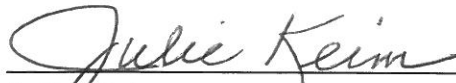


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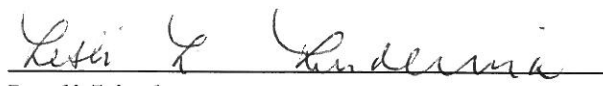
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Allegany residents learn the basics of town's reassessment at meeting

By KATE DAY SAGER
Olean Times Herald

ALLEGANY — Over the past 18 months, employees with ENPM Reassessment Contractor company have reassessed the 3,200 properties or parcels in Allegany to assure the tax burden is distributed equally and fairly among all taxpayers in the community.

All of this and more was explained to Allegany residents during a meeting on Thursday for the Allegany 2018 Reassessment Project at the Birch Run Senior Center.

Town Supervisor John Hare told the three dozen residents and officials in attendance that the reassessment will not raise tax levies, which has been

a concern expressed by some. He noted the town has not raised the tax levy above the state mandated 2 percent cap in the past five years.

"The bottom line is we have met, or exceeded, the state's expectations (on tax caps) every year since I came in office five years ago," Hare said. He also stressed that if a property is assessed at 10 percent more than its previous value, that does not mean the taxes on that property will increase.

John Zukowski, spokesman for ENPM, said disclosure notices containing preliminary assessments of the properties will be sent out to property owners in the next few days. He said the total value of town properties had increased

with the reassessment, but said he didn't yet know by how much as the amount hasn't been finalized.

Zukowski said the last reassessment was done in the town in 2007.

"The ultimate measure of your assessment is what you could sell your property for," Zukowski told the audience. He said residential property assessments are valued by what similar properties in the community are sold for.

"We want everyone in the community to pay their fair share," Zukowski said. "Some people in the community have been paying more than their fair share of taxes because some have been over-assessed."

Others, however, have been under-assessed and

some will stay the same, he added.

Zukowski said there are some exemptions for groups that include veterans and elderly.

When the session was opened to the audience for questions, a woman asked if staff with ENPM took into account homes located near houses rented to college students in the community. Zukowski said it is hoped his staff did notice neighboring houses in run-down condition, and how they could affect the market value of nearby residences. If this isn't the case, the homeowners could use that information to challenge an assessment.

Another resident asked what the town board had paid the ENPM firm for

their work on the reassessment, and was told by Hare the fee was \$140,000.

When the man asked why the town assessor, Bobbi Elderkin, couldn't have done the reassessment, he was told the job would have been too large a task for her to have completed on her own.

Zukowski reminded those at the meeting there are a number of avenues they can take to challenge their assessments, beginning with the informal reviews, followed by a board of assessment review, a Small Claims Assessment Review and a court challenge for commercial properties.

Informal reviews of the reassessments will take place between April 2 and

18 through appointments. He said residents who set up informal reviews should bring photos as well as appraisals on the property, if possible.

Those who can't set up an informal review may send in challenges on the assessment to the ENPM offices, 60 Lakefront Blvd., Suite 120, Buffalo, NY 14202.

Notification of the review results should be completed by April 30 and the tentative assessment roll will be completed by May 1. A grievance day will be held on May 24 and the final assessment roll will be finished by July 1.

For more information on the project, contact Zukowski or Eric Sonnenberger at 712-5550.

In fatal heroin overdose, two teens plead guilty while other could go to trial

Charges alleged help was not sought for overdosing teen

By TOM DINKI
Olean Times Herald

BELMONT — Two teenagers have pleaded guilty while a third appears determined to fight the charges in a fatal heroin overdose case that is believed to be the first of its kind in Allegany County.

Andrew Elliott, 19, of Andover, and Spencer S. Carl, 17, of Wellsville, pleaded guilty Tuesday in Allegany County Court to criminally negligent homicide, a class E felony, in the overdose death of 18-year-old Gregory M. Dunne. Meanwhile, Robert J. Murray Jr., 19, of Wellsville, was indicted by a grand jury Wednesday on his criminally negligent homicide charge and will be arraigned later to begin pretrial hearings.

All three teens were charged in November after authorities alleged they did not seek medical help when Dunne, 18, of Andover, overdosed during their Oct. 22 car trip from Andover to Rochester to allegedly buy heroin.

"Not wanting to take responsibility for it, that's really what got them in the most trouble," Assistant District Attorney Tom Fuoco, who is prosecuting the case, told the Olean

Times Herald Thursday. "They could have saved their friend's life, but instead they didn't want to take responsibility."

The difference between Murray and the other two defendants was pending drug charges. Both Elliott and Carl were facing third-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance and third-degree criminal sale of a controlled substance, class B felonies, for allegedly selling heroin in separate incidents unrelated to Dunne's overdose.

"That gave me an opportunity to do more negotiating with their attorneys than I was able to do with Murray's attorney," Fuoco said.

As part of pleading guilty to the homicide charge, which carries a maximum sentence of four years in prison, Elliott and Carl also pleaded guilty to fourth-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance, a class C felony. Fuoco said both have been promised just five years probation when they are sentenced for the homicide and possession charges May 16.

Carl's appointed counsel, attorney John Nelson of Ellicottville, declined comment Thursday, while Elliott's appointed counsel did not immediately return a request for comment. Murray is free on pretrial release, while Elliott and Carl are free on pre-sentencing supervision.

Fuoco added Murray's case, which he said he's willing to go to trial over, differs because Murray was

driving the vehicle and had control of where the teens went upon noticing Dunne's condition.

According to prosecutors, Dunne showed serious signs of distress, including difficulty breathing, while the teens were driving from Dansville into Almond on the return trip home, and Dunne likely died on Route 21 in Almond.

