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Supers OK 'respect' bill

Several raise objections to anti-racism resolution

By Patsy Nicosia

A resolution supporting inclusion and opposing racism deliberately written to not be political, was nearly derailed Friday by politics.

Supervisors David Simpkins of Broome and Sandy Manko of Sharon both offered counter-resolutions to "Working Toward Respect For All."

Mr. Simpkins argued that the resolution, brought forward at the Board of Supervisors meeting by Schoharie Supervisor Chris Tague, would make it difficult to criticize groups like ISIS.

At the same time, he argued that the resolution, written and then rewritten by Glenn Sanders of Schoharie, wasn't farreaching enough.

Why, he asked, should supervisors' opposition to racism and harassment stop at the county

For her part, Ms. Manko read a statement insisting it's time to start supporting President Donald Trump.

"I don't believe anything we do here will make any difference on how people act," Ms. Manko, a Democrat, said. "I think we're kidding ourselves that our opinions are so sought

"We elected him and it's time to support President Trump. He's governing almost exactly how he said he would. If you really love this country, we need to what will best help it succeed."

Mr. Simpkins is a Republi-

Mr. Tague, who's also a Republican, first brought the resolution forward in December after "build the wall" chants Cobleskillat Richmondville Central School.

After some supervisors criticized its wording as too political, Mr. Tague, however, he withdrew it rather than see it defeated.

Friday it went back before supervisors and about 55 supporters, many wearing red buttons that said simply "Respect for All."

At first, it seemed like the resolution would pass with little discussion as Earl Van Wormer, Esperance supervisor and supervisors' chairman, and then Ray Richards, pastor of the Calvary Assembly of God in

It's not about politics, but rather bringing people together for the good of the community. —Ray Richards

Cobleskill, spoke to its goal. "I don't think there's anyone

who wants respect for all more than the people in this room," Mr. Van Wormer said. "It's not about politics, but

rather bringing people together for the good of the community," added Rev. Richards. However, Mr. Simpkins became the first to object.

"What if I want to say something bad about ISIS?" he asked. "That's a question I've

been getting."
After Mr. Van Wormer said he didn't think the resolution applies to terrorist groups, Mr. Simpkins offered his own resolution to change resolution's last paragraph; Blenheim Supervisor Shawn Smith, a Democrat, seconded

After Ms. Manko shared her objections, and offered a resolution to send Mr. Tague's resolution back to the Rules and Legislation Committee, however, Mr. Simpkins withdrew his resolution and seconded Ms. Manko's resolution, which failed in a 1,852-1,122 weighed

Mr. Tague then called the question of his own resolution, which passed 2,134-840.

Speaking afterwards, Mr. Sanders said he was gratified by supervisors' support, despite the effort to politicize what was never intended to be political.

"I'm extremely grateful to all of the supervisors for giving this important issue their full attention, and for moving the issue forward," he said.

Text of the full resolution and a related story are on page 6.



Katherine Hawkins and Effie Bennett-Powe listen as supervisors discuss the "Working Toward Respect for All" at their meeting Friday. Despite efforts to table the resolution—again—supervisors passed it.—Photo by Patsy Nicosia.

Halfway house coming here?

are hoping that a "supportive housing" unit can help combat the rising heroin problem in the

Representatives from Crossroads Inn of Oneonta are looking to locate a 14-bed facility in the county, Amy Gildemeister, the head of public health, told supervisors Friday morning. The for-profit company is looking at purchasing one of the several older hotels in the county.

The facility would house those with substance abuse issues as well as homeless and those with other issues, Dr.

Gildemeister said. Since alcoholics and drug users would be housed in the facility, Pete Coppolo of Middleburgh wondered who would have the priority. He was

County officials told that the county social services deposit vices department would have priority on placement. Most of the funding for the facility

would come from the DSS. The facility would be a "real positive step" in the county, Dr. Gildemeister said.

who come out of rehab cannot go back to the same situation," she continued.

There were 13 recorded mitted to chemical depenopioid overdoses in the county dence treatment centers. That

People who come out of rehab cannot go back to the same situation.

—Amy Gildemeister

"It's a huge need. People in 2015, including eight from total was 82 for the first six heroin, officials reported.

In 2015, 98 clients with opioid issues in the county were ad-

months of 2016. The number for heroin issues was 61 in 2015 and 62 for the first six months

1st county home show hits town in March

By Jim Poole

Schoharie County's home Kuiper said. and garden show, which will feature more than 25 local businesses, is coming up in a couple of weeks.

The first-ever event will be Friday March 3 and Saturday the 4th at Rodeway Inn & Suites in Cobleskill.

There will be displays, demonstrations and presentations from builders, home decorating businesses, landscapers, real estate firms and many more.

The Home & Garden Show is sponsored by Cobleskill Partnership Inc., the group promoting Cobleskill as a good place to live and work.

Steve Kuiper, branch manager at Trustco Bank in Cobleskill, is coordinating the show. He admitted that the show didn't start out to be a wide-ranging community

He was looking for something to generate business for Trustco and was considering

est in that, but some folks suggested a home show," Mr.

Kuiper said. He is on the CPI board of di-

rectors, so he presented the

home show idea to the board.

a real estate show, something like Albany's Parade of Homes. "There wasn't enough inter-

"They jumped on it," Mr. "The event changed from something that was kind of self-serving and became a community event."

As Mr. Kuiper began to pitch the show to potential vendors, the enthusiasm snowballed.

"The response was really strong," he said. "It was like, 'Why haven't we done this be-

fore?' Well, why not?" The show will have more

than just displays of products and services.

"We've encouraged exhibitors to make it as hands-on as possible and engage the public," Mr. Kuiper said.

and others with putting the show together. "It hasn't been any one per-

He credited the CPI board

son," Mr. Kuiper said. "It's been a team effort.'

Hours on Friday the 3rd are 4pm to 9pm and on Saturday the 4th, 9am to 5pm.

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Teams of T-J employees delivered the issue to post offices on Tuesday and to stores on Wednesday. Anyone with questions or comments can call the Times-518-234-2515



Donna Latella, right, one of the owners at the Tepee in Cherry Valley, raises her fist in protest at a Water Is Life rally there Sunday. To her left is Sue Donegan of Norwich, one of the event's speakers. About 65 people turned out to protest the Dakota Access Pipeline under construction in North and South Dakota. Story, photos on page 10.—Photo by Patsy Nicosia.

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Dorothy Luongo

Dorothy Ann Luongo, daughter of Douglas and Dolores Nutly from Yorktown Heights, passed away on Sunday, February 12, 2017 peacefully at her home in Gilboa after a long battle with cancer.

Dorothy was born in Peekskill on September 8, 1949.

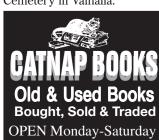
She is preceded in death by her parents; her brother, Daniel, who was killed in Vietnam; and her sister, Diane

She is survived by her loving husband, James; and their children, Daniel (Teresa) Luongo, Denise Tarchine and Sandra Luongo; her grandchil-

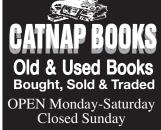
dren, Jayde Morgan, Rachael, Hayley and William Luongo and Samantha Tarchine. She also leaves behind her niece, Kelly

Dorothy "Dot" enjoyed gardening, knitting, classic cars, motorcycle rides and especially tending to her grandchildren. She will be deeply missed by many family members and friends.

A memorial service was held in her honor on Monday, February 20 at Edward F. Carter Funeral Home in Montrose followed by her burial at Kensico Cemetery in Valhalla.



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John LaSala

John "The Blacksmith" LaSala died January 2, 2017 after a brief illness. He was born in Spring Lake, New Jersey on July 2, 1930.

At 17, he developed his love of horses traveling with a polo team through out Texas.

In 1950, he joined the Marines and was deployed to Korea where he was wounded and suffered from frozen feet. He was honorably discharged and received the Purple Heart.

Upon returning to the states, he moved to Wooster, Ohio, where he learned his trade of blacksmithing. In the mid 60s he resided in Westport, Connecticut where he had a successful blacksmith shop in which he produced extraordinary wrought iron works in the form of ornamental fireplace tools, railings, table bases and huge sculptures. One of these was showcased in the foyer of the Greenwich Plaza, Greenwich, Connecticut.

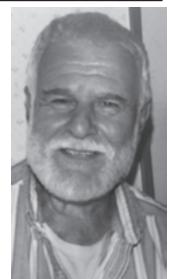
In 1974, he moved to Newcomerstown, Ohio and continued to build sculpture and shoe horses while adding goats to his animal family. Passionate about food, he made goat cheese and became well known for his homemade breads and cheesecake.

He returned to the Northeast in 1982 and settled in Summit, where he bought his first property he ever owned. He built his own shop and barn on his wooded, creek side land to create the place he loved to call home.

John was best known for his overwhelming generosity. He was always looking out for the underdog, people and animals alike who had come on hard times or just needed support.

He loved life, often deriving great joy from the spontaneity and innocence of children and the tiniest of the miracles of nature.

A man of great integrity, courage and honor, his kindness, compassion and incred-



John LaSala ible sense of humor will be

greatly missed. He is survived by daughter,

Katie Rocco; granddaughter, Cailin Rocco; sister; Rita Politte; and many friends he considered to be family.

A celebration of life will be held at a future date that will be announced.

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Hoober may be catalyst for hamlet

Local and state officials see the rejuvenated Hoober Feeds as the cornerstone for the rebirth of Central Bridge and the nearby area.

The plant is busy and the owners hope it to be even busier in the near future.

Hoober Feeds leased the long-vacant IL Richer Feed Mill on South Main Street in the hamlet late last year. Hoober has put nearly \$458,000 into the plant and now employs nine people full-time.

The owners are planning to add a bag feed packaging system. Producing bag feeds would allow the plant to add four or five more employees.

It would cost about \$75,000 to add a packing system. Local and state officials were on hand at a tour Thursday afternoon to pledge their support to the owners and the new plant.

"Our plan here is to help them grow," said Schoharie Supervisor Chris Tague. "It's great that they took a dilapidated factory and are now employing nine people and brining some economic development, especially to Central Bridge."

Currently, the mill is set up for bulk feed only. Bag feed is available but has to be brought in from Pennsylvania. Hoober carries feed for dairy cows, horses, goats, alpacas, sheep, and several other animals.

"This plays into one of our strengths, the agricultural industry," commented state Senator James Seward.

There are several state grant programs that could be used to help fund what Hoober needs

to take the next step, he noted. "If we can help with this, we

sure will. In addition to adding the bag feed facility, Hoober officials would like to add a pellet mill cooler at a cost of about \$100,000, and new and additional ingredient storage bins at a cost of about \$210,000. This cost would also include pur-



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chasing the nearby property currently occupied by a vacant apartment building.

In addition, the rail siding to the facility has been removed. A rail siding would allow the plant to receive ingredients by rail as well as truck. The rail will cost about \$100,000.

Funding could be available through a state rail program, noted Senator Seward.

Hoober's investment in the community has been impressive, noted Mr. Tague.

These are all Schoharie County and even Central Bridge people and that's important," he said of the workforce.

He thanked Spaulding for his work in attracting Hoober to the site. Four bulk feed trucks at a

cost of about \$359,000 were purchased for the plant. On Friday, Mr. Tague added

that this is how economic development is supposed to work, that the county needs to go out and recruit businesses.



Brad Wagner, president of Hoober Feeds, right, explains to Schoharie Supervisor Chris Tague, left, and State Senator James Seward, the work done at the Central Bridge plant. Watching is county Administrator Steve Wilson.—Photo by David Avitabile.

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Opinions

Just get along

"Now you guys are going to work together, for how long?"

So asked Jerry Wayman as he observed the Middleburgh town and village boards squabbling over something as minor as using the town garage. Mr. Wayman is a Middleburgh resident and member of the fire department, so he's been around and knows the recently bitter relations between the town and village. His question to Middleburgh officials had just the right amount of sarcasm, indicating that no, the town and village won't work together for long.

This silly issue broke open months ago. The village had been renting one bay in the town garage for \$600 per month, and village trustees decided, without contacting the town, to lower the rent to \$100. Often it's the landlord who says, "Take it or leave it," but in this case it was the village tenant setting the stage for further poor relations.

Now the village has another proposal, this time to rent three bays in the town garage, and town officials, already burned once, are reluctant. In an angry meeting earlier this month, town board members trashed the village's proposal, and that's where the matter sits.

Town-village disputes crop up occasionally-Sharon and Sharon Springs last year, Cobleskill town and village a while back--but most were short-lived. Middleburgh's is taking on the flavor of Hatfields-McCoys in which neither side does right in the eyes of the other. In a community the size of Middleburgh, this is shameful.

Leaders in both the town and village must stop viewing their municipalities as little fiefdoms, independent but linked unhappily together by the curse of geography. They're not independent at all. The costs for the town garage--and all costs at the local level--come out of the same taxpayer pockets. It's doubtful residents see themselves as living in the town or village; they live in Middleburgh. And we surely don't believe that residents actually take sides in local government's childish hairpulling. It's much more likely that residents are embarrassed by it all.

Town and village leaders need to cool off, sit down and talk sense. They're neighbors, after all, and not hostiles. As Mr. Wayman indicated, they must work together, and work together for Middleburgh.

His best shot

Given a chance to talk with Governor Andrew Cuomo-even for a few moments--most of us would be tonguetied. Fortunately for New York, Bill Cherry was not.

You know Mr. Cherry as Schoharie County Treasurer and more recently, the county's flood recovery coordinator. He's also president of the New York State Association of Counties, and as such, Mr. Cherry spoke at a NYSAC conference earlier this month. His speech was a full-bore attack on the state's tax system, particularly Albany's practice of imposing of strict measures on how counties and school districts levy property taxes. The system, Mr. Cherry argued, must be completely revamped so that higher and higher property taxes aren't draining the state--especially Upstate--of money, people, business and jobs. His speech drew wild support from the NYSAC audience, which is no surprise given that officials from other counties are in the same high-tax boat as Schoharie. Later that day, Mr. Cherry had a brief audience with Governor Cuomo and offered to help find a way to reduce taxes or better yet, overhaul the entire system.

Mr. Cherry is not so naïve to believe the Governor will actually take him up on the offer. After all, even if he is NYSAC president, the guy's still from one of the smallest counties in the state. But Governor Cuomo should listen because Mr. Cherry has it right.

Albany and Mr. Cuomo—and recent governors before him--blame counties and school districts for rising property taxes, and there's a tiny bit of truth to that. The biggest culprit, however, is state government, which forces unfunded mandates on counties and dictates how education is funded. School districts and counties must follow what the state demands, so property taxes rise and

This is a vicious circle. As taxes climb, businesses leave, and as jobs leave, people follow. And as taxes continue to rise, the burden of paying them falls on fewer businesses and families. Rather than a vicious circle, it's more like water circling a drain. Every year this condition worsens, and if the circling continues, it's frightening to imagine what Upstate, which is already reeling, will look like. More than a few observers believe the answer is consolidating local governments to save money. Maybe that will reduce costs a smidgeon, but consolidation is only a stopgap measure. The system needs much more than a facelift.

So Mr. Cherry took advantage of his position and gave it his best shot, just as he should have. Mr. Cherry and others in his organization may not have all the answers, but they're willing to help. All Governor Cuomo needs to

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Hey, no kidding

Thompson Hill Road, Roseboom



By Patsy Nicosia

Blame it on Wednesday, but I suspect that even taking that into consideration, what's really behind what I did this morning is that it's that time of year.

Or nearly so. Nearly every Wednesday since winter began has meant one sort of storm or another, most of them involving sheets of ice, blowing snow, and slip-

pery roads. Wednesday is delivery day at the Times-Journal, so go figure.

But yesterday, Wednesday, was surprisingly warm when I went out to do the horses at 4am before hitting the road, and even sunny for a few hours midmorning before the clouds rolled in.

I felt my spirits soar. Winter wasn't going to last forever after all.

And then I started wondering where the damn redwinged blackbirds were.

I suspect that if I dragged out a Mare's Nest from about this time in 2016, I'd find I was doing the same thing.

seem to blow in with the first warm breeze from the south, and I suspect they're usually here even before the ponds and

> just not seeing them. Very much a being in the right place at the right time

aind of thing. Last year the right place was

Whining about winter and

Maybe it has something to

do with the length of the days-

5:30—and this morning?

see to feed the horses.

But just by a little.

the gun.

And I was.

almost light last night till after

Sure, I was running 10 min-

When I came in, I went

utes or so late, but I almost

didn't need my head lamp to

straight to my '16 calendar, no

longer caring if I was jumping

You'd be surprised how little

variation there is in when

RWBs and everyone else ar-

rives back year-to-year; they

marshes start thawing; we're

looking for RWBs.

February 26—less than a week away!-when a friend spotted the first RWB of the season in Cobleskill.

The 27th, a friend reported one on Engleville Road, and a day later, I'd jotted down, "? **RWB Kilts?**"

February 25, I'd noted a woodchuck on Route 145, Seward, and March 5, a buzzard and a woodchuck in Sharon.

Full disclosure: Sadly, it wasn't until March 6, that I had a confirmed RWB sighting, off Route 20 in the swampy area in front of the Wal-Mart Distribution Center in Sharon.

But the next day... The next day ...

I wrote: "100s RWBs, field, 20," and, "buzzard, killdeer."

March 7, if you've lost track. Today, as I write this, it's February 16.

Eighteen days if you're counting. (But only 13 by the time this comes out.)

I was hoping it was closer... There have been other signs Cobleskill and the date was of spring—if not the sign of of spring.

Dave saw what he thinks was a trio of golden eagles migrating through before one of the storms a couple of weeks ago, and if the tracks running through the horse pasture are any indication, the fox have begun pairing up.

Yesterday, driving through Cobleskill in the still-dark, I smelled fresh skunk, which means they're looking for love

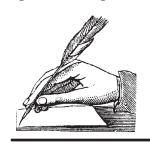
The chickadees at the feeding have switched to their spring songs and the goldfinches are slowly becoming less brown, less olive-colored, and more golden.

Some of the horses have started shedding.

And our bugs, the box elders that appear out of nowhere at the T-J, crawling slowly across our computer screens, buzzing past our heads while we work, occasionally needed a hand getting back on their feet, are back too.

Maybe they're the real sign

I should write it down.



Letters

Grad rate rises at MCS

Dear Editor,

I am excited to announce that the graduation rate for Middleburgh Central School District's most recent graduates has made a positive leap forward from last year.

According to date released by the New York State Education Department on Friday, February 10, the graduation rate for students who graduated in the 2015-16 school year hit 86 percent - an impressive 11 percent increase from the previous year.

Our graduation rate now exceeds the current New York State average.

Additionally, the district marked a three-point decrease in its dropout rate in 2016 - from five percent during the previous year to two percent.

Among the students from the 2016 cohort, 45 percent graduated with a Regents diploma with Advanced Designation (as opposed to 33 percent in 2015) and 34 percent graduated with a Regents diploma (35 percent in 2015).

A total of 89 percent of the graduates earned a Regents diploma, and seven percent of the cohort graduated with a local diploma (equal to the rate in 2015)

I would like to applaud the tireless work of district faculty and staff to help our students continue to reach higher and achieve even greater levels of

I have been fortunate to witness firsthand the collaborative efforts between administrators, teachers and other district staff members that clearly resonated with our students and made way for a positive and measurable impact.

District faculty and staff have focused on mastering effective teaching strategies, engaging in comprehensive professional development and sharing with each other the best techniques and practices inside the classroom to improve the quality of an education at MCS.

I look forward to celebrating the district's continued academic successes over the months and years ahead, and I welcome community members to join me in applauding our educators for their dedication to our schools, students and wider community.

Michele Weaver, Superintendent, Middleburgh Central School

Solar farm was a plus

Dear Editor,

In regards to the article in T-J's February 8 edition about Sharon Springs no-go Solar Farm" due to non-agreement of PILOT payments, I can only say what a shame.

I understand county government needs money to pay for standard salary increases and increased health insurance for the employees past and present, but to squash a project before it has begun based on assumptions is wrong.

It proves once again how backward this county government can be and by whom.

As an enterprising organization is trying to get up and running of course they would like

to get in as cheap as possible. Construction costs often run over budget as the county can Maybe a wait and see approach might have been more

conducive to a progressive

project in Schoharie County.

Would a standard farm have

paid the same or would tax exemptions played to the max come to the aid?

If the county was doing this project itself wouldn't they low bid as much as possible to get the best deal for their investors? And what services would be used for a solar farm? Highway, DSS, Mental Health, etc., etc.?

To assess taxes based on construction costs is insulting and vulture-like.

And it shows the smallminded thinking of some of our elected officials at the county

As long as the majority party voters re-elect the same nonperforming officials we will all live within the same non progressive county. Bake sales are tasty but they won't move this county forward.

Larry Phillips Cobleskill

Time now for Star renewals

Dear Editor,

Your assessor is gathering data for the upcoming Assess-

By now, you should have received any renewals for agricultural, forest, senior citizens, or enhanced Star exemptions (unless you are signed up for the IVP-Income Verification Program).

If you have not received a renewal, be sure to obtain the proper form from your assessor or the Schoharie County Real Property Tax Office or online at the New York State Tax and Finance website, www.tax.ny.gov.

There is also a link from the County Real Property page which can be accessed from the Schoharie County website www.schohariecounty-ny.gov.

TJ readers who write...

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

superintendent, Middleburgh Central School Christine McCue Rase,

Esperance Daniel Gomes, Schenevus • Ed Hillenbrand,

Richmondville Schoharie County Assessors' Association

· Larry Phillips, Cobleskill

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

Remember, the deadline is March 1 to submit the application and any applicable documentation to your Town Asses-

Schoharie County Assessors' Association

More letters on next page.



Traffic in Cobleskill this past summer was difficult at best with the road work on Main Street. Driving through town probably wasn't much better in July, 1938, as this scene illustrates. Loaned by John Markley, this photo shows the overhaul of South Grand Street, looking south from Main, and we're guessing it was when the at-grade railroad crossing was taken out and the bridge over South Grand was installed.



Times Past

70 Years Ago February 20, 1947

War department officials strongly indicated this week that the draft has ended. Administration officials were said to have accepted war department recommendations to let the selective service law expire March 31. Successful recruiting campaign and the Army being due to cut strength, there seems no need to extend the draft law.

As caucus time approaches in Cobleskill, there seems to be a unanimous sentiment for Trustee Frank C. Wieting to move up to the office of mayor, and for Trustee Sam D. Vander Weg to continue on the board. As to the third place to be filled at the village election, we respectfully suggest a man from the northside - Jared C.

Investigation and study made several months ago by the Civil Aeronautics Administration resulted in recommendation of a site near Secret Caverns for a proposed airport.

A fire at the Joseph Shmidt farm near the Schoharie County Flying Service near Richmondville destroyed two barns and a 1946 Piper Cub airplane, about 25 head of cattle and a horse were lost in the fire. Rev. John L. Brown, director of Schoharie County forest fire service, was injured and treated by Dr. Ward L. Oliver, Cobleskill, who happened to be at the scene.

Dewey Vroman of Schoharie is president of the Schoharie County Baseball League.

30 Years Ago February 18, 1987

The DEC has failed to take prompt steps to investigate the controversial dumping at the Cliff Waid property on Charlotteville Road in Summit. Councilman Donald Blake said trucks are now dumping in the pre-dawn darkness, "presumably to avoid being seen."

Ransom A. Evans of Richmondville was named as Cobleskill's Elk of the Year. He joined the order in 1965 and has been a very active member since.

Mr. and Mrs. William Stanton of Central Bridge and Mr. and Mrs. Leland Hulbert of Middleburgh are proud to announce the marriage of their children, Cheryl and Brian Hulbert, on January 28.

WITU was ordered off the air last November by the FCC because it interfered with the County Fulton coordinator's frequency. More than three months later the problem is unresolved and WITU, sister station to WSCM in Cobleskill, remains silent.

Henry Werner has operated his Cobleskill Cobbler Shop

since 1960. For the past 26 years Henry has been found without fail in his little 15 by 12 foot shop at 4 Division Street, Tuesdays through Saturday. In addition to shoes, he repairs leather handbags, briefcases and belts. Cobleskill and Schoharie County are lucky to have a dependable and skillful cobbler like Henry Werner.

> 15 Years Ago February 20, 2002

Last Tuesday's Cobleskill-Richmondville girls' varsity game was Dick Frank's final game as a home-court scorekeeper. He started as a scorekeeper under Cobleskill AD, Lloyd Mott in the 1970's. A technology teacher in the high school, Mr. Frank is retiring at the end of the school year.

Linda and Rolph Karker, longtime spreaders of Christmas cheer, were honored on Valentine's Day at a luncheon by Schoharie County Head Start at Champlin Hall at SUNY Cobleskill. The event was a surprise for the Karkers.

Property owners in the Schoharie Creek floodplain will receive a brochure entitled Schoharie County Flood Early Warning System." The warning system of automated telephone calls utilizes the new E-911 system and flood plain mapping recently completed by the

Jillian Smith, 12, was recently named Volunteer of the Year at the Animal Shelter of the Schoharie Valley. She has been volunteering at the Shelter every Saturday for the past four years.

Twelve couples from the northeast took the journey 156-feet below the earth's surface to renew their wedding vows during "Sweetheart Days" at Howe Caverns. The Rev. Bert Mayne of the Carlisle Presbyterian Church offici-



Letters

Brick House a huge hit

Dear Editor,

I write this letter out of an abundance of concern for the female population of Schoharie County.

It seems there is a new bakery in Cobleskill by the name of The Brick House Bakery. If you have not yet been, it is only a matter of time before you too are lured over their threshold by the siren song of sugar and inveigled by their carbohydrate come-hither.

Take warning from my example.

I simply went downtown to get a haircut and came home with two cheesecakes, a doughnut, and an elevated blood sugar level (the cookie I purchased not having made it out of the bakery's parking lot).

I am sure the gymnasiums around Schoharie County will now experience a vast uptick in membership not coincidentally proportionate to the exact number of patrons fortunate enough to visit The Brick House Bakery.

As for myself, I know that I will no longer count calories burned as I trudge along on the treadmill; I will count cheesecake bites earned.

It's a good thing I only find myself in that area of Cobleskill about every five weeks. I don't think my knee joints could handle the necessary increased abuse.

