

Warner's a winner

Dillon Warner of Schoharie takes down Kolby Polomcean of Walton-Delhi in the 182-pound class at the Oneonta Tournament Friday night. Warner went on to win his class to help the Indians to a ninth-place finish in the 16-team tournament. Cobleskill-Richmondville wrestlers took fifth place. Stories, more photos on page 12.--Photo by Jim Poole.

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Man sues to carry taser

M'burgh mayor brings suit; West: 'it's silly'

thew Avitabile has filed a lawsuit in United States District Court arguing that he has the right to carry a taser.

If he wins—and Schoharie County Attorney Mike West is doubtful he will—Mr. Avitabile said it doesn't mean he'll start carrying a taser on the streets of Middleburgh.

But it doesn't mean he won't be carrying one either.

"It's like someone with a pistol," Mr. Avitable said. "You

By Patsy Nicosia
Middleburgh Mayor Mat
It's not about me, but about the right of every citizen in the state of New York. It's a civil right.

—Matthew Avitabile

don't advertise when you're doing it. I haven't decided." Mr. Avitabile, together with

> tion, filed the lawsuit against Governor Andrew Cuomo in a December 22, 2016 civil action. Mr. West said he became aware of the suit after District

Attorney Jim Sacket received

a the Firearms Policy Coalition

and Firearms Policy Founda-

a summons as part of the suit. "It's just silly," Mr. West said. "Schoharie County doesn't make these laws. The DA just enforces them. It looks like Mr. Avitabile considers a taser a gun and so he's protected by the Second Amendment. But

a taser is not a gun." Mr. West said the county's response to the lawsuit will either be handled by an attorney assigned by its insurance

company or himself. Should Mr. Avitabile win his case, the county's role will be

small. "It just means Jim Sacket carrying a taser," Mr. West ful purposes in his home" but

For Mr. Avitabile, the lawsuit is about fundamental rights, not just for him, but for everyone, he said.

"A right is a right," he said. They don't have to be exercised to be rights.

"Forty six out of 50 states allow people to carry a taser for self-defense. It's not just the

Second Amendment, but a bunch related issues...fundamental rights."

Mr. Avitabile said he's long been interested in civil rights issues; that's what lead him to partner with the FPC and the FPF in the lawsuit.

"It's not a gun or an anti-gun issue," he said. "It bridges them both. It's not about me, but about the right of every citizen in the state of New York. It's a civil right.

According to the lawsuit, FPC and FPF, both of which advocate for fundamental rights, but especially for Second Amendment rights, have members "but for New York's ban on tasers and other electronic arms, would keep, carry, and in the appropriate circumstances utilize tasers and other bearable electronic firearms for

self-defense. The lawsuit also maintains that Mr. Avitabile "desires to purchase a stun gun or taser can't arrest him if he's caught for self-defense and other lawhas "refrained from purchasing, owning, carrying or otherwise violating New York's ban on stun guns and tasers" because he fears prosecution

> Tasers work by delivering a high-voltage electrical charge intended to incapacitate someone and were initially introduced as non-lethal weapons for police.

under existing laws.

VanWormer to lead

Esperance super will chair county board again

By David Avitabile

In a split vote, Earl VanWormer was re-elected as chairman of the Schoharie County Board of supervisors Thursday afternoon.

VanWormer, Esperance, received votes from 12 supervisors while former Chairman Harold Vroman of Summit received support from four supervisors.

Gilboa's Tony VanGlad, another former chairman, was reelected as vice chairman in another split vote.

Mr. VanWormer, who has been on the county board since 1994, served a chairman for several years before taking over for Richard Lape of Richmondville near the end of

Voting for Mr. VanWormer were: Larry Bradt of Carlisle, Bill Federice of Conesville, Mr.

Lape, Alex Luniewski of Wright, Sandra Manko of Sharon, Leo McAllister of Cobleskill, David Simkins of Broome, Phil Skowfoe of Fulton, Shawn Smith of Blenheim, Chris Tague of Schoharie, Mr. VanGlad, and Mr. VanWormer.

Supporting Mr. Vroman were: Jon Bates of Seward, Pete Coppolo of Middleburgh, Peggy Hait of Jefferson, and Mr. Vroman. All four are Republicans, as is Mr. VanWormer.

The three Democrats on the board, Ms. Manko, Mr.

Skowfoe, and Mr. Smith supported Mr. VanWormer. Mr. Skowfoe is also a former

board chairman. "It was a pleasure serving last year," Mr. VanWormer said after his election.

"I think we did some good things. We had some glitches, but we did the best we could."

The work on the county level is a collaborative effort, Mr. VanWormer added.

He thanked numerous people for their work, including the other supervisors, county attorney Mike West, the board's clerks, county administrator Steve Wilson, Treasurer Bill Cherry, and the county employ-

It was Mr. Wilson's first year as county administrator.

"I made mistakes, we all make mistakes. Steve, like everyone else, had a learning curve," Mr. VanWormer noted.

As for himself, Mr. VanWormer added, "I don't claim to be the best. I try to do the best I can do. I did that in the past and I will do that in the future.

He encouraged people to let him know about issues and their opinions.

but we did the best we could. —Earl VanWormer

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It is much easier to do a good iob with input from the public, Mr. VanWormer said.

Mr. VanGlad received votes from 13 supervisors. Mr. Vroman got the other three votes. Voting for Mr. Vroman were Mr. Coppolo, Ms. Hait, and Mr. Vroman.



Kathy Pelton and neighbor Jacqueline Turnquist, both of Carlisle, share a laugh at a pussycat knit-in at CeCe's Wool House in Esperance Friday. The hats—pink and with cat ears—are for those going to the January 21 Women's March in Washington, DC and protest some of President-elect Donald Trump's remarks on sexual assault. Story, more photos on page 24.—Photo by Patsy Nicosia

Teachers plan 'National Day'

Pulling schools and their communities more closely together will be the target of a gathering next week.

Organized by teachers around the area, the National Day of Action will cover topics ranging from school funding to drugs to volunteerism.

The event will be January 19, 4:30-6:30pm, at the Rodeway Inn--formerly the Best Western--in Cobleskill. It is open to the public.

New York State United Teachers is promoting the day and suggesting union locals present programs of their choice.

In some areas, that program will be a protest against Presi $dent\,Donald\,Trump's\,selection$ of Betsy DeVos as Secretary of Education. Ms. DeVos reportedly is a strong advocate of charter schools.

Tellingly, the National Day of Action comes a day before Mr. Trump's inauguration.

But Dawn Townsend, president of the Cobleskill-Richmondville teachers' union, said political overtones will be muted at the local Na-

tional Day of Action. "We're looking to build on the connection between the

community and our schools,

That means not only supporting schools--by fighting drug abuse and making sure there's enough funding--but also demonstrating that schools support the community.

To that end, the event will offer table space and speaking time to local groups, such as the Schoharie County Council on Alcohol and Substance Abuse and Schoharie Area Long Term recovery.

Others are expected to attend also, Ms. Townsend said. "This is an opportunity to

learn more and get involved," she added. Helping to plan the National Day of Action are teachers'

union presidents Natalie McKay of Schoharie, Joseph Narzynski of Middleburgh and Dave Lamouret of Cherry Valley-Springfield.

Teachers from other schools around the region are expected to take part, Ms. Townsend

'We're stressing the relationship between schools and community," she said. "We want to support the

community in more ways than just showing up for work." Rodeway Inn is donating



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space for the event.



Obituaries

Rose Kodra

Rose L. Kodra, 88, of Mineral Springs Road, Cobleskill, died Wednesday, January 4, 2017, in the arms of her children.

Rose was born on July 23, 1928 in the family home in Gardnersville to Cecelia (Mihelick) and Frank Lipar.

She loved to read and started first grade at the age of 4, graduating at 16.

Rose worked as a secretary at Niagara Mohawk for 11 years, before leaving to raise her family and work the family

farm, retiring in 1987. Her greatest joy was caring for her family and made sure everyone's birthday, anniversary and holiday was special.

Rose was married to the love of her life, Michael Kodra, Jr. for 60 years, until he predeceased her on August 19, 2016.

Rose is survived by her daughter, Debra (Stephen) Wioreck of Amsterdam; son, Michael Kodra, III of Cobleskill; sister, Florence Roach of Gardnersville; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

A private graveside service will be held in Seward Valley Cemetery

Memorial contributions may be made to Animal Shelter of Schoharie Valley, Inc., PO Box 40, Howes Cave, NY 12092.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Mereness-Putnam Funeral Home, 171 Elm Street, Cobleskill and Palmer & Shaylor Funeral Home, Middleburgh.

Further information and the provision for online condolences may be found at merenessputnamfuneralhome.com.



Rose Kodra

Randall **Betts**

Randall "Hoopy" L. Betts, 59, of Beards Hollow Road, Richmondville, died Sunday, January 8, 2017, at his sister's home in Warner ville, following a short illness

Born April 9, 1957 in Cobleskill, he was the son of the late Donald and Eleanor (Angle) Betts.

Hoopy graduated from the former Cobleskill Central School and had moved to South Carolina for several years before returning to Richmondville. He was maintenance supervisor at Mill Services, Inc. in Cobleskill until his illness prevented him from continuing to work.

Hoopy enjoyed hunting, camping, and cooking. He loved when his family and friends would gather for his barbeques. His pride and joy, and his world, were all about his grandson, Bentley.

Along with his parents, he was predeceased by an infant son, Donald Betts; his brother, Harold Betts; and his sister, Lori Ostrander.

Survivors include his son,

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Stephen "Josh" Betts and his fiancé, Rebecca, along with their son, Bentley; his six siblings, Glen (Terri) Betts of Statesville, North Carolina, Dennis Betts of Richmondville, Diane (John) Roney of Warnerville, Jeffrey Betts of Fairmont, West Virginia, Ernest Betts of Warnerville, and Tommy (Sandy) Ostrander of Richmondville; and several nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life will be held at 2pm on Saturday, January 14 at the Summit Conservation Club, 109 Club Road, Summit. There will be no formal services.

Memorial contributions may be made to Marathon for a Better Life, PO Box 268, Warnerville, NY 12187.

Arrangements are by Mereness-Putnam Funeral Home, 171 Elm Street, Cobleskill and Palmer & Shaylor Funeral Home of Middleburgh.

Further information and the provision for online condolences may be found at merenessputnamfuneralhome.com.

Franklin Coons

Franklin L. "Coonie" Coons, Main Middleburgh, died Tuesdav. January 3, 2017 at Albany Medical Center following a brief ill-

Coonie was born on July 31, 1934 in Middleburgh to Édna (Slack) and Asbury J. Coons.

He served in the United States Army from 1957-1959 and then worked as a carpenter at Carpenter's Local #370 in Albany for 50 years before retiring.

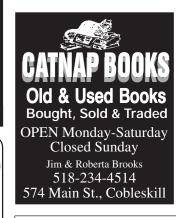
Coonie enjoyed playing Pitch, playing and coaching softball, rooting for the New York Mets and the New York Jets, hunting, fishing, and was a lifetime member of the Middleburgh Rod and Gun Club.

He also enjoyed a daily routine of visiting with family and friends at several local establish-

He was predeceased by his sisters, Pauline Laraway Shilstone, Norma Huntington; brothers, Lawrence Coons and James Coons.

Coonie is survived by his daughters, Shelly Coons (Kenneth Kelly) of Richmondville, Mary Lou (Mark) Wyble of Kingman, Arizona; grandson, David (Kailee) Angle of Wylie, rexas; many nieces and nepn

A memorial service will be held at 1pm on Saturday, January 14 at Palmer & Shaylor Fu-





Franklin Coons

neral Home, 134 River Street, Middleburgh, with Rev. Carol Coltrain of the Huntersland United Methodist Church officiating. There will be no formal visitation. Inurnment will be private.

Memorials may be made to the Middleburgh Rod & Gun Club, PO Box 24, Middleburgh, NY 12122

For further information and the provision for online condopalmershaylor funeralhome.com.

Barbara Moore

Barbara J. Moore, 71, of Morgan Drive, Cobleskill died Sunday, January 8, 2017 at the Albany Medical Center following complications from surgery.

Barb was born January 9, 1945 in Cobleskill, a daughter of Donald and Crystal (Schrader) Cartwright. She was educated in the former Cobleskill High School and resided in Cobleskill her entire

She worked for Sterling Insurance Co. in Cobleskill in the Data Entry Department and throughout many years, did private sales for various companies, including Beeline, Tupperware, and Artex. Barb was a member and Trustee of the Eagles Aerie #2695 Auxiliary in Cobleskill. She enjoyed crafts, crocheting, cooking, traveling, and was an avid

Survivors include her loving husband of nearly 48 years, Gary N. Moore, with whom she would have celebrated her anniversary on February 4; her son, Scott J. (Lillian) Moore of Delhi; her daughter, Colleen R. (James Phillips) Moore of Cobleskill; five grandchildren, Nicole, Leo, Kassandra-Ann, Krystya-Rose, and Alyssa; four great-grandchildren, Jeffrey, Connor, Trevor, and Jolene; her mother, Crystal Cartwright of Schuylerville; her brother, Larry (Judy) Cartwright of Schuylerville; three nephews and two nieces.

Calling hours will be held from 4-6pm on Thursday, January 12 at the Robert A. Guffin Funeral Home, 108 Chapel Street, Cobleskill followed by a funeral service at 6pm at the funeral home. The family

Jerry Waddell



would like to invite those interested to a gathering at the Eagles Aerie #2695 at 159 Legion Drive, Cobleskill following the service.

Burial will be private. Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Barb to the Cobleskill Eagles Aerie #2695 Auxiliary, PO Box 87, Cobleskill, NY 12043.

Please visit www.guffinfun eralhome.com to light a candle or leave a special message for Barb's family.

Marion Borst

Marion S. Borst, of Cobleskill, passed away peacefully at home on January 3, 2017, at the age of 99.

Marion was born May 3, 1917 in Cobleskill, the daughter of Earl and Mildred (Young) Borst. She grew up in Cobleskill and graduated from the original Cobleskill High School.

Marion then attended and graduated from Mildred Elley ning at 10am at the funeral Business School in Schenectady. She worked at Newberry's and then at Sterling Insurance Company for over 40 years, retiring in 1982.

Marion was a member of the Zion Evangelical Lutheran

She was predeceased by her parents, many cousins, and friends.

She is survived by several other cousins and many friends. A funeral service was held on Saturday, January 7 at the Robert A. Guffin Funeral Home, Cobleskill. Burial will be held at the Cobleskill Rural

Cemetery in the spring. Visit www.guffinfuneral home.com to light a candle or at Bassett Medical Center in leave a special message for Cooperstown following a brief Marion's friends and relatives. illness.

Rudy Gruner

Rudy J. Gruner, 84, of the Town of Charleston died Sunday, January 1, 2017 at his home.

Mr. Gruner was born February 3, 1932 in the Bronx, a son of John and Barbara (Zeitler) Gruner and later graduated from PS #68 in New ork City.

His family moved to Montgomery County in 1951, settling on the farm where his family, and later Rudy, ran a dairy and crop farm.

He served his country from 1952 to 1954 in the US Marine Corps as a Radioman stationed stateside.

Rudy was a volunteer fireman for over 50 years with the Charleston Fire Department and Fire Police, served on the Planning Board for the Town of Charleston and was a member of the Charleston Senior Citizens.

He was a communicant of the former St. Joseph's Roman

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Rudy Gruner

Catholic Church in Schoharie and enjoyed playing basketball in his barn with the locals, racing go-carts at Dodge City, and serving on the pit crew at Fonda Raceway with his brother, John. He also followed Sienna Basketball and was an avid Yankees

Survivors include his brother. John Gruner of Schoharie; his three sisters, Ann Kodra of Schenectady, Doris Moser of San Diego, California, and Elizabeth Earle of Orlando, Florida; his cousin, Peter Schroeck of Brunswick, New Jersey; along with several nieces and nephews, and grandnieces and nephews.

Rudy was predeceased by his parents, John and Barbara.

A prayer service will be offered on Saturday, January 14 at 11am at the Langan Funeral Home, 327 Main Street, Schoharie, with visitation beginhome.

Burial will be later in the Cobleskill Rural Cemetery. Memorial contributions may

be made in memory of Rudy to Mountain Valley Hospice, 108 Steele Ave., Gloversville, NY 12078.

Visit www.langanfuneral home.com to light a candle or leave a special message for Rudy's family.

Ivy Stanton

Ivy "Marie" Stanton, 84, of Mohawk Drive, Cobleskill, died Saturday, January 7, 2017

Born July 19, 1932 in Gloversville, she was the daughter of Otto and Anna Mae (Parker) Ringler.

Marie was a farmer's wife, assisting in the daily operations of the Stanton Farm, and she continued her interest as her sons operated their farms. Later she worked for twentyeight years as a cook and baker at the Dairy Deli in Cobleskill.

Following retirement, she enjoyed sharing her baked and cooked goods with family and friends. She also loved to read in her leisure time.

Marie was a member of the Barnerville United Methodist Church.

Her husband, Kenneth, predeceased her on August 10. 1995.

Survivors include her chil-

dren, Nancy Hogeboom of

Cobleskill, Alice (David) Antis of Gloversville, Susan (Anthony) Signoracci of Halfmoon, Lori (Scott) Brown of Cobleskill, Kenneth (Juanita) Stanton of East Cobleskill, William (Carol) Stanton of East Cobleskill, George (Barbara) Stanton of Cobleskill and John (Debbie) Stanton Cobleskill; her siblings, Jacobson Beatrice Chelmsford, Massachusetts, Kenneth Ringler

Gloversville, Clarence Ringler of Tallahassee, Florida, and Carl Ringler of Niskayuna; 24 grandchildren, 51 greatgrandchildren and twelve great-great-grandchildren. Family and friends are invited to a period of visitation to

be held at Mereness-Putnam Funeral Home, 171 Elm Street, Cobleskill from 11am-1pm on Thursday, January 12. A private funeral service and burial will take place for the family.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105, or to your local food pantry. Further information and

the provision for online condolences may be found at merenessputnamfuneralhome.com.

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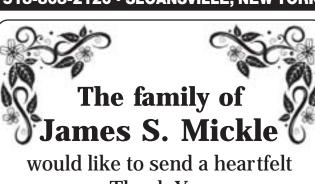
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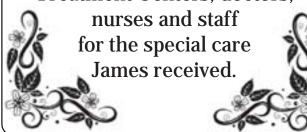


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It may have been a card, phone call, flowers, preparing a meal or simply a prayer.

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to take two days off in the sum-

mer when they're not so

not, no one can go far from the phone," Mr. Persons said. "And

it usually is. It's not really a

SUPPORT

'Whether it's snowing or

Cobleskill set

for new year

McAllister thanks employees

Town of Cobleskill Supervimost always are—but be able

needed.

holiday.'



Cobleskill town officials and others stand in front of the 2017 plow truck financed with help from the USDA. The town took delivery of the new truck just before Christmas. From the left: Tim Benedict of HL Gage Sales Inc., Supervisor Leo McAllister, Highway Superintendent Mike Persons, and USDA area specialist Sanford Loucks Baer.

New truck to battle snow

By Patsy Nicosia

When the next big snow- a seven-year warranty. storm hits, the Town of Cobleskill will be ready.

Just before Christmas, the town took delivery of a 2017 International that replaces one that burned up in an engine fire two years ago.

The \$193,000 all-wheel-drive International was purchased with a \$40,000 USDA grant, a \$133,000 15-year low-interest USDA loan, and \$20,000 from an equipment fund balance.

The plow equipment on the truck, which the town already had, is from Viking.

HL Gage Sales Inc. and manu- write the specs for the truck,

Peggy

(Young) Yuille.

Schenectady.

Lexi and Missy.

Krylowicz

Peggy (Yuille) Krylowicz,

72, of Western Turnpike,

Delanson, died Friday, Janu-

ary 6, 2017 at the Albany Medi-

cal Center Hospital after a long

Peggy was born August 16,

1944 in Niskayuna, a daughter

of William B. and Gertrude

later, the Spencer Business In-

stitute. She worked as an Ad-

ministrative Assistant for RHI

Consulting in Albany and later,

for Mid-State Industries in

Peggy enjoyed ceramics,

cooking, spending time with

her grandchildren and great-

grandchildren and her dogs,

Survivors include her sons, Billy (Tracy) Bivins of Knob

Noster, Missouri, Bruce

(Karen) Bivins, of West Palm

Beach, Florida and Jeffrey

(Heather) Bivins of Esperance;

seven grandchildren, Joshua,

Travis, Keira, Cameron, Ariel,

Derek and Emily; four great-

grandchildren, Aria, Deliny,

Tucker and Charleigh; her sis-

ter, Karlene (Brent) Wielt of Howes Cave; and several

She was predeceased by her

parents, her husband Gregory,

and her granddaughter,

for invited friends. Burial will

be later in the Esperance Cem-

Memorial contributions may

be made in memory of Peggy

to the Esperance Volunteer

Fire Department, 115 Church

A private visitation was held at the Langan Funeral Home

nieces and nephews.

Brianna Bivins.

She graduated from Schoharie High School and factured in Harrisville, and has

Supervisor Leo McAllister said he first began working with the USDA after sitting in on a workshop that explained how the grant and loan programs work.

The paperwork process was lengthy, he said, but by closing on the truck on December 21, 2016, the town was able to save about a percentage point on the interest rate; it's 2.07 percent and would have increased after the first of the

Highway Superintendent The truck, purchased from Mike Persons, who helped

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said one of its advantages is that it will accommodate an old-fashioned V-plow—a possibility that isn't out of the question.

"If we got a lot of snow, it's definitely something we'd pull out," Mr. Persons said. "With a V-plow, we can get through any-

Mr. Persons said another plus for the new truck is that it can be-and is-run by a single

"A lot of people don't realize

it's easier.

In the interim, between the

"I'm pleased with what we ended up with," he said. "This is a good truck and financially,

that there's just one guy in the truck," he said. "It saves on money and in a lot of ways,

truck fire and the new one, Mr. McAllister said, the town bought a used plow that they can use as a backup.

things worked out well for us.

They also believed the spray-

painting was random and "did

not target a specific person or

group because of any percep-

tion or bias," according to a

Troopers said the boy was

familiar with the swastika sym-

bol from seeing it in video

games and "and chose it be-

State Police news release.

YOUR "We all know, in the Town of **LOCAL GIFT** Cobleskill in the winter, we don't have to worry about the roads," he said. "And Tina goes SHOP. above and beyond. We really appreciate your work and wish we could reward it with a raise.

Mr. McAllister also praised

Judge Dawn Fiorillo for her work in securing grants for the

court, most recently one for

judge, he said, the court's re-

ceived about \$21,000 in grants

for things like computers and

other equipment and secu-

rity-things the town would

otherwise likely have to pay for.

and councilmen approved Mr.

Person's request that Highway department employees be able

to use Martin Luther King Jr.

Day and President's Day as

That means they'll be work-

floating holidays.

Also Monday, Mr. McAllister

Since Ms. Fiorillo's been

By Patsy Nicosia

sor Leo McAllister started 2017 with one word for employees:

At Monday's first meeting of

"I think the employees in our town do a great job," he said, relating recent compliments

from others about winter roads

and Ms. Ward's efficiency.

Maybe someday.'

'17. Mr. McAllister praised the

work of employees like Highway Superintendent Mike Per-

sons and Clerk Tina Ward.

Thanks.

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13-year-old arrested in swastika incident

State Police on Thursday arrested a 13-year-old boy in connection with swastikas spraypainted on buildings in Esperance.

Troopers charged the boy, whose name was not released, with 10 counts of making graffiti and one count of third-degree burglary.

The swastikas were painted on traffic signs, buildings and a church. Residents discovered the vandalism on New Year's Day.

Besides the spray-painting, State Police discovered that the basement of one building had been broken into, and there was graffiti in the basement.

Troopers collected evidence and interviewed residents and decided the boy acted alone.

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cause it was easy to draw," according to the release. State Police do not expect further charges.

The boy is to appear in fam-

ily court at a later date.



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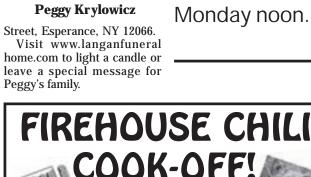
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Opinions

Squabbling and splitting

Squabbling over jail sites" screamed a T-J headline a couple of weeks ago, and, right below the squabbling, another head blurted: "Valley towns split on sites for new

Surely everyone wants the new Schoharie County Jail to be sited as well as it can be, but let's compromise, work together, and just get it done. Is that so difficult?

The squabbling is from the Village of Cobleskill. In late December, trustees grudgingly agreed to look into providing water and sewer services to the jail site in Howes Cave. Trustees' concerns, expressed by Mayor Linda Holmes, were that Cobleskill may not have enough water for the jail and that supplying water and sewer would force the village to hire more manpower. "To put this on our shoulders," whined Mayor Holmes. "Another [water and sewer] district would mean more manpower that we don't have.'

You'll remember that the Village of Cobleskill was a willing--and even eager--party to extending water and sewer lines to Howes Cave, a major project completed a couple of years ago. The original intent was to draw industry, and now a jail may be involved. At the December meeting, Water Superintendent Joe Redmond gave assurances that there's plenty of water for the jail, so the assumption must be that there's enough left for industry. No matter who uses the water and sewer—whether it's the jail, industry or both—Cobleskill must add manpower. And no matter who uses the water and sewer, they'll pay for it, meaning there should be sufficient funds for Cobleskill's new hires.

There's enough water and enough new money, so this squabbling is unnecessary. Frankly, Cobleskill should be seeking new water customers, not pushing them away.

Meanwhile, water questions abound for another proposed jail site on Zicha Road in Central Bridge. Middleburgh Supervisor Pete Coppolo believes water from the Village of Schoharie would be threatened if there's another flood. Schoharie Supervisor Chris Tague, who favors the Zicha Road site, feels the water could come from the Central Bridge, though that water system needs an upgrade. Mr. Coppolo's concerns seem valid, and while a Central Bridge upgrade is being planned, that project is in the future.

Time is critical, as Schoharie County continues to pay to have its inmates held elsewhere. Yes, FEMA reimburses the county for 70 percent of the cost of boarding inmates, but FEMA's patience is not endless. It's possible at some point that the reimbursement may end and the county will have to bear the full \$1 million annually to board the inmates. As this process drags on--and there's no end in sight--the costs rise with it.

Officials must come to the realization that no jail site is perfect. With the clock ticking, it's time to quit squabbling and splitting.

Togetherness

While officials squabble and split over proposed county jail sites, coaches at Middleburgh and Schoharie schools are doing exactly the opposite.

Ray Kimball, who coaches girls' track at Middleburgh, and Jeremy Karker, Schoharie's cross-country coach, are looking at combining teams for the two schools. Under discussion are a joint cross-country team in the fall and a shared indoor track team in the winter. Both coaches are pitching the plans to their respective school boards.

There are costs, of course: coaches, equipment, transportation, using indoor facilities and fees to join leagues. Maybe these costs--roughly \$10,000, total--are too much for the two districts to afford in uncertain financial times. And it could be that there wouldn't be enough students involved to justify the cost.

School boards in both districts, however, should take a hard look at this innovative proposal to provide more for student-athletes. Sharing costs and sharing services lighten the load for each district. There's no way either Middleburgh or Schoharie could afford an indoor track team; together, they might swing it. Some may argue that it's "only track and cross-country," and there's a temptation to agree. We'd argue instead that if there's a means to offer something different for students and the cost is right, it deserves more than a fair chance.

