of Richmondville is to reopen a ministry the town should be supporting and proud of. A ministry that is the first in the county. A well-run New York Statemandated program to help others

I hope and pray that they do not wait months to make a decision.

We have asked for quick resolution. I will keep you all updated on how quickly and sincere they are to help us reopen.

> Fran Sossei Warnerville

Families and gun safety Dear Editor,

Put two people on opposite

uncles and cousins.

All people that should love you, support you, encourage you and want you to succeed.

Also, there to provide positive role models and when needed, discipline.

I realize that many families today don't talk like the family that I grew up with in the 40s and 50s.

But if kids grow up in a positive environment surrounded by people that care about them, I think they stand a good chance of growing up without shooting anyone.

To paraphrase a saying: Kids that fish, hunt and shoot with their family members don't grow up to mug and beat up little old ladies.

> Henry Mulbury Howes Cave

Gun numbers are crazy

Dear Editor,

Here are a few statistics on gun violence.

The FBI changed their system of reporting violent crime this year and nine states have not sent the data in.

So, these stats are from the Brady Plan, which are just the numbers.

Daily, 210 people in the United States are shot, 111 die, and of those, 42 are murdered; 22 of them are kids between one and 17 years old. Five die, three of them murdered.

Yearly, 40,620 are killed in the US, 15,343 are murdered.

The FBI's new system is incomplete by state, but USA.com and a couple of other sources have lists of all violent crimes per 100,000 residents.

These are fairly consistent.

The top 10 states for violent crime are the District of Columbia, South Carolina, New Mexico, Tennessee, Nevada, Louisiana, Florida, Arkansas, Arizona, and Alaska.

These were all violent crimes, not just murders. The bottom 10, meaning the least number of violent crimes, are Vermont, New Hampshire, North Dakota, Maine, South Dakota, Idaho, Virgina, Wyoming, Connecticut, and New Jersey. I want to focus on the kids. Twenty-two kids are shot every day. Of these, five die, three of them murdered. That is 19 children shot by accident every day. Two-hundred-ten people shot every day is a crazy number, all so we can play with guns.

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sides of the gun debate in a locked room and don't let them out until they can find something to agree on. How long will that take?

In less than five minutes I think that they will agree that certain people should not have access to guns.

So how do we reach that goal?

Gun laws don't work; we have thousands of them now. Banning things, we've tried that.

How about mandatory surrenders or government buy backs?

If all else fails, how about confiscation? This is not Canada, Australia or the UK so good luck with that.

So, what is the solution? Family.....parents, grandparents, siblings, aunts, I have a suggestion.

Get a BB gun and a sling shot and shoot at cans in your backyard - a lot fewer people will get hurt.

James Donohue Cobleskill

Letter deadline: 10am Tuesday.





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Cobleskill man dies after fire

man died Friday from injuries he suffered in a fire at his Gordon Road, Cobleskill home the day before.

Dale Miers was a Navy veteran, who served from 1967-69. He will be remembered from 5-7pm Friday at

A 74-year-old Cobleskill the Mereness-Putnam Fu- bulance responded to the late said; several departments reneral Home, where military honors will be provided at 7pm.

The Cobleskill Fire Department and ambulance. Sharon Springs and Carlisle Fire Departments, and the County FAST Team and am-

afternoon call of a working structure fire at the Miers home

Firefighters at the scene said Mr. Miers was trapped inside in a wheelchair.

Smoky conditions made fighting the fire difficult, they sponded with tankers to help extinguish it. The cause of the fire is un-

der investigation. Mr. Miers' complete obituary is on page 24.

Police Blotter

Thursday, November 10

At 8:37pm, Cobleskill Police arrested Michael Meyers Jr., 21, of Cobleskill, for aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle in the second degree and one other vehicle and traffic law violation.

He was issued traffic tickets to appear in Cobleskill Town Court on January 3 at 2pm.

Tuesday, December 6

At 9:55am, Cobleskill Police arrested Thomas Sharkey, 40, of Schoharie, for harassment in the second degree.

He was served a criminal summons to appear in Cobleskill Town Court on December 20 at 2pm.

Sunday, December 11

On December 1, State Police arrested Mohammad Selim, 37, of Rotterdam, for unlawful possession of cannabis following a motor vehicle accident. He was issued an appearance ticket returnable to the Town of Carlisle Court and released.

Monday, December 12

On December 12, State Police arrested Tyler M. Mitchell, 25, of Stamford, for criminal possession of a controlled substance in the seventh degree following a vehicle and traffic stop.

He was issued an appearance ticket returnable to the Town of Cobleskill Court and released.

On December 12, the Sidney Police Department arrested a Schoharie County man on a warrant from Delaware County Court.

The arrest is related to a

related charges. He has now been charged

with: one count of burglary in the third degree, a Class D felony; one count of grant larceny in the fourth degree, a Class E felony; one count of criminal possession of stolen property in the fourth degree, a Class E felony; one count of criminal mischief in 10am. the fourth degree, a Class A misdemeanor; and one count of obstruction of governmental administration on the second degree, a Class A misdemeanor.

He was arraigned in Delaware County Court, released, and returned of the custody of the Schoharie County Jail.

Tuesday, December 13

At 3:57pm, Cobleskill Police arrested Kenneth T. Meyers, 28, of Cobleskill, on an arrest warrant from Cobleskill Town Court for two counts of criminal contempt in the second degree for disobeying a court order and violating an order of protection.

He was arraigned in Cobleskill Town Court at 6pm and is to return to Cobleskill Town Court on December 20 at 4pm.

At 3:57pm, Cobleskill Police arrested Kenneth T. Meyers, 28, of Cobleskill, for criminal mischief in the third degree, a Class "E" felony, for resisting arrest, and for un-

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lawfully fleeing a police officer in a motor vehicle in the third degree.

He was arraigned in Cobleskill Town Court at 6pm and remanded to the Schoharie County Correctional Facility without bail to return to Cobleskill Town Court on December 19 at

Wednesday, December 14

At 8pm, Cobleskill Police arrested Kaitlin Meyers, 35, of Oneonta, for aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle in the third degree.

She was issued a traffic ticket to appear in Cobleskill Town Court on January 3 at 2pm.

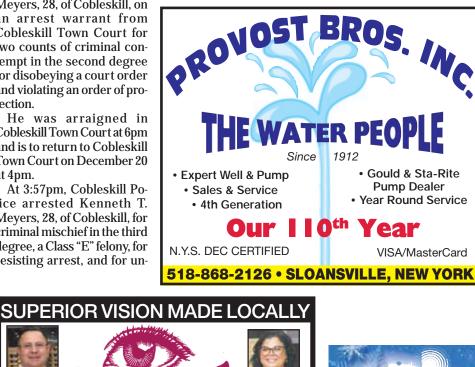
Saturday, December 17

At 2:08am, Cobleskill Police arrested Raymond Mojica, 40, of Palatine Bridge, for harassment in the second degree.

He was arraigned in Cobleskill Town Court at 3:10am and is to return to Cobleskill Town Court on January 17 at 3pm.

At 11:35pm, Cobleskill Police arrested Robert Stevens, 43, of Sharon Springs, for aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle in the third degree and two other vehicle and traffic law violations.

He was issued traffic tickets to appear in Cobleskill Town Court on January 17 at 2pm.



Dr. Tanva Devlir

burglary complaint filed by the Smoker's Choice in Sidney from July 14.

At the completion of the investigation, charges were filed with a Delaware County Grand Jury, which indicted Isaah Mann, 21, and a Delaware County Court warrant was issued, police said.

However, before the warrant could be executed, Mr. Man was incarcerated in the Scohharie County jail on un-





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Songs for the season

Friends gather at the Little White Church in Cobleskill's Veterans' Memorial Centre Park to sing Christmas carols late Sunday afternoon. Anna Marie Collins and Pastor Ray Richards organized the sing-along.--Photo by Jim Poole.



Warming station heads to R'ville ZBA

By Patsy Nicosia

The Warnerville United Methodist Church is taking its warming station to the ZBA.

Frederic Mauhs, attorney for the church, filed an application asking for a ZBA interpretation of Code Officer Jay Belifore's "cease and desist" order closing the facility on Monday.

While the ZBA could take up to 45 days to schedule a hearing and respond, it's a "humanitarian emergency," Mr. Mauhs said; he's asking the ZBA to issue its decision in seven days—or allow the warming station to reopen on an interim basis while the dispute is resolved.

"It's a very, very strong simple case," he said Monday. "We already have the authority. It's what a church does. It's central to its mission. It's more central than anything else.'

In his application to the ZBA. Mr. Mauhs called Mr. Belifore's November 16 cease and desist order closing the warming station, a 'train wreck of governmental actions completely

untethered from applicable law, that torpedoed the church's response, leaving the congregation devastated and the Schoharie County Department of Social Services scrambling...'

As a church, Mr. Mauhs said, the WUMC has every right to operate the warming station under the Town of Richmondville's Zoning Code; it also has a First Amendment right to operate the facility.

According to Mr. Mauhs, Mr. Belifore closed the warming station on grounds that it violated the state building code—something very different from zoning and "a conclusion he had reached without ever having inspected the facility.'

Mr. Belifore then followed up with the written cease and desist order alleging only a zoning violation, he said.

Zoning determines which uses are allowed in a particular neighborhood; codes regulations regulates things like safety and construction materials.

"It's critical that the ZBA

Help. . MEVAC needs allies in talks with town

By Patsy Nicosia

If you're one of the people walking around because of MEVAC, now's the time to return the favor.

Stuck at an impasse with the Town of Middleburgh over their next two-year contract, MEVAC is hoping for a show of support at the town's year-end meeting next Thursday.

"The community has to come out and support us," MEVAC's Wes Andrew said Monday as volunteers made their case to about two dozen residents.

'We've answered their calls. They need to answer ours.

The year-end meeting is set for 7pm Thursday, December 29 at the Community Center.

Following the meeting, MEVAC expects to go into closed, executive session with Supervisor Wes Laraway and councilmen, where they'll make their final offer:

A request for a one-year contract with a five percent funding increase from the town.

That five percent is already in the town's adopted 2023 budget, however after seven months of failed negotiations, there's still no signed contract.

That five percent represents an increase of just \$1,900, Mr. Andrew said, and would bring the town's MEVAC funding from \$38,288 to \$40,202, far, far below what nearby rescue squads get from their communities, said MEVAC's Sigrid Wood.

The four other towns that contract with MEVAC have already signed contracts agreeing to the five percent increase.

In May, Ms. Wood said, they asked the town for a 15 percent increase.

Not only was it "flatly turned down," she said, but the town turned around and asked for \$800 a year to help with higher-than-expected expenses for things like heating and electricity at

in funding.

"They rejected that as well," Ms. Wood said. "They came back with \$500 a month and no increase. That's where we left it."

If 15 percent sounds like a lot, it is, Mr. Andrew said. But after 53 years, they're not sure they can go on without it; equipment costs alone are up 17 percent since the fall.

Ms. Wood said SchoWright, which serves the Towns of Schoharie and Wright, asked for and got a \$6,000 increase for 2023; Duanesburg now pays the Esperance Rescue Squad, which covers a "sliver" of their territory \$102,000 a year; and Prattsville pays \$120,000 to the Ashland Rescue Squad.

"We did our homework and discovered we are greatly under-funded," she said.

Mike Hartzel, Schoharie County director of Emergency Services, said despite rumors, he has no "grand" plans of taking over MEVAC's coverage with a county ambulance-nor could anyone afford it: Even without payroll, it would cost \$300,000 a year.

'We're designed as backup when you need us,' he said. "I can't put my third ambulance here. It wouldn't be fair to the 15 other towns."

Mr. Hartzel said the town's funding comes out to about \$50 a call.

"How can you put gas in your ambulances and get supplies for that?" he asked. "How do you stay in service?"

MEVAC Treasurer Tracy Pierce accused Mr. Laraway of trying to balance the town's budget "on the backs of MEVAC"; former Supervisor Jim Buzon said having an ambulance service at the Community Center-an emergency shelter-should be seen as a big plus.

Between the \$6,000 the town wants from MEVAC for building expenses and no increase, the squad is looking at a \$8,000 loss, Mr. Andrew said. "The numbers don't work anymore. Now we're being asked to take less. If something happens and MEVAC goes away, the cost to bring it back would be insurmountable.

addresses this on an expedited basis or at least allow the church to reopen the warming center while it sorts it all out," Mr. Mauhs said.

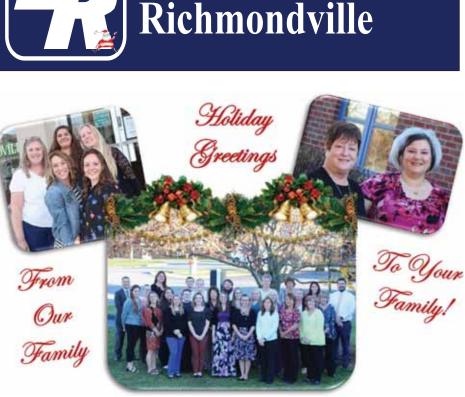
the Community Center.

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Jaqueway feels left out in Schoharie

By Patsy Nicosia As the Town of Schoharie begins suggesting members to serve on its Comprehensive Plan Review Committee, Councilman Marion Jaqueway wants to know why she's being kept off the list

Wednesday, Supervisor Alan Tavenner told the Town Board that he's gotten a few suggestions for residents willing to serve on the joint town-village effort, including Planning Board member Lisa Shaul and Councilman Ben Oevering.

"Why do I feel like I'm not wanted on that Comprehensive Plan?" asked Ms. Jaqueway.

"I feel like I'm getting shut out. I'd come back and report. I feel like I won't know what's going on without going to those meetings.

Mr. Tavenner said he's trying to limit participation from town officials to two.

