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HIS LIFE TOOK FLIGHT

Freehold man recalls airport's early days



Virgil Phinney started Iroquois Aviation and the Freehold Airport.

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Clem Hoovler with a plane at the Freehold Airport. Hoovler started working at the airport in the early 1960s and purchased it a few years later.

By Joanne E. McFadden
The Greenville Pioneer

Clem Hoovler of Freehold was just seven years old living in Merrick Long Island old during World War II. He started spending weekends with his uncle, an old brother to his mother, in the family's backyard, restoring an old Thomas-Morse scout plane from World War I. "That's where I learned the maintenance of all these airplanes," Hoovler said. "I was eight- or nine-years old scraping wood longerons on these old antique airplanes."

When the war ended and aviation returned to everyday life, no longer reserved exclusively for military use, the pair started flying the plane in local air shows. "It was an interesting time in aviation," Hoovler said. "After World War II, aviation was bustling all over, and there were a lot of airplanes that were left over war surplus. I was able to get a lot of experience," he said.

Along the way, when he was just 13, he met his future wife, Rita. He was out riding his bike when

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Linda Matthews with Clem Hoovler. Matthews' father, Virgil Phinney, started the airport and Iroquois Aviation. He was killed in a plane crash in 1963.

BILINGUAL CAIRO-DURHAM STUDENTS MAKE HISTORY

Seal of Biliteracy comes to Greene County

By Joanne E. McFadden
The Greenville Pioneer

Two Cairo-Durham seniors, Aniston Keff and Xxaria Makely, made history by becoming the first two students at their high school to earn the New York State Seal of Biliteracy (NYSSB).

The NYS Legislature established the program in 2012 with the goal of encouraging and emphasizing the value of language study and helping to identify multilingual students to colleges and future employers.

To earn the distinction, students have to complete upper-level coursework in English and a world language with an average of 85 percent or better, earn high scores on Regents, Advanced Placement, or other accredited "Checkpoint C" exams, and complete and present a culminating project that demonstrates their proficiency in speaking, listening, reading, and writing in English and their world language.

The 2015 to 2016 academic year was the first year that students in New York State earned the Seal. That year, the state awarded the Seal to 284 students at 14 schools for the study of nine different world languages. Each year, the program has grown. In the 2019 to 2020 school year, 4,609 students earned the Seal at 292 schools in 58 languages.



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Xxaria Makely (left) and Aniston Keff are the first two students at Cairo-Durham High School to earn the New York State Seal of Biliteracy.

Greene County's Cairo-Durham Central School District will be included in future statistics. The program was one that Cai-

ro-Durham Spanish teacher Lori Miner had wanted to institute in the school for a few years. She worked in tandem with Michelle Reed, Executive Director of Learning for the Cairo-Durham Central School District, and the pair were able to inaugurate the NYSSB program at the school this year.

"Figuring out which path would work for our students was the first piece," Miner said. Fortunately, Reed had brought the program to another school district before she came to Cairo-Durham. She worked behind the scenes, researching and compiling information to show that students had the required coursework and making sure that the school was following all the protocols required by the state so that students could earn the Seal.

Miner worked directly with students, having begun preparing them for the program when she became their Spanish teacher five years ago. She mentored them so that they would be able to achieve a high level of mastery in speaking, listening, reading, and writing. The students even earned college credit, taking advanced classes through a program with Columbia Greene Community College.

A large part of the program was producing and presenting a cultural research project. In fact, deciding what

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Community Calendar

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JUNE 2021

5 — Junior Prom, Greenville Central School District, Greenville High School Campus
 5 — Plant Sale and Flea Market, Clematis Garden Club, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Perennials, annuals, shrubs, crafts and antiques...reasonable prices! GNH Parking Lot, Greenville
 ay, June 5 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
 5 — Durham Town Annual Meeting, Town of Durham, 10:30 a.m., Brandow Park
 7 — Town Board Meeting, Town of Cairo, 7 p.m., Cairo Town Hall
 8 — 8 Library Board of Trustees Meeting, Cairo Public Library, 11 a.m. to noon, open to public.
 10 — Drawing Using Live Model, Cairo Public Library, 4:30-7:30 p.m., w/ Ruth Leonard. For teens/adults Please register at 518-622-986
 10 — Book Discussion "We Were The Lucky Ones" Georgia Hunter, 1 p.m., Middleburgh Library
 Inspired by the incredible true story of one Jewish family separated at the start of World War II, determined to survive—and to reunite—"We Were the Lucky Ones" is a tribute to the triumph of hope and love against all odds. Registration: [http://engagedpatrons.org/EventsRegister.cfm?SiteID=8615&Branch](http://engagedpatrons.org/EventsRegister.cfm?SiteID=8615&BranchID=1000002782&Branch=Middleburgh%20Library&EventID=426119&PK=)

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 10 — Board of Education Meeting, Cairo-Durham CSD, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.
 14 & 21 — Acrylic Painting Workshop, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., Heermance Memorial Library. This Workshop is a series of 2 classes. Instructor Anne D'Arcangelis

For adults All materials included. Class for beginners. Students will work with acrylics on stretched canvas. Learning basic theory in mixing colors, placement, and brush strokes will be given while encouraging students to develop their own style. Subject matter will be a rustic barn scene. Due to Covid-19 safety concerns, the class will be limited to a small number of participants. Everyone will be socially distanced and required to wear a mask at all times. Hand sanitizer will be available. Sharing of materials will be limited as much as possible.
 14 — Board of Education Business Meeting, Greenville Central School District, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., MS/HS Library
 14 — Middleburgh Library Board of Trustees Meeting, Middleburgh Library, 6-7 p.m., Please join us! The public is welcome to attend.
 16 — June Rabies Clinic, Town of Cairo, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., Angelo Canna Town Park
 16 — Tow Board Meeting and Library Meeting, Town of Cairo, 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
 16 — Town Board Workshop, Town of Cairo, 7 p.m.

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Police: Durham man intentionally set fire that killed 7 animals

By Bill Williams

Courtesy of Columbia-Greene Media

EAST DURHAM — Seven animals died in a fire that authorities said May 20 was intentionally set.

Walter L. Clickman, 48, of East Durham, faces an array of arson and animal cruelty charges, said Beau Duffy, state police director of public information.

Clickman was charged with third-degree arson, a class C felony, and seven counts of torturing and injuring animals under New York state's Agriculture and Markets laws, all class A misdemeanors, Duffy said.

Firefighters pour water on a Durham home after the owner allegedly set it on

fire the morning of May 20, police said. Bill Williams/Colum Greene Media The Greene County Fire Investigation Team and state police ruled the fire was intentionally set, Duffy said. But police did not say what was used to start the blaze.

The remains of three pigs and four chickens were discovered inside the home after the fire was extinguished, Duffy said.

At about 8:06 a.m., Greene County 911 sent Oak Hill-Durham Fire Company to 266 Brown Road, after a neighbor reported a possible house on fire, with smoke coming from the residence.

When the first firefighters arrived on the scene, they reported the one-story, wood-frame house was fully engulfed in flames and requested mutual-aid assis-

tance from neighboring fire companies. East Durham and Tri-Village Fire Companies responded with additional manpower.

Crews went to work extinguishing the stubborn blaze. A site was set up to fill tankers on Shady Glen Road, about half a mile away.

Central Hudson Gas and Electric was requested to the scene to disconnect power to the home.

The fire was declared out after 10 a.m., but Oak Hill-Durham firefighters were called back to the scene about three hours later when the fire rekindled.

Clickman was arraigned in Durham Town Court and released on his own recognizance pending a future court appearance.

There were no reported injuries to firefighters, Duffy said.

Assisting at the fire were Durham Ambulance, state police, Greene County Sheriff's Office, Town of Durham Police and the Greene County Fire Coordinator's Office.

Under New York Penal Law, a person is guilty of third-degree arson when he intentionally damages a building or motor vehicle by starting a fire or causing an explosion. Third-degree arson carries a maximum sentence of 15 years in prison.

The maximum sentence for torturing and injuring animals, under state Agriculture and Markets law, is two years in prison, Ron Perez, president/CEO of the Columbia Greene Humane Society, said Thursday.

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Police Blotter

Editor's Note: A charge is not a conviction. All persons listed are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. Charges can be amended or dismissed.

■ Julie B. Jacobs, 63, of Wallkill was arrested at 2:06 p.m. May 11 in Lloyd and charged with second-degree criminal contempt, a class A misdemeanor. She was issued an appearance ticket.

■ Christopher Vantassell, 28, of Accord was arrested at 5:55 p.m. May 11 in Wawarsing and charged with third-degree criminal mischief, a class E felony. He was issued an appearance ticket.

■ Benjamin Z. Frenkel, 37, of Brooklyn was arrested at 4:30 p.m. May 11 in Wawarsing and charged with third-degree criminal possession of a forged instrument, a class A misdemeanor. He was issued an appearance ticket.

■ Lizandra Gonzalez, 28, of Catskill was arrested at 10 p.m. May 11 in the Village of Catskill and charged with first-degree identity theft, a class D felony. She was released on her own recognizance.

■ Mark A. Agosto, 40, of Tannersville was arrested at 8:50 a.m. May 11 in the Village of Tannersville and charged with second-degree menacing, a class A misdemeanor, second-degree criminal trespassing, a class A misdemeanor, third-degree criminal mischief, a class E felony, petit larceny, a class A misdemeanor, and fourth-degree criminal possession of a weapon, a class A misdemeanor. He was issued an appearance ticket.

■ Darin M. Byrne, 56, of Palenville was arrested at 8:26 p.m. May 12 in the Town of Catskill and charged with first-degree aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, a class E felony, and driving while intoxicated a class D Felony and aggravated driving while intoxicated; per-se a class D felony. He was held.

■ Tanya G. Youmans, 37, of Wallkill was arrested at 12:45 p.m. May 13 in the Town of Plattekill and charged with criminal mischief with intent to damage property, a class A misdemeanor. She was released on her own recognizance.

■ James B. Brown, 55, of Durham was arrested at 7:40 a.m. on May 13 in the Town of Cairo and charged with aggravated driving while intoxicated; per se an unclassified misdemeanor, and driving while intoxicated an unclassified misdemeanor. He was issued an appearance ticket.

■ Christopher J. Stokes,

45, of Kingston was arrested at 10:24 p.m. on May 13 in the Town of Kingston and charged with the manufacturing of drug-related paraphernalia, a class A misdemeanor, and seventh-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance, a class A misdemeanor. He was issued an appearance ticket.

■ Marcus D. Diduch, 64, of Medusa was arrested at 8:31 p.m. on May 13 in the Town of Greenville and charged with second-degree criminal impersonation a class A misdemeanor, second-degree obstructing governmental administration, a class A misdemeanor, first-degree aggravated Unlicensed Operation a class E felony, aggravated driving while intoxicated; per se an unclassified misdemeanor and driving while intoxicated an unclassified misdemeanor. He was held.

■ Unique E. Carter, 45, of Albany was arrested at 1:53 a.m. on May 14 in The Town of New Baltimore and charged with and charged with the manufacturing of drug-related paraphernalia, a class A misdemeanor, and seventh-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance, a class A misdemeanor. She was issued an appearance ticket.

■ Miguela A. Vasquez, 22, of the Bronx was arrested at 2:57 a.m. on May 15 in the village of New Paltz, and charged with driving while intoxicated; per se a class A misdemeanor and driving while intoxicated, a class A misdemeanor. He was issued an appearance ticket.

■ Ayala C. Guttman, 22, of Brooklyn was arrested at 1:45 a.m. on May 15 in the Town of Wawarsing and charged with seventh-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance, a class A misdemeanor, and fourth-degree criminal possession of a weapon, a class A misdemeanor, and operating a motor vehicle while impaired by drugs, an unclassified misdemeanor. She was issued an appearance ticket.

■ Yekusiel D. Adler, 21, of Brooklyn was arrested at 1:45 a.m. on May 15, in the Town of Wawarsing, and charged with two counts of seventh-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance, a class A misdemeanor and fourth-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance, a class C felony. He was issued an appearance ticket.

■ Amber C. Akins, 40 of Saugerties was arrested at 2:30 a.m. May 15 in the Town of Cairo and charged with second degree murder, a class A felony.

She was held.

■ Kyle R. Stratton, 30, of Gansevoort was arrested at 12:44 a.m. May 15 in the Town of Catskill, and charged with manufacturing of drug-related paraphernalia, a class A misdemeanor, and two counts of seventh degree criminal possession of a controlled substance, a class A misdemeanor. He was issued an appearance ticket.

■ Shannon Kipp, 29, of Hudson was arrested at 12:44 a.m. May 15 in the Town of Catskill, and charged with manufacturing of drug-related paraphernalia, a class A misdemeanor, and seventh-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance, a class A misdemeanor, and tampering with physical evidence, a class E felony, and fifth-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance, a class D felony. She was issued an appearance ticket.

■ Helena Tenorio, 54, of Ulster Park was arrested at 6:44 p.m. on May 15 in the Town of Esopus and charged with third-degree unauthorized use of a vehicle, a class A misdemeanor, and driving while intoxicated, an unclassified misdemeanor. She was issued an appearance ticket.