Thank you Brick House Bakery. I am counting the days until we next meet.

Christine McCue Rase Esperance

Organize and resist

Dear Editor.

When populism plays an inordinately important role in winning an election, it's likely

a sign that two conditions are present:

The first is – extreme frustration with a system that is perceived to be broken, unfair and unresponsive to established remedies. The second is - inattention to (if not willful ignorance of) those remedies that actually were available but not utilized, along with the concomitant ignorance of the legitimate workings of government that can be used going forward.

It may feel good in the moment to throw out damaged produce from a flooded root cellar, but if you don't really know what rotten looks like, or where the leaks are coming from, you're bound to soon have a bad taste in your mouth.

Better to have done your homework than to have relied on "how-to" CliffNotes from FOX News and Friends. Now we are stuck with an

administration that is the antitheses of what they claimed they would be. They are not truthful, they

are not trustworthy and they are not competent. They are powerful now, how-

ever, and determined. Except...let's not wait that

long, again. Let's not wait for Republicans and other victims of

buyer's remorse to finally pull their heads up out of the sand and see what they have done. They seem to have discov-

ered a way to extract oxygen from silica - there's no telling when they will surface and stop mooning the rest of us. Let's show some initiative.

Let's organize and resist. **Daniel Gomes** Schenevus

More letters on next page.

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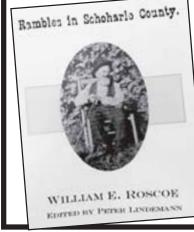
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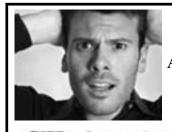
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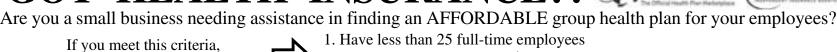
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Let's start with ideas

Dear Editor,

The Honorable Bill Cherry, County Treasurer has castigated Governor Andrew Cuomo over property taxes and the two percent tax cap.

Sadly, while Governor Cuomo, like most of our own downstate politicians, pays lip service to upstate; they don't

Senator Charles Schumer has made it as plain as day that he keeps winning re-election with over 60 percent of the vote coming mainly from New York City, so why do anything more than a token victory lap after the election in a controlled set-

So what is the answer? First, recognize that this is our problem. As hillbillies, we pride ourselves on fixing our

lem we need to fix.

enues since raising taxes is obviously the wrong answer?

We expand the tax base.

Face it, upstate is dying. The US Census shows Schoharie County losing 4.3 percent of our population with 20 percent of the remaining people over 65 as of 2015. The end result is ugly: Fewer taxpayers equal a smaller tax base.

Less tax dollars mean fewer services. Fewer services means the quality of life goes

Lower quality of life means fewer taxpayers as people flee the area. A never-ending death spiral that is: Cub Scout packs merging with other packs in other towns, fewer volunteers to staff the ambulances and fire trucks forcing longer and longer response times, roads not plowed as frequently, schools closing, and even more

Spa village, school split on 'respect' bill **By Patsy Nicosia** The Village of Sharon

Springs threw its full support behind a resolution calling for respect and fairness Thursday, a day after Sharon Springs Central School did not discuss it.

Wednesday, two former

resolution follows:

Resolution

of 'respect'

cal systems of the United States of America; and

The full text of the "Working Toward Respect For All"

Whereas the value of promoting a sense of inclusive-

Whereas, the importance of respectful behavior amongst

ness and respect amongst a diverse citizenry is a funda-

mental and proven part of the social, economic, and politi-

diverse groups of people is evidenced by its being well-

defined and requisite in Schoharie County's Discrimina-

tory Harassment policy, and in similar policies of schools,

businesses and civic organizations throughout the County;

fully speak out against the occurrence in our communi-

ties of prejudicial and hateful statements, and of discrimi-

natory or harassing actions, may create the assumption

that these statements and actions are not significant, or

worse, that they are tacitly condoned; and that this as-

sumption may increase the frequency and intensity of dis-

Whereas, it also appears self-evident, from standard prac-

tice in public media and public relations, that professional

communicators expect messages to be more effective as

they are expressed repeatedly, and from varied and au-

thoritative sources; and that said practice supports our

intention to move closer toward respect for all by repeat-

ing the messages expressed in the paragraphs above in

new forms and from multiple authoritative sources; there-

Resolved, that the Schoharie County Board of Supervi-

sors affirms the importance of speaking out, in clear and

firm language, against any and all harassment of County

residents and visitors based merely on group identity. The

Board strongly encourages public officials, and all com-

munity, institutional and organizational leaders in the

County to likewise forcefully affirm, in appropriate circum-

stances, their commitment to the values of diversity, inclu-

siveness and respect, and to quickly make it clear to all

involved in any relevant incidents within their domain

that hateful actions, bias, discrimination and harassment

against individuals based on group identity are highly

offensive and damaging, will be dealt with as such, and

will not be condoned or ignored.

respectful, prejudicial statements and actions; and

Whereas, it appears self-evident that the failure to force-

SSCS school board presi- County Board of Supervisors dents—Elliott Adams and Paul Kling-were among a group of The resolution passed (see a half-dozen who asked the

For All" resolution that was to

go back before the Schoharie

related story on front page), SSCS school board to support but Mr. Adams and others the "Working Toward Respect

have also been working to get schools, churches, community groups, and other organizations to support it as well, he said, as a way to unify the county against racism and ha-

'You're doing a great job with your anti-bullying efforts," Mr. Adams told the school board. "Your website even makes the point that it's a community thing. I'd like to see you support this...it would send a stronger message.'

Board members, however, declined to discuss either the resolution or the request.

"I'm not sure the board is eager to support it tonight," Superintendent Pat Green

Thursday, the Village of Sharon Springs wholeheartedly endorsed it.

Mayor Doug Plummer provided some background on the resolution, proposed by Glenn Sanders and put forward at the county level by Schoharie Supervisor Chris Tague, in the wake of "build the wall" chants at Cobleskill-Richmondville and the arrest of 13-year-old Esperance youth charged with spray painting swastikas on traffic signs, businesses, and a church.

"It is something, unfortunately, that needs to be discussed," Mayor Plummer said, especially with the young people in our community. It's a time of great divisiveness."

Mayor Plummer suggested the village could publicize the resolution by posting it at places like the bank and the post office.

He also suggested reaching out to SSCS and called its failure to support the resolution "inappropriate.'

Though there was no opposition to the resolution, Attorney Michelle Kennedy pointed out that not passing it would make a bigger statement than

"It suggests that perhaps there's not a buy-in," she said.

to start with rolling out the welcome mat to newcomers, be they a business or new family. I hate to say it, but tax breaks for business opening up shop in Schoharie are needed. Job opportunities mean people moving back into our county which increases our tax base.

We need town and village boards willing to look at ways to reduce unneeded expenses; sharing buildings rather than building new, sharing services for DPW, EMS and fire are some quick fixes.

Use the revenue saved to pave the roads or other quality of life expenses; don't grow the

We need to plan for growth and where we want Schoharie County to be twenty years from now. If we plan on being a bedroom community 45 minutes from Albany, then we are planning our community's death. However, if we plan to encourage local jobs, not just service iobs but manufacturing jobs, then we plan on growth. We live in the northeast. Winters are cold. Oil is expensive. Just because we don't like a technology doesn't mean we kill it with an alternative.

With Indian Plant nuclear plant going off line the price for electricity is expected to sky rocket. How are we going to replace it? Wind has become the newest NIMBY victim. What about hydro? We have to have power for new business.

I am not a politician nor am I running for office. We have some incredibly talented people with ideas, and not just at the college. Let us start putting some of these ideas under review and see which ones may actually work. What is the worst that could happen? The last hillbilly out of Schoharie blows out the oil lamp?

Ed Hillenbrand Richmondville

people flee the county worsening a bad situation. These are a few of the conseown problems. quences of a smaller, older popu-This is just one more problation. So what can we do? We have How do we raise tax rev-**Schoharie County** Maple Festival Association 🧚

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By Patsy Nicosia

Ten years after the Sharon Springs Free Library turned a bowling alley into municipal and community center, its trustees are asking its tenants—the Town of Sharon and the Village of Sharon Springsto chip in toward building maintenance costs.

Under the original agreement, the municipalities aren't being charged rent, but provide such services as plowing snow and cutting grass.

That's much appreciated, said library President Lora Newell, but as the building ages, paying for things like a new roof, repaving the parking lot, emergencies, and even adding central air to the library's end of the building are things trustees need to budget for. They've chosen not to go to

Spa Library seeks rent

from municpal tenants

taxpayers to ask for an increase in the library budget, she said, but have taken steps like charging for-profits for use of the Community Roomwhich is still free for non-profits like the Sharon Historical Society, Rotary, and others.

Money from the Community Room charges is being put into a building fund, and the library is asking both the town and the village to start paying "rent" of \$75 a month, money that will also go into that fund.

The agreement would be for three years after which it could be renegotiated and would begin with the start of each municipality's next fiscal year.

For the town, that's Janu-

And even though the library's request didn't come in until February, Supervisor Sandra Manko and councilmen agreed to the increase, pointing to the importance of the library in the community.

In fact, the town upped what it will pay by \$25 a month for a total of \$1,200 a year; the town also makes an annual, voluntary contribution to the library.

"I think that's very reasonable," said Councilman Carl

The request was approved unanimously.

The village, however, said Thursday it wants more time to study the request and a chance to make it part of its budget process, which is now underway.

"I think having our own library is important," said Mayor Doug Plummer.

"And I don't think \$75 a month is a tremendous amount. It's a great space that we have rent-free."

Trustee Denise Kelly, however, noted that the previous village space downtown was also rent-free, so even though the library space is better and more efficient, "it's not a savings.

Ms. Kelly also suggested the village might want to ask for an agreement that's longer than three years.

Trustee Jeff White argued that if the village is going to start paying rent, it should have a say in which projects the library board tackles first.

Mayor Plummer said they might want to consider appointing a liaison to the library board, which also has several vacant board seats.

The village expects to make a decision on the library's request during its budget talks.

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Smith to run for DA; Sacket retiring

Smith announced Saturday that he is running for Schoharie County District Attorney in November.

Mr. Smith is an attorney and is in his second term as town supervisor. He is a Democrat and is also planning to seek the Conservative and Independence lines.

Jim Sacket, a Republican, is currently DA, but he is retiring this year.

Mr. Smith was born and raised in Jefferson and later moved to Blenheim, where now

"I have always had an interest in criminal law, both prosecution and defense, and that has been the focus of my legal career," Mr. Smith said.

His first legal job was at the Schenectady County District Attorney's Office. While working there part-time through law school, 2010-12, he was



granted a practice order by the Third Department of Appelate Division Supreme Court.

"I was able to work with seasoned trial attorneys, some of whom have never lost a jury trial in their entire career.'

Mr. Smith also worked in Schenectady City Court, various town courts and the Appellate Division of the Supreme

peals, which included low-level felonies to homicide cases.

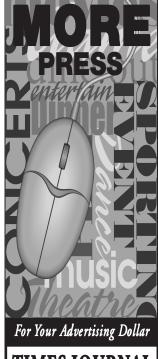
While in practice, Mr. Smith has handled a variety of cases, from speeding tickets and disorderly conduct to serious drug charges, assaults and weapons possession cases.

"Since opening my office in Schoharie in the beginning of 2013, I have had dozens upon dozens of trials and pretrial hearings in various courts," Mr. Smith said.

"I have successfully represented clients in Greene, Delaware, Otsego, Schenectady, Albany and Schoharie counties.'

Mr. Smith is also the legal attorney for several towns and villages in Schoharie County.

"I would like to bring my successful public service and private practice careers together for the benefit fo the people of Schoharie County," Mr. Smith



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Police Blotter

Sunday, February 19

The Cobleskill State Police arrested Allysiah M. Gonzalez, 20, of Howard Beach on charges of fifth-degree criminal possession of marijuana, a misdemeanor, after a traffic stop for speeding in the Town of Richmondville.

She was processed and issued an appearance ticket to return to court on February 22, according to police.



Allysiah Gonzalez

Saturday, February 18 The Cobleskill State Police arrested Peter G. Barbounis of California on charges of seventh-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance, a misdemeanor, and unlawful possession of marijuana, a violation, after a traffic stop in the Town of Cobleskill. He was processed and released on an ap-

pearance ticket to return to court on March 7.



Peter Barnounis

Saturday, February 11 The Cobleskill State Police arrested Daniel W. Tompkins,



Daniel Tompkins

20, of Gilboa on charges of thirddegree criminal mischief, a felony, fourth-degree criminal mischief, third-degree assault, and criminal obstruction of breathing, all misdemeanors after Troopers received a 911 call through Schoharie County reporting a physical domestic incident.

He was arraigned and sent to jail in lieu of cash bail and an order of protection was issued for multiple victims in the case, according to police.

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SCRABBLE test offers \$, fun

Players can win cash and help a good cause at Literacy Volunteers' SCRABBLE tournament in March.

The ninth annual contest is set for March 18 at Radez School in Richmondville. Doors open at 8am.

This $\bar{\text{is}}$ the major fundraiser for Literacy Volunteers, a three-county program that teaches adults how to read.

"But the focus at the tournament is on fun," said Lisa Cardilli, executive director of Literacy New York--Fulton, Montgomery and Schoharie Counties.

"This event has grown so that people look forward to it all year--and so do we."

Last year's tournament drew 24 teams including nearly 100 players, all of them competing for \$600 in prize money.

"Besides the money, teams compete for bragging rights," said Jim Poole, Literacy Volunteers' board president. "It's a prestige thing, but it's also lowkey and fun.'

First there will be a short warm-up game so that everyone's familiar with the format.

Then three SCRABBLE games, all with different rules. will follow. Total points from the three games will determine winners.

Most SCRABBLE rules don't apply. Players use all tiles to create high-scoring words.

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Literacy Volunteers' 2016 SCRABBLE tournament attracted 24 teams with nearly 100 players. The ninth annual tournament will be held March 18 at Radez School in Richmondville.

Teams can be two to four players. Most teams have four, but two- and three-member teams have won in the past,

"Sometimes there's less discussion and two-person teams can move more quickly," said Mr. Poole. "It's your choice."

Also, Ms. Cardilli added, novices have as good a chance to win as veterans.

"All you need to do is work quickly to put together high-scoring words," she said. "With our rules, you don't need to be a SCRABBLE ex-

Teams can boost their scores by buying extra letters or getting a peek in a dictionary to spell unusual words.

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Players must be 16 years old. Several teams of teenagers entered last year, and if there are enough this year, the tournament may have a separate bracket for teens, Ms. Cardilli

There are also other ways to win besides finishing in the SCRABBLE money. Brian Dineen, back again as emcee this year, will pitch trivia questions between games, and winners receive prizes.

"Brian is the best at this," Mr. Poole said. "He's funny with a bit of an edge, but he's dedicated to this tournament."

In addition to the games and trivia, the tournament has a huge raffle that's grown every

a

year. Included this year will be an Amazon Kindle, deluxe SCRABBLE games and gift certificates to local restau-

rants and businesses Justine's Cobleskill will provide a free continental break-

SCRABBLE games will start just before 9am, and the tournament ends with an awards ceremony at 11:30.

The entry fee is \$15 per

team member.

To register a team, contact Ms. Cardilli at 234-2576 or lvascho@verizon.net.

The 2016 tournament raised a bit more than \$12,000 for Literacy Volunteers, about 13 percent of the organization's bud-

Literacy Volunteers has trained volunteer tutors who teach adults one-on-one in ba-

sic literacy skills. The service is free.

Many students are aiming 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. There are three offices in Cobleskill, Canajoharie and Gloversville, a small staff and materials for tutors and students.

Sharon Springs may change election date

By Patsy Nicosia

The Village of Sharon Springs could be looking at changing its election from June to November.

But right now, there are more questions than answers about what the possible change would entail.

Mayor Doug Plummer said Thursday that the Schoharie County Board of Elections has suggested the change, which would put the village election on the same November ballot as town, county, state and even Presidential elections.

The county would handle the process and pick up the cost, Mayor Plummer said, if

the village decides to make the switch.

Traditionally, he said, the village has held its elections in June so summer residents could vote in it.

But most summer people no longer consider Sharon Springs their primary residence and so are voting somewhere else, he said.

Though Mayor Plummer and trustees were intrigued by the idea, the more they discussed it, the more questions it raised.

Among them:

-The timetable for the change; would it be this November or not until 2018.

-The change would mean

adding six months to board seats during the transition year. How would the village handle that?

-Since there's just one poll-

ing place in the village, how would election officials distinguish between town and vil-—Would switching to the

November ballot mean the village would need to add caucuses and put candidates on party lines?

"It might be more trouble than it's worth." said Trustee Jeff White.

Mayor Plummer agreed to get more information on the possible change from the Board

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Grad rate jumps 7% for C-R

By Jim Poole

Looking to boost its graduation rate, Cobleskill-Richmondville took a long step in that direction last week.

Figures from the state Education Department show C-R's graduation rose from 73 percent in 2015 to 80 percent a year later.

'We have a long-term goal of 90 percent by 2019," said Superintendent Mummenthey, referencing the district's Strategic Plan drawn up last year.

This is a down payment on that, but we still have a lot of work to do.

Chief among factors helping more students graduate is C-R's STRIVE program, started last year. STRIVE gives at-risk students "an intense level of support," Mr. Mummenthey said. (See related story.)

Also essential has been a district-wide strategy to focus on assisting struggling students, and not just in their senior year.

'We're concerned about kids who might drop out as early as 10th grade," Mr. Mummenthey said. Several of the tactics C-R is

using include:

• Freshmen In Transition. Towards the end of eighthgrade, ninth-grade teachers meet with their eighth-grade counterparts to identify incoming freshmen who have trouble adjusting. If students begin falling behind early in accumulating class credits, they may never catch up.

Therefore, students in FIT

get special attention. Without FIT, "students could look at their credits when they're 16 or 17 and say, 'I'm never gonna graduate, Mr. Mummenthey said.

• Targeting attendance. The high school now posts attendance records for each class, encouraging competition. "Attendance is linked to school success. It's a novel idea," Mr. Mummenthey understated, laughing.

• Rewards. C-R holds ice cream socials for students who pass all their courses in a semester, recognizing them for their success.

· Engagement. C-R is trying to get more students involved in sports and clubs. "Kids are much less likely to skip school if they're involved,"

Mr. Mummenthey said. He credited High School Principal Mel Ausfeld, Assistant Principal Jeremiah Haslun, and STRIVE coordinator Danielle Hay with the success.

Mr. Mummenthey cautioned, however, that there could be dips in graduate rates before hitting the 90th percen-

College will host **Beatle** tribute

SUNY Cobleskill will host "Imagine," a celebration of music and the arts, featuring the Beatles tribute band, "Hey Jude," Saturday. March 4, in the Bouck Hall Ballroom.

The event will help support the Grosvenor Art Gallery, located in the recently renovated Design Center, which hosts exhibitions by students, faculty, staff, and the commu-

It also serves as a meeting and performance space for cultural events like last year's Reader's Theater.

The event will kick off with diner at 6pm, following by music and dancing from 7:45-9:45pm.

There will be awards for the best dressed as well as a trivia

contest Seating is limited and available on a first-come, first-

served basis. Tables of eight can be re-

served upon request. For more information and to RSVP, contact the Office of

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We have a longterm goal of 90 percent by 2019.

This is a down payment on that, but we still have a lot of work to do.

—Carl

Mummenthey

tile. But when C-R hits 90, "why not 100?" Mr. Mummenthey asked.

The state has many ways to measure schools' performance--numerous student tests and teacher evaluations--but graduation rate is high on Mr. Mummenthey's list.

"It's most important to me," he said. "Parents give us their kids for 13 years, we have to do the best we can."

STRIVE a key for C-R rate

By Jim Poole

The STRIVE program is a lever that's raising Cobleskill-Richmondville's graduation

STRIVE, or Students Receiving Individualized and Varied Education, gives at-risk students more intensive monitoring and help.

They're not special ed students; instead, a typical STRIVE student is one who might have problems out of school--poverty, foster care or a broken home, for instance, that affect school performance--according to Danielle Hay, STRIVE coordinator

Students attend their regular classes but return to Ms. Hay's room during free periods and study hall to do school

Although she's a credited room teacher in the strict sense. my heart. She helps students with whatever they need.

"Sometimes it's Global History, sometimes it's math," Ms. Hay said. "I tell them right away that I'm in their business. I meet them where they're at and help them be successful."

Students may take compressed classes; for instance, taking Global 1 and Global 2 the same year "to get back on track with their credits," Ms. Hay said.

Adding that she's "more of a case worker than a teacher," Ms. Hay checks with students' teachers and is more involved with their parents.

So far, STRIVE is working. The program started last year and helped seven students graduate. This year, three who might not otherwise graduate are on track to do so, Ms. Hay

"Sometimes it's hard sell to teens and their parents," she said. "But there's someone than we expected," said Mr. Ronca. "It included proper here to care about you.

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Cobleskill-Richmondville Athletic Director Matt Ronca, left, and school board President Bruce Tryon are reassembling the school's Athletic Participation Committee to get more students involved in sports.—Photo by Jim Poole.

Get off the couch

C-R looking to get more students involved in sports

By Jim Poole

Cobleskill-Richmondville is again ramping up efforts to increase participating in ath-

The goal is to get more kids active, with a side benefit of building up sports teams.

"This is about athletics meeting the physical, social and health needs of individual students," said Athletic Director Matt Ronca.

To that end, school board President Bruce Tryon is calling together the Athletic Participation Committee, which hasn't met recently. The committee formed two

years ago out of concerns of dwindling participation and how C-R teams fared--not so well, mostly--in the competitive Colonial Council.

Made up of teachers, coaches, parents and administrators, the Athletic Participation Committee will meet March 28, 7pm, in the Golding School Library.

'We encourage the public to attend," Mr. Tryon said. "It's an open meeting. We're going to pick up where we left off, see what's good and what needs work, and put together a to-do list."

He agreed with Mr. Ronca that athletics are a key piece of school.

"Athletics rounds out the educational experience," said Mr. Tryon, a Cobleskill grad teacher, Ms. Hay is not a class-

> "If I hadn't had sports, I would have struggled in school."

> Reviving the committee fits with C-R's Strategic Plan, written last year to improve student performance in all areas.

One of those goals was identifying barriers to student participation. The upcoming C-R 2017-18 budget addresses a major barrier, the lack of late buses for athletes and others.

The tentative budget includes funds for late buses for multiple nights, Mr. Tryon

"That was a high priority," he added.

Another goal was involving more students in sports clinics, and that started in the summer. College coaches were involved in a strength and agility clinic for seventh- through 12-graders.

'We had larger numbers

routines for strength training and some agility work.

'We'll do it again. We got great feedback from students and parents."

Other recent projects include a basketball program for elementary through sixthgrade students, run by Becky Stanton-Terk, which drew wide participation, Mr. Ronca

He also pointed to a rejuvenated All Sports Booster Club, which has stepped up promotion on Facebook to make people more aware of what athletes are doing.

Increased promotion, whether through the Times-Journal or social media, "helps us a lot," Mr. Ronca said.

"That really builds support from parents and the commu-

Varsity coaches are also attending middle school events so that parents and students recognize them. At a recent eighth-grade awards ceremony, varsity coaches set up tables to meet families.

[Varsity baseball coach] John Henry wore his uniform,' Mr. Ronca said. "That made an impact on eighth-graders."

The efforts are mostly new, as is Mr. Ronca. Although he's been athletic director only half a year, efforts have increased.

Because the drive is new, growth in participation is small--but still important. Coming up are several more

• Mr. Ronca will soon be

regularly updating C-R's athletic webpage with games, matches, awards and more. This is about athletics meeting the physical, social and health needs of individual students.

> —Athletic Director Matt Ronca

"It's a great tool for parents,"

• The tentative budget increases stipends for coaches, including a longevity raise for long-timers. "It's a way to thank coaches for all their hard work," Mr. Tryon said.

• The budget also includes funds for professional development for coaches, and also for clinics and new uniforms.

Starting this spring, coaches will text team information to parents who sign up for the service.

· Also starting this spring, Mr. Ronca will review with

coaches what's good about their program and what needs work. "We want to give them as much feedback as possible," he said. "It's a planning tool."

Both Mr. Ronca and Mr. Tryon know that dramatic increases in participation won't happen overnight. But Mr. Tryon believes Mr. Ronca is the key player--and the right player--to bring more students into sports.

"The district is really encouraged by what we see with Matt," Mr. Tryon said. "His outreach is fantastic. Parents and the community know him and are impressed.'

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Water Is Life: Tepee rally stands with Standing Rock



Story and photos By Patsy Nicosia

Sixty-five people stood for Standing Rock Sunday at a Water Is Life rally held at the Tepee on Route 20, Cherry

The event featured stories from those who've visited the



Edward Wren was one of the rally's speakers. Like others, he stressed the need for Standing Rock protests to remain peaceful.

...it's very important that this be done peacefully. **/** —Edward Wren

Standing Rock Indian Reservation, in North and South Dakota, site of the proposed Dakota Access Pipeline, as well as music and prayers.

And shopping.

As a way to raise money for the DAPL Water Protectors and Sacred Stone Legal Fund, which is working to support protestors at Standing Rock, the Tepee's Donna, Dale, and Pete Latella asked people to "swarm" their 67-year-old busi-

"Swarms" are the opposite of boycotts; shoppers descend as a group to support a business and often raise money for

The Tepee's swarm Sunday raised \$465, 20 percent of the event's sales.

Edward Wren was the rally's first speaker and like those who followed him, he spoke to the importance of peaceful protests at Standing

"This is our time," he told the crowd gathered in the Tepee parking lot, "but if we're going to win this, it's very important that this be done peacefully.' The Latellas aren't Native

American, but have many friends who are and have been following the protests at Standing Rock closely, Mr. Latella His sister, Donna, said she

has an even more personal reason for protecting water ev-

Any issue that affects my daughter affects the future of all of us" she said.

Sadie Lincoln of Laurens is a teenager who visited Standing Rock with her family a couple of months ago to help build a school there.