He wants to see Central Bridge represented, he said, as well as businesses and agriculture.

"You want a good mix of people," he said.

But Ms. Jaqueway, who regularly attends Planning Board and Zoning Board of

Why do I feel like I'm not wanted on that Comprehensive Plan? —Marion Jaqueway

Appeals meetings on her own to stay informed, said she feels like she's being kept off the Comp Review Committee because she opposed the Borrego Solar project.

What if someone is in favor of Highbridge? Or cannabis? Should they be kept off? I've always been openminded. I would like to be involved. If you feel I'm a threat...

In the audience of Wednesday's Town Board meeting, Ashley Boreali asked if there was a place for the "younger generation."

Town Clerk Pam Foland asked "Why can't we all be volunteers?

Mr. Tavenner told councilmen to email him suggestions for Review Committee members.



Although Friday's storm closed schools and some businesses, a few people had fun with the snow, as this snowman at Cobleskill's Community Plaza attests.--Photo by Jim Poole.

IDA adjusts Spa PILOT

By Patsy Nicosia

You win some, sometimes you lose some.

With no action on the Sharon Springs Inc. project at the Imperial Baths, the IDA PILOT for the project, reduced for two years in part because of COVID-related supply chain issues will jump back up to where it's supposed to be.

In February of 2021, the IDA extended SSI's PILOT through the end of the year with conditions that included, for once and for all, financing.

Without the extension, SSI's 2021 PILOT would have jumped from \$7,680 in 2020 to \$48,547 in 2021.

In 2022, the project seemed to be as close as it's ever been to being back on track for the \$9.5 million project, so the IDA let the deal stand.

In July, developer and investor John Kwak told the IDA SSI had \$1.5 million in the bank and was ready to go; all he needed were the

original. They will be billed for this. The reduced two years is over.'

A handful of different versions of the Imperial Baths rehab as a Korean-style spa have been in the world for 14 years.

On the winner side, the IDA is in negotiations with the sale of its building and 13 acres on Mineral Springs

Road to Backyard Outfitters, backyard sheds; the expanwhich is running out of space at the old Guilford Mills site

and needs to expand. The business employs 24 and there's the potential to add another 12 positions with the expansion, representative Jake DiBari told the IDA in November.

Backyard Outfitters builds

sion would mean constructing three buildings: 12,000 square-feet, 8,000 squarefeet, and 6-8,000 square feet.

Backyard Outfitters has made a \$10,000 down payment on the property; the project would need to be approved by the Village of Cobleskill Planning Board.

SCS absences are a concern

By Patsy Nicosia With a return to normal school activities comes the inevitable return of winter "bugs.'

Schoharie Central School Administrator Dave Blanchard said Thursday that in November, both the elementary and high schools were seeing high numbers of students out sick.

one point, Mr. At Blanchard said, as many as 100-150 students from each school were out.

Numbers are now down

could be the flu, COVID. We've had some cases of RSV. We've been very cautious the last 21/2 years. Our immune systems have changed. We have to ride it out...

But back-to-school means good things, especially during the holidays.

SCS has been working hard to make school fun and get students more engaged, Mr. Blanchard said.

A case in point: the holiday concerts, where 60 high school students participated

in the choir performance.

"We've come so far " he

Vherever

site for recycling bin **By Patsy Nicosia**

With its bill for leased space for its Central Bridge recycling bin jumping from \$150 to \$3,500 a year, the Town of Schoharie is looking at other sites

Supervisor Alan Tavenner said Wednesday that Norfolk Railroad sent an "insulting" letter setting the increase.

They did the same to the Central Bridge Fire Department, which leases a small building, he said; in that case, the FD was able to "knock it down a few hundred." Councilmen Floyd Guernsey and Ben Oevering suggested Central Bridge residents use the Town of

Esperance's recycling binor drive to MOŠA.

Schoharie seeks new

"I think you misunderstand," Mr. Tavenner said. "People in Central Bridge pay taxes along with everyone else. And we can't tell them to go to another town. We can't make it a policy that they go to Esperance.'

There was discussion about moving the bin to the Sewer Plant at the Business Park, where the gate could be locked-something that would also stop people from filling it up with trash.

Or Mr. Tavenner said, "We can tell them we're not going to pay a damn nickel more for it and 'what are you going to do about it?"

The Town Board agreed to send a letter to Central Bridge residents asking their preferences for the bin's location.

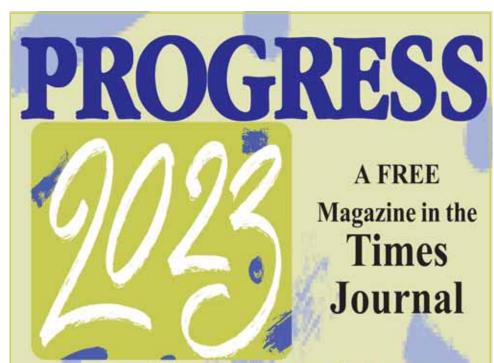
to about half that, he said. "It's not any one thing. It

said. "It's good to see our kids celebrating their success."

permits, he said.

But since then, nothing. "I haven't heard from him," IDA CEO Ron Filmer told the IDA Board last Monday.

[•]I'll get a hold of him, but the PILOT goes back to the Letter deadline: 10am Tuesday.



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Dressed for winter...

A herd of bison makes it way through the the fresh snow Saturday along Engleville Road in the Town of Seward.--Photo by Patsy Nicosia.

Resource Roundtable:

SEEC, MVEDD, County AG partner for energy help The Schoharie Economic businesses, small businesses, grants and other resources

Enterprise Corp. (SEEC), in homeowners, landlords, and partnership with the renters, on Wednesday, Janu-Mohawk Valley Economic Development District, Inc. Schoharie County Office for Schoharie. Agricultural Development will hold a Resource Roundtable about energy efficiencies and what rebates, available for farmers, agri-

ary 18, from 5:30-7:30pm at the SEEC headquarters, lo-(MVEDD), and the cated at 287 Main Street, in

> Attendees are welcome to join in person or via Zoom.

The Resource Roundtable is an educational series that incentives, and credits are brings together experts wellversed in the programs, nesses.

The

available to Schoharie County.

This event in the series will feature Amanda Kaier, Clean Energy Community coordinator from MVEDD, with answers to questions about how people can save money through rebates, incentives, and credits available to New York State residents and busi-

Schoharie County's Nickolas Kossmann, development specialist for Agricultural Business, will also be featured to assist with specific agricultural-related questions.

Topics will include energyefficient technologies that fit the needs of the New York climate, energy audits, programs that suit residential, commercial, and agricultural needs, tax credits, funding

opportunities and more. The presentation offers an opportunity to hear about consolidated resources tailored to Schoharie County that can help people take advantage of energy-related incentives that result in direct

savings. This event is free and open to the public. Registration is encouraged. Visit www.seecny.org for more information.

DOT: No to Cobleskill speed ask

Mineral Springs fine at 45mph

By Patsy Nicosia

The Town of Cobleskill's gotten nowhere in its efforts to get the speed limit on Mineral Springs Road reduced.

Actually they have: a letter from DOT saying it's not going to happen.

Supervsor Werner Hampel said he's hoping to find a work-around with the help of Schoharie County DPW Commissioner Dan Crandell.

Neighbors petitioned the town for the speed reduction from 45 to 40mph in the hamlet of Mineral Springs; the town then forwarded the request to DOT as required.

A letter from DOT denied the request.

"We've got two school busses, tractor-trailers...It's ridiculous. You can't even get out of your driveway the way people drive there," said Art Rumph, who lives in Mineral Springs and spearheaded the petition drive, after hearing DOT's decision.

After a review by the Region 9 Traffic Safety and Mobility Office, DOT determined the current speed of 45mph is appropriate—and suggested Schoharie County "consider improvements to the road. The County may want to review the existing signing to ensure it meets current standards and provides adequate warning of features such as intersections, driveways, and curves," **Regional Traffic Engineer** Tony Signorelli wrote.

Mr. Signorelli's explanation follows:

"The NYSDOT follows the practice of setting regulatory speed limits at the 85th percentile speed. The 85th percentile speed is a baseline value for which 85% of vehicles travel at or below.

"The consensus of traffic engineers throughout the industry is that the appropriate value for a posted speed limit sign will almost always be at or near the 85th percentile speed.

"Studies have shown that setting the regulatory speed lower than the 85th percentile speed typically results in increased speed differentials between vehicles. "Some drivers will obey the lower posted speed limit while others will feel it is unreasonable and simply ignore it. "This disrupts the uniform traffic flow and increases accident potential. Dramatric difference in vehicle speeds can lead to an increase in aggressive driving, tailgating, unsafe passing, and accidents associated with these conditions. "Uniform predictable speeds provide for better accuracy when judging gaps in traffic, which is important for traffic entering from intersections and driveways and for pedestrians crossing the roadway. "Furthermore, state directives recommend not placing more than 30 percent of drivers in violation of a new posted speed limit. "This recommendation is based on safety as well as the legal concept of imposing an artifically low speed limit of a 'speed trap' which can be deemed by the judicial system as unreasonable, and therefore, unenforceable. "The 85th percentile speed was measured on Mineral Springs Road. The current posted speed limit is at 45mph. The 85th percentile speed measured at 49mph. "If NYSDOT were to lower the speed limit even 5mph to 40mph, 69 percent of drivers will be in violation for excessive speeding thus significantly exceeding the 30 percent of drivers in violation with a new speed limit. "Based on previous information, the current posted linear speed limit of 45mph is appropriate for Mineral Springs Road, CR-1."



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Carlie Putorti takes a look at toys at the Joshua Project's Christmas for Kids free toy give-away last week at Fusion Community Church in Cobleskill. More than 400 families had a chance to get toys for the holiday.

All for kids: Joshua Project, friends serve up Christmas toys

Story and photos by Jim Poole

Families will have presents under the tree Christmas morning, thanks to the Joshua Project and its allies.

Joshua volunteers last week helped moms and dads--more than 400 families--select free gifts at Christmas for Kids at Fusion Community Church in Cobleskill.

The several-day effort was curtailed a bit by Friday's storm, but families still had opportunities to fill out wish lists.

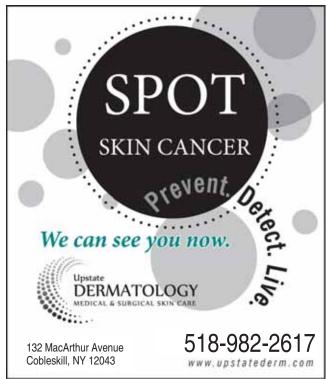
Thousands of toys and clothes were on display. Many came from Walgreens, the Cobleskill drug store that closed last month.

"They called, and I went to see what they had," said Joshua President Pat Costello. "They had two rows of toys, and I asked, 'How much?'

"They said a dollar apiece. They were very generous. Most of those toys were \$12 or \$15, I'm sure.³

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Project also purchased toys, others pitched in, too, including Toys for Tots, St. Claire's Catholic Church in Colonie, **Catholic Charities and State** Farm Insurance and Dollar General. both in Middleburgh and both collecting points for donated toys.

The Kindness Is Foundation donated 400 children's books for the effort.

"The Joshua Project and Catholic Charities pretty much do this, but we have a lot of help," Mr. Costello said. "It's been wonderful."

All children also received pajamas, courtesy of the Magic Pajama Project in Cobleskill.

The emphasis of Christmas for Kids is on younger children, but older kids aren't



Diane Stewart, one of the volunteers who helped families, stands by with her clipboard and a bag full of toys.



Joshua Project volunteer Carrie Foland arranges toys for display.

forgotten. The Joshua Project purchased \$13,500 in gift cards for teenagers.

Kids was a little more costly for the Joshua Project, and the organization is seeking more--to the Joshua Project donations to replenish funds at a 75-percent discount. for its many other programs for needy families.

To donate, joshuaschoharie.org.

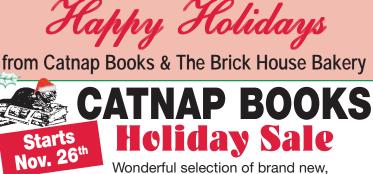
While Walgreens was generous with its steeply-dis-This year's Christmas for counted toys, the store also sold medical supplies-wheelchairs, walkers and

"We've already given some of those away to people who visit need them," Mr. Costello said.



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SCS forum will look at new mascot January 18 at High School

By Patsy Nicosia What should Schoharie Central School's new mascot be?

That's a question SCS will begin working on in January-and needs to have answered by June.

Last month the State Education Department sent out a memo reminding school districts that they need to comply with an order issued two years ago prohibiting the use of Native American imagery by the end of the 2023 school year.

Those that don't will lose state aid.

More than half of the SCS budget comes from the state, Superintendent Dave Blanchard said Thursday.

'We're not in a position to aggressively make a stand," against the ruling, he said. 'The stakes are too high."

In its memo, State Education Senior Deputy Commissioner James Baldwin also said it will remove administrators and school boards in districts that don't comply.

schools in the state and 2,000 nationwide with some vermascot.

Starting with a community forum Wednesday, January 18, at 6pm in the Junior-High School Auditorium, the night before the next school board meeting, Mr. Blanchard said,

We're not in a position to aggressively make a stand.

—Superintendent Dave Blanchard

they'll begin discussing a replacement mascot

Anyone's invited; more details will ffollow.

SCS has been preparing for the change for a number of years, Mr. Blanchard said, and nothing in the ongoing building projects have featured the SCS Indian.

But at the same time, time is of the essence, not just because of the state, but because SCS will begin work on its new athletic fields in 2023.

If the district wants to include the new mascot and imagery, Mr. Blanchard said, they'll need to come to a consensus on one.

In the Capital District, 12 SCS is one of about 60 schools use Native American mascots.