■ John E. Devoll, 48, of Kingston was arrested at 6:44 p.m. on May 15 in the Town of Esopus, and charged with third-degree unauthorized use of a vehicle, a class A misdemeanor, and driving while intoxicated, an unclassified misdemeanor. He

was issued an appearance ticket.

■ Donna L. Howell, 59, of Durham was arrested at 10:55 a.m. May 15 in the Town of Cairo and charged with seventh-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance, a class A misdemeanor. She was issued an appearance ticket.

■ Dustin B. Hager, 39, of Athens was arrested at 6:58 p.m. May 15 in the Town of Catskill and charged with; fourth-degree criminal possession of stolen property, a class E felony, four counts of seventh-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance, a class A misdemeanor, first-degree aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle a class E felony and driving while intoxicated, and unclassified misdemeanor. He was issued an appearance ticket.

■ Brian S. Gammons, 35, of Catskill was arrested at 10:05 p.m. May 15 in the Village of Coxsackie and charged with the manufacturing of drug-related paraphernalia, a class A misdemeanor, and two counts of seventh-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance, a class A misdemeanor. He was issued an appearance ticket.

■ Ethel M. Bagley, 51, of Ravena was arrested at 10:05 p.m. May 15 in the Village of Coxsackie and charged with charged with the manufacturing of drug-related paraphernalia, a class A misdemeanor, and two counts of seventh-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance, a class A misdemean-

or and second-degree criminal use of drug paraphernalia, a class A misdemeanor. She was issued an appearance ticket.

■ Jennifer R. Pascuzzi, 36, of Coxsackie was arrested at 9:50 p.m. May 15 in the Village of Coxsackie and charged with two counts of seventh-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance, a class A misdemeanor, and fifth-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance, a class D felony. She was issued an appearance ticket.

■ Joseph P. Casholle, 22, of Cairo was arrested at 2:43 a.m. May 16 in the Town of Coxsackie, and charged with driving while intoxicated; per se, and driving while intoxicated, both unclassified misdemeanors. He was issued an appearance ticket.

■ Thomas J. Blyden, 24, of Romulus was arrested at 5:38 p.m. May 17 in the Town of Waterloo and charged with aggravated harassment of an employee by an inmate, a class E felony. He was held.

■ Jimmy L. Scott, 56, of Wappingers Falls was arrested at 2:10 a.m. May 18 in the Village of Monticello and charged with criminal possession of a controlled substance in the seventh degree, a class A misdemeanor, driving while intoxicated; per se, an unclassified misdemeanor, and driving while intoxicated, an unclassified misdemeanor. He was issued an appearance ticket.



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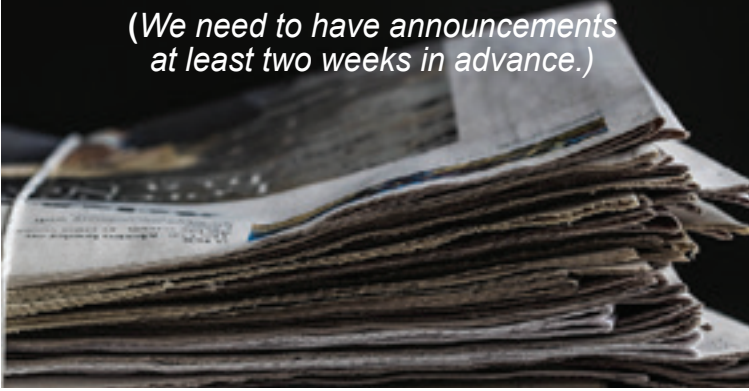
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Obituaries

CATSKILL - Dolores Smith passed away on Sunday May 16, 2021 at Greene Meadows, Catskill at the age of 94. Dee was born in Catskill to the late Anna Oswald and James Burton Williams on June 24, 1926. Dolores had many nicknames. She was known as Dee, Mom, Gram, Nanny and most recent nickname was Momma Dee at Greene Meadows. She worked at Becker Electronics in East Durham for 36 years.

Dolores is survived by son, Donald Smith (Linda); daughter in law Anna Smith; grandchildren Donald Smith, Jr. (Shannon), Rhonda Armour (Nicholas), Wayne (Kelly Sweeney) Smith, Michelle (Tony) Smith-Ferraro, Dolores Stislow (Frank); and great

Dolores Smith



Dolores Smith

grandchildren Donald III (DJ) and Emma Smith, Wyatt Beaumont, Samantha Stislow, and Paul and Troy Armour. She is also survived by her sister Lorraine Bloom.

She was predeceased by her Husband of 38 years Clayton,

Sr., son Marvin, daughter in law Ralene, and son Clayton Jr.

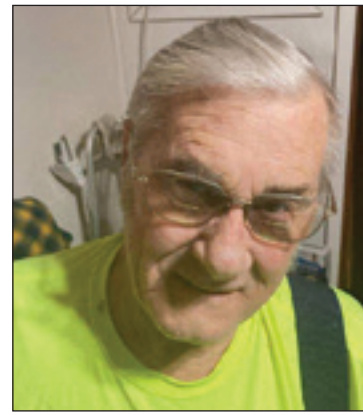
The family would like to thank everyone at Greene Meadows for the loving care given to Dolores (Momma Dee) while she was with them.

Visitation was held on Thursday, May 20 from 11am to 12:30pm with a funeral service at 12:30pm at A.J. Cunningham Funeral Home, 4898 State Route 81, Greenville, NY 12083. Burial took place at Manorkill Cemetery following the service. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to either the Asbury United Methodist Church, PO Box 599, Greenville, NY 12083 or to a charity of one's choice. Condolences can be posted at ajcunninghamfh.com.

Stanley T. Morby

FREEHOLD - Stanley T. Morby, 80, passed away peacefully on Thursday, May 27, 2021 in the Community Hospice Inn at St. Peter's Hospital. Born on February 20, 1941 in Albany, he was a son of the late William and Jennie Dayter Morby. Stan was a 60 year resident of Freehold, building his own home. He was a self-employed building contractor for many years, building many Dairy Queen restaurants. He later retired from Story's Nursery in Freehold. Stan was an avid antique car and truck enthusiast, and enjoyed attending car shows. He loved to garden, and take care of his lawn.

Stan is survived by his son, Stanley T. (Larissa) Morby, and his beloved grand-daughter,



Stanley T. Morby

the light of his life, Lorelei Hazel Morby; siblings, Patricia Harbeck and Raymond A. Morby; sisters-in-law, Harriet Morby, Ila Mae Morby, and Jacqueline Morby; many nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, Stan was

predeceased by his beloved wife, Hazel Bahr Morby on January 29, 2009; and his siblings, Dolores Luck, James, Robert, John, Lawrence, Richard, and Gerald Morby, Mary Blaisdell, and Gloria Northrup.

Calling hours will be Saturday, June 5th from 9:30 until 11 a.m. at A.J. Cunningham Funeral Home, 4898 State Route 81, Greenville. A funeral service will be conducted at 11 a.m., followed by burial alongside his wife Hazel in Freehold Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to Community Hospice of Albany-Inn at St. Peter's, Gift Processing Center, 310 South Manning Blvd., Albany, NY 12208 will be appreciated. Condolence page is available at ajcunninghamfh.com.

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Ios mayor and Homer aficionado, Mikhel Petropoulos escorted the author to the tomb of Homer.



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Although some rocks appear jumbled, an array of rectangular, white boulder-sized stones enclose a plaza that may be the resting place for the remains of Greek poet Homer.

Hiking to Homer

By David Lee Drotar
The Greenville Pioneer

At the Greek Orthodox Church of the Assumption in Windham, the congregation practices the ancient faith of their mother land. Indeed, throughout Greene County and the Catskills, the Greek-American community keeps other traditions, from food to music, alive. On a recent assignment to the Greek islands, I learned firsthand about the rich legacy of Greek culture.

I could almost hear Hermes the trickster laughing heartily as my friends and I stood forlornly on the dock of Ios, Greece while the ferry rumbled away and the sun sank to the horizon. Stray cats prowled around fishermen's empty bait buckets.

Not to worry. A few cell phone exchanges later, our clever host, Angela appeared like a goddess and outwitted Zeus' rebellious son who was having too much fun at our expense. There had been a communications mix-up and we weren't expected until the next day, but she whisked us into a replacement hotel at water's edge. I started plotting my agenda while taking a brisk, fifteen-minute knee-buster up the steep donkey path into the old town of Chora. Clusters of hot-pink bougainvillea vines draped the tiny, white stucco homes stacked like blocks along the walk. I looked across the otherwise brown landscape toward the shoreline from which I had just climbed.

The shadows of a prehistoric settlement sat in a compact spiral in the fading light. From the Greek for snail, Skarkos was an active archaeological site estimated to date from approximately the third century B.C. It was mind numbing to think that the national poet, Homer might have lived on the island centuries before this, by some estimates as early as 1100 B.C. Perhaps he walked along these same routes, singing his famous ballad, "The Odyssey," which recounted the interventions of the deities guiding the warrior Odysseus along his fabled ten-year journey on land and sea fighting pirates, storms and one-eyed ogres.

That romanticized scenario was improbable, however. Whether Homer even wrote all parts of "The Odyssey" is suspect because scholars of the classics say that it's likely the epic poem was embellished as it was passed down orally from generation to generation. But as I hopped into the blue Prius the next morning, I got an intriguing perspective on the Greek literary celebrity.

Due to the scheduling mishap and limited time on Ios, the island mayor Mikhel Petropoulos was personally driving me to the tomb of Homer. All students in Greece read "The Odyssey" as part of their education, but Petropoulos had studied it in the ancient Greek language.

"The original is the best," he said as we climbed the winding two-lane highway out of the village and the fog lifted on nearby Santorini Island. Two black goats munched dry leaves by the rocky roadside.

Officials representing seven different islands contend that Homer was born on their turf, so it was obvious that there was a public relations advantage in attracting tourism attention. However, only Ios has claims of being the bard's final resting place. We arrived at a deserted parking area near the top of a treeless mountain. The mayor parked his car and we began trekking up the long walkway.

"There is some evidence that he died here," Petropoulos said. His shoulder-length, gray hair and affinity for ancient language invoked an image in my mind of Homer himself. "But it is not so easy to verify."

"Have there been any DNA studies?" I asked.

"No, no, nothing like that," he



An array of rectangular, white boulder-sized stones enclose a plaza that may be the resting place for the remains of Greek poet Homer.

said without any hint of scholarly condescension at the silliness of my question's assumption that there might be intact 3,000-year-old bones lying around.

He went on to explain that it was documented that Homer's mother, Klimene was living on Ios and died here. Despite his reputation as a traveling poet, Homer may have come to Ios to spend his final years. Although his fame certainly wouldn't have been as widespread as today, he may actually have been well known on Ios. Archaeologists have found silver coins with Homer's image on other parts of the island.

Soon we stood at the alleged tomb, a barren but impressive group of rocks enclosing a small, flat plaza. It was common in Greece to bury the dead on top of a hill so that they would have a nice view in the afterlife. The original grave would have been simpler, Petropoulos explained. I scrambled over a short ledge to get a closer look at an array of rectangular, white boulder-sized stones that were clearly different



The old town of Chora lends views of the blue waters of the Mediterranean Sea surrounding the island of Ios.

Santorini island lies a short distance across the sea from Ios.

than the rest. He pointed out that these stones came from the same building, and I did see that there were notches chiseled out where supporting timbers would have rested. Furthermore, the geology of the surrounding rocks is ancient, but not as old as Homer's stones, giving credence to the theory that the material was moved here and erected as some sort of gravesite marking.

A hawk flew overhead, perhaps a messenger sent from Apollo to tell me that I needed to move on. Whether or not Homer's remains lay beneath my feet was not import-

ant. As a journalist and storyteller myself, it was simultaneously exhilarating and humbling to stand on the ground that paid tribute to the first known literature of Europe and the man who advanced civilization with this art form.

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Mr. Kiefer's third grade class at Ellis Elementary School looks forward to the flag day presentation by the American Legion on June 11.



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Community members sponsored over 300 flags which the American Legion Post 291 put up at Scott M. Ellis Elementary School to honor veterans.

HONORING THE RED, WHITE AND BLUE

Greenville shows its colors

By Joanne E. McFadden
The Greenville Pioneer

No one driving through Greenville these days could question the town's patriotism. Between a field of red, white, and blue on the front lawn of Scott M. Ellis Elementary School to the annual flag disposal ceremony at the American Legion, the Greenville community honors Old Glory and shows its pride in the country the flag represents.

The Field of Flags was an idea that American Legion past commander Stephen Mataraza of Medusa brought to town. He had seen an article in the Legion's national magazine about a post in Tennessee that erected a Field of Flags around Veterans Day, and he suggested to the Greenville post members that they do a similar project.

With the post's approval, he purchased 100 flagpoles. His daughter Amy Mataraza, a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, pitched in to help, making signs with the name of each veteran for whom a family member or friend sponsored a flag. The Boy Scouts pitched in to help also. "As soon as we put it up, the support just started rolling in after that," said Mataraza, who serves as the post's Americanism chair.

