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An Interview with Anne Warner, First Lady of the Year

By Allison Collins

SIDNEY — For over 40 years, the Preceptor Beta Kappa Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi has been naming one special local woman First Lady of the Year. The award acknowledges one woman's selflessness, dedication to service and the impact she has had on her community. 2017's winner is Anne Warner of Masonville.

Many will know Warner for her decades of involvement

with area 4-H groups, Cornell Cooperative Extension and time spent at the Walton Farm; others will fondly recall time spent in her home economics classroom at Sidney High School, where she taught for almost 30 years; others still will know Warner for her unerring faith and commitment to her church community. Warner's altruism and open-handed ministrations have been the hallmarks of her life.

Asked why she volunteers so continuously, Warner

laughed softly and said, "You do it for so many years that it just becomes part of you." To that she added, "You enjoy people and you enjoy doing it and the talents that you have lend themselves to that kind of thing."

Discussing her years spent performing food demonstrations for fairs and 4-H as well as in her classroom, Warner noted, "In home economics you're always doing stuff with food and serving and welcoming and greeting. You have a

humanistic feel, so you like to reach out."

Warner got her first taste of demonstrating as a kid growing up in Margaretville. "I did a lot with 4-H as a kid," said Warner, who described her involvement in the club as a defining part of her childhood.

"As a kid, you grew up in the country back then and you didn't travel [and] TV wasn't so big. 4-H was one of your big deals," said Warner. "It was a nice addition to living in Delaware County. My big

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Historical Bainbridge Store Becomes Barnard's Hometown Hardware

By Allison Collins

BAINBRIDGE — Bainbridge's Hometown Hardware just got a new name and new owners committed to keeping quality high and ownership local. Jackie and Erik Barnard recently rechristened the 12 North Main St. shop at Barnard's Hometown Hardware and expect to host a grand opening event in the near future.

Erik Barnard began working at the store in 2015 and, together with his wife Jackie, the pair brings a combined 29 years of retail experience to the operation. Additionally, Erik studied building trades while at school.

While both Barnards grew up locally, Erik is a lifetime resident of Bainbridge and the couple purchased their home in the village in 2015. They have three children together.

Asked what prompted the

shift from employee to owner, the Barnards explained, "We had an opportunity to continue providing the area with a locally owned hardware store."

The pair intends to keep the emphasis on being of and for the community. Discussing future plans for Barnard's Hometown Hardware, they said that, long-term, they hope "to continue to provide the area with a locally owned store." To that, the



Erik and Jackie Barnard, the proud new owners of Hometown Hardware in Bainbridge, are pictured here with children Saige, Davis and Loegan in front of the store at 12 North Main St. Photo credit: Anna Ritchey.

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Pictured here is Chef Lewis's vibrant petite lamb chop dish with basil sweet pea pesto, just as green as the newly sprouted grass. The dish is part of Main Street Grill & Bakery's new springtime menu.



New Chef Brings Big Ideas, Fresh Flavors to Afton's Main Street Grill & Bakery

By Allison Collins

AFTON — Josh Lewis, Harpursville native and current chef at the popular Afton Main Street Grill & Bakery at 174 Main St., has been bringing serious culinary prowess to the local eatery known for lunch, dinner and an impres-

sive dessert smorgasbord, since his November, 2016 start. Working symbiotically with owner Liz Dawson, Lewis's epicurean know-how and relevance have made for a revamped menu loaded with fresh, seasonal dishes destined to become favored fare.

Prior to returning to the area in which he grew up,

Lewis honed his skills at various New York City eateries, even competing once on the Food Network's "Chopped." Before that, Lewis received his formal education from the Culinary Institute of America. After graduating he moved to Bethlehem, Pa., where he landed a job at the Emeril Lagasse-owned res-

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Finally! April's Baby Meets his Million Plus Viewers

HARPURSVILLE — April the Giraffe and her mate Oliver, of Animal Adventure Park in Harpursville, are now the proud parents of a new baby boy.

April's labor began at approximately 7:20 a.m. on the morning of Saturday, April 15, with the calf born at 9:53 a.m. Over 1,200,000 viewers from around the world viewed the birth in real-time, courtesy of Animal Adventure's live-

stream. This is April's fourth calf and Oliver's first and is also the first giraffe ever born at Animal Adventure.

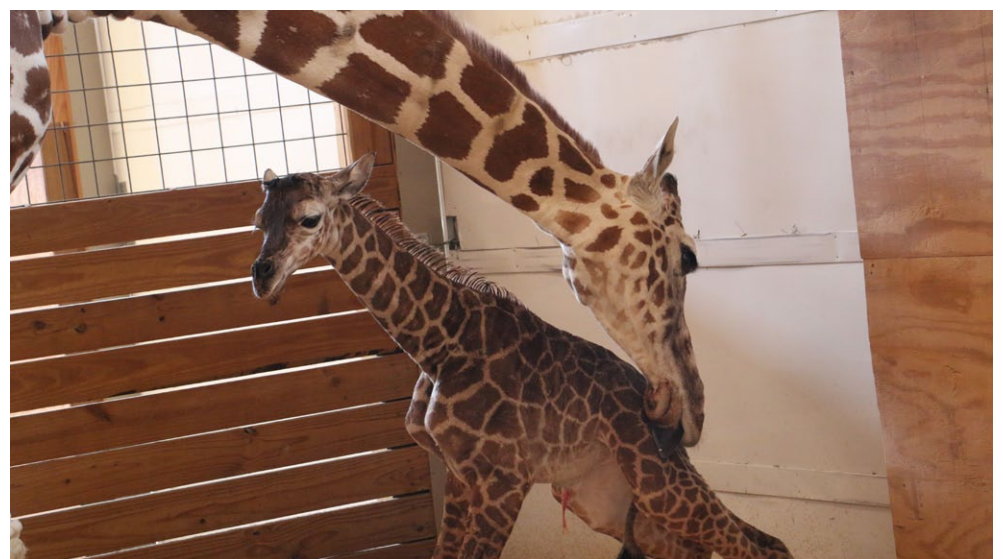
"His entrance into the world was unnerving to even those of us who have witnessed animal births previously," said Animal Adventure Park owner, Jordan Patch.

Elaborating on the suspenseful moment of birth, Patch explained, "Giraffes give birth standing up, which

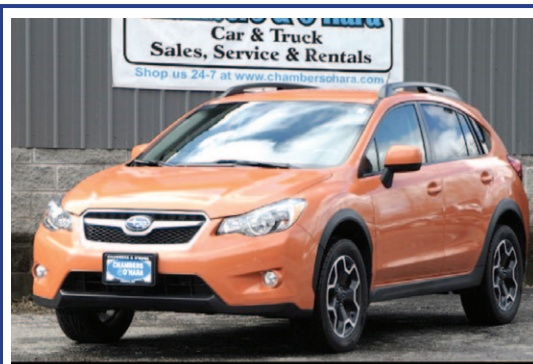
means when the calf is ready to be born, it exits its mother hooves first from six feet off the floor, making for a very exciting event!" Anyone who saw the little guy's bouncy entry can attest to that. "After many months of pregnancy, both mom and calf are doing fine," Patch added.

April will naturally raise her baby, which is expected to be with Animal Adventure for at least the 2017 season, as weaning can take up to 14

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Earth Day Worship to be Held April 23

EAST GUILFORD - The United Presbyterian Church of East Guilford will be celebrating Earth Day with a special worship service on Sunday, April 23 at 9 a.m.

For the past several years members have participated in an Earth Day worship service, led by the Rev. Patty Wolff. At these celebrations people share pictures, poems, hymns and reflections on the glory of God's beautiful earth and the need to help take care of it.

The Presbyterian Church, USA, has recognized the East Guilford church as an Earth

Care Congregation since September of 2011. As such, the congregation has pledged to seek peace and justice through God's creation. Church members serve as earth stewards through worship, education, facilities management and outreach. Each year, an audit is conducted to assure that the church meets the requirements of the certification.

The church is located on N.Y. 8, about 1.6 miles north of Sidney. Join the congregation on Sunday, April 23 at 9 a.m. Everyone is welcome!

Evergreen Hill Cemetery Association Holds Annual Meeting

UNADILLA - The Evergreen Hill Cemetery Association held its annual meeting on March 1, where members voted to increase fees and the rates for a cemetery plot.

The following officers were elected for 2017: Craig VanCott, president; Denise DeVost, vice president; Daughn Darlin, secretary; and Sheri Kinsella, treasurer. Capital projects for the year will include repairing the wall at the

upper entrance and continuing to cut down dead trees on cemetery grounds.

For anyone thinking about purchasing a cemetery plot, consider doing so before the increase goes into effect. Feel free to contact 435-9270 for more information.

The Cemetery Board is very proud of its cemetery and works hard to keep it looking nice and welcoming for lot owners and their families.

Upcoming Activities for Unadilla Alumni

UNADILLA - The annual meeting of the Alumni Association of the Unadilla Central School and Academy will be held on Saturday, June 10. The banquet will be held at The River Club, located at 1 Maple St., Afton, with a social beginning at 3:30 p.m. and dinner buffet at 5 p.m.

Following dinner will be a brief business meeting with roll call of classes and report on the scholarships sponsored by the Alumni Association.

Reservations are due by May 26. For more information, call Howard Lent at 369-9443.

The class of 1967 will be observing their 50th reunion and all alumni are invited to help them celebrate. A reunion picnic will be held on Sunday, June 11, the day after the alumni banquet. This will be held at the Unadilla Rod and Gun Club pavilion starting at noon, with a chicken barbecue dinner at 1 p.m. Contact Polly Judd at 437-0085 by June 1 to reserve your chicken dinner.

On Friday evening, June 9, all interested UCS alumni are invited to get together at the Long River Inn from 6 to 10 p.m.

Restaurant & Tavern Association and NYS Liquor Authority to Host Free Training

The Empire State Restaurant and Tavern Association announced that it will be hosting a statewide series of free seminars in conjunction with the New York State Liquor Authority. The seminars will be intended for restaurant and tavern owners as well as staff. The day-long program will focus on the legal responsibilities of selling alcohol and provide training in practical skills to help licensees and their employees fulfill their legal responsibilities.

"Compliance with the law

is the best way to protect the public, our communities and our businesses," said Scott Wexler, ESRTA executive director. "These training programs give owners, managers and their staff an understanding of their duties and responsibilities under the law."

The morning sessions—the ABC's of the ABC Law—will focus on the responsibilities of licensees in maintaining a premises that is in compliance with the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law. This training covers topics that are vital to keeping on-premises estab-

lishments in compliance with the law. This session will be held from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

The afternoon sessions—the Alcohol Training Awareness Program (ATAP)—addresses the responsibilities of servers to prevent sales to underage patrons and sales to those visibly intoxicated. ATAP training can be used as a defense to an SLA violation to reduce a penalty imposed by the State Liquor Authority. This session will be held from 1:30 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Over the course of the year, sessions will be scheduled to

be held in Binghamton, Buffalo, Hyde Park, Long Island, Rochester, Saratoga, Syracuse, Tarrytown and Utica. These training programs are presented free of charge thanks to the sponsorship of Anheuser-Busch, Constellation Brands, Empire Merchants North, Heineken USA and Southern Glazer Wine and Spirits.

Individuals interested in participating in these free training sessions can register by calling ESRTA toll-free at 877-436-8121, or by signing-up online at www.esrta.org.

SPRING SUPPERS

MORRIS - The Morris Rotary Club will hold its annual chicken and biscuit dinner on Tuesday, April 25 in the community room of the Morris United Methodist Church. Dine-in meals will be served from 5-7 p.m. with local boy scouts and girls scouts acting as servers. Take-out meals will be available at 4:30 p.m. Proceeds from the meal will support the boy scout and girl scout programs of Morris. The Morris Rotary Club serves Morris, Gilbertsville and the surrounding Butternut Valley.

GILBERTSVILLE - A roast pork dinner will be served on Wednesday, April 26 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Butternut Valley Grange Hall located at 7 Bloom St., in Gilbertsville. Take-outs will be available from 4 to 5 p.m.

The menu will feature roast pork, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, glazed carrots, applesauce, homemade rolls and assorted homemade pies.

Pre sale tickets are available by calling Roberta Halbert at 783-2445 or Anna Ritchey at 563-1104 by April 24. Proceeds from the dinner will benefit community service projects.

SIDNEY - On Monday, April 29, the Sidney Masonic Lodge will have a spaghetti dinner and open house at the Sidney Masonic Temple, 55 Union St., Sidney. Tickets for the dinner will be sold at the door.

Come to the temple for a fine dinner and ask any of the Masons about their fraternity, what it stands for and its place in the community.

The hours of the dinner will be from 5 to 7 p.m. For more information, call 563-7908.

CHICKEN BBQs

SIDNEY - The McDonald Hose annual BBQ and bake sale will be held on Saturday, April 29 from 10 a.m. until sold out.

COMMUNITY MEALS

BAINBRIDGE - The Soup Kitchen at the Bainbridge United Methodist Church is open Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Menu for the soup kitchen is available in the kitchen's Facebook page.