Some have already made sion of a Native American changes-Mohonasen changed its from Native American Warriors to Warriors, but hasn't changed its logo; others, like Schoharie, are waiting for more information from State Ed.

Auto Racing Stuff

By Ed & Betty Biittig

Fonda Speedway an-nounced, the first Dave Lape Memorial event will take place on Memorial Day, Saturday, May 27, featuring the Thunder on the Thruway Series for Modifieds, Crate 602 Sportsman and Pro Stocks plus a complete program of racing. Supply Wagon Rentals of

Johnstown have signed on as sponsor for the first of two Lucas Oil Empire Super for the All Star Circuit of Sprints event for 360 Sprints cars, Saturday, May 6, 2023.

Cliff Haslun of Sloansville is building a Vintage Late Model car for this upcoming season and will run with the Mohawk Valley Vintage Dirt Modified Series in 2023.

His son, Dan, is the announcer for the popular group of racers who promote the history of auto racing in the area and put on some exciting shows at area tracks when they visit.

On May 13, 2023 Afton Motorsports Park will honor Bill Ward, Sr., with a memorial race for NYPenn IMCA Modified Series.

Bill raced with the IMCA Modifieds at Afton during his racing career.

You may have already heard that the Patriot Sprint **Tour President Mike Emhof** made a very difficult statement to close out the 2022 awards banquet.

Emhof said it was one of the hardest decisions he ever had to make.

After thanking everyone that worked to make the PST successful Mike said, "It is a very sad day for me to tell you all that this will be the last Patriot Sprint Tour Banquet that I will have. I will not be scheduling any PST events in 2023 and beyond.'

The PST ran for 20 years and after trying to find someone to take the reins of the C-R falls to organization with no success Emhof was forced to close the doors.



In closing he said he is now looking forward to next year with the CRSA Sprints and the MEM Parts Business.

The Short Track Super Series is welcoming Bicknell Racing Products to its list of sponsors for 2023. When the Sunoco Race Fuels checkered flag falls at every 2023 series event, drivers will celebrate in Bicknell Racing Products Victory Lane.

When the 2023 schedule Champions (ASCoC) was unveiled on Facebook and

other media outlets a few weeks ago, local fans noticed one exciting addition. Saturday, May 20, 2023, the 410 Sprint drivers will return to the "Track of Champions" for the first time in ten years and will be competing for \$10,000 to win.

The visit by the ASCoC marks the ninth time in Fonda Speedway history that 410 Sprints have competed at the track with each of the previous four events falling under ASCoC sanctioning.

Winners on previous visits were Shane Stewart in 2002; Daryn Pittman, 2003; Craig Keel, 2005; Danny Lasoski, 2006; Daryn Pittman, 2010; Tim Shaffer, 2011 & 2012 and Danny Dietrich in 2013.

According to the ASCoC website the ASCoC is one of the oldest traveling sprint car organizations in the country.

As we close out this effort we want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday season.

Until next week, send all news or comments to biittig@yahoo.com.

For B-K, Dayne Coates had

27 points, including eight

three-pointers, and AJ Wright

Schoharie won, 61-48.

Bernhardt had 16.

At Canajoharie Wednesday,

Nathan Burke had 19

points for the Indians and Matt

For Canjo, Antonio Fairley

In girls' basketball action,

Emily Lehoe led SCS with

Middleburgh fell 66-21 at

15 points; for Canajoharie,

led all scorers with 28 points,

including three three-point-

Canjo defeated SCS, 45-36.

Charlotte Nare had 13.

Berne-Knox.

had 23.

D-S downs Oneonta

Snow cancelled school Friday and along with it, most basketball and wrestling.

Wednesday, Duanesburg-Schoharie wrestling defeated Oneonta on the road, 36-20.

Duanesburg-Schoharie Sr HS (DŠH) 36.0 **Oneonta Sr HS (OSH)** 20.0.

145: Zoey Lints (DSH) over Reilly Waltz (OSH) (Dec 10-4)

152: Jacob Schweigard (DSH) over Brighton Logue OSH) (Fall 2:15).

160: Daniel Stealey (DSH) over Gideon Hendricks (OSH) (Fall 1:51). 172: Landon Straight

(DSH) over AlanMichael Rubin (OSH) (Fall 3:43). 189: Mateo Goodhue

(OSH) over Mason Welch DSH) (TF 17-1 0:00).

215: Dalton Cooper (DSH) over Jayden Zakala (OSH) (Dec 11-4)

285: Tyler Lloyd (DSH) over Nason Renne (OSH) Fall 0:16).

102: Double Forfeit. 110: Double Forfeit.

Ravena in OT

By Jim Poole Cobleskill-Richmondville lost to Ravena in overtime in boys' basketball last Tues

day. The Bulldogs fell 57-53 on the Indians' home court.

C-R had the lead through much of the game but couldn't hold off Ravena.

"Every time we had a lead,

118: Marshall Mahar (OSH) over (DSH) (For.). 126: Tanner Tubia (OSH)

over Caroline Ash (DSH) (Fall 1:43). 132: Scott Nicolella (DSH)

over Nathan Hyde (OSH) (Fall 1:06).

138: Beckett Holmes (OSH) over Tyler Lewandowski (DSH) (Dec 9-5).

Also Wednesday, Berne-Knox defeated Middleburgh in boys basketball, 83-31.

Troy Cammer led MCS with 10 points, the only Knight in double-digits.

C-R wrestlers edge Fonda/Johnstown

By Jim Poole Cobleskill-Richmondville edged Fonda/Johnstown in wrestling last week.

The Bulldogs prevailed 42-34 on the Fonda mat.

The match started at 285 pounds, and Carols Torres registered a pin for the Bulldogs.

After a couple of forfeits in the lower weights, C-R got pins from Ashten Halev at 118, Liam English at 126, Ben Yorke at 132 and Luke Yorke at 138

"Ripping off four pins. . .that was huge," Bulldog Coach Justin Kimball said.

Kyber Henry added a pin at 160, and after Fonda/ Johnstown earned a couple of wins, the match came down to 215 pounds, with C-R up 36-34. "We moved Luke Pryor to

215, and the other kid took him down at first," Coach Kimball said. "But Luke pinned him in the second period, and that sealed the deal.'

The Bulldogs' tournament on Saturday was cancelled by the weather. C-R may pick up another tournament or single dual meets over the Christmas break, Coach Kimball said.

The Bulldogs were to wrestle at Ravena on Wednesday, but that match was also set to be postponed.

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we go away from what was working," Bulldog Coach Jon Rohacevich said.

And Ravena controlled their own boards.

'We gave up too many offensive rebounds," Coach Rohacevich said. "At one point in the second half, we gave up six in a row.'

Zoen Collins led the Bulldogs with 17 points, and Ty LaBarge had 15.

"We've got to stop losing games because of the little things," Coach Rohacevich said. "We could be 3-2 or 2-3 instead of 0-5.

'We're competitive. We just have to take care of the little things down the stretch. We've got to figure it out quick."

The Bulldogs visit Schalmont Thursday and will play in the Fonda Tournament on the 28th and 29th.

Pistol League scores

Schoharie Pistol League results as of December 14. "A" team

Cobleskill/Richmondville VFW

R. Hemsley 271, L. VanDeusen 262, B. Hensel III 228, M. Gifford 216, team to-252, N. Stella 246, team total tal 689. 1031

VFW

J. Hitt 272, J. Hornbach 250, 128, team total 821. team total 1074.

West Fulton

G. Kaelber 272, J. Symons 264, D. Symons 259, P. Northrup 259, team total 1054; 1054.

Schoharie

F. Haynes 265, R. Stark 259, J. Wingfield 246, D. Potter 236, team total 1006. "B" team

Cobleskill/Richmondville

M. Vance 239, D. Lambert 238, H. Mulbury 224, L. Prill 203. team total 904.

M. Moore 245, J. Lawton

West Fulton

G. Meyers 241, T. Werner C. Tubbs 278, S. Baker 274, 234, D. Shaul 218, J. Northrup

Schoharie

E. Stark 192, team total 192. "A" team results: VFW defeated West Fulton, 1074-Cobleskill/ Richmondville defeated Schoharie, 1031-1006.

"B" team results: Cobleskill/ Richmondville defeated Schoharie, 904-192; West Fulton defeated VFW, 821-689.

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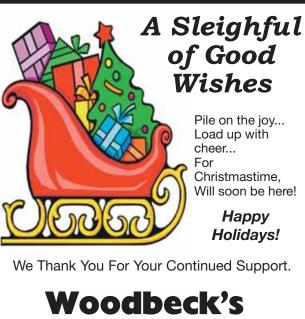
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Honoring vets for the holidays

Worcester reached out to honor the town's fallen veterans for the holidays on Saturday.

About 60 people gathered at Maple Grove and St. Joseph's cemeteries to place wreaths on veterans' graves as for the Wreaths Across America effort.

Members of the Rotary Club, Worcester Fire Department, Woman's Club, American Legion and others gathered for a ceremony before the wreath-laying.

"We're here today to say, 'thank you' for your service," said emcee Ed Serdy. "This is a united front of gratitude."

Pastor Russ Underwood of the United Methodist Church echoed those words in describing Wreaths Across America.

Across the nation, 1.2 million wreaths were placed on veterans' graves Saturday, he said.

"It's a wonderful thing to be a part of," Pastor Underwood said. "We're here to remember their lives."

Jim Gardner, who organized Worcester's Wreaths Across America, said people will shrug off eight inches of snow to place 495 wreaths on the graves of 90 veterans.

"That's a record for us," he added.

All present sang 'Amazing Grace,' and Liam Serdy played 'Taps' on a trumpet.

Individuals from the audience placed wreaths representing each branch of service, plus POWs, on stands before fanning out across the cemetery.

Story and photos by Jim Poole



Laden with wreaths, a family heads out through Maple Grove Cemetery at Worcester's Wreaths Across America observance to honor veterans at the holidays.





Liam Serdy plays 'Taps' during Worcester's ceremony.





Emcee Ed Serdy talks about the importance of veterans' sacrifices and service.



Don Shalor places a wreath on a veteran's grave in Maple Grove Cemetery.



Pastor Russ Underwood of the United Methodist Church describes the history of Wreaths Across America.



Pat and Hal Crispell hand out wreaths to those placing them.

Jim Gardner, who coordinated Wreaths Across America, notes that small red flags marks veterans' graves for wreaths.



Sue Birmingham places a wreath for Marines on a stand during the ceremony.



The audience sings 'Amazing Grace' as part of the opening ceremony.



Social Journal



\$ for Shelter

John McClure was the lucky winner of a 55-inch TV in a drawing at Brickhouse Bakery Monday; the fundraiser netted \$1,375 in ticket sales for the Animal Shelter of Schoharie Valley. From the left: Brickhouse's Rich Baumann, Vinnie Zaba and ASSV's Maggie Jackman Pryor.



Davignon lends hand at NG event

New York Air National Guard Airman 1st Class Emma Davignon, a Cobleskill resident, played a key role in a December 13 ceremony marking the 386th anniversary of the founding of the National Guard.

Airman 1st Class Davignon was one of two National Guard members selected to cut the National Guard birthday cake during a ceremony at New York National Guard headquarters in Latham.

Traditionally the oldest Guard member present is joined by the youngest Guard member in cutting the birthday cake.

The older servicemember represents the history and traditions of the National Guard, while the young Soldier or Airmen represents the future of the Guard.

Airman 1st Class Davignon, 18, just finished her training as a security forces Airman in the 109th Airlift Wing, based at Stratton Air National Guard Base in Scotia.

She represented the future of the National Guard during the ceremony.

She was joined by 60-yearold Army National Guard Master Sgt. Jerry Swain from Mount Morris, who represented the traditions and history of the National Guard.

It was an honor to be part of the ceremony, Airman 1st Class Davignon said.

She just completed training at the Air Force Security Forces Academy at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas on December 7 and is looking forward to joining her unit, she said.

She enlisted in the security forces, whose mission is to secure air bases both at home and overseas in combat zones, because of an interest in law enforcement, she said.

The National Guard claims December 13, 1636, as its birthday.

That was the date on which the legislature of the Massachusetts Bay Colony passed a law organizing separate militia companies into three regiments.

In New York, the first citizen-soldiers were members of the Burgher Guard, organized by the Dutch East Indian Company in 1640 to help protect New Amsterdam from their English neighbors in Massachusetts and Virginia.



Airman 1st Class Emma Davignon helps cut the cake at a ceremony marking the 386th anniversary of the founding of the National Guard.

Candlelight services for Christmas Eve

The Barner ville United Methodist Church will hold a Christmas Eve service Saturday, December 24 at 2pm at the church on Shady Tree Lane.

All are welcome.

The Warnerville United Methodist Church will host a Christmas Eve candelight service Saturday, December 24, at 4pm.

There will be no service Sunday.

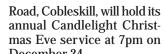
The Jefferson United Methodist Church, Main

Street, Jefferson, will hold a candlelight service on Saturday, December 24 at 7pm.

All are welcome. There will be no Christmas Day service. Services will resume Janu-

ary 1 at 10:30 am. The Schoharie United **Presbyterian Church**, 314 Main Street, Schoharie, will hold Christmas Eve services, "What Child is This?" worship, celebration and songs, at 7:30pm.

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St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Richmondville, will hold a Christmas Eve service Saturday at 6pm.

There will be no service on Christmas Day.

The Sharon Springs Reformed Church will hold a Christmas Eve service Saturday, December 24, at 7pm.

The Lawyersville Reformed Church, Cobleskill, will note a Christmas Eve

service at 5pm on December

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United Methodist Church will hold a Christmas Eve service, Saturday, December 24 at 5pm; Christmas Day Service, Sunday, December 25 at 8:30am.