The Legion assembled the first Field of Flags in 2016 in the field at the entrance to the town park. People took note, and post members began to hear comments from friends and neighbors about how much they enjoyed the patriotic display. Every year, it has gotten bigger and bigger, Mataraza said.

Last year, the display moved to the front lawn of Ellis Elementary School. With the COVID-19 pandemic, there were no students on campus. "The flags were like the sign of life when they appeared on the lawn," said principal Peter Mahan, noting that the only people on campus were teachers, sitting alone in their classrooms at the computer conducting virtual classes with students on lockdown at home.

Last year's field consisted of 306 flags. This year, post members set up 300 flags on May 8 and plotted out space for 35 more that have yet to be sponsored. The cost of sponsorship for each flag is \$25. A flag is set up in honor or memory of the specified veteran, and after the flag comes down on July 10, the sponsor can keep the flag or donate it back to the American Legion. "They are not all completely sold yet," Mataraza said. Those interested in sponsoring a flag can find an order form at American Legion Post 291's Facebook page, or call the post's commander, Skip Spinner at 518-819-1317.

PASSING ON PATRIOTISM

For at least a decade, the American Legion has been partnering with Ellis Elementary School for a Flag Day celebration. "It has become a deeply entrenched annual tradition," Mahan said.

The legion's Color Guard marches up the front sidewalk to the flagpole and replaces the flag with a brand new one each year while students watch. "When they see the color guard, it's an opportunity for them to see the flag treated with respect and connect with our community partners," Mahan said.

Administrator Daniel Hash makes some remarks, and Legion members present students with small American flags to keep.



The American Legion and Cub Scout Pack 42 will conduct a flag disposal ceremony at the American Legion on June 13 at 10 a.m.



Teachers then use the pocket-sized flags to teach flag etiquette, such as holding the flag upright and not letting it touch the ground. "It's a great way to reinforce these respectful behaviors," Mahan said.

This year, for the first time, the Flag Day ceremony on June 11 will take place amidst the Field of Flags. "We will use this as a way to go outside and socially distance ourselves on the front lawn so that our kids can watch the color guard present the colors," Mahan said. Some of the school's virtual students may also attend the special event.

"We love our Flag Day celebration," Mahan said. "It's reminding us of our values of community and taking care of each other as a country."

PROPER DISPOSAL

While new flags go up at the Field of Flags, old and tattered flags no longer fit to be flown are disposed of in a special ceremony each year. This year's ceremony takes place on June 13 at 10 a.m.

at the American Legion Post 291 at 54 Maple Avenue in Greenville.

The ceremony had gotten very small several years ago before Mataraza began involving the Cub Scouts from Pack 42 which the Legion sponsors. The ceremony went from five to six participants to now over 100 people who come to watch the proper disposal of hundreds of old flags.

The fourth grade second-year Webelos who will move up to Boy Scouts in February bring the flags to be inspected by Legion vice commanders, and then the post commander gives the order for the flags to be destroyed. They are placed in a fire, and the chaplain reads a prayer.

The American Legion has a collection bin at its post where community members can deposit old flags year-round. "We end up burning hundreds of flags," Mataraza said. "We probably did close to 1,000 flags last year."



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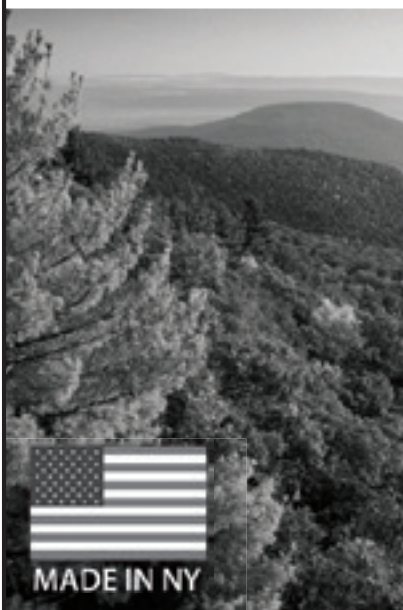
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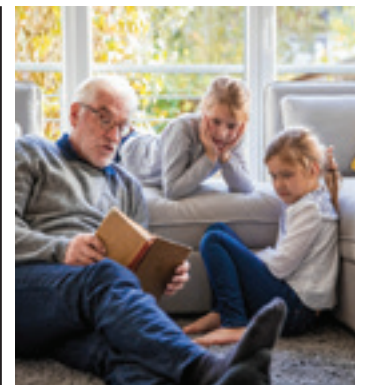
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Chasin' Racin'

By Mark Kane
Capital Region Independent Media

After a week of rain and rain Saturday morning and into the afternoon, the Fonda Speedway track crew had their work cut out for them to get the track into race ready condition. Well that they did, and by race time, the track was ready to go.

A fine field of cars had assembled for the first of the Thunder on the Thruway Series between Fonda and Utica Rome Speedways. The old infield pits were graced by the Mohawk Valley Vintage Dirt Modified Series that truly was a great site to see. It was like time being turned back, the history of dirt racing coming alive with a wide variety of past race cars taking to the Historic Speedway. The old Grandstand had plenty of fans even with less than an optimistic weather report and they were treated to some very fast laps on a super tacky racing surface from the drop of the first green flag laps up to the finale checker.

Once again, the starting line ups were by luck of the draw for the final week as now the speedway will go to their handicap system to set the lineups weekly. A fine field of SUNOCO Modifieds made their way to the pits with Alan Johnson, Stewart Friesen, Matt Sheppard and Tim Fuller returning for their second week with the Ravena Rocket Keith Flach making a rare Saturday night stop at the Track of Champions.

The Fonda Modified field is just getting stronger with the combination of veterans and young talent that weekly are putting on a show for the fans.

With the luck of the draw, Bobby Varin and David Schilling brought the 29 ground pounding SUNOCO Modifieds to the line, with Varin getting the early lead. He quickly pulled away as Stewart Friesen moved into second as the two past Champions took command with veteran Alan Johnson holding down third.

The track was in great shape, producing some great two- and three-wide racing as Ronnie Johnson, Matt DeLorenzo, Jack Lehner, and Matt Sheppard were on the charge after starting mid pack.

It did not take Varin long to get into lap traffic as Friesen was now closing in on the leader and closing fast, grabbing the lead on lap 10.

With Friesen out front the racing inside the top five was heating up as Varin, Alan Johnson, Mike Mahaney, Craig Hanson, Ronnie Johnson who started thirteenth, and Sheppard were just outside the top five and looking for racing room.

Out front, Friesen was pulling away as Hanson who has shown early season speed with great runs and Mahaney raced hard as Hanson worked his way to third. The caution flew on lap 2eight as Week 2 winner Rocky Warner went up in smoke down the back stretch and headed pit side.

Once back to green, Friesen quickly pulled away from the field as Varin would hold down second with Hanson and Mahaney battling for third with Mahaney getting the spot. At the checkers it was Friesen in for his seventieth Fonda win and the \$four000 paycheck and a lead in the Thunder on the Thruway Series. Rounding out the top five was Varin, Mahaney, Hanson, and Ronnie Johnson. Once again 2020 Champion Mike Maresca was done early heading to the pits during the feature.

The Swagger Factory Apparel Crate 602 Sportsman found Chip Constantino using his upfront starting spot to his advantage, taking command early, a lead he would hold until a late race caution tightened up the field.

On the restart, it was Jason Greco who would be the new leader as Tim Hartman Jr. was on the move to the front but ran out of time as Greco can now add his name to the Sportsman win list, picking up his first career win.

Behind the leaders, after a great battle, were Constantino, Cody Clark, and Tucker O'Connor rounding out the top five. So far during the early part of the season the 602 Sportsman have been highly competitive with great side by side racing throughout the field.

Start Nick Stone on the front row on a tacky racetrack, and it might just become



CHASIN RACIN PHOTOS

Long time veteran Alan Johnson made a rare appearance at the Battle of the Bullring 8 at Accord Speedway.



Tight heat race action at the Battle of the Bullring, Short Track Super Series event at Accord Speedway with Andy Bachetti and Danny Tyler.



Anthony Perrego picks up his 3rd Battle of the Bullring win at the Accord Speedway on the night they paid tribute to his dad, Tom during the STSS event.



Rocky Warner set fast time at the Utica Rome Speedway practice.

a one-horse race, and that is what it was. This new creation of Stone's was spot on as he pulled away from the field leaving behind him another great Algonkin Pro Stock battle. Behind the leader All Time win leader Kenny Gates battled hard with Chuck Dumblewski for second. Further back in the field Josh Coonrad was on a charge to the front. Using his patented low groove Gates worked the bottom to move to second but had nothing for the high-flying Stone. Teammate to Stone and in a conventional Pro Stock Ivan Joslin worked his way into the top three with Devon Camenga having another great run up front and Josh Coon-

rad rounded out the top five after starting deep in the field of tough division.

In other racing action, Kyle Dingman went green to checker to pick up his first career Limited Sportsman win with a dominating performance. But as they say, they run best before they go and that may have been the case as Kyle blew the power plant on the last lap. In the four Cyl, it was Ken Hollenback and Slappy White picking up wins. In the MVVDMS features John Flach was the Modified winner. Curtis Condon won the Late Models, Stephen Denton was the Sportsman winner, and Bryon Scofield won the Antique feature.

Tuesday, I made my way down to the Short Track Super Series (STSS) "Battle of the Bullring eight" at the Accord Speedway. Last year, Accord Speedway was one of the tracks that did not open due to the restrictions.

If you have never been to Accord, Bullring fits it perfect and you have to make the short ride down 209 for an action packed night. A fine field of five0 sail paneled STSS Modifieds made their way to the pits from up and down the East Coast as well as Mat Williamson from Canada. This was another of those STSS stacked with talent fields ready to do battle with many past feature winners and Champions in the star-studded field.

In addition to that, it was Accord Speedway, and I knew I was in for a good night of racing, and that it was. With five0 cars in the pits and only 27 making the feature, the heat races had some good hard short-track racing, hard racing that would take out Stewart Friesen for the rest of the night on the

first lap of heat three, doing heavy damage to the front end of the Halmar 44.

Heat wins went to Bobby Hackel, Mat Williamson, Danny Tyler, Anthony Perrego, Shane Jablonka, with Brian Malcolm, Billy Decker and Danny Creeden picking up the three consolation events to set the starting field.

Before the race even got started, Andy Bachetti unloaded his backup ride and gave up the outside pole. Matt Sheppard picked up a ride in the Derrick McGrew Jr. #26 ride, as both Bachetti and Sheppard would have a view of the field from the back of the pack.

At the drop of the green, it was Albany Saratoga and Lebanon Valley Speedways young gun Bobby Hackel grabbing the early lead. Lap four found a multi car tangle in turn one. Once back to green, the yellow was right back out again for a three-car tangle in turn one. Again the green was out, but this time it was Tyler Dipple getting the jump only again to have the yellow back out. So they tried once again, and Dipple will be the new leader with Hackel on his bumper and Danny Tyler looking for racing room as Anthony Perrago was on the move and into the top five. The yellow again is out on lap eight as Dipple, Hackel, Tyler, Jablonka, and Perrago are in the top five. Back to green with Dipple still out front as Scott Ferrier worked past Perrago to take over fifth as Hackel was holding his own in second as a series of yellow flags would keep the racing close. Back to green once again and Dipple remained the leader, but behind the leader things were starting to heat up as Mike Mahaney, Mat Williamson, and Andy Bachetti were working their way to the front and just outside the top five.

Getting in some green flag laps, things were changing fast up front as Dipple continued to lead. Lap 43 saw the fine ride of Shane Jablonka come to an end after contact with a slower car. Now Dipple had Perrago, Williamson, Ferrier, and Bachetti who had driven from the back of the pack to run in the top five. Quickly it was Perrago with the lead with Williamson, and Dipple on his rear deck and the racing behind the leaders found everyone looking for racing room. The final caution would once again tighten up the field with 47 down and three to go. Back to green and Perrago continued to lead as Mike Mahaney put on a late race charge.

What's better than winning a STSS event, winning when the race is a tribute to your late father? That is what Antony Perrago did as he picked up the win. For Perrago, it was his third "Battle of the Bullring" win and the most emotional as he held the large check over his head that had a picture of himself and his dad Tom who suddenly passed away last fall. Following Perrago to the line was Williamson, Mahaney, Dipple, and Scott Ferrier rounding out the top five.

In the 602 Sportsman feature, Joey Bruning picked up the win after Kreg Crooker could not make his way through tech; for Bruning it was his first STSS win. Following Bruning to the line was Kyle Rohner, Tim Hartman Jr., and Payton Talbot, with Tyler Johnston rounding out the top five.

Other racing action found Keith Flach pick up the Modified win at the "Great Race Place" Albany Saratoga Speedway with Anthony Perrago, Larry Wight, Jack Lehner, Demetrios Drellos, and Don Ronca rounding out the top five.

Other action found Jim Nagle in for the Sportsman win and Chad Jeseo picking off the Pro Stock win. Dylan Madsen was the Limited Sportsman winner. Last Sunday after getting rained out for its Friday night opener, Utica Rome Speedway turned some laps after losing the three other dates to rain.