"I got to meet so many amaz-

ing people," she said, "and

they all stressed the impor-

tance of staying in prayer. In our hearts, I know we are angry. But we need to stay in peace." Sue Donegan of Norwich also talked about her visit to Standing Rock and Native American mother and daugh-

Johanna Schrom of Schenevus sang a song of protest. DALP is a pipeline being built to transport tar sands and fracked gas through four

ter Jessica Carroll and

It was re-routed near the Standing Rock Indian Reservation after a route near Bismark, North Dakota was judged too risky for water sup-

Since last April, protestors have been camped at the site, which is also considered sacred, in efforts to stop the

project. Preside Donald Trump has vowed to go ahead with the

pipeline. Sunday's rally was the out-

growth of activism efforts by Positive Action Cherry Valley.



Donna Latella speaks for her inspiration for supporting the DAPL protests: Her daughter.

About 65 people attended a "swarm" and Water is Life rally held at the Tepee in Cherry Valley Sunday afternoon. The event raised \$465 to support the Water Protectors and Sacred Stone Legal Fund at the controversial DAPL pipeline site.



Protestors arrive at the Tepee Sunday. To their right is a sign supporting efforts at the Standing Rock Indian Reservation in the Dakotas.



Johanna Schrom and her daughter, Jessica Carroll, both from near Schenevus, perform a song at Sunday's rally.

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Although the wind was strong, temperatures in the 40s and 50s, along with bright sunshine, gave anglers near-perfect conditions for their favorite sport.

Dozens turned out for the event, and tents and canopies lined the lake. Fishermen brought in a few bass and perch on the day.

The derby was sponsored by the Richmondville Fish & Game Club. SUNY Cobleskill hosts another derby this Saturday on the Franklinton Vly.





Jerry Brown and his buddy, Marlin, relax during the ice fishing derby on **Bear Gulch Lake in Sum**mit Saturday.

Photos by Jim Poole



For those who didn't want to fish, playing in the snow



Nick and Ella Coons of Summit check their tip-up at Bear Gulch Lake during Saturday's ice fishing

An ice fisherman packs it in for the day.



Greg Capobianco sets his bait and line at a likely



Tents and parkas were necessary gear for ice fishermen on Bear Gulch Lake in Summit Saturday, but only to brace the wind. Temperatures in the 40s and 50s made the day a perfect one for the ice fishing derby, which was sponsored by the Richmondville Fish & Game Club.



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SCS's Trendell NVLG 'We The People' winner

The Capital Region BOCES New Visions: Law and Government Program accomplished on Saturday, February 11 what most sports teams can only dream of - three-peat as state champions.

For the third consecutive year, the high honors program won the state-level "We The People: The Citizen and the Constitution" competition.

Comprising students from several area high schools in the Questar III and Capital Region BOCES regions, the New Visions: Law & Government team bested more than 100 finalists from five other school districts from across the state.

The team now advances to the national competition held in Washington, DC on April 21-

To win, the New Visions: Law & Government students, who attend the program for a halfday and their home high schools the other half, had to explain the philosophical and historical foundations on which the American political system is based.

In the setting of a simulated congressional hearing, the students "testified" before panels of judges to demonstrate their extensive knowledge and understanding of constitutional principles, and they evaluated, took, and defended positions on relevant historical and contemporary issues, ranging from recent Supreme Court rulings about the Voting Rights Act, to the First Amendment rights of students on social media regarding speech about school, to federal immigration policy.

The 10 New Visions: Law & Government students didn't let being the smallest team represented interfere with their success as they bested five other regional champion teams ranging from 12 to 34 students from Long Island, New York City and western New York, their teacher, attorney Rich Bader

The winning New Visions: Law & Government student team consists of: Kelsey Delaney, Schalmont High School; Ed Lawson, Berne-Knox-Westerlo High School; Skyler Leveroni, Averill Park High School; Matthew McHugh, Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School; Sureet Pabbi, Niskayuna High School; Carson Rowe, Scotia-Glenville High School; Quentin Rubel, Chatham High School; Jared Scali, Hudson High School; Emma Trendell, Schoharie High School; and Madison Tyndell, Rensselaer High School

Mr. Bader said the New Vi-

sions: Law & Government students prepared for the competition in part by studying "We The People: The Citizen and Constitution," an intensive curriculum focusing on the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

Funded and run in New York by the New York State Bar Association's Law Youth and Citizenship program since 2010, when Congress stopped funding this civic education program, the program has benefited 30 million students nationally during its 30-year his-

"At a time when surveys and studies show us that New Yorkers and all Americans know less and less about the Constitution and how our government works, these student are able to show they know more than ever," he added.

New Visions: Law & Government is a career-exploration and honors Advanced Placement (AP) and college-creditgranting program offered by the Capital Region BOCES Career & Technical School for honors-level, college-bound high school seniors. Participating students attend the program for a half day and their home high schools the other half of the school day.

In a classroom located at the New York State Education Building in downtown Albany, New Visions: Law & Govern-

Left to right, Emma Trendell, Schoharie; Matthew McHugh, Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk and Madison Tyndell, Rensselaer at the New Visions Law and Government "We the People" competition.

ment pupils study an integrated and judicial branches of govcurriculum of advanced coursework in political science, law, English and economics, with government and law-related internships, job shadowing, field trips, community service and competitions.

Students learn first-hand about the executive, legislative ernment, as well as about the private legal sector.

Applications for the program are being accepted through March 10 from high school juniors for the 2017-18 school year. An evening open house will be held tonight, Wednesday, February 15, from 6-7:30pm at the

Capital Region Career and Technical Education Center, Building B, 1015 Watervliet-Shaker Road, Colonie.

For more information, call Rich Bader at 486-2613 or visit h t t p : / / capitalregionboces.org/ CareerTech/Programs/ NVLG.cfm.

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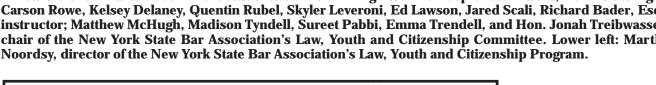


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New Visions: Law & Government students on the winning "We The People" team were, from left to right: Carson Rowe, Kelsey Delaney, Quentin Rubel, Skyler Leveroni, Ed Lawson, Jared Scali, Richard Bader, Esq., instructor; Matthew McHugh, Madison Tyndell, Sureet Pabbi, Emma Trendell, and Hon. Jonah Treibwasser, chair of the New York State Bar Association's Law, Youth and Citizenship Committee. Lower left: Martha



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Boy Scout Troop 15, of Richmondville, recently visited the Joseph L Popp Jr. Butterfly Conservatory in Oneonta. Although there were not many butterflies at this time of year, there were many other species of birds, reptiles, amphibians, insects, mammals, and exotic plants on display.

Many of the birds and animals were not caged and were roaming the room freely, such as Button Quail (native to Australia and Southeast Asia) and several turtles. The boys became acquainted with a Spiney Devil, which is native to New Guinea and the Solomon Islands.

Also featured were two female East African Crowned Cranes

The Troop learned about the behaviors and natural habitats of these creatures, and were able to carefully handle some of the insects, birds, and lizards. The Troop plans to revisit the conservatory in the summer,

when there will be more butterflies on display. Boys who attended were Gabe Warner (Senior Patrol leader), Tyler Hotaling, and Kaleb Benac. They were accompanied by

George Horning (Scoutmaster), Amy White (Assistant Scoutmaster), Charlene King (Troop Committee chair), Max Horning (Troop Committee member), and Makaya King a Scout sibling.

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Richmondville is a member of

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Danielle Clifford of

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More than 300 students met open to associate and bachelor requirements for graduation degree students enrolled in from SUNY Oneonta following SUNY Deli's Honors Program. the fall 2016 semester. Graduates were honored at a December recognition ceremony hosted by College President Nancy Kleniewski and held in the Dewar Arena of the Alumni Field House. The following area students graduated from SUNY Oneonta:

Veronica O'Brien of Canajoharie, earned a BS in Adolescence Education: En-

Shauna Sebastian of Canajoharie, earned a BS in Childhood Education.

Christopher Conti of Cobleskill, earned a BS in Early Childhood/Childhood Education (B-6).

Whitney Romain of Cobleskill, earned a BS in Early Childhood/Childhood Education (B-6)

Nearly 70 SUNY Oneonta students helped launch a new service-learning partnership aimed at getting local elementary school children excited

about growing their food. With grant funding acquired through SUNY Oneonta's Center for Social Responsibility and Community, Assistant Professor of Biology Sean Robinson built and installed vegetable grow boxes in all 12 kindergarten through fifth-grade classrooms at Riverside Elementary School last fall.

The following area students participated in the Harvest Share Buddies service-learning partnership:

Emily Rathka of North Blenheim and Gabriella Scott of Cobleskill, both majoring in biology.

Emma Butler of Sharon Springs was named to the fall 2016 high honors list at Vermilion Community College in Elys, Minnesota.

Kasey Rossman of Stamford excelled during the Fall 2016 semester at Hofstra University, achieving a GPA of at least 3.5 to earn a spot on the dean's list.

Five Delhi students have been awarded Dennis Callas Honors Scholarships in recognition of exceptional academic

achievement. The scholarships, which range from \$1,000-\$2,500, are



Crock Pot Supper at R'ville UMC

The Richmondville United Methodist Church will hold a Crock Pot Supper on Saturday, February 25, from 4:30-6pm, by donation.

Community dance set in Gallupville

There will be a community dance at the Gallupville House Saturday, February 25, at 7pm, featuring live fiddle music.

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Triple Threat sets dinner, auction

Triple Threat Allstar Cheerleaders will have a spaghetti dinner, auction, and 50/50 raffle at the Richmondville Firehouse Saturday, February 25, 4-7pm.

Warnerville UMC starting up new Sunday school

The Warnerville United Methodist Church will start a

new Sunday school for kids ages 4-12 on Sunday, February

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Pancake b'fasts in Central Bridge

The Central Bridge Fire Department will hold all-you-caneat breakfasts Sunday February 26, March 26, and April 23, 8am-noon at the Central Bridge Fire Station. South Main Street. By donation.

G-CCS slates March blood drive

Gilboa-Conesville Central School will host a blood drive on Wednesday, March 1, 10:30am-4:30pm, in the M. Matthew Murray Auditorium.

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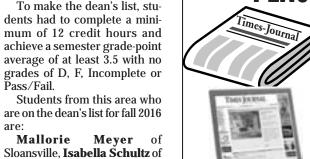
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Arts & **Entertainment**

SALT event unveils 'Trails to Tales' site

Schoharie Area Long Term (SALT) Development and partners launched an innovative website project, "Trails to Tales of Schoharie County," on Thursday, January 26 at SUNY Cobleskill.

The event celebrated the release of a dynamic website that highlights cultural, historical, and artistic destinations in Schoharie County.

The Trails to Tales (formerly called "Geo to Go") website contains interactive maps and information about points of interest throughout the county.

Individuals can use the website's Google Maps to plan trips along any of the featured trails, in-person or virtually, to desired destination locations.

Audio and video clips produced with Working Pictures in Albany contain interviews with Schoharie County residents about the points of in-

The website's first featured trails are the Schoharie County Quilt Barn Trail, Schoharie County Beverage Trail, and designated newly Schoharie County Farm Trail.

Speakers at the launch event included Marion Terenzio, president of SUNY Cobleskill; Laura Morace, Trails to Tales project director: Sarah Goodrich, executive director of SALT; Lillian SpinaCaza, the project originator and video and website content developer; Dr. Ellen McHale, curator and content developer for audio content: and representatives from the Quilt Barn, Beverage, and Farm Trails.

The Schoharie County Beverage Trail also provided product tastings for the event.

1st Playable Productions, a video game company based in Troy, gave a demonstration of mixed reality technology, which will be used in the upcoming Trails to Tales mobile

application to enrich users' educational experiences as they travel the trails.

"Trails to Tales captures so many of Schoharie County's cultural gems," said Project Director Laura Morace. "We want more people to experience our area's riches. SALT is most grateful that with this project, we can collaboratively build upon the work local trails have already initiated, like the Beverage Trail, to get more people out exploring and experiencing the region.'

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Virginia Schaum, Chair, Schoharie County Quilt Barn



Ellen McHale, New York Folklore Society.



Ken Wortz, KyMar Farm Winery & Distillery, and, right, Manny Santos, Project Lead, Go Gonzalez.



Dates set for next Antiques in Schoharie

Antiques in Schoharie will be held Saturday, March 18 from 10am-5pm and Sunday, March 19 from 11am-4pm at the Schoharie Central School.

Shoppers will find more than 100 vendors with clocks, stoneware, textiles, furniture of all kinds, glass and china, silver and gold, paintings, vintage clothing, jewelry, and collectibles of all kinds.

There will be great homemade chili, macaroni ham and cheese, soup, sandwiches, and desserts available in the café.

This show is a major fundraiser for Schoharie Colonial Heritage Association, supporting its railroad museum, the 1742 Palatine House, its children's theatre program, the Depot Lane Singers and many other on-going activities throughout the year.

For more information, call show manager Ruth Anne Wilkinson at 231-7241 or the SCHA office at 295-7505.

Richmondville Days plans now underway

The Richmondville Days Committee is already planning for "Richmondville Days 2017, A Wagon Load of Fun."

The weekend long event will be held Friday, June 2-Sunday, June 4, beginning with a chicken barbecue on Friday.

Saturday's celebration will include a parade, community wide yard sales, vendors, raffles, silent auction, TREP\$ and many other activities throughout the village, ending with fireworks behind Radez School.

Sunday's events will include a pork roast lunch at the Bunn Mill along with live music, sponsored by the Historical Society.

Anyone interested in joining the Richmondville Days Planning Committee or with ideas to share, is invited to attend the next meeting on Thursday, March 16 at 7pm at the Richmondville Municipal Build-



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Brides' Guide

How to incorporate flowers in various ways

ments for couples and the guests they invite to share their happiness on their big days. Beautiful weddings require substantial planning, as every last detail must be considered for couples to enjoy the wedding of their dreams.

Flowers play a big role in many weddings, and couples can add beauty and ambiance to the event by using floral arrangements in various ways.

Modern floral arrangements are stunning, and many couples may not know that herbs, spices and flowers have been used in weddings for cen-

Today, flowers are used to decorate wedding venues, impart sweet fragrances and complement formal attire, but in ancient times they were used differently.

Flowers were used to bestow good luck on the couple and keep bad omens away.

ers and spices to keep evil spirits from spoiling the festivities, and some even tucked bulbs of garlic into their bouquets.

In ancient Greece and Rome, both the bride and groom wore garlands made out of strongsmelling herbs flowers around their necks or heads. These wreaths were considered gifts of nature, and thus extremely appropriate for a wedding.

Traditionally, bridesmaids would be responsible for fashioning these floral components. In ancient Sweden, young girls would carry small bouquets of fragrant herbs down the aisle and the groom would put thyme in his pocket. These aromatics were thought to help keep trolls at bay.

Besides warding off spirits or hungry trolls, flowers also served more practical purposes throughout history.

During the Middle Ages, people bathed less frequently

Brides carried aromatic flow- than they do today. Bathing When coupled with Grecianmight only have occurred twice a year, once during summer then again Christmastime.

Because many weddings took place in the spring, flowers were used to mask bodily odors. Not only were flowers and herbs carried, but they also would be sewn into cloth-

Modern brides and grooms may no longer see their wedding days as times for opportunistic evil spirits. But that doesn't mean that couples cannot borrow from ancient traditions and incorporate flowers into their weddings in various

• Wreaths and garlands: Ask the florist to weave small flower buds, berries and vines to a headband, wreath or piece of twine so that the bride and groom can wear these flowers in the way they were worn by ancient Greeks and Romans.

styled wedding gowns, brides can look like beautiful goddesses on their wedding days.

 Fragrant favors: Tuck dried rose petals and other fragrant flowers into sachets that are embroidered with the wedding date and couple's names. Guests can use these sachets to keep clothings smelling fresh in drawers or as subtle air fresheners around the house.

 Edible flowers: Ask the caterer to make meals flowerfriendly by including some edible blooms in the salad or as a garnish on meals.

· Raining petals: In lieu of bubbles or birdseed, guests can shower the newlyweds with rose petals after the ceremony.

 Memorial: Some couples like to honor departed family members. Floral arrangements with small placards can make for fitting memorials.

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Selecting the right wedding gow

Many brides-to-be visit bridal shops with specific goals in mind regarding the style of their wedding gowns. Some women come equipped with magazine tear-outs or pull up ideas on their mobile phones.

Others may have an entire scrapbook filled with various ideas they've been compiling for years.

Much consideration is given to wedding gowns.

The cost and silhouette of the dress may garner the bulk of that consideration, but brides might want to spend more time considering com-

Depending on the time of day their weddings take place, brides can spend 12 hours or more in their wedding gowns on their wedding day.

However, when shopping for their gowns, brides may prioritize beauty over comfort, even though it's entirely possible to find a gown that's both stunning and comfortable.

When staff and friends or family who have come along to offer advice start to blush over wedding gowns, brides-to-be may feel pressured to downplay any discomfort they feel.

To make sure brides look

flawless and elegant but are still comfortable in their wedding gowns, consider the following

 Know what to highlight and what to cover up. No two body types are the same, and many women feel certain parts of their bodies are their best assets while they want to downplay others. Try on gowns that play up your best

If you have shapely legs, consider a dramatic gown with a slit to show them off. Certain gowns can enhance the decollete or show off an hourglass shape. Remember, many gowns can be modified so that you feel secure and confident.

Sleeves can be added or fabric placed to cover up any perceived flaws. Confidence and pride are important parts of the comfort factor. • Get sized correctly. Bridal

gown sizes do not coincide with street sizes. Depending on the manufac-

turer, brides may have to select gowns that are several sizes larger than they would normally wear.

This should not be a cause for alarm. Brides should go by their measurements.

Attempting to squeeze into a dress that is too small will only lead to discomfort on the wed-

Purchase the right undergarments. Improperly fitting bras, shapewear and other undergarments can lead to discomfort as well. Some seamstresses can sew in supportive cups to remove the need for separate bras. Brides can explore various options to reduce the visibility of certain accou-

• Move around in the gown. Brides should not just stand in front of the mirror and smile when trying on gowns. Put them through their paces. Try sitting, bending and even a little dancing. Make sure the dress is comfortable to move

• Try different options. The gown brides have in mind may not be the one they ultimately go home with. Explore different styles and materials. Choose cooler, breezier fabrics and lightweight gowns, like crêpe, georgette or organza, for summer weddings. Heavier fabrics, such as brocade, may be more comfortable in the winter.

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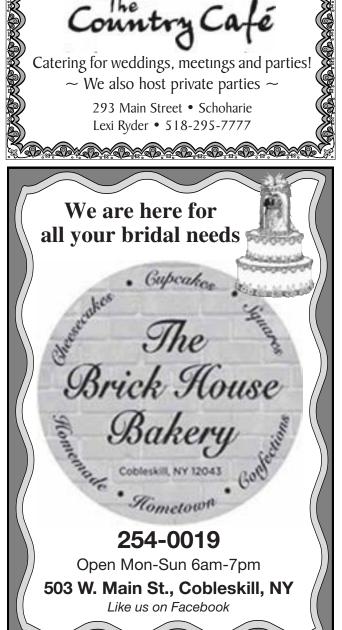


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2017 Brides' Guide

hrow a casual wedding to remember

Elegant, lavish weddings provide moments couples will remember for years to come. But while such storybook ceremonies and receptions remain

popular, casual affairs are gaining popularity.

According to the bridal resource The Knot, more and more couples are opting for less

pageantry and more laid back personalized, casual weddings panache when planning their weddings.

For those who prefer something more intimate and more

may be right on target.

There are many advantages to having a "luxe with less" wedding, including the ability to break molds and impart more of the couple's personality into the event.

Another advantage is the price tag. The average US wedding, according to The Knot 2014 Real Weddings Study, costs \$31,213.

In some urban areas, particularly New York City, average costs are three times that amount. Golden Girl Finance, a leader in financial digital media, has found that Canadian weddings average \$31,000 with honeymoon included.

Although wedding costs have gone up, the average number of wedding guests has gone down. As such, certain couples might look to rein in other aspects of their wedding.

Transforming the festivities into a casual affair can help keep the overall budget low while still allowing for an exciting and enjoyable event.

Catering halls and other reception sites do a wonderful job of meeting the needs of their clientele. However, food and beverage costs are often the most expensive wedding ex-

and also incorporate some variety into their wedding days, couples can consider a venue change.

Look for public locations that allow couples to hire their own caterer, which may be a favorite restaurant or specialty food shop. The cost per person may decrease dramatically from the venue costs.

Contrast

Enjoy a casual, free-spirited wedding that incorporates some aspects of formality in an off-beat way. Think about serving fast food, such as fried chicken or pizza, on fine china.

Those wearing tuxedos and gowns can opt for casual footwear, such as athletic shoes. Place wildflowers in crystal vases. These are just some methods to give a rich feel without removing the fun element.

Personal touches

Menus or wedding programs printed at home in a fun font can set the casual tone couples are looking for. Look for eclectic fabrics to use as gift tags or napkin holders.

Hand-painted signs or a hodge-podge of picture frames can display pertinent information, such as itineraries or seating arrangements. Encourage friends or family to contribute a favorite menu item to the food

To reduce the per-guest cost offerings. A home-baked dessert can be delicious and budget-friendly.

Wardrobe

Clothing often indicates the formality of an occasion. Everyone from the wedding party to the guests can dress down. Sundresses can replace taffeta bridesmaids' gowns. Guys can opt for tailored sports coats with jeans. Guests may feel comfortable in less formal attire that facilitates dancing and mingling.

How guests can cut costs

Couples and/or their families can expect to spend tens of thousands of dollars on their weddings before saying "I do," making weddings one of the largest expenses for a couple apart from buying a house or

But brides- and grooms-tobe are not the only ones who may have to invest quite a great deal on wedding days. Guests, including bridal party members, may also be responsible to pay a substantial sum.

According to the 2016 American Express Spending & Saving Tracker, Americans expected to spend an average of \$703 per each wedding they attended in 2016.

Few people are willing to miss the wedding of a beloved family member or friend, even when the costs of attending the wedding can be high. Fortunately, there are ways for wedding invitees to attend the festivities without breaking the bank.

 Shop around for lodging. Many couples arrange for discounted hotel rooms for their out-of-town wedding guests. But guests might be able to save even more by shopping around for their own discounted rates at hotels and other lodging accommoda-

Websites like Orbitz and Hotels.com can compare rates at all the hotels in a given city, letting wedding guests explore all of their alternatives in a single search.

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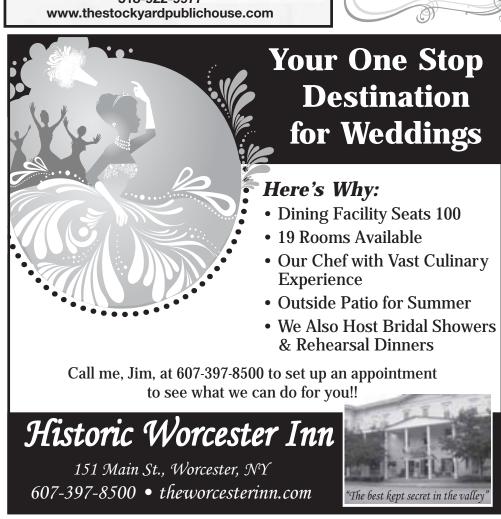
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Summit

By Karen Cuccinello It was neat to see a half dozen

snowmobiles parked at C-RCS high school last week. Finally we have enough snow for snowmobiles. So, now we're getting winter, but the snow was pretty easy to deal with since it was fairly light. Central Empire Rifle and Pis-

tol League - Pistol Division Match Results for February 10: Stamford/Richmondville defeated Sidney 1150-32 to Walton defeated Rockdale 1094-19 to Oneonta

1041-8 1073-12; defeated Delhi 1034-9 to 991-7.

Stamford/Richmondville team- Jim Hitt 290-10, Cliff Christman 289-7, Charlie Rose 288-4, Larry VanDeusen 282-11, Harry Wyckoff, Nick and Brian Righi, Mark Gifford, Jan Hornbach, Marnard Vance and Judy Wyckoff.

Brian Walton team-MacRabie 281-7, Kyle Budine 273-6. Glenn Bowker 270-3, Justin McAdams 270-3, Bill McAdams, Dan Bennett, Al Budine, Kris Bowker, Tammy Budine, Will Sulger, Helga Newman, Gary MacRabie and Barb Budine.

February 20-24- No school at C-RCS, JCS and CVCS.

February 24- Dinner & a Movie: "Hacksaw Ridge" (rated R), 5:30pm at the Middleburgh Library.

February 25- Catskill Hospice Poker Run at Summit Conservation Club. Sign-up 9-11am. For information call 287-

February 25- Middleburgh Winter Warm-Up, 6-8:30pm at Badgley Park (by the Firehouse)- Skating, bonfire and music.

February 25- Claiming the

Delaware- The damming of the East and West Branches of the

Delaware River to form the Cannonsville and Pepacton Reservoirs by presenter and author Diane Galusha, 11am at the Stamford Village Library.

February 25 and 26- The Richmondville pistol club will conduct an indoor 900 Pistol Match as a fundraiser. You must register for a time slot. To register call (607) 538-9503 or email Jhitt003@stny.rr.com.

February 26- CR Little League Sign-ups, 11am-2pm at Eagles Club, Cobleskill.

February 27- Dr. Best House committee meeting, 6pm at the Best House.

March 2- JCS Parent Group meeting, 7pm in the Home Ec.

March 2- CVCS Board of Education meeting, 6:30pm in

the elementary gym. March 4 - Chili dinner at the Summit firehouse, 4-7pm. Menu includes hot, mild and vegetarian chili, salad, cornbread, rolls, drinks and desert. Sponsored by the Summit Mountain Day committee (Summit Mountain Day is July 1, 2017).

March 5- Breakfast at the Summit Conservation Club, 8am-noon.

March 8- Schoharie County Historical Society Book Club meeting, 1:30pm at the Badgely Museum at the Old Stone Fort. Book reading topic for this month is money. Contact Kathy Slater 868-2779 for information.

March 9 (Thursday) - Summit Mountain Day committee will meet at 7pm at the Summit Grill and General Store.