SIDNEY - A full meal is served at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 25 River St. every Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Food selections vary weekly and all are welcome.

UNADILLA - A weekly luncheon is served every Thursday at 12:30 p.m. at St. Matthews Episcopal Church. A free will offering is appreciated.

UNADILLA - Breakfast in the Basement serves breakfast on the first and third Saturday of the month from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Unadilla United Methodist Church on Main St. All are welcome. Donations are accepted but not expected.

SIDNEY - The First Congregational Church, located on the corner of Bridge and Main Streets in Sidney, offers free soup and sandwiches with dessert and drink from 4-6 p.m. on the second Thursday of every month.

Share the Bounty Dinner

SIDNEY - Join friends and neighbors for a free Share the Bounty dinner on Thursday, April 27, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the Sidney United Methodist Church on 12 Liberty Street.

Special thanks go out to St. Luke's Lutheran Church and Preceptor Beta Sigma Phi Sorority for preparing and serving this meal. The menu will include meatloaf, gravy, baked potatoes, green beans and cake.

Community Basket

MASONVILLE - The Masonville Community Church will be providing the community with a free meal on Saturday, April 29 from 4-6 p.m. The meal will include soup, grilled cheese, salad and dessert.

ODDS & ENDS

MTUPTON - The Mt. Upton Maplewood Cemetery Association will hold its annual meeting on April 23 at 2 p.m. at the firehouse. All are welcome to attend.

AFTON - There will be a meeting for residents of Afton to discuss the Afton Strategic Plan and Local Waterfront Revitalization Grant that the village has received.

Representatives of GeoEco Design will be there to answer questions. On Sunday, April 23, from 2 - 4 p.m. at the Jack D. Bolster Community Center, 105 Main St., Afton.

OTEGO - The Unatego Board of Education will hold a special meeting on Monday, April 24, at 7 p.m. in room 93 at the middle/senior high school. The meeting is to vote on the BOCES budget/election of board members.

SIDNEY - The Sidney town planning board will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 25. The meeting will be held in the Sidney Civic Center's boardroom at 7 p.m.

SIDNEY - Join the Ancestry-genealogy meet-up at the Sidney library! Beginner's group members can use Ancestry Library Edition to discover their unique family history, build a family tree and learn genetic DNA genealogy. Participants should bring their own laptop or WIFI device.

The group will meet Tuesday, April 25 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Sidney Memorial Library meeting room, located at 8 River St., Sidney. Beginners are welcome, no RSVP is required. Call 563-1200 for more information.

HARPURSVILLE - The Harpursville Central School Board of Education will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, April 26 in the high school auditorium. The executive session of the meeting will begin at 6 p.m. with the regular business meeting following at 7 p.m.

HARPURSVILLE - The Harpursville Central School policy committee will meet on April 26 at 4 p.m. in the district office conference room.

SIDNEY - East Main Lanes & Lounge, located at 1 East Main St. in Sidney, will host this year's 4-Chamber Mixer on Wednesday, April 26 at 6:30 p.m. Snacks will be provided and a cash bar will be available.

Representatives from the chambers of commerce in Afton, Bainbridge, Sidney and

Unadilla invite members and local businesspeople to "come out and network with everyone from the tri-town area."

RSVPs are appreciated in advance of the mixer; to do so, call 561-2642 or email office@sidneychamber.org.

EAST GUILFORD - The East Guilford Cemetery Association will be holding its 2017 annual meeting on Monday, May 1 at 7 p.m. in the fellowship room of the East Guilford Presbyterian Church. All officers, trustees and lot owners are encouraged to attend.

Donations to help keep the small cemetery in good running condition are very much appreciated. Anyone wishing to make a donation can mail it to the East Guilford Cemetery Association, 244 Meadowland Rd., Sidney Center, N.Y., 13839, in care of Diane Bradshaw, secretary/treasurer. All donations are tax deductible.

Also, anyone interested in buying a lot or with questions concerning the cemetery, call 369-3634 or 434-8911.

SIDNEY - Now that the snow is gone, the Prospect Hill Cemetery Association requests that lot owners remove any and all winter/seasonal decorations from loved one's lots.

The cemetery association is planning for its annual spring clean up to take place May 6 after the annual meeting. Anything remaining on the lots will be considered disposable.


Prospect Hill Cemetery Association members take pride in maintaining the property.

BAINBRIDGE - There will be a free rabies clinic held on Wednesday, May 10 at the Bainbridge Village Garage, 1 River St., Bainbridge from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Rabies clinics are free, but donations are gratefully accepted!

WELLS BRIDGE - The four county library system's Cybermobile will be at the Wells Bridge firehouse on May 16 and June 20 from 2:10 to 2:30 p.m.

UNADILLA - The 41st annual Unadilla Carnival of Sales will be held on Saturday, July 8 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the village of Unadilla. Community wide lawn and garage sales will be held. Vendors will be stationed along Main Street and in the community field, along with a chicken barbeque and entertainment throughout the day. For more information, email cos@countysquirealty.com.



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Swift Easter Storm Tears through Unadilla



UNADILLA – Around 5 p.m. on Easter Sunday, April 16, a brief but powerful storm with wind and rain passed through the area. Several branches and trees were felled by the high winds, including this large maple that came down on the porch and corner of the Connor residence located on Main Street, near Wattle’s Ferry. In addition to structural damage to the home, one of the oldest in the village, a few of the Connors’ vehicles sustained damage from falling limbs. Photo credit: Anna Ritchey.

Butternut Valley Grange Honors Members for Years of Service



Members receiving 25-year silver star certificates at the April 10 meeting were, left to right: Nelson and Linda Park, Randolph and Laura Palada and Colleen Bushnell. Photo credit: Anna Ritchey.



The following Grangers were awarded the golden sheaf, signifying 50 years of service to the Grange: Paul Toutellotte and Cathy Osborne (left), Roger Halbert and (not pictured) Marjorie Wild. John Matteson (also absent) was recognized for 55 years. Anna Ritchey (center) was honored for 60 years of service and daughter and son of Robert Hewlett, Lisa Hall and Dick Hewlett, were there to honor their father’s 70 years of service. The presentations took place Monday evening, April 10 in the Grange Hall, Gilbertsville.

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MASONVILLE NEWS

This week's quote comes from Aristotle: "We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, therefore, is not an act, but a habit." If we work hard enough, maybe we can accomplish excellence in whatever we do; what do you all think?

Hope everyone had a good spring break this past week, even though for many districts there were two days lost to snow days.

Hope all had a good Easter with family and friends together, with many Easter egg hunts as well.

Good luck to all students, as third quarter report cards will be mailed at the end of the week. Community Basket Dinner: The Masonville Federated Church will be having a dinner open to the community on Saturday, April 29 from 4 to 6 p.m. All are invited for a free meal of soup, sandwiches, salad and cookies. The Masonville Community Church invites all residents to come and mingle with neighbors for a good meal and lots of fellowship.

Here on the farm the fellas have been getting the equipment ready for spring planting season. The corn planter had to be checked over and parts ordered for the new planting season. Some of the machinery has been stored and needs to be checked over to get ready to cut hay and round bale and wrap for winter-feeding. The fences need to be checked over for repairs and new posts put in

the ground with barbed wire strung out where the holes in the fence are, as the snow has probably taken lots of the fence down. There is lots of work to be done! The trucks need some work as well to get them ready for the hay to be chopped. With luck and hard work, we hope to be ready for a good grass-growing season this year. Good luck all farmers for a great and problem free season.

Please keep all our farmers in your thoughts in these hard economic times. We need our farmers and it takes many long hours and hard work to get the crops in the ground growing and harvesting for another year's feeding.

Many greetings for birthdays this week go out to Toni Coddington on May 2; Dwayne Scott and Larry Jump, Jr. on May 3; Bill Ostrander and Justin North on May 5; Mikey Wagner and Kathy Ryan on May 6; and Chuck Smith and Austin Scott on the 7th. Have a great day, everyone.

Masonville Federated Church Sunday services are at 11 a.m., with adult Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. is Bible study at the church.

A reminder that the food pantry at the church is open the first Friday of the month from 1 to 3 p.m. for anyone in need of assistance. If unable to visit the pantry at that time, there is a note on the church dining entrance as to what to do if you need help.

Fire Department Queen Sought in Sidney Center

SIDNEY CENTER - The Sidney Center Fire Department is looking for a 2017 fire queen.

To be eligible, one must have lived in the Sidney Center Fire District for at least one month, be between the ages of 13 and 21 and in school or have graduated. Applications are available at Sidney

High School, the Sidney Center Fire Hall or by contacting Lorena Walters at 369-9489.

Judging will take place May 7 at 1 p.m. at the Sidney Center Fire Hall. All applications must be returned by April 29.

The queen will participate in all parades attended by the fire department.

Volunteer Work Day at Delaware County Historical Association

DELHI - The Delaware County Historical Association's (DCHA) volunteer workday will take place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 29 at the museum on State Highway 10, three miles north of Delhi.

Rain or shine, the organization will be preparing DCHA's site and historic buildings for the summer season. Chores will include cleaning the nu-

merous historic buildings at the museum and sprucing up the grounds as well as cleaning up the nature trail and cemetery. Refreshments and lunch will be provided. The museum will have cleaning supplies on hand; volunteers are encouraged to bring gardening tools or the cleaning equipment of their choice.

For more information, call 746-3849 or e-mail dcha@delhi.net.

What Ballet Has Taught Me

By Sabrina Antrosio

I have taken ballet classes at the Decker School of Ballet since I was three years old. I love dancing because it is exciting and makes me feel accomplished. When I look back on the past 10 years of my life, I realize ballet has not only made me feel happy, it has also given me important insight into how I should live my life.

The person I am today has been shaped by my experience with ballet. I started to dance even before I went to school, so when I entered elementary school, I had a head start because I knew how to

work hard.

In ballet we set goals for ourselves to perform even better, whether that's by setting aside a month to achieve full splits, or stretching everyday to perfect our turnout. Two years ago when I wanted pointe shoes (which allow ballerinas to dance on their toes), I made a list of stretches to do each week so I would be ready. I have learned to apply the same planning and effort to other goals. My teacher often says, "This room isn't magic." She means things don't happen if you don't work for them, something I will never forget.

As dancers, we are also taught to learn from our mistakes and not to let memo-

ries or fear of failure slow us down. For example, one of the more humiliating things the graceful, balanced ballerina can do is fall while she is dancing. Yet all of my teachers have remarked that it may even be good to fall, because we learn how to prevent it and not to fear it. One declared that watching a person fall and get back up again is beautiful and inspiring. When a dancer falls, she observes which way she falls and tries again.

Finally, ballet has taught me to hold my head up high, no matter what happens. Dancers don't let the audience know if they make a mistake. They finish like they mean it—or as my teacher says, "Chins up,

eyes to the heavens!"

Ballet has shaped me and I think made me a better person. If many of my actions can be traced back to dancing, it should be no big surprise, for dancing is a part of me. I have, and always will, consider myself lucky to have ballet, for all that it has taught me.

Sabrina Antrosio is a seventh grader at Oneonta Middle School. She loves almost all of her classes and her dream job would be working as a primatologist and studying gorillas. Outside of school, she enjoys dancing at the Decker School of Ballet. She likes to write and is excited to be doing so for Tri-Town News.

GOOD OLD DAYS

BAINBRIDGE 25 YEARS AGO April 22, 1992

50 people attended an April 14 Bainbridge Town Board meeting wherein residents reportedly voiced their discontent with recently released "new" assessments.

Town Board and community members were in agreement that the procedure for data input needed work, particularly since, at that time, the last revaluation had been done in 1976 and was also inaccurate.

At the meeting it was determined that, despite being unanimous on the existence of a problem, there was no consensus regarding the qualifications of an assessor, who should oversee his or her methods of data collection, or what should happen if revaluation resulted in significant discrepancies across a majority of properties.

UNADILLA 25 YEARS AGO April 15, 1992

A community benefit walk was planned for May 3, with monies raised going toward the new ball fields planned for Clifton Street.

After clearing and rough-grading throughout the previous fall, the fields had reportedly seen "great progress" on the way to becoming playable spaces.

SIDNEY 25 YEARS AGO April 22, 1992

The Village Planning Board expected to hold three public hearings at its May 7

meeting to discuss: a request from Dr. Stephen Benham for a minor sub-division at 41-A Delaware Avenue; a request from Harry Knapp for a special permit to have a home for the aged at 3 Circle Drive; and a request from rainbow Day care for a site plan review of their proposed day care center on Pearl Street.

Sidney's Salvation Army became known officially as "Lucretia's Food Pantry," after Sidney matriarch and humanitarian Lucretia D'Imperio. From the time of its rechristening, all food and money donated to the pantry was to directly aid families of Sidney.

For many years, D'Imperio ran the pantry from her home, devoting countless hours to ensuring that those in need were fed.

At the time, the Salvation Army contributed to Mrs. D'Imperio's food bank as a show of support.