In the Modifieds, it was Rocky Warner in the Simmons 98 that he will have under him at Utica. He had a fast time in the Modifieds, and Matt Janczuk was fastest in the 602 Sportsman. For those who were not aware, Utica Rome has been taken over by Brett Deyo and has made the switch to Friday nights in hopes to fool Mother Nature. Well, so far that has not worked out as planned.

At the Valley of Speed, Lebanon Valley, it was Mother Nature in for the win.

Well, it looks like the racing season is now into full swing-fans back in the stands, the smell of race fuel in the air, and dust on your fries--there is nothing better. Please support those who support our teams and Speedways, stay safe and get out to your local dirt track and see what all the hype is about.



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Grandma Mackey's Diary

1950 life in Medusa

Transcribed from her diary by
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Grandma and Grandpa (Harry) Mackey.

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Sun, June 4 — Fair. Chuck & Joyce went to Mass & Joyce here to Church. Had dinner & Don & Adele went to the Hot Rod's. Lite Philip & JoAnn came & we visited. Chuck here visiting Joyce in the evening.

Mon, June 5 — Fair. First nice Monday in a dogs age. Hung up washing & did every day work. Children at the Ballgame after school & on to Gertrude's for Birthday Tea. Don mowed lawn. Addie brought me Pinkster's.

Tues, June 6 — Fair. Did ironing & mending, made pudding crocheted & repotted some plants. Got fertilizer for the rose bushes etc. Don out.

Wed, June 7 — Fair & hot. 'Lite came for me & I staid the day with her. I helped paper get dinner & we fixed Millards room. They brought me home later.

Thurs, June 8 — Fair & hot, Cleaned bed-rooms. Man came & fixed the 'phone. Ed Goff called & we visited. Girls & Don up to see

Gertrude tonite. Chuck phoned for Joyce's bathing suit. A picnic tomorrow nite.

Fri, June 9 — Fair. Osee Kelsey died this A.M. Cleaned living-rooms & straightened up the cellar a little. Gene helped Tiny today. Chuck here for Joyce's things. Don & I went to PH to see if the stone was there but it wasn't.

Sat, June 10 — Fair. Showers in the P.M. Did every day work & visited. Joyce & Chuck had a fine time at Tachovie Lake last Nite. They are out tonite with Buddy Verlander & Tony Petruin. Gene & Stubby & Carl & Laura at Rhinebeck at the races. Don has worked on his car all day. Osee's funeral is Mon. At 2 at Oak Hill.

Sun, June 11 Fair. Went to Church & got dinner. Went riding with Addie. Game Farm Palenville Windham Home a nice time. Philip Lite & Joann here while I was gone. Chuck here in the evening.

Mon, June 12 — Fair. Gedney didn't go to Albany so Joyce took the day off. Is going in tonite I guess.

Chuck is taking her. Washed & ironed some. Kelly came & took me to Osee's funeral.

Tues, June 13 — Cloudy. Didn't feel good, but did the ironing & sat the rest of the day.

Wed, June 14 — Rain. Didn't do much but feel better than yesterday. Children at school. Don at work.

Thurs, June 15 — Cloudy. Cleaned bed-rooms dusted etc. Cleaned fish aq. & did odd jobs.

Fri, June 16 — Fair. Cleaned & dusted living-rooms & baked a cake. Sold mirror to Mrs Lansing Hull. Anna Bailey & Kitt Bear White were here. Don doesn't feel good tonite. Expect Joyce tonite sometime.

Sat, June 17 — Cold & windy today. Thunder shower in the nite. Made dessert & visited. Chuck came & took Joyce home with him. They came about 9.30 last nite. Don went to the Races at Rhinebeck tonite. Gene & Stubby went too. Later: Chuck came & brought Joyce home.

GARDENING TIPS

BY BOB BEYFUSS



Spring Chores

The extended cool, wet, weather continues as I write this column on May 12. I could use some sunshine and temperatures in the 70's right now, instead of overnight temperatures in the upper 30's and low 40's. I have recorded more than 4 inches of rain since May 1, as well. My garden soil is still much too cold and wet to plant or transplant anything right now and I have yet to harvest any asparagus. On the plus side, this weather, has extended the bloom period for our spring flowering trees and shrubs. Crabapples, other wild fruit trees, pears and plums and cherries are putting out a spectacular display right now as are ornamental shrubs and early blooming perennials. It is a great season for lilacs, azaleas, redbud, and just about every other plant that flowers in April and May.

Remember that most of these spring bloomers are best pruned immediately after the flowers fade. It is not necessary to "deadhead"

(remove spent flowers) shrubs like Lilac and Rhododendrons, but this practice will often lead to more flowers next season. If your flowering tree or shrub has gotten overgrown, you can safely cut it back by about one third right now, but it might take two seasons to flower again. Cutting lilacs back hard, right now will usually result in new shoots arising from the roots. If these shoots are topped at about 3 feet in height, they will branch and within two seasons they should bloom nicely on those new shoots. Lilacs are best enjoyed when the flowers are produced at nose height! There are dwarf lilacs available that rarely exceed four or five feet tall.

Yesterday I visited a friend whose home was beautifully landscaped by Story's nursery about 25 years ago. Many of the original plants still remain, but some of them have just outgrown their space, despite good pruning and maintenance. I see this often in sub-

urban landscapes where the foundation plantings now obscure the doors and windows. At some point it is time to bite the bullet and yank the overgrown plants out. It may seem a shame to replace a healthy, beautiful, 7 foot tall evergreen or rhododendron, but if the shrub is blocking windows or doors, or if the roots are under the foundation, it may be time to replace it with a smaller specimen.

Of course, you must be prepared to pay a whole lot more for these replacement shrubs than the previous ones cost! I have been unpleasantly surprised at the prices of all sorts of plants this spring. Even annual herb garden plants like basil, thyme, rosemary and oregano are selling for almost double the prices of two years ago. I don't think I will pay \$7.00 for a 4 inch potted basil plant. I am pleased to see that seed packets have once again returned to the store shelves and I plan to start many more plants from seed, than I

have in previous years. Some things I will just grimace and buy since I don't have time to grow them from seed. As my late friend, Lester, used to say, when we complained about the price of a six pack of beer, rising to \$3 or so, "Let's face it Bob, if it cost \$10 a six pack, we would still buy it". He was right of course.

Most of you have had to mow your lawns at least twice, since northern turf grasses love this cool, wet weather and are growing accordingly. Set your mower to 3 inches and mow when the grass is about four inches tall. It is still too early to fertilize, or apply broad leaf weed killers right now, with the exception of crabgrass preventers. An organic, crabgrass preventer is corn gluten meal and that can be applied now. It will suppress these annual weeds next spring, as well as acting as a slow release fertilizer. Normally, crabgrass begins to grow when forsythia is in full bloom, but this year it seems like they are no longer

on the same page, phenologically speaking. I have not seen any sign of crabgrass even in place where the forsythia has been done for weeks.

Sharpen your lawnmower blades, clean and oil your hand tools and make sure you clean out your bird nesting boxes. Spray some disinfectant in the boxes to kill any mites that may remain. Bluebirds have already taken up residence in the south, but other songbirds are still looking for nest sites. If you still have bird feeders up, take them down every single night, or be prepared for a visit by your local black bear. Hummingbirds have returned and once a bear has snacked on your bird seed, it may very well return to trash your hummingbird feeder as well.

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Positively Speaking

The crossing from poor country to here

By Gary W. Moore
For The Greenville Pioneer

I always try to make sure my column has a point to it. I want to share a life lesson and encourage readers to live an optimistic and positive life. As for this column, I really don't know what the point is other than I'm missing my mom and dad now ... and decided to write about them. I hope you'll allow me just this once.

May I?

My dad grew up in the coal mining area of deep southern Illinois. If you asked my dad what nationality we were, he'd usually laugh, then respond, "Hillbilly." My mom was from Sands Springs, Oklahoma. When asked the same question, Mom would say, "Okie."

As such, they lived their newly married years bringing their culture with them to their new northern Illinois home. I remember early in my life, eating lots of

squirrel, rabbit, and catfish. I remember a neighbor asking my dad in disbelief about eating squirrel, to which he answered, "When you catch a squirrel, it's like being given a free chicken."

I look back and realize two things. 1. It was part of my parents' culture, and 2. It was an economic issue. My mom would fry squirrel just like chicken and it was delicious. I loved it. The rabbit was usually made into a soup or stew and the catfish fried in cornmeal.

I realize many of you are grossed out while a few may have some of the same early memories. When you were born into the Great Depression as both of my parents were, I think you ate what was available and were grateful.

Today, I look at my kids, nieces, and nephews and realize they'll be shocked to believe their dad and uncle ate squirrel ... and I did. Mom breaded the squirrel and



Gary W. Moore

fried it like chicken in an old cast iron skillet. After removing the squirrel, she'd make a milk gravy that we'd pour over the squirrel and fried potatoes. It was delicious.

I guess if tuna can be labeled "Chicken of the Sea," squirrel can be labeled "Chicken of the Tree's."

And I'd choose fried squirrel over tuna anytime.

My mom and dad are both gone but their lives and culture still course through our veins. I was born in Kankakee County, but I still feel as though the little coal mining town of Sesser, Illinois is home. There is a world of difference between where I live now in a growing suburban area, but when back in Sesser, I'm immediately transported back, unconsciously using the dialect and accent of the area.

While on a book tour a few years ago, the route took me near Sand Springs, Oklahoma and I stopped at the family cemetery to see my two oldest brothers. Once again, even though I had not been there in forty years, it immediately felt like home in ways my real birthplace never has.

The older I get, the more I yearn to relive my early days. To be scrambling up and down the streets of Sesser. To run past Caesar Marlow's Bar and hear the voice inside yell, "Hey, aren't you Gene Moore's boy?" I'd stop and walk in. Someone would buy me a kiddy cocktail and start telling me stories about my dad and his baseball career. Getting up before the sun with my grandfather to go to the barn and get a bucket of coal for the furnace was an early morning joy. And yes, eating squirrel. The son of a Hillbilly and Okie is who I am, and I could not be prouder.

Our family prospered in an adopted life in the suburban north and our cuisine changed along with it. One thing that never changed was country music on the weekends and WSM Radio and the Grand Ole Opry on Saturday nights.

I moved to Chicago and received a degree in music education. And for a while, I turned my nose up to the music of my youth, but now it's back in my life and I love it. The food and music are permanent threads in the fabric of our family. Over Memorial Day weekend when we all get together, just open your car window and follow the sounds of Merle Haggard, George Jones, Ray Price and Dwight Yoakum ... and point your nose to the smell of Barbecue Ribs. There you'll find the kids and grandkids of a Hillbilly and Okie, celebrating our family and heritage ... without the squirrel.

My mom and dad were far from perfect people. At times, I think I may have been unfairly critical of their lives and parenting skills. The truth is they loved us and did the best they knew how. I was never hungry or without clothes. Their children all turned out well and successful. Their grand kids and great grand kids are wonderful. I'd say all-in-all mom and dad raised a successful family. They never left us and always loved us. I wish they were here so I could thank them.

As the saying goes, "What is remembered, lives." I guess I not only want my parents remembered in our family, but I also wanted you to know them too.

And besides ... no one could fry squirrel like my mom.

