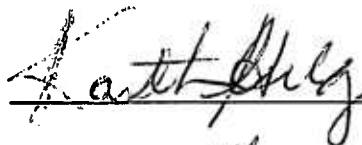


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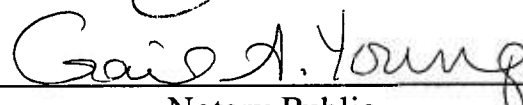
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By Carolyn Godfrey

Among the members of the Hamilton Fire Department who responded to a call in mid-November were, left to right, Colgate students Ian Elliott, Ryan Harbison, Alex Weinberg and Jack Hale. The fully certified students responded with firefighter Wally Chase and Lieutenant Jason Murray to the Utica Street electrical fire.

HAMILTON

Students add extra support for area fire department

Working together

By Carolyn Godfrey
The Mid-York Weekly

For a special group of Colgate University students, college life is more than books, classes, or athletic events. Each time their pager sounds, the students drop whatever they're doing and make their way to the Hamilton Fire Department to respond with the other members of the team to wherever the dispatcher sends them.

"Manpower is a serious problem for volunteer fire departments everywhere but we've found the ideal solution," said Chief Ross Hoham.

Most of the students are recruited during their first year through the University's COVE (the Center for Outreach, Volunteerism, and Education) and by the time they're upperclassmen many are fully certified firefighters, Hoham explained.

"It's some tough stuff they have to learn," he stated. "It's approximately 100 hours of training including practical and written testing. It's very similar to an EMT training."

Hoham added that the day-time availability is also an important aspect and the youthfulness "doesn't hurt either. They're well motivated and eager to do the dangerous and hard tasks, including life saving."

Colgate students Lou Aliperti, Jack Hale and Nick Lybrand agreed that being a part of the department has been an important part of their life in Hamilton.

"The interaction between students and locals working to make the community a better place helps students become members of the community and not just outsiders looking in," said Aliperti.

"I believe that we have a very special department, combining a core of highly skilled and experienced local members with a group of enthusiastic and hard-working student members," Hale added.

Hale and Aliperti were part of the team that responded to Lake Moraine last October after reports of an overturned boat and victims in the water. On arrival they learned that one victim had been in the water for a great amount of time and couldn't swim. Hale and Aliperti, along with Bill Basher, swam out to the boat and worked together to bring the boater to shore where he was given over to SOMAC for transport to the hospital.

"I was entrusted to take the lead as the initial rescuer. . . I secured him with a life ring, after which two additional firefighters swam out to assist and we pulled him to shore," said Hale

"The feeling of accomplishment was incredible," said Aliperti. "I think it was shared by every member of our crew."

Lybrand, who joined the department after doing community service for his Eagle Scout project, summed up the experience.

"Though I was not one of the firefighters that made it into the water for the water rescue, being a part of a team that trains for emergencies and puts the training into action to help someone in need is what drew me to the fire department and to this unique form of community service and makes the countless hours of training worthwhile."

Hoham added that many of the students stay in the community year-round, helping the department maintain its speedy response time, and many stay in volunteer service after graduation. Two student-members of the department, Ryan Harbison and Mike Lynch, were also featured in an article about the program which appeared in the August 2006 issue of *Better Homes and Gardens*, giving the entire department a little extra boost, he said.

"It's a fantastic arrangement. Without the student involvement and the cooperation from the University, we couldn't do all we do," Hoham concluded.

The 2007 season opens at EOH Gallery

Artists Daniel Petrov and Lisa Gregg Wightman kick off the 2007 season for the Earlville Opera House Art Galleries. Both exhibits will run from January 13 through February 24. An opening reception will take place for both exhibits from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, January 13. The public is encouraged to attend and refreshments will be served.

Daniel's solo exhibition in the East Gallery of the Earlville Opera House is entitled "A Collection of Dreamers." On display are over twenty of his typical energy-laden and provocative portraits of the last three years. Comprising this eclectic and compelling group are a Chinese Shaolin kung fu master, a struggling Turkish actor, a German avant-garde singer, and an aspiring Japanese children's book illustrator. The obvious commonality between these individuals is that they all pursue the arts in one form or another. To view his online portfolio, log on to www.danielpetrov.com.

Lisa will exhibit "Stones and Threads" in the West Gallery of the Earlville Opera House. The exhibition consists of pieces made from various materials and mixed media collage.

She lives in Rome, NY with her husband, Bruce, and her son, Russell. Munson Williams Proctor Arts Institute has employed Lisa for the past 21 years as a Professor of Art. She teaches primarily print-making, but also paper-making, book arts, and drawing.

Earlville Opera House events are made possible, in part, with public funds from the New York State Council on the Arts, a State Agency, and through the generosity of Earlville Opera House members.

Events calendar

Send your coming events by 9 a.m. Monday, the week of your preferred publication date. Publication is on a space-available basis.
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Story Hours: Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m., Hamilton Public Library; Thursdays, 10 a.m., Earlville Free Library; Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m., Morrisville Library; Tuesdays, 11 a.m., New Woodstock Free Library.

Needlers Club: Tuesdays, 10 a.m., Morrisville Public Library Program Room.

Stockbridge Youth Sports Meetings: 2nd Thursday of the month, 7 p.m., Carlon Field, Munnsville. Open to all. For info., call Gwen Isbell at 495-2028.

Fri., Jan. 12

Puzzle Night, Morrisville Public Library, 6:30 p.m.
My Fair Lady, Madison Central School, 7 p.m. Note change in time.