New York state's 911 Good Samaritan Law allows people to call 911 to report an overdose without fear of drug possession charges up to A-2 felonies, but Fuoco said the three defendants, who were also allegedly using heroin, did not call 911 and drove right past a hospital in Dansville and within a few miles of a hospital in Hornell. After allegedly first dropping off Elliott and Carl in Andover, Murray eventually dropped Dunne off at Jones Memorial Hospital in Wellsville, where he was dead upon arrival.

However, Murray's attorney, Clair Montroy of Orchard Park, said he plans to eventually make a motion to dismiss the case because Murray's actions do not "on any factual basis" amount to a crime.

"There may have been some people who pleaded guilty in cases similar to this, but nobody, to my knowledge, has ever been found guilty at a trial of criminally negligent homicide on facts anywhere near resembling these," Montroy told the Times Herald Thursday.

Fuoco admitted there hasn't been a similar homicide case in connection with an overdose death in Allegany County, but he's found similar cases prosecuted in other parts of the state.

Cattaraugus County for the first time ever charged three alleged drug sellers for three users' overdose deaths in 2016. Of the three Olean women charged with criminally negligent homicide,

only one, Chelsea Lyons, was convicted. She pleaded guilty.

"The difference between (drug sellers being charged) and this case is there is no allegation or factual basis that my client or the other two defendants gave Mr. Dunne his drugs," said Montroy, adding he does not feel state law requires a person to rescue someone who put themselves in harm's way. "He had his own drugs. He ingested them himself and he caused his own death."

Fuoco said while all three defendants claim Dunne used his own heroin and not the heroin they purchased in Rochester, he has reasons to believe that is not true.

"But I have no evidence other than what they said," he added.

Montroy added he's not even sure the Allegany County District Attorney's Office has jurisdiction over the case, as it may not be provable Dunne died in the county and not Livingston or Steuben counties.

He also doesn't feel Elliott and Carl pleading guilty has any bearing on his client's case, adding the two likely pleaded guilty to avoid jail time on their separate drug charges.

While Carl's heroin sale came before Dunne's death, Fuoco said Elliott's heroin sale happened just one day after Dunne's death. He said the case, the details of which he called "scary," is indicative of the area and state's opioid epidemic, and hopes the case will ultimately "save people's lives."

"The hope (is that Elliott and Carl) will get treatment and counseling and change their lives," he said, adding Carl's conviction will be replaced with a youthful offender adjudication at sentencing. "If they don't, they'll end up in state prison, but hopefully that won't happen. I also hope others see what happened and say, 'I don't want to be in that situation.'"



Robert J. Murray Jr.



Andrew Elliott



Spencer S. Carl



Cuba man faces additional sex abuse charges

CUBA — In continuation of a previous investigation, a Cuba man arrested earlier this week for felony sexual abuse now faces additional counts.

The Cuba Police Department, with the assistance of Child Protective Services, charged Jorge T. Tufino, 63, of Cuba, at 8:20 a.m. Thursday with an additional two counts of first-degree sexual abuse, class D felonies. He was charged Tuesday with one count of first-degree sexual abuse, but was released to appear at a later date.

Cuba police also shed more light on the charges Thursday, stating Tufino allegedly had sexual contact with two victims under the age of 11.

He was transferred to Allegany County Jail on \$10,000 bail.



Jorge T. Tufino

Olean Police

■ Thursday, 11:01 a.m., One injury was reported from a two-vehicle accident in the former Ivers J. Norton Elementary School parking lot near South Fourth Street. Josephine B. Lippert, 66, of 3879 Old State Road, Allegany, was driving in the parking lot when she allegedly struck a vehicle operated by Christal M. Rosel, 53, of 2001 Cherry St., Olean. Lippert told police she accidentally stepped on the gas instead of the brake.

■ Thursday, 11:54 a.m., No injuries were reported from a two-vehicle accident on West State Street near North 24th Street. Naomi R. Keeler, 33, of Fillmore, allegedly changed lanes and struck a vehicle driven by Susan J. O'Connell, 55, of 951 N. Union St., Olean. Keeler was charged with an unsafe lane change, an infraction.

■ Thursday, 2:25 p.m., No injuries were reported from a two-vehicle accident on West State Street near North 15th Street. Elizabeth M. Holiday, 19, of 120 N. Third St., Olean, was attempting to change lanes to avoid an uninvolved vehicle when she allegedly struck the driver's side of a vehicle driven by Melvin McCullar III, 45, of Limestone. Holiday told police that she did not see McCullar's vehicle. Holiday was charged with an unsafe lane change and leaving the scene of property damage,

both infractions.

■ Thursday, 2:56 p.m., Ashley E. Jerge, 19, of Erie, Pa., was charged with operating a motor vehicle with registration suspended/revoked, an unclassified misdemeanor, and operating a motor vehicle without insurance, an infraction.

New York State Police

■ SCIO — A 13-year-old Scio male was charged at 6:30 p.m. Monday with second-degree disseminating indecent material to minors, a class E felony. He was issued a ticket to appear in court at a later date.

■ SCIO — Kaleb P. Amidon, 19, of Wellsville, was charged at 3:27 p.m. Wednesday with third-degree criminal mischief, a class E felony. Amidon was held on \$1,500 cash bail.

■ WELLSVILLE — A 12-year-old Wellsville female was charged at 3:27 p.m. Wednesday with second-degree disseminating indecent material to minors, a class E felony. She was issued a ticket to appear in court at a later date.