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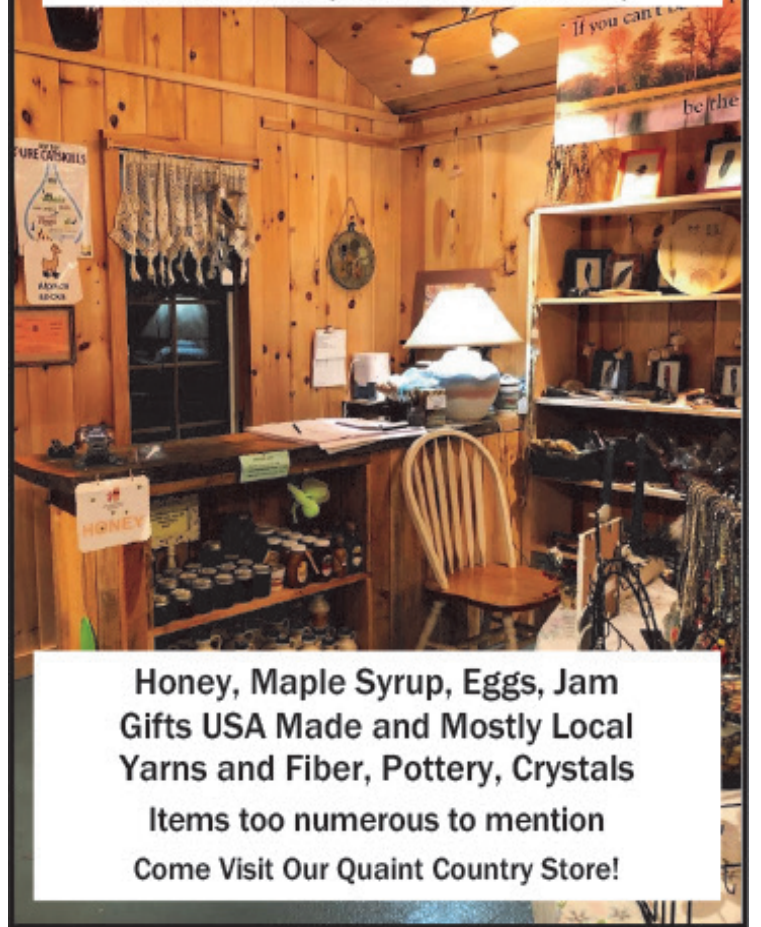
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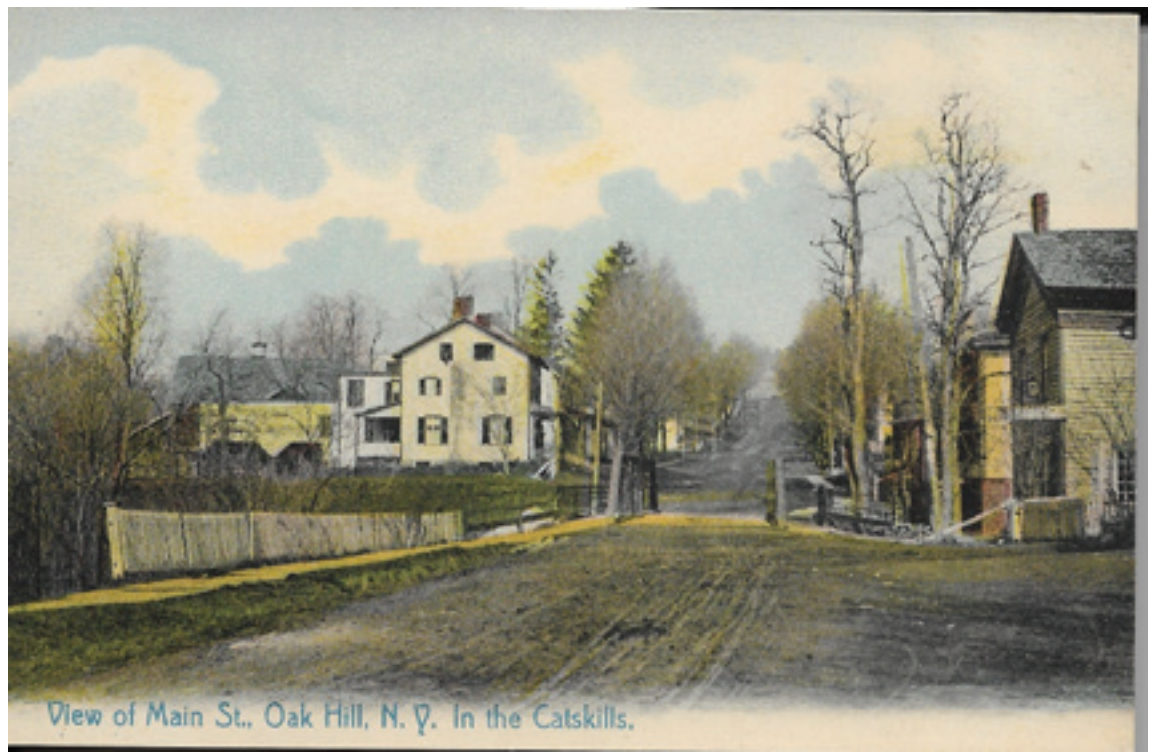
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Oak Hill & Vicinity...

By Mary Lou Nahas



This photo of a Cornwallville house looks like a candidate for an early home.



This photo of the DeWitt farmhouse (yellow house on left) was long after the first cabin or even the expanded log house. The property is now owned by the Twelve Tribes.

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Durham history questions

I recently received an interesting email from Bernard Rivers asking the following questions:

“It would be great if you could do an article focusing on one, two or three of the following related questions: (a) Which Durham lived-in residence is the oldest? (b) Which family living in Durham has, over the generations, lived in Durham for the longest unbroken number of years, even if not always in the same house? And (c) Which residence in Durham has been lived in for the most years by the same multi-generation family?”

I agree with Bernard that those are very interesting questions and started thinking and researching. Of course, I and no one I have come across knows the answers but to get input from others interested in local history I posted on the Greene County History Facebook page and as always, got some great help.

First, let's consider some important points. No one knows the exact date when the area we now call the Town of Durham was settled. As Borthwick said, the early settlers were too busy working to stay alive to write it all down. But the earliest reliable information concerning the early settlers of this town is found in several ancient leases and deeds, given by agents of the patrons to the settlers: Maitland Patent, Stewart's Patent, and Baker Patent, in fact there are eight patents which have been identified for lands that were in or partly in the Town of Durham. The Jennings-Partridge Farm, the Hedges Homestead, in East Durham on Stone Bridge Extension has been in the same family for 200 years. The original purchase of 125 acres was made by Henry Hedges in 1825 from a part of the Baker patent. Unfortunately, I do not currently know about any house that might have been on the site when he purchased it, but as suggested by several, it might be the candidate. The farm is still running today by fifth generation owners Eric and Janet Partridge and their son, Cole.

Second, the Town was made up of a number of hamlets beyond the four we think of today (Oak Hill, Durham, Cornwallville, East Durham). There was Meeting House Hill, Sunside, Wright Street, Winansville, Saybrook, Hamburg, Hervey Street, Centerville, East Windham, South Durham which had early houses and families, all of which could be candidates.

Most seem to agree that the first actual settlement commenced within the town was made at Oak Hill by Lucas DeWitt, John Plank, and Hendrick Plank. The exact date of settlement is not known, but it was certain that it was several years before the Revolution—probably about 1770 or 1772. Lucas Dewitt Jr took possession of the farm now

owned by the Twelve Tribes. Lucas DeWitt's first house (a log building) occupied the plot of ground now used as a garden by his descendants in the 1880s. The settlement was generally abandoned during the Revolutionary War. “After the war settlers returned; the log house was removed and the present one, now occupied by Israel Dewitt was built. It had a long roof on the front side extending over a wide stoop, as was the fashion in those days”, J. G. Borthwick writing in 1884 said. He goes on to mention other families but says they and their descendants no longer live in the town; so, for the purpose of answering the question they are not considered.

The next settlement which was made in this town was on Meeting-house Hill. The exact date of the commencement of this settlement cannot be given but probably about 1784. Names associated with that settlement include Daniel Merwin, Selah Strong, Jonathan Baldwin, Augustus Pratt, Jarius Crittenden, Adijah Dewey and of course John Hull. No one currently lives on Meeting House Hill. The earliest houses were reported to have been log cabins and while some frames may have been moved off the hill, I am not aware they exist today. Janet Nelson Hull, who had extensive information on the Hull family, notes that the original house at Hull-O-Farms may be close but was not in the form of the house there today.

According to the “History of Greene County,” the first settler in what is now Durham village was Adijah Dewey. He was called Major Dewey and built a log home which is said to have been the first hotel here.

Oriana Atkinson, wife of NY Times Drama Critic Bruce Atkinson, wrote quite a lot about Durham: “We found out that Durham was an old little town and had changed but slightly since it was settled about 1784 by people from Connecticut.

“It was through William Chittenden that Durham, New York, came to be born. His ancestor Jarius, at the age of 42, father of seven children, with a wife already middle-aged, decided to follow the trend out of Connecticut.

“It was becoming known that a great new road was going to be hacked out of the Western Wilderness for the use of people who were already thinking of Ohio and beyond. Jarius decided he would combine business with pleasure and buy land along the route of the new road and also build a home on some of the acres.

“In 1787, Jarius came alone to Durham. It was only a tiny cluster of houses but even that was too crowded for him. He climbed the Hill late called Prink Hill, and about a half mile above the town took up



The buildings on Meeting House Hill are long gone and only some of the gravestones remain.



Earliest House in Oak Hill built in 1880 was the home of Calvin Adams—likely modifications had been made to it at the time of this picture. The Adams family moved away in early days. The home is now rented as a bed and breakfast.

a tract of about 400 acres, most of it along the probable route of the new Road. He hired labor to build a solid story and a half house and a great barn across the road from the house.” That house is currently listed on the National Register.

East Durham was settled mostly by families from places near New Haven, CT and some Dutch families from the Hudson valley. John Bagley built the first grist-mill on Thorp Creek, about a mile west of East Durham and one-half mile north of his house. Cutting Bagley settled on the adjoining farm. Daniel Merwin came in 1785, The old log house stood near the present burying ground on that farm, Daniel built another in 1790 but moved it to its present location in 1812. “This house was to be the first two-story house that was built

in the town of Durham. The frame is of white oak and will last for generations to come. In 1808 he sold his farm and bought a smaller one.”

John and David Cowles, brothers, came about 1786. David lived at first on Horace Mabey's farm until finally he built a house still standing, about 60 rods east of George Pratt's. Borthwick comments, “It is probably the oldest house in the town of Durham.

James Utter a native of Saybrook CT came here in the summer of 1783 and settled on Saybrook Hill. He cleared a piece of ground, built a hut, and sowed a little wheat. He spent the winter in CT and in the spring came back. And built a frame house which stood until 1894 when it burned. His son, also James, built a house for himself in 1806 where his grandson's house is now standing.

The Pratt home on Saybrook Hill still stands but is no longer occupied by Pratts. The George Flower home in Oak Hill was incorporated into another house that is no longer standing.

After a while the settlers came to the conclusion that log houses were not good enough for them; so, they needed saw-mills to prepare lumber for more stylish dwellings. It has been said that Jared Smith built the first saw-mill in town on Post's Creek very near and above the arch bridge on the turnpike near East Durham. There was a saw-mill on Saybrook Creek as early as 1788, probably built by Joseph Wright. Lucas Dewitt built a saw-mill quite near the upper bridge in Oak and George Flower also built one on the same stream, one-half mile north of Oak Hill. There were a great many mills throughout the

town and an immense quantity of lumber of all kinds was manufactured and marketed.

The story of the Almerin Moore house in Hwy 81 near Wright streets, illustrated what happened with the older houses. Porter Wright was able to tell the story based on ledgers and diaries left by Almerin Moore, who kept meticulous records about every expenditure for every day of every year.

“Moore was born in 1842 about a mile from the farm that was to be the homestead and birthplace of his children. At the age of 14 he became the sole support for his mother and himself. He had a yoke of oxen that he had raised, one cow, and ten fowls.” Moore was hard working and careful with money and by the spring of 1885 he had enough money to build a new house to replace the old house that had been built in 1800 on his farm.

So, I was not able to answer the questions, but I hope I got folks thinking and they will help me tell the rest of the story. In summary, it seems that settlers came in the late 1770s; the first houses were small log dwellings. If they still exist today, they would be incorporated inside newer buildings. As people became more prosperous, and sawed wood was more available even the second tier of houses was often replaced by newer homes. I have not considered all the house in all the hamlets but I'm working toward an answer. What do you think? You can email me or post on the Oak Hill and Vicinity Facebook page.

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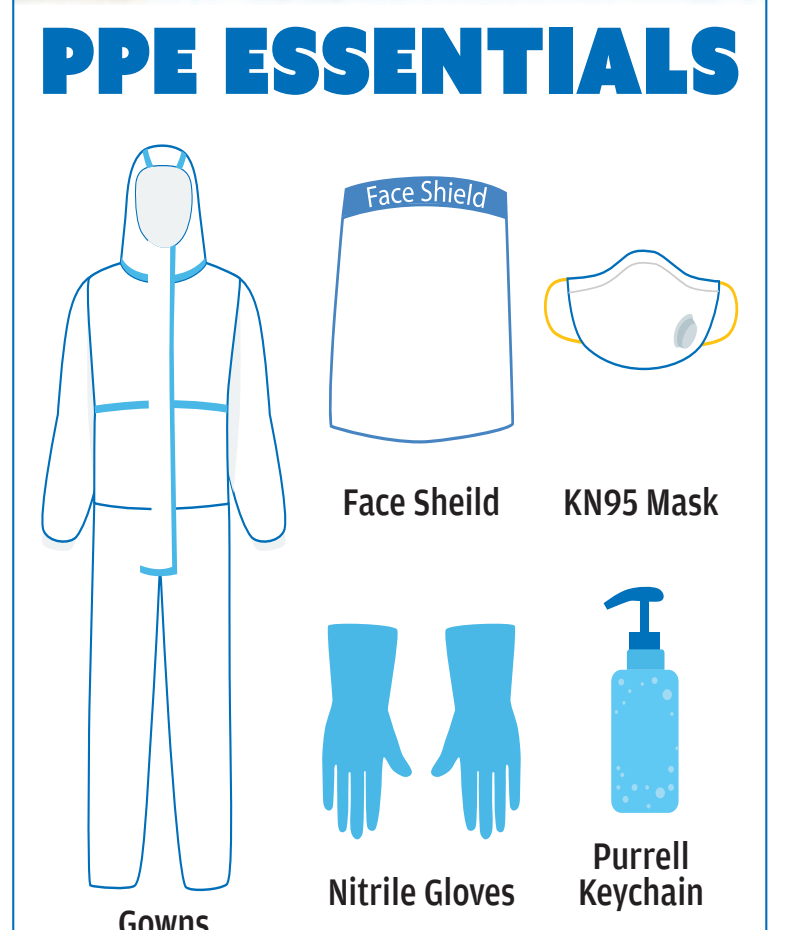
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Rita and a friend who knew Hoovler were also out riding. “She told Rita about me, and I was doing circles and all sorts of tricks with my bicycle showing off,” he said, smiling. The couple married in 1955 as soon as Hoovler graduated from high school.