Sat., Jan. 13

Rogers Environmental Education Center, presents "Skins, Skulls and Scat," Rt. 80 W., Sherburne, 11 a.m. For info., call 607-674-4017.

GameBoy Club, Morrisville Public Library, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Artists' Reception, special guests - artists Daniel Petrov and Lisa Gregg Wightman, Earlville Opera House Galleries, 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Dance, music by Good Ole Boy - Bob Durant, Madison Historical Museum, South St., Madison, 8 p.m. to midnight.

Tues., Jan. 16

Kiddies Korner, this week's topic - Snow People, Morrisville Public Library, 10:30 a.m.

Story Hour, this week's topic - Winter Snowman, New Woodstock Free Library, 11 a.m. to noon.

Wed., Jan. 17

Visit the Dairy Princess, Morrisville Public Library, 6:30 p.m.

Open auditions scheduled

The Morrisville State College Friars Club will hold open auditions for its upcoming presentation of *Little Shop of Horrors* from 7 to 10 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 23 and 24 in the college's Little Theater in the student

activities building. Callbacks are scheduled for 7 to 10 p.m. on January 25.

Performance dates are set for March 30 and 31 and April 1, 5, 6 and 7.

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Henry von Mechow, instructor of social dancing at Colgate University, will

teach an eight-week course from 7 to 9 p.m. on Thursday evenings at Hamilton Central School. Classes begin on February 1 and continue to April 5.

For more information, contact Madison-Oneida BOCES at 361-5800 or 1-888-593-6238.

HAMILTON CENTRAL SCHOOL

Davies wins HCS Spelling Bee



Jeanne Rose

Pictured with Mr. Steve Winschel, Elementary School Principal, are the Hamilton Central School grade-level winners in the Post-Standard/WCNY spelling bee. Front row (left to right) are: Sebastian Pendleton-Witherspoon, Hunter Peterson, Caitlin Purdy, Talon Schumacher, Marilyn Manino, Marie-Clair Noens.

Back row: Brandon Thomas, Noah Fry, Danny Jacobs, Sarah Foster, Gwynnie Davies, Corilynn Coye, Kate King



Mr. Winschel congratulates winner Gwyneth Davies

Live reptiles

"Live Reptiles Near Your Fingertips" will be provided by Bill Woodruff at the Nature Club of Central New York's meeting at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 14.

Woodruff will bring pythons, boa constrictors, corn, gopher and green rat snakes, as well as a 35-pound tortoise, several different uncommon iguanas, water turtles, collared lizards and a baby alligator.

He will discuss environment, habitat, food, longevity plus the issues of endangerment and suitability as pets. The owner of Wood Creek Reptiles in Holland Patent, Woodruff plans to open a reptile zoo there in the near future.

The program is free, open to the public and wheelchair accessible at the Gethsemane Episcopal Church, 320 Park St., Sherrill. For more information about the meeting call 853-3873 or visit www.natureclubofcny.com.

HCS student to compete in Syracuse

Submitted by Jeanne Rose

Hamilton Central School students in grades 3 to 8 recently participated in the Post-Standard/WCNY spelling bee. First there is a

written round of 30 words where the top 5 students in each classroom go on to an oral round. Then the top 2 from each grade go on to the final oral spell-down.

The grade level winners are:

Hunter Peterson and Caitlin Purdy, third grade; Marilyn Manino and Talon Schumacher, fourth grade; Sebastian Pendleton-Witherspoon, Marie-Clair Noens, and Sarah Foster, fifth

grade; Noah Fry and Brandon Thomas, sixth grade; Gwyneth Davies and Kate King, seventh grade; and Danny Jacobs and Corilynn Coye, eighth grade.

Gwynnie Davies, the

daughter of Melissa and Morgan Davies of Hamilton, was the winner of the spell-down and will go on to represent Hamilton at the Syracuse Spelling Bee on February 3.

At the Hub Resolution becomes a mission

By John Hubbard

There is a temptation to make too much of my 2006 New Year's resolution if only because keeping that pledge has occupied my thinking every day for the past 365.

On January 1 of last year, while heading into town, I saw a hawk perched in a barren tree, gray against a grayer sky, and as I photographed the bird I resolved to produce a picture a day for all of the coming year.

I didn't know on that first morning if the goal was attainable or what it would entail and I was certainly unaware of the significance hawks hold for Native Americans but I have seen the project through. Maybe there is something to the fact that Indians consider these birds of prey visionaries of the sky, sacred creatures they feel awaken man's vision and inspire a creative life purpose: I know I have looked carefully and been determined.

The resulting photographic record, with its 365 entries, amounts to a visual diary of people met, flowers inhaled, moments preserved and tenacity rewarded. Is it art or journalism or a chronicle? Inconsistently, a bit of all three but mostly, the photographs, taken in total, illustrate the sheer joy of doing, the outcome being less important than the input.

Who knows the expiration date on resolutions but it is safe to say no past personal commitments have come close to lasting so long or meaning so much.

Three hundred sixty five times is a lot to do anything and while the project never became a burden, it did occupy my thoughts and lent a framework to each day. There was a sense of relief when I took a picture that seemed to have possibilities and actual pressure when nothing was clicking. Some days I took hundreds of pictures, others as few as 10 but whatever the "take," shooting was only part

of it. Editing quickly emerged as a critical component and once on the computer screen, a day's leading candidate could be eliminated while an image that I hadn't thought much off when the shutter was released might end up as the final pick.