The Sharon Springs **United Methodist Church** will hold a Christmas Eve service, Saturday, December 24 at 7pm and a Christmas Day service, Sunday, December 25 at 10:30am.

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The Schoharie County **Chemical Dependency** Clinic now offers peer support services with a certified peer recovery advocate trained to support, mentor, and help those struggling with addiction.

You do not need to be enrolled with the Chemical Dependency Clinic for these services.

Call (518)295-2031 for an appointment.

Open Arms Recovery Resource Center, 289 Main Street, Schoharie, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8am-4pm.

Mental health peer advocates are also available Thursdays, 11am-1pm. Services are free and confidential.

All Recovery meetings, Tuesday 5-6pm, at Open Arms, Schoharie.

Schoharie County Council of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse offers free family support services and has a family support navigator on staff to help individuals and families navigate the complexities of substance use disorder.

For more information, contact Chrystal Bushnell at (518) 605-4180, Bushnell. Chrystal@SCCAS518.org, or stop by SCCASA's new location, 597 East Main Street, Schoharie every Thursday from 9am-4pm.

Addiction Recovery Support Services through SCCASA, call (518) 605-4180 or (518) 605-3867.

Your source for information is the... Times Journal

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Cobleskill

Friends of The Community Library wish everyone a happy and healthy holiday season.

The library will be closed December 23-24 for the Christmas holiday and December 31 for the New Year holiday.

Tuesday, December 27 at 6pm, Short Fiction Workshop

This monthly writing workshop for teens and adults features writing prompts, exercises, and moderated feedback sessions where authors working on short fiction can practice their craft, develop new skills, and get constructive input from other writers.

The award-winning Trivia Night@ the Library will return January 26. If you would like to be a 2023 sponsor, contact us.

Special thanks to The Friends of The Community Library for sponsoring the snack table.

There will be no StoryTime on December 28.

Want to learn a new skill, enhance your hobby skills, or try something new? Watch classes online, anytime from anywhere, just log in to Creativebug with your Community Library card and the last four digits of your phone number to get started.

Once you create an account you can save your progress and save your favorite videos. The library's landpage https:// ing www.creativebug.com/lib/ communitylibrary

Overdrive App users take note: the app will be discontinued this month. Overdrive is focusing on the Libby app, which makes it very easy to borrow from the extensive collection of ebooks, audiobooks and magazines.

A lunchtime presentation will take place on January 11 at noon on using Libby.

You can check out games with your library card. Visit the second floor near the teen area to see what we have. A special thanks to Games A Plunder for their support of this collection.

Tuesdays join your neighbors and make new friends during the Tuesday Knitters group.

A reminder that our The staff, trustees and weather closures will be posted on TV and our Facebook and webpage.

> If Cobleskill-Richmondville School District is closed, the library will automatically move to a delayed opening at noon unless it is determined unsafe for staff to travel and then the library will close.

Sharon

Winter has officially begun, and we have had a good taste of getting snowed in.

Stock up on books and DVDs for the next storm or for your holiday break.

The library will be open its regular Saturday hours 10am-1pm Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24 and New Year's Eve, Saturday, December 31, but will be closed Monday, December 26 and Monday, January 2, 2023 for the holidays.

We wish everyone safe, healthy and blessed holiday celebrations.

New books have arrived, some by your favorite authors: Louise Penney, Rhys Bowen, Danielle Steele, Phillipa Gregory and Richard Paul Evans.

New books are on display on the table near our front door.

They are checked out for one week rather than two, so if you don't see one, just come back the following week and it might be there.

Better yet, put a hold on the one you want and we will let you know when it is available

Check our Facebook page facebook.com/ sharonspringsfreelibrary/ or our website, shsfreelib.mvls.info to see the new titles.

The MVLS collection of graphic novels and juvenile graphics has rotated, so there are new titles to browse in our library now.

Our non-holiday winter hours are Monday, 10am-1pm; Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 3-6pm; Thursday, 10am-6pm; and Saturday 10am-1pm.

Yoga is offered on Friday nights for a donation of \$10 to the instructor, but you must register in order to be on the call list in case of cancellations

December 27 - 10:45am-Drop-in Storytime - Join Miss Terry for this fun, interactive storytime geared toward little ones ages 0-5 and their caregivers.

We'll read books, sing songs and watch a short film based on our weekly theme.

All children will go home with a coloring sheet or take home craft. No registration required

December 31 and January 2, 2023—The library will be closed to observe the New Year's holiday.

Creativebug - Use your Middleburgh Library card and PIN to enjoy unlimited access to thousands of online art and craft classes available at Creativebug.

Videos are produced by renowned artists and creative experts. You'll also find downloadable patterns, templates and recipes.

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Check our calendar on our website at www.middleburghlibrary.info for future programs.

Also, don't forget our Facebook page.

Schoharie

Teen Thursday: Every Thursday, 5-7pm. Come hang out in our Teen Room, socialize, create in our Makerspace, play board games, code with our Dash Robot, share book recommendations, and more. Ages 13 - young adult welcome. No registration required.

Storytime with Yvonne: Fridays at 10am. Stories, songs, fun activities.

Writing Club (Virtual): Mondays at 6:30pm. https:// it.ly

SchoharieLibraryPrograms The Schoharie Library will be closed Saturday, December 24.

Arts & Entertainment

NYSCA grants awarded to CREATE, Iroquois Museum

One regional arts organizations and another from Schoharie County have been awarded nearly \$200,000 from New York State Council on the Arts.

CREATE Council On The Arts has been awarded a grant award totaling \$49,500.

The Iroquois Museum in Howes Cave has been awarded a three-year grant of \$49,500 per year.

The awards come as a way to support the recovery of nonprofit arts and culture organizations.

Since the spring, NYSCA has awarded \$90 million to a record number of artists and organizations across the state.

CREATE Council for Resources to Enrich the Arts, Technology & Education is a tax exempt, non-profit organization whose purpose is to provide community support by expanding access to creative, cultural resources and economic opportunities in the region.

CREATE serves as the Statewide Community Regrant arts organization for Greene, Columbia, and Schoharie Counties.

Since 1975, CREATE has provided information and essential services to artists, arts organizations, cultural and educational institutions, civic groups, community agencies, and the general public and continues to grow its outreach as a regional arts council.

The Iroquois Museum works to foster an understanding of Iroquois culture using art as a window and is a venue for promoting Iroquois arts and artists.

It also serves as an anthropological institution celebrating Iroquois culture and diversity.



The Iroquois Museum has been awarded a threeyear NYSCA grant of \$49,500 per year.

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You can find them in the program room at 1pm. Bring your own supplies and learn something new.

The library continues to offer curbside pickup and we still have free COVID-19 at home test kits.

Middleburgh

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on repeats at SSCS spell bee



Some of the SSCS contestants listen to the rules. From the left, Trever Killenberger, Ryker Lasky, Tyler Lyon, Molly Parsons, Axel Salisbury, and Garrett Warner.



Elizabeth Gokool, a fourth-grader, looks back for confirmation that she spelled her word correctly. Behind her are Tyler Lyon and Garrett Warner.



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Eighth-grader Hunter Bolster was first up at the

Story and photos by PatsyNicosia

Tyler Lyon became a ster, eighth grade; ning.

more than a dozen grade. rounds before Tyler, an correctly for the win.

Bella Cornwell, a sevsecond: grader, was third.

Rounding out the Tammy Behr. field were: Hunter Bol-

two-time champion Garrett Warner, sev-Thursday, winning the enth-grade; Molly Par-Sharon Springs Central sons and Axel Salisbury, School two years run- sixth grade; Trever Killenberger, fifth grade; Spellers battled for and Ryker Lasky, fourth

The Sharon Springs eighth-grader, spelled Historical Society sponmurals and then arrows sors and provides prizes for the event.

Russ Scimeca was the enth-grader, finished pronouncer with judges Elizabeth Superintendent Tom Gokool, a fourth- Yorke, and teachers Randi Korona and



For the second year running, Tyler Lyon, an eighthgrader, was the winner of the SSCS spelling bee.



Wishing you a Merry Christmas.

State Farm

Evan Villiams

EGG NOG

BIRD DOG





Judges, from the left: Tammy Behr, Randi Korona, and Tom Yorke.



The crowd watches as SSCS contestants tackle their words.

Times-Journal: All the news you need

Summit

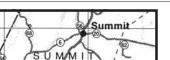
By Karen Cuccinello I was away last week so nothing local to write. We came home Sunday night to over a foot of snow which was quite a greeting back.

The Charlotteville Cemetery Association and friends put⁸⁹ "Wreaths Across America" wreaths along the fence in front of the cemetery instead of at the veterans' grave stones because of the snow.

Thanks to Jeff Shafer for plowing into the cemetery so the volunteers could park.

The cost of the wreaths is \$15, which was raised by donation, and the Charlotteville Cemetery Association would like to place wreaths again in 2023.

Donations of any amount are greatly appreciated and can be mailed to: Charlotteville Cemetery Association, 107 Charlotte Valley Road, Charlotteville, NY



12036.

Remember this is a way to honor our local veterans.

The Facebook page for Grace & Son/The Breakfast Club, at 139 Main Street, Jefferson, states they will be opening again soon.

December 25 - Merry Christmas.

January 8 – Pancake breakfast, 8-11am at Summit Conservation Club, 109 Club Drive, Summit, (518)287-1710.

January 15 – Charlotteville Firehouse breakfast, 8-11am.

January 21-22 – Stuffed pizza at Summit Conservation Club. Saturday noon-7pm and Sunday noon-4pm.

January 28 – Outhouse Races 1pm, sponsored by the Summit Conservation Club to benefit the food pantry. Dance to follow. History

December 7, 1933

Cobleskill Index – Summit -Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Snyder were weekend guests of friends in Binghamton. Mrs. Flora Joslyn has been visiting Melora Ryder for a few days. Miss Lucy Wharton and Miss Alma Wharton were shoppers in Albany.

There is no school at present as the teacher, Mrs. Russell Houghton is ill of bronchitis. Mr. and Mrs. Luke Ryder were Thanksgiving dinner guests of relatives in Schenectady.

Mrs. Maurice Bradley, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Mattie Zeh called on relatives in Warnerville.

Fenton Warner and wife, and Roy Hellijas and wife were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Bradley.

It is estimated that nearly 200 people were served to dinner in the church basement on Thanksgiving day.



The Charlotteville Cemetery Association placed wreaths along the fence in front of the cemetery in stead of on veterans' graves for Wreaths Across America on Saturday.

We wish to thank all who in any way contributed to the success of this affair.



Carlisle

By Chris Keefer Greetings Carlisle. All good wishes for a Merry Christmas and a happy Hanukkah.

The only thing good about the early nightfall in December is touring around town to see everyone's holiday lights.

Another good thing is the heavy snow and subsequent trails the snowmobilers have left for easy hiking and skiing

I plan to bust out my x-c skis and boots over the holiday break.

Thanks to our intrepid road crews for clearing the snow and keeping the roads safe.

Bundle up. It looks like more snow is forecast for Thursday and Friday this week, followed by intense cold.

Layers of clothing are good for keeping the heat bill down inside the house and essential when spending time outside.

Looking for a local country church to worship on Christmas Eve?

Try the Grovenors Corners United Methodist Church in the hamlet of Grovenors Corners. All are welcome.

Christmas Eve Service will be held on Saturday, 5pm, and a Christmas morning service will take place at 8:30am.

The Planning Board meeting and follow up article by the Times Journal regarding the proposed solar farm in Carlisle was informative.

This is a huge and controversial use of land in a place where we value our agricultural landscapes and environment, our views and our history.

Is this right for Carlisle? Consider putting a wellformed, and respectfully worded opinion in the Carlisle News.

According to the site map, which can be viewed and downloaded from the Schoharie County/Carlisle/ Planning Board website (h t t p s : / / www2.schohariecountyny.gov/), the proposed solar

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project would encompass a lot of wetlands where we birders consistently get sora rail and other interesting birds each year.

Speaking of birds, since Carlisle is the Birding Capital of Schoharie County, the snowfall brought all kinds of birds to my feeders.

With their natural food covered up, songbirds flock to feeders to tank up on the fuel they need to keep their metabolisms going. Birds, like most creatures active in winter, need extra rations to make it through those long

and seeds are essential. While our bird feeders tend to be supplemental to the natural fare birds spend their days foraging, when heavy snow eliminates that source, our feeders become vital to survival.

We had four northern cardinals, two species of nuthatch, white-throated sparrows and juncos, and one song sparrow, but no tree

sparrows.

Does anyone have tree sparrows?

Seems they were largely absent last year, too.

Blue jays, mourning doves, three woodpecker species and a swirl of chickadees and tufted titmice keep the whole scene active and entertaining.

A pair of crows have figured out how to navigate the suet feeder. They came early this year.

I'm wondering if it was the same pair that started hanging around in late winter last year, and with their intelligence, remembered the food source and how to get it this season.

What have you got at your feeders?

Send news of birthday wishes, glad tidings, special occasions, upcoming events, happy thoughts and birds good to carlisle.news12031 @gmail.com or call (518(339-3664.

Merry Christmas to all.







By Ann Lape



nights. Foods high in fat like suet

Hi readers. Christmas is almost here.

Did you know Christmas trees are grown in all 50 states, including Hawaii?

Germany is credited with starting the Christmas tree tradition in the 16th century, with Martin Luther adding the lighted candles.

In America, German settlers in Pennsylvania had community Christmas trees as early as 1747.

By the 1890s Christmas ornaments were arriving from Germany, but early 20th century Americans decorated their trees mostly with home-made ornaments, popcorn and berries.

There will be Christmas caroling in the Village of Richmondville on December 23, starting at 7pm and meeting at the Firehouse. All are welcome to participate.

Faith Church in West Richmondville will be having a candlelight service on Christmas Eve, December 24, at 4pm.