Hoovler also spent some of his teenage years as a competitive speed skater, even making the United States Olympic team for the 1952 Olympic Games in Oslo, Norway, at age 16. Unfortunately, he was injured and not able to go to the games.

His love of airplanes that he had developed as a young boy persisted, so Hoovler attended Farmingdale State College to earn his maintenance, air frame, and power plant mechanic maintenance licenses.

He also earned his private pilot’s license. “I went to Eastern Airlines and asked them for a job,” Hoovler said. They told the then 19-year-old that they had too many experienced pilots from WWII, and there was no job for him.

Instead, Hoovler took a job working for Grumman during the day. In the evenings and on weekends, he did airplane maintenance for private customers. “I worked out of the trunk of my car, putting the airplanes back together, ready for the weekend,” he said.

A few years later, he and Rita



Rita and Clem Hoovler with one of the gliders they owned.



Clem Hoovler with the former New York State plane that he restored. It was in parts when he purchased it.

decided that there was too much aviation on Long Island, so they looked for a place where Hoovler could have his own flight school.

He purchased some land in South Cairo for this purpose and built a 1,600-foot-long runway. In 1961, he went to work for Virgil Phinney



A young Clem Hoovler in front of the airport office.



Clem Hoovler came from Long Island to work with Virgil Phinney at the new airport.

who had opened Iroquois Aviation at an old farm in Freehold the previous year. “It was a real grassroots operation, but I had a lot of background and experience working in aviation, working for Grumman, that nobody had up here,” Hoovler said.

At the time, Phinney was working on importing Jodel airplanes from France. Phinney’s daughter, Linda Matthews of Freehold, remembers her father traveling to Spain, Germany, and France for the endeavor. She also remembered him delivering farm equipment by plane, dropping low enough over customers’ farms to supply goods.

In one funny memory, Matthews recounts how in October 1957, her father helped to search for Siam, one of a trio of elephants who wandered away from Vidbel Farm in Windham after being spooked by some horses. Phinney went up in his plane, before the days of walkie talkies, to search for Siam. When he spotted the elephant, he threw out a roll of toilet paper so that searchers on the ground would know where to look. “I went with dad to Lawyer’s in East Durham to buy the toilet paper,” she said.

Tragically, Phinney died in a plane crash in Hanover, New Jersey. “It was nine days before my fourteenth birthday,” Matthews said.

“When he perished in an airplane accident in 1963, I was left without an airport to operate,” Hoovler said. “My strip at home was too small to run a commercial airport out of.” He moved his operation to Iroquois Aviation and purchased it.

Over the next four decades, Hoovler operated several aviation-related businesses from the small airport. He continued operating his flight school, training hundreds of pilots on Cessna 150s and early Piper Cubs. He taught ground school classes in the evening and flying lessons during the daytime. The highlight of teaching was when a student did his solo flight. “I would look them in the eye and say, ‘You are ready to go,’” he said. Then the student would go up and make one circle, land, and confer with Hoovler. “Then I let them go three more times and break them in,” he said. Afterwards, he and his student would discuss what went wrong and what went right. When a pilot passed his or her solo flight, Hoovler would cut the pilot’s shirt-tail off and hang it on the wall. “It was an interesting time. I enjoyed teaching.”

From the get-go, one of Hoovler’s main sources of business was giving scenic rides. The business came mainly from the area’s 50 boarding houses. Resorts would bus customers to the airport, where Hoovler would take them up three at a time for a 15-minute ride. In the 1970s, rides cost \$7.50.

On holiday weekends, Hoovler’s son-in-law, Don Teator, remembers seeing Hoovler working from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. giving rides. In between rides, Rita would hand her husband a sandwich and a coke, and he would take off again with another few passengers.

Hoovler also bought and sold airplanes, operated an aircraft maintenance business, and restored aircraft. In the winters, he worked as a ski instructor.

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One memorable restoration was that of a Fleet Model 8 biplane that Rita bought for his birthday in 1974. It was New York State’s first airplane, purchased in 1931 and used by the Conservation Department to spot forest fires. It had been sitting in pieces in someone’s garage in Newburgh. Hoovler drove down in his truck with a trailer attached and hauled the parts back to Freehold. “It was just a bag of tubes and parts,” he said.

He spent the next year restoring it. “I was in awe watching what he was doing,” Teator said. “He had boxes and boxes of stuff. There was not a part bigger than a box.”

Hoovler flew the plane for the first time for the country’s Bicentennial celebration. Five years later, New York state wanted the plane back, recognizing its historical significance. Hoovler sold the plane to the state, disassembled it, drove it to the New York State Museum in Albany, and reassembled it right in the museum. It still hangs there today near the carousel.

MOTHER’S DAY FIRE

On Mother’s Day 2000, a severe lightning storm hit the area, knocking out power and setting the bar that had served as the airport’s operation center on fire.

Hoovler’s daughter, Debra Teator, noticed smoke coming from the direction of the airport. She and her husband, along with Matthews and Hoovler, hurried to the airport as quickly as they could. The operations building, which had once been the horse and carriage barn for the property when it was a farm, was beyond saving, but the four went into the hangar and pushed all the aircraft out, getting drenched by the torrential rainfall in the process. They managed to save all the planes, but the other building burnt to the ground. Rita had a small art gallery in the building. All the artwork was lost in the fire.

“Clem and I both stood there crying,” Matthews said.

Not long after the fire, a crew of Hoovler’s former students came to the airport, and in two days in an effort reminiscent of an old-fashioned barn-raising, they constructed a brand new building. “It was a sign of loyalty,” Teator said.

In 2002, Hoovler sold the airport to the Nutmeg Soaring Association (NSA), a glider club that formed in 1956 in Connecticut, which formed Freehold Airport, LLC to operate the airport. The club has five gliders of its own. In addition to using the large hangar already at the airport, the club built 10 new hangars, and put in showers, bathrooms, a kitchen, and a bunk room where people can spend the night.

Today, the rural airport, bordered by the Catskill Creek on the south, County Road 67 on the North, Burrough’s Creek on the east, and Story’s Nursery on the west, continues to be a training place for pilots. The NSA continues the airport’s long tradition of teaching, offering classes in flying sailplanes.

Hoovler never looked at his business as work. “I was playing all the while; I wasn’t working,” he said. “I was flying airplanes. I was doing what I love to do.”

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Cairo-Durham Spanish teacher Lori Miner (far left) mentored students Aniston Keff (2nd from left) and Xxaria Makely while they worked to earn the New York State Seal of Biliteracy. The three are pictured here with Michelle Reed, the Executive Director of Learning who helped institute the program for the district.



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Aniston Keff (left) and Xxaria Makely demonstrated their proficiency in Spanish and English by earning the New York State Seal of Biliteracy in April.

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that project would be and how to execute it was the most challenging part of earning the Seal for both Makely and Keff.

Makely chose a project based on the works of Latin American writer Jorge Luis Borges. "I had already loved Borges as an author, but with the Seal, I had an excuse to delve into his life and writing even more," Makely said. "In creating my project, I had decided to write my own Borgesian-styled story. My goal was to leave the readers questioning reality, fate, and the limits of time and space." Then she had to figure out a meaningful way to present her findings.

She decided to create a video that told her story, starring her father. "My dad likes to be a funny guy, so he didn't help the process move along fast, but it was still something I will remember forever," Makely said.

Since Keff likes to paint, Miner suggested that she find a way to incorporate painting into her project, which centered around the impact of Colombian artist Fernando Botero. "For my project, I decided to create a painting that combined our two styles and make it political in nature, because many of his latest works are political," she said.

"She did a piece on what she thought was a very important issue in our community—the opioid crisis," Miner said.

To earn the seal, on April 30, the students had to present their projects to a panel and then discuss the project with the panelists in Spanish as well as answer questions afterwards. The panel, which included modern language teachers Maria Misasi and Stefanie Molnar, assessed Keff's and Aniston's projects using a rubric.

Miner is very excited to have her first two students earn the Seal, and she wants to expand the program to more students. Keff and Makely will have the seal on their

high school diplomas and will also be recognized at graduation. "It's recognition, but it also goes beyond high school, I think that's the value of it," Reed said. "You can carry it into the workforce, into the future."

Makely plans to major in psychology with a minor in Spanish. "In our country, there is never a time when you're in a public place and someone doesn't speak another language," Makely said. "One element of psychology is communication, and being able to speak Spanish will only allow me to communicate with and help more people."

Keff plans to become an attorney with a specialty in family law. "Being proficient in a second language is helpful in so many ways," she said. "It means that I can help even more people without the struggle of a language barrier."

Miner emphasized how being multilingual is an important professional skill. "Developing that second language proficiency in Spanish is a huge boost in the workplace," she said. Past students of Miner's have gone on to study other languages. She said that once a person has figured out how to learn a language, that skill is easily transferred to learning other languages. Currently, one of her former students is learning Farsi at the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, California. "I think learning a language opens doors for students in the future and prepares them to meet the challenge—whatever it may be language-wise," she said.

Reed is glad to be able to help bring the program to Cairo-Durham. "What I really want to emphasize is that this is a first for Cairo-Durham," she said. "It's wonderful that these kids who are in kind of a small district had the opportunity to be part of a bigger world. It's just a wonderful history that we made. Xxaria and Aniston are the first two students ever in our district to have earned this."



Xxaria Makely (left) and Aniston Keff are the first two students at Cairo-Durham High School to earn the New York State Seal of Biliteracy.

Greene County celebrates 46th annual EMS Week

By Bill Williams
Courtesy of Columbia-Greene Media

CATSKILL — For more than a year, emergency medical services personnel have been answering calls and treating the sick and injured despite the high risk of coronavirus. They were honored during National EMS Week, May 16-22.

"The past 15 months have been unprecedented in the history of our agency," said Stephen Brucato, Greene County Paramedics chief of operations. "Throughout this pandemic, the paramedics of Greene County have repeatedly stepped up to serve our community. Despite the threat of a new, deadly disease, and the daily dangers."

Seven ambulance services cover Greene County from locations in Catskill, Cairo, Coxsackie, Greenville, Durham, Windham and Hunter.

Greene County Paramedics not only came to work every day, but helped to expand coverage in the county and innovate new methods of service delivery, Brucato said.

This is the 46th annual National EMS Week. In 1974, President Gerald Ford practiced EMS Week to celebrate EMS practitioners and the important work they do in our nation's communities, according to

the National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians.

"Never was the theme for EMS Week a more appropriate one: Caring for our Communities. You exemplify that with all you do, every day, to make this a safer place to live, work and visit," Brucato said.

The original National Emergency Medical Services Weeks were held in November. In 1992 EMS Week was moved to the third week in May. The move was made to separate EMS Week from Fire Prevention Week, which is held in October.

Since March of 2020, Greene County Paramedics have added a fifth, full-time paramedic vehicle in Prattsville, opened a new station in Hunter, reduced mountaintop response times by four minutes, implemented a telemedicine program to bring a physician directly into the home, implemented a Community Paramedicine Program to help deliver vaccines to homebound residents and community-based vaccine PODs and hired 10 new paramedics, Brucato said.

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Town Meeting Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Greenville was held on Monday, May 17, 2021, at 7:00 pm in person at Pioneer Town Hall. Availability via an audio teleconference continued for any who wished to observe in that manner. Full audio file and uncorrected text transcription are available upon request, as well as all supporting documents referenced in these minutes.

Present: Supervisor Paul Macko
Councilman Richard Bear
Councilman John Bensen
Councilman Joel Rauf
Councilman Travis Richards

Recording Secretary: Clerk-Collector Jackie Park
Attorney: Tal Rappleyea via telephone
Department Heads: Highway Superintendent Mike Dudley
Maintenance Supervisor Renee Hamilton
Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer Mark Overbaugh
Water Superintendent P. Leroy Bear
Planning Board Chair and Historian Don Teator via telephone

Other: Greene County District #4 Legislator Greg Davis and 10 guests. (3 people were identified as present via the audio conference call.)

Supervisor Macko opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Presenters from KathodeRay Media, Ms. Marlene McTigue & Mr. Mark Gustavson, were available to answer any questions the Board had regarding the proposal first discussed at last month's meeting. The one-time cost presented to update the Town of Greenville website, bring it into compliance with ADA standards, and make it responsive across all platforms (i.e. phone, computer, smart TV etc.) is \$9,500, plus an annual hosting fee of \$479 per year. Additional web support as needed would be offered at a decreased rate of \$100/hour. It was agreed that competitive bids would be reviewed and grants would be looked into.

Mr. Rauf moved, seconded by Mr. Bensen, to once again table this decision until our meeting on June 7th.

Carried 5 ayes
Mr. Bear moved, seconded by Mr. Rauf, to allow Grant Administrator Nicole Ambrosio to search for any available grants to aid in this website development process.