Between January and April of 1992, D'Imperio said that the pantry fed 302 adults and 453 children.

AFTON 25 YEARS AGO April 22, 1992

Peg Mertz, of Afton, wrote an opus for her uniquely gifted kitten, better known as "Handy Andy."

One of a large litter of barn cats, Andy was born with four "fingers" and a thumb on each hand, resembling human hands more than paws. According to Mertz's story, "He doesn't push his toys around like kittens do, but tosses

them about with his hands." Mertz continued, "Handy Andy sets up on his haunches like a dog begging, those little hands ready for action. I can put a pencil in his hand and he closes it and holds it. When playing, he picks up a toy, my cane, a stick - [all] with his hands."

Mertz attributed Handy Andy's uncanny abilities to a dee claw between his toes, as opposed to up his leg and above his foot, as in most cats.

Described as dark orange with stripes, Mertz affirmed Handy Andy to be "one in a million."

SIDNEY 50 YEARS AGO April 19, 1967

The Sidney Fire Department commemorated the dedication of its new fire station with the issuance of a special coin.

BAINBRIDGE 50 YEARS AGO April 19, 1967

The Bainbridge-Guilford Board of Education finalized plans for the proposed addition to Greenlawn Elementary and for renovation of the high school building on Juliand Street.

The addition to Greenlawn was expected to add 16 classrooms, a multi-activity room, a gymnasium with shower and locker room facilities and an addition to the kitchen for the creation of a central commissary.

UNADILLA April 24, 1942

To be known as a "camp man" in the far-flung NYS

Police organization was touted as a badge of honor. And, in 1942 there were three such men in Troop C of the Southern Tier, rounding out their first quarter century as "Grey Riders."

Captain Daniel Fox, troop commander since April 1921 when Troop C was founded, was among the honorees, along with Lieutenant John Warner and Sergeant John Hopkins.

It was written at the time, "They are part of the handful of men still on duty who, 25 years ago this summer, counted their horses and went out on lonely rural patrol in a new and untried policing system set up by the Legislature on April 11, 1917.

SIDNEY 100 YEARS AGO April 30, 1917

A special town meeting of the Sidney taxpayers was held in Smith's Hall of Sidney Center on April 30 to vote on two propositions: the appropriation of \$500 for the purchase of a parcel of land on West Main Street, Sidney and a separate appropriation of \$2,500 to build a town-house thereon.

Additionally, the Sidney village taxpayers were expected to vote on April 24 in favor or against three propositions for paving three sections of the village streets: River Street, with brick, from Pain to Patterson Street; River Street, south of the O & W railroad crossing with macadam; and Cartwright Avenue with brick.

POLICE REPORT

NYS POLICE DEPT.

GUILFORD - On Wednesday, April 12, the NYS Police at Sidney arrested 18-year-old Austin N. Carr and 16-year-old Cody J. Ferrara, both of Guilford, for the felony of burglary in the second degree. The arrests are the result of a forced entry burglary to a home on North Pond Rd. in the town of Guilford. Numerous electronic items were taken during this crime.

Both subjects were arraigned in the Town of Guilford court before Town Justice Bruce Winsor and remanded to the Chenango County Jail in lieu of \$1,000 cash bail.

DELAWARE CO. SHERIFF'S DEPT.

HARPURSVILLE - On April 14, Delaware County Sheriff's Deputies arrested

47-year-old Laura A. Fagan of Harpursville for the offense of harassment in the second degree and criminal contempt in the second degree. It is alleged that Fagan violated the lawful mandate of the Delaware County Family Court in that she is accused of violating an order of protection by harassing the protected party. She was processed and released on an appearance ticket directing her to appear in court at a later date to answer the charge.

SIDNEY POLICE DEPT. Arrests:

SIDNEY - April 7: Charles J. Larson, 31, of Sidney, for criminal possession of a controlled substance in the seventh degree.

BAINBRIDGE - April 8: Ralph J. Cornell III, 57, of

Bainbridge, for aggravated unlicensed operation in the third degree.

SOUTH KORTRIGHT - April 9: Wayne E. Swart, 40, of South Kortright, for D.W.I., aggravated unlicensed operation in the first degree and operating without an interlock device.

MASONVILLE - April 10: Justin W. Charles, 20, of Masonville, for aggravated unlicensed operation in the third degree.

BAINBRIDGE - April 11: Paul G. Kiesinger, 33, of Bainbridge, for a bench warrant.

OTEGO - April 11: Zachary T. Thomas, 24, of Otego, for D.W.I. with a B.A.C. greater than .08%, operating a motor vehicle without an interlock device and aggravated

unlicensed operation in the first degree.

SCHENECTADY - April 14: Eric S. Ladd, 45, of Schenectady, for aggravated unlicensed operation in the third degree.

SIDNEY - April 15: Ayad Mohamed, 64, of Sidney, for aggravated unlicensed operation in the third degree.

SIDNEY - April 16: Shelia Eccleston, 52, of Sidney, for unlawful possession of marihuana.

UNADILLA - April 16: Shane A. Katalinas, 26, of Unadilla, for aggravated unlicensed operation in the second degree and a forged inspection.

April continued

months. The park is planning a naming contest fundraiser with details shared via the Animal Adventure website and social media.

Animal Adventure has continued to stream video through the park's dedicated YouTube channel, so anyone looking to check in on April post-birth may do so.

As of a Sunday morning check-up, baby and momma were doing fine, with the Animal Adventure Facebook site noting, "This morning the team got hands-on with baby to do a full vet check and record height and weight." After sharing that the vet gave a

"thumbs up," the park stated that April's baby measured in at 5 feet, nine inches and 129 pounds. Additionally, sources said, "Baby checks out just perfect [and is] nursing strongly without any concerns." As for April, she is doing equally well, with a renewed appetite, to boot: "April has recovered perfectly and is eating everything in sight!"

Additional, up-to-date information can be found at www.facebook.com/AnimalAdventurePark/.

The park is currently closed to the public and Patch anticipates re-opening in mid-May.

Barnard's continued

pair added, "We are proud to carry on with the long history of Bainbridge having a hardware store." The store, while under the former ownership of Tracie Luce, was even named Bainbridge Chamber of Commerce's 2010 Business of the Year.

Being a small business won't stop the Barnards from offering top-of-the-line, nationally recognized brands, though. "We are an authorized Valspar and Rustoleum paint supplier," said the Barnards.

Describing additional inventory, the Barnards noted, "As a hardware store, we carry a wide variety of items: electrical, plumbing, tools – just to name a few."

Barnard's Hometown Hardware will be open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. To learn more about Barnard's Hometown Hardware, call 967-4896 or email barnardshardware@frontier.com.

Chef continued

restaurant, Emeril's Chop House, an experience he called "really fun." "That's a beautiful area and that was some serious energy," said Lewis. Lewis is noted that, prior to Emeril and the CIA, he got his first, admittedly more modest, kitchen job as a dishwasher at the age of 16.

Lewis's arrival at the helm of the Afton kitchen was a matter of happenstance and timing. "My brothers and I decided to end our lease [in New York City]," said Lewis. "Then I just sort of fell into this with Liz [Dawson]." Lewis is mentioned that he came upon an online advertisement by Dawson seeking a chef especially attuned to shifting culinary patterns with a focus on dinner service and creativity.

Asked about their collaboration since his autumn start, Lewis affirmed, "It's been going great. We're doing very well with each other." Lewis elaborated, "I've helped to redevelop the dinner and specials menu, and when I found [Dawson's] ad, she was specifically asking for a chef knowledgeable in food trends, so she loved what I offered to her."

"Liz was doing edgier, more current things," said Lewis, adding, "I figured she'd be pretty open to stuff, so I came in guns blazing." Lewis, who said the menu at Main Street Grill & Bakery has "changed considerably" since coming on board, noted that the new dinner specials have proven

Warner continued

thing was to go to the county fair. The Walton Fair has always been a huge part of my life."

For Warner, annual attendance at the fair laid the foundation for what would prove to be lifelong bonds. "You build these friendships," said Warner. "Then you go back and bump into them and their families; you know people in cattle, horse, the 4-H building and the dairy farmers. It's just a real nice time to connect and see everybody again."

Warner's culinary prowess led her to clinch several state championships in food demonstrations during her youth, even once attending the National 4-H Congress held in Chicago, which she referred to as a culmination of all she'd done. "I did this [demonstrating] a lot and became fairly comfortable, so that's a natural extension to demonstrating in the classroom," noted Warner, who would go on to pursue her teaching degree from SUNY Oneonta.

For Warner, teaching would prove another avenue for forging strong friendships. Asked to name the thing of which she is proudest, Warner answered simply, "The friendships that you acquire doing all of these things."

"When I was teaching, you

made friends with your students," remarked Warner. "So the real joy that I have now is when I go places and inevitably meet somebody I had in school. They give you a big hug and are glad to see you and thank you for whatever impact you had in their lives."

Warner shared, "I've had kids say, 'You're the only reason I came to school today.' It's more about building a relationship and because you reach out to the students, they want to please you and look up to you and it makes them grow as a person."

Exemplifying the real essence of instruction, Warner added, "Education on that level is not all about the knowledge you get in your head. It's about growing a person that is going to be valuable to their future. You can't learn everything in the 13 years that you're in high school; the important thing is to learn how to learn and that you learn to enjoy learning."

Testament to that, Warner was named Teacher of the Years from 1986-87, something she called "a very special honor."

The pervading spirit of openness and welcoming cultivated through 4-H and Warner's adult teaching career dovetails with her devout

faith; she has been heavily involved with the goings on at Masonville Federated Church for decades. "I have a strong faith that makes me want to serve people and serve my church and its members," explained Warner. "The things I do at church are to give the glory and honor to my lord and savior, Jesus Christ."

Through Masonville Federated, Warner assists annually with the church's strawberry festival, pancake breakfasts and the harvest supper. Active on the Fellowship and Community Outreach Commission, wedding and death committees and in Church Council, Warner also serves as the music ministry leader and leads adult and children's bible study.

Additionally, Warner keeps herself busy tending to the five horses she maintains at her home corral, Warner Crest Farms. In the barn by 6 a.m. daily, Warner said, "It gives me something to do and stay involved." In this and all pursuits, Warner said she is aided by her husband, Vince, to whom she expressed especial appreciation. "Without him I couldn't volunteer," said Warner. She and Vince are parents to Joy and Jerry and grandparents to four.

Warner also fills her time

with weekly quilting demonstrations offered in the Delaware County Cornell Cooperative Extension building. Quilting is something she took up around 1993 and, in the intervening years, Warner has made upwards of 70 quilts.

Discussing being named First Lady of the Year for 2017, Warner acknowledged, "This is a very big honor to me. I feel very humble in accepting this, because the things I've done have not been extra special."

Lastly, and epitomizing the modest sense of service for which she is being honored, Warner added unassumingly, "I'm appreciative of it and very thankful that people recognized it, but I'm just me."

To join the Preceptor Beta Kappa Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi in recognizing Anne Warner, plan to attend the Saturday, May 6 celebratory luncheon at 12 p.m. in the Sacred Heart Parish Community Center on Liberty Street in Sidney.

For more information, please contact Marcia Honsaker at 563-2573 or Margaret Porter at 563-2725. Reservations must be made on or before Friday, April 28.

Track Surface Gets High Pre-season Marks at Afton Motorsports Park

AFTON – Going into the first official on-track action at the Afton Motorsports Park last Friday night, track co-promoters Ron Ford and Leon Andrus were nervous about what the racing surface would be like, especially since record snow fall one month ago led to portions of the first and second turn at being underwater due to snowmelt less than a week ago. Nearly 50 racing machines in nine different divisions hot-lapped on Friday night from 6 to 9 p.m. The racing surface along with the racing groove got wider and smoother the longer practice took place. Ron Ford, who will be handling track preparation this year, said after the three-hour on-track practice, "I am very happy with how the racing surface turned out, especially [considering] all of the water we had to pump off the racing surface."

The AMB Transponder System was hooked up and kept track of lap times for the cars with their transponders on. In the Sprint cars, Dustin Purdy with his CRSA 305 Sprint, set fast-time honors for the entire night with a 13.942 lap. In the big/small block modified division, Alan Barker earned a speedy 14.130 lap, while in the open sportsman division Claude Hutchings, Jr. claimed quick-time honors with a 15.283 lap and in the crate sportsman division Cody Clark had a fast lap of 15.374.

Leon Andrus was excited after hot laps were completed, saying, "Everyone that I spoke to was very happy with the racing surface. We had a good turnout of fans and we thank them for the food donation that will go to the local pantries." This Friday night, April 21 the Afton Motorsports Park will be in action for round two of its test and tune ses-

sions for any type of racing machine. Pit gates will open at 4 p.m., with hot laps starting at 6 sharp. Grandstand admission will be free with a donation of a canned good(s) to benefit local food pantries. All race teams participating this Friday night are asked to please have their transponders on for practice, so track officials can get their information into the AMB Transponder System before opening night, Friday, April 28.