■ GREAT VALLEY — Devlin R. King, 19, of Otto, was charged at 4:50 p.m. Wednesday with unlawful possession of marijuana, a violation. King was issued a ticket to appear in court at a later date.

■ YORKSHIRE — Raymond N. Dion, 58, of Machias, was charged at 5:40 p.m. Wednesday with driving while intoxicated and operating a motor vehicle with a blood-alcohol content of 0.08 percent or greater, both unclassified misdemeanors; and moving from lane unsafely, an infraction. Dion was released to a third party.

■ ALMOND — A one-vehicle accident was reported at 6 p.m. Wednesday on McHenry Valley Road near Sugar Hill Road. Daniel E. Cook, 47, of Wellsville, was identified as the driver. No injuries were reported.

■ BELMONT — A 16-year-old Depew male was charged at 7:45 p.m. Wednesday with third-degree identity theft, a class A misdemeanor. He was issued a ticket to appear in court at a later date.

■ GREAT VALLEY — Damian C. Campbell, 20, of Salamanca, was charged at 10:15 p.m. Wednesday with seventh-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance, a class A misdemeanor, and unlawful possession of marijuana, a violation. Campbell was issued a ticket to appear in court at a later date.

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Father’s habit of returning food proves hard to swallow

DEAR ABBY: I am in my 30s and moved out of my parents’ home 10 years ago. Last week I decided to visit them, and we went out to eat. Dad has a habit of sending his food back to the kitchen — “My steak isn’t cooked enough,” or “My food is cold. Could you warm it up?” He even does this at restaurants that aren’t fancy.

Dad has done this my whole life and he’s in his 60s. It’s embarrassing for me and Mom, and it frustrates the cooks and waitstaff. Is there a polite way of telling him to stop this behavior? He takes any criticism personally. — EMBARRASSED IN THE NORTHEAST

DEAR EMBARRASSED: You are certainly free to tell your father that this habit embarrasses you, but after all these years, you and your mother are not going to change him. Restaurants are in the hospitality business. If your father isn’t satisfied with his food, he has a right to ask that it be served to his liking, and most restaurants will gladly comply. We are not responsible for the actions of other people, and because of that, you should not feel embarrassed about something over which you have no control.

DEAR ABBY: Last year for my birthday, my husband asked me what I wanted for a gift. I told him I would like flowers once a month for one year. He’s been pretty good about it. But I complained about the way I receive them, which is, when we are driving home in our truck (we work together) and it’s nearing the end of the month, he’ll pull into the parking lot at the grocery store, run in, come back and hand them to me. He always picks out a beautiful bunch, but my complaint was that it’s never a “surprise.” He

says he can’t decide if I’m ungrateful or a spoiled brat. What say you and your readers? — GRATEFUL IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR GRATEFUL: Your mistake was in not clearly specifying that what you wanted was a bouquet in a vase from a florist. However, because you also told your husband you wanted flowers once a month, I fail to see how they would in any way be a “surprise.” He has been giving you what you asked for, and you shouldn’t look a gift husband in the mouth. I’m not going to name call, but shame on you.

DEAR ABBY: People in nursing homes or at home — ill, incapacitated or retired — still need social contacts. In our busy society, these folks are often forgotten, and it is hurtful. We will all get there someday and will fully understand how important an occasional phone call or greeting card can be. Please ask your readers to make a note on their calendar as a “reminder.” If they do, someone will be very grateful for the kind gesture — most likely the recipient — but it may also be their family members. Kindness goes a long way. — REMEMBERING IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

DEAR REMEMBERING: You have a caring soul. Your message is an important one, which is why I am sharing it with my readers. I know most of you are busy people, but a simple gesture can make a world of difference to those who may be isolated.

(Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.)



Associated Press

In this March 29 photo, Christine Combs, manager at Quality Inn & Suites, who found a postcard dated 1958 in a file cabinet while cleaning out storage, shows off the post card in Goshen, Ind. She delivered the postcard to the recipient, Sharon Gongwer, nearly 60 years later.

Indiana woman finally receives postcard 60 years later

GOSHEN, Ind. — A northern Indiana woman has finally received a postcard that her mother mailed from southern California nearly 60 years ago. The postcard was hand-delivered to Sharon Gongwer of Goshen last week by Christine Combs, the manager of the Quality Inn & Suites in Goshen. Combs had found it tucked away in a drawer while cleaning out cabinets. The Goshen News reports the postcard dated Aug. 26, 1958, described in tiny, penciled print the adventures from her mother’s time in southern California. On the front was a photo of palm trees lining a neighborhood street. The postage was three cents. “I looked at the date and thought, how strange is that?” Combs said. It was addressed to “Miss Sharon

Ann Gongwer” of nearby Wakarusa, so she looked up the name and found the intended recipient residing at an assisted living center near the hotel. “It’s a touch of my mother,” Gongwer said. “I don’t have many of her things anymore.” Neither woman knew how the postcard ended up at the hotel, but Combs said she was glad she came across it. “Some people probably would have thrown it away if they found it,” Combs said. The postcard was well preserved. “To have a postcard in this good of condition is amazing,” Gongwer said as she thanked Combs for delivering the lost postcard. “I’m glad I could make you smile today,” Combs replied.

Exercise, sunshine and diet key to high magnesium intake

Dear Doctor: Much is said about calcium and vitamin D, but what about magnesium? As I understand it, that’s a crucial part of the bone-building equation. Should people be taking magnesium supplements?

Dear Reader: The element magnesium is necessary for bone health, yes, but also for normal heart function and nerve conduction and to maintain a proper calcium balance in the body. Notably, although it’s found in leafy vegetables, nuts, fish and shellfish, soy and cereals, magnesium levels in our foods appear to be slowly decreasing. One reason may be the overutilization of fields, leading to depletion of magnesium in the soil. A survey conducted in 1999 and 2000 found that 79 percent of American adults do not meet the recommended daily allowance for magnesium.