Christian Community of

Bichmondville

Richmondville United Methodist Church will have a candlelight Service on Christmas Eve, at 5pm.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church will have a candlelight service on Christmas Eve, at 6pm.

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Cobleskill will be having a Christmas Eve Mass at 5:15pm and a Christmas Day Mass at 8:30am.

If anyone has any news they would like to share in this column, feel free to contact me, Ann Lape, (518)813-2826.

However you celebrate the holidays, may they be filled with love, peace, and joy.

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By Dorothy Pickett Merry Christmas every one. May December 25 remind us that the reason for the season is a baby named Jesus who was born in Bethlehem.

Gilboa-

Christmas Eve services will be held at Flat Creek Baptist Church on Saturday evening December 24 with a special program.

All are welcome to attend and enjoy a time of fellowship following the service with lots of Christmas goodies.

Christmas Day service 10:30am.

Christmas Eve service will also be held at Gilboa Methodist Church on Saturday evening December 24 at 6pm.

Christmas Day service at 9am with a special Children centered worship.

Condolences to Pat, Daryl, Galen, and Darlene Buel with the death of their sister, Bonnie, this past week. Pat tells me they were to travel to Connecticut on Sunday for the funeral. Please know that we are keeping all of you in our prayers.

Condolences also go out to the family of Raymond Leger, who died on November 8.

Raymond lived in Spring Hill, Florida. He was a graduate of GCCS class of 1952.

After serving in the Air Force during the Korean War in 1956 he was discharged as a jet engine specialist.

In 1973 he graduated from Central Connecticut St. University with a degree in Psychology and Sociology.

His true passion in retirement was the study of genealogy and he conducted many investigations of family trees.

Raymond was pre-deceased by his sister Ruth Leger Rikard; brothers John, William, Paul, and Carl,

Wednesday evening the Gilboa Historical Society held their annual Bottle Auction. There were 16 in attendance for this fun filled event.

Once again, Auctioneer Tony VanGlad held the attention of everyone as he delightfully auctioned off the many wrapped bottles donated by members and guests.

The two gift baskets were won individually by Megan Buel and Jessy Buel. Congratulations.

The baskets were full of many local items and so much more.

I delivered Megan's the next day much to her surprise.

Thanks to Prattsville Wine/Liquor for their generous donation.

Thursday 35-plus seniors met at the Conesville Fire Hall for their meeting and Christmas event.

Everyone brought a delicious dish for the buffet table.

The tables were decorated with red and green tablecloths and adorned with Christmas trees, placemats, pens for the games on the placemats, and tote bags.

Seniors brought gifts for the drawing man for man and woman for woman. An ugly sweater contest was held.

President Carolyn Brown had ribbons for the sweater contest. Herb Mueller was the judge.

The winners were: Ugly sweater - Manfred Deimold with his ugly tie and hat; Uglier was Connie Bates; and ugliest was Larry Cowden.

They graciously posed for pictures.

Dessert was a huge cake I had ordered.

Elsa Gonzalez was our guest speaker. Elsa delighted everyone with her Charlie Brown story. At the end she smiled and held up her **Charlie Brown Christmas** tree

President Brown then held the swearing in of the officers for 2023: President Dorothy Pickett, Vice President Lori Gustin, Secretary Linda Kessler, and Treasurer Carolyn Stryker.

There will be no meetings in January and February.

Everyone is looking forward to March when we will begin them once more.

The Gilboa Tree Lighting event had to be cancelled on Friday because of the snowstorm. However, with thanks to station WRIP Windham announcers Joe Loverro, Jay, John and Facebook it was announced that it would be held on Sunday.

With 35-plus in attendance we all stood around the tree in front of the town hall.

We sang "Oh Christmas Tree" and then the countdown began with David Pickett lighting up the tree.

Going back inside there were crafts, games and snacks for everyone.

As they were working on their crafts, suddenly, a knock was heard at the back door.

It was the arrival of Santa and his elves.

The children were so excited to see Santa. As he sat in his chair by the Christmas tree each child got the chance to sit upon his lap.

He had a gift for them after they told him what they would like him to bring them. Santa then read the story "The Night Before Christ-

mas" much to their delight. Having to be on his way so every child would receive the gifts they asked for, Santa and his elves waved goodbye and away they

went. Linda Wyckoff and I would like to thank everyone who volunteered and all who were able to join in our Town Holiday Celebration.

Many thanks go to those who donated prizes: Tony VanGlad, Wood Homestead maple syrup, Vinnie from Brickhouse Bakery in Cobleskill for the Christmas tree sugar cookies for the children and adults to decorate; Jennifer Robinson from Country Mom's Crafts; and Brian Caron, Horseshoe Café.

Thanks to Santa and the elves for making the event even more special.

Thanks to Supervisor Alicia Terry and the Town of Gilboa Board for allowing us to create a very wonderful

Christmas event for the chil-**Esperance**

By Linda Feuz To all of our loyal readers, you are wished the best of this holiday season and throughout the new year.

Your favorable comments are so appreciated and cause this correspondent to give thanks for each one of you.

Esperance Museum - If



Santa and Mrs. Claus with Supervisor Alicia Terry, Linda and Cody Wyckoff, Logan Mattice, and Dottie Pickett.

dren and their families here in Gilboa and surrounding area.

Our Christmas tree holds over 50-plus snowmen ornaments graciously signed by Gilboa residents.

Events at Rockland Cidery Upstate on Stryker Road. Friday, Dececember 23 Happy Time Faculty and school staff, Saturday, December 24 noon-7pm Holiday shopping local products.

Concerns: Prayer Lorraine Robinson, Healthcare workers, our military, emergency responders, sheriffs' deputies, dispatchers, and police forces. We continue to keep all of you in prayer.

Birthdays: December 25 Karen Karlsen, December 26 Connie Rhule, 90 years young, December 28, Joanne Haskin.

Upcoming Events: January 10, Conesville Historical Society will host guest speaker "The Llama Man."

News is always wel-

(518)248-2185 to schedule a

time with Wendi or email

Sharon.niggemeier@gmail.com

to gather items needed.

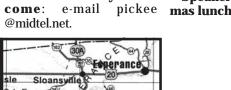
There is still an urgent need

to restock the pantry, which

has had wonderful success

at being accessed and used.

Sharon



get the details to be a part of this new group.

Presbyterian Church (the Stone Church on Church Street) - Sunday services are at 9:30am. Special Christmas Eve service is set for Saturday at 4:30pm...and there is no Sunday service on Christmas Day.

Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church on Alexander Road in Delanson has scheduled a Christmas Eve service for Saturday at 4:30pm and Christmas Ďay mass at 11am.

On a personal note, get outside and, weather cooperating, take a gander at the sky to look for the meteor show ers – fascinating for those of us fortunate to live where it is really dark at night. Yes, I just realized that some of you will think, "it's always dark at night," but you know what I mean...be glad for the darkness.



Speaker Elsa Gonzalez at Conesville Senior Christmas luncheon.



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you get a chance, take a photo of your family "singing" with the choral figures at the gazebo, just for fun.

Landis Arboretum - Call 518 875-6935 or email info@landisarboretum.org or go to their website at landisarboretum.org.

Schoharie Valley Singers - We've enjoyed two concerts, and now will take a break. The Spring 2023 program rehearsals will commence at the end of February or beginning of March for a June event. Please consider joining the group as a new or returning Singer it's so beneficial on many levels.

Esperance Methodist Church - Regular services at 11am on Sundays. Beginning January 1, 2023, Sunday services will be held in the Tiffany Room in order to conserve heating costs. Christmas Eve candlelight service is scheduled for Saturday at 7pm in the sanctuary. On Christmas Day, a combined service with the Gallupville and Delanson United Methodist Churches will be held in Delanson, starting at 9:30am.

The food pantry, which can be accessed by calling



What's needed? Pancake mix and syrup, pasta and pasta sauce, sugar, flour, cooking oil, canned meats, cake mixes, dog food, paper towels, and anything else you'd think about needing in your own homes. There is a box for collecting goods inside the back entry to the church, which is open on Sunday morning, or call Wendi or Sharon for drop-off instructions.

ESUMC is looking to start a youth group for ages 11-18. Talk to Pastor Park and



Schoharie Valley Gospel Church at 133 Sprakers Road in Sloansville will hold a candlelight service tonight at 6:30pm and Christmas Day service will be at 10am.

Schoharie Reformed Church Christmas Eve Service - SRC opens its doors and our hearts to invite you all to attend an ecumenical Christmas Eve service on Saturday, December 24, beginning at 7pm at 258 Main Street. There will be no Sunday service this week.

Merry Christmas to all, and to all...a good night.

Hug your loved ones and share a smile with a stranger. Contact me anytime at (518)875-6443 or e-mail to lfeuz27@gmail.com.

By Fran Sossei

This has been a sad week for Warnerville, the Middleburgh and Huntersland United Methodist Churches.

Our Pastor Maryellen Moore's mother passed away suddenly this past week.

Our hearts are broken for Pastor Mel, who spent the week in New Jersey to be with her family.

Pastor Mel's mother, father and sister all are clergy. Their family has a long history of faith and service to others.

We are praying for healing for Pastor Mel and her family.

I want to thank Teresa Howard for filling in at the Warnerville and Middleburgh churches on Sunday morning. Your willingness to provide Sunday services was very appreciated.

Warnerville UMC's Christmas Eve service will be at 4pm on December 24.

With all the controversy

and loss we all have suffered over the past year, let's come together to celebrate the birth of a very special babe who was sent to save us all.

Let's take time to remember the real reason for the season.

It's been quite a few weeks in our household with sickness. I know that Mildred and Beverly Phelan, Sue Lockwood, Linda and Greg Jackson, and our daughter Erica and her children have all been targeted by this nasty flu.

It wasn't COVID, but it was intense.

Bill and I were discussing beginning to wear masks when out in public.

The public took a backseat to my grandchildren who walk in my front door sprinkling pesky germs all around.

We are all pretty much on the mend. With Christmas around the corner we all want to feel better.

As many of you know, and are upset that the warming station is closed for over a month now, we are taking steps to resolve this unfortunate closure.

Understanding the emergency and the urgency of homelessness in Schoharie County, our attorney has filed paperwork to the Richmondville ZBA asking for the expedited reopening the warming station ministry.

People are in dire need and we are there to support that need.

We are hoping that the Town of Richmondville will hold true to their verbal desire to work with us to reopen the ministry as soon as possible. The need is now, not this spring.

Pastor Anna has a petition for all of supporters to sign. Here's the link:

https://forms.gle/ PBSBwdtueSbzwN4z9.

I want to thank all of the wonderful people, who at this holiday season have extended their love and support to our very important ministry.

It gives me hope that humanity will be victorious, that faith will overcome fear.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas surrounded by family and friends. Please just take a moment to consider those with much less



By Carol Brodie

Merry Christmas to everyone.

If you haven't already done so, there's still time to send Christmas cards and notes to those in the nursing homes. And even if they receive them after Christmas, I'm sure they will still be delighted to hear from you.

Send cards to Margaret Mabie, c/o Fox Nursing Home, Oneonta, NY 13820, and Cora Wikoff, The Marchand Manor, 121 Main Street, PO Box 265, Sharon Springs, NY 13459.

Services at the South Valley First Christian Church: Christmas Eve service at 7pm on Saturday, December 24 and Christmas Day service at 10am on Sunday.

There will be no Sunday school that day.

The services are open to all, so please come out and join us as we celebrate the birth of Christ.

So we got zapped last weekend with our first big major snowstorm of the winter.

It actually started Thursday evening, December 15, and by 9am the following morning, I measured 11 inches of snow in front of our house.

I started shoveling a small path to the road to clean out the mailbox, assuming our mailman would be late with all this snow. Not so.

I was maybe a third way to

the road when he came along at the regular time. He stopped in the road and I ran back in the house to

get my outgoing mail. He trudged through the snow to meet me to take it and give me my mail.

He said he loves the snow, so I said, "Here," and went to hand him my shovel.

He laughed. I still miss our former mail-

man Jim, but I am very thankful we have such a good mailman in Sam.

Later that Friday afternoon, Charley came up and plowed out for me with my John Deere tractor.

Then he came back again later Saturday afternoon and did it all again, after the snow had reached at least 17 inches or more.

Pat Mabie told me they had two foot of snow at their place on State Highway 165, and I told her it could possibly have been that deep here as well.

It was hard to tell because the wind blew it so much.

Thank you to our Town of Roseboom road crew, Superintendent Dan Gage, Denny Hoke, Cody Duncan, and Ray Auger, for taking good care of our roads during the storm.

We also lost our electricity twice last week. No idea why we lost it on Wednesday, December 14, around 7pm because the weather

outside. It was back on again about two hours later.

Then, during the storm, it went out again on Friday around 2:45pm and was restored around 6:30pm.

I'm thankful they seem to be getting the power restored a lot quicker these days than they used to a few years ago. Birthdays and anniversaries

Birthday wishes go out this week to Conner Dahl who will be 19 years old, Dan Kiesow, Brandon Lundy, Marsha Mabie, Sharon Earing, Heather Webster, Kayleigh Brodie, Steve Tansey, Jim Herman, Mike Fox Sr., Helen Moore, Angelica Sorgen, Abby Dent who turns 22, Jim Webster, Carole Haslun, Tyler Houk who will be 16, and Dolores Weeks.

Happy anniversary to Bob and Allegra Schecter.

Expression of sympathy

I was sorry to hear that Ruth Ellen May, 65, of Esperance, died unexpectedly at St. Mary's Hospital on Friday, December 2.

She was the daughter of Ralph Gordon and Elizabeth "Betty" May and spent her younger years growing up in the heart of South Valley.

She was predeceased by her parents, as well as siblings Carolyn Mabie and James May.