March 13- Fulton Town Board meeting, 6:30pm at Town Hall, 1168 Bear Ladder Road, West Fulton. Meetings are the second Monday of each month.

15-Stamford Smalley's Theater- slide show & chat including 1930's and 40's Playbills, 1-2pm at the Stamford Village Library. Free, all are welcome. The Smalleys Theater opened 1927 and was demolished 1977.

March 15- Schohariekill- a settlement found near Prattsville, 7pm at the Gilboa Town Hall. Presenter is Caroline Bennett. The program is offered free by the Gilboa Historical Society.

March 18 and 19 - Summit Conservation Club stuffed pizza, noon-7pm on Saturday and noon- 4pm on Sunday.

March 21 the Summit Seniors meet at the Summit firehouse at noon. Bring a dish to pass.

May 6- Leatherstocking Honor Flight is looking for veterans and guards to accompany veterans. Email rpnzl21@nycap.rr.com or call 878-2257 for information. History

1913 Schoharie County Board of Supervisors report-March 18 inspection of the Almshouse- ... Sewage is piped to an open ditch about 15 rods from the almshouse and runs from thence to the river. There has been some complaint of the

Meals on day of inspection: Breakfast- Oatmeal, fried potatoes, bread and butter, tea or

Dinner- Roast beef, boiled potatoes, gravy, Indian pudding, bread, tea or milk.

If you have any events to let me karenc@midtel.net.



Library News

Special programming

Victorian Tea: Saturday, February 25, 11am-1pm. Enjoy a Victorian-themed tea at the library. Feel free to dress up, bring a teacup, and bring a snack to share. We'll have tea and cookies galore. All ages

Healthy Living for Your Brain and Body: March 7, 1-2:30pm. A representative from the Alzheimer's Association will speak about how lifestyle choices can affect brain health. Join us to learn about research on diet and nutrition, exercise. cognitive activity and social engagement; and use hands-on tools to help you incorporate these recommendations into a plan for healthy aging. Pre-register by calling $867-4999 \times 200$. Regular programming

Storytime with Vanessa Repicky: Fridays, 10am. Join us for stories, crafts, games, music and more every Friday at 10am. All ages are welcome; children must be accompanied by a parent or other responsible adult. No storytime on Febru-

Minecraft Club: Monday, February 27, 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 fourth Mondays; all ages are welcome.

Star Wars X-Wing Game Night: Monday, February 27, 7-9pm. Come play one of the top tactical strategy games on the market. Feel free to bring vour own ships and fly into battle. New to the game? No worries. Tutorials and practice ships are available. Experienced players and tournament prep are available. All ages welcome. Star Wars Game Night takes place every fourth

Writing Club: Monday, March 6, 7-8:30pm. Writers of all ages are welcome. Bring your fiction, non-fiction, poetry or any other type of writing to share, discuss and critique. The Writing Club meets every first and third Monday.

ter book sale in library foyer.

be provided. This will be a recurring program. We will meet every third Monday of the month at 2pm. Registration is required.

February 28, 10:45am, Dropin Storytime. Get ready to move in this interactive storytime designed especially for children ages 0-5 and their caregivers. We'll read books, sing songs, recite fingerplays, dance and watch a short movie based on a weekly theme. No registration required.

February 28 - 1pm - Mahjong Mania. Every Tuesday at 1pm a spirited group of people get together in the Community Room to play Mahjong. Don't know how to play? No problem. They will teach you how. No registration required.

February 28 - 5:15pm - Insight Meditation. A simple Zazen meditation practice. All are welcome. No registration

March 1, 1pm, Wednesday Matinee – "Hacksaw Ridge" (R) - WWII American Army Medic Desmond T. Doss, who served during the Battle of Okinawa, refuses to kill people, and becomes the first man in American history to receive the Medal of Honor without firing a shot. Please be aware that this film is rated R for intense, prolonged realistically graphic sequences of war violence, including grisly bloody

March 1, 7pm, Knitting Circle. These friendly ladies (men are welcome, but we haven't seen any yet) knit and crochet, embroider and quilt and more. You can learn a new skill here or share your own special talents with others - or just craft in the company of friends. Drop in anytime. No registration required.

For more information, see website www.middleburghlibrary.info.

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Carlisle

By Chris Keefer Greetings Carlisle.

We've got a very snowy scene up here in northern Schoharie County. It's a pleasure to hear the Cave Country Riders using the snowmobile trail near the house. Finally,

I'm looking forward to the trails they are laying down so my friends and I can ski.

Diane and Tod Nicolai and I had gone skiing on the Catskill Scenic Trail about two weeks ago; this is an old rail trail that is designated for multi-use (walking, skiing, horseback riding, but nothing motorized

On our seven miler, we were accompanied by about 30 dif-

ferent snowmobilers, all of whom slowed and waved as they passed us.

So nice to see all of us enjoying our various sports in a classic Catskill setting.

The Carlisle Historical Society officers have been working on the spring newsletter.

It will be mailed and emailed to Society members very soon. But save the date for the first spring program in March. Ted Shuart, Schoharie County and Town of Cobleskill Historian will present "Hotels and Taverns of Schoharie County" for us on March 8 at the Town Hall on Crommie Road.

This year, all of our evening programs will begin at 7pm.

This is a new time for evening As always, these events are

free for everyone. We encourage bringing a guest, asking questions, and socializing over a bounteous table of incredible homemade refreshments after

Condolences to the family and friends of Don Weise, our neighbor just south of us. Don had a unique wit and wisdom that we all had the privilege of knowing.

Got news? We welcome an nouncements, happy thoughts, news of upcoming events and good bird sightings. Email carlislenews12031@gmail.com or phone 339-3664.

Middleburgh

February 13-28 - Mid-Win-

February 27, 2pm, Adult Coloring Club. Come and experience the latest trend in relaxation, adult coloring books. Studies show coloring can have a calming effect on the adult mind and helps promote overall wellness. Coloring pages designed especially for adults as well as colored pencils will



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Sharon Springs

By Cindy Oppici What a week of weather we have had; with all the storms and then expecting spring-like temperatures. The good news is that February is a short month and hopefully March comes in like a lamb and brings some warmer tempera-

tures. There are still a lot of cold days, so make sure your pets are safe and warm.

Have a great week and those of you who have the week off due to school vacations, enjoy the time. I am definitely looking forward to my daughterin-law, Stephanie, visiting from California this week; hope to get some time to spend with her and my son.

My number is 657-1478 if you have any news.

Happy birthday for the week of February 23-March 1: Walter Manko, Terry Sherman, Nancy MacFadden - 23rd; Lisa Fleming - 25th; Scott Palmer - 26th; Barbara Sherman, Robin Mac Duffie,

Karen Stoner, Matthew O'Brien - 27th; Ken King, Robert Tyler - 28th; Abrianna Reynolds, Courtney Renee Baxter, Stephanie Thurley, Paige Larkin, Justin Bolster -March 1.

Happy anniversary to Mark and Patricia Barton on February 23; Tim and Melissa Simpson and Jason and Courtney Bowers on February 25: John and Tina Walker and Darrell and Jody Hotaling on February 27.

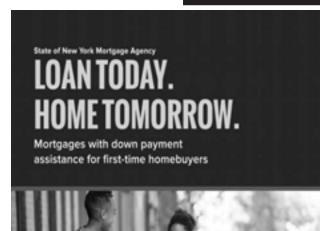
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School is closed for Winter Recess this week. Enjoy the time off.

Congratulations to the FBLA members who competed in the District #4 competition. Great job on your performances. Once again, you showed that the students of SSCS are smart and talented.

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Esperance

By Patty Gordon Fagan

February 22 is George Washington's Birthday, Be Humble Day, Walking the Dog Day and International World Thinking Day; February 23 is Tennis Day; February 24 is National Tortilla Chip Day; February 25 is Open That Bottle Night and Pistol Patent Day; February 26 is Carnival Day, National Pistachio Day, Oscar Night and Tell A Fairy Tale Day; February 27 is Polar Bear Day and No Brainer Day; February 28 is Mardi Gras/Fat Tuesday, Floral Design Day, Public Sleeping Day and National Tooth Fairy Day. February 29, Leap Day - not again until 2020.

International World Thinking Day is celebrated by Girl Scouts, Girl Guides and other girl groups. The original objective of this day was to set aside a day for girls all over the world to think of each other, and to give thanks and appreciation to "sister" Girl Scouts and Girl Guides. Over the years, it has been expanded to include the opportunity for girls (young and less young) to learn about health issues that affect girls and young women. You don't have to be a Girl Scout or a Girl Guide to participate in this day. All females, young and old, are encouraged to learn a little more about health issues. According to the World Thinking Day organization's website, "World Thinking Day" was first created in 1926 at the fourth Girl Guide/Girl Scout International conference, held at Girl Scouts of the USA's Camp Edith Macy (now called Edith Macy Conference Center).'

February 22 is the birthday of both Lord Baden-Powell, founder of the Boy Scouts, and his wife Lady Olave Baden-Powell, who founded Girl Guides.

On February 23, 1991 Desert Storm - Ground War begins; On February 27, 1991 Desert Storm - Ground War ends after 100 hours.

Happy birthdays to our niece Shanee' Gordon on February 23 and to Dave Ordon on Feb-

gerance

Our Lady of Fatima Church

If you missed last Saturday's GIFT Gathering — you missed a lot. But you can check out the highlights in the monthly E-kit found on our parish website's Faith Formation page. Go to www.rcda.org/ churches/ OurLadyofFatima/ and click on the Faith Formation link and then choose the E-kit by topic.

There are lots of great links included in each one, and plenty of opportunity for Growing In Faith.

Looking Ahead

Our Annual Parish Reconciliation Service, aka Pardon & Pancakes, will be held on Tuesday, February 28 at 6pm. This event is always held the day before Ash Wednesday, so we can come, experience a brief prayer service and receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before Lent begins.

There will be several priests in attendance so lines will move quickly. And the best part (apart from having your sins forgiven, of course) is a FREE PANCAKE SUPPER in the Hall. Celebrate Mardi Gras with good food, music, beads and a King's Cake. Mark your calendar today.

News from food pantry

During the month of February, Hannaford will donate \$.25 for every reusable shopping bag to our food pantry. Help our environment and food pantry by purchasing Hannaford reusable shopping bags.

Also, the other food pantry in our community, Lighthouse Food Pantry, accepts donations of gently used men's clothing and household items to assist both the homeless and Veterans. It's located at 4780 Duanesburg Road (Route 7) in the rear of the building and is open Wed-Fri from 4-6pm. Phone 355-2277.

Operation Rice Bowl

Operation Rice Bowl pro-

vides Catholic Relief Services with funds to feed the hungry in our world. Please consider taking a Rice Bowl and, during each of the 40 days of Lent, donate \$1 to Operation Rice Bowl. Ash Wednesday Schedule

At Our Lady of Fatima: 9am (Father Matt), 5:30pm (Father Peter); At Our Lady of the Valley: 9am (Father Peter), 6:30pm (Father Matt).

News from the Arboretum

Second Sunday Snowshoe, last one will be March 12, 1-3pm. Join us for an invigorating day of winter fun. Adults and families are all invited to learn about the different types of snowshoes and practice the basic skills you need to enjoy the serenity and unique beauty of winter on snowshoes on the Arboretum trails. If there's no snow, we'll still be here - there is nothing better than a snowy hike in the crystal clear air of winter.

There are a limited number of snowshoes available for sizes from toddler to teens and adults. Everyone will get a chance to try out the snowshoes, but arrive early if you need them, or bring your own.

We will all meet back at the Farm House for hot cocoa and coffee. Dress appropriately for the weather and wear a sturdy pair of boots. There is a fee.

For more information, call the Arboretum at 875-6935 or email

info@landisarboretum.org. **United Methodist Church**

Sunday morning service at 11am. Our Kids Ministry called Deep Blue (ages 3-10) runs from 10:45-11:25am and then the children join us for the remainder of worship.

Free spaghetti dinner every Wednesday at 6:30pm. Did you know we host a free spaghetti dinner every Wednesday night? We call it Refuge. Folks from the community eat and enjoy each other's company, sing a few worship songs and hear a short message to encourage their week.

I saw my neighbor yesterday and he said he had just read my column in the Times Journal and wondered why he wasn't in it. I asked him if he had done anything and his wife Crickit answered for him "He's always doing something!"

So on that note I will bid you

Gilboa

By Dorothy Pickett Valentine's Day is over. I hope everyone had a great time. Vern and I drove to Justine's in Cobleskill for the Annual Senior Citizen's luncheon. There were about forty in attendance. Justine's had a wonderful buf-

Most of us wore red for the occasion. Cake was served for dessert. Thanks to Betty Cozzolino from Summit for making the arrangements.

On Monday we celebrate Presidents Day and George Washington's Birthday.

It seems like every time I turn on my computer I receive messages about someone's passing.

These past few days were no different. We were sorry to hear that Mike Saccento died last Sunday night. Mike retired from NYPA and lived in Middleburgh with his wife Cathy. He was a devoted father and loving grandfather.

Virginia Peterson, at 94, died last Monday. Virginia lived in Guinea most of her life. Because of her illness she was living at Rosewood Garden in Rensselaer.

Virginia was a 1939 graduate of G-CCS.

My last email was to let me know that John Reuter died last Wednesday. John was in the class of '51 and was my husband Vern's classmate.

Everyone sends out condolences to these three families with the loss of their loved ones.

The children at Linda Wyckoff's childcare enjoyed the snow and had lots of fun exchanging cute little Valentines with one another. Most of her school age children are looking forward to having no school next week. They will all be on their winter break.

Thursday, at noon, the Mountain Top Seniors met at the Conesville Fire house for their monthly meeting and lunch. The lunch was soup and sandwiches provided by the club. Everyone brought a dessert.

Wilma Jones conducted the business meeting. Bill Federice introduced the gals from the Western Catskills Revitalization

They spoke on the Town of Conesville's people who could be eligible for funding for home rehabilitation projects through the grant the town received.

For more information, you are urged to call (607) 652-2823 ext. 101 or 104. They also spoke on the senior housing located in Stamford and Grand Gorge. For more information on this you can call the same num-

Vern and I enjoyed two nights of basketball at G-CCS.

On Tuesday evening the girls JV lost. The girls varsity finished on top in a close game with Charlotte Valley. I believe Hope Cooper was high scorer and ended the game with three seconds to go holding onto the ball. It was a very exciting game.

Wednesday night we attended the boys JV and varsity game against Jefferson. The JV lost while the G-CCS varsity

The Gilboa Historical fundraiser committee is looking for vendors for our first annual Old Fashioned Festival and Open House on the complex at the Gilboa Museum on July 16. The food and entertainment has been booked.

If you do any kind of crafts and would like to join the e-mail is gilboafest@aol.com.

Keep in prayer

All those who may be ill at this time.

Birthday greetings

February 23, LaVerne Hubbard; 27th, Pastor Dottie Morris and Connie Bates; 28th, twin sisters Grace and Marie Gerig. They are leap year birthday girls with their actual birthday on February 29. Happy birthday to all.

Upcoming Events

March 1, 7pm, Gilboa Town Board meeting with privilege of the floor to Jason Becker, Middleburgh Phone Company, speaking on Broadband for resi-

March 5. noon, annual corned beef and cabbage dinner, Conesville Fire House, sponsored by the Conesville ÚM Church.

March 15, 1pm, Stamford Smalley's Theatre Slide Show & Chat, includes 1930's & 40's

Central Bridge

By Janice Wilkens

Best wishes and many happy returns to all celebrating anniersaries this week.

Happy birthday to Chris Liddle and Sue Zehrfuhs on February 22, Peter Palmer on February 26. Amanda Borthwick, Bernie Rasmussen and Janice Wilkens on February 27 and Nyssa Roenpagel on February 28.

Civic Association

No Civic Association meetings will be held during the month February. We will be

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having a pitching clinic for softball later this month and don't forget about our winter softball tournament.

Watch for details on our Facebook page and stay tuned for more details.

United Methodist Church

On Sunday, March 5 we will welcome our new pastor, Jan Lacey Markle, to the Central Bridge United Methodist Church. Worship service is 10am every Sunday.

Our Lay Servants will continue to lead the services through February, Maxine Christman on February 26.

Holy Mackerels for children in kindergarten through sixth grade and special needs young adults meet every Thursday afternoon from 4-5:30.

The program includes singing, learning Bible stories, crafts and snacks for an enriching experience. Transportation from Schoharie Central School is available, and those tho come early then have time for homework and crafts.

Trustees are scheduled to meet on February 22 at 6pm, Administrative Council is scheduled for Monday, March 6 at 6pm and Worship Committee will meet on March 8 at 4pm.

Bethany Lutheran Church

Thursday, February 23, Foothills Conference Ministerium, St. John's St. Mark's, Canajoharie.

February 26, children's sermon worship at 10am with Pastor Steffen Zehrfuhs. Serving as acolyte will be Peter Palmer, ushers will be Phil Rogers and Matt Mau and flowers donated by the Ladies Auxiliary. Coin jar collections will be donated

READY FOR OCCUPANCY

to the Animal Shelter of Schoharie Valley. Special offering during Feb-

ruary for the Animal Shelter of Schoharie Valley. Items needed include cat food, kitten chow, kitty litter, rawhides, leashes and collars.

Yoga, Tuesdays 2:15-3:15pm, 5:15-6:15pm and 6:15-7:15pm.

Please make note of the correct web address in order to keep up with all that is going on at Bethany via the website. www.bethanycentralbridge.com

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

Alcoholics Anonymous Sun-

Looking ahead Lent season begins with Ash

Wednesday worship services on March 1 at 1pm and 7:30pm. If you are not sure if worship

service will occur, check the TV and radio stations. Closed means no worship, Sunday school, Church Council meeting or anything else. Stay safe. Free screenings

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Updated Al-Alon

Al-Anon meetings for those who have a loved one suffering with addictions can attend on Tuesdays at noon at the United Methodist Church on Chapel Street in Cobleskill and on Thursday at 7:30pm at the Heritage House on Main Street in Schoharie. Call 261-6351 or 295-7419.

Got news?

You can read about your news in this space. Write to me with your news or community events addressed to 3693 State Route 7, Howes Cave, drop it by or e-mail with the subject of "Central Bridge news" to Wwilkensjan @aol.com.

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Worcester

By Marilyn Dufresne Raffle winners Members of the Worcester Fire Department report a successful raffle and dinner, serving around 450 people on Saturday night. Raffle winners include: first prize - Gator XUV 550 4X, Amy Weitz, Sharon Springs; second, two Old Town kayaks, Gale Kaske, Suffok Beach; third, \$500 cash card, Diane Ehmann, Worcester; fourth, Electric Weed Eater,

Schecter. This was the department's 57th annual pancake supper, which is always well supported by the community.

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Dorothy

If you are working on your Income Tax the local library will print out any standard tax forms for the public at no charge.

When Worcester Central School is closed for a snow day, usually the library will also be closed, but it is also prudent to check the web site at www.worcesterfreelibrary.org

South Valley

By Carol Brodie

Thought for the week: "You can lead a human to knowledge, but you can't make him think.'

Well, it's getting that time of year again when maple syrup season is getting closer. Frank works on his saplines in the woods nearly year-round, as well setting up woods for some of his customers. He began tapping his trees the beginning of February and will continue doing them throughout the month. Hopefully, this will be a good year for the maple businesses around the area.

My brother-in-law, Mick Kineke, who lives outside of Mohawk, saw a robin last Monday, February 13, in Paines Hollow as he was en route to work in Little Falls. Maybe we will have an early spring after

Last week's house fire in Cherry Valley on February 13 was horrible. It was reported around 5am that Monday

I don't know a lot of the details, only that the elderly man who was upstairs, was unable to get out and he perished in the house while his granddaughter did make it out safely.

My brother, Frank, had gone to the Coyote Café for breakfast that morning as usual and he and the other guys took coffee and food over to the firemen as they fought the fire. He said there were five or six fire departments there to help fight the fire, which was on Lancaster Street right across from the NBT Bank.

Birthday wishes

Birthday wishes go out this Sharon to Kruppenbacher, Carolyn Sweeney, Cassey Sturtevant, Christopher Mabie, Mickey Mabie, Waylon Utter who will be three years old, Michelle Laura Rickard. Mabie, Jonathan Gridley who will be 10, Shane Mabie, Sandy Sutton, Adam Dahl who turns 10, Donna Sharpe, Charlie Christman, Landon Muraski who will be five, June Hansen, Josh Myers, Debbie Anderson, Jerry Miller, and Donald

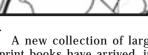
Drake. Bits and pieces

June Hansen recently retired from nursing at the Cobleskill Regional Hospital, her last full day of work being Friday, January 6. Her co-workers gave her a surprise retirement party on Saturday, January 7. Their way to get her to the party was by telling her they had planned an after-Christmas winter party get-together, so she was greatly surprised when she got there and realized she was the guest of honor. The party was held at the Cobleskill home of Kathy Moore, one of June's coworker's who is a nurse at the hospital. June said the party was attended by a lot of the nursing staff, as well as quite a few doctors and providers.

Even though she is now retired, June said she is still going in to the hospital one or two days a week to work.

June was also one of 29 dedicated employees at the Cobleskill Regional Hospital to be recently recognized for a milestone anniversary of service to the hospital. She was recognized for her 30 years of service as a nurse at the hospital during the Employees Recognition Service Awards dinner on Thursday, January 26.

Frank Brodie attended the Schoharie County Maple Festival meeting at the Cooperative Extension, in Cobleskill, on



A new collection of large print books have arrived, including 50 new titles now available.

Public hearing

A public hearing is scheduled for Monday, February 27, 6:30pm, at the Town Building, 29 Katie Lane for understanding Proposed Local Law #1-2017, titled "Flood Damage Pre-

A copy for viewing is available at the town clerk's office. An opportunity will be given to those in favor of said law and those in opposition.

Conservationist

If you subscribe to the "Conservationist" magazine, look in the February 2017 issue on page 21. Danielle Parker of East Worcester is shown with the caption "SUNY Cobleskill students plant trees to improve wildlife habitat." The plantings are part of DEC's Trees for Tribs (as in tributaries), a program in part funded by the Environmental Protection Fund that works with local coordinators. The photo was from the Trout Unlimited Chapter

Monday night, February 13.

More plans were made for this year's Maple Festival, as well as a photo being taken of the board members to be put in this year's festival booklet.

Thus far, two girls have requested the application form to compete in the Maple Queen contest. Hopefully, both of them will seriously consider running for queen. More girls are needed however to enter the competition.

Winning the title of the Schoharie County Maple Queen is a great opportunity for a girl to achieve. She will get to represent the county's maple industry at local fairs, festivals, and events, as well as riding in various parades.

This year's Maple Festival will be held at the Cobleskill Fairgrounds on Saturday, April 29, and will be an all day affair with lots of activities, live music, the annual Maple Queen Contest, vendors set up, and lots of good food available for sale.

The Cobleskill Fire Department will also be there serving pancakes all day. Also, as of last year, we are even getting more vendors setting up outside, so that's been a real encouragement. Mark your calendars and kick off spring by coming out to the festival that day.

More than 35 people from the Schenevus First Baptist Church got together for a Valentine's Day dinner at Brooks Roost, in Oneonta, on Tuesday night, February 14. Charley and Joanne Brodie attended, accompanied by Phyllis VanDewerker, of Westford. Jeremy and Malinda Brodie and children, Jerred and Jaidon, of Mount Vision, also attended as Charley and Joanne's guests to celebrate Jeremy Malinda's anniversary.

Pastor Keith VanDewerker and his wife, Becky, of Unadilla, also attended as guests and Pastor Keith gave a little message after the meal.

Schenevus church member Sue Ferris also celebrated her birthday that day so her husband, Mahlon, brought a cake, which had been made by their niece and everyone enjoyed the cake with ice cream for

The Otsego County Farm Bureau board meeting was held at the Cooperative Extension, in Cooperstown, on Tuesday night, February 14.

The meeting had originally been scheduled for the previous Tuesday, but was postponed for a week due to the rain and sleet making icy road conditions.

Dick and June Hansen attended the morning program assembly at the Schenevus Elementary School on Wednesday, February 15. Their grand-

Jakeb Whiteman, who is in Kindergarten, proudly received the Citizenship Award. Jakeb is the son of Jason and JoAnn Whiteman of Westford.

Finally, after over one month, I got to Cobleskill grocery shopping last Thursday, February 16. It was a bitter cold, windy and snowy day.

It was nice running into Connie Meyers, of Janesville, in Wal-Mart and we had a nice visit. She told me in a week or two she is celebrating 25 years of working at Burger King.

Then I had a little visit with Nancy Slider and her husband, of Cobleskill, and later, I ran

into neighbor Pat Mabie. Then it was off to Price Chopper to get the majority of my groceries before we headed back home.

SUNY Cobleskill.

Danielle is an employee of Price Chopper in Cobleskill now that she has finished college. Consolidation

Otsego County is proposing a municipal transportation and efficiency plan including the towns of Decatur, Maryland, Westford and Worcester. If the towns unite in such a process they will have a better understanding of how to pursue relief to taxpavers.

Otsego County Representative Pete Oberacker of Schenevus recently spoke before the local Town Board asking councilmen to submit a letter supporting a grant submission for funding to research consolidation of local communi-

Councilmen recently submitted a letter to the County Representative supporting his request. According to information, the joining of four towns would result in temporary tax relief for residents. Financial incentives to consolidate would decrease property taxes.

Otsego County stands to receive \$50,000 being part of Phase I of the Municipal Consolidation and Efficiency Com-

St. Joseph's Parish

The Mardi Gras Celebration will be held on Sunday, February 26, at 11:15am. Fish fries will begin on March 3 and continue for the next five Fridays of Lent. Ash Wednesday, March 1,

Scriptural Services will be held at 6am, noon and 3pm; Masses are at 9am and 7pm, all with ashes.

The Knights of Columbus donation pancake and egg breakfast is set to be held Sunday, March 19 at 11:15am. Sunday Coffee Hours are

held at 10am Mass. Cake and cookies, as well as milk, cups, sugar, plastic ware and other donations are welcome. Used greeting cards of all

kinds are being collected by Carol Richards for St. Jude's Ranch for Children. Call her at 638-9450 for more information. Town Board

On Monday evening, Councilmen met at an early meeting with Karen Sullivan, chairman of the Otsego County Planning Board and Tom Blanchard,

Flood Plain Manager from NYS

The meeting was scheduled to give Mr. Blanchard a chance to explain the new flood plain regulations.