No surprise to me, the overwhelming majority of photos are portraits: family, friends, kids and greybeards are all represented. When I first picked up a camera 40 years ago it was with the intent of taking pictures of people and ever since, emboldened by the little black box, I have stopped folks and asked permission to point a lens at them.

On the best of occasions, these favorite subjects give up something of themselves. A good portrait is revealing and it also allows us to stare, to traverse the topography of face, translate body language and contemplate adornment and environment. Mostly, I just think it's fun to have an excuse to strike up a conversation with a character.

Also included are about 30 photographs of birds and animals, robins braving March snow, snow geese flushed from a cornfield, a family of deer alert but not deeply suspicious in the tall grass of summer. Another 30 images feature flowers and wider landscapes. Central New York is my home and I am drawn to it, both its details and vistas.

There are two dozen action shots singled out. As much as I enjoy the close encounters that result in a conscience portrait, there is an exhilaration in covering athletes, who in their concentration, are totally unaware of the camera. Soccer, lacrosse, football, even annual pond hop drag races at Albee's Farm all yielded pictures of the day.

The balance of the PODs fit best into the loosest category, "other," the marginalia and serendipitous that underscore a photographer's most powerful tool, dumb luck. The guy in the t-shirt reading "SOBER"

who was carrying 60 cans of beer, roasting chickens at Rogers Market, a gas pump reading \$70.41, the faces of life size figures that long ago graced Hamilton's nativity scene, a couple of "Stop NYRI" displays.

What's to become of the pictures from everyday in 2006 is an open question (and one rarely contemplated during the year). They may be found at radiofreehamilton.com soon but really it just feels good to have accomplished a goal that passed as a resolution and became a mission.

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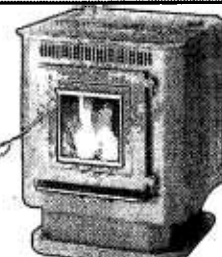
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New York State Electric & Gas Corporation (NYSEG) has filed tariff revisions with the New York State Public Service Commission (PSC) in compliance with the PSC's August 23, 2006 rate order regarding electricity rates to become effective January 1, 2007. The tariff revisions reflect a \$36.2 million reduction in delivery revenue (a 5.8% overall reduction in delivery rates), further unbundling of competitive services and changes to NYSEG's economic development programs.

Below is a summary of the changes to NYSEG's tariff schedules; affected by the revisions are PSC Nos. 119 and 120 (Electricity), and 121 (Street Lighting). Full details of the tariff changes are available at nyseg.com.

Tariff Revisions to Delivery Prices

Reduction in Residential Rates > An overall 5.7% reduction in electricity delivery rates for residential customers is achieved through a decrease in per kilowatt-hour (kwh) delivery charges, an increase of \$2 in the Basic Service Charge for Service Classification 1 (residential regular) and 8 (residential day/night), and a decrease of \$5 in the Basic Service Charge for Service Classification 12 (residential time-of-use).

Reduction in Small Non-demand, Non-Residential Rates > An overall 6.4% reduction in electricity delivery rates for small non-demand billed, nonresidential customers is achieved through a decrease in per kwh delivery charges and an increase of \$2 in the Basic Service Charge for Service Classification Nos. 6 and 9.

Reduction in Other Non-Residential Rates > An overall 6.5% reduction in electricity delivery rates for demand-billed, nonresidential customers.

Standby Rates > An overall 5.8% reduction in electricity delivery rates for customers with interconnected on-site generation qualifying for standby service.

Reduction in Street Lighting and Outdoor Lighting > An overall 3.4% reduction in delivery rates for all lighting customers.

Further Unbundling of Competitive Services > The cost of bill issuance has been unbundled from the Basic Service Charge and will be listed separately on customers' bills. Customers who receive electricity supply from a supplier other than NYSEG and who receive a consolidated bill for delivery and supply will not be charged NYSEG's Bill Issuance Charge. The Merchant Function Charge has also been unbundled from rates and will appear as a separate line item on the bills of customers who purchase electricity supply from NYSEG. For demand-billed nonresidential customers, metering charges have been unbundled from the Basic Service Charge and will appear as separate line items on the bills of customers who receive metering services from NYSEG.

Tariff Revisions to Economic Development Programs

- The company is introducing a new incentive, the Incremental Load Incentive.
- The company is phasing out the Economic Development Incentive, Economic Revitalization Incentive, Incubator Development Incentive and Self-Generation Deferral Incentive.
- Effective January 1, 2007, the Small Business Growth Incentive is no longer available.
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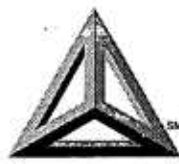
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Winter Fun at Glimmerglass State Park: Winter visitors can go tubing (we supply the tubes!), cross-country skiing, ice skating, snowshoeing, snowmobiling, ice fishing and winter hiking! A warming shed is on premises with hot chocolate served. 1527 County Hwy 31, Springfield, Cooperstown. December 15th through April 15. (607) 547-8662

AC Moore Warm Up America Knit-A-Thon: On Saturday, Jan. 20th, 2007 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. there will be a yarn event with Warm Up America, an organization made up of volunteers who create handmade afghan blankets, clothing & accessories for those in need. For more information, call (315) 735-0035. AC Moore, 710 Horatio St., Utica 13502.

Coffee House: Friday, Jan. 12, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Christ Community Church, 1414 Herkimer Rd., N. Utica. Live music, karaoke, refreshments. Free admission. Donations appreciated.