Coaches Kimball and Karker deserve credit for pushing their cause. If this seems like a small thing, it really isn't. Providing more opportunities for kids is what school's all

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Mare's Nest

By Patsy Nicosia

In the days before Christmas 2016, I sent out a simple Facebook post:

"I need help putting together a book list for 2017. Open anything.

And more than a dozen friends replied.

So far, I've come up with a pretty good, pretty eclectic list, a mix of politics, history, and interesting-sounding non-fiction—some of which, in my never-ending search for something to read, I'd already said "I don't think so," to, but now vow to give a try.

There are no real classics here; no "To Kill a Mockingbird," or "Huck Finn."

Probably all of my book-suggesting friends know we've all already read those.

That's fine.

There's also no Shakespeare (someday I'll take a lead-youby-the-hand course in that), not a lot of biography (though it looks like some memoirs), and for me, emailed a link to somefewer how-the-hell-did-we-get- one else's list—the someone

Natalie or political historian, civics teacher, and lawyer Rich Bader than I expected.

That's fine, too.

The list is what it is and isn't meant to be all-inclusive; it's a place to start and daily, I've been adding to it, books that I want me to read.

Obviously, if you know me, if you see me, reading everywhere, just because a book isn't on this list (yet) doesn't mean I won't or can't read it.

But I am going to try to read verything that's here now.

Some of them I've already read, but I'm keeping them here because they were good and friends suggested them.

As to that, I've tried to keep track of who suggested what (some people suggested the same books; nice), though I see I've made some mistakes on my master list that I'll have to go in and clean up.

One friend, probably thinking he was doing all of my work here suggestions from either else being the New York Times. That, I'm thinking I'll ig-

First, this is supposed to be

Second, I can't figure out how to print it out.

Third, it's so long—the list is a collection of authors and scientists and others suggesting what they'd read in 2017 that unless I quit my job, I'd never get to them all.

I am, however, keeping it for future on-the-side reference.

Because if David Sedaris says something is a book worth reading, I'm probably reading

I've already checked and all but one or two of the books on my list are available through the Mohawk Valley Library Services (MVLS.info) inner library loan, and so though I won't necessarily hold myself to it, (and because lots are also available through the digital Overdrive), my goal here is going to be to read them as real books, and not on my phone or as audio books.

That's my goal; there may well be cheating.

I've promised to share this list with friends; after that, I don't know.

It is after all, a reading list, not a writing list, and I've never learned how to do book

The books I'm beginning with for no particular reason in the world at all:

-"Cat Out of Hell," by Lynne Truss, a suggestion to myself I'd saved on my phone, for reasons I can't remember, but with a title like that...
—"My Own Words," by

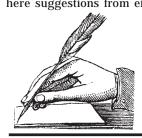
Ruth Bader Ginsburg, because there doesn't need to be a rea-"Just remember, she hasn't

always been this cool," Natalie warned me.

"That just makes her a real person," I told her back.

-"Deer Hunting with Jesus" by Joe Bagneant and suggested by Karen Cookson.

I'll catch you all up after Round #1.



Great work on Red Kettles

Dear Editor,

The residents and shoppers in Schoharie County are truly wonderful.

Again this year, during the days of the recent Red Kettle Drive, contributions made to the Cobleskill Service Unit of the Salvation Army equaled past years contributions.

Even though there was one less weekend for bell ringers between Thanksgiving and Christmas this year, and weather interrupted some of that schedule, this local area's loval volunteers did an exceptional job of braving the elements regularly to set up kettles, ring bells and collect contributions.

Despite all that is said about other communities not having enough volunteers to ring the Salvation Army bell or being down in contributions, this just doesn't happen in Schoharie County... the people of Schoharie County continued their generosity.

We were fortunate enough to have more volunteers than there are time slots to fill and local businesses that are eager to allow placement of collection

Our special thanks to Price Chopper and Wal-Mart for allowing kettles at their entrances, and for all the businesses that accept placement of counter red kettles at their cash registers.

Especially this year when the need is so great, we thank people of Schoharie County for their continued generosity.

Although the Red Kettle Drive has ended for 2016, contributions and memorials to the local Salvation Army Unit are welcome all year long by calling Beverly Stanton at 296-8909.

Thank you for a very success-

ful 2016 Salvation Army Red

Kettle Campaign. Neil Stanton, chairman Cobleskill Service Unit of the Salvation Army

Does county need a jail?

Dear Editor.

I don't think we need a jail in the county. Maybe some holding cells waiting for court, but I don't think we need to board prisoners. If our Board of Supervisors wanted to fight having a jail, I think the current atmosphere is right to consolidate with another county.

While FEMA will pay for a jail, we will have ongoing expenses such as electric, heat, salary and fringe benefits. The former jail reported \$1.2 million in revenue but never reported \$3-4 million in expenses.

There is a law each county needs a jail. That law can change.

It's easy to just go along the way things were, but nothing is the way it was.

Expenses are real, taxes are real, people leaving our county and state to other places is real.

And people left will have to foot the bill. That's real. Before you hear the argument of where will we put the jail, let's ask. "Do we need a jail?" Let's not waste tax money. County, state, or federal, it's still our money.

Larry Phillips Cobleskill

How society

treats women Dear Editor,

Recent political events have put issues on the table, issues we were all glad not to con-

Now, we must either fix what we think is wrong or watch it become okay and the social

One of those issues is how we treat women.

Some call it disrespect of woman, some call it abuse of woman, and some call it misogyny.

Some call it objectification of women, some call it a war on women, but it doesn't matter what name is used; it is what our mothers, sisters, daughters, and wives are living with. We see in the news that as-

saults on woman across the country, verbal, physical, and sexual are increasing. Domestic violence scars the

lives of one out of three women. Ask yourself, is that okay?

Economically, women's median wage is 79.6 cents to a \$1 for men, for the same job, same experience, and same educa-

Certainly we are making strides on tȟis.

But at the current rate equality will not be reached until 2059. Look at that another way -

if vour 20-vear-old daughter is entering the job market now she will not get equal pay to her male coworkers until she is 63. Is that what you think is right?

What is this about a "glass ceiling?'

It is such a common practice to deny women prestigious and well paid jobs that we have a name for it.

Don't you think this practice and the term for it should have been relegated to the scrap pile of failed attitudes of history?

Inequality in politics is also clear; only 22 out of 100 Senators are women and 19.3 percent of the US House of Representative are women. At the state level. 23 percent of state elected officials are female.

Remember, women are 50.9 percent of United States popu-

TJ readers who write...

Times-Journal letters to the editor this week come from the following writers:

• Elliott Adams, Sharon **Springs**

 Bob Nied, Richmondville

• Rich Beller, Summit

 Linda Sheets, Cobleskill

· Larry Phillips,

Cobleskill Neil Stanton,

Cobleskill Service Unit, Salvation Army

The deadline for letters is noon Monday. All letters must be

After almost 60 Presidential elections, and 120 Presidential candidates, we have only had one female on a major party ticket. Is this the best way to govern our country?

We, men and women, have to ask ourselves if we think this is okay.

Circumstances beyond our control have changed our society and our options.

We can no longer avoid this issue. If your answer is no I don't think this is right, then you must act to change it.

The challenge we are faced with now is that if we do not work to oppose what we think is wrong we are actually endorsing it.

Elliott Adams

Sharon Springs

More letters on next page.



limes Past

70 Years Ago January 9, 1947

Cobleskill became the headquarters for New York City detectives, plainclothesmen and state police Tuesday as the body of Alphonse Ruocco, 28year-old New York City alleged mobster, was brought to the Bundy Funeral Home after being killed by police and detectives Monday night as a six-day manhunt ended on a Schoharie County hillside near Broome Center in the vicinity of Gilboa.

John C. Eldredge of Cobleskill, World War II veteran, has purchased a grocery store at Hyndsville, operated by Herman Bates.

The town clock atop Zion Lutheran Church remains silent, but this is actually a safety measure. Village officials are trying to obtain a new flexible cable to replace the one now on the clock which is very near the breaking point.

Records compiled for Warnerville show that during 1946, cupid struck his mark seven times; an increase of five over the three preceding years when there were two marriages in 1945, '44 and '43.

30 Years Ago January 7, 1987

Local developers Thomas L. Wright and Robert Mahar have purchased the old P&C market Kings Point.

in Cobleskill, the building village officials had planned to use for a municipal center.

Someone stole the Baby Jesus from the Lawyersville Reformed Church nativity scene sometime before the snowstorm hit Saturday morning as there were no tracks leading to the nativity scene.

The Schoharie County Fire Chief's Association has endorsed James Sperbeck, formerly the fire chief of Richmondville, as Schoharie County Fire Coordinator. Supervisors are expected to appoint Sperbeck to replace Chester Slater of Cobleskill, who now holds the low paying but prestigious position.

Julia VanDerwerken of Central Bridge left New Year's Day for Utah to resume her studies

Fred Boreali was elected president of the Board of Directors of Howe Caverns effective January 1.

Interesting romances took place last year but the strangest and most talked about involved Prince Andrew and a commoner, and the moose who fell in love with a Vermont cow.

Congressman Sherwood Boehlert has nominated John P. Youmans of Middleburgh for admission to the U.S. Merchant Marines Academy at



Here's a great shot from the T-J files that's labeled only "Delvin Wessel's car." We assume that's Mr. Wessel behind the wheel--then on what's now the passenger's side. There's no location or date. Can anyone help? We do hope that Mr. Wessel wasn't traveling far with his eight passengers.

15 Years Ago January 9, 2002

The first significant snowfall of the season made traveling difficult but didn't do much to relieve water shortages. Water Superintendent Jeff Pangman estimated the snow would yield about an inch of water "But we need that thawing action."

The year 2002 marks the 250th anniversary of the settlement of Cobleskill and several events are planned for celebrat-

Jenifer and Bill Fisher of East Worcester announce the birth of their daughter, Kiarra Lea Fisher on December 26 at Bassett Hospital, Cooperstown. She joins a sister, Shyanna, age

Diamond Middleburgh has been elected to the national honor society, Phi Beta Kappa, at SUNY Albany.

Hope Coons is organizing the first annual Cobleskill town wide garage sale, part of the town's 250th anniversary celebration.

Richard Hanson Middleburgh succeeded James Brown as chairman of the Schoharie County Board of Supervisors.

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Letters

Our economy needs work

Dear Editor.

What will it take to improve the economy of Schoharie County?

It will take elected officials who understand that economic development is an active and complex undertaking, not a passive exercise of waiting for large-scale business (big box stores, amusement parks, casinos, etc.) to come to town and save the day. It's not about radio jingles or endless ineffective PILOT agreements.

It is about a clear vision for the county that has been considered, articulated, debated and documented in a comprehensive plan.

That is exactly what our local governments have failed to

Instead, we hear giddy accolades for yet another convenience store which only serves to lock the county into a lowwage, strip mall economy and establishes the county as another rural area with low expectations.

Having no vision and no plan ensures that Schoharie County will, at best, become indistinguishable from a dozen nondescript suburban towns in Albany and Schenectady County.

The recent debate over the proposed Dollar General in Richmondville exemplifies the dysfunctional decision-making that has prevented the county from building a prosperous and sustainable future.

There was little meaningful discussion about the desirability or the real impacts of a chain store that targets a near poverty-level demographic, contributes little to the community beyond a few near minimum wage jobs and even refuses to build sidewalks to safeguard elderly customers who will likely cross a state highway and

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navigate uneven terrain to buy a few household items (despite the parent company having the resources to operate almost 13,000 stores nation-wide).

More importantly, a Dollar General near the entrance to a rural village sends a clear message to visitors and potential residents: This community has a depressed economy, passively rolls over to out-of-place, trademarked architecture and has few prospects for a well-planned downtown containing a balanced mixture of shops, service businesses, restaurants and housing.

A store like Dollar General speaks not to quality of life but to desperation - the "we'll take anything because anything is more than we have now' mindset.

What should we do instead? The County Board of Supervisors should empower the County Planning Department to work with our towns and villages to develop a coherent long-term economic development strategy that is informed by current best practices and incorporates ideas that have been proven to help rural communities not destroy them: An emphasis on home and farm based entrepreneurial businesses fueled by the wide availability of reliable high-speed Internet access, non-traditional agricultural market expansion to encourage small diversified farm to table/restaurant operations and recreational/ecotourism initiatives to leverage Schoharie County's ultimate resource - natural, environmen-

Zoning and land use laws should reflect not what we feel we have to accommodate, or have always accommodated, but rather encourage what we actually want for the future.

Families will not be lifted up economically in Schoharie County by working at convenience stores and certainly not by waiting for the Lowes, Home Depot or casinos that will never

We must also stop our endless hand wringing about the decline of dairy farming and the plaintive wait for more milk subsidies and instead, encourage small-scale, sustainable agriculture that is nimble and responsive to actual markets, understands economic and life-style trends and leverages non-traditional methods and opportuni-

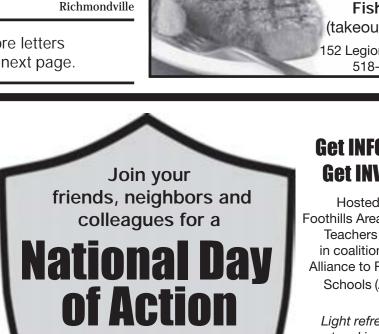
Schoharie County residents will improve their lives by being in a county that provides the infrastructure and innovative environment necessary for Internet commerce, recognizes and responds to a changing marketplace and values and prioritizes a quality of life that attracts and retains young fami-

It won't be easy to shift gears and create innovate and proactive strategies but, given that what we have been doing isn't working, it's time to rethink our future. It is time to develop a comprehensive, informed and effective economic development plan that relies on the knowledge of what has worked elsewhere and a vision for the future, not habits from the past. It is time to dump the desperation and adopt the willingness to do the hard work necessary to build communities our children and grandchildren will want to live and invest in.

Bob Nied

More letters on next page.

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Schoharie County Judge George Bartlett, right, congratulates Assemblyman Pete Lopez after swearing the assemblyman in for his sixth term of office Friday night in Schoharie. At left is Bridget Lopez.—Photo by David Avitabile.



Letters

Hacking was

Dear Editor,

an attack

President-elect Trump and his followers are trying to blow off the Russian hacking incident as of little importance and 'only hacking.' No big deal. Why is it so hard for people to grasp that it is much more than that. To simplify:

1. Russia hacked and stole information from both political parties, other US institutions like the White House and state election boards.

2. Russia released stolen material through Wikileaks - for plausible deniability - as a weapon to undermine the credibility of and hurt specific people.

launched Russia disinformation and propaganda campaigns using an army of paid trolls and web bots in an effort to further weaken a specific candidate, and ultimately boost a Russia-friendly

4. Russia's goal is to weaken democracy across the world, by weakening NATO, the European Union, and allies of the United States.

5. Russia's operation evolved from hurting Clinton to boosting Trump because Putin believes he will weaken democracy at home, abroad, and

President-Elect Trump is easily manipulated.

6 The actions taken are a massive and coordinated operation involving GRU, FSB, the Russian military, and Russian software companies, all directed by Putin.

To make it even simpler, this Russian attack on the United States was the equivalent of Japan bombing Pearl Harbor.

The only difference is instead of an attack involving bombs and torpedoes aimed at destroying America's ability to defend itself with weapons, it was an attack aimed at destroying the very foundation of the democracy on which the United States is built.

We can easily re-build weapons, but can we repair the damage done to our democracy? Not if so many Americans are living in denial or taking sides with those who attacked us.

People can bury their head in the sand and deny this reality all they want, but that only helps Russia and its objective to make America not great again, but weaker than it has been in any of our lifetimes.

There are three unassailable facts here:

1. Russia committed an act of war against the United

2. It doesn't matter which party or candidate it helped or hurt with its electronic warfare.

3. Anyone who doesn't understand this is either ignorant, stupid, or a traitor to the United States.

Linda Sheets Cobleskill

Flaws show in Summit

Dear Editor,

I received our town's newsletter. In it our town supervisor, who also acts as our budget officer, explained the budget process. That process includes:

 Passing out budget work sheets to department heads, which represents their estimates of expenditures and rev-• Calculating the tax levy cap.

• Reviewing the work sheets and creating the tentative budget and the exemption impact

· Passing the tentative budget to the town clerk, and then to the town board for review.

• The board reviews the budget, there is a public hearing, and the budget is adopted.

What is missing from the list is the interaction between the department heads and our budget officer.

He should be asking "why" if any line item has been increased from the previous year.

has a full-time

sales position

to sell advertising

If our budget officer is doing this, it's not mentioned.

By Patsy Nicosia A meeting Thursday in

Sharon Springs hopes to bring

its 60-plus year-old Rotary Club

back from the brink of extinc-

Pam Baxter, one of the three

remaining members—the

other two are John and Geri

Dunne—is organizing the

meeting, 6:30-8pm in the Com-

munity Room at the Sharon

tary and what it can offer the

community and said she has

already had offers of support

Ms. Baxter believes in Ro-

Springs Free Library.

I worked for Westchester County for over 20 years and was responsible for a \$30 million dollar budget. That budget was reviewed by our assigned budget officer and if any line item was increased over the previous year I had to justify that increase.

And by the way, "we deserve it" was not a valid justifi-

The budget for the Town of Summit increases year over year with few, if any, questions from our town board members.

Our supervisor is paid \$1,000 each year to create the annual budget.

I'd be happy to receive \$1,000 to pass out a dozen forms and create two reports.

The real work is in the interaction with the department heads and evaluating the justifications.

I don't care how complicated our budget officer tries to make the budget process seem, in Summit it is flawed.

Rich Beller Summit

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club going from District #7190 and the Cobleskill Rotary Club.

Sharon aiming

A couple of efforts to recruit new Rotarians over the past few months were unsuccessful. Ms. Baxter said, and though an informal decision was made to shutter the club, she pointed out it would be easier to than to start over from scratchsomething that would require 10 members.

"I'm hoping we can get at least that many—10—to give Rotary a try and I'm committed to working on this until June," she said. "After that, we'll step back and evaluate where we are."

Ms. Baxter stressed that anyone interested in learning what Rotary is about-even if they're not necessarily interested in becoming a member is welcome Thursday.

They don't also have to live in Sharon; it may be time to cast a wider net to places like Valley, Cherry Ames. Canajoharie, and Fort Plain, some of which have had their own Rotaries in the past, she

"Rotary has changed from the days when it was an old man's club," she said. "Maybe there's no longer a place for weekly dinner meetings. Maybe some of our meetings are e-meetings. I grew up here and there are so many people I don't know. If we can make it

to revive Rotary and help in keeping the Sharon easier for them to be active members, that could make all

the difference." As the Sharon Rotary's membership dwindled, many of its longtime projects-maintaining the Welcome to Sharon Springs signs and the Christmas crèche among themwere doled out to other orga-

That's fine, Ms. Baxter said; it just means there's more opportunity to develop new projects, maybe something supporting community's pool.

"And there's a lot to be said for Rotary's camaraderie and fellowship," she added. "I don't know my neighbors anymore. Rotary is a great way of bringing people together.'

Ms. Baxter said she's long been impressed with Rotary's efforts and successes on the international level, things like working to eradicate polio or help dig wells in Third World countries.

There's something for everyone," she said. "Come see what we're about, even if you don't join. Maybe you'll want to work on a project. Maybe you'll want to suggest one." Until June, at least, Rotary

will meet the second Thursday at 6:30pm in the library's Community Room. For more information, show

up Thursday or call Ms. Baxter

1st hearing on ag plan tonight in Cobleskill

Schoharie County's agriculture will get another look at a pair of hearings planned for tonight, Wednesday, January 11, and next Friday, January 20.

Tonight's meeting will be at 7pm at the Cooperative Extension in Cobleskill.

The meeting on the 20th will be held at the Board of Supervisors' meeting room in Schoharie and begins at

Both are part of the process to update the county's 16-yearold Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan. Hearing and meetings on

the plan, which looks at agriculture's strengths and weaknesses and sets out plans

for guiding ag policies in the future, began more than a year

At these meetings, Nan Stolzenburg of Community Planning and Environmental Associates will give a presentation about the updated plan and take comments. The updated draft plan is

available online on the Schoharie County website under both "announcements" on the main page and on the Planning and Development Agency page under "agriculture.' For more information, con-

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Sunday, January 8

The Cobleskill Village Police arrested Jason D. Shorb, 38, of Cobleskill on a Family Court Warrant. He was arraigned and sent to jail in lieu of \$500 bail or \$1,000 bond to return to court at a later date.

Saturday, January 7

The Cobleskill Village Police arrested Adam Benjamin, 23, of Clifton Park on charges of petty larceny. He was arraigned and released to return to court on January 10.

Friday, January 6 The Cobleskill Village Police

arrested James T. Gavin, 32, of Cobleskill on charges of aggravated unlicensed operation. He was arraigned and released after posting \$100 bail to return to court on January 10.

Thursday, January 5

The State Police arrested Nicholas Gray, 29, Richmondville on charges of public lewdness after they were called to the area of Exit 8 Plaza in Clifton Park for a report of a male allegedly exposing himself inside his vehicle near a local business. He was issued an appearance ticket to return to court at a later date.

Monday, January 2

The Cobleskill State Police announced the arrest of Brian D. Wright of Middleburgh on charges of driving while intoxicated after a traffic stop in the

Village of Middleburgh. He was processed and released on tickets to return to court on January 11.

The Cobleskill Village Police arrested 13-year-old Sprakers boy on charges of unauthorized use of a vehicle. He was issued an appearance ticket and released. He was to return to **Schoharie County Probation** on January 3.

Saturday, December 31

The Cobleskill State Police arrested Robert A. Kennedy, 54, of Middleburgh following a joint investigation with the Schoharie County Probation Department.

Mr. Kennedy was charged with fifth-degree criminal possession of marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor, according to police. The arrest followed a joint investigation that took place in the Town of Gilboa. Mr. Kennedy is to return to Gilboa court on January 12.

The Cobleskill Village Police arrested Robert Schmidt, 38, of Oneonta on charges of cruelty to animals. He was issued an appearance ticket and released to return to court on January 24.

Friday, December 30

The Cobleskill Village Police arrested Duane E. Condon Jr., aggravated unlicensed operation in the third-degree. He was issued a traffic ticket to return to court on January 24.

Thursday, December 29

The Cobleskill Village Police arrested Brianne J.L. Scott, 25, of Cobleskill on charges of violation of the village noise ordinance. She was issued an appearance ticket and released to return to court on January 19.

Wednesday December 28 The Cobleskill Village Police arrested Brandon S. Roe, 23, of Sprakers on warrants on charges of third-degree attempted assault and seconddegree harassment. He was arraigned and released to return to court on January 3.

Thursday, December 22

The Cobleskill State Police arrested Daryn T. Costello, 31, of West Fulton on charges of fourth-degree grand larceny after a month-long investigation into a stolen shotgun.

The arrest came after a joint investigation between the Bureau of Criminal Investigation and the Cobleskill State Police. It is alleged by police that Mr. Costello took possession of a Remington shotgun and then failed to properly return it to the legal owner in the Town of Middleburgh. Mr. Costello was processed and released on an appearance ticket to return to Middleburgh court on January

Barratt among 19 new **DEP** police officers

The New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) announces the graduation of 19 new police officers who were trained at the Staff Sgt. Robert H. Dietz DEP Police Academy in Kingston.

The new officers will be immediately deployed to protect the City's water supply reservoirs, infrastructure, and the 2,000-square-mile watershed that stretches across parts of

nine upstate counties.

The new graduates were honored Friday during a ceremony at the Ulster Performing Arts Center in Kingston.

"I would like to congratulate the new environmental police officers who are now officially members of the police force that patrols the largest municipal water supply in the United States," said DEP Acting Com- Barratt of Schoharie County.

missioner Vincent Sapienza, who presided over the graduation ceremony.

'Our police officers patrol 24 reservoirs and hundreds of water supply facilities that are spread across thousands of miles. Their around-the-clock work is vital to the safety and security of all New Yorkers.

Graduates include: Kelly

State launches website for pistol licenses

Senator James Seward has alerted pistol license holders Herkimer; 4030 West Road, follow the law. With that being that the New York State Police Cortland. have launched a new website which includes instructions regarding license recertifica-

According to the NY-SAFE Act, passed in 2013, anyone holding a pistol license prior to the passage of the NY-SAFE Act has until January 31, 2018 to recertify his license.

The New York State Police had been tasked with creating the recertification procedure and just recently launched a website—https://troopers.ny. gov/Firearms — that includes the recertification form.

License holders can fill out the form online or print a paper version and return it by mail.

A link to the online pistol recertification form is available on Senator Seward's website at www.seward.nysenate.gov and his Facebook page at www.facebook.com/ senatorjimseward.

Paper versions of the form can also be picked up at Senator Seward's district offices: 41 South Main Street, Oneonta;

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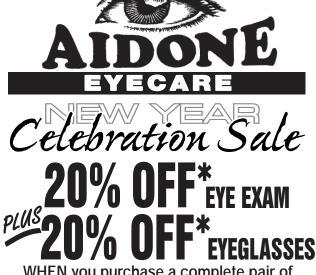
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SALT seeking projects for '17

SALT is seeking community projects that are in need of AmeriCorps National Civilian Corp (NCCC) volunteer labor.

The application is brief and asks applicants to explain their project, the number of hours or labor requested, and the date of their project.

Groups provide the project, site supervisor and materials. NCCC volunteers will provide the labor and SALT will provide the coordination.

Groups can apply for volunteers by filling out the application on the SALT website, saltdevelopment.org.

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strengthens communities and develops leaders through direct, team-based, national and

community service. In partnership with non-profits - secular and faith based local municipalities, state governments, federal governments, national and state parks, Indian tribes and schools, members complete service projects

they are assigned. Currently, SALT is asking other community organizations and county agencies for community development projects that need volunteer assistance March 8 - April 21.

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Looking at '16 highs, lows

Landslide winners in their respective primaries were Republican John Faso, a longtime political veteran, who will battle Democrat Zephyr Teachout, a relative newcomer, in the race to replace Congressman Chris Gibson for the 19th Congressional District

The Richmondville planning board recommended the village board approve Dollar General's site plan, with conditions, and pedestrian access was the major one.

Lucy McKelvy celebrated her 90th birthday and was honored by staff and volunteers at Cobleskill Regional Hospital where she still volunteers.

The Festival Farmers Market marks its 20th anniversary when it opens on July 9.

The first Summit Mountain Day was held July 9 in perfect weather.

Schoharie Central High School student Jackson VanDerwerken completed his Eagle Scout project - a complete overhaul of the bathrooms at the Schoharie Community Pool. Tyler Hotaling, a student at Cobleskill-Richmondville Central School, built dugouts for the Golding Middle School modified baseball field for his Eagle Scout project.

On July 9, the Iroquois Indian Museum celebrated its 35th year as a Schoharie County nonprofit dedicated to sharing Iroquois culture through the arts.

Schoharie County fire investigators search for an apparent serial arsonist after two more vehicles were burned on Baldwin Road in Summit.

Police are investigating counterfeit money being passed in the Village of Middleburgh.

Bruce Tryon was elected to his seventh year as Cobleskill-Richmondville school board's

Laura Jackson will continue as Sharon Springs Central School board president following recent voting.

Mayor Linda and Floyd Holmes donated a new vortex water slide for the Cobleskill Village Community Pool in the name of their children and in memory of their grandson, Adam Minms.

Local fisherman Roy Bilby finished 20th out of 128 anglers in the Walmart Bass Fishing League tournament on Oneida Lake.

Class of 1947 Gilboa Central School graduate Nick Juried funded the addition to the Gilboa Museum and was overwhelmed to see it had been named in his honor at a cel-

The battle over a proposed settlement that would allow Cobleskill Stone Products to expand their Schoharie quarry is expected to con-

A 14-year-old Summit girl has been arrested for a string of arsons - mostly cars - that struck fear in the Baldwin Road neighbors.