Magnesium, which is stored in the bone, is

very similar in atomic structure to calcium, and deficiencies can lower the body’s calcium levels. This happens in several ways. First, low levels of magnesium impair the release of parathyroid hormone (PTH), which raises calcium levels when they fall too low. Second, low magnesium levels actually block the function of PTH. And third, low levels decrease the formation of the active form of vitamin D, also needed for healthy bones. Further, low magnesium causes an inflammatory process in the bone, which leads to bone breakdown.

Animal studies show that rats fed magnesium-deficient diets, even in the short term, have more brittle and fragile bones than animals fed a normal diet. This happens because of

decreased bone formation and increased bone breakdown. In humans, deficiencies can develop among people who don’t absorb the element due to gastrointestinal disease, chemotherapy or alcoholism.

Accordingly, data from the well-known Framingham Heart Study found that people with higher dietary intake of magnesium had greater bone density. As for whether a magnesium supplement will help decrease the risk of osteoporosis, however, the data are definitely not conclusive.

Although a 2010 study found that postmenopausal women who took 1,830 milligrams of extra magnesium daily for 30 days had fewer markers for bone breakdown than those who didn’t take extra magnesium, most

studies assess the impact of only dietary magnesium.

A notable 2016 study combined data from 12 different studies (involving 109,564 people), assessing the risk of bone density and fracture in relation to magnesium intake. The authors found a slight increase in hip bone density among those with higher magnesium intake, but no increase in spinal bone density.

If you have a good dietary intake of magnesium and if you don’t drink heavily or have intestinal or kidney disease, you’re unlikely to benefit from taking a magnesium supplement. The best thing you can do for your bones is to eat a diet high in magnesium and calcium; get outside so your body can produce vitamin D; and exercise.

(Robert Ashley, M.D., is an internist and assistant professor of medicine at the University of California, Los Angeles.)

Record number of women file to run for US House seats

By GEOFF MULVIHILL and MAUREEN LINKE
Associated Press

CHERRY HILL, N.J. — The number of women running for the U.S. House of Representatives set a record Thursday, the vast majority of them Democrats motivated by angst over President Donald Trump and policies of the Republican-controlled Congress.

Their ranks will continue to grow, with candidate filing deadlines still to come in more than half the states.

In many places, women are running for congressional seats that have never had a female representative.

“It’s about time,” said Kara Eastman of Nebraska, one of two Democrats vying to challenge a GOP incumbent in a district centered in Omaha.

A surge of women into this year’s midterm elections had been expected since the Women’s March demonstrations nationwide just after Trump’s inauguration in January 2017. Numbers analyzed by The Associated Press show that momentum is continuing.

After Virginia released its candidate list Thursday, a total of 309 women from the two major parties have filed candidacy papers to run for the House. That tops the previous record of 298 in 2012.

The AP analyzed data going back to 1992 from the Center for American Women and Politics at Rutgers University and did its own review of candi-

date information released by the states.

While just over half the nation’s population is female, four out of every five members of the U.S. House are men. The women’s candidacies won’t necessarily change that. They still have to survive party primaries and win the general election, often against an incumbent with name recognition and a large reservoir of campaign cash.

Even with the record numbers, women are still outnumbered by male candidates. But experts say the sheer number of women running combined with so many House seats open due to retirements or resignations provides one of the best opportunities for women to make real gains in terms of representation and a change in priorities.

Many of the female candidates have focused their campaign messages on health care, education, early childhood development, family leave and workplace equality.

Eastman said she was motivated by Republican attempts to cut health coverage for low-income people and rollbacks of environmental protections.

She decided to run after her mother, who has since died, was diagnosed with cancer for the fifth time and saw her prescription drug prices soar even though she was covered by Medicare.

“It’s a great thing for me to show my 16-year-old daughter,” Eastman, who runs a children’s health care nonprofit, said of her candidacy.

Mikie Sherrill spent

years in the Navy flying helicopters before leaving the military for a career as a federal prosecutor. For her first foray into politics, she chose this year to challenge Republican Rep. Rodney Frelinghuysen of New Jersey, a powerful lawmaker who serves as chairman of the House Appropriations Committee and was first elected in 1994.

Frelinghuysen has since announced his retirement, creating a bigger opening for Sherrill.

“After a lifetime of service and taking numerous oaths to support and defend the Constitution, when I saw that our democracy seemed to be under attack, I felt called upon to serve again and felt a responsibility to serve my country again,” Sherrill said.

She is a leading contender in the Democratic primary and could be part of a wave of women running in Republican-leaning districts. In Indiana, for example, women are running in each of the state’s nine congressional districts — only two of which are currently represented by Democrats.

Not all the women running are Democrats.

Tiffany Shedd, one of four Republicans in a primary for the chance to unseat Democratic Rep. Tom O’Halloran in a rural Arizona district, said she entered the race after she told her husband the district needed someone better. He responded that he knew an ideal candidate — a “coward” who wouldn’t run.

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Report slams NY law barring many child molestation lawsuits

ALBANY (AP) — New York state has one of the worst laws in the nation when it comes to allowing child molestation victims to sue their abusers, according to a new report issued Thursday that comes amid continuing legislative debate over relaxing the rules.

Most states have taken some action to change their criminal or civil statutes of limitations for molestation since the clergy sex abuse scandal erupted in 2002 following an investigation by The Boston Globe, the report found.