Wedding Expo 2007 at the Turning Stone Resort & Casino: Sunday, January 7th, 12 noon to 4 p.m. Free admission! Wedding merchants, special attractions, fashion show sampler, giveaways, door prizes & Grand Prize. Bring Mom and have her register to win a rehearsal dinner or bride's luncheon for 20 guests! Future brides, registration and exhibitor participation required to qualify to win. Save time: register online by December 31st or at the door the day of the event. For more information, contact Renee Leininger at (315) 896-

WAVEM fundraising dinner honors vet



The Madison County War Veterans Memorial Corporation is holding a fundraising spaghetti dinner from 4 to 7 p.m. on Jan. 11 at the Chittenango American Legion Post 1287 to benefit maintenance costs to their Wampsville WAVEM memorial. The dinner will be in honor of the late Louis Balducci, a founding member of the corporation and their head cook for many years. From left are corporation vice-president Doug Ginney, former state Sen. Nancy Lorraine Hoffmann, and Balducci.

By Mike Jaquays
The Mid-York Weekly

The memories of the 297 Madison County veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice in World War I, World War II, Korea, and Vietnam are immortalized on the Madison County War Veterans Memorial in Wampsville, and now the public has the chance to come out and help support that monument - while enjoying a spaghetti dinner at the same time.

The WAVEM committee is hosting their annual fundraising spaghetti dinner on Thursday, Jan. 11 at the Chittenango American Legion Hall. Proceeds from the dinner will be used for the purchase of flags, perennials, and for general maintenance around the Wampsville monument, corporation vice-president and chief monument caretaker Doug Ginney said. The menu will include spaghetti and meatballs, tossed salad, Italian bread, milk and coffee, along with Hershey's ice cream and homemade pies for dessert.

The WAVEM Monument, located on Court Street near the county office building in Wampsville, was dedicated on May 28, 1990 as a lasting honorarium to those county vets who lost their lives in battle for their country. The memorial features four seven-foot-high granite stones located within a 50-foot circle and lists the names of the veterans lost in those wars - there thankfully haven't been any

Madison County military lost since then, Ginney noted - and five granite benches around the perimeter.

Five service flags are found at each point of a white star in the middle of the circle, and at the entrance is a granite lectern holding an open book, with black brick pavers honoring the missing in action and prisoners of war. There are also two four-foot-tall, 10-foot-long entry stones inscribed with tributes to the military of Madison County, with the American, county, and WAVEM flags flying nearby.

The committee hopes never to have to make the monument larger, Ginney said.

"I fear the thought of ever having to go back in there and adding another stone to the monument," he said. "I hope we never lose another service member to war."

The upcoming dinner is in memory of a special area veteran, Ginney said ... the late Louis Balducci, a World War II Army veteran and a charter member of the WAVEM committee who used to be the head cook for their dinners. Balducci passed away this past spring, and is missed, especially when they host an event like this, Ginney said.

The dinner is from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Chittenango American Legion, located on Legion Drive just off of Route 5 and behind Kinney's Drugs. Admission is \$6 a plate with kids under five-years-old free. For more information, call Ginney at 697-3493.

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Friends support Hamilton Theater



Free children's programming is just one way in which Hamilton Theater enriches the community, thanks to the support of Friends of Hamilton Theater and of sponsors and screen advertisers, according to Friends Chair Sara Solomon. Pictured is just one of many Hamilton area families who enjoy the events at the theater.

By Constance Mente

A record number of community members have supported community programming at Hamilton Theater by becoming Friends of Hamilton Theater, according to Friends Chair Sara Solomon.

"Last year, nearly 100 individuals helped sustain independent theater for our community through their support as Friends," said Solomon. "The response this year promises to be even stronger."

"More than 2,400 area youngsters took part in educational programming offered by the theater this past year. Free programming in partnership with schools, libraries and camps is just one way in which Hamilton Theater enriches our community.

A new documentary series hosted by Matt Malloy and Cas Donovan

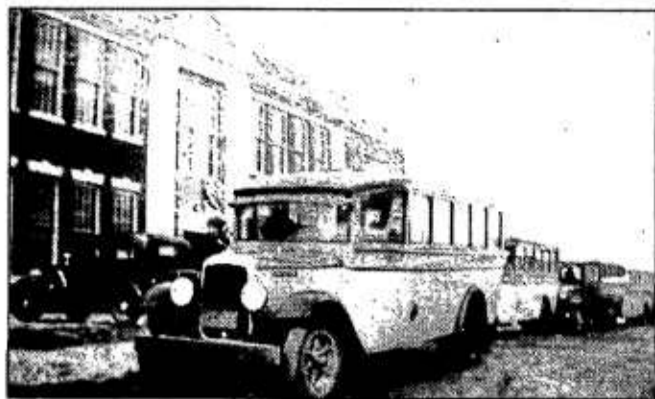
was a hit. *Grease Sing-along* was a hoot. Open Screen Night made its debut this fall, showcasing original films by local filmmakers.

Movies Under the Stars, two free series for children, midnight movies, An Evening of Silent Film, the Book and Movie Club and the return of the prestigious Syracuse International Film and Video Festival helped the theater to enhance its historic tradition as a community resource. All this under a marquee restored to its original prominence, thanks to a generous gift.

Solomon noted that, in addition to individuals, nearly 100 businesses and organizations support the theater as sponsors and through screen advertising.

"Hamilton Theater would not be able to serve the community without the broad support provided by those who recognize the important role that the theater can play."

MCS to celebrate 75 years



Courtesy Jim Ford

Shown are buses parked in front of Madison School in the early 1930's.