Friday April 28 will signify the season opener for big/small block modified racers, open sportsman, crate sportsman, street stocks and four-cylinder trucks. Gates will open at 4:30 p.m., with hot laps at 6:10 p.m. and racing at 7.

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Sidney United Way Donates Chicken to Senior Citizens



SIDNEY - On Saturday, April 8, residents of the Sidney senior village were treated to barbecued chicken and salads, compliments of the Sidney United Way. United Way purchased the food through the Beta Sigma Phi sorority's annual barbeque fundraiser and donated it to the seniors as part of their focus on combatting hunger. Senior village resident, Lillian Alger (center), a United Way director, assisted by resident, Sylvia Clohecy (right), managed distribution of the food and added punch and dessert to make it a festive occasion.

DCHA to Host Fifth Biennial History Conference May 6

DELHI - Members of local historical societies, local historians and members of the general public are invited to attend the Delaware County Historical Association's fifth Biennial Historical Society Conference, *Making History in Delaware County*. The conference is specifically designed for the town and village historical societies of Delaware County.

The agenda will focus on various topics germane to local historians and historical organizations. Topics will include: a presentation by a representative of the Pomeroy Foundation concerning historic markers; a presentation concerning the cemetery at the Pepacton Reservoir; and a general conversation regard-

ing the very different recent histories of local historical societies. There will also be an opportunity for general round-table discussion on issues common to most locals.

All sessions will allow for questions and answers and the participation of attendees. Attendees are encouraged to bring questions and/or concerns for their respective societies and associations for the round-table discussion as well as dates of planned events and handouts for cross-promoting.

This event promises to be an informative and enjoyable afternoon. The meeting on Saturday, May 6 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. is open to everyone. Advance registration is requested by April 29. There will be no charge to attend.

Forests Matter: New Website Announced

ALBANY - Forests cover two thirds of New York State's landscape and provide us with irreplaceable environmental and economic benefits. There are many challenges to the future of our woodlands however, and active, sustainable management is required to assure the many benefits will be available to future generations.

The New York Forest Owners Association (NYFOA) has launched a new website at www.NYFOA.org which will serve the needs of private family woodlot owners who hold seventy five percent of the state's forestland, as well as other forest stakeholder groups and individuals concerned about the future of our woodlands.

The new website features links to a vast number of educational resources, including forest-related

publications, webinars, forums and events taking place throughout the state. Most of NYFOA's educational programming is delivered on a "peer-to-peer" basis through ten regional Chapters, and each Chapter has their own section of the website with a schedule of local events and woods walks. NYFOA is also active on Face book, and the new website includes a summary of the most recent Facebook posts. Other sections of the website include information about NYFOA's "Restore New York Woodlands" initiative, and a "Legislative Affairs" section detailing proposals intended to address the most serious threats to our forests.

Whether you are a family woodland owner, or just appreciate and enjoy the benefits of forestland, you are encouraged to explore www.NYFOA.org.



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CEMETERY LOVERS BY TINA AND DALE UTTER

Dutch Hill Take Two, Three and Four

By Dale and Tina Utter
Dale and Tina Utter are members of the Guilford Historical Society and have an active interest in cemeteries.

In the last article I wrote about looking for Dutch Hill Cemetery with Tina and Kurt Riegel in January of 2013. The cemetery is located on a seasonal road south of and between German and McDonough. We got stuck in the driveway before we left as well as several times on the road to the cemetery. We did not find the cemetery. The day ended by candlelight as we visited some Mormon friends. It was quite a day.

In late April of that same year, the snow was gone and the roads good, so we decided to try it again. We are always open to exploring, so we chose a different route to get to the cemetery. We stumbled upon a fabulous foundation in the woods. It looked like, at one time, it had been a wonderful homestead. If only foundations could talk!

We were noting the wildflowers springing to life and thankful the winter was over. We saw a patch of shoots

and Tina thought they were leeks but I didn't think so. We pulled one up and sure enough it looked and smelled like a leek. Kurt took a bite out of it and for the next couple of days his breath reminded us that it was indeed a member of the onion family.

We were back on the road again when we came to a section where all we could see was water. There was a pond (beaver dam) adjacent to the road that was overflowing and covered it for about 100 feet. We got out to take a closer look and I was all for going through it, but the other two were unusually conservative this time. We backtracked and found another way to get where we wanted to be.

Finally we reached the road with the cemetery. We still had no firm directions other than that it was on the other side of a creek running parallel to the road. We found a creek that crossed the road, so off we went into the woods. We saw an old tree stand, which made for some interesting pictures with Tina and Kurt in it. Then we found a massive downed tree that had what looked like a very large den underneath it. No one would stick their head in to see if anyone was

at home. We went on with a nice walk through the woods until we came to another road about three-quarters of a mile from our starting point. Maybe on our way back we would stumble upon the cemetery? No luck; the cemetery eluded us again.

We decided we needed a better game plan and thought it was time for more research. The next weekend found us in the Greene Public Library. Fortunately we happened upon an old map that had the cemetery on it. Then I saw a clue. The map had an old road running perpendicular to the road we were searching from. I remembered seeing a double stone wall the week before; that is often an indication of where a road was at one time. The scale told us that about 600 feet north of that and across the creek should be the cemetery. What a find! Armed with this knowledge, the end of May found us back once again. We had more confidence this time. We measured out the approximate distance and parked. A few hundred yards into the woods we came to a swollen creek. Luckily we were able to find a downed tree which we walked across to get to the other side.

With no cemetery in sight we decided to divide and spread out. Soon we lost sight of one another. I was on the uphill side furthest from the creek figuring they would come upon it first if we were so lucky to find it at all. I slowly walked scanning the woods. Behind me something caught my eye. A stone wall? As I drew closer I realized it was a corner and then I saw gravestones standing amongst the trees and shrubs. I yelled for Tina and Kurt and in no time at all they were there with me. I gave them the opportunity to be the first to enter this long-lost cemetery. Finally our efforts had paid off! We were all excited.

We saw sandstones from the 1830's as well as marble tablets and an obelisk. Some stones were down, as is typical of almost all cemeteries we enter. I would guess there were about 20-30 stones. We took numerous photos and all felt very fulfilled and lucky to have found it. Before we left, we decided to check out an abandoned house we had seen. It is probable that someone who lies in that cemetery lived in this farm house. Daffodils still bloomed around the foundation. Inside were

some of the largest spiders we had ever seen. It helped to close out a great day combining an abandoned building, stone walls, an old road and a cemetery, all providing glimpses into the past.

Searching for Dutch Hill proved to be quite an adventure and an amusing story. Unfortunately it highlights the plight of many of our abandoned and neglected burial grounds both in Chenango County and across the country. Cemeteries that were once readily viewed from roads are now unseen as trees and shrubs continue to grow on once-cleared land. As descendants die or move away, there is no one left to remember or take care of these obscure plots. As that happens we lose a part of our collective heritage.

Update: Last week we made another trip to the cemetery. It was much easier to find this time. We found 16 marble stones, two carved sandstones and some primitives. The only tablet stone still standing is the oldest stone, from 1824. The only other stone still standing was the obelisk from 1872, though that is leaning very badly. One stone leaning against a tree had been

there so long that the tree had started to grow over the top of it and had it wedged in. The oldest burial from 1816 was a nine-day-old child, but we were unable to locate that.

We also revisited the old house. It is still standing, but weathered and beaten and suffering the ravages of time. Sitting on a knoll, the front faces south instead of toward the road, the faded red exterior in contrast to the green biological growth on the crumbling foundation. We discovered the well, an outhouse and the ruins of the barn as well as some evidence of a long-abandoned road. The house was most recently used as a hunting camp but held many clues as to its age. There were old hand-cut lathe and plaster walls, wide board floors, old doors and hardware, hand hewn beams upstairs, a standing seamed metal roof and a Greek Revival door surround. The house appeared on the 1855 map. It deserves to be saved, but we doubt that will ever happen. Meanwhile the daffodils bloom again and she sees yet another spring.

Plans Take Shape for 2017 Ecumenical Vacation Bible Camp in Bainbridge

BAINBRIDGE - "Watch your kids elbow through a crowded Roman marketplace...visit with the Apostle Paul...and gasp as a thief is wrestled to the ground. They'll tiptoe past Roman guards as they inch their way to a hidden cave—where first-century Christians eagerly await their arrival!" Join the fun as we explore "Rome: Paul and the Underground Church." (credit: Group.com)
Sound exciting? Then plan on being part of the 2017 Ecumenical Vacation Bible Camp in Bainbridge this summer. VBC will be held from Sunday, July 23 to Thursday, July

27 at St. Peter's Episcopal Church and First Presbyterian Church, both located on Church Street in Bainbridge. Each night will start with registration at 4:30 p.m. and a light supper at 5 p.m., with fun activity-based programs running from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Activities will include learning fun praise songs (related to the theme), crafts and games.
VBC is open to all children ages 4 through sixth grade. Parents are encouraged to stay and experience this fun time of learning and fellowship with their children, but are not required to remain on premises during the event. Children will be placed into "families"

based on age, so that activities can be tailored to provide the most positive and fun experience for every child.

VBC is sponsored by the Bainbridge Council of Churches and planned by a committee of pastors and members of the following Bainbridge churches: First Baptist Church, St. Peter's Episcopal, First Presbyterian Church and the United Methodist Church. If you are a leader or member of a local church and would like to become involved, please contact Pastor Wendy Depew Partelow (First Baptist Church) at peaceawork@gmx.com or at 315-750-0997.

Community Gardens in Bainbridge Available for Village Residents

The Bainbridge Community Gardens, which since 2011 have been a joint project between Cornell Cooperative Extension of Chenango County, the Jericho Garden Club of Bainbridge and the village of Bainbridge, will be available to gardeners this spring. The Community Gardens are located adjacent to the municipal parking lot on Walnut Avenue, between Maple Manor Apartments and the railroad tracks.

The Gardens consist of 18 raised beds, nine garden beds at 18 inches high, three beds at 36 inches high and six beds at 30 inches high. The higher

garden beds are designed so that gardening can be performed without bending or kneeling, to benefit those with physical restrictions. Each raised bed is filled with organic soil and organic fertilizer. Water is provided at the site as well as the use of a locked shed with tools and accessories. A bed may be reserved for the season with a monetary deposit per gardener, which will be refunded at the end of the season pursuant to the guidelines listed in the gardener's contract. Arrangements can be made for beds to be available for low-income families, without the fee.

In addition to the newly

constructed garden shed "cottage," the Jericho Garden Club plans to add a compost bin, potting table, interior hooks, canvas bags to store personal gardening tools and a picnic table.

Special thanks go out to the Bainbridge Rotary Club, Jeff Webb of the village of Bainbridge and the many gardener volunteers as well as members and friends of the Jericho Garden Club of Bainbridge.

If you would like to reserve a raised vegetable, herb or flowerbed at the Bainbridge Community Gardens, contact Christine Cumming of the Jericho Garden Club at 967-3130.

Town of Unadilla to Explore Residential Bulk Electricity at April 20 Meeting

UNADILLA - Residents of the town of Unadilla can learn about community choice aggregation, the new residential bulk electricity purchasing program, at a public education session to take place at the town hall on Thursday, April 20. The session will be held at 7 p.m. at town hall, located at 1648 State Hwy. 7 in Unadilla. Residents are encouraged to bring their questions and electricity bills.

The town board of trustees passed a resolution to explore community choice aggregation (CCA). CCA is a new opportunity in the state

that allows cities, towns and villages to pool the electricity accounts of residents and small businesses within their municipal boundaries. The bulk purchasing of electricity increases a consumer's individual buying power, which will result in lower electricity rates for residents.

CCA programs also help protect residents from bad energy deals. Additionally, communities have the power to customize their programs based on their values and priorities, such as sourcing renewable, "green" energy. Consumers who do not wish to participate in the program

can opt-out, remaining with the utility.

The Municipal Electric and Gas Alliance (MEGA) was selected by the town of Unadilla to fulfill the role of CCA administrator, overseeing the creation, development and implementation of the program. No taxpayer or government funds will be used in the creation or operation of the program.

Join representatives from MEGA and the town board of trustees at the public education session on April 20 or visit megacca.org to learn more.

Village Of Unadilla Brush/Leaf Pick-Up is Underway Now

UNADILLA - The Village of Unadilla would like to inform residents that on Wednesdays the Department of Public Works will be making curbside pickup of leaves, grass clippings and brush. All leaves must be bagged; do not rake to curb. No leaves will be picked up unless they are bagged. Any bags with garbage, litter, paper or other trash will not be accepted.

No brush over 3 inches in diameter will be collected and piles are limited to one

pile measuring 6x6x6 feet, per week. Brush must be neatly piled with cut ends facing the same direction at the curb. No large trees or stumps and no items with thorns will be accepted unless placed in open containers. If brush is not piled neatly, the village crew will have the option of not picking up the brush. Bags should not weigh over 40 pounds.