New York, however, continues to have one of the shortest statutes of limitations for civil molestation suits in the country even though it has eliminated the criminal statute of limitations for some felony molestation crimes, said University of Pennsylvania professor Marci Hamilton, who conducted the analysis.

While 39 states and the District of Columbia have changed their rules, those like New York have more work to do, said Hamilton, who also is the CEO of CHILD USA, a group that researches child abuse and neglect policy.

“It is one of the worst states for access to justice for child sex abuse victims in the country,” according to the report.

Current law gives victims until they’re 23 to file lawsuits against their abusers. A proposal known as the Child Victims Act pending before lawmakers would extend the deadline for both criminal and civil cases — giving victims up to 50 years after the alleged molestation to sue. It also would create a one-year window for lawsuits already barred by the existing statute of limitations. The one-year window is opposed by the Catholic Church, and so far the measure has been blocked from a vote by the Senate’s Republican leaders.

Supporters say the look-back window is essential for the many victims who weren’t able to report abuse for years or even decades after it occurred.

The Catholic Church and other large institutions, however, say that allowing lawsuits for alleged acts long after the current statute of limitations has expired could be financially devastating. A similar law in California, passed in 2002, resulted in Catholic dioceses there paying \$1.2 billion in legal settlements

The report cited Minnesota and Delaware as the two best states when it comes to the civil statute of limitations. Alabama, Michigan, Mississippi, and New York were listed as the worst.

Pa. asks counties to replace voting systems by 2020

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — Democratic Gov. Tom Wolf’s administration told Pennsylvania’s counties Thursday that he wants them to replace their electronic voting systems with machines that leave a verifiable paper trail by the end of 2019, although counties warned that the price tag is a major problem.

Counties estimate the cost will be \$125 million and said the greatest single impediment to buying new voting machines is the lack of a funding source.

Wolf’s administration said it believes it is possible for counties to update their machines by the November 2019 election and that it is working with counties to make it affordable.

“There’s a lot of areas the state can weigh in to help make this something that is absolutely affordable for the counties,” Wolf said Thursday.

That includes making financing available and negotiating a good deal on the machines, although Wolf said he had not gotten to the point yet of asking the Republican-controlled Legislature for money.

In February, Wolf ordered counties planning to replace their electronic voting systems to buy machines that leave a paper trail, a safeguard against hacking.

The move followed September’s disclosure by the federal government that election systems in at least 21 states, including Pennsylvania, were targeted by hackers before the 2016 presidential election. Only Illinois reported that hackers had succeeded in breaching its systems. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security has said there’s no evidence that vote tallies or registration databases were altered.

“It’s important because everybody needs to have confidence in the voting process and given what is alleged to have happened in 2016, I think there’s some concern that maybe people aren’t as confident as they should be,” Wolf said.

The vast majority of Pennsylvania’s fleet of more than 20,000 electronic voting machines leave no paper trail, according to a 2014 tally by state election officials.

Pennsylvania is one of 13 states where most or all voters use antiquated machines that store votes electronically without printed ballots or other paper-based backups that could be used to double-check the vote.



Associated Press

In this April 10 frame from video, a National Guard soldier watches over Rio Grande River on the border in Roma, Texas. The deployment of National Guard members to the U.S.-Mexico border at President Donald Trump’s request was underway Tuesday with a gradual ramp-up of troops under orders to help curb illegal immigration.

National Guard faces tricky dance in Calif. border mission

By ELLIOT SPAGAT
Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — California Gov. Jerry Brown is crystal clear that his National Guard will help President Trump go after drugs and thugs on the Mexican border, but not immigrants. Drawing that line may be hazy.

Brown’s pledge of 400 troops allows the president to boast that governors in all four border states back his mission to send the Guard on its third large-scale deployment since 2006. It helped bring commitments from Arizona, California, New Mexico and Texas to about 2,400 troops — above the low end of Trump’s target of sending 2,000 to 4,000 troops to the border shared by the four states.

The Democratic governor, who cast his decision as a welcome infusion of federal support to fight transnational criminal gangs and drug and firearms smugglers, broke from his Republican counterparts from the three other states by insisting that his troops will have nothing to do with immigration enforcement.

But some experts were skeptical that Brown will be able to force his vision of the mission on California’s Guard members participating in Trump’s operation.

“I think it’ll be very difficult for the California National Guard to be able to walk that fine line because those things in the field are indistinguishable, said Eric Olson, deputy director of the Wilson Center’s Latin America program, who specializes in organized crime and security. “It’s not like someone crossing the border says, ‘I’m carrying drugs.’ How can you tell?”

Trump praised Brown on Twitter Thursday, but did not address the governor’s conditions for not taking an immigration role for California troops. The president said Brown was “doing the right thing and sending the National Guard to the Border. Thank you Jerry, good move for the safety of our Country!”

The Border Patrol’s mission of preventing people from entering the U.S. illegally has not changed in its

94-year history. But its nearly 20,000 agents also seize hundreds of tons of marijuana every year, along with other drugs. The agency has also emphasized anti-terrorism efforts since the 2001 attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon.

Andrew Selee, president of the nonpartisan Migration Policy Institute, said Brown’s move is clearly about how it will be seen politically in a state that overwhelmingly opposes Trump’s crackdown on illegal immigration. The governor, in his decision to let the California troops participate, gave himself “wiggle room” to withdraw the Guard members if they get involved with immigration, which Trump will definitely want to prevent.

“Everyone has an interest in this working out,” Selee said. “The lines will blur a bit but federal and state governments will try to make sure this doesn’t blow up. That doesn’t work for anyone.”

Other border governors — all Republicans — fully embraced Trump’s directive. Texas Gov. Greg Abbott, who will contribute about 1,400 troops, has said troops will “help ensure we are doing everything we can to stem the flow of illegal immigration.”