Investigators from the National Traffic Safety Board have been investigating the scene of the crash of a small plane at a private airfield called Hogan Airport on Brandon Road off 30A in the Town of Esperance.

SALT is exploring the possibility of a 38-mile multi-use trail from Esperance to Blenheim as part of revitalization efforts post Hurricane

Schoharie County supervisors were given their first view of an architectural drawing of the proposed public safety facility to be built off of Route 30 in Schoharie at the Seebold

State Senator Jim Seward has officially kicked off his 2016 campaign for the 51st District seat he's held since 1986.

Demolitions have begun in Middleburgh to clear the space for the new Stewart's

The 15-year tax break agreement for the supermarket and condominiums project in Middleburgh has been formally approved by the town, school district and the county.

Hit and miss showers across all of New York State have prompted DEC to issue a drought watch - the first in a series of water use advisories.

The Village of Sharon Springs will likely add its name to a Sharon Springs, Inc. grant application that will restore not demolish - the Columbia

After 13 years in Cobleskill, Postmaster Tony Hall is moving on. He has been promoted to Postal Operation manager that will base him in Schenectady.



Cobleskill's Main Street received a new layer of blacktop over the summer, but the work caused traffic nightmares.



Cadem Stanton holds his cow at the Little Britches show at the Sunshine Fair in August.

August

The Main Street, Cobleskill water and sewer project is near completion. In late summer the DOT will pave from Stewart's to Center Street and in the spring the DOT will pave from Center Street to Walmart.

Schoharie town board members are prepared to make a decision this month on whether to accept a proposed settlement with Cobleskill Stone Projects on a quarry

In the past few weeks, the former chiropractor's office and former dentist building were demolished to make way for the new Stewart's Shop and NBT Bank on Main Street

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in Middleburgh. Down the street, the wooden section of the former Good Earth came down last week.

The Memorial Day weekend storm that dumped about five inches of rain on Middleburgh will cost the town about \$30,000 for material to repair roads.

Looking to step up the war on drugs, Cobleskill Police are adding a canine unit.

Beekman 1802 has outgrown its space and is moving its corporate headquarters to Schenectady. They are also looking for a place to move their shipping and packing operations. Four local communities are among the winners of a total of about \$4.3 million in New York State Water Grants, including Central Bridge, Cobleskill, Sharon Springs and Worcester.

Judv Hadsell, a long-ARC employee, was named the first recipient of ARC's Employee of Excellence Leadership Award. Jerry Williams was recognized as NYSID Joslin Award nominee and named a Joslin Outstanding Performer; Angela Simons of Schoharie and Catherine McAvry-Pindar Middleburgh are recipients of the Jean Emerson Scholarship sponsored by Schoharie ARC; Dave Barman received ARC's Volunteer of the Year Award; and Brian Mahaver of CAS accepted ARC's Employer of the Year Award on behalf of CAS and SUNY Cobleskill.

The Schoharie town board has rejected a proposed settlement with Cobleskill Stone Products that would allow them to expand their quarry. The next step is a return to

Senator Jim Seward helped secure a \$100,000 state grant

Sylvie Diamond sings "The Star-Spangled Banner" at Jefferson's Heritage Day in July.

to replace the damaged liner in the community pool.

The skateboard park and Teen Town buildings were vandalized and about a dozen teens and several adults helped with repairs and removal of

Governor Cuomo launched the New York State Grown & Certified program and announced a new \$20 million food hub in the Bronx to increase access to farm-fresh produce.

A Schoharie County search and rescue team recently saved a Middleburgh man who fell about 30 feet off Vroman's Nose.

New York State Lieutenant Governor Kathy Hochul visited SUNY Cobleskill to learn how the Ag Center and college was partnering to lead students into the future.

Cobleskill Regional Hospital celebrated its 60th anniversary with a ceremonial flag-raising.

Forty farms in Schoharie and Otsego counties participated in Family Farm Day.

Farmers are seeing about \$4 less for their milk than they were last August and half of what they were getting just a couple of years ago. Some local farmers have been notified that as of October 31, no one will be picking up their milk.

County supervisors have agreed to put \$64,000 in next year's budget to hire part-time EMTs.

The new Blenheim Covered Bridge has been given the green light by FEMA. Construction could begin next Village of Cobleskill Mayor

Linda Holmes and trustees officially gave Police Chief Rich Bialkowski the go-ahead for the new canine unit.

Officers Joelle West, Maynard Sullivan III, and Dan Smith received commendations for their good judgment and job well done related to the gun incident at Wal-Mart in

The Festival Farmers Market celebrated its 20th anniversary on Saturday, August 20.

A new town hall, town highway garage and fire department are being designed for Blenheim. The municipal complex will be built with \$3 million in New York Rising funds.

The Bowmansville Fire Department, which helped Schoharie when Hurricane Irene devastated the town, has donated a command vehicle to the Schoharie Fire Department for \$1.

Schoharie Area Long Term (SALT) celebrated the resiliency and dogged determination of the county in the five years since Hurricane Irene caused flooding in the valley. SALT also honored heroes on Sunday in Timothy Murphy Park: Richard Ball, owner of The Carrot Barn in Schoharie, accepted the award for his family; Pastor Sherri Meyer-Veen was the first board chair for SALT, leading early organizational efforts; Jim Barber accepted the award for his family; and the Putnam Family whose family business, Fenimore Asset Management, for their strong support during recovery.

Two mothers learned last week that their children, C-R students for several years, are actually not in the C-R school district.

Schoharie County Democrats welcomed the new elec-

tion season at their picnic at Depot Lane that was attended by 160 people.

Cobleskill Rotarians dedicated the pavilion at the Creek Trail in honor of the late Carl Sand for his efforts in creating

September In a span of 24 hours begin-

ning last Monday, police responded to calls in Esperance and Richmondville that left three dead from heroin. A heroin overdose was also blamed for the death of a Richmondville man in June. According to Sheriff Desmond, a handful of overdose incidents in the past few weeks were avoided using Narcan. An Opiate Awareness Day vigil was held in Cobleskill Centre Park.

A \$1 million project in Richmondville will keep Main Street buildings from sagging into Bear Gulch Creek. The walls under Bank Richmondville and the former Village Cupboard were scoured after the 2011 storms and high water.

Volunteers in Schoharie painted more than 50 fire hydrants in the village.

Schoharie County may need to find another site for its jail. Reports from LaBella Associates could substantially restrict the "buildable" spot in the center of the 24-acre Seebold Farm

SALT has set information meetings for input on a proposed 38-mile multiuse trail in the county.

Sharon Reformed Church's steeple and church bell were taken down, casualties of a July lightning strike.

The foundation for the new Stewart's and NBT Bank on Main Street in Middleburgh is almost complete and the new

bank should open next month. The new Middleburgh ambulance barn/community center continues to inch toward reality. Officials are ready to

go out for bid for the site work. Cobleskill Fire Department took ownership of a new rescue pumper last week. The department wrote the specs for the 2016 custom-built truck which took two years to design

and build.

After they agreed not to go ahead with the purchase of the Seebold site, county supervisors were presented with five possible sites and others may be considered. They all are in the Town of Cobleskill, including one that is in the village.

The Patriot Highlander Challenge drew more than 400 participants. Sixteen-year-old Benjamin Healy placed first with a 44:23 time, Andrew Bischoff was second at 47:28, and Michael Disens finished third

Schoharie village and town officials have agreed to combine forces to put out a newsletter to update residents on what is happening in Schoharie and what could be happening in the near future.

Schoharie Fire Department received \$26,160 in federal funding to improve recruitment and retention of firefighters.

The Richmondville Volunteer Emergency Squad is on the brink of closing. The squad

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1 more look at the past year

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has grappled with the problems of funding and membership.

SUNY Cobleskill celebrated its "Century of Innovation" over the weekend with a parade, open house, fishing derby, farm tours, tractor show, alumni baseball game and other attractions, including a already in service. fireworks show.

Middleburgh is progressing and could be open by the middle of next year.

Randy Wood II and wife Candace purchased Value Vil-Middleburgh from Frank Mo-

Cobleskill Police Chief Rich Bialkowski talked about nity at a forum and Narcan training at the Head Start building in Cobleskill. About 20 turned out for the SCCASA

Edmonds Cooperstown won the 2016 FAM 5K with a time of 15:52. For the women, Karen Butasso of Albany was first at 18:22. Courtney LaBarge of Coleskill was second at 21:47.

October

David Avitabile, the Times-Journal's Valley Editor for more than 20 years, is now also the paper's circulation man-

Two children who don't live in the Cobleskill-Richmondville School District are being allowed to continue to go to C-R, for this year at least. Several years ago, their families assumed they lived in the C-R district and enrolled their children. Their residency was never verified by the bus ga-

Hospital and Bassett Network employees and friends gathered at the Olde Tater Barn in Central Bridge to celebrate the 60th anniversary of Cobleskill Regional Hospital.

Bill Cherry, Schoharie County's treasurer and flood recovery coordinator, would like supervisors to select two or three sites for the new jail that engineers could zero in on. The list of potential sites continues to grow.

Bob Bonaker, assistant su- also a recovery center. time until the end of the school

A year after closing of their respective churches, the congregations of the Hyndsville and Dorloo United Methodist Churches have united as the Christian Community Church of Faith. Plans are to purchase their own building on Mineral Springs Road in Cobleskill - the former home of Calvary Assem-

is down to five and supervisors will reduce that list and rank their top three favorites.

The Richmondville Volunteer Emergency Squad is on the mend and members voted last week to rescind their decision to close the squad. The squad held a fund drive on Saturday at the intersection of Route 7 and 10.

Debra Pollard was appointed president and chief operating officer by Fenimore Asset Management, investment advisor to FAM Funds.

Marion Terenzio announced a new scholarship endowment in honor of Clifford and Elizabeth

The first tenants could start moving into the Birches of Schoharie senior housing complex by the end of the month.

The "Franklin Tree," a 130foot cell tower located in the Town of Fulton, came on line last week and is helping with cell service up and down the Schoharie Valley. Breakabeen Tower and the Brown Mountain Tower are

Project CRASH's mock DWI According to developers, the video, broadcast for local jungrocery store project in iors and seniors in the SUNY Cobleskill ballroom, was a joint effort between the Schoharie County Sheriff's Office and

An economic development lage Wine and Liquor in forum was held at SUNY Cobleskill with speakers pledging to cooperate to bring jobs and growth to the county. The college is putting into place the heroin's impact on the commu- Institute for Rural Vitality to spur economic development in

Skyrocketing health insurance costs, flat revenues and a declining tax base could saddle Schoharie County property owners with a sizable tax hike for 2017.

The new NBT building in Middleburgh is set to open October 24 with Lee Ann Arnold the new branch man-

Long-needed work on the Village of Cobleskill's reservoir dams and spillways is set to begin in the spring. The village will use \$2.7 million from the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program to finance the

One of the new businesses receiving funding through the Schoharie County Microenterprise Grant Program is the soon-to-be-opened Brick House Bakery aka The Cheesecake Connection, in Cobleskill at West Main Street, owned by Vincent Zaba.

Sharon's Joint Planning Board approved plans for the town's first commercial solar farm after granting the project the needed special use permit.

To help with the fight against the use of opiates such as heroin, the Schoharie County Council on Alcoholism and Substance Abuse is asking for funding from the state for additional personnel - an extra investigator in the Sheriff's Office and

perintendent for business at Five sites now being considretiring and will remain part Zicha Road, the fire training facility in Howes Cave, the Nark Farm on Shady Tree Lane, Doc Reilly Park on Route 7 and Jeff Back property in Central Bridge.

November

The Schoharie County Peacemakers have been standing vigil in Cobleskill for an hour each Saturday since the Vietnam War. Saturday marked their 800th vigil.

The ribbon cutting was held The list of potential jail sites Friday at the new courtyard and floodgates at the Schoharie County office building.

Jerry Williams of Schoharie ARC's Toe Path Industries Work Center received Employee of the Year award from New York State Industry for the Disabled (NYSID) at their annual meeting in Saratoga.

A Richmondville teen was arrested by an undercover officer in New Jersey on charges of allegedly offering his services as a hit man.

More than one quarter of water outlets at Middleburgh SUNY Cobleskill President elementary school have been found to have lead levels too high for drinking.

The Schoharie County Do-

held a vigil at St. Vincent de Paul Church in Cobleskill on October 18 to raise awareness and support survivors.

NEAC selected SUNY Cobleskill Head Cross Country Coach Mitchell Tomaszkiewicz as the league's 2016 Women's Cross Country Coach-of-the-

Republicans swept every seat in Schoharie County worth mentioning in voting Tuesday. Donald Trump won nearly 2 to 1 or better in every town over Democrat Hillary Člinton.

Town of Seward supervisor since 2009, and before that, from 1964-1989, Democrat Carl Barbic has resigned with a little more than a year to go in this term. John Faso was leading Zephyr Teachout for the Congressional seat and incumbent State Senator Jim Seward crushed his opponent, Jermaine Bagnall-Graham locally.

Fenimore Asset Management announced the appointment of Anne Putnam to senior vice president.

The Sharon Springs Rotary has disbanded due to dwindling membership.

Schoharie girls' soccer team are Section II Class C Champions. The Indians lost to Geneseo, 2-1, in the state semifinals in Cortland.

The Cobleskill-Richmondville girls' cross-country team got a big send off to states on Friday. The team came in ninth place at the meets held in Chenango Valley State

Several hundred people honored veterans in traditional Veterans' Day ceremonies in Centre Park on Friday, November

After almost a year to complete renovations at the Times-Journal offices following a fire in December 2015, the T-J was able to move back into its old digs over the weekend.

WAC area all-stars included: Michael Weaver, Middleburgh, first team; Kaleb Wood and Ben Healy, both of Middleburgh, second team. For Sharon Springs, three made the Tri-Valley League all-star teams: Nick Tomaszewski; and honorable mentions were Dave Walker and Owen Rohac.

Minority students and others at Cobleskill-Richmondville High School were upset by chants of "build the wall" and 'send them back to Africa" a day or two after Donald Trump Schoharie Central School, is ered for the new county jail are won the presidential election. Superintendent Carl Mummenthey wants C-R to increase its vigilance.

Mayor Linda Holmes and trustees are discussing putting in a hitching post at the Municipal Offices on Mineral Springs Road for the horses and buggies of Amish families.

Schoharie County supervisors approved a \$6.7 million bid for construction of the "new"

Blenheim Covered Bridge. Schoharie Library celebrated its 100th anniversary and its status on the New York State and National Historic Registries.

Facing declining interest in community activities and a serious lack of volunteers, the Schoharie Promotional Association board recently met and agreed on a reorganization of the 30-plus year organization.

Sara Bates of Cobleskill-Richmondville Central School and Allison Cross of Sharon Springs Central School have been chosen as DAR Good Citizens by their teachers and class-

Following several deaths and demands from residents, Schoharie County supervisors



Assemblyman Pete Lopez, right, congratulates Cobleskill Regional Hospital President Eric Stein during the hospital's 60th anniversary celebration in Sep-



Barbara Perry checks out her garlic at Signal Hill Farms during Family Farm Day in August.

ger stand against heroin in the

The 29th annual Community Thanksgiving Day Dinner was held this year at the Schoharie United Presbyterian Church serving more than 350 dinners.

Senator Charles Schumer championed creation of a national firefighter cancer registry that could lead to a better way to treat the disease among firefighters.

The Depot Lane Singers kicked off their 38th season with their annual Christmas Concert. The theme this year is "Joys of the Season."

December

County supervisors have narrowed the list of sites for the new jail down to two locations: Zicha Road and the fire training site in Howes Cave.

For the eighth year in a row, the Marine Corps Reserve **Dunkin' Donuts Toys for Tots** train delivered Santa, toys and more to Cobleskill on Decem-

The Brick House Bakery in Cobleskill has been a huge success so far since it opened November 22.

Iroquois Chapter of DAR in Worcester presented the Community Service Award to Mike Austin for his years of service to his town and neighbors. The chapter also awarded Good Citizens awards to students Carson Pochkar of Worcester and Tabatha Stedge of Schenevus.

The 2017 county budget includes money for two EMTs to be located in Middleburgh and Richmondville to help with manpower problems.

Significant grants totaling \$2.9 million from the Regional **Economic Development Coun**cil went to Sharon Springs, Inc., Schoharie, Richmondville, Cobleskill, the Cobleskill Agricultural Society, Schoharie County Board of Supervisors and the Iroquois Indian Mu-

The Toasty Toes Pajama Project will deliver 1,400 pairs of pajamas to area needy kids this year.

Baking Memories 4 Kids is sending Ryan Hacker of Gallupville to Disney World. The organization bakes and sells homemade chocolate chip cookies as a way to send kids

with life-threatening or terminal illnesses to Disney and other Florida attractions.

A 15-year PILOT negotiated with Tennessee Gas will net Schoharie County and a dozen municipalities, schools and others an extra \$635,000 in A proposed resolution pro-

moting mutual respect and inclusiveness sparked a half hour of sometimes heated debate among Schoharie County supervisors. The resolution was tabled because of some wording related to the national political campaigns and has been referred to the rules committee for rewording.

The Middleburgh Telephone Company was awarded a \$5.5 million rural broadband state grant to add high speed Internet to sections of Fulton, Blenheim, Broome, Summit, Gilboa, and Rensselaerville.

Of the 704 water outlets in the C-RCS schools, 173 had lead levels higher than the state standard. More than half of those are lab sinks at Golding and the high school and students don't $\bar{dr}ink$ from

Lora Newell of Sharon Springs has been appointed temporary chairperson for the New York State Libertarian Party in Schoharie County. She will be responsible for establishing the Schoharie County Chapter here. The County has set its sights

on land at the fire training facility off of Route 7 and Zicha Road as locations for the new jail, but Village of Cobleskill officials and several supervisors have expressed concerns about getting water to the locations and other issues.

The six classes at Ryder School performed Holidays Around the World, showing parents and grandparents Christmas traditions from Europe and Central America.

Cobleskill-The Richmondville school board approved a preliminary plan to spend \$1.8 million to update and expand computer and internet service. The money is from the state through the Smart Schools Bond Act passed in 2014.

At their December 14 meeting, Schoharie Central school board members unanimously and without discussion approved a resolution to develop the proposed building project for the junior-senior high school and elementary school.

Middleburgh town board members may decide soon on whether to shrink the size of the proposed ambulance barn/community center after bids for the site work came in over budget.

Middleburgh elementary school held a Christmas sing-

Heather Heckman, Susan Morlang, Madge Weissman-Swart and Geri Manchester (writers in the Community Library's Writers Group) won NaNoWriMo in that they wrote more than 50,000 words of a novel or other project in November 2016. Other participants were John Mullins, Chris . Keefer, Dana Coons, Julia Walter and Sandy Brewster.

Captain Christian Brown Chapter of the DAR honored Donna Lavigne with the 2016 Community Service Award, Vietnam veteran Jan Larsen with a certificate of appreciation, and DAR Good Citizens Sarah Bates of Cobleskill-Richmondville and Allison Cross of Sharon Springs. The county has added two

deputies to help fight heroin.

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Melinda McTaggert of the Iroquois Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution reads a letter of commendation for Mike Austin, center, who received the chapter's Community Service Award in December. Looking on at the presentation in Worcester are Mary Teller and Larry DeLong.



Sports

Eagles edge 'Dogs, 58-55

Story and photos

by Jim Poole
Cobleskill-Richmondville quite Duanesburg in non-league boys' basketball game last Tuesday.

The Eagles edged the Bulldogs 58-55 in the C-R gym.

The Bulldogs opened the game with a 6-0 lead and held a one-point advantage, 12-11, after the first quarter, but Duanesburg gradually pulled away before the half.

C-R kept the game close and tied the score late in the fourth quarter. Duanesburg got the advantage in the final minute to win.

We played the first three minutes and the last three minutes," Bulldog Coach Jon Rohacevich said. "We've got to make sure we play the whole game."

Brennan Loder led the Bulldogs with 21 points, and Donovan Pacatte scored 18.

"Those guys played really

well," Coach Rohacevich said. 'They've played great for me all season.

The Bulldogs were to play at Cohoes last night and host Schalmont on Friday.

"They're both decent teams," Coach Rohacevich said. "Our kids need to come out to play every single game now that we're back in league play."

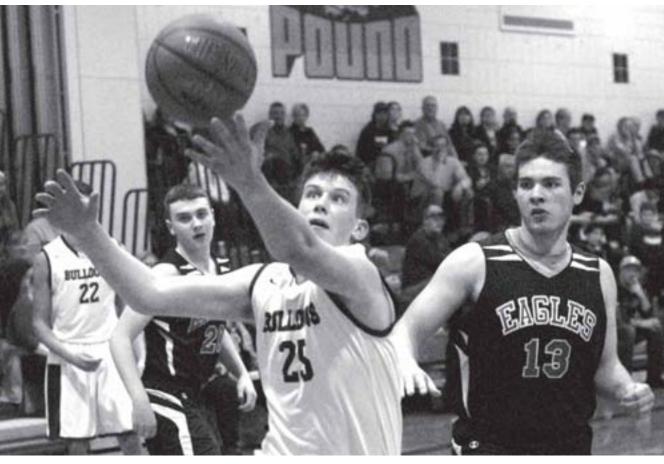
Duanesburg 58 Cobleskill-Richmondville 55

Au. Onorati 4-6-17, Hulbert 4-0-9, Powers 5-0-11, Edwards 3-0-6, Lenehan 3-0-8, Al. Onorati 1-1-4, Lombardoni 1-1-3. Totals: 21-

Cobleskill-Richmondville

Loder 9-2-21, Lewis 3-3-9, Hitchcock 2-0-4, Pacatte 8-1-18, VanDerwerken 0-3-3. Totals: 22-

Duanesburg 11 16 16 15—58 Cobleskill 12 10 19 14—55



Cobleskill-Richmondville's Donovan Pacatte beats Patrick Powers of Duanesburg for two points in

C-R's Mitch VanDerwerken looks to shoot while

guarded by two Duanesburg players Tuesday night.

Tuesday's game.

Big wins for SCS

By David Avitabile

The Indians scored two big victories last week downing Northville at home Friday and Galway on the road Tuesday.

Schoharie beat Northville 80-46 as Steve Alescio and Mitch Barton combined for 51 points and 12 three-pointers.

SCS led 15-8 and went on a 25-16 run in the second quarter to lead 40-24 at the half.

Barton led Schoharie with 28 points and Alescio scored 23. Each had six three-pointers. Jackson VanDerwerken added 14 points and four threes while Jon Morrell had one three.

Last Tuesday, Schoharie downed Galway 70-32.

Schoharie jumped out to a 21-9 lead after the first eight minutes and led 39-13 at the

Alescio led Schoharie with 19 points and five three-pointers while Barton added 17 points and four threes.

Blaine Rose scored nine points and Bryan Stolzenburg had one three-pointer. Jackson VanDerwerken scored 12 points on four threes.

In other games last week: Middleburgh 50

Galway 34
The Knights downed Galway at home Friday with a balanced attack.

 $C.J.\,Singer\,led\,MCS\,with\,12$ points and two three-pointers while Chad Boyles added 11 points and one three. Michael Weaver scored 10 points and Peyton Olsen added nine points and one three.

Milford 46 **Sharon Springs 45**

Nick Tomaszewski scored 28 points but the Spartans fell at home to Milford at home Wednesday evening.

Kameron Kelly added 10 points for Sharon. Wynn Will-

iams scored 17 to lead Milford. Tomaszewski hit three three-pointers while Seth

Keller had two and Kelly one. Sharon trailed 11-7 after the first eight minutes and 18-15 at the half.

Canajoharie 64 Middleburgh 55

The Cougars won at home n the final four minutes as Peyton Olsen's scored his 1,000th-career point.

Olsen became the sixth MCS player and the fourth male to score 1,000 points when he hit a three-pointer to open the Knight scoring in the second half.

MCS was up by two with about four minutes to go.

In addition to Olsen, who had six three-pointers in the game, Chad Boyles and Will Bankston, up from the JV, had excellent games, according to MCS Coach Tim Pangman. Bankston had six points and did an excellent job on the boards.

Sharon Springs 55 Loudonville Christian 29

The Spartans outscored Loudonville Christian 36-12 in the second half to win at home last Tuesday.

Sharon led 11-7 after the first quarter and 18-17 at the half but took over in a 21-6 run in the third quarter.

Nick Tomasazewski scored 22 points to lead Sharon and had two three-pointers. Dane Walker added 13 points and two threes while Seth Keller hit three threes.

This week: MCS goes to St. JOE's, SCS hosts Mayfield, and Sharon goes to Milford Friday; MCS goes to Mayfield, SCS goes to Duanesburg, and Sharon hosts Franklin Tues

January 3 Schoharie 70 Galway 32

Schoharie

Vanderwerken Beenhardt 1-0-2, Stolzenburg 1-2-5 Morrell 1-0-2. Rose 4-1-9, Teeter 1-0-2, Jankowski 1-0-2, Alescio 6-2-19, Barton 6-1-17. Totals: 25

Galway White 2-3-8, Smith 2-0-5, Restivo 2-0-5, Sowle 2-0-4, Williams 1-0-2, Kerry 1-4-6, Brownell 1-0-3. To-

tals: 11-7-32 21 18 20 11-**Schoharie** Galway 9 4 11 8-

Three-point goals: Alescio 5, VanDerwerken 4, Barton 4, Stolzenburg, White, Smith, Restivo, Brownell



Bulldog Brennan Loder drives past two Duanesburg players in first-half action in Tuesday's game.

C-R girls fall to DA

"Many thanks to Randy

By Patsy Nicosia

Cobleskill-Richmondville girls basketball fell to Delaware Academy on the road last Wednesday, 50-36.

The loss moved the Bulldogs' record to 5-4.

The 'Dogs were slated to host Cohoes last night, Tuesday, as they moved into the second half of the season.

"It was a tough game. Delhi is a good team," said C-R Coach Carlin Demarinis.

'We got off to a slow start and even though we closed the gap to nine after a run in the second quarter, that was the

and the staff of

They were able to synthesize

knowledge of sports and the human

Many thanks to Randy and Christine

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body to guide my child on and off

the field toward being a smarter,

safer (and long term) athlete.

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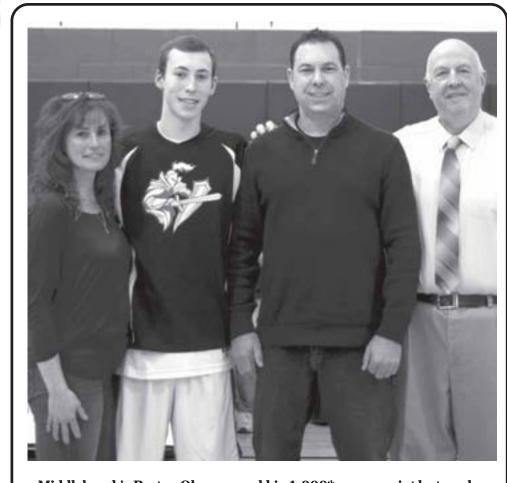
Allie Pacatte was the Bulldogs' only scorer in double-digits; she had 10.

Three DA players scored in double-digits, Coach Demarinis said, an edge her players just couldn't overcome.

"They outplayed us," she

C-R travels to Schalmont Friday and Monday they play at Scotia-Glenville.

Their string of away games continuing, the Bulldogs are at Lansingburgh next Wednesday, January 18, but at home the 20th against Catholic Central-Troy.