HYDRANT FLUSHING: The Village of Unadilla will be flushing hydrants and wa-

ter mains on April 26, 27 and 28 from 9 p.m. to 4 a.m. This is done to improve the quality of the water. Residents are cautioned that water may be temporarily discolored during this time.

BRUSH PERMITS: The Village of Unadilla is issuing brush permits for village residents to take brush to WRE; stop in to the village office to get a permit. Issuants must reside in the Village of Unadilla.

Area Kids Enjoy Spring Break at Tri-Town Youth Club

SIDNEY – During the Sidney Central School District's spring recess, members and staff of Tri-Town Youth Club shared productive and fun activities from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Each day, lunch was provided for session attendees, with healthy snacks offered as well.

Activities included planting vegetables, painting sun catchers, making chocolate molds for Easter, playing and learning board games, playing football, jumping rope, and playing on computers.

In the above photo, local kids demonstrate what a happy, health and safe space the Tri-Town Youth Club provides for local youth ages 5 through 14.

Adult visitors are welcomed during open hours; please call ahead at 561-2311.



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*Softly in the morning,
You heard a gentle call.
You took the hand
God offered you,
And quietly left us all.
Missing you each and
every day.
We had 16 wonderful
years together.*

**Love,
Francine Feltman**

In Loving Memory of
Joseph Andrew Goodrich

April 13, 1977-April 22, 1987

Joey,

You have been gone thirty years. That tragic day is still so clear in my mind. My whole world was shattered in a matter of minutes. They say time heals all wounds, but the loss of my child is a wound that never will heal. I see and feel you when the sun shines, birds sing, clouds in the sky, flowers bloom and raindrops fall. All your favorite things. I see you in my dreams and feel your presence when I am in need. Keep watching over us. Give daddy a hug and kiss and know I miss you so much.

**Love,
Mommy**

OBITUARIES



Shirley May Burrows

TROUT CREEK - Shirley May Burrows, 78, of Trout Creek, passed away at home on Sunday afternoon, April 9, 2017.

Shirley was born in Walton on Jan. 17, 1939 to the late Bill and Cora Taylor. She was a graduate of Miller Ave. School in Walton. On May 21, 1955 she married Edgar Burrows in Cannonsville, N.Y. He died in 2000.

Shirley and her husband, Edgar, lived in Rock Rift where they welcomed two children, Everett and Missy. On the farm, she helped raise heifers. In 1961 they bought a farm on Marvin Hollow Rd. in Walton from Leroy and Fern Furman. They welcomed a third child, David. She worked very hard to help on the farm and take care of the children.

Shirley enjoyed farming life; she loved growing their own food, canning and gardening. While living on the farm she opened her doors to many kids who came to love and respect her. In 1982 Shirley sold the farm and moved to Camden, Tenn., where she and Edgar opened a small engine repair shop. She continued to work hard in the shop by helping with the billing, ordering parts and taking phone calls. The shop closed in 2000 when Edgar died. Shirley then went to work for North 40 Truck Stop as a cook, where she met her longtime friend and companion Doc Livingston.

In 2011 she moved back to N.Y., where she lived with Everett until she passed. Shirley enjoyed watching the birds at the feeders, reading and special visits with her great grandchildren.

Shirley is survived by her loving family: her children, Everett Burrows (Kelly Black) and Missy (Roger) Berryann of Mt. Tremper; grandchildren, Andrew, Michael, Bobbi, Julie, Nichole and Robbie; great grandchildren, Lena, Bella, Logan, Skylar, Laha and Zaniel; sisters-in-law, Barbara Taylor, Tenn., Maryann Herrick, Bainbridge and Isabel Taylor, Walton; brothers, John Windfield, Albany and James Winfield, Franklin; sisters, Charlotte and Ella and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her son, David Burrows; brothers, Laverne, Eddie and Donnie; sister, Mary; daughter-in-law, Dianna Burrows and her boyfriend, "Doc."

Family and friends are invited to call on Saturday, April 22 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Courtney Funeral Home, 25 Townsend St., Walton, where services will be held at 1 p.m. with Pastor Don Crossman officiating. Burial will follow in Walton Cemetery.

Memorial contributions in Shirley's memory may be made to Trout Creek EMS, 8695 County Highway 27, Trout Creek, N.Y., 13847 or Catskill Area Hospice, 1 Birchwood Drive, Oneonta, N.Y., 13820. Condolences to the family may be made online by visiting www.courtneyfh.com.



Kay I. Sandoli

NINEVEH - Kay I. Sandoli, 53, passed away on Friday, April 14, 2017 at Wilson Regional Medical Center in Johnson City. She is survived by her husband, Denny Sandoli; son, Daniel; daughter, Katie; parents, Marguerite and Duane Wakeman; her adopted sister, Barb Fiske and her husband and extended family. She was predeceased by her brother, Sam.

Kay graduated from Afton Central School and SUNY Cobleskill with a degree in computer programming. She was employed by IBM and the NYS Police as a TSLED operator, setting up her own office in Dryden. Most recently she was caregiver to her parents. Prior to that, she was a farmer's daughter, happily working on Wakeman's Vegetable and Pumpkin Farm.

She was one who was always content in her surroundings. Her most precious possessions were her family. Although she dealt with poor health all her life, Kay never once complained of her limitations. She enjoyed helping the less fortunate and had a "twinkle" in her eye as she gave gifts.

She was so proud of her son, Daniel, as he went out into the world on his first job and so thankful to the Franziska Racker Center for the care of their autistic daughter, Katie.

She will be sorely missed by her family, friends and anyone who crossed her path in life.

Friends called on Wednesday, April 19 at C.H. Landers Funeral Chapel, 21 Main St., Sidney. Funeral services were held at the funeral chapel with Rev. Julie Jenson, pastor of the Nineveh Presbyterian Church, officiating. Burial followed in Greenlawn Cemetery, Bainbridge. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in her memory may be directed to the Franziska Racker Center, the home where her daughter Katie resides, 3226 Wilkins Rd., Ithaca, N.Y., 14850. Condolences may be shared with the family online at www.landfersfh.com.

Arrangements are under the direction of C.H. Landers Funeral Chapel, Sidney.



Raymond J. Keckeisen

MASONVILLE - Our beloved Raymond Joseph Keckeisen died suddenly at home on Palm Sunday, April 9, 2017. Born Jan. 29, 1989, he is survived by parents, Raymond and Lorraine Keckeisen; brother, Ryan Lee Keckeisen Bramich; loving aunts, uncles,

cousins and dear friends.

Raymond lived his life through the eyes of an artist, lighting lives with colorful sensitivity and warmth. Raymond expressed genuine soulful love to all who knew him. He served as an alter server at St. Joseph's Church in Ronkonkoma and then at Sacred Heart in Sidney. He graduated Sidney High School on the dean's list and attended Pratt Munson William Proctor Institute with honorable mention. His charcoal sketches and drawings are amazing. On the top of Raymond's gratitude list were, "[m]y mom, my dad and my brother."

He loved to take nature walks and playing with his cats, especially Cali. The beach, boogie boards and ocean waves delighted him. He worked at Price Chopper deli and then Spring Brook in Sidney, where he was known as Sunshine Ray and was adored by his residents too. Raymond enjoyed cooking, making the best pizza and garlic knots and dousing most everything he ate with spicy hot sauce.

God made us family. Raymond was loved by his God Parents, Aunt Joan and Uncle Mark Sabella; Aunt Lynn and Uncle Bill Schuck; Aunt Kathy and Uncle Richard Corbisiero; Aunt Kim and Uncle Robert Corbisiero; and cousins, Mark and Steven Sabella; David Schuck; Alex and Kristyn Corbisiero; Andrew and Kristina Boccio; Edward Bopp; Joseph, James and Brian Keckeisen.

He leaves behind many loving friends, co-workers and neighbors too, especially Judy and Bob Basile and George and Jean Marie Innes.

Now Raymond rests peacefully in the light and loving arms of Jesus Christ. Our beloved son and brother is safe. We have nothing to worry about.

Friends called on Monday, April 17 at C.H. Landers Funeral Chapel, 21 Main St. Sidney. A mass of Christian burial followed at Sacred Heart Church, 15 Liberty St., Sidney, followed by fellowship in the Parish Center.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Ray or Lorraine Keckeisen, P.O. Box 327, Masonville, N.Y., for a future community service program. Condolences may be shared online at www.landfersfh.com.

Arrangements are under the direction of C.H. Landers Funeral Chapel, Sidney.

Neil E. DeMorier

UNADILLA - Neil E. DeMorier, 70, passed away on April 1, 2017, at UHS Wilson Hospital. His two daughters were with him at his passing. Neil was born in Bainbridge on Oct. 18, 1946 to Lyle and F. Leona (Howe) DeMorier. He graduated from Unadilla Central School in 1965.

Neil entered the U.S. Army in June of 1966 and trained as a heli-chief at Fort Rucker, Alabama. On Dec. 13, 1966 he left Seattle, Wash. for Korea to serve with Korean troops on the DMZ zone. On May 22, 1967, two barracks were blown up, a North Korean action, leaving two U.S. soldiers dead and 18 others injured. His term ended June 26, 1968 at Fort Stewart, Georgia.

Neil started a career driving tractor-trailer all over the U.S., leaving family and friends with many stories of his travels.

Neil is survived by two daughters, Lacey L. and Brian White, their daughters, Emily

and Raegan, all of Lexington, N.C.; Leslie M. DeMorier and companion Imran and son Aaree Haque of Oneonta; and one sister, Ellen DeMorier of Unadilla.

He will be greatly missed. A celebration of his life will be held at a later date, when family from N.C. can come back to N.Y. Date, time and place will be announced.



Arlene E. Van Wormer

HARPURSVILLE - Arlene E. Van Wormer, 88, of Harpursville, went to be with his lord on Wednesday morning, April 12, 2017 at her home. She is survived by her husband of 66 years, William B. Van Wormer; two children, Nancy and Fred Bradley, Johnson City and William C. and Deborah Van Wormer, Greene; six grandchildren, Seth, Brooks (Kelley), Christian (Kim), Christina (Tim), Laura and Adam; eight great grandchildren and several sisters-in-law, nieces and nephews.

She attended Port Crane Baptist Church.

Private graveside services will be held in Knox Cemetery, Ouaquaga at the convenience of the family. Online condolences may be made at: www.omaddenfh.com.

Arrangements by the Osterhoudt-Madden Funeral Home, 69-71 Maple St., Harpursville.

Agnes J. Hoyt

UNADILLA - Agnes J. Hoyt, 74, of Unadilla, passed away on Saturday, April 15, 2017 at Bassett Medical Center in Cooperstown. She was born on March 8, 1943 in Queens to Charles and Elsie (Heiner) Falkenmeyer.

She is survived by her two children and their families, Robert and Patricia Hoyt, Groveport, Ohio and Charlotte Grasso, New Jersey; five grandchildren; four great grandchildren; two brothers and five sisters. She was a retired employee of Mead-Westvaco Co.

Private services will be held at the convenience of the family. Online condolences may be made at: www.wmaddenfh.com. Arrangements by the Westcott-Madden Funeral Home, 123 Main St., Unadilla.

Kenneth Wilcox, Sr.

Kenneth Wilcox, Sr., of Afton, passed away on April 15, 2017 at Lourdes Hospital in Binghamton.

Friends may call on Thursday, April 20, 2017 from 6 to 8 p.m. at C. H. Landers Funeral Chapel, 21 Main St., Sidney. Services will be held on Friday, April 21 at 11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church of Afton with the Rev. Chris Prezorski presiding. Burial with military honors will follow at Glenwood Cemetery in Afton.

Donations can be made to Orphan Cry International through their website at orphancryinternational.org or by mail at Orphan Cry International, P.O. Box 3, Bible School Park, N.Y., 13737. Condolences and memories may be shared with the family online at www.landfersfh.com.

Arrangements are under the direction of C.H. Landers Funeral Chapel, Sidney.

Sports



ON THURSDAY, MARCH 30 at Galaxy Bowl, Glen Galley bowled 11 in a row. He was bowling in the Thursday Night Men's Handicap League. His Teammates are Derrick Lambrecht, Bill Walker, Mike Constable and Dave Cotton. His scores were 200-299-206=705.

Sidney Girls' Teams Honored for Academic Excellence



SIDNEY – The New York State Public High School Athletic Association recently honored two Sidney Central School District athletic teams as scholar-athlete teams for the winter sports season.

To be recognized as a team, 75 percent or more of team members must be at or above a 90 percent grade point average and the overall team GPA must also be at or above 90 percent.

The teams recognized were girls' basketball (with a collective GPA of 92.63) and girls' indoor track (GPA of 91.08).

From the basketball team, Taylor Barnes, Ariyahna Bernard, Mackensie Gravelin, Adrienne Paternoster, Carolee Pierce and Maggie Schott are pictured; missing from the photo is Mariah Gifford.

From the indoor track team, Maya Beards, Ariyahna Bernard, Anna Egli and Faith Wheeler were recognized and are pictured.