Details on the Guard’s exact assignments have been trickling out since Trump last week announced his plan to send troops to the border on April 4.

The Arizona National Guard said Wednesday that 112 of its 338 troops will provide air support, like flying helicopters, from a base in the town of Marana, near Tucson. Another 60 are being sent to border town of Nogales for what Maj. Gen. Michael McGuire called ground-based missions, without providing details.

They are not required to carry guns for their duties but can do so if they feel they need to for their own protection, McGuire said.

The Texas National Guard, which already has troops in the Rio Grande Valley and Laredo area, scouts for illegal activity by air and land and reports any findings to the Border Patrol.

Abbott said Thursday that he was waiting for instructions from the federal government but that his understanding was that the troops “will in no way be involved in any type of apprehension or confrontation process.”

The New Mexico National Guard has not yet publicly defined a precise role for its 250 troops.

Federal law, notably the Posse Comitatus Act of 1878, sharply limits military involvement in civilian law enforcement, creating a supporting role for Guard members. The Pentagon said last week that troops won’t perform law enforcement functions or interact with people detained by border authorities without its approval.

From 2006 to 2008 under the administration of former President George W. Bush, the Guard went to the Mexico border and fixed vehicles, maintained roads, repaired fences and performed ground surveillance.

Its second southern border mission in 2010 and 2011 ordered by former President Barack Obama involved more aerial surveillance and intelligence work. People involved in both operations say the Guard was the Border Patrol’s “eyes and ears.”

Brown said the California troops cannot guard anyone in custody for immigration violations, participate in construction of border barriers or have any other supporting role on immigration enforcement.

California National Guard spokesman Lt. Col. Thomas Keegan said officials “generally do not discuss the specifics of operations, tactics, techniques and procedures and we certainly do not want to tip our hand to the transnational criminal gangs, human traffickers and illegal firearm and drug smugglers we’re targeting.”

Jobs for the about 55 California troops already at the border include engineering to repair roads, fences and culverts and working with federal and state law enforcement on anti-terrorism and anti-drug operations, Keegan said.

Gun rights supporters: Bring unloaded rifles to rallies

By RUSS BYNUM
Associated Press

Organizers are encouraging gun rights supporters to bring unloaded rifles to rallies at state capitols across the U.S. this weekend, pushing back against a wave of student-led gun violence protests that some see as a threat to the Second

Amendment.

A group called the National Constitutional Coalition of Patriotic Americans spread word of the gatherings on social media. Organizers have permits for rallies Saturday outside 45 statehouses, said David Clayton, of West Virginia, one of the coalition’s founders.

The rallies come less than three weeks after hundreds of thousands marched in Washington, New York and other U.S. cities to demand tougher gun laws after the February school shooting that killed 17 in Parkland, Florida.

It’s unclear how many will show up — turnout predictions of national organizers are vastly higher than those of local planners.

Clayton said a new gun law in Florida and similar measures being considered in other states threaten the rights of law-abiding gun owners. He said those attending rallies are encouraged to carry rifles — unloaded, with no magazines inserted — in states where it’s legal.

“This is a very peaceful approach to a show of force,” Clayton said. “What that means is we’re not going to go there looking for a fight. We’re saying, ‘Look at all the people gathered here. We have a voice too.’”

Most U.S. states allow long guns to be carried openly in public spaces, though other legal restrictions may apply. In Maine, for example, the statehouse grounds are a gun-free zone. Assembling near the state Capitol on Saturday

could prove expensive, at least for organizers in Georgia. They’re being asked to pay about \$6,700 to cover overtime for state troopers to provide security. Capt. Mark Perry of the Georgia Department of Public Safety said that’s because the rally is on a weekend — permitted assemblies are free on weekdays when statehouse security is fully staffed.

“It’s an insult,” said Atlanta rally organizer Chris Hill, who said he has no intention of paying.

Other groups have been charged similar fees. Tim Franzen, who helped organize the March For Our Lives rally against gun violence in Atlanta on March 24, said organizers paid for statehouse security but he didn’t recall how much.

The coalition behind the gun rights rallies describes itself as a collection of patriotic-based groups that “come from all walks of life, including Three Percent groups and local militias.”

The Three Percent movement vows to resist any government that infringes on the U.S. Constitution. Its name refers to the belief that just 3 percent of colonists rose up to fight the British.

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One day commencing on the 29th day of ...March...2018

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Wayne C. Clark: 73, March 25, 2018.
Mary Jane Colvin: 75, March 25, 2018.
Alice Jane Fowler: 84, March 23, 2018.

ALICE JANE FOWLER

CANASTOTA >> Alice Jane Fowler, 84, of 400 Lamb Ave. passed away Friday, March 23, 2018. Alice was born on Aug. 12, 1933 in Harrisburg, Pa. to Stiers Freemont Sharpnack and Mildred Beryl Nicholson Sharpnack. Their only daughter, and the youngest of four, she was raised on the family farm in Carmichael, Pa. Alice first married John Fowler and had seven children: Arleen, twins Ronald and Donald, Diana, John, Denise and Stacy in Warren, Mich. She settled in Canastota in 1966. Alice married Leonard Edward Fowler on July 30, 1971 in Canastota. Leonard predeceased her on Jan. 21, 1974. Alice was employed by various companies during her lifetime, including: Oneida Limited, Dan-dee Donuts, Graziano's Motor Inn, and home health care. Alice enjoyed animals, especially dogs and birds, puzzles, and in her words, being miserable. Alice was predeceased by her parents, three of her children, as well as her brothers, Allen Rex and Shirl Sharpnack. She is survived by her brother, William Sharpnack, and her sons, Darrell L. (Cathy) Fowler of Canastota, Glenn (Mildred Whitmeyer) of Citra, Fla., and her granddaughters, Sabrina and Danae Fowler. At Alice's request, there will be no calling hours or services. Cremation is under the direction of Fiore Funeral Home, Oneida.