The area's base elevation is 1299.54; officials said, and an estimate of how much water runs through the valley will define flood zones. Surveying, to see if a property is in the flood zone, is necessary and involves a cost of \$650. The town plans on holding a hearing at the next meeting, February 27 at 6:30pm, pertaining to proposed local law #1-2017, and, if voted by the public, plans to adopt the National Flood Insurance Program to allow homeowners the opportunity to receive flood insurance in case of such a disas-

If the law is adopted the town will be able to receive FEMA Funds. The flood plain administrator would be the Code Enforcement Officer, Lloyd Stannard. Flood insurance rates, it was brought out, are established by the government.

In other business, councilmen voted to purchase a Walk Thru Metal Detector at \$3,828.07 to be used by the judges at court night. A discussion was also held pertaining to the possibility of hiring an offduty NYS Trooper or some other person in law enforcement to be on hand during court nights.

Danny Stannard reported

that the road to the town's water holding tank, located on a right-a-way on his property, was badly washed out. A discussion mentioned fixing the road or as Mr. Stannard offered, use his private road with

himself and the town. Water Superintendent Aaron House stated that everything has come together on drilling for the new wells by J.J. Butler. The grant money is forthcoming by March 16, he

Supervisor Don Lindberg said he had talked to Decatur Doctor Tom Kettle, who said he is willing to be the town's health officer.

The supervisor said he will call the town assessor, Michael Sabansky, who has not been showing up during his scheduled hours in January, February and March.

Mr. Sabansky is the town's sole assessor whose term lasts until September 30, 2019, with a yearly salary of \$12,000 paid bi-weekly.

This and that

Sympathy to the Jim Wright family of Elmira on the loss of his wife Debbie following a long illness. Jim is the son of Lois Wright and the late Robert H. Wright. Heavy and light snow hit the

area almost every day of the

Volunteers from the Storehouse and Food Pantry plus others joined in on the

monthly, third Thursday luncheon at the Worcester Inn.

Shoppers are enjoying the benefits of having a store, The Dollar General, in town now. I was making beef bourguignon on Sunday and needed mushrooms; sure enough the store

joint maintenance between had canned ones. Thanks to Highway Superintendent Roger Butler and his crew for keeping the roads and parking lots in such good con-

dition during a snowy week. Also, Stub VanBuren has done a fine job keeping the town's sidewalks open for all of us to walk on.

Donna Nagle, a member of the Historical Society, is still taking orders for paver bricks for the Gazebo Walkway.

We had a black and white skunk on our porch Thursday night finishing a bowl of dry cat food. I admit we have at least two cats we have fed since they were kittens; we can't let them starve so Charles feeds them twice a day. Mandy is a beautiful, long-haired grey cat and Little Girl is a Tiger; both of them like being petted and are well-behaved.

Remember the Polar Bear Jump at Goodyear Lake on Saturday at noon. Van Wright will be doing the jump in honor of his daughter, Ruby.

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SCS project to voters in May

In addition to voting on a multi-million dollar budget and electing new board members in May, Schoharie school residents will also be deciding the fate of the largest proposed renovation in the 90 year history of the high school.

Board members, without comment Thursday, agreed to put the proposed project on the ballot on May 16.

The project, which will transform nearly every classroom on each floor of the junior-senior high school, totals nearly \$20 million.

The project will be mostly funded through state aid; but there is a local share, but that amount may be covered.

In other action, board members last week agreed to transfer the remaining tax certiorari reserve fund to a capital project reserve fund. This is also pending voter approval on May 16. The tax certiorari fund was established to cover possible tax assessment lawsuits by large utilities. Those lawsuits have been settled, thus the district can release those funds.

The amount is to be determined, but it could be as much as \$2.5 million, which could take care of most of the local share of the project, according

The district would get back about 82.8 percent of the cost in state aid, leaving very little local share, according to Mr.

If approved by voters, work could start this summer.

Beginning on the ground floor, the project calls for converting inaccessible crawl space into a full hallway and turning the basement level into a full hall with the school's career and technical classes in a central location. The FFA and art rooms would be enlarged on that level.

Rooms would also be enlarged on the school's first floor, where seventh grade classes would be focused. Currently, a wing of rooms are unequally sized, with some rooms too small for the needs of a modern class striving to engage students in collaborative projects.

The plan also calls for converting the unused courtyard space into more building space for classrooms and a multi-use conference room that could be used for school-wide training or other events.

The front entrance to the school and main office would move to where the existing library is. The library would move to where the main entrance is, taking advantage of a tall glass entrance as a closedoff architectural feature.

Originally, it had been hoped that the project would take about 18 months to complete, but now officials say it will take years to complete.



Musicians take over SCS

The Jackson Five, above, reunited in Schoharie Wednesday night at the second annual Living Wax Museum of Musicians. Portraying the family are: Hailey Funk, Jayden Sayles, Molly Repicky, Emma Mansheffer, and Samantha Snyder.

Ryan Roberts, below right, strikes a pose as composer and conductor John Williams last week in Schoharie. Deklan Haley was a convincing David Bowie, below. More photos on page 23.





Land Bank to battle C. Bridge 'zombies'

Would put properties back on tax roll By David Avitabile

Long neglected properties in the Town of Schoharie could soon be getting a new life.

Representatives from the Greaterformed Mohawk Valley Land Bank are ready to assist town officials in identifying and refurbishing what are know as "zombie properties. The properties are often owned by banks and have fallen into disrepair. The houses would be repaired or refurbished and then sold to put

back on the tax rolls. Five properties in t and possibly two more in the village could be included in the program, according to Supervisor Chris Tague. Three of the properties in the town would be in the hamlet of Central Bridge and the other two would be in the rest of the town.

"This is a very good opportunity for us," Mr. Tague said. "We have a real opportunity to make some progress.'

Code enforcement officer Peter Irwin, who has promoted the program in both the towns of Schoharie and Cobleskill, added, "This will make an impact."

Some of the houses have been vacant since the flood.

In another matter, board members agreed to send out requests for proposals for a Community Development Block Grant to be used for improvements to Central Bridge.

This is a grant through state

Homes and Community Re-

The plan is to work in conjunction with the zombie properties law and the Mohawk Valley Land Bank to apply what is learned through the study to help with the renewal of Central Bridge items that will be addressed.

Those items include sidewalks, demolition of blighted properties, planting trees, and pavement.

What is needed is an "enhancement of the community and to promote an attractive community for our future to attract business and new residents. It's just the beginning along with some real economic development starting with Hoober Feeds, the old Red Door Deli, and "some other interthat he cannot yet dis-

"I think we're in the early stages of something very positive for Central Bridge and all of the town of Schoharie and even better news is through the actual grant process. It allows residents to be a part of the process, something we have been promoting."

During the application process, many new and long-time Central Bridge residents, were asked for their input.

"They were very helpful and excited. Our plan is to keep moving forward and not behind," Mr. Tague added.

MCS facing budget gap of \$780K

By David Avitabile

Middleburgh school should receive additional state aid and can increase the tax levy by 1.44 percent but the district faces a budget gap of more than \$780,000.

The increase in state aid and the allowable hike in the levy will allow MCS to reduce the budget gap by about \$232,000, school business Manager Terry Gillooley told school

board members at their Febings and grounds at their next ruary 8 meeting.

Currently, the total state aid increase for Middleburgh is estimated at \$95,387 in the governor's proposal. That figure could increase when reviewed by state legislators.

The governor's state increase averaged 3.9 percent but the hike for Middleburgh was only .86 percent from \$11.05 million to \$11.148 million.

The district's state tax cap is 1.44 percent which will allow the district to increase taxes by \$137,160. The district could go above that amount but then the budget would require 60 percent to be approved, a rarity in Middleburgh.

In addition, if the increase is more than 1.44 percent, taxpayers will not receive a state refund tax for the difference in their tax bills.

If the levy was increased by \$137,000, the tax levy would be \$9.655 million for the 2017-18 school year, Mr. Gillooley told board members.

In January, officials had hoped that the state tax cap would be set at 1.6 percent, which would have allowed the district to increase taxes by \$152,000 without going over the cap.

The \$780,000 gap can be made up in a variety of ways, including using fund balance and making program and personnel reductions.

Officials are still working on the expenditure side of the budget and will have more in-

formation in March, Mr. Gillooley said. Board members will get information on transportation,

special education, and build-

meeting.

The preliminary budget figures did not include any retirements or the final health insurance costs, Mr. Gillooley noted. Three retirements were ap-

proved by board members thus far. Retirements are due by March 1. There is a slight savings for

each retirement, about \$20,000 to \$30,000 for each, according to Mr. Gillooley. While there may be a savings

from retirements, that money could be eaten up by increases in health insurance costs. Health insurance costs are 'not looking good right now,"

district is looking at "a pretty large increase.' The final numbers should be

he told board members. The

in next month.

Spending has been even this year, he noted. He described it as a "break even" year. In addition, the district had a good year in 2015-16 with lower costs for fuel and other items.

Middleburgh has some reserves that the district "could dig into," though he did not see the fund balance or savings, growing.

Superintendent Michele Weaver noted that since MCS has been targeted by the state as a "focus school," officials should "look hard" before mak-

ing any program cuts. In December, Mr. Gillooley reported that Middleburgh's 20-17-18 budget gap was

slightly over \$1 million. The tax cap, erroneously thought of as the two percent tax cap, was .61 percent for MCS for the current year, and

2.38 percent for 2015-16.

money from the fund balance cover the rest of the gap.

Board members whittled

down the gap to a manageable

level last year and then used

Valley Briefs

Another Neighbors Eating Together dinner has been added in Middleburgh.

A NET dinner will be held on the fourth Wednesday of the month from 5 to 6:30pm at the Lutheran Church. The next dinner there is on February 22.

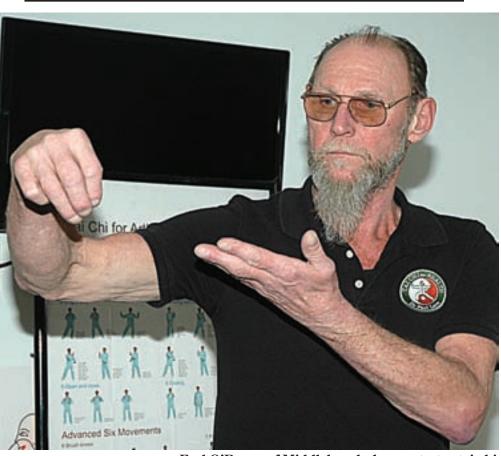
The Reformed Church on River Street in Middleburgh will be hosting a Neighbors Eating Together on Wednesday, April 5, in the church hall

from 5 to 6:30pm. Our Lady of the Valley Church hosts a NET dinner on the second Wednesday of each month in the church hall.

Skating Sat.

The Middleburgh Area Business Association is sponsoring an event at the Middleburgh skating rink on Saturday evening.

There will be ice skating (weather permitting, of course), hot cocoa, pop corn, music, and a big bon fire starting at 6pm. Some skates have been donated for the evening for those who do not have any.



Concentration

Earl O'Bryan of Middleburgh demonstrates tai chi at the annual Wellness Fair at the Middleburgh library. More photos on page 22.



Jane, 7, and Mae Jenkins, 5, sample some vegan sloppy lasagna in the community room of the library.



Joy Heckman, left, helps Eileen Knott of West Fulton test her pH.

Time to get healthy It was time to start to get into better

shape at the annual Wellness Fair at the Middleburgh Library Saturday, February 11.

Numerous vendors filled two rooms and the main hall of the library. There were also demonstrations of tai chi and other exercises. as these Body Fixx mem-The vendors were bers and instructors show the from state, county, and local agencies as well as local businesses. The proceeds from the raffle benefited the library.

Even drum sticks can be used to get in better shape

in

Saturday

Middleburgh library.

Photos

by David

Avitabile



Cindi O'Bryan performs healing reiki on Deb **Bechtold Saturday at the library.**



Instructors and members of the Body Fixx gym in Middleburgh demonstrated some of their exercises.

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MCS names spring coaches

Middleburgh school board members got ready for the spring sports season earlier this month by naming a slate of

Board members appointed the following coaches:

· Ray Kimball, girls' varsity track.

· Adam Baker, boys' varsity

· Brian Wood, varsity softball.

· Scott Alvarez, head coach tennis.

• Paul Pierce and Jason Dannible, assistant coaches for

baseball. • Katie Sherman, assistant

coach for softball. · Shannon Hughes, assis-

tant coach for track.

The varsity baseball coach position still has to be filled.

In other action, board mem-· Heard students Emily

kowfoe, Nate Fisher, Matt Birsen, Kevin Guest, and Olivia Hamm speak about the history club's trip to Washington DC for the inauguration.

· Approved the following drivers for temporary bus feeder runs: Elizabeth Loiselle and Kenny Decker.

• Named Marcia Guntert and Amber Papas as a tempo-

rary bus aides. Approved a temporary appointment of Jean Christiansen

as a long-term substitute in special education through the end of the school year.

· Abolished the position of full-time school lunch manager. A position of a part-time lunch manager was created and Barbara Moore was named to that position. The motion

passed in a 4-1 vote. The position used to be shared with Schoharie school.

· Terminated the employment of part-time music teacher SaraJane Cipperly and named her as a per diem sub to fill the position, at the sub rate, for up to 90 days.

Approved in-service credit hours for the following: Mollie Burgett, Ryan Coppolo, Chris-Lucas, tine Jessica Schoenecker, Jamie Skowfoe, Tammy Rehberg, and Denise

• Added the following people

to the non-certified substitute list: Joan Wissert, Rebecca Stanton-Terk, and Melanie Jean Williams.

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The Blues Brothers—Preston DiGiovanni and Andrew Martin—were on hand to answer questions in Schoharie

Times-Journal, February 22, 2017—23 Music rules at SCS elementary



James Liddle, aka Garth Brooks, gets ready to play his guitar in the 1952 gym at SCS.



Kayleigh Robinson asked Kelly Clarkson, aka Harley Lighthall, a question last week at the Living Wax Museum of Musicians.



Ludwig van Beethoven and Taylor Swift never met in real life but their portrayrs, Nathan Kuehnle and Lilee Cross, performed together Wednesday night.

Ludwig van Beethoven, Carrie Underwood, George M. Cohan, Justin Bieber, David Bowie, and Snoop Dogg, among many others got together at Schoharie Elementary School for the second annual Living Wax Museum of Musicians.

Schoharie's entire fifth grade, nearly 60 students, participated in the program Wednesday evening.

It was a culminating event for the music curriculum which involved choosing, researching, and the dressing up and acting like a musician of the student's choice, according to music teacher Carrie Styles.

The student had to remain "frozen" until they were asked some specific questions such as "What is your name?," "When and where were you born?," What are some fun facts about

Photos by David Avitabile



Josh Guasp portrayed composer George M. Cohan.



Sophia Styles portrayed young singer and songwriter Grace VanderWaal.

Schoharie school budget forum set for Monday

Schoharie school board being developed, to ask quesmembers encourage all district residents to participate in a Community Budget Forum on Monday from 7-9pm in the El-

ementary School cafeteria. The forum offers an opportunity for residents to learn more about Schoharie's 2017-18 school-year budget as it is

tions and to provide input. Past forums have provided district leaders with valuable feedback and ideas.

Those interested in attending should contact Debi

dcardella@schoharie.k12.ny.us. For forum planning pur-

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Honor rolls:

Gilboa-Conesville

Gilboa-Conesville Central School has released its second

quarter honor roll: **Fourth Grade** High honor roll

Logan Kamna, Elena Radu, Olivia Ross, Burton Strauch. Honor roll

Brayden Carr, Caitlyn Ciaravino, Breanna Forte, Olivia Gockel, Luca Meli, Stuart Mosley, Joseph Ryan III, Anais Trombley.

Fifth Grade

Principal's list Grace Cooke, Larkin Graham, Myles Uhalde.

High honor roll Kerrington Bellinger, Lauren Cox, Brandan Corss, Kaetlin Cross, Polly Kelly, Emily Pebler, Jacob Strauch.

Honor roll Sabrina Mistretta.

Sixth Grade Principal's list Violette Lettrick, Tristan

High honor roll

Cody Perry, Stephanie Reed, Ånna Tompkins. **Honor roll**

Morgan Anderson, Laura Breigle, William Cipolla, Cassidy Cox, Laney Jackson, Anthony Marsh, Eliza Mosley, Dakota Oliver, Brielle Robinson, Tyler Walts.

Seventh Grade High honor roll

Kara Dumas, Gage Gockel, Ethan Halat, Colton Harrison, Olena Kucher, Austin Nelson-Williams, Carly Smith, Keith Smith.

Honor roll

Skyler Blain, Mary Granger, Caleb Lendo, Elizabeth Morse, Jonathan Pickett, Antonio Remache, Nathan Wyckoff.

Eighth Grade Principal's list Ava Gockel.

High honor roll Dylan Bellinger, David Lane, Samantha Lee, Cassidy

Honor roll

Reese Chase, Sabrina Dono, Kalina Gabriel, Hailey Gockel, Emmalee Keyser, David Mattsson, Kimberly McCann.

Ninth Grade Principal's list Kelli-Jo VanValkenburgh,

Alexandria Wyckoff. High honor roll Adrionna Doyle, Alexa

Dumas, Casey Hallock. **Honor roll**

McKayla Kimball, Jenna Pasternak.

Tenth Grade Principal's list Abigail Hubbard.

High honor roll Sydney Eisel, Gabrielle Groves, Daniel Lane, Joshua Merwin, Kylie Merwin, Thomas Pickett, Brooke Shultis, Hailie Shultis, Abigail Tompkins.

Honor roll

Tyne Banks, Richell Carr. **Eleventh Grade** High honor roll

Amaya Grant, Brett Olson, Javin Traver. **Honor roll**

Jacob DeWitt, Nathan Gockel, Jessica Koller, Zinnia Reese, Faithann Swart. **Twelfth Grade**

Principal's list Linzee Weingates.

High honor roll

Lejhan Crooks, Eric Dymond, Casey Groves, Laura Roe, Maeve Uhalde. **Honor roll**

Stephen Alley, Darren Fredenburgh, Rachel Gustin, Adam Haight, Taylor Kamna, Brandon Pebler.

Sharon

Sharon Springs Central School has released its honor and merit roll for the second quarter.

Grade 2

Honor roll

Jaden Constable, Kaylee Crewell, Annojh Faulkner, Tyler Lyon, Evani Patel, Matthew Roosevelt, Clayton Salisbury, Devin Tessiere, Clayton VanPatten. Merit roll

Kristina Kennedy, Kyran

Krebs, Calee Ostrander. Grade 3

Honor roll

Yasmin Issa, Rock Lasky, Ayden Munger, Haydn Belfance, Anneliese Herzog, Ava Jump, Joseph Nedelsky, Kylie Rechnitzer, Wesley Willoughby.

Merit roll Dominic Castro-Fletcher, Cassidy Salisbury, Gavin Smith, Leighton Dunston, Alexzina Merritt, Sean Shults.

Grade 4

Honor roll Seth Mahoney. **Merit roll**

Carson Law, Kassandra Negron, Isabella Perrotti, Matthew Zabrisky.

Grade 5

Honor roll

Jayna Manko, George Nelson, Elijah Rechnitzer, Thomas Tissiere. **Merit roll**

Cadance Belfance, Aspen Bollok, Korawan Boonlert, Kirsten Kennedy, Dezolet Lasky, Breanna Parrotti, Shivani Patel.

Grade 6

Honor roll Rachel Burke, Brady Law, Jennifer Manko, Alexandria

Avery Brown, Alicia Burke,

Madison Giardino, Rhiannon Islip, Emma Jump, Abigail

Grade 7 Honor roll

Ryan Campana, Thomas Islip, Megan Mahoney, Isabella Esterman, Rachel Rorick.

Merit roll Aniko

Bollok, Paige VanPatten, Hailey Ward, Ashley Zabrisky. Grade 8

Honor roll

Jillian Bent, Joshua Bevins, Kaylie Cittadini, Adam Euler, Chloe Hamway, Xander Olsen, Madison Palencia, Emily Schuler, Jessie Valhos.



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Merit roll Colin Brown, Brendan Burke.

Grade 10

Honor roll Abrianna Reynolds, Abby VanBuren.

Grade 11 **Honor roll** Brandel Abeling Jr., Christopher Howell, Emma Olsen,

Sydney Seegers, Michael

Steidle. Merit roll

Lorin Paddock, Brianna Russman, Kelsey Smith, Nicholas Tomaszewski, Cheyanne Vanderhoef.

Grade 12 **Honor roll**

Mitchell Corcoran, Dylan Cousineau, Allison Cross, Mary Fucci, Mikayla Gaida, Mario Han Fernandez, Lester Higgins Jr., Meghan Keaney, Ethan Keller, Savannah Olsen, Ian Rohac, Lucas Roosevelt, Jessica VanBuren, Carrie Zabrisky. Merit roll

Sarah Barton, Sarah Euler, Matthew Jozifek, Kameron Kelly, Daniel Ouellette, Morgan Russman, Matthew Steidle.

M'burgh Elementary

Middleburgh Elementary School has released its second quarter honor rolls:

High honor

Sienna Kelley, Michelle Kurtz, Megan Bramer, Riley Cronin, Emily Seaman, Tristen Diamond, Keirsten Hanson, Danielle Freer, Joeleen Dines, Julia Bingham.

Zaina Islip, Alivia Mickle, Alexia Bell, Lindsey Brown, Aidan Smedstad, Patrick Lusk, Ethan Trombley, Christopher Sperano, Tyler Lloyd, Nola Dunscombe, Skylar Shook, Cody Sherwood, Leonard Charletta, Troy Cammer, Caroline Adams, Megan Jensen, Ciara Armlin, Hailey Disbury.

MCS

Middleburgh Junior/Senior High honor roll High School has released its second quarter honor rolls. Grade 7

High honor roll

Gillian Acker, Jacob Barnes, Rossmann, Campbell, Danielle Chichester, Honor roll Anna Churchill, Matthew Haniney, Maggie Kenney, Marsh, Kourtney Nizeul, Joshua Lamont, Aiden Martin, Mandi Simeon, Kelsey Terrell, Adam Maxwell, Matthew Zachary Wood. Nikolaus, Tia Panico, Joshua Merit roll Reinhart, Jaidyn Rose, Autumn Sexton, Teaghan Sexton, Brown, Thomas Crescimanno, Cameryn Shultes, Chloe Smith, Connor Delaney, Matthew Michael Terrell, Hannah Guevara-Chancey, Therese Vedder, Crystal Waters, Alyssa Henry, Alexander Juhl, Chey-Wayman, Gabriel Wood.

Honor roll Mark Ciafardo, Ellise Hunt, Wylie. Renai LaBombard, Dylan O'Dell, Kristina O'Dell, Emily High honor roll Porter, Michael Schofell, Nicho-

las Wood. **Merit roll**

Alanna Becker, Janae Bryant, Tristin Diaz, Garrett Dupont, Connor Ganson, Nicholas Hazen, Kyle Miller, Qwenaveer Rowe Porter, Kylie

Grade 8 High honor roll

Brian Bagley, Richelle Bashwinger, Andie Burton, Gianna Bynum, Emilee Carver, William Churchill, Ashley Ciafardo, Lily Davis, Sofia Falco, Mary Gebhard, Anna Hooper, Austin Jankowski, Ashton Jensen, Julianna Keyser, Tyler Mann, Hailey Mollitor, Ayden Myhre, Caitlyn Nikolaus, Madison Palmatier, Shane Smith, Samantha Zinssar. **Honor roll**

Ethan Adams, Alli Cater, Katie Fancher, Isabella Henry, Andrew Johns, Jonathan Jordon, Stephen Kowalski, Devin Lacko, Justin Lawyer, Kelsey Layaou, Sebastian LeRuzic, Abigail McCarron, Emily Miller, Elora Race. **Merit roll**

Jacob Bartow, Kiersten Mickle, Christopher Miller, Kalin Moya, Jerred Ottman, Isabel Philipp, Kirstin Shoemaker, Brandon Soard Grade 9

High honor roll

Sidney Andrew, Emma Birsen, Michela Crescimanno-Dominguez, Ashly Donato, Vivian Hanley, Allison Hunt, Hebertte Joseph, Ania Keidong, Kassidy Kovac, Andrew Miaski, Devin Prokop, Lily Rossman, Juliana Ryan, Morgan Schafroth, Isabel Skowfoe, Sophia Soloveitchik, Anna Stewart, Makenzie Terrell. Honor roll

Dalton Bashwinger, Kylie Camp, Braedon Cronin, Matthew Fisher-Engle, Benjamin Guevara-Chancey, Emma Laraway, Taylor Olsen, Jeremy Wayman.

Merit roll Benjamin Batz, Krysteena Croft, Eoin Delaney, Calob Ganson, Abigail Goff, Shelbie Hendrickson, Brenden Henry, Grace Schifferdecker, Jacob

Grade 10

Nickole Barratt, Saige Burton, Lillian English, Autumn House, Johannah Mollitor, Charlotte Price, Holly Katelynne Kaurice Bell, Luke Bramer, Schuttig, Carolyne Shultes, $Eliah\,Brown, John\,Bruno, Colin\quad Rylie\,Smith, Nadine\,Standhart.$

Ruby Acker, Rebecca Croote, Benjamin Diamond, Buskey, Maggie Ellis, Emily Andrew Fagergren, Kevin Elsis, Adaline Fisher-Engle, Fuller, Hallie Gasner, Skylar Hayden Francis, Brooke

William Bankston, Megan enne Laguardia, Madison Lawyer, Derek Mooney, Theresa Gregory Boissy, Gage Calitri, Risch, Stephanie Smith, Isaac

Grade 11

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Honor roll

Jaylah Bell, Matthew Birsen, Christian Breault, Rebecca Bruno, Katie Burke, Kelsey Campbell, Kayla Donato, Ashley Fancher, Kathleen Hannmann, Ryan Haskin, Benjamin Healy, Aiyana Hoyt, Judd Jackson, Camryn Leggett, Hannah Martin, Kaleb Minton, Peyton Olsen, Hunter Prokop, Alexander Rivenburgh, Daniel Ryan, Sheridan Smith, Alexis Stephens.