Harpursville Hornets Varsity Baseball Defeats Oxford Academy

HARPURSVILLE - Both teams were strong on the mound, but the Harpursville Hornets defeated Oxford Academy 3-1. Ryan Kachmar allowed only one hit to Oxford Academy.

Harpursville grabbed an

early lead with a walk on by Ryan Kachmar and a ground-out by Kyle Rooker in the first inning.

Kachmar pitched seven innings and earned the win for Harpursville, allowing only one hit, one run, one walk and striking out 14.

Josh Wilson, James Grausgruber, Kyle Rooker and Eric Wilkinson each managed one hit to lead Harpursville. Wilkinson led in steals with two stolen bases; Harpursville had a total of seven steals.

Hornets Varsity Baseball Falls to Walton

HARPURSVILLE - The Harpursville Hornets varsity baseball team out-hit Walton seven to five but it wasn't enough in a 6-3 loss on Saturday, April 15.

Harpursville scored three runs in the seventh inning, scoring on two errors and

a fielder's choice by Greg Akulis.

Walton scored three runs in the sixth inning. The big inning for Walton came thanks to a single by Jacob Beach and an error.

Joseph Yambor earned the win for Walton; he pitched seven innings giving up three

runs, seven hits and striking out four. Ryan Kachmar took the loss for the Hornets; he tossed five innings surrendering three runs, three hits and striking out ten.

Brock Weist, Eric Wilkinson and Akulis each drove in one run to lead Harpursville.



ON SATURDAY, MARCH 15 the Sidney boys varsity baseball team played a double header at home against Sherburne-Earlvile. Sidney took an early lead in the first game and managed to hold the lead throughout, beating S-E in the end with a score of 8-3. S-E took the lead in the second game with only one run for quite a while, making Sidney work to get on the scoreboard. Sidney finally changed the momentum and took the lead to win with a final score of 4-2. Seen here is Sidney catcher, Tyler McKee, with a throw to first to get an S-E player out.



SIDNEY BOYS VARSITY BASEBALL TRAVELED TO BAINBRIDGE to play the Bobcats on Thursday, April 13. Sidney took an early lead in the first inning and kept that lead throughout the game. In the seventh inning, Bainbridge-Guilford slowly closed that gap, but Sidney kept the win for a final 12-7 victory. Pictured here, Parker Boice tags Tommy Palmatier out at first after an attempted steal.

BOWLING SCORES

SIDNEY East Main Lanes

East Main Ladies

Standings:
In-Laws 138-78
All Balls No Glory 132-84
The Misfits 98-118
The Bowling Bags 97-119
Women Who Score 95-121
Golden Girls 88-128
High Games:
S. Cutting 190, 187; P. Cristelli 183; B. Wakeman 183; M. Deck 179.

High Series:
S. Cutting 523.
Algonkin Motel Mixed Scratch
Final Standings - 2nd half:
Buzzy's Bluestone 190-70

Gilbert Plumbing & Heating 145.5-114.5
Algonkin Motel 123-137
Prinz Excavating 115.5-144.5
Neighbors Insurance 107-153
East Main Lanes 99-161

High Games:
B. Walker 287cg, 205, 245; M. Anderson 232, 203; A. Wheeler 226cg, 207; M. Ferrara 204, 246; T. Boice 226cg, 235cg, 234; B. Shelton 224cg, 233cg, 201; C. Luca 209, 236, 223; R. Sassano 237; J. Pendorf 215, 216; D. Pierce 216; R. Liberatore 200, 245; D. Page 226; J. Page 217; J. Sloan 238cg; M. Aylesworth 236, 244, 257cg; D. Finch 247, 235cg.
High Series:

B. Walker 737; M. Aylesworth 737; T. Boice 695; C. Luca 668; D. Finch 665; B. Shelton 658; M. Ferrara 638; R. Liberatore 621; J. Pendorf 620; M. Anderson 610.

BAINBRIDGE Galaxy Bowl

Thursday Morning Winter League

Standings:
Delayed Action 175-65
Ups & downs 143-97
Up & Coming 129-111
Gutter Dusters 129-111
The Newbee's 124-100
Pin Pals 122-118
Unknown 112-128

Dizzy Dames 104-136
Ladybugs 96-144
Friends 64-176

150+:
D. Northrop 189; D. Whaley 215-185-161; V. Whaley 166-164; C. Brundage 166; M. Burlison 161-204-163; K. Bruning 202-165; V. Fagan 162-214-159; J. Adams 177; B. Dascano 191-178; G. Lindroth 154-163; B. Butler 168; C. Brown 150-210-159; D. Larry 194-217; S. Harris 169-157; D. Fritzsich 257; P. Greene 156; B. Geertgens 151.

450+:
D. Northrop 451; D. Whaley 561; V. Whaley 475; M. Burlison 528; K. Bruning

507; V. Fagan 535; B. Dascano 492; C. Brown 519; D. Larry 550; D. Fritzsich 542.

Thursday Night Men's Hdcp

Standings:
Ball Busters 275
Jim's Auto Repair 264.5
Galaxy Bowl 255
New Concept Machining 231
244 Racing 219
Bainbridge Memorials 216
Lil Dave's Excavating 206.5
Whales Coins + More 199.5
No Names 196
Southtown Dairy 187.5
High Single:
J. Garvey 259 cg.
High Series:
M. Lowe 739.

Sunday Nite All Stars

Standings:
Mott + Mott 66-38
Bruning + Bruning 65-39
Glover + Glover 64-40
Meres + Meres 56-48
Split N Giggles 54-50
Blind 49-55
Gransbury + Gransbury 48-56
Wicks + Wicks 48-56
Tallmadge + Tallmadge 44-60
Haynes + Haynes 26-78
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Gary Mott 732; Eileen Tallmadge 543.

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Delaware County Case Manager

Catholic Charities of Delaware, Otsego, and Schoharie Counties is seeking a full-time (35 hours per week) Case Manager for Delaware County in our Dispute Resolution Center Program and our Delaware County Mentoring Program. Requirements for this position include a Bachelor's Degree in human services or related field, and a valid NYS driver's license. The ideal candidate will be comfortable completing outreach, including public presentations and will have the ability to complete program planning and evaluation. Catholic Charities is an equal opportunity employer. If interested please send cover letter with resume to: Catholic Charities of Delaware, Otsego, and Schoharie Counties, attention: Tracey Martindale, 176 Main Street, Oneonta, NY 13820 by April 24, 2017. 4-20(2w)b

Wanted:
Handyman for light yard and house maintenance. \$10/hr. Call 639-4849. 4-27(2w)p

Town of Afton
204A County Road 39
Afton, NY 13730

Town of Afton is seeking a person to fill a position on the Town Planning Board to begin immediately. The Planning Board's general purpose is to provide for and guide the orderly growth and development of the community. The responsibilities of the Planning Board are varied and governed by the General Laws of the State of New York and include reviewing submitted plans for the development of land for residential, commercial and other land uses. In addition, the Planning Board is responsible to all amendments and restrictions imposed by the Afton Town Board. If you are interested in serving please forward a letter of intent to the Town of Afton Supervisor, 204A County Road 39, Afton, NY 13730, or by contacting the town by email at aftontownclerk1@gmail.com. All letters of application will be reviewed by the Afton Town Board. All women, minorities and handicapped persons are encouraged to apply.

Dated: March 20, 2017
By order of the Afton Town Board
Rosemarie A Klatz
Town Clerk
4-27(2w)b

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LEGAL

The annual meeting of the Sand Hill Cemetery Association will be held at 1:00 PM on April 29, 2017, at the home of Howard and Gloria Hall, 1497 Covered Bridge Road, Unadilla. All lot owners and interested persons are invited to attend. 4-27(3w)b

LEGAL

New Ohio Cemetery, Inc., Beartown Rd, Tunnel, NY Annual Meeting will be held April 30, 2017 at the Hitchin Post, Belden Hill, Harpursville, NY. For questions call Lora Merrell, Secretary 607-693-3163. 4-20(3w)b

LEGAL

NOTICE CONCERNING THE EXAMINATION OF ASSESSMENT INVENTORY AND VALUATION DATA

Pursuant to Section 501 of the Real Property Tax Law, the Assessor for the Town of Bainbridge has inventory and valuation available for examination and review. The information may be reviewed by appointment, at the Assessor's Office, 15 North Main Street, Bainbridge New York. An appointment may be made by telephoning the Assessor's Office at (607) 967-5232.

Richard Koppenaal,
Assessor
Town of Bainbridge
4-20(2w)b

LEGAL

SIDNEY CENTRAL SCHOOL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING, BUDGET VOTE & ELECTION

NOTICE is hereby given that a Public Hearing on the Sidney Central School District Statement of Estimated Expenditures for the 2017-2018 school year will be held at the Sidney High School Library in Sidney, New York on Tuesday, May 9, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

NOTICE is also hereby given that copies of the proposed annual operating budget and tax exemption form for the succeeding year to be voted upon at the Annual Meeting and Election shall be available to Sidney Central School District residents, on request, in each Sidney Central School District school building main office and the Curriculum Office, during the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on each day other than a Saturday, Sunday or holiday during the fourteen (14) days preceding such Annual Meeting. It will be posted on the District's website, and copies will be available at every public library within the District.

NOTICE is also given that the vote and election shall take place in the High School Lobby by the Auditorium of the Sidney Central School District on the 16th day of May 2017, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. at which time the polls will be opened to vote upon the following items:

To adopt the annual budget of the Sidney Central School District for the 2017-2018 fiscal year and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the District.

To adopt the annual budget of the Sidney Memorial Public Library for the 2017-2018 fiscal year and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the District.

To elect three (3) members of the Board of Education for three (3) year terms.

To elect two (2) trustees of the Sidney Memorial Public Library; one for a five (5) year term, one for a three (3) year term.

NOTICE is also hereby given that the petitions for nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board

of Education or Library Trustee must be filed in the office of the Clerk of the District on April 17, 2017.

The following three (3) vacancies are to be filled on the Board of Education: A term of three (3) years ending June 30, 2020 presently held by Marisa Orezza; a term of three (3) years ending June 30, 2020 presently held by Tammy Schunk; a term of three years ending June 30, 2020 to fill the vacancy created by the expiration of the term for a seat currently occupied by Amanda Finch.

The following two (2) vacancies are to be filled on the Sidney Memorial Public Library Board: A term of five (5) years ending June 30, 2022 caused by the expiration of the term of David Honsaker; a term of three (3) years ending June 30, 2020 caused by the vacancy of the term of Donna Dean.

Each petition shall be signed by at least twenty-five (25) qualified voters of the district and must state the name and residence of the candidate and describe that specific vacancy for which the candidate is nominated, including at least the term of office and the name of the last incumbent. Nominating petitions are available at the Curriculum Office during regular business hours (7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.), (excluding Saturday, Sunday or holidays).

NOTICE is also given that qualified voters may apply for absentee ballot applications at the district clerk's office at the Sidney Central School District during regular business hours (7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.). All Absentee Ballot applications must be received by the district clerk no later than May 9, 2017 if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter or by May 15, 2017 if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. All Absentee Ballots must be submitted to the district clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 16, 2017.

A list of persons to whom absentee ballots have been issued will be available for public inspection in the district clerk's office during each of the five days prior to the day of the election, (except Saturday, Sunday or holidays).

Constance A. Umbra
District Clerk
Board of Education
4-6,4-20,4-27,5-11(4w)b

LEGAL

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING, BUDGET VOTE AND ELECTION

AFTON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing of the qualified voters of the Afton Central School District, Afton, New York will be held in the board of education room in said District on Thursday, May 4, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. prevailing time, for the presentation of the budget. The budget will be available for review beginning on April 27, 2017 at the District Office.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the annual meeting of the qualified voters of the Afton Central School District, Afton, New York will be held in the lobby at the main entrance of the school in said District on Tuesday, May 16, 2017 between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., prevailing time, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by ballot upon the following items:

1. To adopt the annual budget of the School District for the fiscal year 2017-2018 and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the District.

2. To elect board members to fill two (2) vacancies on the Board of Education when the term of one (1) member will expire on June 30, 2017 and be filled for a five (5) year term from July 1, 2017- June 30, 2022 and the unexpired term of office of one (1) member to be filled until June 30, 2019. The candidate receiving the highest vote total at the Annual Election shall fill the five (5) year term of office, and the candidate receiving the second highest vote total shall fill the unexpired term of office which will expire on June 30, 2019. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that voting will be conducted on May 16, 2017, for the purpose of authorizing the Board of Education of the Afton Central School District of Afton, New York to expend a sum not to exceed \$278,500.00 for the purchase of two (2) 54 passenger buses and one (1) 20C/12A passenger bus, all for the purpose of transporting students; and to issue installment obligations of the district for the payment therefore in accordance with the Education Law and Local Finance Law, and to levy the necessary tax therefore.