Middleburgh's Peyton Olsen scored his 1,000th-career point last week and was honored Friday night along with his parents. From left are: Dawn Olsen, Peyton, Scott Olsen, and Middleburgh Coach Tim Pangman.

1,000 and counting... Another record for MCS's Olsen

By David Avitabile

Middleburgh junior Peyton Olsen became only the fourth male player in school history to score 1,000 points when he hit a threepointer in last Tuesday's loss at Canajoharie.

Olsen, a shooting guard, scored 30 points in the loss, including the three-pointer to open the Knight scoring in the second half to give him 1,000 for his four-year ca-

Olsen became the sixth

MCS player and the fourth male to score 1,000 points when he hit a three-pointer to open the Knight scoring in the second half.

He joins Tim Standhart, Gary Hamm, and Chris Hubbard as the only males to score 1,000 for the Knights. Two girls have also scored 1,000.

Standhart holds the school record with 1,438, according to MCS Coach Tim Pangman.

Olsen already holds the

school record for three-pointers in a game and in a career, which he set earlier this season.

Hamm holds the school record for points in a game with 55, according to Coach Pangman.

The Knights lost 64-55 at Canajoharie despite Olsen's 30 points.

The school marked the milestone at halftime Friday. The Knights lost 64-55 at Canajoharie despite Olsen's

30 points.

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C-R rallies to down New Leb

Story and photos by Jim Poole

Down one game, Cobleskill-Richmondville's volleyball team rallied to win three straight sets to defeat New Lebanon Monday night in the C-R gym.

The Bulldogs won 19-25, 25-20, 25-12, 25-17.

"It was an interesting match," said Bulldog Coach Brian LaVine. "In warm-ups, they didn't look like much, but they were really scrappy.'

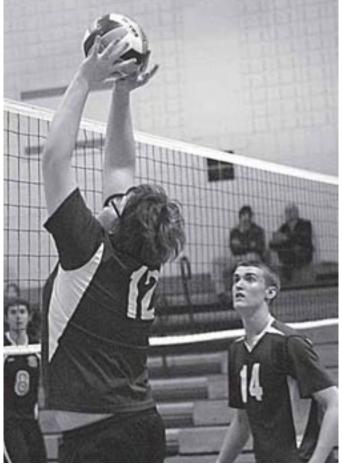
New Lebanon kept many balls in play in the first set and relied mostly on Bulldog mistakes after long rallies.

"After we stopped that bleeding, we had a little more success and then built on that," Coach LaVine said.

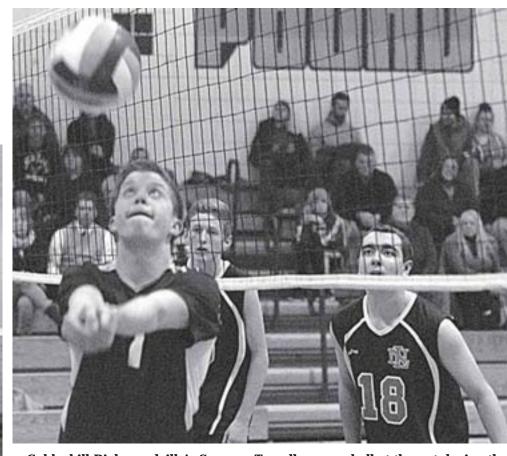
"I was really impressed with my bench. Gabe Ethier had a nice match, and Zach Holland did a good job. They're not going to score like Jake [Wayman], but they weren't making mistakes.'

Ethan Chichester led C-R in serving, 22 for 23 and serving for 15 points. Spencer Tyrrell was 15 for 15 with four aces, and Chase Mahar was 16 of 17 with three aces.

Wayman had 20 kills, and



Bulldog Zach Holland gets up there to reach the ball as teammate Jake Wayman looks on.



Cobleskill-Richmondville's Spencer Tyrrell saves a ball at the net during the Bulldogs' victory over New Lebanon Monday night.

Ethier had five.

"It was a marquee night for Jake," Coach LaVine said.

Tyrrell had 23 assists. In a match last Tuesday, the Bulldogs swept Berlin, Ž6-24,

25-16, 25-16 at Berlin. Tyrrell led the Bulldogs by serving for 14 points and getting seven aces. Nathan Dostie was nine for nine serving and had three aces.

Wayman had 10 kills and four

blocks for the Bulldogs.

"They had no way to stop Jacob," Coach Brian LaVine

Brad McLaughlin added

three kills.

Tyrrell had 14 assists.

The Bulldogs, now 6-2, were to visit Taconic Hills on Tuesday, and they travel to Chatham on Thursday.

MCS blows away Canjo



Bre Palmatier of the Knights looks to pass the ball in the first half of Middleburgh's win over Canajoharie at MCS Wednesday night.



Middleburgh's Kelsey Terrell drives to the basket in Wednesday's win over Canajoharie.

By David Avitabile

Middleburgh blew open a close game in the third quarter to beat Canajoharie 65-33 Wednesday.

The Knights led 19-13 at the end of the first quarter and 32-21 before going on an 18-2 run in the third quarter to lead 50-23 heading into the fourth quar-

Playing at home, the Knights shone on their outside shooting and defense.

MCS had some trouble getting on the inside in the early going, but the long-range shooting of Kelsey Terrell keyed the

Terrell opened the game with a three-pointer and then pushed the Middleburgh lead to 8-3 when she banked another three.

Lyndsey McCoy hit a long three to give MCS a 16-7 lead and then Terrell hit another three from the right side to give Middleburgh a 19-11 advantage.

cut the Middleburgh lead to three in the second quarter, but Bre Palmatier hit two threes to push the MCS lead back up to 32-21 at the half.

McCoy led the Knights with 17 points while Palmatier added 16 and hit three threes. Terrell scored 15.

In other games last week: **South Kortright 52** Middleburgh 39

A big fourth quarter pushed South Kortright past Middleburgh at MCS Monday South Kortright

The game was tied at 12-12 at the end of the first quarter. SK led 26-20 at the half and 35-30 entering the fourth quarter before going on a 17-9 run to end the game.

Kelsey Terrell led MCS with 12 points. Bre Palmatier added 11 and hit a three-pointer. Mayfield 67

Schoharie 29

Mayfield jumped out to a 13-4 lead after the first quarter to down SCS at home Monday. Mayfield led 37-16 at the half.

Katie Brisley led Schoharie with nine points. **Cherry Valley-Springfield**

Sharon Springs 29 (OT) The Spartans fell in overtime at home to the Patriots Monday

Sydney Seegers led Sharon with 13 points.

Kaylee Yerdon led CV-S with 10 points.

Middleburgh 55 Galway 47

The Knights came from an early deficit to beat Galway Friday night.

first quarter but rebounded to lead 28-26 at the half. Lyndsey McCoy

MCS trailed 18-14 after the

Middleburgh with 26 points while Bre Palmatier added 13 and Kelsey Terrell scored 12.

McCoy and Terrell had two three-pointers each while Palmatier had one.

Schoharie 48 Northville 43

The Indians came back to beat Northville at home Friday

SCS led 15-10 after the first eight minutes but Northville

led 23-22 at the half and 33-32 entering the final period.

Katie Brisley led Schoharie with 22 points and two threepointers while Abby Wetsel scored 10 points and had one three.

Sharon Springs 31 GMU 24

The Spartans downed Gilbertsville-Mount Upton at home Friday night.

Sydney Seegers led Sharon with 12 points while Allison Cross added nine and Mary Fucci scored eight.

This week: MCS hosts Northville, SCS goes to St. JOE's today, Wednesday; MCS hosts St. JOE's, SCS hosts Berne-Knox, and Sharon hosts Milford Friday.

January 6 Schoharie 80 Northville 46

Schoharie

Vanderwerken 5-0-14, Bernhardt 1-0-2, Morrell 2-0-5, Rose 1-0-2, Teeter 1-0-2, Jankowski 2-0-4, Alescio 8-1-23, Barton 11-0-28. Totals: 31-1-80. Scores & standings Northville

N. Reidell 3-2-11, D. Reidell 5-2-15, Jetty 6-1-13, Klingbeil 1-0-3, Ryan 1-0-2, Sitterly 1-0-2. Totals: 17-5-46. Northville 8 16 11 11-46

Schoharie 15 25 18 21-Three-point goals: N. Reidell

D. Reidell 3, Klingbeil, Vanderwerken 4, Morrell, Alescio 6, Barton 6.

January 9 South Kortright 52 Middleburgh 39 South Kortright

B. Dubonis 1-1-3, L. DuBonis 6-2-14, Finch 6-0-12, Laing 4-2-10, Reinshager 5-0-10, Brunson 1-1-3. Totals: 23-6-52. Middleburgh

Campbell 3-1-7, McCoy 4-1-9, Palmatier 3-4-11, Terrell 5-2-12.

Totals: 15-8-39. S. Kortright 12 14 9 17—

Middleburgh12 8 10 9-39

Three-point goals: Palmatier.

Mayfield 67 Schoharie 29

Schoharie Palmatier 1-1-4, Alescio 0-1-1,

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C. Wetsel 1-3-5, Brisley 3-3-9, Readdean 1-0-2, A. Wetsel 2-0-4, Williams 2-0-4. Totals: 10-8-29. Mayfield

LaFontaine 4-3-11, Dopp 5-1-11, Meca 4-0-10, Sheldon 8-7-24, Hampton 2-0-6, LaGrange 1-3-5. Totals: 24-14-67.

4 12 3 10-29 **Schoharie** Mayfield 13 24 13 17-67

Three-point goals: Palmatier, Meca 2, Sheldon, Hampton 2.

C-R's Brad McLaughlin raps the ball back at New Lebanon in Monday's match. **Pistol League**

sults for January 4: Cobleskill/Richmondville

L. VanDeusen 286, C. Rose 277, M. Vance 263, H. Mulbury 250. Team total: 1,076.

J. Hitt 285, S. Baker 268, R. Cammer 268, J. Hornbach 255. Team total: 1,080.

West Fulton H. Wyckoff 278, J. Symons

270, D. Symons 265, M. Shaul 263. Team total: 1,076. **Schoharie**

R. Stark 262, R. Thayer 258,

Schoharie Pistol League re- B. Thayer 253, P. Gizzi 244. Team total: 1,017.

Cobleskill/Richmondville defeated Schoharie, 1,076-1,017. VFW defeated West Fulton, 1,080-1,076.

Anyone interested in joining the Schoharie County Pistol League can call Jim Hitt, VFW, (607)538-9503; Dick Shaul, West Fulton, 827-4687; Fred Haynes, Schoharie, 860-0084; Henry Mulbury, Cobleskill/ Richmondville, 296-8491.

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C-R's Laine Pleickhardt, in back, has full control over Johnny Matrazzo of Burnt Hills in a bout at 145 pounds in the Oneonta Tournament Friday night.

C-R wrestlers 5th in Oneonta **Rotary Tourney**

Story and photos by Jim Poole

Cobleskill-Richmondville wrestlers took fifth place in the tough Oneonta Rotary Tournament over the weekend.

Led by Devin Cooper winning his class at 152 pounds, the Bulldogs totaled 119.5 team points in the 16-team tournament.

Burnt Hills won the tournament with 181.5 team points.

"It was a total team effort to get in the top five," said Bulldog Coach Justin Kimball. Our kids wrestled very well."

Cooper pinned Townsend of Burnt Hills in the second period to win the championship round.

"Devin's win was huge for



Bulldog Hunter Edwards, on top, picks up points against Lucas Scott of Chenango Forks at 182 pounds at the Oneonta Tournament.



Wrestling at 126 pounds, Dan Hotaling of Cobleskill-Richmondville puts Hunter Martin of Owego on his back in the Oneonta Tournament Friday night.



C-R's Pat Nichols, on top, controls John Doodell of Liberty-Eldred-Sullivan West at 195 pounds in the **Oneonta Tournament.**

us," Coach Kimball said.

Two other C-R wrestlers, Deven Lampron at 138 pounds, and Ethan Cooper at 160, reached the finals but lost their

"Lampron did a nice job getting there, and Ethan was in a pretty close match when he had to force some things, and that got him in trouble," Coach Kimball said.

Gus Spohn took fourth at 106, and Laine Pleickhardt and Pat Nichols took sixths at 145

and 195 pounds, respectively. Dan Hotaling at 126 also had a couple of wins for the Bull-

Earlier last week, the Bulldogs downed Albany Academy 48-24 in a dual meet.

C-R's Jeff Crooks won by a fall at 170 pounds, and Hotaling at 126 and Pleickhardt at 145 won decisions. The Bulldogs won by forfeits in six other classes.

"Laine wrestled extremely well," Coach Kimball said. "He had a really tough kid."

The Bulldogs visit Ichabod Crane on Thursday and host a modified "play day" with 13 other schools on Saturday.



Cobleskill-Richmondville's Ethan Cooper starts to turn Camden Saunders of Carthage in a 160-pound bout in the Oneonta Tournament Friday night. Cooper earned a technical fall in the first period on his way to finishing second in his

Auto Racing Stuff

By Ed & Betty Biittig Information came to us this

week that Danny Varin has written a book.

'Smokescreen: The Tony Stewart-Kevin Ward, Jr. Incident" by Daniel Robert Varin is available on Amazon in pa-

According to the Amazon firmed on the news. introduction for the book, racer Danny Varin was in a perfect position to view the tragic events that unfolded on August 9 2014 that claimed young Kevin Ward Jr.'s life.

We spoke with Danny and, although up until the book release this week, Danny never wanted to talk much about what happened that night he has been dealing with his feelings and emotions ever since. He was running directly be-

hind Tony Stewart. He saw what happened and although it was thought that night before he left the track that Kevin had lost his life, it

hit Danny the hardest the next

morning when it was con-"I think that is wh me harder, the reality of the whole thing," said Danny when we spoke with him this week after learning about the book

from his father. According to Danny, he was having trouble coping with his emotions after the event and when he started hearing all the speculation regarding what transpired that night it frustrated him; the speculation and misinformation.

Danny was prompted by his father to start writing down his thoughts that became a journal of sorts.

He was subpoenaed to testify at the trial and most recently gave a deposition for the civil suit.

After laying out all his thoughts and feelings in his journal, Danny thought that turning his notes into a book would be a possibility and therapeutic for him and maybe help others rest a little easier.

As soon as we heard that Danny had written this book we ordered our copy from Amazon and we now have added it to our reading while in Florida.

In a talk with Carole Palmer this past week, we learned that Palmer Racing has big plans for the 2017 racing season.

As they did last year they will

ing DIRTcar Series events. Through a deal that has

wheel for many events includ-

been in the works for some time between Bobby Varin and Bobby Hearn, Palmers have purchased a new TEO that will be numbered double zero and will run at Fonda this season.

Dave Cruikshank is providing the engine to power the double zero while Palmers have purchased a back up motor from JPM.

Alton's racing will put him behind the wheel when possible at Fonda in his familiar

We also spoke with Pete Demitraszek this week and learned that he has been able to secure the IMCA sanction for Glen Ridge and is attempting to get a DIRTcar 358-Mod sanction for The Ridge.

As of January 5, the Glen Ridge website stated divisions to run weekly this season will be Modifieds, Sportsman, IMCA Mods, and Cruisers.

Bi-weekly divisions are Outlaw Midget Series and Vintage Modifieds.

Pete is also looking at Slingshots if enough cars are inter-Fonda will remain DIRTcar

sanctioned in 2017. Danny Johnson will call

Fonda home on Saturday nights again this season. Toby LaGrange will return

to assist Ron Szczerba with press releases and will handle ictory lane interviews. Pete is currently looking at

scheduling a meeting at the Winner's Circle to discuss the upcoming season, rules etc. with drivers and owners but at the time we talked with him he did not have a date. We are in Florida and Christ-

mas and New Year's are in the books so now we will start to hear the roar of engines at Daytona International Speedway as the competitors start to arrive for practice for the Rolex 24 Hours scheduled for January 28-29.

As we sit here we do think of all our friends up north in the cold but know that soon many of them will make the trip to sunny Florida for Speed Weeks 2017 that includes the DIRTcar Nationals at Volusia Speedway Park, February 14-

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

Martin, Warner get SCS wins

100th win for Warner; Dom Kossmann Saturday

Schoharie wrestling placed ninth at the two-day Oneonta Rotary Tournament Friday-Saturday with Ryan Martin (170) and Dillon Warner (182), both posting wins for the Indians.

Warner also collected his 100th career win with his finals victory.

Austin Lints (120) placed second, and Dylan Hotaling (113) placed sixth. "Oneonta is such a good

tournament for these guys," said SCS Coach David Russell.

"They see teams from all over the state and have great competition."

Warner recorded three pins and a major decision in

"He was impressive," Coach Russell said. "Martin did a nice job on his feet, getting many takedowns, and Lints wrestled well too—especially in his finals match, where he did a lot of good things out there."

Hotaling had two wins Saturday to finish sixth.

"He's showing some good potential," Coach Russell said. Thursday, SCS lost to WAC opponent Berne-Knox-Westerlo, 46-22.

Hotaling opened the match with a forfeit at 113 and Lintz moved up to 126, where he won by major decision.

"He wrestled very well, especially on top," Coach Russell said.

Andrew Hahn followed Lints with a second period pin at 132 and Warner added six points at 182 with a:35 second pin.

"We had some good matchups with Berne and the kids did well," Coach Russell said.

"Shawn Kendle wrestled a tough match at 145, but stayed in the match the whole time."

This Wednesday, SCS hosts Canajoharie/Fort Plain in a WAC match-up beginning at 6pm in the high school gym.

The Indians will then host annual Dominick Kossmann Memorial Tournament Saturday with action set to begin at 9am, also in the high school gym.

Teams competing are: Plain, Canajoharie/Fort Chenango Valley, Fonda-Fultonville, Salem/Cambridge, Schoharie, and Waterford-Halfmoon.



Schoharie's Austin Hahn, left, battles Robert Forlano of Burnt Hills at 126 pounds at the Oneonta Tourna- have Bobby Varin behind the



Shawn Kendle of Schoharie, on the bottom, battles Nate Valla of Chenango Forks at 145 pounds in the Oneonta Tournament Friday night. Apparently in trouble here, Kendle reversed Valla seconds later and pinned him.

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Town moves ahead with 100-bed shelter Costs still a big concern

By David Avitabile

Middleburgh town board members agreed Monday night to move ahead with a new ambulance barn/100-bed shelter, but the future of the facility remains uncertain.

The building is to be constructed behind the town barn on Cotton Hill Road with \$3 million from New York Rising, but thus far costs have been

The bids for site work were opened last fall and came in much higher than expected. It had been hoped to complete the site work during the fall and winter and begin construction in the fall, but the bids had to be rejected and advertised again.

At a special meeting between town board and building committee members Monday night, officials placed a lot of blame on the engineers working on the project. Lamont Engineers was hired for the project but the firm had to subcontract out some of the design work. Delays in the completion of the drawings and budget estimates have delayed the project.

The mechanical and electrical drawings were supposed to be 100 percent complete by November but thus far are only about 30 percent complete and with dubious success, according to officials.

He has some stuff scratched on there that's a joke," commented John Lawler of the building committee.

"This architect is laughing all the way to the bank," added Councilman Frank Herodes.

It is hard to have confidence when the sitework costs were expected to be around \$500,000 and came in about \$150,000 higher, noted building committee member and Highway Superintendent Dale Nunamann.

He suggested have the en-

SCS to detail

building project

on January 25

100-bed and a 50-bed facility. Town board members and some other building committee members disagreed.

Mr. Nunamann said not to downzise the building and go out to bid again.

"Let's go with it and see if we can afford it.'

It was noted that if the town makes a "good faith" effort to construct the building within the budget, but cannot, the town will not be held responsible for the money spent.

Councilman Herodes added that there is little support for the project in the community.

"I don't believe the community is in favor of it."

Building committee member Stephen Weinhofer did note that the sale of land from the school to the town for the project was approved.

Councilman Herodes predicted that the project would come in under budget.

NY Rising wants the project to be built, Mr. Weinhofer said. They don't want this project

to get dropped." Mr. Nunamann noted, 'They're not going to have to face the taxpayers when they

can't afford this building." Mr. Lawler added that going to bid for a 100-bed building and hoping it goes over bud-

get is not in "good faith."

Downsizing the project to 50beds when the public was told it would be 100 would not in good faith, Councilman

Herodes noted. Supervisor Pete Coppolo suggested going with the 100-bed

shelter. "If we can't afford it, we can't afford it.'

Board members unanimously agreed to go ahead with the plans for a 100-bed fa-

Mr. Coppolo is to contact NY Rising about the town's concerns with the performance of gineers make up out bids for a the architects.



Everyone watches sixth grader Logan Esposito spell a word in the first round of the MCS spelling bee last week.

Bramer wins MCS bee

By David Avitabile

Sixth grader Megan Bramer survived numerous rounds to emerge the winner of the annual Middleburgh elementary school spelling bee Wednesday afternoon.

Megan won on the word vertical. Fourth grader Hannah Brown finished second and sixth grader Zaina Islip came in

Among the words that the contestants had to spell were: botany, spatula, naturalist, fervently, pitiful, and oblivious.

Spelling bee contestants in-

• Fourth graders: Miranda Cancio, Hannah Brown, Kaylee Lawton, Cameron Esposito, John Henry, Selma Alshegaa, Derrick Fuller, and Lucas Shaw with Morgan Masterson and Devin Chichester as alternates.

 Fifth graders: Evan Shaul, Evan Becker, Mason Pembroke, Alexis Skowfoe, Brady Armlin, Trevor Loucks, Braiden Cole, and Tadhg Martin, with Liam Hooper and Kaitlin Nelson as alternates.

· Sixth graders: Megan Bramer, Danielle Freer, Logan Esposito, Lindsey Brown, Cody Sherwood, Chris Sperano, Public vote could be in May Zaina Islip, and Troy Cammer, with Hailie Fitzgerald as alter-

> The district-wide spelling bee will be in the high school auditorium this morning, Wednesday, starting at 8:45am.



Liam Hooper, a fifth grader, adjusts the microphone last week at the MCS elementary spelling bee.



Sixth grader Troy Cammer concentrates while spelling a word Wednesday afternoon.

Zaina Islip, a sixth grader, listens to the pro-



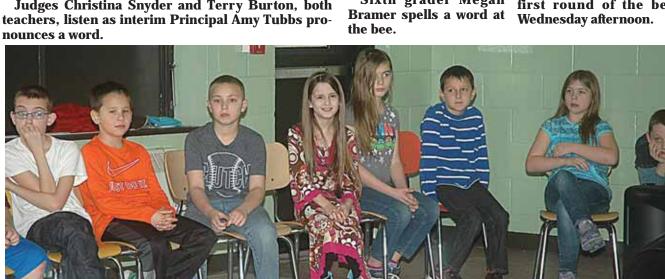
Judges Christina Snyder and Terry Burton, both



Sixth grader Megan



Fourth grader Lucas Shaw spells a word in the first round of the bee



Spelling bee contestants wait their turn in the Middleburgh elementary cafeteria Wednesday afternoon.

By David Avitabile

The public will get a detailed look at a proposed \$19.8 million building for Schoharie Central School later this month.

Schoharie Superintendent David Blanchard will give a presentation on the project which was given the go-ahead by board members last month and may go to district voters in May.

The meeting is slated for Wednesday, January 25 from 6 to 7pm in the high school caf-

In addition to speaking about the proposed project, Mr. Blanchard will be offering tours of the buildings for anyone interested. He will also answer questions from the pub-

"We will be seeking input from the community on the proposed project," he noted.

The proposed project jumped its first hurdle on December 14 when school board members unanimously and without discussion approved a resolution to develop the proposed building project for the junior-senior high school and elementary school.

The building project, if approved, would transform the junior-senior high school.

The renovations would touch almost every room and classroom in the high school. If approved by the voters, the project could start in 2018 and would take about 18 months to complete.

The district would get back about 82.8 percent of the cost in state aid, leaving a local share of about \$3.4 million, according to Mr. Blanchard.

The project, Mr. Blanchard added, would renovate the rooms and halls in each of the three floors of the high school.

The changes, he stressed,

are needed to improve the educational system at SCS as well as address safety needs.

A district building committee agreed that the renovation project would be a better way to go than to repair the build-

A building condition survey is required every five years and that review early this year revealed that about \$5 million in repairs was needed at the high school in addition to \$800,000 in work at the elementary school and \$2 million in the parking lot, Mr. Blanchard

The main part of the high school was built in 1926 and updated in 1932, Mr. Blanchard

Building committee members agreed that repairing the building was not the way to go, he added.

Repairs, he noted, are not state aidable, not comprehensive, and do not address the academic spaces in the building which are well below the current state standards.

Another negative point is that repairs, again not state aidable, would probably be needed again in another five years, he added.

Many of the repairs would address safety issues such as crumbling roof parapets and window sills.

If approved by voters, the project would then be headed for approval by the state education department. Bids would be solicited.

The hope would be to start construction in 2018 and to be done in about 18 months, according to Mr. Blanchard.

While one floor will be done at a time, swing space or mobile classrooms may be needed,

3 bees in a row for VanDerwerken

By David Avitabile

Eighth grader Ethan VanDerwerken notched his third straight Schoharie Central School spelling bee victory Thursday morning.

Sixth grader Gavin Thomas came in second place. Tying for third place were fifth grader Adrian Lindemann and Dylan Wayman-Bender, a sixth grader.

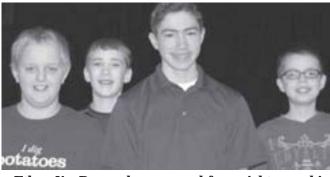
The annual spelling bee was held in the high school auditorium in front of students, teachers, staff, and parents.

This year's contestants in-

• Fourth graders: Sophia Watsen, Truman Loeper, Sean Harrington, and Jimmy

- · Fifth graders: Sophia Styles, Adrian Lindemann, Andrew Martin, and Anna Mueller.
- · Sixth graders: Dylan Wayman-Bender, Ethan Smith, Josh Mitchell, Kevin Lawyer, and Gavin Thomas.
- Seventh graders: Mia Rowe, Jacquelyn Sullivan, Trinity Santoro, and Erica Cater.
- graders: Eighth Mackenzie Heath, Ethan VanDerwerken, and John Blackwood.

The winner now goes on to the state regionals in Schenectady in the spring.



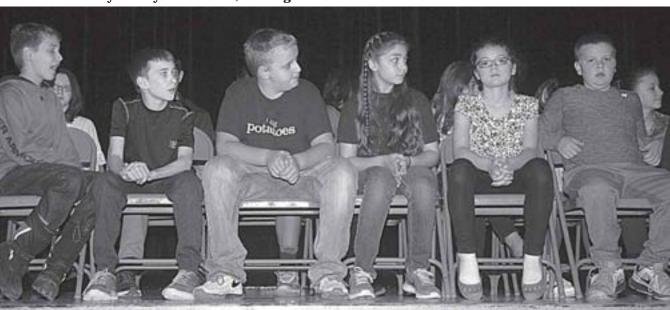
Ethan VanDerwerken, second from right, won his third straight Schoharie spelling bee last week. Sixth grader Gavin Thomas, right, came in second place. Tying for third place were fifth grader Adrian Lindemann and Dylan Wayman-Bender, a sixth grader.



Truman Loeper, a fourth grader thinks before spelling a word in the Schoharie spelling bee Thursday.



Fifth grader Sophia Styles, contemplates before spelling a word Thursday.



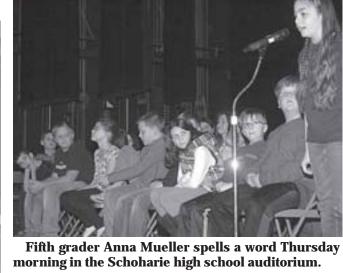
A line of spellers wait their turn at the annual Schoharie school spelling bee Thursday morning in the high school auditorium.