Merit roll

Andrew Adams, Leif Barmen, Abigail Bartow, Jacob Beretz, Donald Bulay, Mary Chichester, Faith Diamond, Payge Fernbacher, Zachary Hazelton, Ashley Hunt, Taylor Hurn, Ethan Keidong, Andrew Lamont, Anika MacMillan, Antonio Marin, Meghan McCarron, Matthew Micardi, Brenna Palmatier, Jared Salisbury, Christopher Singer Jr., Kristen Soard. Grade 12

High honor roll

Lacey Bartlett, William Bashwinger, Jesse Batz, Chad Boyles, Hannah Caron, Luke Diamond, Kathryn Dobesh, Ellis, Emily Leah Giacomantonio, Devyn Guy, Deanna Keller, Šavanna Kinsley, James LaGuardia, Jacob Laraway, Renee Lawyer, Mariah Lindemann, Jonathan MacMillan, Lyndsey McCoy, Emily Newsome, Trinity Patterson, Samantha Petrosino, Dustin Porter, Amber Pritchard, Irving Skowfoe, Abeline Smigiel, Jessica Spada, Griffin Standhart, David Warner, Michael Weaver, Nicholas Wilsey, Bailey Wood, Courtney Wright.

Honor roll

Franklin Adams, Rachael Arney, Lane Bartlett, Austin Bodmer, Marissa Caalano, Rachell Coppolo, Marina Crescimanno, Justin Fuller, Devin Garner, Paige Gillies, Marilyn Hanley, Abagayle Layaou, Jordan Miller, Ashley Reff, Angelina Schrom, Noah Sherwood, Madison Sossei, Sidney Spiers, Adam Stanton, Megan Webb.

Merit roll Noah Hatfield, Kristen Hogan, Harley Kelly, Jacob Leggett, Jerry Scotti, Gaige

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C-R's Golding High honor

Cobleskill - Richmondville's Golding Middle School has released its high honor roll for the second marking period. **Grade 6**

Evangeline Adamoschek, Kylie Adriance, Lillian Anderson, Elisabeth Barbolt, Kaelan Bartlett, Katrina Beach, Lyndsy Bilby, Cody Colton, Ashley Crandall, Joshua Dauley, Jenna Domanski, Hannah Eamer-Dulin, Meghan Ellis, Tristan Ethier, Lynx Feuker, Miranda Freemantle;

Ryan Gaida, Sylvia Galasso, Alana Giesin, Olivia Giewat, Leighanne Golden, John Handy, Kaden Haynes, Mckenzie Holmes, Bry Anna Jangro, Ty LaBarge, Haley Lawyer, Emma Litzner, Francis McDonald, Nadia McLasky, Kelsey Mink, Jason Napoli, Owen O'Connor, Spencer O'Neil, Madelyn Palmer, Nicolas Plunkett; Lucas Pryor, Michael Rice,

Richter, Rightmyer, Nyssa Roennpagel, Joshua Schroeder, Matthew Schroeder, Jason Seifert, Hannah Snyder, Haeley Spohn, Jack Sprouse, Kaitlin Sprouse, Logan Stanton, Samantha Storm, Zander

Eric Truesdell, Theodore Tsamis, Alexa Walker, Claudia Walrath, Ava Webber, Ananda Wilding, Luke Yorke. **Grade 7**

Kaitlyn Adair, Zackary Althiser, Haley Andrejcak, Caitlin Atkinson, Jaden Barber, Dylan J. Becker, Dylan S. Becker, Kaleb Benac, Ayla Boggs, Sabastian Boyles, Katherine Briggs, Kendall Brown, Danielle Butler;

Nicole Butler, Paul Clark IV, Gabrielle Colletti, Matthew Conover, Emma Davignon, Payton Ferris, Miranda Fletcher, Lorenzo Harris, Erin Haugh, Aaron Henry, Maryn Hill, Olivia Holland, Devon Hunter III, Hunter Kosier;

Rafael Kowal; Salvatore Liardo, Kieran Maillard, Schuyler Martin, Ariana McHargue, Annabella Mele, Michael Melendez, Kaylee Millington, Abi Quinn, Jace Rehberg, Kendal Roberts, Molly Roes, John Rose, Victoria Ruenes, Jonah Rys;

Shawn Schroeder, Taylor Schroeder, Alexander Smith, Haley Snyder, Alexandra Squair, Jakob Telfer, Emily Torres, Isabelle Tsamis. Sydney Vandeusen. **Grade 8**

Patience Adamoschek, Keagan Adriance, Samira Aliewie, Jessica Angle, Aidan Bachorik, Rana Brown-Dimick, Aaliyah Burke, Olivia Chamberlain, James Cooney, Jeffrey Crooks, Massimo DePinto, Kendyl Desroches, Serena Drobnack, Grace Dunham, Rylee Fancher, Kaitlyn Flood, Lia Fraleigh, Nickolas Gaige, Madison Gerken, Sydney Gigandet, Julie Goodrich, George Haag, Natasha Hitchcock, Daniel Holland:

Julia Jock, Karrie Kosier, Samuel Lasher, Alexa Livingston, Isabella Lucear, William Magdziuk, Andrew McConnelee, Sarah Meaney, Jossalin Natale, Daniel Nicholas, David Nicholas, Emma Osterhoudt, Alivia Page, Alysha Pevlor, Angelyse Serrano, Devin Sweet, Madison Tefft, Nathan Terns, Wyatt Thurber, Treis, Dexter Joseph VanDeValk, Hannah Wetsell, Alexis Winning, Rachel Yorke.

Golding

Cobleskill - Richmondville's Golding Middle School has released its honor roll for the second marking period.

Brody Benbenek, Kristyna Butcher, Raven Corsi, Vasiliki Crewell, Bradley Danielsen, Enyart, Fernandez, David Foote, Toby Fraleigh, Savleen Ghotra, Caleb Helme, Honey Howard, Natalia Kadlic, Nicholas Karker, Ryan Lawyer, William Messler,

Deegan Nark, Logan Rios, Eliza-

beth Schettine, Lucas

Schettine, Alexena Schroeder,

Hannah Scolaro, Kyle Sniffen, Mark Temp.

Grade 7 Matthew Amanatides, Nathaniel Bartlett, James Bertola, Gavin Christman, Lilly Clarke, Abbagail Cohick, Gabriel Collins, Trevor Cowan, Cassidy Ethington, Nevin Farnum, Charles Foote, Michael Lent, Trent Leslie, Sydney Letko, Courtney Madl;

Lucas Mahar, William Maki,

Nicholas Maniscalco, Jessica Meade, Cody Miller, David Moren, Noble Owings, Devon Palmer, Chelsey Paul, William Richards, Aubrey Roberts, Logan Ryder, Alekzander Smith, Hannah Somers, Kelsey Somers, Nathaniel Stauble, Karen Terefenko, Mya Townsend, Emma VanSpanje, Cynthia Viscosi, Tyler Wade, Lorelei Wick, Zachary Yorke. **Grade 8**

Jarred Becker, Emma Bulla, Dylan Conto, Claire Dahms, Christopher Elder, Andrew Galasso, Karl Graulich, Dylan Hicks, Derek Hotzler, Makaya King, Alexis Kubat, Corra Lambert, Michael Lorence, Michael Marasciulo, Jaden Miller, Fadia Moussa, Sabrina Pressley, Rachael Scolaro, Colton Sisson, Vasoula Tsamis, Karina Wilson, Hannah Yorke.

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Tools of the home trade

Home renovation projects can be both exciting and tricky. Do-it-yourselfers are inspired by designs showcased in magazines, websites and their own communities. When DIY enthusiasts see a design they like, it's understandable that they may want to emulate these looks at home.

Remodeling is one of the larger DIY undertakings, and it goes beyond simple carpentry. Considering demolition, reconstruction, electrical, plumbing, and masonry work may be part of the DIY package, homeowners who are thinking about renovations must first stock up on the tools and other supplies of the trade. Having the right tools can mean the difference between a job well done and a job that needs to be redone.

• Crowbar or prybar: Before

you can put in new construction, you might have to get your hands dirty with some demolition. Crowbars or prybars can be used to pry up wood slats, remove nails or re-

move old decking.
• Tool pouch: A tool and fastener pouch gives DIYers a place other than their pockets to store fasteners and hand tools. Pouches can be attached to tool belts for added storage capacity.

• Stud finder: Invest in a more fool-proof method of locating studs behind drywall then knocking on the wall. Stud finders can provide a picture of studs, pipes and other hidden items inside an entire length of wall. This is essential to driving nails where they belong and can also prevent sending fasteners into wires or nearby plumbing.

· Level: A level is an essential tool for everyone from casual decorators to more involved renovators. Whether hanging pictures or ensuring molding is parallel, levels are must-have tools for DIYers.

 Safety glasses: Invest in a pair of safety glasses so no one working on a project deals with obstructed vision. Safety glasses also provide ample eye protection.

• Extension cords: If power tools are part of the renovation picture, extension cords can safely extend power where it is needed. Be sure to invest in a gauge that is large enough to handle the amperage of your most powerful tool.

 \bullet $\hat{\mbox{Measuring tape:}}$ The "measure twice, cut once" mantra is key to home improvements. To measure accurately each and every time, no tool chest is complete without a sturdy measur-

ing tape.
• Ladder varieties: Home improvements aren't always at ground level. Purchase ladders of various heights so you can safely reach various areas of the home and avoid injury. Step stools, a step ladder and an extension ladder all have their purposes on the job.

• Digital inspection scope: A scope lets you see inside walls, floors and ceilings to find the exact location of pipes, wires and joists. It also can be used to seek out the source of clogged drains or anywhere you desire sight into hard-to-maneuver

In addition to these tools, brooms, shop-vacs, hammers, screwdrivers, wrenches and pliers can complete a DIYer's basic toolbox.

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Make existing windows more energy efficient

Drafty windows make homes less comfortable by allowing cold air in during the winter and warm air in when temperatures rise. But comfort is not the only concern associated with leaky windows, as such fixtures also can have a negative impact on the environment.

Leaky windows require heating and cooling systems to work harder to keep home interiors comfortable during times of the year when temperatures can be extreme. In the dead of winter, a leaky window will force a home's inhabitants to turn up the thermostat, which only increases energy consumption and energy bills. The same scenario plays out in summer, when leaky

temperature of air conditioning units so everyone inside is cool and comfortable.

Thankfully, making windows more energy efficient does not necessarily require homeowners to replace existing windows. Before going that potentially expensive route, homeowners can consider the following strategies to improve the energy efficiency of their windows.

• Hang curtains. Curtains can help homeowners cut down on heating and cooling costs. According to the U.S. Department of Energy, properly hung draperies can reduce heat loss by as much as 25 percent. In the summer, curtains windows allow hot air in, lead- can block the hot rays from the

ing homeowners to lower the sun from entering a home, reducing the need to turn up air conditioning units. While curtains won't fix leaks or block hot or cold air from entering a home, they can serve as a buffer between a home's inhabitants and the air seeping in through

> weatherstripping. Small cracks and gaps around windows, which are most often found around windows in older buildings, might not seem like a big deal, but such breaches can lead to considerable energy The DOE recommends using

Caulk

or

caulk to seal cracks that are less than 1/4-inch wide on the parts of the window that do not move (i.e., frames and where the trim meets the wall).

Caulk might be less effective at fixing leaks larger than 1/4 inch in width. Employ efficiency.

weatherstripping to address leaks on movable parts of the window. Properly applied weatherstripping should adequately seal windows when they are closed without making it difficult to open or close them later on.

• Install windows films. Plastic window films are another option for homeowners looking to improve the energy efficiency of their windows. Heat shrink film can be cut to fit each individual leaky window in a home and then attached to windows using double-sided tape. A hair dryer can then be used to shrink the film and remove any wrinkles.

Leaky windows are bad for homeowners' energy bills and environment. But homeowners have options other than full window replacements to fix leaks and improve

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How does solar energy work?

Solar panels are seen more and more on roofs of residential homes and even some businesses. Due in part to more aggressive marketing by solar energy companies, as well as greater awareness by customers, solar energy has become increasingly popular in recent years.

The Solar Energy Industries Association® reports that solar energy in the United States is booming. The association offers that, since the passage of The Solar Investment Tax Credit in 2006, solar has experienced a compound annual growth rate of more than 60 percent.

While many might assume that environmental preservation is the driving force behind the growing popularity of solar energy, it's actually the financial benefits of solar energy

that are leading the way. One Block Off the Grid polled nearly 200 solar homeowners to learn more about their motivations for going solar. Roughly 75 percent would not have gone solar if there was no economic benefit to doing so.

A number of people who have switched to solar say they are getting a high rate of return on the investment. The average electricity bill a person saw prior to solar energy hovered around \$177 a month. After the conversion, bills were now as low as \$55.

Those who are still pondering the decision to go solar may want to know more about how it works. Although the guidelines vary depending on location and the energy company issuing the bill, here are some of the basics.

Generating solar electricity

Solar electricity is generated through a process known as the photovoltaic affect. Sunlight shines on solar panels, which are mounted on the roof of the home or in another prominent location. Each panel typically has between 60 to 72 solar cells strung together.

These photovoltaic cells use the irradiation in sunlight to stimulate the flow of electrons in the semiconductor material, which creates direct current, or DC, electricity. Systems that directly convert the DC to alternating current, or AC, the type of power voltage used in a house, do so by way of an inverter. The inverter feeds power to the circuit board. Demand and excess

When the demand from a home or business is equal to the amount of solar power being generated, the system is working optimally. When solar power falls a bit short, grid

power will make up the deficit. In a grid connect system, certain areas may operate with a 1:1 net metering policy, states Solar Reviews, which offers consumer reviews of solar prod-

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Historian now back in limelight

New book features Roscoe's work

Pete Lindemann brings a longtime historian back to the present in his new book, Rambles in Schoharie County...

Noted historian William E. Roscoe is actually the author of Rambles, a collection of newspaper columns in 1878-79.

But Mr. Roscoe's columns make up less than half of the nearly 300-page Rambles; Mr. Lindemann wrote detailed appendices of people, places, buildings and more mentioned in the columns.

"Roscoe tells a good story," Mr. Lindemann said. "He was sensitive to people, sometimes critical, but always sensitive."

Working in Albany, Mr. Lindemann was researching Schoharie County's part in the Grand Army of the Republic the Union veterans' organization after the Civil War—when he came across Mr. Roscoe's columns in the weekly paper, the Cobleskill Index.

He began assembling the columns, each usually limited to history of one county town. Topics ranged from the Revolutionary War to Indians, turnpikes, local officials and historical incidents, among others.

Mr. Roscoe wrote the columns for almost exactly one year, August 22, 1878 to August

"I think he started because Roscoe was always interested in history," Mr. Lindemann He traveled around the county and talked to people. He had a great appreciation of older people and sought them out.

> -Pete Lindemann on William Roscoe

said. "He was a farmer, and he said, 'Don't deride me for be-

ing an historian.'

Mr. Roscoe stopped his columns, Mr. Lindemann believes, because he was publishing his landmark History of Schoharie County in 1882.

Actually, *History* was only two-thirds of the county's his-

"Roscoe sent it to Syracuse to be published, and it was so big, the publisher threw out one-third of it," Mr. Lindemann said. "So one-third of it is lost."

There's a vast difference between *History* and *Rambles*, Mr. Lindemann noted.

"History of Schoharie County is heavy, literally, and it's heavy reading," he said. "It's more of a reference.

"His columns are much more readable. I think it was Poe who said a good story should be read in one sitting. That's

what the columns are.' Mr. Lindemann considers Mr. Roscoe a sound historian with a love of local people and

"He was a very good writer, hard working, I think," he said. "He traveled around the county and talked to people. He had a great appreciation of older people and sought them

Mr. Lindemann also includes a couple of letters to the editor responding to Mr. Roscoe col-

A major portion of his book is Mr. Lindemann's appendices. One of the first elaborated on Mr. Roscoe's piece about the American Hotel in Cobleskill.

'So I did that, but then I thought if I had one about the American, I should include the Hotel Augustan and the United States Hotel," Mr. Lindemann said.

The appendices include photos and news clippings that further illustrate local history.

Mr. Lindemann admitted that sometimes the appendices seem to get out of control—but there's a point to that.

One is about how Schoharie



Cobleskill resident Pete Lindemann recently published Rambles in Schoharie County, a collection of 1878-79 newspaper columns by historian William Roscoe. Mr. Lindemann's extensive appendices add much to the book.—Photo by Jim

County reacted to women's suffrage in 1917, which was never a subject for Mr. Roscoe.

Although of course women's suffrage came to pass, male Schoharie County voters rejected the idea, 55 to 45 percent, Mr. Lindemann said.

"It's interesting, and I thought some of these things

should be out there," he said. "If it happened in his time, Roscoe would have talked

out there, who's going to know?'

Mr. Lindemann eventually reined his appendices.

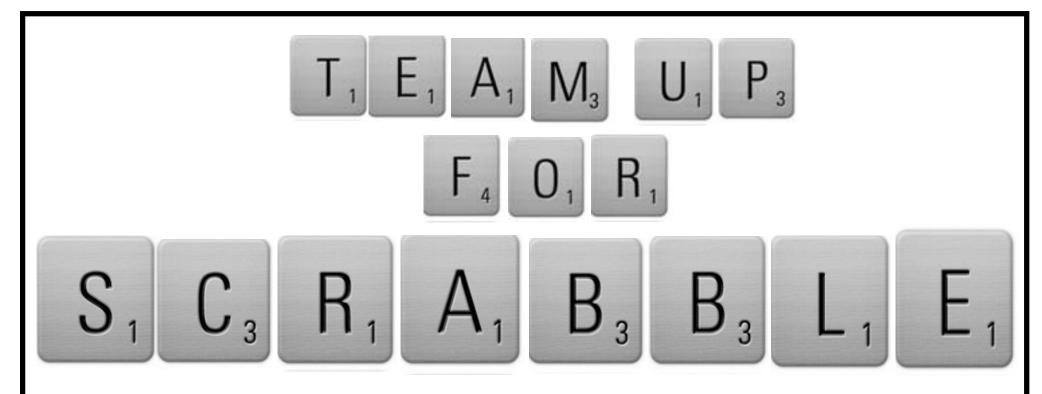
"There are 25 Rambles and 25 appendices," he said. "I thought if 25 was good enough for Roscoe, it was good enough for me."

Rambles in Schoharie County is available at Catnap Books in Cobleskill, the Old Stone Fort

about it. But if we don't put it in Schoharie, and soon, other locations.

> Rambles is his second book. Mr. Lindemann's first book A Crooked Gun, about Schoharie County soldiers and sallies who died in the Civil War, was published in 2014.

Mr. Lindemann is currently working on a documentary about Schoharie County's experiences during World War I.



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Studies begin on 3 possible jail sites

By David Avitabile

In depth studies have sites for the new Schoharie

Though limited by weather, engineering, soil analysis, and other tests have begun at the Zicha Road locations in the Town of Schoharie, flood recovery Coordinator Bill Cherry told supervisors Friday morn-

"Given the time of year, our engineering and soil analysis may be somewhat limited due to standing snow cover and frozen ground conditions, but we will expedite these tests in every way possible."

It is likely that the supervithe three sites and a recommendation until the end of May, Mr. Cherry said in January. Members of the recovery team are still "cautiously optimistic" that the project can still go to bid this year with construction to start in 2018.

In January, supervisors, in a split vote, agreed to add the Nark Farm on Shady Tree Lane to the list of possible potential jail sites on the recommendation of Mr. Cherry.

On January 24, the county received written authorization from the Nark family to begin geotechnical investigations on the parcel, according to Mr. have also got authorization analyzing the two parcels off of \$42.2 to \$44.4 million. Zicha Road.

Archaeological tests have ing center site and no findings were discovered that would impact the construction of a new jail, Mr. Cherry said. The tests have not yet begun on the other sites due to frozen has said. ground. Environmental soil testing has also been completed at the fire training site and is underway at the other borings are being scheduled for the three locations.

In other developments, Mr.

to the fire training site.

Officials will check out the started on all three possible site to see if buying it would improve the viability of using the location for a jail.

A major concern with the fire training site is that the state **Commission of Corrections** Nark Farm in Cobleskill, and may not approve the site for the fire training center and inmate housing since the site will remain in use for fire training purposes. The state may ask that the fire training facility be moved in order for the jail to be built, Mr. Cherry has

Though he did not release numbers, Mr. Cherry said the asking price for the 58-acre parcel was "reasonable." He noted that the price for the Nark Farm "sounds high."

Those prices will have to be sors will not get a full report on negotiated, he added. The county already owns the fire training site.

Engineers are also studying the scope of work and capacity for the Central Bridge water plant which could be used to supply the Zicha Road site with

Getting water and sewer service to both sites is a major concern for both Schoharie sites.

The Nark parcel is serviced by Cobleskill water and sewer lines, thus no special permission is needed from the village, he added.

According to an initial study environmental testing and by architects and engineers, the county fire training facility has an estimated construction Cherry. Since then, officials cost of \$39.9 to \$41.9 million and the Zicha Road property has from the Woods estate to begin an estimated construction cost

The county, according to Mr. Cherry, has about \$36.6 million been completed at the fire train- remaining in FEMA funds for the jail project.

It is a good chance that a jail could be built on the former Nark farm for the \$37 million provided by FEMA, Mr. Cherry

In other flood recovery news, Mr. Cherry told supervisors that the construction of the E-911 center is on time and sites. Wetlands surveying will under budget. The structure have to wait until there is no is "substantially complete" off snow cover. Geotechnical soil of Route 7 in Howes Cave. A 120-foot grant-funded tower has been erected on the site.

Supervisors also agreed to Cherry reported that a 58-acre hire the GPI engineering firm parcel is now for sale adjacent to oversee the construction of

the new Blenheim covered bridge at a cost of \$450,000. The original estimate was \$79,000 but the scope of work now is much larger, Mr. Cherry noted, especially with the construction of new abutments.

The total project should be built for \$8 million or less, according to Mr. Cherry. The construction portion will be

about \$6.7 million. All the funds

are being supplied by FEMA.

In other action, supervisors:

- · Heard that sales tax revenue totaled \$14.64 million in 2016. It was estimated at \$14.2 million, the same amount budgeted for this year.
- · Agreed to allow the county parking lot to be used for an outside movie in Schoharie to celebrate the first outdoor
- · Agreed that the county should be the lead agency for the new Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan.
- · Heard that garbage and non-recycling items have been found in several recycling bins in the county.
- Agreed to set a cost of \$20 for the disposal of mattresses at the social waste facility, if brought in alone. Heard that the
- streambank work on the Little Schoharie and Line creeks is scheduled to begin and hopefully completed by September
- Went into executive session to discuss negotiations with AECom, and the ongoing Cassie Ethington and oil spill
- · Heard an update on the reconstruction of the Gilboa Dam. Construction of a new low-level outlet should be completed this spring using a ninefoot diameter tunnel which would be three-feet above the sediment line.

The rehabilitation of the Shandaken tunnel intake chamber will be next and then, finally, site restoration, according to engineer John Vickers of the New York City DEP. Resident and Dam Concerned Citizens member Gail Shaffer praised the working relationship with the city and added that the outlet is important for the local ecology and economy.

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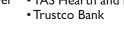


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Sectional play-in: MCS downs Rensselaer, wins spot against #1 Granville

The Knights rode an almost flawless first half to down Rensselaer 74-54 Friday night in a Class C Sectional play-in game.

Middleburgh, the 16th seed, was to take on number one ranked Granville Tuesday night.

MCS proved to be too fast for Rensselaer and played tight defense, rebounded well, and shot close to 80 percent in a torrid first half.

Rensselaer did not score for the first 2:59 of the game as the Knights built up a 6-0 lead. Rensselaer climbed to within 6-2 then MCS went on a 17-2 run to open a 23-4 lead.

A pass from senior Chad Boyles resulted in a layup by CJ Singer for a 10-2 lead and then junior Peyton Olsen con-

> Crossovers Schoharie 72 OESJ 52

Brundage 2-2-8, Smith 1-1-4, AJ Hayes 10-5-25, Brado 1-0-2, Jones 2-0-5, Leon 4-0-8. Totals: 20-8-

Schoharie Bernhardt 5-0-11, Stolzenburg

1-0-2, Morrell 1-0-3, Rose 3-0-8, Jankowski 2-1-5, Alescio 5-4-17, Barton 6-0-17, Helmstadt 3-0-9. Totals: 26-5-72. **OESJ**

12 - 52Schoharie

Three-point goals: Brundage 2, Smith, Jones, Barton 5, Alescio 3, Helmstadt 3, Rose 2, Morrell,

verted a layup and free throw for a 13-4 advantage. A jumper by Olsen gave MCS a 15-4 lead.

A Singer steal and Olsen layup made it 17-4 and two three-pointers by Boyles gave MCS a commanding 23-4 lead. Middleburgh led 23-6 after the first period.

Two threes by Singer pushed the MCS lead to 31-9 in the second quarter.

A three at the buzzer by Boyles gave the Knights a 46-16 lead at the half.

Singer ended the game with 19 points and three three-pointers while Olsen added 17 points, and Boyles scored 16 points and had four threes. Matt Micardi and Kaleb Wood had one three each.

In the other game last week, Schoharie stayed hot posting a 72-52 victory over St. JOE's in a WAC cross-over game at FMCC last Tuesday.

The Indians jumped out to a 23-9 lead after the first eight minutes and led 44-23 at the

Steve Alescio and Mitch Barton each scored 17 to lead SCS while John Bernhardt added 11.

Barton hit five three-pointers while Alescio and Shane Helmstadt each had three. Blaine Rose had two, and Jon Morrell and Bernhardt had one each.

The Indians improved to 15with the win.

week, Schoharie, This



Peyton Olsen of the Knights goes in for two points in the first half Friday against Rensselaer.