Vehicle specifications will be available for public inspection during the fourteen days immediately preceding the annual meeting except Saturday, Sunday, or holiday, at the District Office during the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. prevailing time.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required to fund the School District's budget for 2017-2018, exclusive of public monies, may be obtained by any resident of the District

during business hours beginning Thursday, April 27, 2017 at the District Office of the school.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education shall be filed with the Clerk of said School District in the District Office, not later than Monday, April 17, 2017, between 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Each petition shall be directed to the Clerk of the District and shall be signed by at least (25) qualified voters of the District, and must state the name and residence of the candidate.

Nominating petition forms are available at the District Office during normal business hours.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that applications for absentee ballots will be obtainable between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, except holidays, at the District Office. Completed applications must be received by the District at least seven (7) days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. Absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk not later than 3:30 p.m., prevailing time, on Tuesday, May 16, 2017.

A list of persons to whom absentee ballots are issued will be available for inspection to qualified voters of the District in the District Office between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. on weekdays prior to the day set for the annual election and on May 16, 2017, the day set for the election. Any qualified voter present in the polling place may object to the voting of the ballot upon appropriate grounds for making his/her challenge and the reasons therefore known to the Inspector of Election before the close of the polls.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the qualified voters of the School District shall be entitled to vote at said annual vote and election. A qualified voter is one who is 1) a citizen of the United States, 2) 18 years of age or older, and 3) resident within the School District for a period of 30 days next preceding the annual vote and election. The school district may require all persons offering to vote at the budget vote and election to provide one form of proof of residency pursuant to Education Law 2018-c. Such form may include a car registration or New York State Income Tax Form. Upon offer of proof of residency, the school district may also require all persons offering to vote to provide their signature, printed name and address.

Connie Beames
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Items to be purchased: Diesel fuel, fuel oil, Kerosene and Mid-grade gasoline for the Town. All items to be bid shall comply with the specifications prepared by the High-

way Superintendent which are available at the Clerks office in the Civic center. Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope showing the name and address of the bidder and the words "Sealed Bid" on the front. A Non-collusion clause must be attached.

The contract for the above items will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder. In the case of identical bids the Town may award to either of such bidders and the Town further reserves the right to reject any and all bids at their discretion.

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LEGAL

The Rogers Hollow Cemetery Association will hold their annual meeting on Saturday, April 29 at 12 p.m. at the community house on Rogers Hollow Rd., across from the Friends Church.

Prior to the meeting we will be doing some "spring clean-up" in the cemetery from 9 a.m. to noon.

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Sidney Graduate Rises in Rank

TUCSON, ARIZ. - Andrew J MacDonald has been promoted to Brigadier General at a ceremony in November of 2016 and is now the commanding officer of the 162nd Wing National Guard at Tucson, Arizona. Andy is a graduate of Sidney High School, class of 1983, and of SUNY Binghamton. He went on to the Naval Post Graduate School. Starting as a Marine Corps aviator, he is an F16 pilot. Later, he joined the Arizona National Guard and

has had many leadership positions there, including a recent assignment as an assistant to Gen. Frank Grass, Chief of the National Guard Bureau, Joint Chiefs of Staff at the Pentagon in Washington, DC.

He is the son of John and Ruthie MacDonald and Anita and Bob Truman. His brother, Tim, is a Lt. Colonel in the U.S. Army, and his other brother, Patrick, is a retired U.S. Army helicopter pilot. Andrew lives with his wife, Rosalyn, and has two sons, Austin and Ethan.



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Arts & Entertainment

Bright Hill Press & Literary Center to Host 'Great American Poets Day' April 22

TREADWELL - On Saturday, April 22 from noon - 5 p.m., Bright Hill Press & Literary Center of the Catskills will present "Great American Poets Day: Celebrating Elizabeth Bishop." The National Poetry Month event will include a free workshop, panel discussions and readings of Bishop's work as well as poems by participating poets and scholars, Thomas Trivisano, Eva Davidson, Robert Bensen, Christine Gelineau and Bertha Rogers. Elizabeth Bishop Day will take place in the Bright Hill Community Library at 94 Church

St., Treadwell. Lunch and afternoon refreshments will be served in Bright Hill's kitchen bookshop. There will also be an open mic, during which members of the public may read poems by Bishop and themselves for up to five minutes.

The day's events are free and open to the public and are scheduled as follows:

Noon - 1 p.m.: Introduction to the poetry of Elizabeth Bishop and brief workshop, "One Art," with Bertha Rogers

1:10 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. - "Discovering Elizabeth Bishop" with Thomas Trivisano

1:50 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. - Eva Davidson and Christine Gelineau lead discussion on selected poems by Bishop and read their own poems

2:40 p.m. - 3:20 p.m. - "The Posthumous Fame of Elizabeth Bishop," round-table discussion led by Thomas Trivisano

3:30 p.m. - 4:20 p.m. - "Readings of Bishop's and Participating Poets Poems," Robert Bensen, Christine Gelineau, Eva Davidson

4:35 p.m. - 5 p.m. - Open mic - community poets each read a Bishop poem and one of his/her own inspired or influenced by Bishop

Jazz Band to Perform at the Sidney Library

SIDNEY - The Sidney Memorial Public Library will be welcoming the public for a fun-filled hour of jazz performed by the Sidney high and middle school jazz band at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 23. Directed by Sidney High School's Greg Norris, these fine young musicians will brighten the afternoon with music and rhythm as they share jazz pieces well known to young and old alike. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Libraries and free and open to all.



TAKE THE TIME TO VISIT the 38th annual fine art show in the JAC gallery, located on the second floor of Bainbridge Town Hall. Paintings, drawings, photographs and prints done by thirty or more different artists will be on display. There is still time to enter your artwork; the drop-off days are April 24, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and April 25, from 4 to 7 p.m. For additional info and fees, go online to www.jerichoarts.com or call 208-5037. The gallery exhibit will run from April 29 until May 5, 1-7 p.m. each day. The closing reception will take place on May 6 from noon - 2 p.m.

Feinberg Brothers Bluegrass to Perform at Bainbridge Town Hall Theatre

BAINBRIDGE - The Jericho Arts Council will present the Feinberg Brothers live in concert at the Bainbridge Town Hall Theatre on Saturday, April 22 at 7 p.m. The Feinberg Brothers is an authentic bluegrass band from Long Island. The band features brothers Rourke (fiddle) and Patrick (mandolin) singing lead and tenor, along with their father and longtime bluegrass musician, Ronnie Feinberg, on guitar and baritone vocals. Rourke and Patrick are among the top young bluegrass artists in the north-

eastern United States. Blending bluegrass roots with a classical training background, they delight audiences with their tight, soulful harmonies and masterful fiddle, mandolin and guitar playing. Terry McGill on banjo and Peter Elegant on bass round out the ensemble.

Before the show, enjoy music played on the theatre's residence organ built in 1933 and one of only five Æolian/Skinner residence organs ever built for upstate New York, and the only one known to be intact and in playable condition. Popcorn popped with real

butter in the theater's vintage 1940's popcorn machine will be available, as well as home baked goods, freshly brewed coffee, soda and bottled water.

Tickets will be available at the door or may be reserved ahead by calling 288-3882. The evening of the show, the work of artist/photographer Mark Picone will be featured in the gallery. The gallery opens at 6 p.m. before the show and through intermission and is free to the public.

Visit www.jerichoarts.com for more information or like the JAC on Facebook.

JAC Gallery to Feature Art by Dot Rice

BAINBRIDGE - On April 22, the Jericho Arts Council will be hosting Dot Rice and her photographs in its gallery. Rice has always enjoyed taking photos, though she has no formal training. Preserving old barns and homes through photography is one of her favorite pastimes. She also en-

joys photographing nature as she hikes, sharing her photos to show the beauty in the local area.

"With my photos, I try to inspire people to look more carefully at the world and discover its beauty. Sharing my photos hopefully encourages people to want to enjoy the

outdoors or go on their own adventures," said Rice. Admission to the gallery is free and the doors will open at 6 p.m.

Additional info can found at www.jerichoarts.com and by liking the JAC on Facebook.

Jacobs Brothers Gospel Group Returns to Harpursville

HARPURSVILLE - The Jacob Brothers Evangelical Group will be returning for another concert on Saturday, April 22 at the Harpursville United Methodist Church, the stone church next to the fire station on route 79. The concert will begin at 6 p.m. The Jacobs Brothers have been performing since 1962. Mike Jacobs is the lead singer and musical coordinator for

the group; he has written dozens of Gospel songs over the years, many of which have been recorded by the group. Bob Jacobs is the bass singer and manager for the group; over the years the Lord has worked through him to bring many to a personal commitment to Christ. Mike Lawver is the piano player and writes the musical arrangements for the group's CDs; he also takes

care of vehicle maintenance and the handling of CDs and DVDs. A Love offering will be taken at the April 22 concert during an intermission.

Before the concert, attendees may join with friends and neighbors for a free community dinner from 4-5:30 p.m. in the church meeting hall downstairs.

Guild of Glimmerglass to Discuss Tchaikovsky's Eugene Onegin

ONEONTA - The Guild of Glimmerglass festival members, Thomas Simpson and Abby Kreh Gibson, will return to the Foothills Performing Arts and Civic Center on Saturday, April 22 to discuss Piotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky's best-known opera, *Eugene Onegin*, before the Metropolitan Opera's HD Broadcast at 1 p.m. This 30-minute, free

educational program will start at noon and will be held in the production room on the first floor of the arts center, 24 Market St. in Oneonta.

The doors will open at 11:30 a.m. for this special program. Attendees will be able to "save" seats for the HD simulcast in the arts room on the second floor by picking up a reserved seat sign when

they purchase tickets to the simulcast. In this way their seat is saved for the simulcast while they learn more about the opera they are about to experience.

Join on Saturday, April 22 for *Eugene Onegin* - an opera Tchaikovsky said he created from his "inmost being," with characters who had real blood flowing through their veins.



Local Musicians to Offer Variety at April 23 Concert

WALTON - Music on the Delaware's April Coffeehouse at the Theatre will feature local musicians Bill Seneschal and Don Gilkinson in a program they are calling "Sentimental Journey Redux." This Walton Theatre coffeehouse concert, on Sunday April 23, will run from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Seneschal and Gilkinson will be singing and playing a blend of swing, old time, pop, country-western, blues, folk and rock 'n roll music. They will give a special tribute to cowboy heroes.

Coffeehouse concerts, performed on the parlor floor of the Walton Theatre, include coffee, tea and desserts. Ad-

mission is free, with donations appreciated. For more information, see waltontheatre.org or call 865-6625.

Future coffeehouse programs include Walton Young Artists on May 7 and flutist Linda Hickman on May 21.

Delaware County 4-Hers Travel the World at 27th Annual International Night

DELHI - Friday, March 31, was a fun and educational night at the 27th annual 4-H International Night. Approximately 200 4-Hers, leaders, families and friends came to 4-H Camp Shankitunk in Delhi to learn about various countries from all over the world. The journey took visitors to Italy/Catskill Clovers, Delhi; New Zealand/Chick-n-Hare Kids, Walton; Morocco/Children of Light, Hancock; Romania/Colorful Clovers, Hobart; Australia/Crafty Kids, Walton; Spain/D'Amico Family, East Meredith; China/Delaware County Wild-n-Wooly, Walton; Greece/Dennis and Cox Families, Treadwell/Franklin; Mexico/

Everything from Seeds to Sows, Delhi; Mexico/Eye of the Clover, Walton; Canada/Harvest Hooligans, Walton; Switzerland/Little Clovers, Franklin; Russia/Futures Finest 4-Hers, Davenport and Poland/Palmer Family, Sidney.

Each 4-H club chose a country and created intriguing displays that included photographs, maps, fun facts and more. Each club also prepared a traditional dish and/or drink of its chosen country and presented information, song, and/or folklore to all in attendance.

This year's feature presenter was Carmen D'Amico. D'Amico taught everyone about the Canary Islands. Everyone loved her presentation

and organizers would like to thank her for taking the time to volunteer and present!

After 27 years of 4-H "traveling" around the world, it is great to see that the interest is still there and everyone in attendance enjoyed the event. Thank you to all the leaders, members and families for making this year's International Night a success. Planners are already looking forward to next year's program (28 years!) to continue the journey.

For more information about Delaware County 4-H, please contact Emily Roach at 865-6531 or e-mail esc33@cornell.edu.



Independent members, Franklin/Treadwell (l-r): Matt Cox, Nate Dennis, Abigail Dennis, Leah Dennis, Irene Cox and Michael Cox.

Restaurant/Entertainment Guide

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CELEBRITY CIPHER by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

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Previous Solution: "We should stop doing those things that are destructive to the environment ... figure out new ways of existing." — Moby

TODAY'S CLUE: D equals B

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HOW TO PLAY:
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Fun Fact: Americans spend more than \$630 million a year on golf balls.

3rd Annual Regatta Row Street Art Fest Hits Downtown Bainbridge April 29

BAINBRIDGE – The Regatta Row 3rd Annual Street Art Fest will open on Saturday, April 29 from 6 to 8 p.m. The public is invited to meet the artists and enjoy the Adirondack chair and game table art exhibition that will continue through May 26.