Sixth grader Gavin Thomas spells a word Thursday morning. At right is high school librarian Marion Burghart, who served as pronouncer for the bee.



Judges Andrea Polikoski, the elementary principal, and Vanessa Repicky and Samantha Ballard of the EPTSO, listen to a speller Thursday at SCS.



morning in the Schoharie high school auditorium.



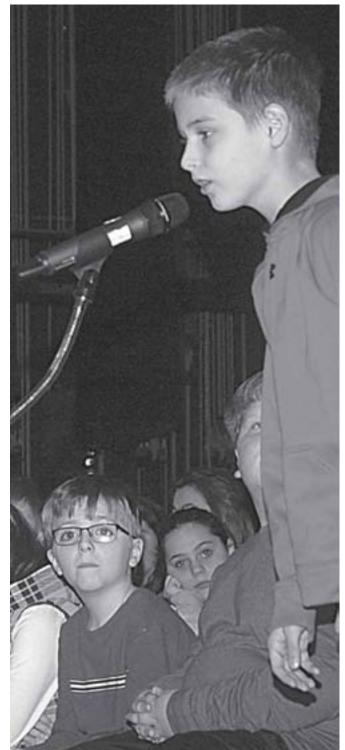
Stewart's celebrates new shop

Middleburgh village, town, and county officials,



along with Stewart's Shops representatives were on hand Saturday morning as Middleburgh store manager Missy Vedder cut the ribbon on the new shop on Main Street in Middleburgh.

Stewart's also donated \$1,000, left, to the **Middleburgh Youth Com**mission for the construction of a new pavilion behind the store on village property. Members of the **West Fulton Road and Gun Club and Shaul Roofing** will be doing the work when the weather breaks.—Photos by David Avitabile.



Ethan Smith, a sixth grader, spells a word into the microphone Thursday morning.



Obituaries



Patrick McNamara

Eugene **McNamara**

Deacon Eugene Patrick "Gene" McNamara of Santa Monica, California joined the saints and angels on Christmas Day, December 25, 2016.

A resident of Santa Monica since 1997. Gene was born and raised in New York City, which would not let go of his heart. He was a diehard New York Yankees fan.

In 1950, just after he'd met and married his "child bride," Joan Nielsen, Gene was among the first young soldiers the Army deployed to Korea, work-

ing radio communications. He served in the US Army for three years.

After a career with the telephone company, Gene became an operating engineer, working for several large companies and eventually the federal government over many years.

Eventually, Gene and Joan settled in Richmondville, then moved to Albany in 1975, where they continued to raise their

Gene fulfilled a life-long, spiritual calling when he was ordained a Deacon in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany. He was assigned to Saint Patrick's Church, where he generously worked alongside his dearest friend, Reverend Frank O'Connor, ministering to the parish, to the homeless and to men in state prisons.

In Santa Monica, Gene was a Deacon at Saint Monica's Church until he became too ill

At age 88, Gene is survived by his wife of 66 years, Joan; and their nine children, Kevin, Kathleen (Conway), Eileen (DePaolo), Michael, Mary (Ford), Brian, Thomas, Bernadette (Moran) and Barbara (Brown); by his twelve adoring grandeniidren, two great-granddaughters, many nieces and nephews; and by his sister, Marie McGrath.

Private viewing and Mass. A memorial service to celebrate Gene's life is planned for the Spring in Albany.

Dorothy Como

Dorothy "Dottie" Como, of Preston Hollow, passed away on Tuesday, January 3, 2017 at home after a brief illness.

She was born in Yonkers on August 19, 1943 to the late Paul and Mildred Danisher Siegert.

Dottie graduated Magna Cum Laude from both Mercy College with a degree in Behavioral Science and Long Island University where she received a master's degree in Community Health and Mental Health Planning.

While pursuing her degrees, Dottie became an activist for the improvement of health and mental health care. In furtherance of this goal she served on numerous health related boards and committees, including the board of directors of the **Hudson Valley Health Systems** Agency, Westchester Health Planning Council for which she served three terms as president, and the Westchester Community Health Plan.

She was a member of US Congressman Richard Ottinger's Special Task Force on Health and Mental Health Issues and was a member of U.S. Congressman Benjamin Gillman's Health Advisory Committee.

The World Federation for Mental Health, based in Vancouver British Columbia, appointed her as their representative to the United Nations where she served on the UN Geriatric Committee, UN Committee on the International Year of the Disabled, and UNICEF Children's Committee.

Dottie was a moderator, panelist, and key note speaker for various conferences, seminars, and workshops, including those held by the American Health Planning Association, American Psychiatric Association, the National Self-Help Clearing House, and the American Orthopsychiatric Association.

At a conference held in Westchester County, dedicated to identifying and coordinating local health and mental health services, she met her husband Sergeant Joseph "Skip" Como, who was representing the Emergency Services Unit of the Yonkers Police Depart-

After Skip's retirement, he and Dottie moved to their home in Preston Hollow and opened the Antique Center of Preston Hollow. Later they would open the Preston Hollow Inn, Creekside Antiques, and the Creekside Flea Market. Dottie also wrote the "Preston Hollow Highlights" column for the Greenville Local, The Greene County Local Courier, The Greenville Press, and The Greenville Pioneer.

She is survived by her twin brother, Paul Siegert (Kyong); sister, Deborah Manning; and seven nieces and nephews. Dottie was predeceased by her parents and husband.

A funeral service was held at A.J. Cunningham Funeral Home, Greenville on Saturday, January 7. Burial was in Potter Hollow Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Tri-Village Fire Company, Bayard Elsbree Park, or the Preston Hollow Beautification Committee.

Condolences can be posted at ajcunninghamfh.com.

Roy Olsen

Roy Olsen, of Clarence, died Friday, December 23, 2016.

He was the beloved father of Kyle (Antonina) Olsen; dear brother of John (Melissa) Olsen, Andrew (Tina) Olsen, Susan (late Charlie) Herman), Gale Olsen, Danny (Donna) Olsen, James Olsen, late Joe and late Harry Olsen; also survived by many nieces and neph-

A memorial service was held December 28, 2016 at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church,

Memorials may be made to a charity of the donor's choice. Share condolences at ShepardBrosFuneralHome.com.

Roger **Sulem**

Roger E. Sulem, 38, of Esperance, died Friday, December 23, 2016, from injuries he suffered from an auto accident.

Services will be held at a later date.

Kenneth **Upton**

Kenneth J. Upton, 68, of Pine Cliff Circle, Town of Davenport died Monday, January 2, 2017 at his home following a long ill-

Mr. Upton was born October 10, 1948 in Albany, a son of Robert and Jane (Lobiecki) Upton.

He proudly served his country in the US Army during the Vietnam War in the infantry. He received the Vietnam Service Medal with four Bronze Service Stars and Medal's for expert

Pistol and Rifle. He worked as a truck driver

for many years. Survivors include his daughter, Tonya Schrom of Schoharie; his son, Kenneth J. Upton, Jr.; five grandchildren, four greatgrandchildren; his brother, Robert Upton; and several

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nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his former wife, Lorraine Loucks; his brother, Steven Upton; and his sister, Jackie Treacy.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, January 13 at 6pm at the Langan Funeral Home, 327 Main Street, Schoharie with a period of visitation from 5-6pm prior to the service.

Burial will be private.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Mr. Upton to the Leatherstocking Honor Flight, PO Box 621, Cobleskill, NY 12043.

Visit www.langanfuneral home.com to light a candle or leave a special message for Ken's family.

Joan Miller

Joan Marie Miller, 70, former resident of Margaretville, died Wednesday, January 4, 2017 in Amsterdam.

Joan was born December 30, 1946 at Margaretville, the daughter of Donald R. and Phyllis (Bellows) Dickman. She was predeceased by her first husband, Daniel Miller and her second husband, Rev. David

Joan had a longtime nursing career working for several hospitals and, living in Cobleskill, was working at Bassett Healthcare at Cobleskill Hospi-

tal as a nursing administrator. She was a very active member of St. James Episcopal Church in Oneonta.

Joan was an avid reader and enjoyed traveling, baking, sewing and walking with her pet,

Joan is survived by her mother, Phyllis Dickman; two sons, Donald and Michael Miller; sister, Susan Conine; brother, Robert Dickman; two stepsons, Stephen and Jonathan Bugler; and by her grandchil-

She was also predeceased by a sister, Myra Dickman; and her father, Donald Dickman.

Funeral service was held at the Hynes Funeral Home, Margaretville, on Monday, January 9. Services were conducted by the Rev. Kenneth Hunter.

Committal prayers will be held at a later date.

Donations in memory of Joan M. Miller may be made to the Bishop's Relief Fund at the Episcopal Diocese in Albany, New York or the Bassett Healthcare at Cobleskill Hospital.

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to the Hynes Funeral Home, Margaretville.

Arts & Entertainment

Schoharie County artists in GCCA FRESH show

Schoharie County artists ing the last quarter of 2016. As Noelle Adamoschek and Fred Breglia are featured as part of the Greene County Council on the Arts exhibit "FRESH."

On view January 14-February 25, with an opening reception this Saturday, January 14, from 5-7pm, FRESH: Regional Artists, Current Explorations presents the mediums of painting, pastels, plein air, printmaking, collage, photography, mosaic design, and sculpture via works created within the last quarter of 2016.

The concept behind FRESH: Regional Artists, Current Explorations, was born when GCCA's visual arts director, Niva Dorell, was hiking on Vroman's Nose.

The combination of majestic natural beauty, last days of summer, anticipation of the upcoming Presidential election, and a new year, led to thoughts on a beginning-of-the-year exhibit inspired by the word fresh.

From there, the concept developed into a fresh approach to curating the show-instead of asking for submissions, GCCA staff members (Renee Nied for Schoharie County) invited artists who were asked the following:

What are you working on right now. What is important to you as 2016 ends and 2017 begins. What is on your mind right now."

Artists Noelle Adamoschek, Fred Breglia, Bob Crimi, Ginnie Gardiner, Kathryn Kosto, Ruth Leonard, Stanley Maltzman, Art Murphy, Sara Pruiksma, Nancy Rutter, Susan M. Story and Robert Tomlinson answered the call, each agreeing to create one to four pieces of 2D-3D work for the exhibit dur-



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it turns out, what's on the minds of most of the participating artists is nature.

In addition to new artwork, each artist will also provide an image of their current workspace/studio and a statement about their current work, both to be shown alongside the

FRESH: Regional Artists, Current Explorations is on Council on the Arts, 398 Main Street, Catskill through February 25, 2017.

For additional details and information visit: www.greene arts.org.

For information about grants from the New York State Council on the Arts contact Grant Coordinator, Renee Nied at: schoharieartsgrants@gmail.com.

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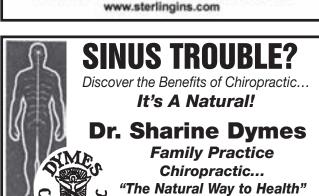
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50th anniversary

Martha and James DeBar of Cobleskill celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary January 6. An anniversary dinner was held in Cherry Valley at the Rose & Kettle with their children and siblings and their families. Present were the couple's daughter, Jodie Rutt and fried Joe Sire; their son and daughter-in-law, Richard and Linda DeBar; their brother and sisterin-law, John and Susan Sagendorf; and sister, Hope

Looking Ahead

Pancake b'fast set in Charlotteville

The Charlotteville Volunteer Fire Department will hold a pancake breakfast to benefit the CVFD Sunday, January 15, 8-11am at the fire station.

There will also be a 50/50

Tarbell next Cobleskill speaker

The next Cobleskill Historical Society meeting will be held Wednesday, January 18, 6:30pm in the Community Library and will feature Mike Tarbell, an

Akwesasne Mohawk and educator at the Iroquois Indian Museum as well as an instructor in Native American Studies at SUNY Cobleskill.

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Tarbell will speak on "The Clash of Two Mohawk Wolf Clan War Captains.'

All are welcome. Free.

CCC of Faith breakfast at Zion

The Christian Community Church of Faith will hold a pancake breakfast Saturday, January 21, at the Zion St. John's Lutheran Church Hall, Mesick Avenue, Seward, 7:30-10am.

College Clips Justin **Davis**

Richmondville has been named to the dean's list at Clarkson University for the fall 2016 semester. He is a freshman in the Army ROTC program while studying civil and environmental engineering. He is a 2016graduate of Cobleskill-Richmondville High School.

Kara Estelle, a junior Health Sciences major from Stamford, was among approximately 900 **Bob Jones University students** named to the fall 2016 dean's

More than 1,200 students were named to the Fall 2016 dean's list at Hudson Valley Community College,

Local students include:

Parker Chase of Preston Hollow, studying heating/air Caricchio of Schoharie, studying physical education. **Darian** Kelly of Sloansville, studying Dylan Roemer of Summit, studying in the entrepreneurship program. Taylor Collins of Warnerville, who is studying in the non-matriculated academic program.

named to the Fall 2016 sciences. Damian Loucks of president's list at Hudson Valley Community College.

Local students include:

business-accounting. William Collins of Cobleskill, electrical construction and maintenance. **Keane Neal-Riquier** of Cobleskill, business administration. Rebekah Obenauer of Cobleskill, nursing. Paige **Roberts** of Cobleskill, physical Esperance, mechanical engi-



conditioning/refrigeration neering technology. Allyson technical services. Joshua Liddle of Esperance, physical education. Emily Erwin, Jefferson, individual studies. Chloe Snyder of Middleburgh, overhead electric line worker. liberal arts and sciences-humanities and social sciences. John Crescimanno of Preston Hollow. Wanda Lewis of Preston Hollow, digital marketing. Coryn Caricchio of Schoharie, liberal arts and sci-Nearly 1,900 students were ences—humanities and social Schoharie, civil engineering technology. Jack Gigandet of Schoharie, mechanical engi-Jenna Bisnett of Cobleskill, neering technology. Jeffrey Sweezey of Stamford, criminal justice.

Hudson Valley Community College student Keane Neal-Riquier of Cobleskill, was recently inducted into Phi Theta Kappa, the international academic honor society for twoeducation. Nathan Jones of year institutions of higher learn-

Help for cabin fever

Depot Lane Singers kick off practices

With the holiday season as they begin to practice for lections will contain a mix of the certs during the 2006, 2009, over and winter promising to their spring concerts. be around for a while, the Depot Lane Singers are offering interested singers the opportunity to escape "cabin fever'

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members.

Schoharie, they have participating membership from Albany, Montgomery, Otsego, Rensselaer, Schenectady and Schoharie counties. Rehearsals for the spring

concert programs will begin on Tuesday, January 17 and will be held at the Depot Lane The-atre building in Schoharie, beginning at 7:30pm.

The theme for the spring concert season is "For The Good Times," a concert of remembering and sharing. Se-

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familiar and unfamiliar, rememand 2012 seasons. The Depot Lane Singers are bering songs from past years A retired music teacher, Mr.

the singers. Although they are based in The Singers will present two

performances of the program. Concerts are scheduled for Friday, May 5 at the **Duanesburg Reformed Presby**terian Church, and Saturday, May 6 at Schoharie High School. Both concerts will begin at 7:30pm.

The Depot Lane Singers were founded by the late Frances Tripp, former Schoharie High School music teacher.

Ms. Tripp organized the Singers in September of 1979 after her retirement from active teaching.

Currently under the baton of Artistic Director/Conductor Mitch Haverly, the Singers are in their 38th concert season of music making.

The chorus will be accompanied by Rhea Dawn Owens from Middleburgh.

Guest artist Leonard Tobler will assist with percussion on several of the selections. Mr. Tobler is from Voorheesville and has been a frequent guest artist for the Depot Lane Singers, having appeared in con-

community chorus of 60-70 and a sharing of music new to Tobler is a graduate of SUNY Albany and SUNY Potsdam. He has performed as a per-

> cussionist with the Albany, Schenectady, Utica, and Catskill Symphony Orchestras, as well as the New York City Opera Orchestra at SPAC. In addition, Mr. Tobler has

> been a drummer/percussionist for area appearances by the Three Irish Tenors and Aretha Franklin. The Schoharie Colonial Heri-

> tage Association sponsors the Singers, and a portion of the proceeds from their programs are given to SCHA as part of their fundraising efforts.

> The Depot Lane Singers encourage anyone who enjoys singing to join the group.

Students who are in ninth grade or above are also invited to sing. Although there are no auditions and experience is not required, it should be noted that the chorus sings in harmonies that can include up to eight separate parts. Practice CD's are provided to assist singers in learning the music.

For more information, contact Mitch Haverly at 872-2682, via email mitchellh2@aol.com.

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Library News

Sharon

Are you bored on Friday afternoons? Come to the library for a movie and a snack, or just hang out with friends. A small selection of movie choices may be selected for "Friday Flicks," from 3-5pm with a small snack and beverage. Teen Game Day occurs during the same time period.

Story hour for babies through pre-school, with their caregiver, is scheduled for Mondays, from 9:30-10:30am. website Spend some time with other caregivers and give your little one socialization and play time with a fun story.

Each story is followed by an activity or free play. No registration required. Keep in mind, if school is delayed or closed due to weather story hour is cancelled. There will be no story hour on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, January 16.

Our next book discussion will be Friday, January 13, from 6-7pm at the Library. We will be discussing "The Hundred-Foot Journey," by Richard C. Morais. Copies for patrons check out, in regular print, large type and audio format are available.

After a break for the 2016 holiday season, start your New Year with yoga at the library. Yoga is every Friday from 7-8pm. Call library at 284-3126 in case of snow.

Middleburgh

January 16 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. The library will be closed to observe the holi-

January 17 - 1pm - Mahjong Mania. Every Tuesday after- at Home, 11am. Learn how to noon at 1pm, a spirited group of people get together in the Community Room to play ing sap. Whether you're inter-Mahjong. No registration required.

January 17 - 5:15pm - Insight Meditation. Join us for a simple Zazen meditation practice. All are welcome. No registration required.

January 17, 7pm, Book Dis-Daphne Du Maurier. "So the second Mrs. Maxim de Winter must be accompanied by a parremembered the chilling ent or other responsible adult. events that led her down the beeches, white and naked, to the isolated gray stone manse on the windswept Cornish more. All ages are welcome. coast. With a husband she clothes ready to be worn, her day. servant - the sinister Mrs. Danvers – still loyal. And as an eerie presentiment of evil tightened around her heart, the second Mrs. de Winter began her search for the real fate of Rebecca...for the secrets of Manderley.'

January 18, 1pm, Wednesday Matinee, free popcorn. "Sully" (PG-13) – On Thursday, January 15, 2009, the world Hudson" when Captain Chesley Sullenberger, nicknamed "Sully" glided his disabled plane onto the frigid waters of the Hudson River, saving the lives of all 155 aboard. However, even as Sully was being heralded by the public and the media for his unprecedented feat of aviation skill, an investigation was unfolding that threatened to destroy his reputation and his career.

January 18, 5pm, Kundalini Yoga. Kundalini Yoga involves repetitive movements with the breath, building strength, toning the nerves and clearing the adrenal glands. Wear comfortable clothing and bring two blankets or a mat and blanket. A \$5 donation is requested. Please use the back entrance when entering the building. No

registration required. Crafternoon Beaded Jewelry. Join us for another installment of our popular beaded jewelry class. Get your creativity flowing as you learn to create your own jewelry by stringing beads. Create a necklace, earrings or bracelet or all three. Children over the age of 10 are welcome with a parent. All materials will be provided. Refreshments will be served. Registration is required.

January 19, 7pm, Knitting Circle. Drop in anytime. No registration required.

January 21, 1pm, Cooking by the Vegan Book – "Appetite for Reduction." We pick the cookbook, you pick and make the recipe. The book club is free and open to the public. How the cookbook club works: Every month, a cookbook will be selected and will be at the cir-

culation desk for you to look at and we will print up the recipe of your choice. Sign up online or at the circulation desk; let us know what you're cooking so we don't have duplicates. Registration required.

Lost and Found - Are you looking for your eye glasses or case, water bottle, key, memory stick, scarf, children's change of clothing, check with us. We may have it.

For more information and added programs, see our www.middleburghlibrary.info.

Worcester

Please note the library's new hours: Tuesday and Saturday, 9am-2pm; Wednesday, noon-7pm; Thursday and Friday, noon-5pm.

With a New Year and new director, the library is taking a fresh look at story hour. There is a sign-up sheet at the library desk for those interested. Let us know what days and times work best.

Schoharie

The library will be closed on January 16 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Special programming

Tuesday, January 17: Make Your Own Journal/Photo Album, 3pm. Make your own journal or album with materials from the Studio for Arts and Crafts. Decorate it however you choose, and use it for photos, notes, or whatever catches your fancy. All ages are welcome. Materials are free.

Saturday, January 28: Sugaring Off: Making Maple Syrup make maple syrup on a small scale, from tapping trees to boilested in making syrup yourself, or just want to learn about the process, this is your chance to find out more. All ages welcome. **Regular programming**

Fridays: Storytime with Vanessa Repicky, 10am. Join us for stories, crafts, games, music cussion - "Rebecca" by and more every Friday at 10am. All ages are welcome; children

Tuesday, January 17: Game turning drive down past there Day, 10am-noon. Join us for games every third Tuesday. We have cards, board games and

Monday, January 23: Bridge barely knew, the young bride Club, 7pm. Join Bridge Club to arrived at this immense estate, play this fun card game, only to be inexorably drawn into whether for the first or 100th the life of the first Mrs. De Win-time. The Bridge Club welter, the beautiful Rebecca, dead comes new members of all ages but never forgotten...her suite and abilities. The club meets of rooms never touched, her every second and fourth Mon-

Monday, January 23: Minecraft Club, 6:30pm. If you'd like to learn more about this popular computer game, where you can explore worlds, build shelters and create tools; or want to meet some other Minecrafters, stop by the library. If you have your own iPad, tablet, laptop or other gaming device, please bring it. The club meets on second and witnessed the "Miracle on the fourth Mondays; all ages are welcome.

Cobleskill

Thursday, January 12, 11amnoon: Preschool Story Hour. Join Ms. Kaitlyn as she explores the wonderful world of books with your preschooler. Story hour will be full of reading, songs, rhymes and crafts. Story hour does not require registration, though it is helpful if you sign your child up. This story hour is geared for children ages

Thursday, January 12, 1-3pm: Board of Trustees. Members of the public are encouraged to attend our regular business meetings. Topics of discussion will include 2017 budget appropriations, policies concerning budget development and payroll corrections, holiday January 19, 11am, Adult observances, and progress with contracted architects.

Thursday, January 12, 6-7pm: Teen Writers Group. Teens, do you love to write and want to share your writings with others? This is the place for you. Every other Thursday come and share your work and do fun writing exercises to help you grow as a writer.

Friday, January 13, 3-4pm: Early Learning Story Hour. Join Ms. Kaitlyn in exploring the world of books and language at the Early Learning Story Hour. This story hour focuses on engaging young children in activities to guide and strengthen their language and literacy skills. Books, songs and rhymes will be part of each session. Story hour does not require registration, though it is helpful if you sign your child up. This story hour is geared for children ages 6 months – 3 years.

Saturday, January 10:30am-12:30pm: Second Saturday Cinema. A movie might be just what your family needs to unwind for the weekend. Join us and enjoy some of our snacks or bring your own. Featuring "The Secret Life of Pets." What do our pets do all day when we're not home? For the critters living in a Manhattan apartment building, the answer is: whatever they want. A terrier named Max regularly invites his friends to hang out at his place while his owner is gone, but his quiet life is upended when said owner also takes in Duke, a stray mutt whom Max instantly dislikes. Their feud eventually causes both of them to get lost in New York City, and as they work together to find their way home, they cross paths with a vicious bunny who plans to lead ninth annual SCRABBLE toura group of abandoned pets on a nament. mission of revenge against hu-

Tuesday, January 17, 10:30am-4pm: Navigator. Need help signing up for health insurance? Appointments available for seeing the Affordable Care Act Navigator. Navigators work one-on-one with you to get through the online applications and are taking applications at 810-0808 to set up your appointment today.

Tuesday, January 17, 4-5pm: Crafternoons. Come to the liwill be doing a new craft. All counties to take part. are welcome.

cises. All levels of writing expe- will determine winners. rience are encouraged to at-

Wednesday, January 18, 10- other \$100 prize. 10:30am: Head Start Story Hour. Story hour for children ages 3-5 and our guests from and songs to promote school readiness. No registration required.

Thursday, January 19, 11amnoon: Preschool Story Hour.

Thursday, January 19, 6-7pm: Mock Battle of the Books. Students in grade 6-8 can come to the library to practice in the first mock battle of the year. At this practice we will be reviewing the rules as well as strategies and techniques for success. Battle of the books teams are encouraged to participate, but not required.

Friday, January 20, 1-3pm: Chat n' Chew. A monthly adult reading group, which meets the first and third Friday of each month at 1pm. This is an eclectic group of readers who meet to discuss the wide variety of books they have recently read. Read what you wish and come talk about it.

Friday, January 20, 3-4pm: Early Learning Story Hour.

Saturday, January 21, 10:30am-12:30pm: Legos at the Library. Come and unwind while you play Legos at the li-

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Tiaras carefully in place, the SCRABBLE Rousers place tiles while competing in Literacy Volunteers' SCRABBLE tournament last March. Their team--Robin, Helen, and Christian Suits and Tracy Robbins--took second place in the contest to win \$100. This year's tournament will be March 18 at Radez School in

Can you spell it?

Literacy Vols seeks SCRABBLE teams

Spell high-scoring words to win cash:

That's the goal of teams competing in Literacy Volunteers'

Set for March 18 at Radez School in Richmondville, the tournament is also a major fundraiser for Literacy Volunteers, which teaches adults how to read.

On the day of the tournament, the focus is on fun as much as fundraising.

"We had 24 teams last year, nearly 100 people, and everythe Community Library. Call one had a good time," said Lisa Cardilli. "It's friendly, no-pressure competition.'

Ms. Cardilli is executive director of Literacy New York-brary and spend some Fulton, Montgomery and afterschool time creating a fun Schoharie Counties, and she's craft. Each Tuesday at $\stackrel{\smile}{4pm}$, we $\;$ expecting teams from all three

Those teams will be vying Tuesday, January 17, 6-8pm: for prize money. There will be Writer's Group. Come meet three SCRABBLE games, all with other authors and writers with different rules, and total for ideas, critiques and exer-points from the three games

The top team wins \$200, the tend. The group meets every $\,$ next three teams win \$100, and other Tuesday night from 6- so that everyone has a chance 8pm, please call for the next to win, one team will be drawn from the remainder to win an-

Teams can be two to four players. Although most teams have four players, there's no Head Start. Readings, rhymes disadvantage to having fewer.

"We've seen two-person

teams do very well," Ms. Cardilli said. "Two can score just as high as four." Also, she added, the first four

teams to register won't have to pay the entry fee of \$15 per per-

Most SCRABBLE rules don't apply for the games. Players use all tiles to create high-scoring words. You don't need to be a

SCRABBLE whiz to get in the

money," said Jim Poole, Literacy Volunteers' board presi-"With our rules, anyone can win." Teams can boost their

scores by buying extra letters or getting a peek in a dictionary to spell unusual words.

Players must be 16 years old. Last year, several teams of teenagers entered, and if there are enough this year, the tournament may have a separate bracket for youth teams, Ms. Cardilli said.

Cash goes to SCRABBLE winners, but everyone can also win prizes during trivia contests between games.

The tournament has also built a huge raffle over the years. The 2017 edition feature will an Amazon Kindle, deluxe SCRABBLE games, and gift cards to local businesses and restaurants.