She is survived by a sister, Linda Winnie, and two brothers, Stanley and Michael, as was fine and barely a breeze well as other family and rela-

tives.

To read the complete obituary and offer condolences to the family, go to the funeral home website: houghtalingandsmith.com My birthday surprise

So I left you all hanging last week following my birthday train ride out of Richfield Springs.

As we were headed home, somewhere around Cherry Valley, I think it was, that Barb said she'd had a text from Becke Haas, who wanted us to stop by the church in South Valley.

Becke told her to make sure we came to the kitchen because there was a meeting in the sanctuary and she didn't want us to disturb them.

Well, I guess I can be a bit clueless at times. We got to the church and there were vehicles in the parking lot, but I couldn't understand why they would be having a meeting in the dark as there were no lights in either the sanctuary or the family center.

We were only going to be a couple of minutes so Mick stayed in the car and Barb and I went in the side doors to go to the kitchen.

Becke greeted us, giving me a big hug and wishing me a happy birthday.

Then she tells me she wants to show me how she has decorated the family center for the Christmas party that was coming up on Sunday.

I didn't suspect a thing because she knows I love how she decorates for events.

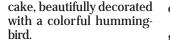
She threw open the double doors to the family

center and the lights came on. I was so surprised that I don't even remember if everyone yelled "surprise" or "happy birthday!" I was kind of in shock as I looked around at everyone there.

It was my first ever surprise party and boy, was I ever surprised, despite a couple things that should have made me suspicious.

And this wasn't even a "big" birthday. That won't be until next year.

Barb made me a chocolate



Among the 19 guests were Mick and Barb Kineke, Charley and Joanne Brodie, Steve and Donna Hatch and granddaughters Eleanor and Della Baran, Pastor Dan, Becke, and daughter Lily Haas, cousins Bev Brodie, Peter Brodie, and Lorri Meyers, Carole Haslun, June Hansen, Harvey and Connie Frasier, and Frank Wrisley.

Many others were invited but unable to attend, but still sent me cards and greetings.

Proper thank you notes will be going out soon, but I wanted to publicly thank everyone who had a part in this surprise party for me.

And thank you for the many cards, money, gift cards, and my niece Amy Sue Dahl for the little box of items she mailed to me.

Thank you to the Haas' as well for the beautiful hummingbird feeder, and to Lily for the beautiful hummingbird painting she did for me.

Thanks especially to Mick and Barb and Becke Haas for all the planning, decorating, and work you did in making my birthday special this year.

Pastor Dan, Becke, and Lily invited me as their guest, to celebrate my birthday, by accompanying them to the Candlelight Evening at the Farmers Museum, in Cooperstown, on Saturday afternoon, De-

cember 10.

We had a great time together as we strolled around the grounds, enjoyed some hot mulled cider, and rode on the horse-drawn wagon.

Then later, we enjoyed visiting as we dined at the Doubleday Café on Main Street.

Bits and pieces

Charley and Joanne Brodie attended the funeral for Peter Lewis, 63, of Maryland, at the Schenevus First Baptist Church on Saturday morning, December 17.

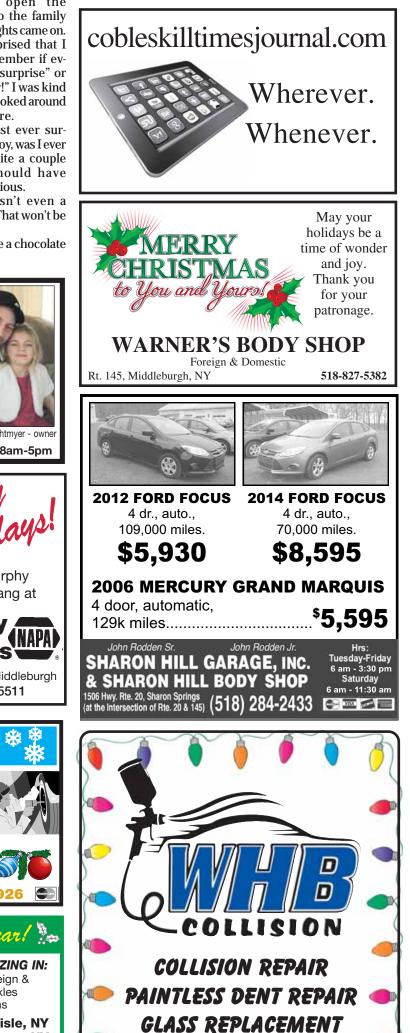
Joanne played the piano for the service.

Janet French-Kostbar delivered her delicious homemade Christmas cookies to relatives around the area on Sunday, December 18, as she made stops at Leland and Pat Mabie's, Mark and Debbie Anderson's, and George and Fran Mabie's homes.

A friend from Fort Plain texted me on Sunday evening telling me that the Fort Plain town barn had burned to the ground early that morning.

She said the barn and the snow plows are a complete loss, but the firemen were able to save the town offices up front, although they suffered a lot of smoke and water damage.

Call me at (607)264-3225 with any news you wish to share in this column. I'd love to include your Christmas parties, celebrations, and get-togethers. Also, if there are any birthdays I'm missing, call and let me know.



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By Dana Cudmore

Seward Town Councilman Bruce Baxter of Patrick Road submitted his resignation Monday, December 12, at the town board's regular monthly meeting.

Mr. Baxter, a former highway superintendent, resigned effective December 31.

Town Supervisor Earlin Rosa can appoint a temporary replacement to fill the seat until the November 2024 elections.

At that time, voters will decide who will fill the two years that remain on the council member's term.

In other business, the

nounced it will hold its Christmas Eve service at 8pm at the church, 114 Mesick Road. A spokesperson for the church said there will not be services the following day, Christmas.

The church typically holds services each Sunday at 9am.

Public Bus service limits holiday hours

Schoharie County Public Transportation has limited hours and routes the next two Saturdays and Mondays due to the holidays. The bus is not offered on Sundays.

Only the Cobleskill Route 2 bus will run on December 24 and 31. The last run on both days will be at 2pm from Wal-Mart.

open by appointment, by calling (518)284-2200. The church is located on Route 20, across from the school.

Food pantries provide nonperishable food items to those in need and gladly accept donations for sharing.

If you have news, events, or social items—birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, etc. —from communities in (and around) the Town of Seward, email me at dcmedia@aol.com.

Readers' feedback is always welcome.



board learned a percolation test failed on property the town is considering purchasing for a septic drain field leach field-for the Seward hamlet's sewer district.

The board took no action on the issue at the meeting and will likely consult with Lamont Engineers of Cobleskill on the options available moving forward.

The board scheduled Thursday, January 5, 2023, as the day for their annual reorganization meeting.

The meetings are used to make annual appointments and designations, such as meeting dates and the town's official bank and newspaper.

The recommendations made at the meeting will be voted on at the town board's first monthly meeting of the year, tentatively Monday, January 9.

The board also paid the month's bills.

They approved payments totaling about \$40,000 for highway department expenses that included truck repairs, and about \$3,000 for other town expenses, according to Town Clerk Barbara Schaffer.

No town business on Saturday

Schaffer announced her office, which usually holds hours on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month, will be closed the day before Christmas.

The town's recycling center, also on Lowe Road, will also be closed that day for the holiday.

Lots to Celebrate

Here's wishing happy holidays to everyone, whether you celebrate Hanukkah, Christmas, Boxing Day, Kwanzaa, or all four. **Christmas Eve Services** in Seward

The Zion St. John's

on the two observed holidays, December 26, and January 2, 2023.

days is not affected.

from Cobleskill to Sharon runs every Tuesday, including the Seward area - - if reservations are made in advance. The number to call is (518)234-0952.

\$6 cash, or a \$3 token, available to seniors over the age of 60.

United Methodist Church in Sharon Springs is open Thursdays from 9-10:30am and from 5-6:30pm. It's also

Worcester

By Marilyn Dufresne St. Joseph's

Thanks to all those who came to St. Joseph's cantata, with the songs brining out the true meaning of Christmas in our hearts.

After weeks of practice under the direction of Terry Haite, the final presentation was rewarding.

Faith Formation classes are writing out Christmas cards for nursing home residents in our area. The Christmas card mailbox is in the parish hall on the center table.

Heartfelt sympathies to Amy Muehl and John Muehl on the death of their mother, Carolyn Muehl.

There will be no weekly masses during the week between Christmas Day and New Year's Eve.

On Sunday, December 18, Father Joe offered prayers and anointing the sick for healing.

Wreaths

A ceremony, led by Ed Serdy during Wreaths Across America on Saturday noon in Maple Grove Cemetery took place despite the snowstorm the day before. He said helpers had just unloaded 495 wreaths with the Catholic Cemetery to mark 90 graves.

Norceste

Pastor Russ Underwood spoke briefly and offered a prayer.

The laying of each wreath was in memory of those serving in all branches of service: George Oust, US Army; Susan Birmingham, for US Marines; Sawn Filaposle, US Navy, Don Shalor, US Air Force; Joanne Cloughly, US Coast Guard and Tom Kelly, Merchant Marines; In honor of 93,129 from all branches of the service whose last known status was either prisoners of war or missing in action.

Each wreath is a gift from a grateful America, Mr. Serdy said.

The speaker quoted our 40th President, Ronald Reagan, "Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our

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children's children what it was like in the United States when men were free."

Everyone sang "Amazing Grace" and then coordinator of the event, James Gardner, explained how the graves to receive wreaths would be marked with a red flag.

Young, old and loved ones in the crowd were all willing to trudge through the snow and place a live balsam wreath on a grave symbolizing our honor to those who served.

Solstice

Winter Solstice took place on December 21, when one of the earth's poles has its maximum tilt away from the sun.

The Winter Solstice is the day when the shortest period of daylight and the longest night of the year occurs. This means days will be getting longer. Hurrah.

Historical Society

Diane Addesso, a member of the Board of Directors of the Worcester/Schenevus Library, was a recent speaker at a meeting of the Town of Maryland Historical Society. She was introduced by

John Tauzel, who is also a

member of the library board. Diane reviewed the his-

tory of the library and of local libraries.

It was noted that there was a library in Westford that dated to 1812 and a picture of the building was displayed.

The Worcester Free Library was started in 1909 and it was noted that Hellen Wilder Wieting gave the library a room in The Wieting Theatre in 1910. Ms. Addesso spoke about the history of the current building and how it has been restored to its original form.

There was a discussion of the process of what was done to be able to open the library and how it was financed.

Ms. Addesso explained the thought process for it becoming Worcester/ Schenevus Library and bringing the two communities closer together. She also mentioned various events that help keep the library funded such as the Strawberry Festival Craft Show, plus the used bookstore open two days per week.

A large project in the future will be when the First Presbyterian Church paperwork is finally turned over to the library.

It was noted that Diane is the person who got most of the grants and would be happy to help write grant requests for the Town of Maryland Historical Society, Diane and John were thanked for their presentation.

The Town of Maryland's Historical Society's next meeting is March 25, 2023 due to the fact the Christmas meeting was canceled. **Christmas Eve**

I think of my late brother George, who had told me



By Janice Wilkens Merry Christmas to All Birthdays and anniversaries

Happy birthday to Sarah Keller-York on December 24, Terry Jeffrey on December 25 and Danielle Jeffrey on December 28.

that in 1943 World War II he spent Christmas Eve at the foot of the Eiffel Tower in Paris, France in a tent.

The Germans had run out of gas, so their tanks didn't move. Overhead, the enemy in fighter planes poured down bullets as they strafed his tent.

George had said he was the only one of the soldiers in his tent who survived.

My brother was in charge of the crew of an anti-aircraft gun, so we can only image how he spent that Christmas Eve.

The Eiffel Tower was constructed as the entrance to the 1889 World's Fair.

When the German Army overran parts of France towards Belgium the French people cut the cables of the Eiffel Tower so the Germans had to climb up the structure by hand to hoist their swastika flag.

Mr. and Mrs. Santa

Harmon and Mary Chaplain, alias Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus, worked at the North Pole in the Adirondacks way back in the 1940s. Upon retirement they purchased a home in Decatur.

For many years they filled the Santa role at Bresees' Oneonta Department Store.

Harmon died at the age of 74 after living the role that became his real self: Santa. He was so modest his obituary did not mention this phase in his life so children who sat on his lap were never to know Santa wasn't real.

Last year a reader from Central Bridge sent me a postcard of the Bresees Santas.

I was surprised that others remembered too.

This and that The Wieting Theatre

Brynn Wintle-Miltner and her children Hannah and

Ceptral Bridge

Levi. Christin and Matt Bianco served our traditional Swedish smorgasbord of meatballs, brown beans, sweet macaroni and breads in addition to goulash and macaroni and cheese for the kids. After watching some movies – "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" and the beginning of "A Christmas Story 2022," we enjoyed our meal, then exchanged and opened our gifts. This year, my gift theme was sock monkeys. Not only did each adult receive a pair of original Rockford Red Heel socks, all grandchildren received a hand sewn sock monkey and each family received a sock monkey chew toy for their dogs

thanks all who supported the movies and to sponsors who made movies possible.

The final movie of the season was December 10 with "It's A Wonderful Life."

The 2023 season starts with the second annual May the 4th Star Wars special event. Admission is free; donations are welcome.

Last week it started snowing on Wednesday afternoon and snow fell all day Friday.

This area received about 15 inches in that length of time. Thanks to Highway Superintendent Rick Evans and his crew for doing such a good job keeping the roads open.

Walking in a Worcester Wonderland promises surprises on Friday from 6-8:30pm at 152 Main Street.

Rebecca Hopkins of Freestyle Confections and Josh Taylor of Eastern Otsego Farmers Market promise a fun two hours and one-half to shop with local vendors for last minute gifts. A little music and for the children Mrs. Claus will stop by.