The Knights' Bankston looks to pass the ball during the first half of the Knights' sectional win Friday at MCS.

ranked fifth in Class C action, Mallony 5-1-11, Wilcox 1-0-3, were to take on the winner of Fogarty 0-1-1. Totals: 21-6-54. the Galway-Saratoga Catholic Middleburgh game on Tuesday, Galway is seeded 21st and Saratoga

Catholic 12th The winner of Tuesday's game plays Friday in the quarterfinals.

Middleburgh 74 Rensselaer 54

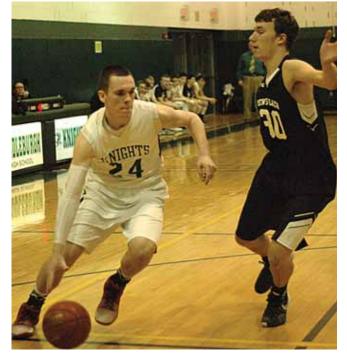
Nixon 1-0-2, Rider 4-0-11, Carter 9-4-22, Herrin 2-0-4

Bodmer 2-0-4, Boyles 6-0-16. Fuller 1-0-2, Micardi 1-0-3, P.

Olsen 9-3-17, T. Olsen 0-2-2, Singer 8-0-19, Weaver 3-0-6, Wood 2-0-5. Totals: 30-5-74. 6 10 20 Rensselaer

18 - 54Middleburgh 23 23 14 14 - 74Three-point goals: Carter 3,

Boyles 4, Micardi, Singer 3, Wood.



Middleburgh's CJ Singer drives to the basket in the first half of MCS' sectional win Friday night at home.

The Knights' Chad Boyles makes his move to the basket in the first half of Middleburgh's win Friday night at home.

Knights down Fonda; Palmatier sets record

By David Avitabile

The Knights head into sectionals on a roll coming off an impressive win over Fonda Fultonville last Tuesday in a WAC cross-over.

Middleburgh improved to 17-3 after the 64-50 win over Fonda at FMCC. The game featured a record-breaking performance by junior Bre Palmatier.

The forward hit a threepointer in the game, her 41st on the season, to break the single season three-point mark for the girls' varsity team. She passed Jamie Mickle who hit 40 in 2004.

The game was tied at 10-10 after the first quarter but MCS went out in front 26-22 at the

Senior Lyndsey McCoy led

the Knights' scoring with 23 is the top ranked Class C team points while Palmatier added 14 and Kelsey Campbell scored 13.

McCoy hit two three-pointers in the game while Palmatier, Camryn Leggett, and Makenzie Terrell had one

The Knights head into sectionals ranked third in Class

On Tuesday they were to take on the winner of the Canajoharie-Chatham game. Canajoharie is ranked 19th, Chatham 14th.

The winner of Tuesday's game will play in the quarterfinals Friday. The semifinals are set for Tuesday, February 28 in Cohoes and the finals will be on Friday, March 3

at HVCC. Mekeel Christian Academy

from Section 2 while Hoosic Valley is ranked second.

February 14 Crossovers Middleburgh 64 Fonda-Fultonville 50 Fonda-Fultonville

Taylor 13-2-29, Wilder 1-0-2, Duval 2-0-4, Smith 2-4-8, Lombardoni 3-1-7. Totals: 21-7-Middleburgh

McCoy 6-9-23, Leggett 1-0-3, M. Terrell 1-1-4, K. Terrell 3-1-7, Palmatier 4-4-14, Campbell 5-3-13. Totals: 20-18-64.

Fonda

Terrell.

14-50 Middleburgh 10 16 16 22 - 64Three-point goals: Taylor, McCoy 2, Palmatier, Leggett, M.

women's basketball team split a pair of North Eastern Athletic Conference (NEAC) home games over the weekend defeating Penn State Berks, 75-60, on Friday night then falling

to Lancaster Bible College Saturday, 63-59, to close the regular season with a 14-11 overall record, including a 10-8 mark in NEAC play.

Fighting Tiger senior forward Shelby Preston, Ravena, Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School, posted double/ doubles in both games, averaging 12.0 points and 16.0 rebounds per contest.

The Fighting Tiger men's basketball team took one-ofthree home contests during the week, losing to Hamilton College on Tuesday 79-76 in nonconference action prior to splitting a pair of NEAC home contests over the weekend.

They defeated Penn State Berks on Friday, 80-74, then lost to Lancaster Bible College on Saturday 68-63, to end the season with a 4-21 overall record, including a 4-14 record in conference play.

Junior center Christian Cooper, Gilboa, Gilboa-Conesville

The SUNY Cobleskill High School, averaged 15.9 points and 10.3 rebounds per game during the week for the

SUNY women finish 14-11

Orange & Black. Junior distance runner Anthony Bouchard, Wantagh, Wantagh High School, was the Fighting Tiger men's indoor track & field team's top performer at the Utica College Pioneer Invitational #4 hosted by the Pioneers at their Todd & Jenn Hutton Recreation Center on Saturday in Utica.

Bouchard placed second overall in the 1000-yard run with a time of 2:38.95.

Senior hurdler Emily Belewich, Ava, Adirondack High School, was the women's indoor track & field team's top finisher at the Utica College Pioneer Invitational #4 hosted by the Pioneers at their Todd & Jenn Hutton Recreation Center on Saturday.

The Fighting Tiger senior placed sixth overall in the 60meter hurdles with a time of 10.21 seconds.

The hunt seat equestrian team posted a team total of 27 points to tie for fifth place in an 11 team field at an Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA) Region 3 Zone 2 Show hosted by Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs, on Saturday. **Upcoming home contest**

Men's Lacrosse vs. Lyndon State College, February 26, at Union College, Schenectady.

Pistol League scores & standings

Schoharie Pistol League results as of February 15: Cobleskill/Richmondville

L. VanDuesen 280, C. Rose 277, R. Hemsley 255, D. Gustafson 254. Team total: 1066.

C. Tubbs 280, J. Hitt 277, C. Christman 277, D. Ferris 265. Team total: 1099. West Fulton

H. Wyckoff 280, NM Shaul 266, J. Symons 266, D. Symons 265. Team total: 1077. **Schoharie**

M. Mazzella 277, F. Haynes 261, R. Stark 269, D. Kosinski 256. Team total: 1063.

Cobleskill/Richmondville defeated Schoharie, 1066-1063. VFW defeated West Fulton, 1099-1077.

C-R drops match to Germantown

Nate Dostie leads Bulldog servers

Story and photos by Jim Poole

Cobleskill-Richmondville dropped a match in four sets to Germantown last Tuesday.

The Bulldogs fell 14-25, 25-23, 20-25, 8-25 in their final Patroon Conference contest of the season.

"We played pretty well against them, but they exposed some weaknesses, which is going to help us in sectionals," said Bulldog Coach Brian

Nathan Dostie led C-R servers, going 11 for 11 for six points, while Nate Shuart was nine for nine for five points.

"I put Nate Shuart in in a pressure situation, and he rose to the occasion," Coach LaVine

Jake Wayman had 15 kills and three blocks, Ethan Chichester had six kills, and Brad McLaughlin had four kills. Spencer Tyrrell had 25 as-

Those 'weaknesses' Coach LaVine referred to were the Clippers' repeated tactic of hitting the ball to the corners.

"They were hitting very precise shots, and we were not covering," Coach LaVine said. "And they did a nice job vary-

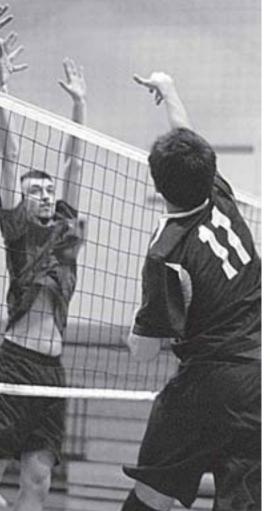
ing the speed of their attack." C-R finished the season 11-6, having lost two matches each to Germantown, Greenville and Voorheesville.

"But we were competitive with everyone," Coach LaVine

The Bulldogs will likely be in Sectionals Saturday, March 4 at Maple Hill. They'll probably be playing Hudson, Coach LaVine said.

Cobleskill-Right, Richmondville's Jake Wayman and Spencer Tyrrell team up to block a Germantown shot in last Tuesday's match.





Bulldog Florian Kuck powers a shot past the Germantown defense Tuesday night.

Cobleskill-Richmondville

LITTLE LEAGUE

REGISTRATION

Due to the snowstorm,

we will have another sign-up on

Sun., Feb. 19 11-2

<u>a</u>s well as Sun., Feb. 26<u> </u>

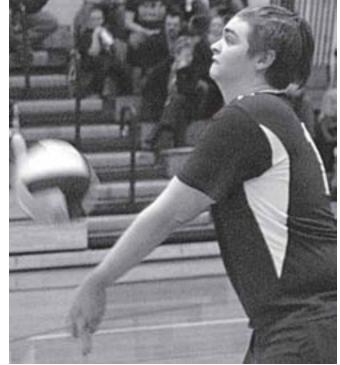
Eagles Club, Legion Drive

Registration forms are

Village Office

during office hours

available at Richmondville



C-R's Nate Shuart passes the ball in the first set against Germantown.

Auto Racing Stuff

By Ed & Betty Biittig

Speed Weeks is here in Daytona Beach and that means we will be running full throttle to many extra racing activities plus the DIRTcar Nationals and the Big Block Modified Series that starts Wednesday, February 22 and runs through February 25.

Today we made our way down AIA to the North Turn Restaurant for the annual Beach Road Course Parade of historic cars and their drivers.

Included in the parade this year was one very famous maroon and white No. 4 of Lou Lazzaro brought down to Daytona Beach by his son, Lou, Jr., and his grandson, Lou, III from Atlanta, Georgia.

The car is the street replica of Lou's famous No. 4 coupe that the two have been busy creating the past few years. Lou, Jr. was in Daytona to participate in many of the nostalgia laden events coming up this week. The car drew many fans at the staging area, particularly those from the Northeast.

Some of the people who stopped by were familiar with Lazzaro's car even though they had not been to the races in years. One particular fan that we ran into before the parade began was Richard Flanigan, a long time race fan of the Lazzaro era and former NYSSCA (New York State Stock Car Association) Board of Directors member.

Jim Becker and J&J Racing of Middleburgh are nearly ready to go racing for the up

coming season.

The team has the 2016 Bicknell chassis ready just waiting for the engine to return from Precision Engine for power.

Back up car is also ready. Plans are to race Glen Ridge but, if that doesn't work out, their plans are to go to Afton Raceway on Friday nights this season. Back on board as a sponsor this season is Four Star Realty Group.

According to his Facebook page, Schoharie native Ivan Joslin will be back in a Pro Stock full time this coming sea-

Ivan will be competing at Albany Saratoga for his first full time season and will also be back at Fonda. He will also follow the King of Dirt (KOD) Pro Stock Series.

Sponsors on Ivan's Pro Stock for 2017 are Owens Corning, Bellevue Builders Supply, Cindy Steele (Hornlady Motorsports), Lenny's Tire Service LLC, Steve and Linda Vanyo, Parks Electric (Bryan Parks), Liggetts Auto & Towing (Brittany Liggett), Scentsy (Kyle Joslin), Barts Home Improvement (Tracy Barton), and William Billings. And as always Ivan especially thanks his family and crew.

Heads up, the annual Mortensen/Sanganetti Motorsports Dinner Dance fundraiser is coming up on March 25 at Settle's Hill Tree Farm Banquet Hall in Altamont. More information coming in a later column.

On Top at the Lanes

Middleburgh

Middleburgh Lanes official PBA Practice Center weekly results for the week of February 7-13 follow:

Tuesday Juniors

New York Giants 96-40, Purple Demons 88-48, 3 Feathers 78-58, Trouble Makers 72-64, Rebels 64-72, Third Street 48-88, The Dozers 34-102, 12 Gauge 26-110.

R. Lawyer 122-306, G. DuPont 182-486. Junior

C. Shultes 164-448, T. Mann 234-601. Major

C. Shultes 183-520, D. Mann 241-615.

Merchants Classic

A&M Towing 63-57, BMK 74.5-45.5, Slater Plumbing 48-72, Middleburgh Lanes 76-44, Altamont Auto Parts 49-71, Aqua Tech 67-53, Montgomery County 34-86, GSK 68.5-51.5.

J. Hayes 278-726, D. Shultes 278-694, G. Slater 240-645, S. Laux 234-637, K. Cleveland 227-628, J. Williams 242-618, D. Brooks 225-616, M. Shultes 288-712, D. Miaski 267-672, R. Shultes 228-644, S. Foland 224-633, J. Beretz 221-628, R. Slater 226-616. **Emergency Responders**

Team 8 30-18, Team 7 32-16, Ken and Barbie 28-20, MC Auto 31-17, Broome Fire Department 24-24, N&S Trains 20-28, Bear Kill Electric 13-35, The Two of Us 12-36.

I. Eyler 199-545, R. Donovan 212-612, S. Foland 258-638, M. Ciaravino 233-606.

Wednesday AM Mixed

Team 9 14-2, The Happy Ones 40-8, Sara & Joe 28-20, Ethel & Dave 22-26, B&J 22-26, Mary and Jane 22-26, Odd Couple 14-34, Team 10 0-16.

Revlon

Middleburgh Lanes 24-24, Girls Night Out 22-26, PH Girls 24-24, Hope Springs Eternal 36-12, Hear No See No 22-26, TMBC 24-24, Looney Tunes 16-32, Bearladder 24-24.

M.J. Carr 170-502, C. DuPont 182-501.

Wednesday Mixed

2T's and a Lot of Bs 40-16, Guzzlerz 44-12, Eye of the Tiger 38-18, Revolutions Pro 12-44, Handy Cappables 28-28, Bowling Stones 16-40, Cripplers 14-42, Stitch Creations 32-24.

T. Wargo 227-581, B. Jaycox 278-673, A. Mann 178-581, R. Flower 216-615.

Friday American

Middleburgh Lanes 38-18, Clappers GB 14-42, Aqua Tech 30-26, RHB 42-14, Don't Worry About It 12-44, Lutz Insurance 34-22, Roll N Buds 24-32, Kelly's 30-26.

J. Schafroth 256-617, R. Euchler 227-650, P. Guest 255-649, R. Slater 223-629, B. Giesin 249-622, B. Donovan 228-608, R. Shultes 247-660, S. Foland 244-649, D. Shultes 235-649, J. Foland 234-629, C. Schrom 242-612, J. Lower 231-602.

Saturday AM Juniors

Little Mario 92-36, Yankees 73-55, All In 66-62, The Princess 65-63, Family Tree 57-71, Strikers 37-91, Team 1 71-57, King Pins 49-79.

Bantam

D. Shultes 99-241, S. Fileccia 86-194. Prep

J. Rose 171-440, J. Guasp 129-360.

A. Emerick 118-344, H. Funk 69-193.

Major D. Bulay 166-452, M. Williams 235-643.

Saturday Noon Bowling Siblings 14-2, Lots of Fun 41-23, The Boys 32-32, All

Alone 31-33, Sisters 26.5-37.5, We Need 2 0-16. **Bantam**

V. Chen 110-258, J. Chen 85-244.

J. Chen 88-220.

Junior

A. Shaw 175-465, D. Shaw 175-465.

Saturday Junior Rollers

Super Heros 89-47, The Dream Team 87-49, Rock & Bowlers 77-59, The Slush Puppies 76-60, Dead Bowlers 64-72, Sisters 39-97, John Deere 46-90, Team 7 44-92.

Bantam

H. Slater 105-303, M. Patchen 79-220. Prep

T. Harrington 122-342, S. Harrington 145-309.

J. Wainwright 169-462.

NASCAR/Allsport J Li Vecchi 34-14, Wally's Wonders 30-18, Nick's Crew 24-24,

Lucky 7 26-22, Hell No H2O 20-28, We'll Be Lucky 24-24, Average 18-30, Incredibles 16-32.

N. Nikolaus 246-692, R. Williams 253-662, J. Foland 220-601, D. Wainwright 236-686, C. Bender 223-601.

Sunday Mixed Captain & Coke 8-16, Nelson Motor Sports 20-4, A&M Towing 16-8, Middleburgh Lanes 10-14, EMT Crew 4-20, NSP 14-10.

Bearkill Electric 12-12, Team Real Tree 10-14. S. Nikolaus 210-527, T. Pangburn 181-504, R. Hanley 236-604, I. Eyler 201-527, S. Foland 209-609. **Monday Men**

Hot Nuts 32-16, RTFB 18-30, Coxsackie Transportation 24- $24,\,\mathrm{Provost}$ Well Drilling 40-8, Blue Balls 18-30, Big Guns 24-24,

J. Kingsbury 247-677, C. Bowman 257-621, C. Daugherty 242-688, B. Brzysiecki 246-611.

Porters Light Trucking 24-24, The B Squad 12-36.

Lou Lazzaro's grandson, Lou Lazzaro III, stands with long time fan, Richard Flanigan and Lou Lazzaro, Jr. next to the famous No. 4 in the staging area prior to the start of the Road Course Beach Parade in Ponce Inlet, Florida on Saturday.-Biittig photo

THINK SUMMER SAVE THE DATES 2017 Summer Soccer Registration Coming Soon, **REGISTRATION DAYS WILL BE:** SATURDAY, MAY 13 & 20, 9AM-NOON AND FRIDAY, JUNE 2, 5-7PM A FINAL REGISTRATION WILL BE HELD FROM **10AM-NOON SUNDAY, JUNE 4** AT THE RICHMONDVILLE VILLAGE OFFICE **LOCATED AT** 295 MAIN STREET RICHMONDVILLE. **REGISTRATIONS WILL NOT** BE ACCEPTED AFTER JUNE 5. Registration forms will also be available at the Richmondville Village Office From May 1 through June 5. any questions? CLIP AND SAVE email THIS AND dbsmith71@yahoo.com Watch for more INFORMATION AS THE REGISTRATION

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF **SCHOHARIE** WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., SUC-CESSOR BY FARGO MERGER FARGO HOME MORT-GAGE INC., Plaintiff -against-MICHAEL PALMATIER, TERESA PALMATI-ER A/K/A TERE-A/K/A TERESA M. KIŔCHMANN, ARROW FINAN-CIAL SERVICES LLC, MARY IMO-GENE BASSETT HOSPITAL, Defendant(s) Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale duly dated NOVEMBER

2016 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at LOBBY, COUN-TY COURTHOUSE, MAIN ST. SCHOHARIE, NÝ 12157 on March 20, 2017 at 10:00 premises known as 2409 W FULTON ROAD, RICHMONDVILLE. NY 12149.

ALL that parcel of land, together with the buildings and improvements thereon situate in town Richmondville, SCHOHARIÉ County, New York. Section: 79. Block: 3 Lot: 20 Approximate

amount of lien \$86,516.33 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment Index # 182/12 MAŔVIN PARSHELL, JR., REFEREE STEIN, WIENER AND ROTH, L.L.P.,

ATTORNEYS FOR THE PLAINTIFF ONE OLD COUNTRY ROAD, SUITE **CARLE** PLACE, NY 11514 DATED: February FILE #: W E L L S 69929 4Mar8c5

NOTICE TO BIDDERS KEYSERKILL ROAD EMBANK-MENT FAILURE (CR 17) Town of Broome

Schoharie County, Sealed bids will be received by the Schoharie County Department of Public Works, P.O. Box 249, 393 Main Street Schoharie, 12157 untiĺ 1:00 Wednesday, March 8, 2017. Bids will be publically opened and read aloud on Wednesday March 8, 2017 at 2:00 PM in Room 365 of the Office County Building, 284 Main Street, Schoharie,

12157. The proposed project is located in the Town of Broome, Schoharie County.

This project is being progressed through Schoharie o unty Department Public Works with a combination of FEMA and State funding. All work shall be in STRICT conformance with all NYSDOT and Federal Aid Requirements and governed by the NYSDOT Standard Section 100

Specifications General Provisions and Section 200 700 thru Technica1 Specifications The work includes providing all labor, materials, machin-

ery, tools, equipment and other means of construction necessary and incidental to the completion of the work shown on plans and described in these specifications including, but not necessarily limited

to the following: Stabilization approximately 300 linear feet of KeyserKill Road (CŘ 17) along the KeyserKill Creek. This project will involve the con-struction of a fill type retaining wall, stream stabilization, embankment restoration, along with pavement restoration and guiderail installation. Stormwater will be addressed through appropri-**B**est ate Management Practices.

Complete sets of the Plans, Specifications, and bid forms may be obtained on or February after from the 15th Schoharie County Department Public Works, 393 Main Street Schoharie, 12157.

Contract docu-ments will ONLY be provided electronically on a Disc Compact (CD). CD's may be obtained at no cost. Hard copy full and partial plan sets will NOT be distributed. Drawings and

Specifications may be examined at the Schoharie County Department Public Works. Contractors that obtain contract documents from a source other than

the issuing office must notify the issuing office in order to be placed in the official plan holder's receive addenda and other bid correspondence. Bids received from contractors other than those on the official plan holder's list, will NOT be accepted.

All bids must be made on the official Bid Form and Summary Bid Form or an exact reproduction thereof and in enclosed sealed envelope with the following clearly marked on the front of the envelope:

NAME

AND ADDRESS KEYSERKILL ROAD EMBANK-MENT FAILURE DATE AND TIME OF BID OPENING Bid proposals may be hand delivered the Schoharie o u n t y Department Public Works until

BIDDÉRS

1:00 pm local time on the unbid opening. Schoharie County nor its Engineer not issue will Addenda respond to bidders

questions past three (3) days prior past to the scheduled bid opening unless stated bid date is postponed. Bid proposals may

be mailed using regular mail to the following address: Schoharie County Department Public Works Att: Dan Crandell,

Commissioner P.O. Box 249 393 Main Street Schoharie, 12157

Bid proposals that are "overnight" or otherwise shipped must be received by 1:00 pm local time on the day of the bid opening. Bids received via "overnight" "express" mail after this time will not be opened and will be returned to the bidder. Such

bids shall not be considered. This is a Unit Price No bidder may withdraw his bid within fortyfive (45) calendar days after the actual date of the opening thereof. Each bid must be accompanied by a

bid security in the amount of 5 percent of the base bid in accordance with Instruction

Bidders. successful The bidder will be required to furnish construction performance and payment bonds in the full amount of the contract price.

The successful bidder will be required to comply with all provisions of the Federal Government Equal Opportunity clauses issued by the Secretary of Labor on May 21, 1968 and published in Federal the Register (41 CFR Part 60-1, 33 F.2 7804).

Owner reserves the

right to reject any

and all Bids, to waive any and all informalities and the right to disregard all nonconforming, nonresponsive or Conditional Bids. OWNERS

CONTACTMr. Dan R. Crandell, PE Commissioner Schoharie County Department Public Works P.O. Box 249 393 Main Street Schoharie, 12157 Phone: (518) 295-

Fax: (518) 295-2331 ENGINEERn Christopher Cornwell. P.E. Greenman-Pedersen, Inc. Wolf Road, Suite 300 Albany, New York 12205Phone: (518) 453-9431

Fax: (518) 453-9458 2Feb22c5 LEGAL NOTICE The Town of Sharon will hold a public hearing on March 1, 2017 at 6:30pm in the M u n i c i p a 1 Boardroom, 129 Main Street, Sharon Springs. The purpose of the hearing will be the presentation of Amendments to Town of Zoning Sharon and Subdivision Laws. The full text of

the Amendments is available to see at the Town Office during regular business hours. By Order of the Town Board Barbara Cousineau Town Clerk

2Feb22c5 NOTICE OF PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM NOTICE IS HERE-BY GIVEN that the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Carlisle Fire District No. 1 in Town Carlisle, Schoharie County, New York, at a meeting held on the 13th of February 2017, duly adopted the following Resolution, subject to a permissive referendum. RESOLUTION #2017-24

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF COMMIS-SIONERS OF THE CARLISLE FI DISTRICT NO. FIRE OF TOWN CARLISLE, SCHOHARIE COUNTY, NEW TO YORK. RELEÁSE UP TO HUNDRED FIFTEEN THOU-SAND DOLLARS IN THE VEHICLE RESERVE FUND TO PURCHASE A PUMPER/TANKER

TRUCK. Section 1. The Board of Fire Commissioners is of the opinion that the present pumper/tanker truck is antiquated and in need of

replacement. Section 2. That it is determined monies released from the Vehicle Reserve Fund will be used for the replacement of the present pumper/tanker

truck. Section 3. This resolution adopted subject to a permissive referendum. By Order of the

Commissioners of the Carlisle Fire District No. 1. Debi Christman, Secretary Fire Carlisle District No. 1

Dated: February 13, 2017 Feb22c5 LEGAL NOTICE resolution published here-with has been adopted on the 15th day of February, 2017, and the validity of obligations authorized by such resolution may be hereafter contest-ed only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the Sharon Springs School Central District is not authorized to expend money or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty (20) days after the date publication of this notice, or such obligations years. were authorized in violation of the

provisions of the constitution. District Clerk BOND RESOLU-TION DATED FEB-RUARY 15, 2017 OF THE BOARD OF **EDUCATION** OF THE SHARON SPRINGS CEN-SCHOOL DISTRICT AUTHO-RIZING NOT TO E X C E E D \$120,000 AGGRE-GATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF SER-GENERAL IAL OBLIGATION BONDS FINANCE THE ACQUISITION OF

SCHOOL VEHI-CLES AT AN ESTI-MATED MAXIMUM COST \$120,000. LEVY OF TAX IN ANNU-AL INSTALL-MENTS IN PAY-MENT THEREOF, EXPENDI-TURE OF SUCH SUM FOR SUCH PURPOSE, AND DETERMINING OTHER MATTERS

IN CONNECTION THEREWITH. WHEREAS, the qualified voters of Sharon Springs Central School District, Sharon Springs, New York (the "School District"), at the annual meeting of such voters duly held on the 17th day of May, 2016, duly approved a proposition authorizing the issuance of serial general obligation bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$120,000 to finance the acquisition school vehicles, the expenditure of not to exceed \$120,000 from the Bus Purchase Reserve Fund and the levy of the necessary tax there-

fore; and WHEREAS, the School District currently does not Purchase Reserve Fund and, accordingly, no money will be expended from such Fund;

NOW THERE-FORE, BE RESOLVED THIS BOARD OF EDUCATION

FOLLOWS: Section 1. The School District shall acquire school vehicles at a maximum cost of \$120,000, as more particularly described Section 3 hereof, and as generally outlined to and considered by the voters of the School District at

the annual meeting of May 17, 2016. Section 2. The School District is hereby authorized to issue its serial general obligation bonds "Bonds") in `the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$120,000 pursuant to the Local Finance Law of New York, in order to finance the class of objects or purposes described herein.