Carried 5 ayes
Mr. Bensen moved, seconded by Mr. Rauf, to also allow Grant Administrator Nicole Ambrosio to search for broadband grants.

Carried 5 ayes
Mr. Rauf moved to accept the Clerk's minutes of April 19, 2021, seconded by Mr. Bensen.

Carried 5 ayes
Monthly department reports:
Greenville Rescue Squad ~ Chief of Operations Matthew Marlow provided a written report.

Highway Department ~ Superintendent Dudley provided an oral & written report; no motions made. CHIPS money is coming in 30% higher this year, and he expects that will be the new norm. Our new plow truck should be here by Memorial Day.

Building and Grounds ~ Maintenance

Supervisor Hamilton provided an oral and written report; no motions made. Continued discussion occurred on the repeated vandalism and graffiti at our parks and properties. Police reports were recently filed.

Code Enforcement ~ Oral and written reports received from CEO Mark Overbaugh; no motions made. Noted there are a few people still hooking up to the town sewer line; also that construction is ongoing despite the increased cost of building supplies.

Sewer ~ Supervisor Macko noted the plant was meeting its obligations; no motions made.

Water ~ An oral report was offered by Water Superintendent Bear along with written logs; no motions made.

Recycling ~ Supervisor Macko relayed the plant was back to a Monday, Wednesday, Saturday schedule from 8 am – 2 pm; no motions made.

Assessing ~ no report received from this department nor has Mr. Bennett logged on to the call this evening.

Planning Board ~ Planning Board Chair Donald Teator provided an oral & written report; no motions made.

Dog Control ~ no report received from DCO Case nor has he logged on to the call this evening. Supervisor Macko relayed the Ag and Markets Annual Inspection was done and found to be satisfactory. Beautification Committee ~ Supervisor Macko stated the ducks will be out soon!

Clerk/Tax ~ Written reports provided by Clerk-Collector Park.

Greene County Legislature ~ Legislator Greg Davis provided an oral report. The County is working on broadband service; a survey will be coming out next month. A new plan is being developed for the County's solid waste and recycling program; a compost site is planned. The new jail is expected to be fully open as of July 1st. A \$2,000 Wayne Speenburgh grant has been awarded to the Greenville Fire District for new laptops. Also discussed a bill in the NYS Senate and Assembly called the Climate and Community Investment Act, which he says will heavily tax heating oil and fuel (it will increase the tax on gasoline per gallon by another 55 cents), which will in turn lead to a higher cost of food and many other products. Senator Hinchey is a co-sponsor of this bill and he urged people to call her to discuss it.

New business discussed at 7:50 pm:
~ Supervisor Macko reported the Memorial Day Parade will occur on Monday, May 31st, and a yard-sale weekend will occur on June 11th – 13th. Maps will be available all around town on June 7th.

~ Supervisor Macko reported an insurance quote had been received for the skateboard park. An additional premium of \$90.20 would be required to include coverage of the skate park, bringing the annual cost to \$279.40.

Mr. Richards moved, seconded by Mr. Bear, to purchase this insurance effective immediately.

Carried 5 ayes
~ Supervisor Macko addressed the need to put the 2021 paving season bids out.

Mr. Bear moved to bid for 3,650 U.S. tons of blacktop in place for the 2021 paving

season, seconded by Mr. Rauf, to be opened at a special board meeting on June 7, 2021, at 6:00 pm; also to vote upon the KathodeRay website proposal at that time.

Carried 5 ayes
~ Supervisor Macko readdressed the desire to hire a mechanic at the highway garage.

Mr. Bensen moved, seconded by Mr. Bear, to advertise for this position in the Daily Mail.

Carried 5 ayes
~ Supervisor Macko would like to surplus the Town's Oshkosh equipment to the Greene County Highway Department and to Harry Albright as we no longer use Oshkosh snowplows.

Mr. Bensen moved, seconded by Mr. Bear, to surplus this excess equipment.

Carried 5 ayes
~ It was brought to Supervisor Macko's attention that the previously awarded roofing repair bid by Titan Roofing did not include removal of the old roof. Attorney Rappleyea notified Titan that their bid was therefore rejected. Supervisor Macko recommends we award the job to Superior Roofing, another of the previously received bids, for \$2,200 more.

Mr. Richards moved, seconded by Mr. Bensen, to rescind the motion to award to Titan Roofing, and now accept the bid made by Superior Roofing.

Carried 5 ayes
~ A resolution was received to put the water and sewer project out to bid.

Mr. Bensen moved, seconded by Mr. Rauf, to approve this resolution and put the project out to bid, to be opened on Wednesday, June 8, 2021 at 2:00 pm. Resolution attached.

Roll call requested;
Supervisor Macko aye
Councilman Bear aye
Councilman Bensen aye
Councilman Rauf aye
Councilman Richards aye;

Carried 5 ayes
*please note an error on the resolution was discovered after the meeting: that June 8, 2021 is a Tuesday. This was clarified with Delaware Engineering and the Town Board. The opening of the bids will occur on TUESDAY, June 8th at 2:00 pm. It will be noticed as such and the motion formally changed at the special meeting on June 7, 2021.

~ Hillcrest Road resident Joan McKeon discussed ongoing concerns she had relating to the dangers of wood smoke. Lengthy discussion followed; it was determined the best course of action for her would be to present her concerns to the NYSDEC, to hire an attorney, or to discuss her concerns with her neighbors directly and ask they add height to the stack. There is nothing the Town can do to resolve her issues with these preexisting wood burning appliances surrounding her property.

At 8:32 pm, this meeting was opened for public comments or questions:

Maintenance Supervisor Hamilton relayed the need for volunteers at Vanderbilt Park this coming Saturday for their clean-up day.

Councilman Richards noted the skateboard park will open on May 29th, and a

work day was scheduled for Friday May 28th.

Councilman Richards also addressed his concerns with the new cannabis laws and noted that any place where cigarette smoking is allowable will also allow for the use of cannabis. He wants to declare all town-owned property as smoke free. Supervisor Macko will reach out to the Rip Van Winkle Tobacco-Free Action of Columbia and Greene Counties for their assistance; this issue will be back on the agenda at the June meeting.

Continuing on with that topic, Supervisor Macko wants to establish a committee of 2 members of the Planning Board, ZBA, and Town Board to consider if a Dispensary should be allowed in Greenville. He anticipates revenues at the town level, if allowed, to equal \$30-40,000. Legislator Davis offered a "cold, hard fact, that all states that have legalized marijuana have increases in impaired drivers and of deaths on their highways". No motions made at this time.

Councilman Rauf said he wanted an immediate resolution to not allow smoking ~ Supervisor Macko stated he would put it on the agenda for June.

After audit of the monthly bills;
Mr. Rauf moved, seconded by Mr. Bensen, to pay the following bills:

Bills 169 – 206 on General abstract #5 for \$28,993.67
Bills 68 – 83 on Highway abstract #5 for \$10,896.12
Bills 44 – 53 on Sewer abstract #5 for \$49,816.68
Bills 46 – 56 on Water abstract #5 for \$49,222.37
Bill 1 on Locust Cemetery abstract #1 for \$120.00
Bills 1 – 3 on Red Mill Solar abstract #1 for \$3,837.50

Carried 5 ayes
After prior review, Mr. Bensen made a motion to accept the Supervisor's report for April, seconded by Mr. Rauf.

Carried 5 ayes
Maintenance Supervisor Hamilton requested a motion to approve a \$19.00 per month expenditure for video surveillance and Wi-Fi through a secure line, thru Ring. Discussion followed and the Board requested she investigate if paying a year at a time would bring a discount; for follow up in June.

Mr. Rauf moved to enter executive session at 8:44 pm, seconded by Mr. Richards, to discuss the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person/corp, or matters leading to said dismissal, removal, promotion, appointment, employment, discipline, demotion, or suspension. Legislator Greg Davis was invited to participate.

Carried 5 ayes
They returned to regular session at 9:08 pm; no motions were made in executive session.

There being no further business, Mr. Bear moved to adjourn at 9:10 pm, seconded by Mr. Rauf.

Carried 5 ayes

WHITTLING AWAY by Dick Brooks

Springtime brings new furry friends

There are signs that spring is really here. The flocks of birds have changed from sparrows and chickadees to goldfinches and red winged blackbirds.



February is Takeout Month in Greene County!

Tired of doing the dishes? Don't! Order takeout from one of Greene County's participating restaurants and eateries during Takeout Month this February.

Find a list of participating restaurants at www.greatnortherncatskills.com/takeout-month-catskills



The winter sleepers are up and about as evidenced by the fresh roadkill. Opossums and skunks now join the suicide squads of squirrels, increasing the highway carnage.

The flattened skunks sadden me. I like skunks. It may be because they remind me of the fifth graders that I taught for so many years. They're curious, absolutely fearless and cute in a smelly sort of way. Being a Disney sort of guy, whenever I come across one, an image of Flower, the cute little skunk in Bambi comes to mind and brings forth an automatic "Ah-hhh." Most of my encounters with the furry little scent buckets have been pleasant. One did kill a batch of baby chicks I was attached to long years ago back in my distant childhood. I forgave him shortly after I shot him. The only other encounter that could have gotten me into trouble occurred a couple of years ago.

There was a thaw that occurred in January. Skunks aren't deep sleepers and during a warm spell will often awake and wander around looking for a snack. I was doing some cooking in the kitchen and looked out the window to see a cute black and

white critter ambling down the walk leading to our back door. He branched off onto the path leading through the snow to the birdfeeders. He stood there blinking and eating sunflower seeds.

I had some chicken skin that I had just stripped off the bird I had placed in the soup pot and thought that he might enjoy it. I went out the back door and said "Hi." He wasn't alarmed at all, still being half asleep. I moved slowly forward and put the skins down where he could see them and stepped back. He enjoyed them and we had a nice conversation then both went on our separate ways. The next day was also warm and my new friend appeared again, only this time he skipped the bird feeder and waddled up to the back door.

I gathered up some leftover chicken, went to the door, talked to him a bit then cautiously open the door and put his snack down. He enjoyed it as he had the day before, we chatted and he departed. The next day (also warm) saw me running around on errands so I returned home just before dark.

My Queen met me at the door with big eyes and told me about her wild life adventure. It seems

that when she came home from work, there was a skunk sitting on the back step in front of the door. She yelled at it, thinking to scare it away, it didn't move. She went to the car and blew the horn, it didn't move. She finally had to walk through knee-deep snow to the front door and pry it open to gain the safety of the house. The only reason she could come up with for this unorthodox behavior was rabies. She wanted to call in an air strike or at the very least a SWAT team of conservation department agents. I calmed her, pointed out that the wild, foaming at the mouth beastly was gone and that I was there to protect her.

I never told her about my potential pet, I haven't lived to be this old by being stupid.

Thought for the week — One of the great mysteries in life is how that idiot who married your daughter can be the father of the smartest grandchildren in the world.

Until next week, may you and yours be happy and well.

Reach Dick Brooks at Whittle12124@yahoo.com.





OUTDOORS

To have and have not

By Larry DiDonato
For The Greenville Pioneer

In last week's column I discussed what was sent to me as an "Urgent Call to Action" to get sportsmen and women to contact their assembly member to urge them to vote against a harmful bill under the guise of protecting the environment. Specifically, to vote against A05728, a bill which would ban the use of ammunition containing lead on state-owned land and on land contributing surface water to the NYC water supply.

Given the expense and scarcity of this type of ammunition, it would effectively ban hunting on state land, NYC DEP land, and other many other properties.

It's critical we all follow up and contact our assembly member and state senator to stop this anti-hunting bill from being passed.

The bill is up for its third reading after which it can go to the assembly floor for an up or down vote. If passed it goes to the NYS Senate for consideration.

So, as soon as you're done contacting your assembly member, think about urging your state senator not to support the anti-hunting senate companion bill S05058. Just in case it makes its way to the senate.

In the 2020 election, several NYS Assembly and Senate seats in the Hudson Valley were won by just a few hundred or less votes. Whether you are a democrat, independent, or republican, your state senator needs to hear from you. They work for you even though the system seems to be favoring the elite at the expense of the little guy.

Whether it's a gun grabbing bill that

requires gun owners to buy automobile style liability insurance for firearms, or restricting access to YOUR state lands, it seems those without substantial means are always getting the short end of it.

How so? If you own 500 acres, belong to an expensive, well-funded landowning hunting club that may have purchased leases to various tracks of land for hunting, rules that restrict or ban activity on state land won't affect you much.

On the other hand, if you are of more modest means and rent or own a home on a lot with a little acreage, or live in an apartment, the only opportunity open to you to freely hunt or target shoot is state or other public land.

Some types of state land like Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs), were created specifically by your tax dollars for that purpose; to give the public access to state lands managed specifically for hunting and trapping.

Now while DEC is by its nature pro-hunting, we need them to step up and show it by spending some political capital to defeat bills like A05728 and S05058 that effectively ban hunting on state land.

Currently DEC has proposed to change regulations governing WMAs to,

"Prohibit the discharge of firearms other than for hunting or trapping, except when using paper targets at areas clearly posted as open to target shooting and with suitable backstops. In addition, the proposed regulations prohibit breakable targets, such as clay pigeons, and paintballs and paintball guns."