By Jim Ford

Special to The Mid-York Weekly

The Madison Central School was established in 1932. For the past 75 years, our educational system has excelled in academics, music, art and sports. For that we can all be proud.

2007 will mark the 75th anniversary of the creation of the school system. The Alumni Committee has sent aside Saturday, June 2 for a gala celebration of those 75 years. A full day has been planned.

Among the events are tours of the new additions and renovations to the school, a general convocation in the new auditorium, a delicious buffet luncheon, class meetings, musical presentations, historical slide show of the school, displays by many current school groups and a dance in the evening. It promises to be a fun-filled day for all. Many

of the present school groups will be participating.

The celebration will give all alumni a chance to catch up with old acquaintances and renew friendships from years past. A registration form is included in the recent school newsletter and a mailing about the event will be sent to alumni in the near future.

Donations are currently being accepted and will be used to support Alumni Scholarships and for mailings.

We would also appreciate some assistance with the completion of class lists. Our ultimate goal will be to have alumni listed on the link to the school website. If you can help with this or need more information, contact Marion Waterman at 893-7025 or call me at 824-1556 or email to jnford47@hotmail.com.

Be sure to watch for more information. We hope to see all of you on June 2.

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Photo by Jane Erb
Pictured at the January 18th Hamilton Rotary meeting at the Colgate Inn are Rotarian Susie Gustafson and her guest speaker Chris Harter as they admire a reproduction highboy crafted by Chris.

Hamilton Rotary Club news

By Jane Erb

The Hamilton Rotary luncheon meeting on Thursday, January 18, included a number of guests and other visitors. The group welcomed three visiting Rotarians from the Cazenovia chapter as well Jean Palminter, wife of Rotarian Bob Palminter. Also, our newest member, Peter Pieper, was in attendance.

Barbara Albrecht, chairperson for the Pancake Breakfast, reminded the group that the breakfast will be from 7 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 3, at the Colgate Inn. The breakfast is in conjunction with the Cabin Fever-Heat Up Hamilton Festival sponsored by the Partnership for Community Development. Volunteers are needed to sign up on the schedule to work that day. Tickets will be available through Rotarians and at various businesses around town in the near future. This is the largest single fundraiser of the year and all proceeds will be added to the Rotary

Scholarship Fund.

Susie Gustafson introduced the day's speaker, Chris Harter. Chris is well known for his reproduction Windsor chairs; he is a skilled woodworker and furniture maker based in Madison.

Chris started in the early 1970's as a civil engineer and land surveyor. After a downturn in that field, and a few other minor setbacks, he returned to his family's shop to do furniture repair. This led him to antique dealers and his appreciation for quality handmade furniture. And here he is 29 years and 2200 Windsor chairs later! Chris works alone, start to finish, on all his pieces (not just chairs). He truly has a one-man business that has flourished through word of mouth and repeat customers from all over the USA and a few foreign countries as well. Chris is crafting the antiques of tomorrow!

The Rotary book donation to the Hamilton Public Library is Joseph T. Butler's *Field Guide to American Antique Furniture*.

Hamilton Happenings

by Kathy Hilgenberg

Well, I guess Old Man Winter finally decided to pay us a visit. Let's just hope he doesn't overstay his welcome.

It has been really cold the past few days and I spent most of the weekend in the house - too cold to go out. But, I did manage to sort through some stuff that was stashed in the attic and came across things that made me wonder what in the world was I thinking when I put this stuff away. I know I am a bit of a pack-rat, but saving old stuffed animals from a daughter that now has children of her own is a little nuts! Most of them were well worn and not fit to give to anyone.

I decided then and there that my New Year's resolution would be to stop saving every little thing. Let's see how long THAT lasts.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Happy Birthday this week to Vicki Taylor, January 28th, Chris Marcellus, January 29th; and anyone else who is celebrating.

HAPPENINGS
The Hamilton Little League Board will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 31, at the Colgate Inn. The

public is welcome to attend. If you have any questions, please call Paul Rhyde at 824-3027.

A film on global warming will be shown at 7 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 2, at the First Baptist Church on Broad Street. This is sponsored by the Mission Board and CVPA.

The Hamilton Optimists are holding their annual Valentine's Day basket raffle. The first prize is a weekend get-away basket, second prize is "In the Mood for Love" basket, and third prize is "Love in a Basket." Tickets are \$5 each and can be purchased from any club member. If you have any questions, you can call me.

The East Hamilton United Methodist Church is now accepting clothes for their annual clothing give-away. Donations may be dropped at the church any Sunday from 8:30 to 11 a.m. or Wednesday evenings from 6 to 7. See related story for more information.

If you have any news you would like to share, you can call me at 824-2150 or send me an e-mail at HamiltonHappenings@yahoo.com. Take care and have a great week.

Volunteers needed

Special Olympics New York's 2007 Winter Games are scheduled for February 23 through 25 in Syracuse and volunteers are needed to fill key roles in support of the competitions. Volunteers are needed to:

- Register athletes, set up (and break down) sports venues, present medals, distribute lunches, sell merchandise, and help with the Olympic Village and Victory Dance.
- Staff the following ven-

ues: Alpine skiing, cross-country skiing, figure skating, speed skating, snowshoeing and floor hockey.

The deadline for volunteer registration is February 15. For more information on volunteering, please visit www.specialolympicsNY.org and click on Winter Games, email volunteer@nyso.org or call 1-800-836-6976. To sponsor an athlete through a financial contribution, please e-mail Tracy O'Leary at toleary@nyso.org

Hamilton Public Library News

By Barbara Coger

Exceptional Art exhibit, Hooks Wiltse Open House, *New York Times* large print weekly, and new books comprise the news for this week at Hamilton Public Library.