Brian Dineen, who's emceed every tournament, will return again this year.

"Brian's the best--glib and

funny but dedicated to the tournament," said Mr. Poole. "He makes the day."

Justine's of Cobleskill will provide a free continental breakfast.

The doors will open at 8am

on the 18th, and the first game will start just before 9. The tournament ends with

an awards ceremony and is over by 11:30. To register a team, contact

Ms. Cardilli at 234-2576 or lvascho@verizon.net.

Last year's tournament raised a little more than \$12,000 for Literacy Volunteers, about 13 percent of the organization's Literacy Volunteers has

trained volunteer tutors who teach adults one-on-one in basic literacy skills. The service

Many students are striving to get a job, land a better job or earn their high school equivalency diploma.

Although the service is free to students, Literacy Volunteers has expenses. Costs include offices in Cobleskill, Canajoharie and Gloversville, a small staff and materials for tutors and stu-

"We started this tournament in 2009 as a major fundraiser," Ms. Cardilli said. "It still is just that, but it's also a lot of fun for



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Esperance

By Patty Gordon Fagan January 11 is Step in a Puddle and Splash Your Friend's Day; January 12 is Feast of Fabulous Wild Men Day and National Pharmacist Day; January 13 is Friday the 13th, International Skeptics Day and Make Your Dream Come True Day; January 14 is dress Up Your Pet Day; January 15 is National Hat Day; January 16 is Appreciate a Dragon Day, Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday and National Nothing Day; January 17 is Ditch New Year's Resolutions

National Pharmacist Day honors pharmacists and recognizes their important role in medical care.

A pharmacist must be knowledgeable of the chemistry of all

medicines. They can inform you of a drugs' side effects, and all aspects of prescription medicine.

Very importantly, they understand and recognize the interaction of drugs together.

We in Esperance are very fortunate to have the knowledgeable and helpful pharmacists at Hannaford. Happy birthday to Kathleen

Kistner Spaulding on January 11, James (Butch) Proper on January 13 and Juliet Ordon Hovak on January 17.

January 17, 1991 Desert Storm Air War begins.

Cemetery Esperance Association's Annual Meeting will be held on January 30 at 10am at Ken Jones home, 239 Feuz Terrace. All are welcome to attend

News from the Arboretum

If you have joined us for Second Sunday Snowshoe, you will be looking forward to the new season. If you haven't yet participated, we invite you to join us. If there is no snow, the event leaders will take participants on a winter hike, and everyone ends up back at the Farm House for hot cocoa and good conversation. Second Sunday Snowshoe dates this year are February 12, and March 12. Call 875-6935 or email info@landisarboretum.org for more information or to register. A charge.

Want to help Landis by granting a specific wish? Here are a few things on our wish list:

Trail cam(s) to capture the night life of Landis and provide a link on our website as well as to provide additional security as needed.

4x4 ATV in running condition for grounds / trail maintenance, as well as to serve as an emergency vehicle to get to people in need in the remote areas of our property, beyond golf cart reach.

Quality gardening tools for volunteers, such as assorted weeders, shovels, rakes.

Peony rings in assorted

Please contact the Arbore-875-6935 info@landisarboretum.org for specifics. As with all donations to the Arboretum, the monetary value of Wish List items is tax deductible.

News from Our Lady of **Fatima Church in Delanson**

Next Saturday is GIFT. Don't forget to mark your calendar and bring a dish to share at the potluck supper after the Vigil Mass. Have you ever thought about what Jesus was like as a child? How the "Holy Family" lived in Nazareth? We'll learn the answers to these questions and a lot more at the GIFT Gathering: Holy Mother, Holy Family. As always, it's free, and there's something for all ages.

At Our Lady of Fatima, we strive to make sure that the needs of our parishioners are met. If you have a scheduled surgery pending and would like the Sacrament of the Sick prior to it, please call the Parish Office and arrangements will be made with Friar Matt.

If you have either a family member who is sick or see a familiar face missing from our pews, again, please notify the

We have many trained pastoral care ministers who will meet their needs.

At the November meeting the Council made some changes in our bylaws. There are copies of the updated bylaws available on the rack in the rear of the Church. You are invited to attend the Council meetings. If you have an item that you would like to bring up during the open forum at the meeting, you are asked to submit it to the president of the Council, Pat VanSlyck, no later than the Friday before the scheduled meeting. Pat's email

bpvans@nycap.rr.com. The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will be on Monday, February 6. We begin in the church at 6:30pm

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with the Rosary; the meeting is a 7pm in the Parish Center.

There will be a spaghetti dinner to benefit the Esperance Bicentennial Celebration in 2018 in the Esperance Fire Hall, located on Church Street in Esperance on January 20, 5-8pm. Donations accepted at the

Our Christmas tree is still up and beautiful - which is the reason it is still up.

We cut our own trees each year with Jay and Deonna and Jensen at Van Buren Tree Farm in Carlisle.

Is now a tradition with taking their dog Dunkan and hopefully next year Timmy dog also, as a large area is fenced in.

I don't know if it was because this past year was a really dry one, but our tree drinks water by the quart. Fill it to the top and we have a very large tree holder, every other day.

We have this little gizmo that sings when the water level goes down to a certain point. I have gotten up sometimes early morning as it was singing away.

Ron thinks there is new growth on the branches. Now isn't that something.

When we take the tree down, it then goes outside with the popcorn and cranberries on it to feed the birds. You have to make the season last as long as you can, right?

We had a wonderful Christmas with Jay, Deonna, Dunkan and Timmy Dog. Jensen was in Tennessee with friends, so we skyped with her that afternoon.

Esperance Elks Lodge 2507 will be serving up chicken and biscuits on Saturday, January 14, 5-7pm. Take out is available. There will be a 50/50 and gift basket raffles. This is a major project fundraiser for the Elks.

Received a call this weekend from Frank Larkin who wanted to know why I didn't put in the city where Blue Spring State Park was located. So Frank, who lived near there for four years, here it is and thank you for the call. Orange City, Florida. A beautiful park for

A very sad note to end on this week. Peggy Yuille Krylowicz, Esperance girl who went to school at the Esperance School with so many of us, passed away on Friday. Sympathy to her children and friends, she will be missed by all.

News? Please send to paf11@juno.com.

Worcester

St. Joseph's Parish For those that have bulletin announcements and Mass intentions, please place a note in the collection basket or call the Rectory Wednesday or Thursday between 6-8pm. Submit announcements to the Rectory

By Marilyn Dufresne

Lorraine's office hours are Wednesday and Thursday, 6-

by Thursday evening for ap-

Faith Formation classes are held on Sunday at 9am with Patrick and Chris Hanus. Call 638-5550 for more information. No classes on February 19, and

Adoration is celebrated after Wednesday 9am Mass. No Mass on Friday, January 13-Friday, January 27.

Terry Hait is music director and Richard Gruber is the gui-

Tax Collection

Jo-Ann Beverland, collector of taxes for the town, has received the tax roll and warrant for the year 2017. Taxes can be paid at the Town Clerk's Office at 115 Main Street or by mail, PO Box 115; on Tuesday and Thursday, 9am-1pm, and on Thursday, 4-6pm. In January, additional hours will be held on Mondays, 9am-1pm. If paid before January 31, there will be no added interest.

Worcester Central news

Sweethearts and Heroes parents presentation will take place on Thursday, January 17, from 5-7:30pm. A spaghetti dinner will be held in the cafenasium from 5-6pm, sponsored by WCS. RSVP is required. Babysitting will be

Following the meal, those resent will share a message on bullying, conflict and strategies for being successful at whatever it is you are aspiring to accomplish. A message has proven to be contagious and an addictive message will result in kindness and character education. The impact of bullying has an affect on all of our schools, neighborhoods and individuals. **Worcester Free Library**

Come in and meet the new library director and be greeted by a soft spoken man (he has laryngitis at present), with a big smile. His name is Chris Curch and he has lived in the South Hill area for about three years. I asked if his name was really Christopher; he said yes, but his Mother is the only one who calls him that.

The amazing part about his home is that he built about 65 percent of it with his own hands He likes the area he said, because it is quiet and beautiful.

Chris has a master's degree a background in non-profits ter Central School nurse for and college teaching. In his spare time he enjoys reading detective novels and science

It is already exciting for him to be part of the local library. While on the second floor storage area recently, he pickedup one of the older books and inside it read, donated in 1922. This gives him a feeling of having a connection to the organization and community.

Good Luck to Chris; may he enjoy his work and make many

friends while at the library. Chris Curch replaces Melinda Supp, who recently resigned.

New hours, at the Worcester Free Library include: Tuesday, 9am-2pm; Wednesday, noon-7pm; Thursday, noon-5pm; Friday, noon-5pm; and Saturday 9am- 2pm.

The next Trustees Board meeting is set for January 12, at 6:30pm. All meetings are open to the public.

Apple pie

This time of year it is mouthwatering to think of using the apples you picked last fall for a hot apple pie served with cheese. Use the apples before they get soft and spoil unless you are lucky enough to have some Northern Spies stacked away in the attic or cold cellar. They last for months. Over 100 years ago housewives were very frugal and saved every last bit of the apple in many ways including drying. My mother very often recited this old verse to me about dried apples.

"Abhor, detest, despise, abominate dried apple pies. The farmer takes his nearliest fruit "tis wormy and bitter and hard to boot. Then on some dirty string it's strung and from some chamber window flung. There it serves a nest for flies until it's ready to make pies; so you may tread on my corns and tell me lies but please don't pass me dried apple pies.' Rock Funeral

A celebration of the life of Doris Rock was held at the Heller and Skinner Funeral Home on Saturday with the Rev. Daniel Martin officiating. Doris Rock, 79, formerly of Worcester passed away in Meadowbrook, Pennsylvania, on December 30. Doris was born on July 13, 1937 to George and Beatrice (Wilsey) Rock in town. She married Paul Gasbara in 1958 and is survived by their three children, Houghtaling, Paula Horsham, Pennsylvania, Dr. Mark Gasbara of Sandy Spring, Maryland and Steven Gasbara and wife Valarie of Collegeville, Pennsylvania; eight grandchildren; two great-granddaughters; and a brother, Arnold Rock of Worcester.

Several area nurses that had once worked with Doris in a hospital were present and each given a white rose in the memory of Doris as a nurse. When her brother Arnold spoke he reminisced about her time on the farm, in school and as a nurse, which he said because of her late aunt, Erva from SUNY Polytechnic, with Rock, who served as Worcesmany years: Doris chose the health field.

Donations in her memory may be made to Easter Seals, Southeastern, PA., 3975 Conshohockern Ave., Philadelphia, PA. 19131-5484. **Organizational meeting**

The Town Board held their organizational meeting last Monday at the Town Building, 29 Katie Lane. Supervisor Don

Lindberg called the meeting to order and then councilmen made the following resolutions:

The Town Board re-appointed Marvin D. Parshall of Parshall & West the Town Attorney for the year 2017; Jo-Ann Beverland was re-appointed as assessor clerk at a salary of \$1,500 to be paid quarterly; the Town Board reaffirms the investment policy adopted in 1996 with the following depositories- Citizen's Bank, Bank of Richmondville and Community Bank; Don Lindberg was reappointed as Budget Officer for the year 2017; the "Daily Star" was appointed as the town's legal newspaper and the "Times-Journal" of Cobleskill as a second legal newspaper when wider circulation may be desired; Kathleen McTaggart was re-appointed as the Crossing Guard at Worcester Central School; and Gwendolyn Manson as Deputy Crossing Guard. The list will continue for next week

Weather

Daughter Nickodemus said Virginia Beach has about seven inches of sleet and snow as of Sunday evening. The area doesn't have plows and sand trucks; therefore everything is at a standstill. Secondary roads are closed, she said, and added that schools, businesses and military bases are closed until Tuesdav.

This and that

Best wishes to Dennis Dedek in his next venture as he retires from The Center, which after January 9 Reinhardt Home Heating of West Oneonta will take over the business.

Norton Hardware plans to open on Tuesday through Saturday from 8:30am-2:30pm in a going-out-of-business sale.

Wednesday started out sunny and by afternoon off and on snowstorms left the roads and sidewalks slippery.

At the United Methodist the Pennies on a Mission," collected by the children were donated to the Community Christmas Baskets. The Youth of the church hope to find a good snowy afternoon in January to travel to Glimmerglass Park, Cooperstown, for snow

Shop at The Storehouse for your winter clothing needs. They have a drop box for mildly used clothes, shoes and linens located at The Center.

As you enjoy the town's holiday lights remember to keep the spirit of Michael Turner alive. He was able to get the lights for the town when he was working in Oneonta.

Remember to give to the local food pantry this time of year. They always need plastic bags.

A recent obituary for Michael Newell of Hartwick, reminds me that he once taught English at WCS in the 1980s. His stepdaughter Trish is married to Big Chuck D'Imperio. Sympathy to the family.

Have a good week folks, and thanks for reading. Send your news to cdufresne@stny. rr.com.

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Sharon Springs

By Cindy Oppici I hope everyone had a great

week. I know I am so done with winter; thinking this would be a great year to have an early spring.

After the last few winters we had it is hard to remember getting this much snow all the time.

Of course I did see we are supposed to get a warm-up midweek. Hoping.

Also, be sure to keep your

pets warm and inside during

I lost a good friend last week, Stuart Devenpeck - you will be greatly missed. Those of you who knew him will remember what a fun and generous per-

all this cold weather.

son he was. Let me know if you have any

news you would like me to print. Have a good week and my number is 657-1478.

Happy birthday for the week of January 12-18: Garrett Paige, Theresa Farrell, Edwin Larkin, Debbie Bianchine - 12th: Pauline Brown, LaVerne Bolster, Tom Jozifek, Robert Bannister - 13th; Dylan Cousineau, Stephen Schilde - 14th; Katelyn Tammy Storey, Kelly Murray, Patricia Knee, Nellie Slinkosky, Shelly MacFadden - 15th; Robin VanPatten, Christopher Bartlett, Ashleen Denise Mabee -16th; Bryon Cousineau, Jackie Costello, Amanda Baxter, Shannon Almy, Sandy DiNicola - 17th; Glenn Hayton - 18th.

Happy anniversary to Bill and Tanya Smith on January

15; Ernest and Vanessa Parsons and Tony and Patti Desmond on January 18.

Congratulations to the students who will be inducted into the National Honor Society on Thursday, January 12. This is a big honor and took lots of hard work to achieve, so be proud.

With the cold and snow please make sure to prepare your student for outside recess with the necessary clothes.

To all Sharon Springs Residents: a reminder that the food pantry is available at the Methodist Church by appointment. Call 284-2687 for information and an appointment. They will get back to you. Please do not go hungry.

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Summit

By Karen Cuccinello Well we are really feeding the wood stove now. I think the lowest temperature I saw was 1 degree. My ideal winter would be about 30 degrees and two to three feet of snow in one shot.

I saw a red fox along route 7 by Worcester the other day. It was about to run across the road in front of me but luckily it stopped. I have not seen a red fox up that close in a long time.

The ice must be thick enough for ice fishing because I have seen a few out there

B&B Roller Skating Rink winners of first Race of 2017, Ladies: Eleesia Comino, Kat Hulbert, Delana Baldwin-Rhodes. Lt. Guys: Steven Buck, Ean Comino, Brodie Merwin. Men: Emmett Tracy, Mike Todtschinder. Backwards: Eleesia Comino, Emmett Tracy, Brodie Merwin. Sideways: Emmett Tracy, Eleesia Comino. Winner of Limbo: Bryin Cuccinello. Winner of Red Cup Game: Eleesia

Winner of Dice Game: Hailey Kwasniak. Pizza Box Race: Comino, Brodie Merwin, Emmett Tracy.

Races at B&B Roller Rink week of January 6. Friday Ladies: Kat Hulbert, Zoey Powell. Lt. Guys: Brodie Merwin. Men: Scott Fitzgerald, Ronnie

Central Bridge

Stadman, Bryin Cuccinello. Backwards: Scott Fitzgerald, Celeste Fitzgerald, Brodie Merwin.

Sideways: Josh Wright, Celeste Fitzgerald, Bryin Cuccinello. Saturday Ladies: Emory Comino, Eleesia Comino, Kat Hulbert. Men: Scott Fitzgerald, Zack Wright,

Cody Becker. Backwards: Josh Wright, Celeste Becker, Fitzgerald. Sideways: Eleesia Comino, Cody Becker.

January 15- Charlotteville Fire Department pancake breakfast 8-11am, at the firehouse. All you can eat breakfast served buffet style.

January 15- Hilltop Chorale Winter Concert at West Fulton Methodist Church, 2pm. All welcome. For information call Carl Clapper at 827-4798.

January 17- JCS Board of Education meeting, 6pm.

January 17 - Summit Seniors meet at noon at the firehouse. Bring a dish to pass.

January 18 - Summit Mountain Day committee meeting, 7pm at the town hall. Please bring items for the silent auction.

January 18 - "Stamford Train-Beginning to End" 1872-1976 - Slide Show and Discussion, 1-2pm at the Stamford Village Library. Presented by yours truly.

January 19- Summit Town Board meeting, 7pm.

January 20- Schoharie County Regular Board meet-

January 21- Silent auction to benefit Summit Mountain Day at the Summit Conservation Club, noon-6pm. Summit Mountain Day will be held July 1.

January 21 & 22- Summit Conservation Club stuffed pizza, noon-7pm on Saturday and noon-4pm on Sunday.

January 25- Schoharie County Historical Society Book Club meeting; for information contact Kathy Slater at 868-

January 25- Best House Committee meeting, 6pm at the Dr. Best House

January 28- Rabies Clinic at Richmondville Rescue Squad building 1-3pm; for information call the Schoharie County Department of Health, 295-8382

February 5- Breakfast at the Summit Conservation Club, 8am-noon. February 25- Catskill Hos-

pice Poker Run at Summit Conservation Club; information to follow. Snowfall totals for February 14, 2007 snowstorm- Summit

36", Fulton 34". Jefferson 32" and Richmondville 31".

December 4, 1919 Cobleskill Times - Summit is still holding

its own in the competition of places for freak weather, not to speak of scenic beauty. No pen could describe, no camera catch a tenth of the artistic glory and grandeur Nature revealed the morning after the last greatest of ice-storms. The magnificent maples fronting the homes of Winhold, Brown, Gallup and Havens on Main Street were bowed to the ground beneath the weight of icy tears so thick the coating that the material of the trees were but dimly visible through the semi-transparent frozen lace work, but there was also havoc worked by the storm. The top of one of the Brown maples was broken and fell across the roadway impeding traffic for a time, also a portion of the tops of one of the maples in front of Roselawn was broken, falling across the telephone wires. Two trees fell across the roadway beyond the creamery, and a tree near the house of J.E. Wharton was blown over on the kitchen roof. The icy coating felled many phone wires and lasted fully two days before the linemen could repair the breaks or reset poles. Sunday the temperature was of a fine autumn day. Sunday

night the thermometer fell

about thirty-five degrees and

"Central Bridge news" to

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real winter now prevails.

Warnerville

By Fran Sossei The Holidays are over and winter is in full swing. January 1 was the celebration of Epithany Sunday. Thank you for planning our Epithany Sunday service and to Steve Garreau for reading the mes-

Nancy asked us to think about New Year's resolutions with a spiritual perspective rather then the same old resolutions that we usually break before the week is out. This would perhaps change our lives and the lives of others.

We welcomed Pastor Anna and her family back from their family/holiday vacation. Hopefully, it won't take long to recover from the colds they caught while they were away.

Warnerville UMC is now focusing on one food item and one personal care item to donate to the Food Pantry each month. Our items this month

are dish soap (any brand) 12/ 18 ounces and boxes of mac and cheese. Please don't forget our change collection to add to

our food pantry donations. Just a reminder, that January 18 at 6:30pm is our Executive Board Meeting. We will be focusing on plans to rehab our church hall and stage area. This is an exciting project for Warnerville. If you have some extra time to volunteer, contact

me at 234-7688. January 24, Richmondville United Methodist Church will be hosting our monthly Focus Group meeting at 11am.

Our prayers and condolences to the family of Barbara

Best wishes for continued recovery to Judy Boughal.

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By Janice Wilkens the sanctuary for blankets,

Birthdays

Best wishes and many happy returns to all celebrating anniversaries this week. Happy 6th wedding anniversary to our daughter Christin and her husband Matthew Bianco on Janu-

Happy birthday to Shelly Williams on January 15, Mark VanDerwerken on January 16, Diane Bertok and Ralph Liddle

on January 17. **United Methodist Church**

Please note: Worship service is every Sunday at 10am. Services will be led by our Lay Servants, Richard and Maxine Christman and Caye Perrotti until someone is appointed by the United Methodist Confer-

At this time, other regular monthly events will continue -Holy communion on the first Sunday, fellowship hour following worship on the second Sunday, and a coffee house type of service in the church hall on any fifth Sunday in a month,

i.e., January 29. Café Bridge is held on the third Friday of each month from 6:30-9:30pm in the church hall. The next date is January 20. Many local musicians participate in this monthly event. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome to come and play an instrument, sing, or just enjoy the music.

For more information, please contact Roger Shafer at 868-2589 or Dee Meese at 295-7770.

The UMW holds no regular meeting in January. However, again this year, Lynn Minderman, a local missionary, will be collecting items for the **Qholaqhoe Mountain Connec**tion in Lesotho, South Africa. This mission project is supported by the UMW.

A suitcase is in the back of

hats, school supplies, including pencils, rulers and solar calculators. In the past they have accepted seeds, but the lack of rain in their country has not supported the growth of produce for the last few years. **Bethany Lutheran Church**

Wednesday, January 11, Ladies Auxiliary meeting at

January 15, fellowship half hour at 9:30am, worship at 10am with Pastor Steffen Zehrfuhs. Sacrament of Holy Communion, intinction. Serving as acolyte will be Rebecca Ludewig, ushers will be Fred LaTulipe and Christina Palmer. Coin jar collections will be donated to the Animal Shelter of Schoharie Valley. Annual Congregational meeting.

Yoga, Tuesdays 2:15-3:15pm,

5:15-6:15pm and 6:15-7:15pm. Wednesday, January 18, worship service at 2pm with Sacrament of Holy Communion,

Keep up with all that is going on at Bethany via the website: lutheransonline.com/

blc4 Don't forget to add your discarded or extra clothing, sheets, blankets, bedspreads, towels, draperies, curtains, material, stuffed toys, hats and scarves to the large, blue metal

collection box which is in the back of the church parking lot. The box is emptied twice a month and the items are sorted and distributed around the USA and the world for folks in need.

Alcoholics Anonymous, Sundays 7pm at Bethany.

Looking ahead - January 22, Sunday school, install Church Council officers and new members. January 29 prayer shawl blessing.

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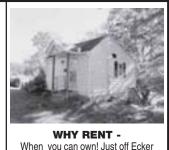
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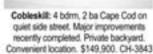
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Broome

By Ruth Yung

You know folks, us older folk feel this cold a lot more now than when we all were younger. When that wind blows and it is near zero it really goes through us.

Of course, I guess I never was one to like the outside cold. Even as a kid as I recall my mom trying to get me to go outside and play. She always called me a hot house plant.

I'll bet there are a lot of you folk who feel the same.

The other day I went down after the mail without my flannel lined jeans and it sure brought back the memories of going to work with just the white uniforms. That was before we could wear even the white uniform slacks. Mercy they were cold.

The wind wasn't too bad when we started out for church, Patti and Manley Haight, George Chichester and myself. When we came out from church the wind was stronger, and one sure felt the

But then the weather forecasters said the wind would come up, as far as me, they didn't have to be right.

I and a few other folk I have conversed with are ready for winter to end. We have had enough of winter. Plus, of course, all the fruit trees have had enough of the below freezing weather to give them the nice fruit we all look for. Now to just not get late frosts in the

Did you folk get to go down or over to Stewart's grand opening this past Saturday? I didn't bother going as we had doctor's appointments every day this week, and I as well as Tony get so tired.

Friday was a trip to Fox Care for Tony's check up for the small cell lung cancer he had and was killed by the radiation treatments. Doctor says he is doing good and there is no sign of the cancer returning at this

We had a short luncheon after church Sunday for Pastor Jason's birthday. Horizon Christian Fellowship is growing and we have more folks coming and joining our services. It is always nice to take a few extra minutes and socialize with one another.

Birthdays for the 4-17th should get everyone caught up. Starting on the 4th is Gloria Gebhard, 5th is Lois Davis, 6th Pastor Jason, 7th is Jason Yung and Ann Batz, 9th is Billy McCann, and John Vassak, 11th is Jason Roe I. 13th is Vernon Picket, Joseph Steen, Ike McCollum, 14th is Joshua Luce, 15th is Michael Bernard, Sr., and Sandra Roe, and 17th is Bryant Jump.

Anniversaries for this month all seem to be in the early part of the month. Starting with the 10th is Bill and Celia Kossow, then the 9th is Howard and Helen Dimmick, 10th is Pete and Debbie MacMillan, then we have the 16th for Jerry and Pauline Fitzpatrick.

As I just looked out the window at 4pm, it is snowing like crazy. If we keep getting this kind of snowfall, morning should be interesting.

Meetings for the Town of Broome this month are Town Board at 7pm in the Broome Town Hall, and the Planning Board is the 23rd at 7pm, also in the Broome Town Hall. Remember you can always voice your views, ask questions and

As I look around this house and see all that has to be moved later on in the year, I am amazed at all the stuff I haven't used in years.

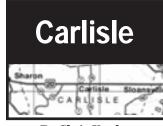
Of course I don't do the baking like I used to, so there is quite a lot of baking stuff in the pantry, jars of canned goods, and of course I have a whole cupboard by the stove that is just full of spices used in making the different dishes I always made.

I'm trying to figure out how and where to give them away. I know I have Ceylon cinnamon and crystallized ginger in my upright freezer.

Then there is all the outdoor stuff I used when gardening and taking care of the lily beds. Not to forget the gooseberries and currants.

I have more black than red currents and have some jostaberries plants in that should start producing soon.

They take longer than the



By Chris Keefer

There was no shortage of good bird sightings this past week in and around town.

Just driving to and from work resulted in a nice list of winter birds. I spotted a big dark phase rough-legged hawk maneuvering in the wind over a field at the corner of Sagendorf Corners Road and Caverns Road.

After that, two American kestrels were seen perched on wires on Lake Road and on Grovenors Corners Road. I got very close to a small group of horned larks on Kennedy Road as they picked through recently spread manure.

Using the car as a blind, I was able to get close enough to see their detailed yellow and black facial markings. The larks were accompanied by a larger flock of snow buntings. Buntings are restless birds that launch, swirl, land, and launch

They can be found in large windy fields this time of year. My list for the week also included wild turkeys, red-tailed nawk, Cooper's nawk, nortnern cardinal, pileated woodpecker, northern (yellowshafted) flicker and eastern bluebirds. Carlisle features a diversity of habitats that supports a great variety of birds, even in the winter.

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South Valley

By Carol Brodie

Thought for the week: "Life is sometimes made of the small moments of contentment you find in the quiet corners of your

Bird watchers: Remember to mark your calendars for this vear's Great Backvard Bird Count which takes place February 17-20.

If you enjoy watching the birds, this is a fun event and easy to do. It just takes about 15 minutes each of those four days to keep track of the birds you see. Then go online and record your sightings on the GBBC website, BirdCount.org. You can also record your bird sightings every day throughout the year on the ebird website. Birthdays and anniversaries

Birthday wishes go out this week to Karis Brodie who will be 11 years old, Lindsay Ann Mickle who turns eight, Nancy Rackmyer, Mary Stannard, Dann West, Pastor Alan Miller, Hilary Lusk, and Jonathan Harvey.