Sympathy to the family of Carolyn L. Muehl, 77, who died December 13 at the Chase Nursing Home in New Berlin, New York.

She is survived by her son and daughter Jack and Amy Muehl. In lieu of flowers donations may be to the Alzheimer's Association, Central New York Chapter, P.O. Box 12226, Syracuse, N.Y. 13218; St. Joseph's Church, 201 Main St, Worcester, N.Y. 12197; or Chase Memorial Nursing Home, Sunshine Fund, 1 Terrace Heights, New Berlin, N.Y. 13411.

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On Sunday, we gathered at Christin's home in Altamont with the children who live locally, while our youngest daughter joined via FaceTime from North Carolina.

In addition to three of our children, their spouses and six grandchildren, one girlfriend and my brother Peter of Middleburgh, we had a surprise visit from my niece



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Collections made to the coin jar will be donated to the Salvation Army.

There will be no Sunday worship service on Christmas Day.

Looking forward, January 1, A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols.

The last Saturday of every month, Helderberg Lutheran Church offers breakfast from 8-11am, free will donation.

The menu includes plain, chocolate chip or blueberry pancakes; sunnyside, over easy or scrambled eggs; French toast; sausage or bacon; sausage gravy; white, wheat or rye bread; apple or cranberry juice; coffee or tea.

Located at 1728 Helderberg Trail in Berne. **United Methodist Church** Caye Perrotti and the Central Bridge MethodistChurch invites all to any Sunday service at 10:30am.

Food pantry items can be placed in the basket in the back of the church.

The Christmas Eve service will be Saturday, December 24 at 3pm.

There will be a Christmas Day service at 10:30am Sunday.

The next administrative board and trustee meeting will be January 2 at 5pm. **Got news?**

If you have community events or anything to share, please send a message with the subject line, "Central Bridge news" to Wwilkensjan@aol.com or call (518)868-2790.

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NOTICE OF TAX the closest Bidders shall pursuant to this lobby of NBT Bank, 1.451859. Dawn Youth Build promptly notify the advertisement, East Main Street, Skowfoe Town of Foreclosed Property Approximate amount COLLECTION d by the of judgment Having received the program(s) to notify Engineer of any disadvantaged Cobleskill, and Judicial \$130,746.82 plus in-tax roll and warrant them about the errors, omissions, business enterprises outside the front door established by the of and Fulton 2Dec29c5 Third or will be afforded full of the Village Office. NOTICE Gerald terest and costs for the year 2023, the Project, the jobs that conflicts I the District. Dwyer, Esq., Referee Premises will be sold undersign will will be made ambiguity within the opportunity LOGS Legal Group subject to provisions receive taxes from available and a Contract Documents submit bids to After January 31, Undersigned, hereby in 2023, 5% interest give notice that I LLP f/k/a Shapiro, of filed Judgment In-January 1, 2023 at contact person at the within 3 days of bid response to this mill be added to the have received the tax roll and warrant for Attorney(s) for the auction will be con-309 Main Street, hiring. YouthBuild LUMP SUM BID as not be discriminated from 9 am to 3pm organizations are described in the against on the additional 1% Town of Esperance, Received the tax is an additional 1% Town of Esperance, Bidders All bidders All bidders All bidders All bidders at additional 1% Town of Esperance, days, here: https://Instructions togrounds of race, an additional 1% Town of Esperance, and youthbuild.org/our-Bidders. All bids color, national interest is required Schoharie County, After programs/#map. must include the origin, sex, age, added for each New York, for the Crossing Boulevard the COVID-19 Poli-excepting S Rochester, New York cies Concerning Pub-Sundays, 14624 (877) 430-lic Auctions of Fore-Holidays. After programs/#map. closed Property es-February 1, 2023 five Awardee and its completed Bid Form, disability/handicap additional month fiscal year 2023 and 4792 Dated: November 18, tablished by the per centum (5%) will Subs must contact N o n - C ollusive and income status in March, April and May that I will receive 2022 4dec29c5 Third Judicial Dis-be added and an local Public Housing Bidding and consideration for an on the balance left taxes at 104 **NOTICE OF SALE** Esq., Referee LOGS each month, and a Section 8 programs Certifications, and Contact Margaret 30, 2023, 5% interest Box 226 in said town SUPREME COURT - Legal Group LLP f/k/ fraction thereof until located in project L o b b y i n gHait Supervisor COUNTY OF a Shapiro, DiCaro & November 1, 2023 area for posting work Certifications. No 677 North Barak, LLC when unpaid taxes opportunities on bidder may withdraw Harpersfield Road NEWREZ LLC F/K/A Attorney(s) for the will be turned over to community bulletin his/her bid within Jefferson, NY, 12093 Installment two, and in January only NEWREZ LLC F/K/A Attorney(s) for the will be county Traceurer boards newslatter for the county Traceurer boards newslatter for the formation of the county of the county Traceurer boards newslatter for the formation of the county of the county of the county for the county Traceurer boards newslatter for the formation of the county of the county for the formation of the county for the county for the county for the formation of the county for the count PENN Plaintiff 175 Mile the County Treasurer boards, newsletters, forty-five (45) 607-652-7931 an additional 1% Thurs. 3:30-6:30pm. NEW and calendar days afterjeffersontwnsup FINANCIAL, LLC D/Crossing Boulevard for collection. Tax websites interest is required Taxes may be lobbies. the actual date of the @gmail.com B/A SHELLPOINT Rochester, New York rate \$10.79 per physical added for each received without PHAs opening thereof. Engineer's Contact listed Each bid must be Chris Cornwell, PE M O R T G A G E 14624 (877) 430-\$1,000 Valuation. Local additional month interest by the SERVICING, Plaintiff 4792 Dated: Novem-Dated December 12, August, September, collecting officer on are https://accompanied by Project Manager, GPI -against- GUISEPPE ber 18, 2022 74166 2022 Melanie here: and October on the or before the thirty U. DIGREGORIO, 4dec29c5 Laraway Clerk/www.hud.gov/security in an 80 Wolf Road, Suite balance left unpaid. first day of January wogram offices/amount not less than 300 Albany, NY Sheila Wilday, Clerk or thirty Treasurer Village of following Treasurer MELODY davs GAY DIGREGORIO, et al **NOTICE OF SALE** Collector of Taxes Public indian five percent (5%) of 12205 518-852the Defendant(s). **SUPREME COURT** Village of housinglpha/the amount of the bid 4269 ccornwell Pursuant to a **COUNTY OF** Middle burgh contacts. Project will in the form and @gginet.com ccornwell Cobleskill 2Dec29c5 collecting officer's receipt of the tax roll have a sign visible subject to the 3dec29c5 from the street conditions provided of SCHOHARIE U.S. 2dec22c5 PUBLIC NOTICE Judgment and warrant, **OF** whichever is later. Foreclosure and Sale BANK TRUST, N.A., TOWN **TO** identifies the name of in the Instructions to **THE TOWN OF** the project, provides Bidders. Bids to be **FULTON TOWN** dated October 14, AS TRUSTEE FOR NOTICE BLENHEIM On all taxes received 2022 and entered on LSF9 MASTER PAR-BIDDERS **NOTICE OF PUBLIC** after such day, there October 18, 2022, I, TICIPATIONADVERTISEMENT the contractor and/considered must be BOARD will hold HEARING shall be added 3 delivered in a sealed their 2023 ORGANIthe undersigned **TRUST**, Plaintiff **TO RE-BID** or Section 3 delivered in a sealed their 2023 ORGANI-Referee will sell at AGAINST THE PUB-Notice is hereby Coordinators contact envelope to the ZATIONAL MEET-LAW **PROPOSED LOCAL** interest of 1.00 per centum for the public auction at the LIC ADMINISTRA-given that the Town information and offices of the Town of ING, and any other PLEASE TAKE month of February or OF of Jefferson will states: "This is a Jefferson located at business that may NOTICE that the fraction thereof and Schoharie CountyTOR Courthouse, 290 S C H O H A R I Eaccept sealed bids HUD Section 3677 North come before the Town of Main Street, COUNTY, AS AD-for: Sidewalk Project with hiring Harpersfield Road, board on Monday, will hold Schoharie, NY on MINISTRATOR OF Improvement Project and contracting Jefferson NY by January 9, 2023 at THE ESTATE OF CDBG #580PF42-20 priorities for low-12:00pm on the day 5:30PM at the Town of conjunction of the bid opening. Hall located on 1168 programmers and of the bid opening. North come before the Town of Blenheim an additional 1.00 Road, board on Monday, will hold a public per centum for each hearing in additional month or conjunction with our fraction thereof until 10:30 a.m. premises JOHN H. SIDNEY, Town of Jefferson, NY income persons and of the bid opening, Hall located on 1168 regularly scheduled such taxes are paid situate, lying and DAVID SIDNEY AKA Schoharie County business that hire or JANUARY 12, 2023. Bear Ladder Road. Town Board meeting, or until the return of being in the east side DAVID J. SIDNEY AS The work includes are owned by them." Bids will be publicly By Order of Town of on Wednesday, unpaid taxes to the Staff at the Awardee, opened and read Fulton Town Board. of Taylor Road in the HEIR TO THE ES-providing all labor, January 4th, 2023, County Treasurer on General aloud at the Town Respectfully submit-Town of Jefferson, TATE OF JOHN H.m aterials, the General aloud at the Schoharie County, SIDNEY, NORINE machinery, tools, Contractor and their Board meetin New York, known LAPIERRE-SIDNEY equipment, and Substhat are in evening. 6:30pm at the Town June 1st after which Contractor and their Board meeting that ted, Dawn Skowfoe, Hall, 103 Blenheim a fee of 5% is added Bids Town Clerk Dec22c5 Municipal Way, plus 12.00 per NORINE other means of charge in hiring and received after the and designated as AKA NORINE other means of charge in hiring and received after the Section 188 Block 1 LAPIERRE AS HEIR c o n s t r u c t i o n contracting for the above noted time will **NOTICE OF COL**-North Blenheim, New centum per annum York to consider from February 1st enactment of local pursuant to law. Tax law entitled, "Short-rates per \$1,000 of and Project must review not be accepted. All LECTION OF The TO THE ESTATE OF necessary 30 Lot Foreclosure Sale will JOHN H. SIDNEY, incidental to the the HCR Section 3 sealed envelopes TAXES FOR THE be conducted in LISA SELLICK AKA completion of the Policy Manual, should be clearly **VILAGE** OF Term Rental Law." assessed val accordance with 3rd LISA SIDNEY AS work shown on the attend a training by labeled "BID: Town of **SCHOHARIE** The public is invited are as for Judicial District's HEIR TO THE ES-plans and described HCR or HUD on Jefferson Sidewalks I, Leslie J. Price, to provide comment. 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All AYERS AKA DEBRA including, but not construction, and Bidder to whom the Schoharie, have re-Town Clerk's office, 1.731552, Gen Town bidders must wear a SIDNEY AS HEIR TO necessarily limited to attend periodic Contract is awarded ceived the tax roll during normal clerk Outside 0.005107, face mask/shield atTHE ESTATE OF the following: additional trainings will be required to and warrant for the business hours, via Highway Town Wide all times and social JOHN H. SIDNEY, Replacement of provided by HCR. furnish Performance, collection of taxes email (blenheimclerk 0.654026, Highway distancing must be ET AL., Defendant(s) Approximately 1,500 Company must have Payment, and levie upon such roll @midtel.net) and can Town Outside observed by all Pursuant to a Judg-Linear feet of a policy of retaining Guarantee Bonds for the 2023 fiscal be found on the Town 0.207278, FD130 CB bidders at all times ment of Foreclosure Sidewalks along CR records related to from an acceptable year for the Village of Bidders who do not and Sale duly en-2A North Section 3 Surety Company for Schoharie. I will of Blenheim website Fire 2.768776, 3 Surety Company for Schoharie. I will (www.blenheimny.org). Esperance Fire Prot. comply with the face tered October 17, Harpersfield Road performance and an amount not less collect taxes in two 2dec29c5 mask and/or the 2022, I, the under-and NY-10 in the greatest extent than 100% of the equal installment 1.398040, Central Bridge Light social distancingsigned Referee will Town of Jefferson.feasible efforts, accepted bid. The payments without **NOTICE I, THE** 0.604214, mandate will besell at public auction The project will including the Section successful Bidder penalty; one install-UNDERSIGNED, Sloansville Light mandate will besell at public auction in prosent minor 3 Hiring Forms for and and the count of the courthouse address minor 3 Hiring Forms for and action. Said Lobby, Schoharie drainage issues, itself and its Subs, subcontractors must and including Febru-premises known as County Courthouse, remove deteriorated for as long as have an approved ary 1, and a second program regulations CCA-2 on file with installment June 1 THE TAX ROLL AND Castle, Town Clerk/ CORGINVSDOT prior to to and including July WARRANT FOR THE TAX Collector Tax Collector new (e.g. CDBG NYSDOT prior to to and including July WARRANT FOR THE Tax Collector and regulations) require, being awarded a 1, at the Village Hall, COLLECTION OF 2Dec29c5 Approximate amount on January 10, 2023 sidewalks,