Our booking schedule for events is bustling next week. In addition to our usual Tuesday morning story times at 10:30 a.m., we are also offering two receptions. The first will be at 10 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 2. This reception will honor the artists whose work is included in the "Exceptional Art" exhibit which opens Feb. 1st. This art collection is displayed on the walls of the children's area and can be viewed whenever the

library is open.

Sunday, Feb. 4, the Hamilton Historical Commission invites you to attend an Open House and reception for the Hooks Wiltse exhibit which is currently on display in the Museum area on the library's first floor. This event starts at 1 p.m. and will conclude long before the Super Bowl game begin. Watch for more details about each reception elsewhere in this issue.

We currently are receiving donated copies of the *New York Times Large Print Weekly*. They are shelved in the Adult Reading Room on the shelf below the telephone directories. Take a look at them and let us know your response.

New books that have arrived recently include:

Adult Fiction: *The Hunters* by W.E.B. Griffin, *The Terror* by Dan Simmons, *Sun Kissed* by Catherine Anderson, *Against The Day* by Thomas Pynchon, *Killing Johnny Fry* by Walter Mosely, *Julius Winsome* by Gerard Donovan

Children's Fiction: *All the Stars in the Sky* by C.J. Taylor, *Peter Pan in Scarlet* by Geraldine McCaughrean, *The Snow Spider* by Jenny Nimmo, *The Treasures of Weatherby* by Zilpha Keatley Snyder, *Trapped* by Peg Kehret

Children's Nonfiction: *Barnum Brown-Dinosaur Hunter* by David Sheldon, *Cyberpals According to Kaley* by Dian Curtis Regan,

Flashcards of My Life by Charise Harper, *The Secret of Castle Cant* by K.P. Bath

DVDs: *Capote*, *The Wild, Ice Age-The Meltdown*, *High School Musical*, *Little Miss Sunshine*

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Smyrna Library news

By Barb Schwarting

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In regular print we have *Ghost Dancer* by John Case, and *Born In Death* by Nora Roberts writing as J. D. Robb.

Knitting News: There were six of us playing with yarn and enjoying books we found. Debbie and Arlene are working

on Cathy's scrap yarn afghan. And that reminds me that I need to finish an afghan for a high school graduation project for a grand nephew. Cathy's pattern uses all of your odds and ends of yarn. You can add new yarn in the middle of the row. And it all works out even though some of the yarn is so diverse. Betty is working on the mile a minute pattern that Pat shared with her. Cathy is working on a hot pink variegated yarn hat. It is bright! Just what you need to wear in a snowstorm so people

can see where you are. What snow you ask? Don't worry, it is coming.

Mary Jane stopped by and is working on her granddaughter's sweater. It was fun sharing what all we have been doing. I finally finished my socks and have a pair to do for a very young gentleman. He asked for them when he saw that I was knitting socks for a big guy. And of course when someone gives you yarn to play with you feel duty bound to make the most of it.

The book I got that said "You know you knit too much when" is hysterical. I can't remember laughing so much. We especially got a kick out of it when I read about the non-knitting spouse who feigned an interest in knitting just to talk to his wife. He asked just the author if she preferred knitting or purling. And then he hit the jackpot when he asked his wife, "How do you really feel about cables?" OK friends, we will catch you later at the library about 10ish on Tuesday mornings!

News from the Village of Smyrna

By Barbara Schwarting

By the time you read this we will have had or about to have a big blizzard according to news reports. Hope it isn't going to be true. But then again, better now than in April or May.

Barb and Bill Vidler celebrated their anniversary this past weekend. Barbara is Leon Brown's sister and this is a BIG anniversary but I couldn't get the correct number of years that they have been hitched. Leon's niece Jane Palminter celebrated her birthday over the weekend also. I hope to hear the details of both parties on Tuesday at Knitting Club.

Congratulations to Barb and Bill and to my friend Jane. Hope you all had a super time!

Tuesday was Connie Wright's birthday. Belated birthday greetings friend. Hope you had a wonderful day with lots of cards and a yummy cake!

The Smyrna Library Board is very grateful for the public's response to their recent letter. If you would like a written receipt for your contribution to the Library, please get in touch with Sharon Crain. Recent changes in the tax law, according to the Syracuse paper, say that there must be such a receipt to accompany your tax form as proof of the donation. That means that any small donation

you make and you want to deduct from your taxes must have documentation. OH BROTHER! Why don't they pick on the BIG people?

Smyrna Market is really going to be cooking now. They have a new convection oven to work with. But baking pies and cooking lunches and baking rolls and bread is more in the talent of the cook! It's just easier with a new oven!

The Smyrna Fire Department is holding their annual Spaghetti Supper on Saturday, February 3rd. I know it might be early to announce this, BUT this way you can mark your calendar with a big supersized star so you don't miss this terrific

dinner. Details will no doubt be available closer to February.

Speaking of the Fire Department, CONGRATULATIONS to Tyler Wright upon completing his training in the Basic Fire Essentials Course. He follows in the footsteps of great, great grandfather "Slim" Wright, great grandfather Clayton W. Coye and Dean Howard, grandpa Bob and Dad Jon. In other words, we have five previous generations of the family backing Tyler up with his involvement in the Smyrna Fire Department. HIP HIP HURRAY TYLER!

That's it for this week. See ya later!