Anniversary wishes go to Charlie and Nan Christman and Roy and Kim Buzzutto who celebrate their 15th. Card shower

Donald Drake, of Roseboom, is currently in the Kingsway Arms, in Schenectady, for rehab. I talked to his wife, Sue, a couple of weeks ago and she wasn't sure how long he will have to be there, but they want to get him so he is walking good on his own before he comes home. He has been there since

I'm sure he would enjoy some cheery cards of encouragement during this time. Sue asked that you send the cards to their home address and she will take them to him as she travels down to see him each day. Address cards to: Donald Drake, 105 John Deere Road, Cherry Valley, New York 13320. **Christmas and New Years**

Denny and Joanie Hoke and son. Lonnie. of Pleasant Brook. entertained at a family Christmas Eve party at their home on December 24. Guests were Kris and Connie Capece and family, Tom and Laurie Laymon and family, of Middlefield Center, Steve and Sharon Rathbun, and Denny and Savanna Hoke and children, all of Springfield. On Christmas Day, Denny

and Joanie Hoke enjoyed dinner at the Travers Diner in Gloversville

Ray and Sandy Sutton, of Decatur, and Jordan Mabie, of Roseboom, were New Year's Eve guests of Leland "Zeke" and Pat Mabie. They enjoyed refreshments and finger foods.

My niece, Jekara, and her husband, Matt Baran, of Moravia, came to visit Dad, Frank, and me on Monday, January 2. Jekara brought a crockpot of homemade stew and a couple loaves of her delicious homemade white bread for lunch, and I made fudge brownies for dessert. We had an enjoyable afternoon as we visited and reminisced.

Bits and pieces

Chad Gray stopped in on Monday evening, December 26, and enjoyed a nice visit with my brother Frank as they shared their hunting tales.

The guys who breakfast together at 6am at the Coyote Cafe, in Cherry Valley, got together at each others houses during the week over Christmas when the cafe was closed. Frank hosted the breakfast at our house on Friday, December

There were no major coffee pot issues like last year. (Smile.) Along with their coffee, they enjoyed some pumpkin-coconut bread and an applesauce cake which I'd made.

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Johnson, John Snyder, Bill Armitstead, and Bill Garretson were all here.

Charley and Joanne Brodie visited daughter Jaime Brodie, David Cool, and Lexi, in Little Falls, on Saturday afternoon, December 31, as they took Christmas gifts to them.

Pat Mabie and sister Sandy Sutton, of Decatur, surprised their sister, Betty Miller, of Hartwick, on Tuesday, January 3, when they arrived for a visit and brought her a birthday cake. Betty's daughter, Rosemary Ware, also stopped in as they all celebrated Betty's birthday together. Pat said they had an enjoyable after noon visiting and reminiscing about their growing up years.

My brother, Frank, attended the Otsego County Farm Bureau monthly board meeting at the Cooperative Extension, in Cooperstown, on Tuesday night, January 3. Also attending from the area were office manager Sue Schaffer and Julie Stannard.

Charley and Joanne Brodie attended grandson Jerred Brodie's Laurens junior varsity basketball game in Oxford on Tuesday night, January 3.

Charley said Jerred's team lost by two points.

Then on Friday night, January 6, they attended Jerred's game in Laurens as they played against Edmeston, this time with Laurens winning the

The Laurens varsity team also won their game that night.

Charley and Joanne attended granddaughter Jaidon Brodie's basketball game at Clark's Gym, in Cooperstown, on Saturday morning, January

Charley said Jaidon scored ten points and her team won, with the final score being 22 to

Coming events

The Cooperstown Area Christian Women's Club luncheon will be held at the Tally Ho, in Richfield Springs, on Monday, January 16. Lunch will be at 11:30am with the program to follow at noon. Gentlemen are invited and welcome to attend this luncheon. The special feature will be Paul and Susie Greer of Blue Merle Apiaries, of Hartwick. The guest speaker will be Patricia Wood whose topic will be "Free from Unforgiveness." Music will be provided by Monica Peters.

For reservations, call Nancy at (607)264-3402 or Cindy at (315)691-3706.Times past

The following paragraph is what I wrote for this column ten

years ago. It's quite a contrast from the current weather we are having right now, because as I write this column on Sunday

evening, January 8, 2017, we had 5 degrees in the morning and our high for the day was 13 degrees. We had light flurries off and on during the day, and then late afternoon, some really heavy snow coming down. The wind out there on Sunday was also atrocious.

January 10, 2007: "I trust you all had a very Happy New Year. This is sure some weather we are having, isn't it? Certainly nothing like our usual December and January weather each year. We experienced outdoor temperatures in the 50's during the first week of the New Year. And as I write this column on Saturday, January 6, the temperature at our place is 59 degrees. A couple others around the area had as high as 62 degrees. I'm quite sure this weather will not last all winter though. Sooner or later, we are bound to get hit with a good old snowstorm. I must say though, it's been rather nice

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boots on to go outdoors.

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not to have to constantly put glad to mention any birthdays, anniversaries, or special events. You can reach me at (607)264carolbrodie@hotmail.com.

Gilboa

By Dorothy Pickett Here it is another Sunday. It very cold and windy outside.

Yesterday I worked out in the cold going back and forth putting away case after case of Christmas decorations.

I got everything done and locked up the storage area. When I got back in the house don't you know it I forgot the huge wreath hanging on the dining room wall.

That means another trip to he storage area tomorrow.

It is hard to believe Christmas has come and gone. The old saying is, "The older you get, the faster the time goes." That has to be true for every-

Winter cannot go fast enough for some. My sister Barbara lives in New Jersey and she tells me there is about five inches of snow on the ground there. We are lucky so far as we just have a dusting. From watching the news, it looks like it hit down south pretty hard. Here in upstate New York we have the equipment to take quick care of the roads. It is a different story in the southern states.

We were so glad to hear Karen Karlsen is at home recouping from a fall a few weeks ago resulting in a broken leg in three places. Also Norma a Coney is doing much better since her surgery.

Now if these ladies would just take it easy and obey the doctors orders, we know they will be back on their feet in no time. Get well wishes to both

Barbara and Manfred Deimold have been enjoying the company of Barbara's aunt Anne from Connecticut this past week. She came home with them after Barbara and Manfred spent a couple of days with their son and family. Anne says it is really beautiful here and likes it a lot. She and Barbara attended

the Gilboa Church ladies' luncheon at Vasta's and this past Sunday they went to the movie at Lansing Manor.

With thanks to the Mountain Top Seniors from Conesville and Gilboa, Muriel Kilmer and I sold 26 Schoharie County Senior Council Cookbooks. I believe it was the most of any of the clubs in the county.

recipes from Senior citizens.

Cookbooks are still available. If you would like to purchase one, you can stop in at the Everything Shoppe in Cobleskill. Allison Laubsh will be glad assist you. They make a great gift. Not only that, it helps to support the council to do more helpful things for the seniors of Schoharie County.

On Friday evening, Vern and I attended the Installation of Assemblyman Peter D. Lopez from the 102nd Assembly district at the County Courthouse in Schoharie.

The room was filled with relatives, friends, Eagle Scouts, and others for the occasion.

The Honorable Judge George R. Bartlett, III led the installation. Peter then gave a message. With the retiring of the colors, everyone drove to Justine's for a very nice reception. Congratulations Peter.

The Organizational meeting of the Town of Gilboa was held last Wednesday evening. The business meeting included newly appointed Highway Superintendent John Wyckoff. John gave an exceptional re-

port. He has been a busy man between having the men sand and plow and learning this new position. The new digital sign is up

and running. Congratulations and a picture of outgoing Superintendent Lester Parker is displayed on the sign for all to see. Lester is wished the best. All the business that came before the board was com-

pleted and the meeting was adjourned. I am always looking for news from our area. If you would like

be included in sending news for the Gilboa column you can e-mail me pickee@midtel.net. **Birthday greetings**

January 14, my hubby Vern Pickett, Gary Koerner; January 17, Heidi Pickett and Michael O'Hara. Have a great

Happy anniversary January 10, Pete and Debbie

McMillan. **Upcoming events**

January 19, Mountaintop Seniors meeting at the Conesville Firehouse, noon.

Saturday, January 28, Snow Fest at Lansing Manor, 10am. Gilboa Methodist Church ladies will be selling food and

Richmondville

By Rebecca Bilby Richmondville United Methodist Church

Pastor Jeff Smith, as of December 31, is now just the pastor of Richmondville United Methodist Church. He gave up serving Central Bridge after a year and a half.

Life had become quite busy serving two churches as he had done for about the last 10 vears.

A lot of soul searching took place, but Pastor Jeff decided, along with his wife, that they wanted to be able to do things that they had been putting on the back burner. Now by serving just his

hometown church, maybe these things will come to be. Thursday, January 5, our

Ecumenical Bible Study resumed with a covered dish Epiphany Luncheon at UMC. Pastor Jeff lead the Bible Study and will continue to from now on, as Pastor Ken Dingman has retired and moved to Florida. His last service was Christmas Day. All of us wish him and his wife a very happy New Year.

Thursday, January 12 we will not have Bible Study since Pastor Smith and Allyce are taking a parishioner to a doctor's appointment in Cooperstown. We will continue on Thurs-

day, January 19, with our new study 'God Loves Us.' We will

be meeting at St. Paul's Lutheran at 10:30am. This year, the church family

will be bringing in different

items each month to be used

later to fill the Red Bird Shoe Boxes For the month of January, bring in regular sized, flat

bottles of shampoo. Throughout the year we are also going to collect items for health kits, and cleaning buckets to be handed in at Confer-

We wish happy and safe travels to Yvonne Brooker and Bill as they will be leaving to spend the winter months in Florida. The same goes to Noreen Bergen and Charlie who left last Wednesday for Florida to spend the winter.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church St. Paul's will gather Sunday

January 15 beginning at 11am for a service of the word. All are invited. The Church office is open

Monday-Thursday, 9am-1pm. To reach the office call 294-6656. The mitten rack has been

taken down for this year. Fortyeight items were collected. Thank you to all who contributed. The mittens and hats will be going to a local school.

Anyone with Richmondville news can contact Rebecca Bilby at rabilby4@yahoo.com.

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NOTICE the undersigned, hereby give notice that I have received the tax roll and warrant for the collection of taxes in and for Town Jefferson, Schoharie County, New York for the year 2017 and that I will receive taxes at Jefferson Town Hall in said Town on 677 N. Harpersfield Road, Jefferson, NY 12093. Tues, Ťhurs and Friday, 9am-2pm (Closed Mondays) 9am-3pm, Wed Saturday 9am-noon. Taxes may received without interest by the collecting officer on or before the thirty first day of January or thirty days following the collecting officer's receipt of the tax roll warrant, and whichever is later. On all taxes received after such day, there shall be added interest of 1.00 per centum for the month of February or fraction thereof and an additional 1.00 per centum for each month or fraction thereof until such taxes are paid or until the return of unpaid taxes to the County Treasurer on June 1st after which a fee of 5% is added plus 12.00 per centum per annum from February 1st pursuant to law. Tax rates per \$1,000 of assessed valuation

are as follows: County 16.232517 Wide Tax 3.408717 Highway Town Wide 6.245749 134 Stamford

Fire Dist 2.089199 136 Jefferson Fire Dist 2.945049 136 Jefferson Light Dist 0.586748 Dated: December 28, 2016 Signed: Leah

Blumberg 2Jan11c5

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 206 of the New York Limited Liability Company Law that Articles of Organization of STUCCO HOUSE APTS. LLC with its located Schoharie County, were file with the Secretary of State on July 29, 2016. The Secretary of State is designated as agent Limited Company Liability upon whom process against it may be served. The Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against against the Liability Limited Company served upon him/her to the company at 203 APT. CHURCH STREET, HOWES CAVE, NY 12092. The purpose of the business is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which a limited liability company may be formed. 6Jan25c5

FUEL OIL BIDS The Jefferson Town Board is accepting sealed bids for the supply of Heating Gasoline, Fuel. Fuel and Diesel Diesel Fuel/Kerosene (winter) for the year 2017. Please submit a fixed price per gallon and a fluctuating price per gallon. Approximate gallons 17,000. Sealed bids are to be in the Town Clerk's office by 1pm on Thursday, January 12, 2017. (607) 652-7931.

Bids will be opened at the Regular Board Meeting on January 12, 2017 at 7pm. The Town reserves the right to reject any and all bids. By order of the Jefferson Town Jefferson

Board

Leah Blumberg

Town Clerk 2Jan11c5 NOTICE I, the undersigned,

hereby give notice that I have received the tax roll and warrant for the collection of taxes in and for the Town of Summit, Schoharie County, New York for the year 2017 and that I will receive taxes at The Town Monday Summit Town Hall in and Tuesday, 10am-4pm; Thurs, 2-7pm; First Saturday 8am-noon month, and again on 1/28/17; or by appointment; excluding all holidays. may received without interest by the collecting officer on or

before the thirty first day of January or thirty days following the collecting officer's receipt of the tax roll warrant, whichever is later. On all taxes received after such day, there shall be added interest of 1.00 per centum for the month of February or fraction thereof and an additional 1.00 per centum for each month or fraction thereof until such taxes are paid or until the return of unpaid taxes to the County Treasurer on May 31st after which a fee of 5% is added plus 12.00 per centum per annum from February 1st pursuant to law. Tax rates per \$1,000 of assessed valuation

are as follows: Tax County 14.911312 Wide Gen Town 2.953019 Hwy Town Wide 6.216875 FD 148 Summit Fire District 3.118800

FD 248 Charlotteville District 3.211310 Dated: 12/29/2016

Signed: Barbara VanValkenburgh 2Jan11c5 NOTICE

the undersigned, hereby give notice that I have received the tax roll and warrant for the collection of taxes in and for Town Blenheim, Schoharie County, New York for the year 2017 and that I will receive taxes at 1748 State Route 30 in said town on Monday & Wednesday, 5:30-Saturday 6:30pm; Saturday (January only) 9am-1pm, or by appointment.

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Taxes

received without interest by the collecting officer on of before the thirty-first day of January or thirty days following the collecting officer's receipt of the tax roll and warrant, whichever is later. On all taxes received after such day, there shall be added interest of 1.00 per centum for the month of February or fraction thereof and an additional 1.00 per centum for each additional month or fraction thereof until such taxes are paid or until the return of unpaid taxes to the county treasurer on May 31st after which a fee of 5% is added plus 12.00 per centum per annum from February 1st pursuant to law. Tax rates per \$1,000 of assessed valuation

are as follows: County 12.019451 Wide: Gen. Town 3.611694 Wide: Hwy Town 5.131716

Dated: 12/21/2016 Robin Alley Town of Blenheim Tax Collector 2Jan18c5

NOTICE I, the undersigned, hereby give notice that I have received the tax roll and warrant for the collection of taxes in and for the Town of Fulton, Schoharie County, New York for the year 2017 and that I will receive taxes at Town 1168 Bear Hall, Ladder Road in said town on Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday,
Thursday & Thursday & Saturday, 7:30-10am and Wednesday,

2:30-6:30pm. Taxes may received without interest by the collecting officer on of before the thirty-first day of January or thirty days following the collecting officer's receipt of the tax roll and warrant, whichever is later. On all taxes received after such day, there shall be added interest of 1.00 per cen-

tum for the month of February or fraction thereof and an additional 1.00 per centum for each additional month or fraction thereof until such taxes are paid or until the return of unpaid taxes to the county treasurer on May 31st after which a fee of 5% is added plus 12.00 per centum per annum from February 1st pursuant to law. Tax rates per \$1,000 of assessed valuation are as follows: County 13.693634

General Town Wide

HIghway Town WIde

2.451986

Fire Dist. 2.010680 FP 132 Fulton FPD 1.191240 Dated: 12/28/2016 Dawn Skowfoe 2Jan18c5 NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION SAP BUSH HOLLOW FARM,

FD 132 W. Fulton

LLC Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law 1. The name of the limited liability company is: SAP BUSH HOLLOW FARM, LLC.

The Articles of Organization were filed in the Office of New York Secretary of State on January 4, 2017. 3. The office is to be located in the County of Schoharie.

4. The Secretary of State of New York State has been designated as agent of the limited liability company, upon whom process against it may be served. The Secretary may send process to the company at: Valley Road, Richmondville,

5. The Company is organized to carry on all lawful activities. 6Feb15c5

NY 12149.

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT -COUNTY OF **SCHOHARIE**

M&T BANK, Plaintiff, Against Index No: 2014-673 JEREMY M. CRAN-DALL: HELLY HICKÓK, D e f e n d a n t (s) .

Pursuant to а Judgment Foreclosure Sale, duly entered on 11/4/2016. I. the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction, Schoharie County Courthouse, Main Lobby, 290 Main Street, Schoharie, NY on 2/15/2017 at 11:00am, premises known as 160 Engle

Road, Schoharie, NY

described as follows:

and

12157.

ALL that tract or parcel of land, situate in Town Schoharie, County of Schoharie and State of New York, and designated on the tax Schoharie County Treasurer as Section 84.. Block 5 and Lot 24. The approximate amount of the current Judgment lien is \$149,740.41 plus interest and costs. The premises will be

sold subject to provisions of the aforesaid Judgment Foreclosure and Sale and Terms of Sale; Index # 2014-673 Rachel Rappazzo, Esq., Referee. SCHILLER, KNAPP,

LEFKOWITZ HERTZEL, LLP, 950 New Loudon Road, LATHAM, NY 12110 Dated: 11/23/2016 14-2885 MNB

4Feb1c5 NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT: SCHOHARIE

COUNTY U.S. BANK TRUST, AS TRUSTEE FOR LSF9 MASTER PARTICIPATION TRUST; Plaintiff(s) vs. DAVID L. WRIGHT; JANICE E. WRIGHT; et al; Defendant(s) Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s): ROSICKI, ROSICKI & ASSOCI-

Summit Court, Suite 301, Fishkill, New 12524, 845.897.1600 Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure sale granted herein on or about December 2, 2016, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at Lobby of Schoharie County Courthouse, Main St., Schoharie, NY 12157.

On February 15, 2017 at 9:00 am. Premises known as **ENDERS** AVENUE, CENTRAL BRIDGE, NY 12035 Section: 47.3 Block: Lot: 16

THAT PIECE OF PARCEL OF LAND situate in the Hamlet of Central Bridge, Town and County of Schoharie, State of New York, on the north side of the public highway known as Enders Street.

As more particularly described in the judgment of foreclosure and sale. Sold subject to all of the terms and conditions contained in

said judgment and terms of sale. Approximate amount judgment \$194,

and costs. INDEX NO. 2016-203 A. Kassner, Mark A. Esq., Referee 4Feb1c5 Mark

The Annual Meeting of The Esperance Cemetery for the election of two trustees and other business will be held at 239 Feuz Terrace on Monday, January 30th at 10am. by order of the Trustees.

3Jan25c5 MEETING NOTICE A board meeting of Schoharie County Capital R e s o u r c e Corporation will be held at its office at 349 Mineral Springs Road, Cobleskill, NY on January 13, 2017 at 9:30am. The purpose of this meeting will be to transact any such business as may properly come before it. Jan11c5

NOTICE I, the undersigned,

hereby give notice that I have received the tax roll and warrant for the collection of taxes in and for Town the of Esperance, Schoharie County New York, for the year 2017 and that I will receive taxes at 104 Charleston St, PO Box 226 in said town on Tuesday, 3-Wednesday 9-3, Thursday 4:30-7, and Friday 9-11am. received interc be without interest by the collecting officer on or before the thirty-first day of January or thirty days following the collecting officers receipt of the tax roll and warrant, whichever day is

later. On all taxes received after such day, there shall be added interest of 1.00 per centum for the month of February or fraction thereof and an additional 1.00 per centum for each additional month of fraction thereof until such taxes are paid or until the return of unpaid taxes to the County Treasurer on May 31 after which a few of 5% is added plus 12.00 per centum per annum from February 1 pursuant

Tax rates per \$1,000 of assessed valuation are as follows: County tax 9.785197 Town Wide Gen 1.440923 Town Out Gen 0.002740 Wide Hwy Town 0.892022 Hwy To 0.272993 Town FD Central Bridge Fire 2.593276 Fire

FD Esp Fin Protection 1.51756 LD 130 Central Bridge Light 0.573813 LD 130 Sloansville Light 0.787302

Dated: 12/28/16 Charmayne Van Wormer 2Jan11c5

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE LOCAL LAW

#1 -2017 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Schoharie County Board of Supervisors will be holding a public hearing on Local Law #1-2017 titled: INCREASING THE SALARIES DURING FISCAL YEAR 2017 FOR CERTAIN COUNTY OFFICERS WHO ARE ELECTED OR APPOINTED FOR A FIXED TERM. The public hearing will be held at the Board of Supervisor's meeting on January 20, 2017 at 9:30 am at 284 Street, 3rd Schoharie Main Floor Office County Building, Board of Supervisors hambers, Schoharie, New York 12157 Sheryl Clerk of the Board Schoharie Board of Supervisors

Largeteau. County 284 Main Street P. O. Box 429 Schoharie, New York 12157 Jan11c5

SUPREME COURT -COUNTY OF SCHOHARIE DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE FOR THE ENCORE CREDIT RECEIVABLES

TRUST 2005-3, V. GEORGIA BAKER, et al. NOTICE OF SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of dated Foreclosure August 1, 2016, and entered in the Office

of the Clerk of the County of SCHOHARIE, wherein DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY INDENTURE TRUSTEE FOR THE ENCORE CREDIT CREDIT RECEIVABLES TRUST 2005-3 is the Plaintiff and GEOR-GIA BAKER, et al. are the Defendant(s). I, undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the SCHOHARIE COUN-TY COURTHOUSE LOBBY, 290 MAIN S T R E E T SCHOHARIE, 12157, on February 15, 2017, at 11:00 am, premises known as 3060 STATE ROUTE 10, SUMMIT, 12175: Section 101 Block 4 Lot 7.2: ALL THAT CERTAIN LOT, PIECE, TRACT PARCEL OF LAND, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING THE IN THE TOWN OF SUMMIT, COUN-TY OF SCHOHARIE AND STATE OF NEW YORK

Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 34/2013. Thomas F. Garner RAS Referee. Boriskin, LLC 900 Merchants Suite Concourse, 106, Westbury, New York 11590, Attorneys for Plaintiff

4Feb1c5 LEGAL NOTICE Sealed bids will be received as set forth in instructions to bidders until 10:30 a.m. on February 09 2017 at the NYSDOT, ontract Management
Bureau, 50 WOLF
RD, 1ST FLOOR,
SUITE 1CM, ALBANY, NY 12232 and will be publicly opened and read. Bids may also be submitted via the internet using Bid Express (www.bidx. com).

certified cashier's check payable to the NYS Dept. of for Transportation the sum specified in the proposal or a bid bond, FORM CONR 391. representing 25% of the bid total, must accompany each bid. NYSDOT reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Electronic documents and Amendments are posted to www.dot.ny. gov/doing-business/opportuni-

ties/const-notices Contractor is responsible for ensuring that all Amendments are incorporated into its bid. To receive notification Amendments via email you must submit a request to be placed placed on the Planholders List at www.dot.nygov/doing-business/opportunities/const-planholder. Amendment may have been issued prior to your placement on the Planholders list. NYS Finance restricts communication with NYSDOT on procurements contact can only be made with designated persons. Contact with non-designated persons or other involved Agencies will be considered a serious matter and may result in disqualification. Contact Maria Tamarkin (518) 457-8403. Contracts with 0% Goals are generally single operation contracts, where sub-contracting is not expected, and may present direct bidding opportunifor Small Business Firms, including, but not limited

D/W/MBEs. The Contractor must comply with the Regulation relative to non-discrimination in federally-assisted programs of the USDOT 49 CFR 21. Please call (518) 457-3583 if a reasonable accommodation needed to participate in the letting.
BIDDERS SHOULD
BE ADVISED THAT AWARD OF THESE MAY

CONTRACTS CONTINGENT UPON THE PASSAGE APPROPRIATION BILL BY THE LEGIS-LATURE AND GOV-OF ERNOR THE STATE OF YORK Reg. 09, Jack Williams, Regional Director, 44 Hawley Street, Binghamton, NY 13901 D263347, PIN 9TGR.17, F.A. Z001-9TGR-Proj.

173, Schoharie Co., I88 - Thin Polymer Overlay (also guide rail replacement on bridges), several Town of Richmondville.,

Bid Deposit \$250,000.00., PLANS. Goals: DBE 8% 2Jan18c5 NOTICE TO

BIDDERS

GIVEn that the Summit Fire Department will accept bids for the manufacture delivery of a new 2017 Pumper Truck to be used by the Summit Fire District for the prevention and suppression of within fire Summit Fire District. Copies of the apparatus specifications will be available after December 21, 2016 and may be obtained by contacting the Summit Fire Summit Department Chief Donald Clarke at PO Box 400, Summit, Ny 12175, or by calling (518) 287-1436, oe dwclarke@midtel.net. All bids must be received by 6:00pm on Jnuary 23, 2017

and will be publicly

opened and read at

Fire House located at 2912 State Route 10, Summit, NY 12175 This represents an extension of the existing December 23, 2016 request for Pumper Truck bids. All bids must contain a non-collusive bid statement pursuant to Section 203-d of the General NOTICE IS HEREBY Municipal Law. The Board of Fire Commissioners reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to re-bid the apparatus if neces-

23, 2017 at the

Summit Fire District

Jan11c5 SCHOHARIE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL AND FARMLAND PROTECTION PLAN PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the County Board of Supervisors. of Supervisors, Schoharie County, State of New York, in Board Supervisors Meeting Room, at the County Office Building, 284 Main Street in the Village of Schoharie, on January 20, 2017

at 9:15 am.

Said

will

adopted in 2000 and has been developed by the Schoharie County Agricultural Farmland and Protection The Draft Plan is available on the Schoharie Website announcements. After the hearing and considering ments made regarding the plan, the County Board of Supervisors will consider its adoption. Additional Information about the Draft Plan can be found at the County Planning Development Agency office at 276 Main Street in Schoharie. Any questions or

Schoharie

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replace the

Farmland Protection

Plan. The Plan would

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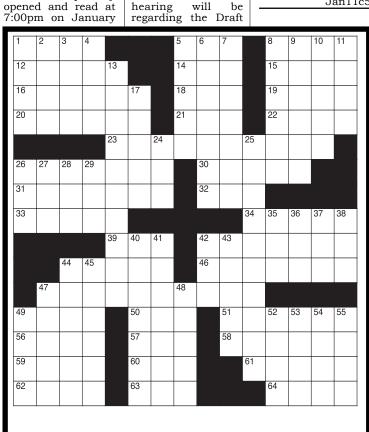
295-8792. Schoharie The County Board of Supervisors will hear all interested parties and citizens at the public hearing. Dated: January 3, 2017

comments prior to the public hearing

Alicia Terry at (518)

be directed to

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Short tributary of the Seille

5. Where you sleep

8. Crinkle

12. Regions 14. United States

15. Icelandic poetry books

16. Transferred property

18. Electrocardiography

19. From here

20. Hunting or observation expedition

21. Used to make cabins

22. Containers

23. Famed patriot 26. Makes less intense

30. Forced to take refuge

31. Campaigner

32. Special security team

33. Egyptian city

57 Airsick 58. Itinerant

42. Pain

59. Has spotted

60. Garland

61. Search engine 62. Former Knick and Bull Curry

63. Student selected components

34. The Muse of lyric and hymns

56. Small mammal related to rabbits

39. What newlyweds just said

44. Norwegian village

46. Produced on paper

50. Detective Ventura

47. Acceptance

49. Semite

51. Martens

64. Norwegian island

29. City in India

35. Went jogging

37. One and only

41. Prophets

43. Got up

44. Drenched

47. Sampled

45. N.Y. State capital

48. Tending to an end

49. Architectural recess

36. What thespians do

40. Obstructs from a course

42. Prefix meaning on or above

CLUES DOWN

1. Fathers 2. Region

3. The Great Barrier ____ 4. Father

5. Civil War general Don Carlos 38. Largest English dictionary (abbr.) 6. Bodyguards

7. Knives 8. Member of U.S. Navy

9. English prince

10. Expression 11. Giants great Willie

13. Curving

17. Actress Keaton

24. Deploy

25. Medicine that treats animals

26. We all have it

27. Greek goddess of the dawn

28. Kevin Smith film "Chasing ___"55. Greek portico

52. Undergarments 53. Ethnic group in China 54. Reactive structure

SOLUTION TO LAST WEEKS PUZZLE



ORGANIZATION OF Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law

The name of the limited liability compa-The Articles of Organization were filed in the Office of the New York Secretary of State on December 7, 2016. 3. The office is to be located in the County of Schoharie.