On opening night, families and festival attendees will experience the art, 26 musicians, merchant displays with gifts and goodies, children's games and free merchant raffles as well as food from S & S Café, Bob's Diner, Rosa's Restaurant & Pizza, Jerry's Inn and B & W Wines & Liquors. At 8 p.m. a surprise musical finale will take place in front of the Yoga Garden at 20 N. Main St.

Attendees can plan to register for a free raffle and vote for the people's choice award outside of the Bainbridge Town Hall at 15 North Main St. People's choice voting will continue through May at several village restaurants.

Any Bainbridge business may participate by contacting jerichoarts@gmail.com.

This year's theme is "Through the Eyes of the Masters." The artists' challenge has been to create original art on 12 dramatically beautiful, Adirondack-style tilt-top game tables. Inspired by early American furniture, the game card tables feature canoe paddles in the top, but they flip up to convert into stunning chairs with built-in storage areas in the flip-top seats. The structures are equal parts table, chair and storage bin all in one!

For the first time, an invitational category will feature two artists who will create original sculptural chairs using multi media.

Back by popular demand, a limited edition of five Bainbridge classic canoe paddle chairs will be created.

These chairs and tables are folk art in the making. The exciting climax of the month-

long exhibit will be the live auction on Saturday, May 27 at 2 p.m. at General Clinton Park; advance bids may be made by calling 917-374-9383. Organizers commented, "Last year the bidding was fierce and fun at the auction!"

To encourage emerging artists, JAC invited 25 students to paint their interpretations of Bainbridge on Fox Worx paddles. Displayed through May in business windows, the paddles will be sold to benefit the Jericho Arts Council with a silent auction until May 27. Details will be available at www.jerichoarts.com.

Co-sponsors include the Chenango Arts Council, Bainbridge Chamber of Commerce and Golden Artist Colors. All wood chairs and tables were designed by the JAC Gallery Committee and made by Dan Stolfus of Riverside Farm.

The JAC website lists the volunteer musicians, artists and businesses who make the

Jericho Arts Council's "Street Art Fest" possible. In case of rain, the event will take place in Town Hall Theater. Information is, and will continue to be, available at www.jerichoarts.com or by calling 967-8814 or emailing jacarttrail@gmail.com.

Artists being featured in the tilt-top table category include: Susan K. Fassett, Frang Briggs, Christine Guiliano, Karyn Meyer Berthel, Elaine Sherman, Ellen Lockhart, Rachel Hares, Hancock High School/S. Spalholz, Katie Kellogg-Campos, Cyndy Weeks, Christopher Lloyd Wright and Pat Christelli.

In the canoe paddle chair division, the following artists will be included:

Christie Droz, Nancy Richman, Brian Conran, Caiti Diamond and Robin Yvonne De Golier.

The two sculptural chairs will be fashioned by artists Phil Sherman and Bill Berthel.



Area Academics

ACCO Brands Mentors Students for Work Readiness

SIDNEY - ACCO Brands recently hosted more than 50 students from the Delaware, Chenango, Madison, Otsego (DCMO) BOCES Career and Technical Education Program for a day of career exploration and work readiness orientations. The event was the result of a new educational partnership between ACCO Brands and DCMO BOCES.

ACCO Brands initiated the work readiness project in the fall of 2016 when Robin Halaquist, senior human resources manager, contacted

BOCES. The goal of the partnership was to help students understand the importance of work ethics, develop the skills and attitude needed to succeed in today's workplace and consider meaningful employment opportunities nearby.

The ACCO Brands leadership team mentored and inspired students and introduced them to job requirements and opportunities. Through facility tours, students learned about the everyday work environment and how teamwork plays a part in successful operations. A panel discus-

sion with career professionals introduced students to many rewarding job roles and possibilities for students to fulfill their own career dreams.

"To inspire the workforce of the future, it takes organizations like ACCO Brands [to] come forward and volunteer to take an active role in our students' education," said Martha Ryan, DCMO BOCES public and school liaison and tour coordinator. "Beyond career opportunities, the team at ACCO Brands helped our students understand critical workplace issues related to

new social media, [the] use of electronic devices in the workplace and the need to comply with safety regulations."

DCMO BOCES will continue to search for opportunities with local employers to coach students on work readiness and career development opportunities. For more information or to suggest collaborative events, please contact Martha Ryan at 335-1292 or by email at ryanm@dcmoboces.com.



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Fun Fact: The tradition of baseball managers wearing player uniforms started because the first managers were also players.



Sidney Valedictorian and Salutatorian Named for 2017

SIDNEY - The Sidney Central School District has named the valedictorian and salutatorian for the Class of 2017.

Riley MacPherson has earned the honor of valedictorian and Molly Youngs has earned the title of salutatorian.

Valedictorian, Riley MacPherson:

A top-notch student academically, MacPherson's diligence, strong focus and work ethic distinguish him above all else. He is kind-hearted and respectful and handles responsibilities with maturity, dedication and a smile.

As an eighth grader, MacPherson was placed in advanced classes and has excelled with a rigorous course load, which will have included 19 college-level courses by the time he graduates.

His efforts have produced high quality results and MacPherson has been on the Superintendent's List every quarter throughout high school.

Besides academics, MacPherson balances his school life by also participating in athletics, music, clubs

and community service.

A member of the tennis team for four years, he captained the squad his senior year. He's also participated in both concert and jazz bands and is an accomplished trumpet player. A section leader, he has received area all-county and all-state honors. He also serves as president of the Tri-M Music Honor Society.

MacPherson is the executive secretary for student council and is actively involved in the National Honor Society, Robotic Club, Interact and the Varsity Letter Club. He also participated in the Science Olympiad.

Last year, he was selected to attend Boy's State. He's received many academic achievement and department awards and was recently named Sidney's DAR Good Citizen.

MacPherson also gives back to the community, organizing and playing Christmas carols for a senior home, raising money for the local SPCA and volunteering as the summer tennis camps.

MacPherson is the son of Valaree Morton and Todd

MacPherson.

Salutatorian, Molly Youngs:

An outstanding student who excels in many areas, Youngs is an intelligent, conscientious, organized and intuitive student. She's driven and takes her academics very seriously.

Throughout school, she has taken the most rigorous courses available to her and has been on high honor roll and the Superintendent's List every quarter throughout high school. Youngs has earned several academic and achievement awards, including being recognized as a commended student in the National Merit Scholarship Program based on her outstanding SAT scores.

Youngs always takes a mature approach to her responsibilities and has a clear sense of purpose. A dedicated student and genuine friend to her peers, Youngs remains balanced as she juggles academics with soccer, music, clubs, community service, church, family and friends. She is involved in the National Honor Society and Spanish Club and for the past three summers

has worked on the Watershed Project. She's also a member of All-County band and participated in NYSSMA.

She has a love of nature and the outdoors, which is likely a driving force for her plans

to become an environmental engineer.

Throughout her years at Sidney, Youngs has participated in the Scripps National Spelling Bee, went to an engineering camp sponsored by

NYLF at Olin College and attended the Women's Outreach in materials, energy and nanobiotechnology at Cornell.

Youngs is the daughter of Joshua and Sheri Youngs.



Riley MacPherson



Molly Youngs



Delaware County Chamber of Commerce Names Sidney Business Advocate of the Year

By Allison Collins

SIDNEY – The Delaware County Chamber of Commerce will host its Annual Awards Gala at the Castle on the Delaware, located at 139 Stockton Ave. in Walton, on Wednesday, May 17 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

According to a press release, the Delaware CofC will “honor those individuals and businesses working to improve life in Delaware County.” Of local significance, the Village of Sidney is being recognized as 2017’s Business Advocate of the Year.

Other recipients include Businesses of the Year, FrieslandCampina DOMO and Saputo Dairy Foods; New Business of the Year, Union Grove Distillery; and Tourism Award winners, Wayside

Cidery and Tap Room. Ray Pucci, president of the Delaware Chamber, explained that the village’s upcoming Greenstreet downtown renovation project, due to break ground in the late spring, was a big factor in Sidney earning this year’s honor.

“The chamber is presenting the Business Advocate of the Year award to Sidney because there are wonderful things happening in the village of Sidney,” said Pucci. “There are lots of hands and people involved in it, but the village of Sidney is where things are happening.” Noting that Sidney officials have been working closely with Delaware County planning agencies such as the Industrial Development Agency, businesses like Amphenol and ACCO Brands, Sidney’s own chamber and other local busi-

nesses to “create the plan and funding for what’s going to be the new central Main Street business district.” Pucci said, “That’s a big part of it.”

Asked about the award announcement, which came mid-April, Sidney mayor Andy Matviak said, “It shows that the village is trying to reach out to keep our existing businesses here growing and also looking to reach other businesses that may be looking to relocate.”

Matviak, who said that 2017 marks the village’s first time being recognized in this way, continued, “We’ve been working with quite a few businesses and our industrial park is filled.” Here, Matviak noted the relocation of Alpine Roofing, Awestruck Cider and K Tooling to that part of the village as particular and new assets.

Echoing Matviak on the importance of maintaining bonds with existing businesses, Pucci said, “The other part [of Sidney being named Business Advocate of the Year] is retaining those positions at businesses like Amphenol and helping ACCO Brands expand.” Pucci expanded, “The flood of 2011 obviously devastated Sidney and lots of communities in the county. To the folks in Sidney’s credit, they saw an opportunity and they did something with it. In Sidney there are some real accomplishments.”

Mentioning the post-flood New York Rising Community initiative introduced under Governor Andrew Cuomo, Pucci said, “Sidney did something, they got together and they did it ... So Business Advocate of the Year was a pretty clear choice.”

Pucci, who noted that the award has been around for decades, shared that the Delaware County CofC begins by soliciting nominations for its various yearly honors, then, over the span of several weeks, the board examines, discusses and ultimately makes its selections. Pucci said that the Business Advocate of the Year award specifically is given to an individual or organization “really working in the interest of our local businesses.”

Discussing what the honor might mean for the village going forward, Matviak mused, “I think it gives a positive outlook for anyone who might be looking to relocate. Any positive points you can get for your area are a good thing.”

Pucci finished by saying, “What’s happening in Sidney is not only terrific and very

good news, but something that should be happening elsewhere. That collaborative effort is something that other communities could be, and hopefully will be, looking at as something they can replicate.”

The May 17 banquet will feature fine food and drink and chamber and community members alike are encouraged to attend to “celebrat[e] the creativity and ingenuity of the Delaware County business community.” Chamber officials urge business owners planning to attend to “bring plenty of business cards, because networking is our goal.”

To register and pay online, visit delawarecounty.org or call 746-2281 for more information.

Free Photography Workshops Offered in Guilford

GUILFORD - Interested in improving your photography skills? A photography workshop is planned for Monday, April 24 and Wednesday, May 17 at 6:30 p.m. The classes will be taught by Rod Sutton, master photographer. He will

be covering techniques to take better photographs for all experience levels and ages. Participants will work with their personal cameras during the class.

The Guilford Day Committee is sponsoring the workshops, which are free. Par-

ticipants may attend one or both of the workshops. The workshops will be held in the Guilford Town Hall, located at 223 Marble Rd., Guilford. Pre-registration is required; call Kathy at 316-2722.



17th Annual Sidney Arts & Music Festival to Feature New Site & Sights

SIDNEY – The Sidney Chamber of Commerce is currently gearing up for its seventeenth annual Sidney Arts & Music Festival on July 15 and, new in 2017, the festival will dovetail with Sidney Alumni Weekend. Also new, due to the impending downtown renovation planned for Main Street, the festival will be held in Keith Clark Park on River Street.

Applications for vendors and artists are available now at the Sidney Chamber Center on Main Street and online at www.sidneychamber.org or on the chamber’s Facebook page. Fees for vendor and artist booth space vary and the earlier an application is received, the greater the savings, so chamber officials are

encouraging anyone interested to apply soon.

For the youngest local artists, this year’s festival will offer the first-ever K-12 art show, expected to take place under a large donated tent in the park. The show will be open to all kids in the tri-county area.

Child attendees will also appreciate the Cullman Center’s “Cullman Days,” taking place at the festival this year and expected to include games, activities and face painting for all.

For adults, the festival will feature a juried art show, with monetary prizes as well as free 2018 booth allotments for this year’s winners. The show will take place between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. the day of the festival.

Young and old alike will enjoy the rhythms of regional musical favorites such as the Woodshed Prophets and Uncle Shake. Dancers from local studios will also perform.

Though details are still forthcoming, an area chapter of Catholic Charities plans to host a color run for all ages along the trails of the park during the festival.

Sidney Chamber of Commerce secretary, Marisa Orezzoli, said of this year’s event, “We are hoping it’ll be a lot bigger and there are a lot of new things happening. It’ll be fun.”

For more information on the 2017 Sidney Arts & Music Festival, visit the aforementioned website or call the Sidney Chamber of Commerce at 561-2642.

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