MADISON

Madison-Bouckville area News

by Marcia D. Wilkinson

I got the opportunity to glance through part of Journal 1 of Jim Ford's *Footprints Through Time* - how interesting was that? What a nice book, and so informative!

At 6 p.m. on Saturday, February 24, the Bouckville United Methodist Church will host its second annual Talent/No Talent Show. They are looking for talented/untalented people to participate. In the words of Sue Terrier "get your act together" and give her a call at 893-7987. There will also be a baked potato supper (with all

the trimmings) before the show, beginning at 4:30 p.m. It was quite an event last year - the food was good, and the show was fun - with a lot of laughter.

Don't forget about the Alzheimer's workshop at the Madison United Methodist Church on Saturday, January 20. Kathy Cross from the Office of the Aging will lead the program. It begins at 10 a.m. and lunch will be provided at a \$3 charge. Everyone is welcome.

Pastors Art and Norma Jean Fellows vacationed with family in Virginia for the holidays before traveling to Myrtle Beach to attend the Congress on

Evangelism. One of the highlights of their vacation was going into Washington, D.C. to see the national Christmas tree and the trees of each state and territory. Each state has an organization, school, or club decorate their tree. The Louisiana State tree had a decorated ball with a note of thanks to each of the states for assisting them in disaster relief after hurricanes Katrina & Rita. The area included a life-sized Nativity scene, a Yule Log, and a display of electric trains circling the National Tree. The Evangelism Conference was very well attended.

Tana and Craig Pelkey-Landes, Elena and Corina, from Perkasee, Pa. and Stan and Heidi Pelkey, Nate and Madison, from Portage, Mich., visited their parents Jean and Lyman Pelkey during the Christmas holidays. Traveling weather was perfect.

My flower bulbs are very confused - I noticed my daffodils are coming to life, showing their sprouts above ground.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY - Michelle Trimm, the 25th.
 Have a great week everyone!

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 Barb Coger of the Hamilton Public Library is pictured leading the Madison class in a "circle time" activity.

Submitted by Joanna Kaul

The Madison class of Head Start had a very special visitor on December 7. Barb Coger, director of the Hamilton Public Library, gave the children and their parents and teachers a presentation based on the Library's Literacy Initiative.

After leading the class in a "circle time" activity, Barb met with parents. She shared information on the specific benefits of talking with or reading to your child. She also offered suggestions concerning books as gifts. You can reach Barb at the library at 824-3060.

Madison County Head Start is a preschool for 3 and 4 year olds and their families. For more information please call 684-3001.

Joanna Kaul is a Program Assistant for Madison County Head Start

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LEBANON

Lebanon Board appoints town clerk

Officials hold organizational meeting

Special to The Mid-York Weekly

Lisa Thomas of River Road was appointed town clerk/tax collector by the Lebanon Town Board at the Jan. 8, 2007 organizational meeting. The board had considered four different candidates at a January 6 special meeting to interview prospective applicants. Other candidates considered included Pamela Sanders, Marie Smith and Emma May Hunter. Thomas was encouraged to consider the other applicants as deputies she could appoint. The clerk can appoint up to three deputies. The board was in favor of appointing a deputy who could man the office on Saturday mornings during peak times of the year such as tax collection season in the spring and hunting license season in the fall.

Thomas will serve out the remainder of the town clerk/tax collector term until December 21. The vacancy was caused when former Town Clerk Ashli Scott resigned last month. The position will be up for election in the fall.

The board tabled adoption of Local Law No. 1 for 2007 concerning enforcement of the state Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code pending review of several questions about areas of enforcement that required clarification from the town attorney on state vs. local requirement.

Board members also agreed to put out to bid a request by Highway Superintendent Alex

Hodge to seek to acquire a used tractor with six-foot power broom for sweeping town roads. The highway department has been utilizing the old highway superintendent pickup to sweep the roads with a used broom attachment, and town officials say they will declare the used Chevrolet pickup truck surplus and put it out to bid should they find a successful and affordable used broom to acquire.

A tentative date of January 27 was scheduled to hold a special meeting to address year-end bills and put together bid specs for a used broom. The board also set a public hearing date of February 12 at the Smith Valley Community Center in Randallville to discuss the transfer of up to \$6,000 in equipment reserve to help pay for the used broom and tractor.

The board also adopted 39 resolutions as part of the annual organizational meeting. Actions taken included:

- Establishing town officer salaries for 2007 - supervisor, \$5,750; town council members, \$1,500 each; town clerk, \$9,150; tax collector, \$2,000; town justice, \$3,400; and highway superintendent, \$37,500. All salaries are unchanged and remain the same since 2002 with the exception of the highway superintendent.

- Appointed board members to committee assignments: Carol King, Deputy Supervisor and Finance, Ways and Means Chair; Steve Wilcox, Highway Chair; Lois Hartshorn,

- Buildings and Grounds Chair; Marie Morgan, Personnel/Recreation Chair. Supervisor Jim Goldstein will remain in Administration/Oversight, Government Operations and Systems Management Chair.

- Established times for regular town board meetings as second Monday of each month.

- Adopted operational policies related to bill review, scheduling, bonding, absences, mileage, check signatories and official banks.

- Named *The Mid-York Weekly* the official town newspaper.

- Established rental agreements with the Lebanon Community Club and Smith Valley Community Center.

- Appointed Steve Jones attorney for the town.

- Designated polling places for 2007 as Lebanon town office and Smith Valley Community Center in Randallville.

- Set deputy town clerk/tax collector and highway superintendent pay rates at \$9.25 per hour.

- Appointed David Fort code enforcement officer at a salary of \$6,700, same rate as last year.