Fiore Funeral Home
303 Main Street
Oneida, N.Y. 13421
315-363-6100

Briefly

Child Safety Days planned

ONEIDA » H&R Block will sponsor Child Safety Days on Saturday, March 31 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Price Chopper Plaza, 122 Genesee St., Oneida and Saturday, April 7 at Tops Plaza, 3400 Senica Turnpike, Canastota from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Activities will include free finger-printing and child photo IDs by the Sheriff's Department, a car seat check by the NYS Police, face painting, bounce house (weather permitting) and free hot dogs. Children can have their photos taken in an ambulance and fire truck. For more information, call (315) 363-5870.

SVCS board will meet April 10

MUNNSVILLE » The regular meeting of the Stockbridge Valley Central School Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, April 10 at 6:30 p.m. in room S201 at the school, 6011 Williams Road.

Visitors guide now available

MORRISVILLE » The 2018 Madison County Visitors Guide is available from Madison County Tourism, the county's official tourism promotion agency. The 32-page magazine, which features a scenic shot of Chittenango Falls on the cover, presents readers with a taste of what there is to see and do in Madison County. The guide can also be read electronically at www.MadisonTourism.com. Madison County Tourism will distribute 35,000 printed copies of the guide at visitor information centers and kiosks throughout the state and county and at more than a dozen trade shows in the US and Canada. To request a copy, visit www.

WAYNE C. CLARK



June 9, 2014.



Prior to his retirement, Wayne was a Sergeant and Station Commander with the New York State Police, retiring in 1990 with 24 years of service. After retirement, Wayne was a police officer for the Veteran's Administration and then a senior gaming inspector for the Oneida Gaming Commission. Wayne was a veteran of the United States Army in the 82nd Airborne Division from 1962-1965. He was a member of the American Legion, the Association of Former New York State Troopers where he was a life member of the local chapter and a member of the Oneida Rifle Club. Wayne enjoyed target shooting at the range, reading and fishing. Surviving besides his wife, Gemma, are two sons and daughters-in-law, Mark and Colleen Clark of St. Paul, Minn. and Luke and Rebecca Clark of Syracuse; one step-daughter and son-in-law, Heidi and Nick Mahle of Rome; seven grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; one sister and brother-in-law, Janelle and Robert Ellison of Venice Center; two brothers, Perry Clark of Marcelle, Ill. and Tim and Donna Clark of Auburn; and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by a daughter, Sherene Clark in 1974. Funeral services will be held 6 p.m. Monday, April 2, 2018, from the Campbell-Dean Funeral Home, Inc., 260 Main St., Oneida with the Rev. Gary Spraker, officiating. Spring interment will be made in Venice Center Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home from 4-6 p.m., Monday, April 2, prior to the funeral service. Contributions may be made to the Paralyzed Veterans of America, 801 18th Street NW, Washington D.C. 20006-3517. To leave a message of condolence, please visit www.campbell-dean.com.
CAMPBELL-DEAN FUNERAL HOME, INC.
Oneida

MARY JANE COLVIN



MORRISVILLE >> Mary Jane Colvin, 75, passed away Sunday, March 25, 2018 at the Crouse Community Center in Morrisville. Mary was born in Canastota, the daughter of the late Melvin and Geraldine Devendorf. She had been a resident of the Morrisville area the past 51 years. She was employed at Marshall's Diner in Cazenovia for 10 years and was previously a bartender at several bars and restaurants in the Chittenango area. She was predeceased by her husband, Ernest H. Colvin in 2010, her granddaughter, Samantha Colvin and her great-grandson, Aadon Olmsted. She is survived by her son, Ernest "Butch" Colvin (Lois) of Morrisville; her daughters, Sandra Ducey of Canastota and Kathleen Grow (William) of Morrisville; her step-sons, William Colvin (Carol) of Wampsville and Thomas Colvin (Phyllis) of Florida; her step-daughter, Susan Colvin of Florida; eight grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; several step-grandchildren, step-great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Friday, March 30, 2018 at the G.F. Zimmer Funeral Home, 702 Legion Drive, Chittenango, with the Rev. Mick Keville officiating. Calling hours will be 12-2 p.m. at the funeral home, prior to the service. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the Crouse Community Center, 101 South St., Morrisville, N.Y. 13408.
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Services

ROBERT COSSITT » Robert Cossitt, 81, died Saturday, March 24, 2018. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, March 29, 2018 at the Burgess & Tedesco Funeral Home, 25 Broad St., Hamilton. In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that donations be made in Bob's name to the Alzheimer's Association.

WILLIAM J. ROUNDS » Wil-

liam J. Rounds, 61, died Thursday, March 22, 2018. Funeral services will be held at 4 p.m. Friday, March 30, 2018 at the Burgess & Tedesco Funeral Home, 10 S. Main St., Sherburne. Interment is private at the convenience of his family. Friends are invited to call at the funeral home on Friday from 2-4 p.m. prior to the service.

will be held to honor the selected volunteer in late May or early June.

Petitions available March 29

VERONA » Nominating petitions will be available on Thursday, March 29 at the V.V.S. School District Office, 5275 State Route 31, for two vacant or expired Board of Education seats. The term of office will begin July 1, 2018 and run for five years. Each nominating petition requires a minimum of 100 signatures of qualified school district residents. Petitions are due back to the district office no later than Friday, April 20 at 4 p.m. The election is scheduled for Tuesday, May 15 from 12-9 p.m. Polling locations will be the Sherrill City Court Building, Verona Fire Department, and Vernon Town Hall. For more information, call Erin Tiffany, Assistant Superintendent for Finance at (315) 829-2520.