Section 3. The

class of objects or purposes to be financed pursuant to this Resolution (the "Purpose") is the acquisition of school vehicles. Section 4. hereby determined and declared that (a) the maximum cost of Purpose, as esti-mated by the Board Education, \$120,000, (b) no money has heretofore been authorized to be applied to the payment of the cost of the Purpose, and (c) the School District plans to finance the cost of the Purpose from Purpose funds raised by the issuance of the Bonds and bond anticipation notes

referred to. Section 5. It is

hereinafter

hereby determined that the Purpose is one of the class of objects or purposes described in Subdivision 29 of Paragraph A of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law, and that the period of probable usefulness of the Purpose is five (5)

Section 6. Subject to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the sale of the Bonds, including renewals of such notes, is hereby delegated to the President of the Board Education, chief fiscal officer.

Section 7. The power to further authorize the issuance of the Bonds and bond anticipation notes. including renewal notes, and to prescribe the terms, form and contents of the Bonds and bond anticipation notes, including the consolidation with other issues and the use of substantially level or declining debt service, subject to the provisions of this Resolution and the Local Finance Law, and to sell and deliver the Bonds and bond anticipation notes, is hereby delegated to the President of the Board The Education. President of the Board Education is hereby authorized to and the sign District Clerk is hereby authorized attest Bonds and bond anticipation notes issued pursuant to this Resolution, and the District Clerk is hereby authorized to affix to such Bonds and bond anticipation notes the corpo-

rate seal of the School District. Section 8. The faith and credit of Sharon the Central Springs District, School Springs, Sharon New York, are hereby irrevocably pledged for the all bids. payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds and bond Commi Carlisle anticipation notes the same as Debi Christman respectively Secretary become due and payable. An annuappropriation shall be made in each year suffi-cient to pay the principal of and given interest on such obligations becomand due ing payable in such year. There shall be levied annually on all taxable real property of the School District, a tax sufficient, to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations the same

become due and payable, taking into account aid received by the District from the State of New York. Section 9. This Resolution shall constitute the declaration of the School District's "official intent" to reimburse expenditures authorized by Section 1 with proceeds of the Bonds and notes, as required by United States

Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2. Section 10. This Resolution shall be published in full bv the District Clerk together with a notice in sub-stantially the form prescribed Section 81.00 of said Local Finance Law, and such publication shall be in each official newspaper of the District. The validity of the Bonds or of any bond anticipation issued in anticipation of the sale of the Bonds may be contested only if

such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the District is not authorized expend money, or

the provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of publication of this Resolution are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty (20) days after the date of such publication; or if said obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Section 11. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption. Anthony M. DiPace District Clerk Sharon Springs Central School February 16, 2017

Feb22c5 **ADVERTISEMENT** TO BIDDERS The Carlisle Fire District No. 1 is requesting sealed bids for the procurement of a used pumper/tanker truck. Proposed vehicle shall be model year 2005 newer pumper/tanker truck with great interior and exterior condition, automatic transmission, diesel fuel, 3,000 gallon tank, and 2-man cab. Maximum acceptable mileage 125,000. Shipping/delivery charges to 2417 Highway Rt. 20, Carlisle, New York shall be listed separately and included in bid envelope.

bids will be opened and read at the Carlisle Firehouse. 2417 Highway Rt. 20, Carlisle, New York 12031. late bids will be accepted. Contact Brad Matice on (518) 429-8946 with questions. The Carlisle Fire District No. 1 reserves the right to reject any and By order of the Board of Fire sioners Fire District No. 1.

and

Feb22c5 LEGAL NOTICE Notice is hereby that the Annual Report of

the Supervisor of Town Sharon for the period beginning January 1, 2016 and December 2016 has filed in my office where it is available as a public record for inspection by all interested persons during regular business hours. Barbara Cousinea Town Clerk Feb22c5

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY SCHOHARIE Bank of America, N.A., Plaintiff AGAINST Barlow; Jason Madelyn Barlow; et al., Defendant(s)

Pursuant to

Judgment Foreclosure and Sale duly dated December 2016 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in the lobby of the Schoharie County Office Building, Schoharie, NY on March 28, 2017 at 11:00AM, premises known as 162 Quarry Street. Čobleskill, NY12043. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Village and Town of Cobleskill, County Schoharie and NY. State of 56.13 Section Block 4 Lot 5. Bids must be sub-Approximate amount of judg-ment \$237,638.48 mitted to Carlisle Fire District No. 1 at PO Box 73, Carlisle, New York plus interest and costs. Premises 12031. Bids must be submitted in a will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment sealed envelope Judgment Index# 2015-328. clearly marked "VEHĬCLE BID" David Woodin, must Esq., Referee received by March Shapiro, DiCaro & 23, 2017 at 6:00 Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff pm at which time

> (877) 759-1835 Dated: February 4, 2017 #90810 4Mar15c5 NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY SCHOHARIE MidFirst Bank. Plaintiff AGAINST Edward Earl Chebetar a/k/a Edward Chebetar a/k/a Edward E. Chebetar, et al. Defendant(s) Pursuant to Judgment Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 6-27-2016 I, the

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public auction at Schoharie County Courthouse, Main Schoharie. ending 12157 on been 2017 at 10:30AM, premises known as 115 Main Street, Jefferson, 12093. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements

erected, situate, lying and being in Jefferson, County of Schoharie, and State of New York, SECTION: 157.3 BLOCK: 1. LOT: 33. Approximate amount of judg-ment \$145,571.57

of

plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index#: 515/2015. David E. Woodin, Esq., Referee Frenkel Lambert Weiss Weisman & Gordon, LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706

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Town

4Mar15c5 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE IS HERE-BY GIVEN, that the Town Board of Town the Cobleskill, Schoharie County New York, will hold a public hearing on Monday, March 13, 2017, 7:45 pm, located at the Fire House, 610 Main Street, Cobleskill, NY, for the purpose to consider Local Law #1 of 2017 titled: Utility Scale Solar energy System or Solar Farm to Regulate Energy Solar Systems. A copy of the proposed legiscan be the lation found town's website or the Town Clerk's Office. By Order of the Town Board

Town Clerk Feb22c5 PUBLIC HEARING The Village of Richmondville Planning Board will hold a public hearing regarding a proposed subdivision of SBL #78.19-3-1.1. Owners Harold and Marie Loder have designated Housing Visions, LLC to present the subdivision Thursday, March 2, 2017 at 6pm at the Village Municipal Building. 295 Building,

Tina Ward

Richmondville. Margaret Cancio Village of Richmondville Clerk-Treasurer Feb22c5

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SUPREME COURT: SCHOHARIE COUNTY JPMORGAN CHASE Rochester, BANK, NATIONAL 14614 Attorney (s) March 15, 2017 at ASSOCIATION; for Plaintiff (s). Plaintiff(s) vs. KEITH KARN; et al; Defendant(s) Attorney (s) for Sale Entered that certain plot, TRUSTEE FOR THE Plaintiff (s): ROSIC-December 12th, piece or parcel of R E G I S T E R E D ROSICKI & 845.897.1600

NOTICE OF SALE

2 Summit Court, Suite 301, Fishkill, 12524. Pursuant to judgand sale granted a.m. herein on or about known as 119 River October 4, 2016, I Auction to the high-Courthouse Lobby, St.,| Main Schoharie, NY. ate, lying and being Mark A. Kassner, On March 22, 2017 in the Village and Esq., Referee

12043 56.17 Section: Amount Block: 1 Lot: 9 All that certain \$84,782,47 piece or parcel of interest and costs. land situate in the Premises will be Village and Town of sold subject to pro-Cobleskill, County visions of filed of Schoharie and Judgment Index No State of New York. As more particularly Michael A. West, described in the Esq., Referee judgment of foreclosure and sale. Sold subject to all of the terms and con-

terms of sale. Approximate amount of judgment \$126,349.72 plus interest and costs. INDEX NO. 2014-Michael A. West.,

ditions contained in

said judgment and

Esq., Referee 4Mar15c5 NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF

SCHOHARIE COMPANY, FOR RECEIVABLES, LLC act or activity. TRUST 2007-BR4, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH TIFICATES, SERIES Plaintiff,

Index No.: 82/2014 ESTATE OF W. GROFF, SR., if living, and if they be dead, etc., ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant а Judgment Foreclosure and

3/6/2017 at 11:00 premises as 2444 State Highway 162, Esperance, NY Esperance, described as fol-

and designated on THEREON ERECT-

Section 16, Block 2

as

Treasurer

amount of the current Judgment lien Premises will be is \$315,032.59 plus interest and costs. The premises will be sold subject to provisions of the aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and 900 Merchants Sale; Index # 82/2014. Michael L. Breen, Okon,

Esq., Referee. Clarfield, Salomone, PL, 114 Old Country Road, Suite 400, MINEO-LA, NY 11501 Dated: 1/5/2017 NY9706199296 MNB

4Feb22c5 NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT SCHOHARIE

COUNTY Beneficial Homeowner Service Corporation, Plaintiff against Blanche E. Waters, et al Defendants Attorney (s) for

Plaintiff(s) Fein, the Such & Crane, LLP County 28 East Street, Suite 1800, 290 Main Street, Rochester, NY Schoharie, NY on Pursuant to Judgment Foreclosure

2016 ASSOCIATES, P.C., I will sell at Public ings and improve-Auction to the high- ments est bidder at the erected, 290 Main Street, lying and being in MORTGAGE LOAN Schoharie, 12157 on March ment of foreclosure 8th, 2017 at 8:30 County of Schoharie Premises and State of New t r e e t will sell at Public Richmondville, NY Premises will be igh-at Block 4 Lot 5. All visions of filed that certain Piece or 169/2013. Parcel of Land situ-

Judgment

plus 2016-23.

4Feb22c5 NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTI-CLES OF ORGANI-ZATION IN NEW YORK BY A LIMIT ED LIABILITY COMPANY Name: AW

RENTALS, Articles Organization filed Defendants (SOS) Office 01/24/17. location: Schoharie County. designated as agent process. SOS shall for Plaintiff (s). DEUTSCHE BANK mail copy of process NATIONAL TRUST to 90 STATE Judgment to STATE AS STREET, 700, OFFICE 40, SECURITIZED ALBANY, NY 12207. BACKED Purpose: Any lawful 6Mar8c5

> SUPREME COURT -COUNTY OF **SCHOHARIE** U.S. BANK NATION-AL ASSOCIATION, V.JENNIFER DONZELLI AKA **JENNIFER** DONZELLI NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Foreclosure dated of October 4, 2016, and entered in the DONZELLI is the Defendant. I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the SCHOHARIE and COUNTY COURT-HOUSE LOBBY,

IMPROVEMENTS 199.-1-20

Section 16, Block 2 and Lot 12.

The approximate The approximate STATE OF NEW STATE YORK sold subject to pro-

RAS Boriskin, LLC Concourse, Suite 106, Westbury, New York Attorneys for

Plaintiff 4Mar1c5 NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF

**SCHOHARIE** COMPASS PROP-ERTIES, INC, Plaintiff, vs. DOU-GLAS W. FAGUE, AL., Defendant(s).

Pursuant to Judgment of Foreclosure and

Supreme Main | Court Courthouse, 11:00 a.m., premisa es known as 212 of Elm Street, land, with the buildthereon situate, NY the Village and Town of Cobleskill, York, Section 67.8, Block 2 and Lot 41. Judgment Index #

at 9:00 am.

Town of Berkman, Henoch, Peterson, Peddy & 160 ELM STREET, County of Schoharie COBLESKILL, NY and State of New Garden City Plaza, County of Schoharie County Plaza, and State of New Garden City Plaza, County Of Schoharie County Plaza, and State of New Garden City Plaza, County Plaza, York Approximate Garden City, NY Amount of 11530, Attorneys Attorneys is for Plaintiff 4Mar1c5

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT SCHOHARIE

JPMorgan Chase Bank National Association, Successor-in-Interest of Certain lows: Assets Bank, FA by of land, with the Operation of Law buildings Through et of Noone, Such & Crane, LLP 28 East Main SOS is Street, Suite 1800, Section 169, Block Rochester, NY SUITE Foreclosure Sale

Auction to the highest bidder at the Main Schoharie, p.m. State Route 30, paid. Middleburgh, NY Purchaser that certain Piece or Mortgagor, a Final Judgment of Parcel of Land situ- Mortgagee or the ignated as agent of ated, lying and being in the Town of Fulton, County of LEE HARTJEN, may be served. the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction, at the County Agriculture and State Esq., Referee. SSN Amount of S C H O H A R I E, wherein U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AND ASSOCIATI

Judgment Index No 2009-950. Peter M. Torncello, Esq., Referee

4Mar1c5 NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

ments erected, and State of NY ing

Office of the Clerk of Judgment Index# | ties. the County of 2014-636. Schoharie, on the Rachel A. Rappazzo, thirty-first (31st) Esq., Referee day of August, Shapiro, DiC 2004, Book 1045 of Barak, LLC Mortgages at Page 231. Marvin D. Parshall, Jr., Esq., PO Box Boulevard 276, Worcester, NY Rochester,

12197 Sale duly filed on June 01, 2016, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at DiCerbo Morgan, PLLC, attorneys for the Plaintiff, 201 N. Union St., Ste. 410, Olean, NY 14760, (877) 75 Dated: 2017 DiCerbo Morgan, PLLC, attorneys for Dated: February 5,

Schoharie | 716-373-2165 4Mar8c5 NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT -COUNTY OF

SCHOHARIE DEUTSCHE BANK TRUST COMPANY AMERICAS AS and Cobleskill, NY. All I N D E N T U R E REGISTERED HOLDERS SAXON ASSET SECURITIES TRUST 2005-3 BACKED ASSET NOTES, SERIES 2005-3, Plaintiff, Against NOAH J MORRIS, Defendant(s). Index No.: 63/15 Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure

and Sale, duly entered in the Schoharie County Office on 12/30/2016, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction, Schoharie County auction, Courthouse, Main 11:00 am, premises

known as 275 Steiber Rd, Stamford, 12167, and described as folof ALL that certain Washington Mutual plot, piece or parcel

and FDIC improvements Plaintiff against uate, lying and being in the Town of A/K/A Marion B. Gibbo Cartesian All Lot 27. A p p r o x i m a t e amount of judgment Receivership, thereon erected, sit-LLC. A/K/A Marion B. Gilboa, County of al Schohaire, State of New York, and deswith sec. of state of NY (SOS) on Plaintiff(s) Fein, maps of the Judgment Index # Schoharie County 515/14. Treasurer as

04 and Lot 10. of LLC for service of 14614 Attorney (s) The approximate amount of the cura rent Judgment lien of is \$88,632.64 plus and interest and costs. Entered | The premises will be January 20th, 2017 | sold subject to pro-I will sell at Public visions of the aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and Court House, 290 Sale; Index # 63/15 of Limited Liability

Street, If the sale is set NÝ aside for any rea-12157 on March son, the Purchaser LLC, Articles of 16th, 2017 at 12:30 at the sale shall be Organization filed Premises entitled only to a with the Secretary known as 3924 return of the deposit of State of New York shall 12122. Sec 116 have no further Block 5 Lot 10. All recourse against the 116 have no further location: Schoharie

of 80 Business Park Meadows Judgment is Drive, Suite 110, Howes Cave, NY \$179,435.48 plus Armonk, NY 10504 12092. Purpose: Dated: 1/13/17

4Mar8c5 NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF SCHOHARIE PHH Mortgage

Corporation, Plaintiff **AGAINST** lows:
ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and buildings and in provements known as thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Carlisle, County of Schoharie, and in the Town of Charleston, County of Montgomery, State of New York, and designated on New York and in the Town of New York, and designated on New York, and designated on New York and New York All that certain plot 9:00AM, premises 2017. the tax maps of the Schoharie County

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the Town of Gilboa, the buildings and State has been des-Schoharie County improvements ignated as agent of erected, situate, the limited liability visions of filed This sale is held to lying and being in company, Judgment Index # enforce the rights of the Town of whom Judgment Index # enforce the rights of the Town of whom process 370/2015. Michael Community Bank, Conesville, County against it may be L. Breen - Referee. N.A., of 201 North of Schoharie and served. The Union Street, Olean, State of NY, Section Secretary may send NY 14760, as the 205 Block 1 Lot 3. process to the comsecured party arising under a amount of judgment Route 30, a amount of judgment 11590, Mortgage executed \$184,058.42 plus Middleburgh, with Thomas G. interest and costs. Maxim, as debtor; said Mortgage was duly recorded in the visions of filed on all lawful activi-

> Shapiro, DiCaro & Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff

175 Mile Crossing Company Law. York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Organization of 203 Elm Street, LLC

4Mar8c5

NOTICE OF SALE | New York Secretary | Barns | LLC SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF S C H O H A R I E , WILMINGTON SAV-INGS FUND SOCI-ETY, FSB, D/B/A CHRISTIANA TRUST, NOT INDI-VIDUALLY BUT AS County. TRUSTEE FOR MORT-PRETIUM GAGE ACQUISI-TION TRUST. Plaintiff, vs. WARD R. LAWYER AKA 108 WARD LAWYER AKA WARD R. LAWYER JR. AKA WARD LAWYER JR., ETΑL., Defendant(s). as agent of the lim-Pursuant to а Judgment of Foreclosure Sale duly filed on December 20, 2016, post office address Chance Barns LLC, is \$150,818.55 plus I, the undersigned within or without 3410 State Route 30 interest and costs. Referee will sell at this state to which Fultonham, Clerk's public auction at the County Supreme Courthouse, front against the limited steps, 290 Main Street, Schoharie, NY on March 16, her is: Matthew O. SUPREME 2017 at 11:00 a.m., Lobby, 290 Main Street, Schoharie, NY on 3/22/2017 at 11.00 a.iii., premises known as 507 Barnerville Road, Howes Cave, 12043. NY. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements ties.

thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Cobleskill, County of Schoharie and State of New York, Section 57, Block 1 and Lot is \$234,121.04 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to pro-

J. Russell Langwig, Esq., Referee Knuckles Komosinski Manfro, LLP,

Taxter Road. 590, Elmsford, NY 10523, Attorneys for Plaintiff 4Mar8c5 LEGAL NOTICE Notice of Formation Company Name: Toughfilms,

The (SSNY) on 12/29/2016. Office County, New York, the SSNY has been desmay be served. SSNY shall mail a & copy of process to: Mountain Lane,

Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose. Latest date upon which LLC is to dissolve: No specific date. 6Feb22c5

NOTICE OF

**ORGANIZATION** 

OF KAREN'S OUEENDOM, LLC Under Section 203 of the a Liability Company of Law

Schoharie, NY on Secretary of State March 22, 2017 at on January 13,

Schoharie.

12122.

6Mar8c5

NOTICE

Notice of organization of 203 Elm Street, LLC under Section 203 of the Limited Liability 1. The name of the limited liability company is 203 Elm Street, LLC. Articles of

were filed with the

of State on January 10, 2017. 3. The county within this state in which the office of this state in which follows: the limited liability

filed

with

Secretary of

The street cipal business loca-Corners Cobleskill, 12043. 5. The Secretary of

ited liability company upon whom liability Company The approximate and process against it served upon him or amount of the curmay be served. The her is: Second rent Judgment lien the Secretary of 12071. The compa-Schoharie State shall mail a ny is organized to visions of the aforecopy of any process carry on all lawful said Judgment of SUPREME COURT -Loder, 108 Grovenors Corners Barnerville Road, Cobleskill, NY LAKEVIEW LOAN

> 6. The limited liability company is organized to carry on all lawful activi-6Mar1c5

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF ORGA-NIZATION OF Chance County Second Barns LLC under Office on section 203 of the 11/4/2016, I, the Liability undersigned Limited Company Law. 1. Referee, will sell at public auction, at Limited Liability Company is: Second Schoharie County Chance Barns LLC. Courthouse, Main Article

of Lobby, 290 Main of Street, Schoharie, Organization Chance NY on 3/16/2017 at Second

were | 10:00 am, premises the known as State Highway Route 20, on 11/14/2016. 3. | Carlisle, NY 12031 The county within and described as

the of the limited ALL that certain company is to be liability company is plot piece or parcel located is Schoharie to be located is: of land, with the Schoharie County. buildings 4. The Secretary of improvements address of the prin- State is designated thereon erected, sitas agent of the limuate, lying and tion of the limited ited liability compa- being in the Town of liability company is ny upon whom Carlisle, County of Grovenors process against it Schoharie, State of Road, may be served. The New York and desig-NY address within or nated on the tax without this state to maps which the Secretary Schoharie County State is designated of State shall mail a Treasurer Section 25.1, Block copy of any process against the limited 1 and Lot 26.

> NY The premises will be sold subject to pro-Foreclosure and Sale: Index 433/14. If the sale is set

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NOTICE OF SALE

COUNTY OF

**SCHOHARIE** 

SERVICING, LLC,

Plaintiff(s), Against

Index No.: 433/14

Sale, duly entered

in the Schoharie

to

Clerk's

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the

Defendant(s).

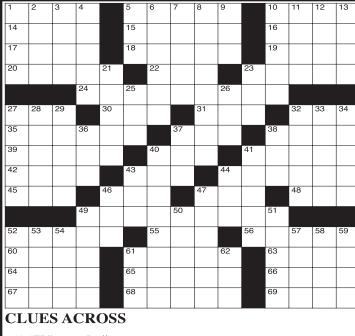
Pursuant

Judgment

Foreclosure

aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. Purchaser have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attor-Michael L. Breen,

Esq., Referee. Leopold Associates, 80 Business Park Drive, Suite 110, Armonk, NY 10504 D a t e d : 12/29/2016 Courthouse, Main GNS/tks



1. "ER" actress Leslie 5. Hebrew name for Babylon

10. Newts 14. Leaf angle

15. Dravidian language

16. Ridge on nematodes 17. Monetary unit

18 Determined the tare

19. Unfreeze

20 Merits 22. World's oldest broadcasting

organization

23. Vacation spot 24. December 25

27. Ottoman military command

30. Resin-like substance secreted by insects 31. A.C. Comics female

supervillain

32. Insect linked to honey

35. Opinion

37. In the middle of

38. Basketballer Yao

#### **CLUES DOWN**

1. "Dark Knight" actor 2. S. African plants

3. Castle in County Offaly, Ireland 4. White (French)

6. Semitic language

Areas outside cities

8. Crackling 9. Cub

10. Landmark house in Los Angeles

11. Red Hot Chili Peppers bassist

12. Mineral 13. Late night host Myers

21. Pull along

23. Not good 25. British Air Aces 26. Upset

27. Maltreatment

28. Nocturnal, cat-like animal 29. Hollyhocks

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32. Shelter

33. Finished

39. Remove lid

40. Pressure wound therapy 41. Fabric

42. Witnessed

43. Defunct European economic

organization

44. "Hotel California" rockers

45. When you expect to arrive 46. "Sleepless in Seattle" actress Ryan

47. Danish airline

48. Insecticide 49. Scientific instrument

52. Type of seal

55. Israeli city ___ Aviv

56. Cavalry sword

60. Ottoman title 61. Gurus

63. Cold wind 64. Predatory reptile (abbr.)

65. New Jersev is one 66. Divulge a secret

67. Finely chopped mixture

68. Actress Zellweger 69. Romanian city

34. Discharge 36. "X-Men" actor McKellen

37. Beloved dish ___ and cheese 38. Holds coffee

40. Languish 41. Quenches

43. Electric fish

44. Consume

46. Type of school 47. Erase

49. Educate 50. "Transformers" actress Fox

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52. Every one 53. Site of the Taj Mahal

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Cobleskill-Richmondville's National Honor Society members pose on the high school stage at the end of Tuesday's induction ceremony. The C-R chapter welcomed

# C-R greets NHS members

Cobleskill-Richmondville's National Honor Society welcomed 28 new members in an induction ceremony last Tuesday at the high school.

The annual event featured presentations by current members and a tapping ceremony that announced new members individually.

To be eligible, juniors or seniors must have a grade average of 88 or above. They are then considered on merits of character, service and leadership by C-R's Faculty Council.

Co-Presidents Noelle LaVine and Emily Lasher welcomed the audience, who also heard Madalyn Fiorillo, Katelyn Storey, Noah Hantho and Taylor Pevlor speak on scholarship, service, leadership and character, respectively.

High School Principal Mel Ausfeld administered the pledge of new members, and NHS Vice President Sarah Bates gave closing remarks. New members are:

Sarrah J. Aliewie, Gerhardt, Marigrace Alexandra Kendall Pacatte, Abigail Leigh Atkins, Taylor Gillespie, Madyson Ross, Hannah E. Bradley, Cassidy Hammecker and Cassandra Snyder.

Ålso, Jason Brizzee, Emily L. Jackson, Millard Paul Sperbeck, Mairead Cooney, Adrian Kowal, Emily G. VanDeValk, Tim Dahl, Bren

Loder and Sarah J. Jones. Also, Ariana Waage, Dylan Davis, Bradley McLaughlin, Harrison I. Weiss, Mckenzie Fogel,

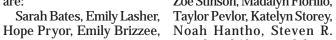


Noah Hantho congratulates Sarrah Aliewie after placing a ribbon on her during the induction ceremony.

Graulich and Megan Slater. Current NHS members

gust Broadwell, Allen D. Noelle LaVine, Emmy Rys and Nicole Ferris.

> Also, Bernadette Nichols, Zoe Stinson, Madalyn Fiorillo, Porath and Alyssa Holiday.





National Honor Society Co-Presidents Emily Lasher and Noelle LaVine welcome the audience at Tuesday's induction ceremony.



NHS member Emily Brizzee puts a ribbon on her cousin, Jason Brizzee, during the tapping ceremony.





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Madalyn Fiorillo lights the candle for "Scholarship" at the induction ceremony as Steven Porath and Noah Hantho look on.



From left, Emmy Rys, Katelyn Storey, Noelle LaVine and Sara Bates hold candles at the induction ceremony.

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