The Secretary of State of New York State has been designated as agent of the limited liability compaupon whom process against it may be served. The Secretary may send process to the company at: P.O. Box 271, Middleburgh, NY, 12122.

5. The Company is organized to carry on all lawful activities 6Jan18c5

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIM-ITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)

The name of the limited liability company is Breakabeen Schoharie Associates, LLC (here-Supreme inafter the "Company") Articles Organization were filed with the New York at 10:00 a.m., premis-Secretary of State on November 22, 2016. The principal office and address of the Company is located in Schoharie County, New York. New York Secretary of State is improvements thereon designated as agent of whom process against it may be served. The post office address within New York to Block 2 and Lot 5. which the Secretary of Approximate amount State shall mail a copy of any process against the Company served interest and costs. upon him or her is 5667 State Route 30, Schoharie, New York 12157, which is also the street address of If the sale is set aside the principal location. Company is formed for the purpose of any lawful act, business or

6Jan18c5 NOTICE OF FORMATION OF COLTRAIN FUNERAL HOME, LLC. A NEW YORK LIMITED LIA-BILITY COMPANY PURSUANT

activity.

TO NEW YORK LIA-BILITY COMPANY LAW SECTION 206 The name of the limited liability company is Coltrain Funeral Home, LLC. The date of the filing of the Articles of Organization with the Department of State was: November 23, County. The Secretary of State has been desprocess may be served NY 12157 Section: 84 and the Secretary of Block: 1 Lot: 13 State shall mail a copy BANK OF AMERICA,

ignated as agent of the company upon which LANE SCHOHARIE, of any process against N.A., Plaintiff, vs. the company served DAVID DICKSON, AS upon him or her to: HEIR AND DISTRIBU-Coltrain Home, LLC, 134 River Street, Middleburgh, HERTEL; TODD DICK-NY 12122. The business purpose of the DISTRIBUTEE company is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which a limiteď liability compa-|

6Ja<u>n18c5</u> NOTICE OF LLC DBNY LLC, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 9/30/16. Office location: Schoharie County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process Dawid Baran, 494 Brand Rd., Gilboa, NY 12076. Rd., General purpose. 6Jan11c5

NOTICE TO BIDDERS NOTICE IS HEREBY that

the Summit Fire District will accept bids for the and manufacture delivery of a new 2017 Pumper Truck to be used by the Summit through or Fire District for the prevention and suppression of fire within the Summit Fire apparatus specifications will be available dants, after December 21st, 2016 and may be obtained by contacting creditors, Summit Fire Department Donald Clarke at P.O. Box 400, Summit, NY, 12175, or by calling ed, are unknown to (518) 287-1436, or dwclarke@midtel.net. All bids must be URBAN received by 6:00 p.m. MENT; NEW YORK on January 23, 2017 STATE DEPARTMENT and will be publicly OF TAXATION AND opened and read at 7:00 p.m. on January STATES OF AMERICA;

Summit Fire District IN HIS/HER CAPACIfirehouse located at 2912 State Route 10, Summit, NY 12175. This represents an extension of the existing December 23rd, 2016 Request All bids must contain a non-collusive bid the tenants, occustatement pursuant to pants, persons or cor-Section 103-d of the General Municipal Law. Fire Commissioners | the reserves the right to reject any and all bids

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF SCHOHARIE, CAR-RINGTON MÓRTGAGE SERVICES, WILLIAM Plaintiff, vs. D. CARY, JR. A/K/A WILLIAM D. CARY, CARY, CARRIE A. Defendant(s).

and to re-bid the appa-

Pursuant Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on June 08. 2016, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Lobby of the County Court Courthouse, 290 Main Street, Schoharie, NY on January 23, 2017 es known as 168 Trillium Lane. Cobleskill a/k/a T/O Cobleskill Seward, NY. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the

buildings and erected, situate, lying Company upon and being in the Town of Seward, County of Schoharie and State of New York, Section 43, judgment \$452,298.81 plus Premises will be sold subject to provisions Judgment Index # 2015-306.

> for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee's attorney, Daniel Ross, Referee

Peter T. Roach Associates, P.C., 6901 Turnpike, Jericho Suite 240, Syosset, York 11791 Attorneys for Plaintiff 4Jan11c5

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF SCHOHARIE

Plaintiff designates SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS Mortgaged

Funeral TEE OF THE ESTATE **JACQUELINE** SON, AS HEIR AND OF THE ESTATE OF JACQUELINE HER-TEL; GARY DICKSON, AS HEIR AND DISny may be organized under the Limited lia-ESTATE OF JACQUEbility Company Law of the State of New York. LINE HERTEL, any and all persons

and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or who may claim to have an interest in, or general or specific lien upon the real described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in the following designation, namely: the wife, widow. husband, widower, heirs at law, next of kin. descendants.

executors, administrators, devisees, legacreditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assignees of such deceased, any and all persons deriving interest in or lien upon, or title to said real property under them, or either of them, and their respective wives, widows, husbands, wid-District. Copies of the owers, heirs at law, next of kin, descenexecutors, administrators, devisees, legatees, committees, lienors Chief and assigns, all of whom and whose names, except as stat-

plaintiff; SECRETARY

OF HOUSING AND

DEVELOP-

the | M. INDICA JAYCOX, | organized to carry on | NY 12092. All that cer-TY AS SCHOHARIE COUNTY CLERK,

"JOHN DOE #1" through "JOHN DOE #12," the last twelve names being fictitious and unknown to plain-Pumper Truck bids. tiff, the persons or parties intended being porations, if any, having or claiming an The Board of interest in or lien upon premises,

described in the complaint, Defendants. To the above named ratus if necessary.

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Defendants YOU ARE
HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the complaint served with this summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the Plaintiff's Attorney within 20 days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York) in the event the United States of America is made a party defendant, the time to answer for the said United States of America shall not expire until (60) days after service of the Summons; and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint.

NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT THE OBJECT of the above caption action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure the sum of \$219.750.00 and interest, recorded on August 2. 2007. at Liber 1262 Page 286, of the Public Records SCHOHARIE County, New York,

covering premises known as 300 WARD LANE SCHOHARIE, NY 12157. The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured Mortgage described above. SCHOHARIE County is designated as the place of trial because the

real property affected by this action is located in said county. NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclo-New York in which the office of the company is located is Schoharie INDEX NO. 256/2016 the real property INDEX NO. 256/2016 the answer with the

court, a default judg-ment may be entered Defendant(s) and you can lose your Pursuant home. Speak to an Judgment attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to the mortgage company will not stop the foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF THE (MORTGAGE COMPA-NY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. Dated:

September 20, 2016 RAS BORISKIN, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff BY: DĂNIEL GREEN-BAUM, ESQ. 900 property | Merchants Concourse, Suite 106 Westbury, NY 11590 516-280-4Jan11c5

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF LA TAZZA, LLC UNDER SECTION 203 OF THE LIMITED LIABILITY

COMPANY LAW The name of the limited liability company is La Tazza, LLC of Articles Organization of LA TAZZA, LLC were filed with the Secretary of the State on December

9, 2016. The county within this state in which the office of the limited liability company is to be located is Schoharie

County. The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom Pursuant process it may be served. The address within or without the state to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of at public auction at any process against the limited liability County Courthouse, company served upon 290 Main Street, him or her is La Tazza, LLC, 110 Madison Terrace, Cobleskill, NY

all lawful activities.

6Jan25c5 NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT: SCHOHARIE COUNTY WILMINGTON INGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB D/B/A CHRIS-TIANA TRUST, NOT INDIVIDUALLY BUT TRUSTEE FOR PRETIUM MORTGAGE ACQUISITION TRUST; Plaintiff(s) vs. SAMARA S. DAVIS; SKEETER J. DAVIS: Defendant(s) Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s): RÓSICKI, ROSICKI & ASSOCIÁTES, P.C., 2 Summit Court, Suite New 301, Fishkill, York. 12524, 845.897.1600 Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale granted herein on or about November 14, highest bidder Lobby, County 290 Main St., Schoharie, NY. On Richmondvi January 25, 2017 at Schoharie 9:30 am. Premises known as 4833 STREET, GRAND COBLESKILL, NY 12043 Section: 55 Block: 2 Lot: 17 ALL THAT CERTAIN PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND situate in the Town of Friday; 10am-3pm. County, N.Y. As more the terms and condi-Approximate later. sale. amount of judgment \$142,033.94 plus

interest and costs. INDEX NO. 2014-536 Michael J. Shultes, Esq.; REFEREE 4Jan11c5 LEGAL NOTICE Notice of Formation of Liability Limited Company (LLC): Name: Security Executive Articles LLC, of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/09/2016. Office location: Schoharie County, New York. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: C/O Executive Security, LLC, 170 Road, Goodfellow Gilboa, 12076. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose. Latest date upon which LLC is to dissolve: No specific

6Jan11c5 NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF **SCHOHARIE**

Bank of America, N.A., sure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the Plaintiff AGAINST to Foreclosure and Sale duly dated June 30, 2016 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Schoharie County Office Building, Schoharie, New York

on February 1, 2017 at 11:30AM, premises known as 352 Wetsel a/k/a Wetsell Hollow Road, Howes Cave, NY 12092. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Schoharie, County of Bank, Schoharie and State of Association, Plaintiff NY, Section 58. Block 6 Lot 9. Approximate Halterman amount of judgment

\$214,164.02 interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions Defendant(s) of filed Judgment Index# 2015-565. Thomas F. Garner, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York

14624 (877) 759-1835 4Jan18c5 NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF SCHOHARIE WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff AGAINST Margaret Nash As Heir To The Estate Of Barbara A. Gavitt, et Defendant(s) to

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being in the Town of

Middleburgh, County

of Schoharie and State

of NY, Section 108 Block 3 Lot 3.

Approximate amount

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subject to provisions of filed Judgment

Marvin Parshall Jr.,

Index# 2015-462.

Esq., Referee

judgment

costs.

Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated November 17, 2016 I, the undersigned Referee will sell the Main Lobby of the Village of Schoharie, on February 01, 2017 at 10:30AM, premises ON AND 12043.

UNITED 12043.

The Company is known as 3133 State Barak, LLC Route 7, Howes Cave, Attorney(s) for the

Plaintiff tain plot piece or par-175 Mile cel of land, with the buildings and Rochester, New York improvements erected, 14624 (877) 759-1835 situate, lying and being in the Town of Dated: November 17, Schoharie, County of Schoharie, State #90105 SECTION New York, 58., BLOCK 5, LOT 12. Approximate amount I, the undersigned, judgment

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\$26,200.72 plus inter-Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 2016-38. Francis J. Smith Esq., Gross Polowy, LLC

Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive Suite Williamsville,

4Jan18c5 TAX NOTICE 2016, I will sell at I, the undersigned, Public Auction to the hereby give notice that at I have received the tax Schoharie roll and warrant for Courthouse, the collection of taxes in and for the Town of Richmondville County,

New York, for the year 2017 and that I will Town Clerk's Office, at 340 Main St., in the Ouonset Hut(upstairs) in said town on Monday, Tuesday and Cobleskill, Schoharie Taxes may be received without interest by the particularly described collecting officer on or in the judgment of before the first of foreclosure and sale. February or thirty Sold subject to all of days following the col-

lecting officer's receipt tions contained in said of the tax roll and warjudgment and terms of rant, whichever is On all taxes such received after day, there shall be added interest of 1.00 per centum for the TAXES month of February or fraction thereof and an additional 1.00 per

additional month or fraction thereof until such taxes are paid or until the return of unpaid taxes to the county treasurer on June 2 after which a fee of 5% is added plus 12.00 per centum per annum from February 3 pursuant to law.

Tax Rates Per \$1,000 of assessed valuation are as follows: County Tax 9.785094 General Town Wide 2.125953

General Town Outside 0.176204Highway Town Wide 2.196267 Highway Town Outside 2.143511 Richmondville

Protection 0.594375 Cob\Rich\Seward Fire Protection 0.594938 Dated: December 29, 2016 Signed: Maggie A. Smith Clerk/Collector

2Jan11c5 NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION IN NEW YORK BY A LIM-ITED LIABILITY COM-PANY

Name: Mainbridge LLC. Articles of Organization filed with sec. of state of NY(SOS) on 12/22/16. location: e County. Office Schoharie SOS is designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SOS shall mail copy of process to 143 Lancaster Street, Albany, NY 12210. Purpose: Any lawful

CER ON OR act or activity. 6Feb1c5 NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT DAYS COUNTY OF THE **SCHOHARIE** JPMorgan Chase National AND WHICHEVER AGAINST Michael LATER. ON a/k/a TAXES Michael B. Halterman: plus | Michele Halterman THERE a/k/a Michele Halterman; et Pursuant Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated October 20, signed Referee will sell at public auction at Schoharie Councy Building, Schoharie NY on February 6, 2017 at TAXES TO THE COUNTY TREA-10:00AM, premises known as 503 Brooky SURER ON MAY 31ST AFTER WHICH A FEE Hollow Road a/k/a OF 5% IS ADDED 132C Brooky Hollow PLUS Road, Middleburgh, 12.00 PER CENTUM NY 12122. All that ANNUM FROM FEBcertain plot piece or parcel of land, with the

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DATED: 12/28/2016 MARY C WYCKOFF, COLLECTOR 4Jan25c5

2Jan11c5 NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF

I have received the tax **SCHOHARIE** roll and warrant for the collection of taxes U.S. Bank National Association, in and for the Town of Wright, Schoharie County, New York, for Trustee for Credit Suisse First Boston Credit Schoharie Mortgage Securities the year 2016 and that Corp., Home Equity I will receive taxes at the Town Clerk's Office Asset Trust 2005-8, in the Town Municipal Home Equity Passbuilding in said town Through Certificates, Series 2005-8, Plaintiff on Wednesday evening 5:30pm - 7:30pm and AGAINST Carlton R. a/k/a from Lucia, Jr. 8:00am - noon or Call Carlton Lucia for a/k/a Carlton Lucia, a/k/a Carlton BELucia; Cheryl S. Lucia; RECEIVED WITHOUT Chervl Lucia a/k/a INTEREST BY THE Cheryl Swett a/k/a COLLECTING OFFI-Cheryl S. Swett; et al., Defendant(s) CER ON OR BEFORE THIRTY-FIRST Pursuant to DAY OF JANUARY OR Judgment

THIRTY DAYS FOL-Foreclosure and Sale LOWING THE COLduly dated November LECTING OFFICER'S 14, 2016 I, the under-RECEIPT OF THE TAX signed Referee will sell ROLL AND WARRANT, at public auction at of the IS the lobby ALL Schoharie County RECEIVED Office Building, SUCH DAY, Schoharie, New York, THERE SHALL BE ADDED INTEREST OF 12157 on February 2, 2017 at 10:00AM, 1.00 PER CENTUM premises known as FOR THE MONTH OF 2118 State Highway Cobleskill, FEBRUARY OR FRAC-12043. All that cer-TION THEREOF AND AN ADDITIONAL 1.00 tain plot piece or par-PER CENTUM FOR cel of land, with the EACH ADDITIONAL buildings and improvements erected, MONTH OR FRAC-TION THEREOF UNTIL situate, lying and SUCH TAXES ARE being in the Town of PAID OR UNTIL THE Carlisle, County of RETURN OF UNPAID Schoharie and State of THE NY, Section: 24. Block: COUNTY TREASURER Lot: ON MAY 31ST AFTER Approximate amount WHICH A FEE OF 5% judgment \$169,795.06 IS ADDED PLUS 12.00

> Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 2012-718. Francis J. Smith, Jr., Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro Barak, LLC & Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff Mile Crossing Boulevard

interest and costs.

Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: December 20, 2016- #90344

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Lisa DeCarlo, Wright Town NOTICE Clerk/Collector I. the undersigned. 2Ja<u>n11c5</u> hereby give notice that

I have received the tax TOWN OF GILBOA THE UNDER the collection of taxes SIGNED. HEREBY in and for the Town of GIVE NÓTICE THAT I Seward, County, New York for HAVE RECEIVED THE TAX ROLL AND WARthe year 2017 and that RANT FOR THE COL-I will receive taxes at LECTION OF TAXES FOR THE TOWN OF GILBOA, on SCHOHARIE COUN- Thursdays 5:00pm to TY, NEW YORK, FOR 8:00 pm and every THE YEAR 2017 AND Saturday 8:00 am to THAT I WILL RECEIVE Noon for January only. TAXES IN THE MAIL After January during

OR AT THE GILBOA TOWN HALL, 373 STATE RTE 990V, GILBOA, NY 12076. MONDAY THRU FRI-DAY 9AM TILL NOON, TILL 1PM 4PM. OTHER TIMES BY APPOINTMENT CLOSED HOLIDAYS TAXES MAY BE RECEIVED WITHOUT INTEREST BY THE COLLECTING OFFI-

BEFORE THE THIR-TY-FIRST DAY OF JANUARY OR THIRTY FOLLOWING COLLECTING OFFICER'S RECEIPT the month of February OF THE TAX ROLL or fraction thereof and WARRANT, IS centum for ON ALL month or fraction RECEIVED thereof until such AFTER SUCH DAY, SHALL BE ADDED INTEREST OF 1.00 PER CENTUM FOR MONTH OF FEB-RUARY OR FRAC-TIONTHEREOF AND AN ADDITIONAL 1.00 PER CENTUM FOR EACH ADDITIONAL Tax rates per \$1,000 MONTH OR FRAC- of assessed valuation TION THEREOF UNTIL SUCH TAXES ARE PAID OR UNTIL THE RETURN OF UNPAID

1.382705 Hwy Town wide 4.119966 Streetlighting (Seward) 0.588136 Cobleskill Response 0.852281 Streetlighting 1ST PUR-(Dorloo) 0.843153 Richmondville Resp. 1.005859 Sharon Springs Fire 1.053841 Dated: December 24,

2016 Signed: Brenda Southworth Town Clerk/Collector 2Jan11c5 NOTICE

TOWN OF SEWARD, Town Board will hold their Annual Audit meeting on January 16, 2017 at 6:00 PM. 00.00
The meeting will be held at the Highway Municipal Building located at 795 Lowe

Please contact town clerk at (518) 234-2480 with questions. By order of the Board Brenda Southworth

Town Clerk 2Jan11c5 NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF 133 CLEVELAND

AVENUE, LLC UNDER SECTION 203 LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW The name of the limited liability company is 133 Cleveland Avenue.

Articles Organization of 133 CLEVELAND AVENUE, LLC were filed with the Secretary of the State December on 2016.

The county within this state in which the office of the limited liability company is to be located is Schoharie County.

The Secretary of State is designated as agent of of the limited liability company upon whom process it may be served. The address within or without the state to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against company served upon him or her is 133 CLEVELAND AVENUE LLC 108 Grovenors Corners. Cobleskill. NY 12043.

Company The organized to carry on all lawful activities. 6Feb8c5

NOTICE OF A FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY CORPORATION Name of LLC: EMTS

NY, LLC Date of Filing Articles Organization with NY Department of State: July 8, 2016, Office of the LLC: Schenectady County. Secretary of State has been designated as the agent upon whom process mav served. NYSS may mail a copy of any process to the LLC at: PO Box 103; Delanson, NY 12053. Purpose of the LLC: The purpose of the Company is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which a Limited Liability Company may be formed within the State of New York.

NOTICE OF COLLECTION OF TAXES FOR THE VILLAGE OF

6Jan18c5

COBLESKILL Samantha Movster. I will receive taxes at 795 Lowe Road Suite Village of Cobleskill, and roll and warrant for the collection of taxes levied upon such roll for the 2017 fiscal year for the Village of Cobleskill. I will collect regular clerk hours or taxes in two equal by appointment, call (518) 234-2480. installment payments without penalty, one installment January 1 Payment of taxes may mailed to the to and including address on the tax bill. January 31, and a sec-Taxes may be received ond installment June 1 without interest by the to and including July collecting officer on or 1, at the Village Hall, 378 Mineral Springs day of January or thirty days following the Cobleskill, New York, collecting officer's receipt of the tax roll Monday through Friday, 9am through and warrant, whichev-4pm, except legal holidays. A collection box On all taxes received for the purpose of payafter such day, there ment pf property taxes shall be added interest is located in the lobby of 1.00 per centum for of NBT Bank, East Main Cobleskill. an additional 1.00 per January 31, 2017, 5% interest will be added the the unpaid base tax amount of installtaxes are paid or until ment one, and an additional 1% interest the return of unpaid taxes to the County is required added for Treasurer on June 1st each additional month after which a fee of 5% March, April, and May is added plus 12.00 on the balance left unpaid. After July 1, annum from February 2017, 5% interest will be added to the unpaid base tax amount of installment two, and an additional 1%

> Samantha Movster Clerk Treasurer Village of Cobleskill 2Jan11c5

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NOTICE The Town of Wright of Schoharie County, NY has completed the Annual Supervisors Report of 2016, this document is on file with the Town of Wright Town Clerk and is available for public inspection during Town Clerk busi-

ness hours. Lisa DeCarlo Wright Town Clerk

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Masters in clinical or treatment field of psychol-

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ment and clinical intervention, or a related

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Health Counseling and have or obtain OPWDD-

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Knitting a message for Trump

Cat hats protest President-elect's words; headed to DC Women's March

Story and photos By Patsy Nicosia

Needles clicking, skeins of yarn in every possible shade of pink at their elbows, dozens of women gathered around the table at CeCe's Wool Farm Store in Esperance Friday to knit a message for Presidentelect Donald Trump.

They're part of a movement to knit or crochet pink pussycat hats-officially, they're Pussyhats—for those who'll be marching in Washinton, DC on January 21, the day after President Trump's inauguration, in support of women's rights.

"Historically, knitting has brought people together, especially in rural communities,' said CeCe's owner, knitter and assemblywoman former

Cecilia Tkaczyk. "This is a great way for people who can't march on the 21st to still do something'

The Pussyhat Project came out of California in response to comments President-elect Trump made publicly before becoming a candidate.

Whatever their exact shade or name, the handmade hats are all topped with a pair of meow-worthy ears.

"We have a man who's going to be President who bragged about sexual assault," said Ms. Tkaczyk. " This is a fun project—but it's a serious topic.'

The knit-in at CeCe's ran from noon-7:30 and will be repeated this Friday, January 13, also from noon-7:30pm.

Throughout the day Friday, women stopped in to knit a hat or two, staying as long as they could before leaving, talking ■ This is a great way for people who can't march on the 21st to do something. /

> -Cecilia Tkaczyk

politics when prompted, but mostly talking patterns and stitches.

"Someone, I need help," said knitter Kathy Pelton of Carlisle.

Crocheter Marie Viscic of Knox is one of those who'll be marching on the 21st.

"If I didn't go, I might live to regret it," Ms. Viscic said. "It's an easy thing for me to do so I want to do it.'

Also marching-and not knitting, but rather stopping by to pick up their hats—were Martha Harausz and Ellen Manning, both of Guilderland.

"Why? I want Donald Trump to know he doesn't represent me," said Ms. Harausz. "I taught for 36 years and I can't imagine teaching fifthgraders now with the things he's said. Is there anyone he hasn't mocked or bullied?"

Ms. Manning shared the same concerns and said she's also marching to remind the President—and Congress that Americans have a right to express their concerns.

"He's really unfit to be President," she said. "I don't think



Marie Viscic, left, and Martha Harausz, center, look at a pussycat hat with Cecilia Tkaczyk, owner of CeCe's Wool House in Esperance, Friday in a protest knit-in. Knitters all over the country are knitting hats for those

attending the January 21 Women's Marches in Wash-

he has a single policy I agree with..."

"We're just a bunch of ruffians," shouted Ms. Harausz from across the room to laughter from everyone.

Ms. Pelton and neighbor and friend Jacqueline Turnquist, also from Carlisle, worked sideington, DC and New York City. The pink hats, with cat ears, symbolize President-elect Trump's comments bragging about sexual assault when he was a candi-



Marie Viscic crochets a hat. Ms. Viscic is planning to go to the Women's March in Washinghton, DC on the 21st.

fully, Ms. Turnquist said she's been doing a lot of reading into what Democrats could have done differently and why people voted for Mr. Trump, things she feels it's especially important for people in rural communities to figure out.

Ms. Tkaczyk had planned to march, but she has a work conference on the 21st

Cecilia Tkaczyk holds

"I'm not a marcher," Ms.

Choosing her words care-

cially a Pussyhat.

Fallout from Mr. Trump's election has hit close to home march—though Ms. Pelton for Ms. Tkaczyk.

The sign for her shop was one of those in the village vandalized by spray-painted swastikas. (See related story in this week's Times-Journal; State Police are now saying that the 13-year-old arrested in the spree didn't act out of hate,

but rather because the swastikas were easy to paint).

Ms. Tkaczyk also had to sit down with her 17-year-old son after a bullying incident at his school involving a Trump sign. Together, they were able to

come up with a plan of action that won't get him in trouble the next time something like it happens.

Because everyone knitting and crocheting pussycat hats Friday believes there will be a next time.

"It's going to be a long four years," sighed knitter Rose-

mary Agat of Esperance. Everyone's welcome to at-

tend Friday's knit-in. Donations to help cover the

cost of yarn are also welcome.



Kathy Pelton of Carlisle, left, answers a question at Friday's knit-in in Esperance as neighbor Jacqueline Turnquist, right, works on a hat.

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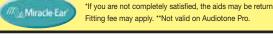
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Cecilia Tkaczyk poses between pussycat hat-wearers Ellen Manning and Martha

York City, sister events are in the works locally.

In Cobleskill, there will be a vigil that Saturday from 1-2pm at the corner of Main and Division

This will be a family-friendly event with no drugs or alcohol and no violence, verbal or physical. "We will stand together for our grandmothers, mothers, sisters, daughters, wives, partners, and friends," said Susan Spivack in a press release announcing the event.

'We're determined to move forward—not backward—for women's equality, regardless of a woman's race, ethnicity, religion, immigration status, sexual identity, gender expression, economic status, age or disability.

For more information on the Cobleskill event, contact Ms. Spivack at 234-3840. For more information on this and other sister marches, go to www.womensmarch.com/sis-

ters/. For more information on the January 21 Washington, DC march, go to www.womensmarch.com/mission/.

In Otsego County, a rally and candlelight vigil will be held outside the Otsego County Offices on Main Street, Cooperstown, also on January 21, beginning at 4:30pm.

According to a press release, the purpose of the rally is to express support for issues of importance to woman and families, including women's health and reproductive rights, as well as to promote human rights in general. The event is free and open to the public