While it's understandable DEC wishes to prevent litter and promote safety, especially in trouble spots on WMAs across the state, we must make sure they support

target shooting on WMAs and other state land.

One way DEC can accomplish that is to include in the proposed changes to WMA rules, a plan to create and fund unmanned shooting ranges on WMAs. This is not a new idea but one that needs to be acted upon and sufficiently funded if restrictions, no matter how beneficial, are placed within the current regulatory scheme.

Where else can a non-landowner not affiliated with a club sight in or practice shooting if not on a WMA target shooting area?

If there's a litter problem on a WMA, send the ECOs to write tickets. That's one of many things you pay them to do.

The elite, the wealthy, and the powerful have all sorts of means to lobby government to provide them with what they want. Not so for the little guy. It's time to keep your government officials accountable by telling them directly how you feel about bills to ban hunting, restrict access to YOUR hunting lands, or price out of existence your hobby of hunting, target shooting or just owning a firearm to simply defend hearth and home.

Happy Hunting, Fishing, and Trapping until next time.

News and Notes

On the Disparity Above and Below the G.W. Bridge: Recently, a reader wrote to huntfishreport@gmail.com; "I understand why the 18 to 28 in. limit on striped bass north of the G.W. bridge but I can't wrap my head around the 35 in. rule south of G.W. Granted if a 35 in. fish is taken north she may have eggs, but if she is taken south of the G.W. she will never lay another egg. So why doesn't NY just take

a lesson from Texas and issue 1 or 2 tags per person/per season for fish 30 in. and up? Or some slot limit for one trophy fish. I think most sportsmen would be willing to pay a reasonable fee for the tags as long as the money went back into striped bass research."

Looks like a sound plan to me.

*Urgent Calls Needed NOW for NY A5728 and S2708 Ammo Ban Bills

The lead-free ammo ban bill, A5728, is on the Assembly's calendar 321 schedule for its third reading. After a bill is read for the third time, it will be voted on the assembly floor.

According to the NYS Conservation Council (NYSCC),

"These bills would prohibit the use of lead ammunition in the taking of wildlife on state-owned land and on land contributing surface water to the NYC water supply."

That's a huge swath of the state. NY-SCC and like-minded rank and file sportsmen view this action as an attack on hunting in NYS.

"...it will be seen as a victory for those that would like to ban hunting."

Let's contact ALL NYS Assembly members to let them know our stance on this critical, time-sensitive issue.

You can find your assembly member by going to: <https://www.nyassembly.gov/mem/search/>

Remember to report poaching violations by calling 1-844-DEC-ECOS.

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Social Security Matters

My Social Security Card Is Incorrect – What Should I Do?

By Russell Gloor
For Capital Region Independent Media

Dear Rusty: My sister and I have the same first and last names but are distinguished by our “middle” names. Our last name consists of two family names, which gives us both four, with only our middle names unique. We received two Social Security cards with the same name (middle name excluded), each with a unique number, but with our last name misspelled. So, my questions are:

- Which card is mine, and which is my sisters?
- Is it okay that our last name is misspelled?

I called Social Security and was told to make an appointment online, which I tried but could not because it wouldn't accept my last name. I don't know what to do now and hope you can advise me.

Signed: Confused Sister

Dear Confused Sister: You haven't shared your age, but unless you're ready to apply for Social Security, you and your sister have time to correct your last name in your Social Security records. In any case, your Social Security Number is what is used to record your earnings for the purpose of future SS benefits, so you

aren't losing anything where your earnings credits are concerned. You should, however, get your correct last name reflected in your Social Security records to be sure that your future benefits will be properly paid.

For Social Security purposes, only first names and last names (surnames) are considered your legal name. You can include a middle name if it will help distinguish you from another, but your legal name for Social Security purposes will be your first and last name only. Thus, you should correct your Social Security profile to reflect your correct first and last name and include your unique middle name for personal purposes to distinguish you from your sister. For additional awareness, SS last names are limited to 13 characters. Also, it's not uncommon for many people to share the same first and last name (e.g., John Smith) in Social Security's records – it's the SS number associated with that name that counts.

Other factors might apply too, such as whether the SS cards and numbers you and your sister now have are new, or if either or both of you have been using those SS numbers for past employment purposes. In any case, those numbers

have been assigned to you, so getting your profile to reflect your correct last name is important. It's also important that each of you separately use only one SS card/number (you use one; your sister the other).

To correct your name with Social Security, you should fill out and submit form SSA-5, which you can download/print at this link: <https://www.ssa.gov/forms/ss-5.pdf>. Note that the form is used to apply for a new card, get a replacement card, or to change information for an existing SS number. The form includes complete instructions on how to fill it out, and you can submit it via the US Post Office to your local Social Security office, the mailing address for which you can find at www.ssa.gov/locator. Take note of the form's instructions for including additional documentation for identification purposes. I suggest that you and your sister both do this separately, each of you taking ownership of one of the SS numbers. When Social Security processes your name change, they will schedule an appointment to discuss any remaining questions they may have. They will notify you via U.S. mail of the date/time of the appointment and the next steps to be taken.

Since all Social Security offices are temporarily closed to public access due to the pandemic, you can do this transaction entirely over the phone if you wish, but you will need to first call for an appointment. If you choose the phone method over submitting form SSA-5, you should call 1.800.772.1213 and request an appointment to correct your name on Social Security's records. They will send you an appointment notice, at which you will be able to initiate the name change process (you'll still need to provide them with identification documents via the US mail).

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Row Seats, 12,378 Miles.

\$35,995



STK# U10956PT

2019 MITSUBISHI OUTLANDER

4x4 SPORT 2.0 SP AWC
SUV, SATT Radio, Rear
Spoiler, 4 Cyl Gas Saver,
Heated Mirrors, Cruise
Control, 33,112 Miles.

\$18,995



STK#U10890T

2018 FORD F-150 XLT 4X4 SUPER CAB



STK# U10895T

2.7L V6, Auto., Eco Boost,
XLT Chrome Appear.
Pkg., Hitch, 20 Wheels, 36
Gal. Fuel Tank, XLT Power
Equip. Pkg., 36,193 Miles.

\$37,900

2017 CHEVROLET SILVERADO 1500 LT

5.3L V8 , Auto., Full
Power, Navigation, Blue-
tooth, EZ Lift Tailgate,
Leather Heated Seats,
22,275 Miles.

\$38,986



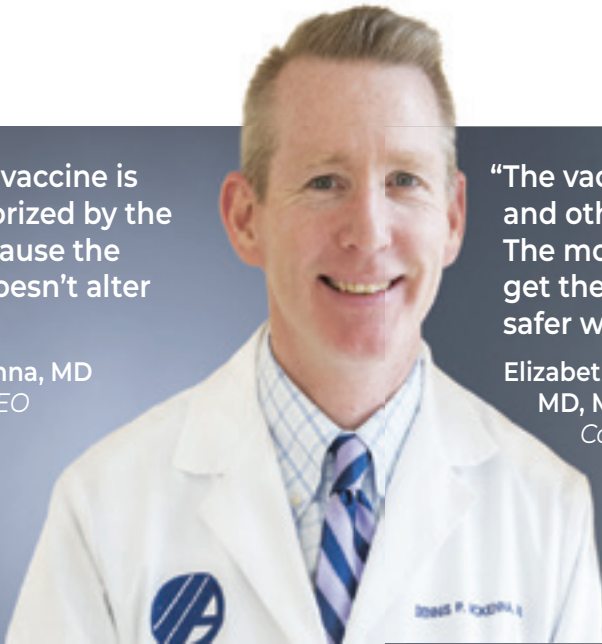
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DON'T HESITATE. VACCINATE.

Together we can end the pandemic.

"The COVID-19 vaccine is safe. It's authorized by the FDA. It can't cause the virus, and it doesn't alter your DNA."

Dennis P. McKenna, MD
President and CEO
Albany Med



"The vaccine protects you and others from COVID-19. The more people who get the vaccine, the safer we all are."

Elizabeth F. Whalen, MD, MPH
Commissioner
Albany County
Department of Health



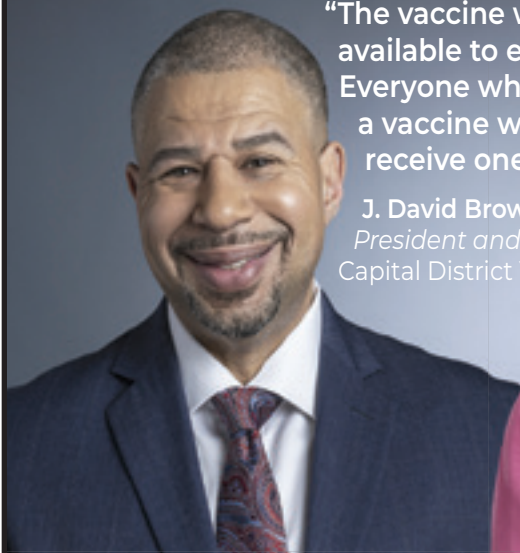
"The vaccine is free; it doesn't cost anything. Please, don't hesitate, vaccinate."

Brenda Robinson, DNP, MSN, RN
CEO and Founder
Black Nurses Coalition



"The vaccine will be available to everyone. Everyone who wants a vaccine will receive one."

J. David Brown
President and CEO
Capital District YMCA



"No one will be left behind. Please, let's join together and do it right."

Ruth Mahoney
Market President and Regional Retail Leader
KeyBank



"We can recover from the pandemic if everyone is vaccinated."

Bill Hart
Vice President of U.S. Business Operations
Irving Tissue



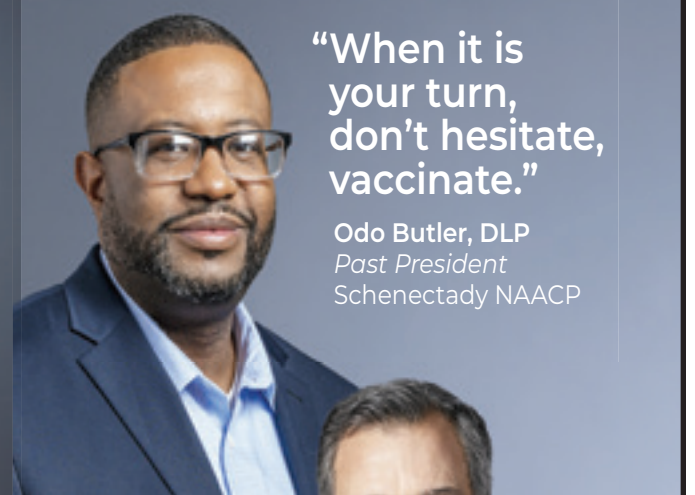
"Until enough people are vaccinated, please continue social distancing, wearing your mask and washing your hands."

John D. Bennett, MD
President and CEO
CDPHP



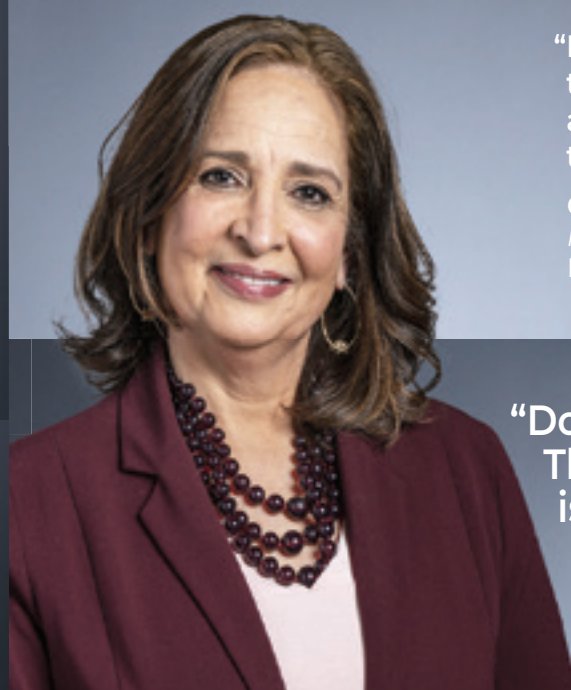
"When it is your turn, don't hesitate, vaccinate."

Odo Butler, DLP
Past President
Schenectady NAACP



"I encourage everyone to get the vaccine so we can feel safe again and start living our lives to the fullest."

Christopher Del Vecchio, RPH
President and CEO
MVP Health Care



"Don't be afraid. The vaccine is safe. I had it."

Micky Jimenez
Regional Director
Capital District Latinos



"Let's end the pandemic so we can once again open our arms to family and friends."

Ronald Pope, DO
Vice President of Medical Services
Columbia Memorial Health



Capital Region
VACCINE NETWORK

Albany County
Columbia County
Greene County
Rensselaer County
Saratoga County
Schenectady County
Warren County
Washington County

Visit CapitalRegionVax.org to find out when and where you can get your free vaccination.

The Capital Region is pulling together to encourage everyone to receive the vaccine. Thank you especially to the following for underwriting a vaccine awareness campaign. They exemplify the region at its very best.

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