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FOR PRIME CONTRACTS "INFORMATION not valid. In the warrant fort the REQUEST in FOR BIDDERS". event you are of the collection of taxes in PROPOSALS system, Worcester accordance with the Attention of bidders opinion that you are The School Wicks Law Reform, is particularly called not required to Middleburgh, Central District invites your covering the work of to the requirements obtain the Authority Schoharie County, firm to submit a all trades under one as to conditions of To Do Business in New York, for the proposal to assist (1) contract as employment to be New York state, and year 2023, and that the District with an follows: Contract No. observed and to the you are not a New i will receive taxes at anticipated capital 5 - Site Construction minimum wage York construction project. Sealed Bid Proposals rates to be paid Corporation, then office Please submit five will be received until under the Contract. you should complete Railroad Avenue in hardcopies and a 2:00 p.m. prevailing No bidder may the Statement said townMonday digital copy of your time, on January 11, withdraw his bid C on c e r n i n g 9am-5pm; Tuesday-proposal no later 2023, at the within 45 business Authority to do Friday 9am-2pm. Closed Fridays, April Closed Fridays, April 2023 to: Timothy School District, 198 G o n z a l e s , Main Street, Superintendent of Worcester, New York, Schools, Worcester 12197. Any bid may Schools, Worcester be with drawn be schools, Worcester be with drawn be schools. The schools work be schools b withdrawn Please pay CSD, 198 Main be Street, Worcester, without prejudice particular attention complete this NY 12197 prior to the official to the Form of document and then t g o n z a l e s @ wo bid submission time Proposal and it either the Individual or thirty days rcetsercs.org; 607- or any publicized related forms in the Acknowledgement or following This postponement project manual. the 397-8785. requirements for prospective bidder are required to depending on the and Warrant, requirements for prospective blader are required to be budger and requ have your proposal our be specific and (www.thebcgroup.com, concise so that we Bidding). A payment may thoroughly of \$100.00 will be State of New York for District review it. Additional required for each set non-New York State Dec22c5 requirements and requested. PLANS Companies" located Din the Form of LEGAL NOTICE OF format for the A N D in the Form of **LEGAL NOTICE OF** Proposal are listed in SPECIFICATIONS Proposal package. **PUBLIC HEARING** THE There are three Notice is hereby the Instructions For REMAIN Proposers section of PROPERTY OF THE sections that must given that a public month or fraction the RFP. Questions ARCHITECT should be directed to the contact above RETURNED Non-Collusion in Room 310 of the until the return of be GOOD CONDITION C ertificate Schoharie County unpaid taxes to the and must submitted in writing. WITHIN THIRTY (30) completed and Office Building by County Treasurer on Worcester BUSINESS DAYS signed and if you are the Personnel Officer June 1st, after The School AFTER AWARD OF a corporation, you in Schoharie, New which a fee of 5% is preciates CONTRACT OR must have the York at 10:00 am added plus 12.00 Central District appreciates CONTRACT OFResolution until 12:00 pm on per centum per your interest in our REJECTION and the matters of annum project and we look BIDS. The plan completed forward to reviewing deposit for one set of signed. No bid will amending and be considered when Appendices of the pursuant to law. Plans your proposal. CAPITAL PROJECT Specifications will be opened refunded to bona fide accompanied by a Civil Service Rules. DESCRIPTION The District has bidders returning certified copy of your Such been working, with Plans and Authority to do changes the assistance of Specifications to the Business in New available BCA Architect's office York State. This is inspection during 14.275060 Engineers, to plan a within 30 business not to be confused business hours in General Town Wide capital project that days after award of with a sales tax the Personnel & Civil Contract or rejection certificate. will include: Worcester Main of bids. A partial Authority can be Building refund of the plan obtained by •Exterior Cafeteria deposit, in an contacting: New State Roof at Playground amount equal to the York • Auditorium ceiling full amount of such Department of State deposit, less the Division of work of Weight room actual cost reproduction of the 162 Washington addition andAvenue Create copier Plans

Specifications shall Albany, NY 12231 alcoves be made to non-(518) 473-2492 Main entrance redesign bidders • HVAC upgrades • Security upgrades for the return of all the bid, the bid is Communications other copies of the upgrades Plans Specifications in good condition within Front lawn reconfiguration 30 business days **Bus Garage** •Repaying of the following the award and of the Contract or the front lot rejection of the bids. entrance •Paving of the rear Bidders wishing parking area •Exterior canopy at them shall include,

documents mailed to vehicle filling station in addition to the document deposit, a •HVAC upgrades • Security upgrades |n o n - r e f u n d a ble •Lighting upgrades check of \$15.00 per

and

unless Schoharie County Tax rated per \$1,000 of proposed valuation are as are follows: for County 1.910222 The Service Office in General Room 310 of the Outside 0.006460 by Schoharie County Highway Town Wide Office Building in 2.591824 Schoharie, New Highway Town York. C.J. Smith, Outside 2.278426 Personnel Officer Middleburgh Fire

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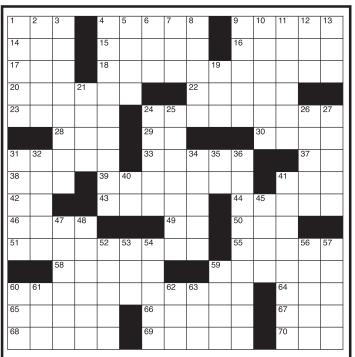
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the February

Dated: 12/19/2022. TAX NOTICE Signed: I, the undersigned, Schmidt

hereby give notice Town Clerk/Tax and If the Certificate that I have received Collector unsuccessful bidders does not accompany the tax roll and 2Dec29c5

at



41. "Land of the free"

46. They hold things together

51. Not connected by kinship

42 36 inches

43. Footwear

49. Of I

55. Worries

66. Silly

70. Longing

44. Challenges

50. Partner to flow

58. Garlic mayonnaise

own identity

65. Fencing swords

67. Actor DiCaprio

69. Mails a message

32. Weighed down

36. Explains again

35. ____route: going there

40. Exclamation of surprise

52. Loosely compacted sediment

62. Midway between northeast

34. Held tightly

41. Courteously

45. Lying down

48. Forcefully took

53. High mountain

56. Cereal grass

59. Thoughtful

57. Dining utensil

60. Helps you walk

63. Local area network

61. Indicates near

and east

54. Portable conical tents

47. Judge

68. Encircles with a belt

59. A way to take by force

60. Legendary English rockers

64. Your consciousness of your

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The total proposed set for handling and referendum project postage. Checks budget is shall be made budget 501. payable to Bernier, Worcester Carr & Associates. \$6,977,501. The School Plan Deposit Policy, Central District (the District) Plan Holders List, is interested in Pre-Bid Estimates, adding a pro-active and a list of and hands-on Addendum, if any, construction may be found at manager to the team www.thebcgroup.com to assist with under Bidding. A developing this pre-bid meeting will project, and oversee not be required. If the day to day any contractor would of like to review the site activities construction. In any at the district, you arrangement it is will need to set up an anticipated that the appointment with the District, the Maintenance Architect and the Mechanic II, Glenn firm acting as the Jaquish (607) 397construction 8785 Ext. 123. Bids will shall be prepared as manager and set forth in the cooperate essentially work as Information partners to ensure Bidders, enclosed in that the project is of a sealed envelope high quality and is bearing on its face completed on time the name, address and on budget. The and phone number of feels the bidder and the District strongly that a title of the project. cooperative team Each bidder agrees to approach is the best waive any claim it for has or may have method a against the Owner, completing successful project. It the Architect/ is essential that your Engineer, and the proposal emphasize r e s p e c t i v e experience with employees, arising public K-12 school out of or in projects in New York connection with the State, not only by administration, firm but evaluation your especially by the recommendation of or any bid. The Owner individuals team further reserves its project members who will be right to disqualify assigned to this bidders for any Project. Dec22c5 material failure to comply with the

NOTICE BIDDERS

TO Information Bidders and General, The Owner invites Supplementary, and the submission of Special Conditions. Sealed Bid Proposals The Owner reserves

to furnish materials the right to reject any to or all bids and to labor and complete the waive any Exterior Walking informalities Trail & Pavilion defects in such bid Project Project No. either before or after 2022-019 all in opening. Each bidder accordance with the must deposit with his and bid, security in the plans specifications. This form and subject to work is to be bid the conditions SINGLE provided in the under

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Product or ____(abbr.)
- 4. Zodiac sign
- 9. S. China seaport
- 14. Former OSS
- 15. Early English printer
- 16. Aphid genus
- 17. General's assistant (abbr.)
- 18. Aussies
- 20. Dissuades
- 22. Make law
- 23. Drench
- 24. Soak in a liquid
- 28. Male child
- 29. It cools your home
- 30. Small constellation
- 31. To call (archaic)
- 33. Explores beneath the Earth
- 37. Commercial
- 38. W. hemisphere organization
- 39. You can find it in a can

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Horse mackerels
- 2. It can be viral
- 3. Prickly plants
- 4. Consciousness
- 5. Type of sarcoma
- 6. Tax collector
- 7. Sun up in New York
- 8. One who scorches
- 9. Influential psychotherapist
- 10. Situated at an apex
- 11. Communicative

for

- 12. Forearm nerve
- 13. Former CIA
- 19. Folk singer DiFranco
- 21. Employee stock ownership
- plan
- 24. Large-scale 25. School environment
- 26. Remove
- 27. Male parents
- 31. Large rodent

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MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

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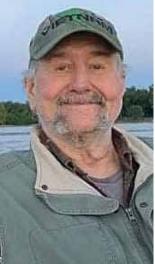
James Dowdall III

James "Jim" Bernard Dowdall III, 73, resident of Livingstonville, passed away at Cobleskill Regional Hospital on Thursday, December 15, 2022 after battling a longtime illness. Jim was born on April 12, 1949 in Weehawken, New Jersey and was the third of 10 children born to James and Margaret (Secor) Dowdall.

Jim was a Corporal in the United States Marine Corps and served 13 months in Vietnam from 1967-1968 where he was a motor vehicle operator and mechanic. He was a proud veteran who earned many medals and certificates including Rifle Expert, National Defense Service Medal, Presidential Unit Citation, Navy Achievement Medal, and Combat "V."

Jim devoted his life to his family, who could count on him for anything. He had a passion for nature and enjoyed many hunting trips, although the latest hunting trips may have included a nap under a tree. A true sportsman, he was a member of the Middleburgh Rod and Gun Club. Jim loved listening to music and was a lifetime Grateful Dead fan. He loved driving and taking a ride was his daily therapy until recent months when he was no longer able to get around as well. You were almost guaranteed to meet Jim at Stewart's in Middleburgh, with a smile and time to visit about local news and life with friends.

He is survived by his loving wife, Lorraine Dowdall. Childhood sweethearts, they married on June 30, 1973 and have shared 49 beautiful years together. Jim was also blessed with three



James Dowdall III

beautiful children, James B Dowdall IV, Melissa Dowdall Miller (Bruce Trobridge) and Joshua (Amy) Dowdall; he was beloved Pop to Emily, Christopher, Alexis, Matthew, Kaylyn and Emil. And he is survived by his siblings, Brian Dowdall, Margaret DeNoia, Patricia Hoffmann, Colleen (Bill) Buchanan, Charlene (Greg) Alpher, and Kathleen Dowdall; in-laws and his many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents, and siblings, Timothy Kevin, and Bernadette Dowdall.

Semper Fi "Always Faithful" and Jim was just that in life and in faith, holding his family and his love of God dearly close to his heart.

A Mass of Christian Burial, in celebration of Jim's life will be at 9am on Thursday, December 22, at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church, Main Street, Middleburgh. Burial with Military Honors will be in Saratoga National Cemetery, Schuylerville, NY.

Memorial donations in Jim's honor are requested to the Wounded Warrior Project, PO Box 758516, Topeka, KS. 66675-8516.

Please visit www.coltrainfuneralhome.com to share online condolences with his family.

Dale Miers

Dale W. Miers, 74, of Gordon Road, succumbed to injuries on Friday, December 16, 2022 due to an explosion at his residence that occurred the day prior.

Born July 27, 1948 in Cobleskill, he was the son of Loren W. and Dorothy (Brown) Miers.

Dale was a United States Navy veteran, proudly serving his country from 1967 until 1969 when he received an honorable discharge.

He loved hunting, woodworking, the outdoors and enjoyed welding. Most of all, he had a great sense of hu-



Dale Miers mor and loved to make others laugh.

Survivors include his children, Patricia (David, Jr.)

Wickham of Mechanicville and Christopher Dale (Kristina) Miers of Albany; his siblings, Sandy Miers of Albany, Marilyn Perrino of Roswell, Georgia, Linda Dramis of Zebulon, North Carolina. Loren "Butch" Miers of Cobleskill, Suzanne Crasper (Steve) of Leesburg, Florida; four grandchildren, Brittney, David III, Brandon and Brianna; and four greatgrandchildren, Ellamae, Liliana, Matthew and Roan; and his extended family of nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

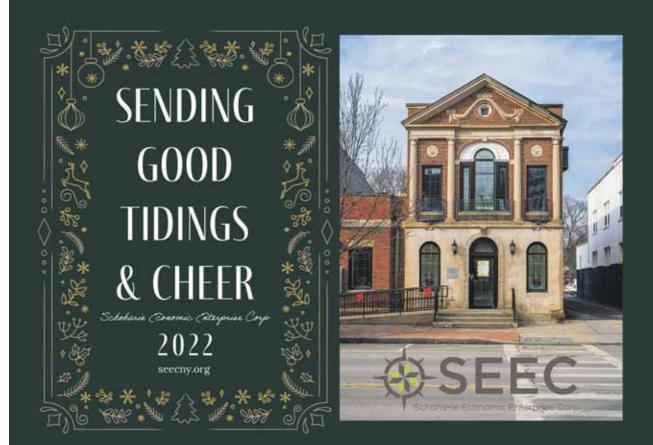
Dale was predeceased by his brother, Clyde Miers and sister, Janet Simpson.

Family and friends are in-

vited to a period of visitation to be held from 5-7pm on Friday, December 30, at Mereness-Putnam Funeral Home where military honors will be provided at 7pm. Spring interment will be in Slate Hill Cemetery, Town of Sharon.

Memorial contributions may be made to Cobleskill Volunteer Fire Dept., PO Box 697, Cobleskill, NY 12043, or Cobleskill Volunteer Rescue Squad, PO Box 451, Cobleskill, NY 12043.

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