- Appointed Gloria and Gail Delee dog control officers. Mrs. Delee will be paid \$2,400, same as last year, and Mr. Delee will receive no compensation.

- Appointed Herb Scott Deputy Highway Superintendent.

- Appointed Sam Campbell

chairman of the planning board for another five-year term. Other candidates included Ray Howes of Lake Craine and Dave Wilcox of Lebanon.

- Approved ice and snow removal contracts for Madison County roads.

- Designated portions of the following roads seasonal limited use highways for 2007 — Briggs, Billings Hill, Carncross, Geer, Morgan, Vosburgh and Stowell.

- Affirmed weight limits for seasonal limited use highways.

- Authorized the highway superintendent to acquire up to \$8,710 in road stone for 2007 local road projects to take advantage of lower stone prices before the county completes new bids on road stone.

- Local roads considered for maintenance and repair in 2007 include Soule, Bisbee, Brian and Niles. The board has to delay acquisition of stone for the next phase of Lebanon Hill Road given that project is conditional on state funding and approval by the state legislature.

- Appointed Elaina Morgan bookkeeper at a salary of \$6,200, same rate of pay as last year.

- Authorized rental contract with the Earlville Senior Citizens Center.

- Increased pay by 40 cents per hour for all highway employees effective Jan. 1, 2007.

Winter clam bake scheduled

The Madison County Volunteer Firemen's Association will hold a winter clam bake from 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 4 at the Wampsville Firemen's Park building.

The menu includes all-

you-can-eat clams, shrimp, hamburgers, hot sausage, steak sandwiches, barbecue chicken, clam chowder, salt potatoes, salads, beer and soda. Donation is \$40 per person.

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Volunteer Firemen's Association, Inc.

A silent auction will also be held during the afternoon. All proceeds will benefit educational seminars and other association programs.

History comes alive for Madison township

By S. Lura

Special to The Mid-York Weekly

Local history sleuths are probably already fully aware of Jim Ford's remarkable new book, *Footprints Through Time*, a history of the township of Madison. But all us regular folks are going to be awestruck at his upcoming presentation at the Hamilton

Library.

Ford's book isn't just a coffee table stunner; it is an engrossing, lively record of life in Central New York from 1785-1881. He came upon this project while researching local history and teaching at Madison Central School. One thing led to another, and this book of local and regional history

was underway.

I can't easily recreate the book's impression in words but the full effect of photos and short news clippings of day-to-day life is engaging. You name it, it happened, and someone recorded it. The book's pages are filled with a variety of items including maps, photos and stories on area churches,

advertisements and much more.

Footprints Through Time is the first of four volumes; the remaining three will be published later this year.

Ford's talk and book signing will be held at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 23 at the Hamilton Public Library with a reception to follow. Refreshments will be served.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

New York State Electric & Gas Corporation (NYSEG) has filed tariff revisions with the New York State Public Service Commission (PSC) in compliance with the PSC's August 23, 2006 rate order regarding electricity rates to become effective January 1, 2007. The tariff revisions reflect a \$36.2 million reduction in delivery revenue (a 5.8% overall reduction in delivery rates), further unbundling of competitive services and changes to NYSEG's economic development programs.

Below is a summary of the changes to NYSEG's tariff schedules; affected by the revisions are PSC Nos. 119 and 120 (Electricity), and 121 (Street Lighting). Full details of the tariff changes are available at nyseg.com.

Tariff Revisions to Delivery Prices

Reduction in Residential Rates > An overall 5.7% reduction in electricity delivery rates for residential customers is achieved through a decrease in per kilowatt-hour (kwh) delivery charges, an increase of \$2 in the Basic Service Charge for Service Classification 1 (residential regular) and 8 (residential day/night), and a decrease of \$5 in the Basic Service Charge for Service Classification 12 (residential time-of-use).

Reduction in Small Non-demand, Non-Residential Rates > An overall 6.4% reduction in electricity delivery rates for small non-demand billed, nonresidential customers is achieved through a decrease in per kwh delivery charges and an increase of \$2 in the Basic Service Charge for Service Classification Nos. 6 and 9.

Reduction in Other Non-Residential Rates > An overall 6.5% reduction in electricity delivery rates for demand-billed, nonresidential customers.

Standby Rates > An overall 5.8% reduction in electricity delivery rates for customers with interconnected on-site generation qualifying for standby service.

Reduction in Street Lighting and Outdoor Lighting > An overall 3.4% reduction in delivery rates for all lighting customers.

Further Unbundling of Competitive Services > The cost of bill issuance has been unbundled from the Basic Service Charge and will be listed separately on customers' bills. Customers who receive electricity supply from a supplier other than NYSEG and who receive a consolidated bill for delivery and supply will not be charged NYSEG's Bill Issuance Charge. The Merchant Function Charge has also been unbundled from rates and will appear as a separate line item on the bills of customers who purchase electricity supply from NYSEG. For demand-billed nonresidential customers, metering charges have been unbundled from the Basic Service Charge and will appear as separate line items on the bills of customers who receive metering services from NYSEG.

Tariff Revisions to Economic Development Programs

- The company is introducing a new incentive, the Incremental Load Incentive.
- The company is phasing out the Economic Development Incentive, Economic Revitalization Incentive, Incubator Development Incentive and Self Generation Deferral Incentive.
- Effective January 1, 2007, the Small Business Growth Incentive is no longer available.
- Kilowatt-hours supplied by the New York Power Authority are exempt from paying the System Benefits and Renewable Portfolio Standard charges.

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