Economic alliance will meet April 4

MORRISVILLE » The Center of New York Economic Alliance (CONYEA) will hold its next meeting on April 4 at 6 p.m. at the Morrisville Public Library, 83 E. Main St. The group is composed of local business/organization leaders as well as individuals with an interest in the prosperity of the region. New members are invited to attend the meet-

ing. For information on CONYEA, email CONYEA18@gmail.com.
"Mary Poppins Jr." opens April 6

CANASTOTA » The Children's Council of Canastota will present "Mary Poppins Jr." at 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, April 6 and 7 at the Canastota High School auditorium. All tickets are \$5 and will be available before each show.

Artist submissions accepted

HAMILTON » Broad Street Gallery is accepting artist submissions for five-week shows, starting in August. These are predominantly group shows with one or two solo shows per year. All mediums will be considered. Artists should email the following materials to hamiltoncenterforthearts@gmail.com: full name, email, phone number, artist website, resume, artist statement, up to 10 images, including title, medium, year created, and dimensions. For more information, call (315)-368-4453. Deadline for submissions is June 30.

Rabies vaccination clinic set for April 7

CHITTENANGO » The Madison County Department of Health will hold a rabies vaccination clinic on Saturday, April 7 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Chittenango Fire Department, 417 Gen-

esee St. Public Health Law requires all dogs, cats, and ferrets to be vaccinated by 4 months of age. Vaccinations are available free of charge to Madison County residents. A \$5 donation is requested to help defray clinic costs. All animals must be at least 3 months of age and be properly restrained.

Spring Craft Show slated for April 7

SHERRILL » The CAC Spring Craft Show will be held Saturday, April 7 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Community Activity Center, 139 E. Hamilton Ave. Admission and parking are free. The show will feature more than 40 vendors. The food counter will be open.

Planning seminar offered April 25

CANASTOTA » Attorney Robert K. Hilton III will provide a free Estate Planning Seminar at Canastota Public Library on Wednesday, April 25 beginning at 6 p.m. The seminar will be held on the lower level of the library in the Lawson Community Room. Topics will include Estate Planning, Wills, Powers of Attorney, Health Care Proxies, Asset Protection and Nursing Home Eligibility. Coffee and desserts will be served. For information, contact Hilton at (315) 624-9600 or rkh@hilton-lawny.com. The Canastota Public Library is located at

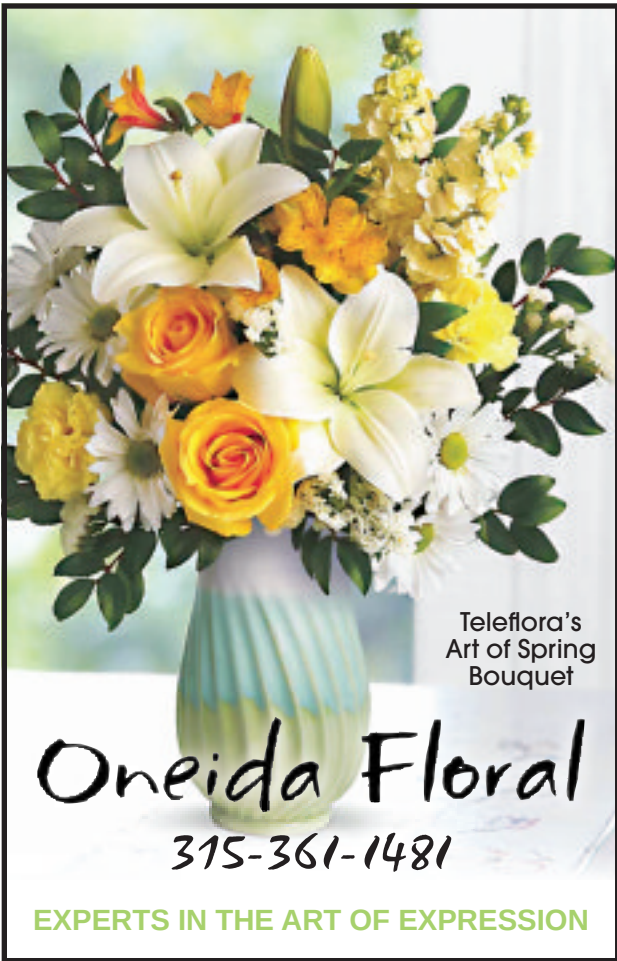
102 W. Center St.

April immunization clinics

WAMPVILLE » Madison County Health Department has scheduled the following flu and immunization clinics for April: Friday, April 13 from 12:30-3:30 p.m. and Friday, April 27 from 8:30-11:30 a.m. Clinics are held at the Madison County Health Department, 138 N. Court St., Building 5, by appointment. Patients should bring their health insurance cards; most plans are accepted. Some fees may apply. To make an appointment, call (315) 366-2848 or visit www.healthymadisoncounty.org.

Herb & Flower Festival set for June 16

ORISKANY » The 22nd Herb & Flower Festival will take place June 16 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Cornell Cooperative Extension's Parker F. Scripture Botanical Gardens located at the Oneida County Farm and Home Center, 121 Second St. The event will include four classes for gaining new gardening knowledge, and nearly 50 garden merchants selling trees, shrubs, flowers and vegetable plants. Other items related to gardening are also available for purchase. The Master Gardener booth offers information on a variety of topics and the chance to ask specific gardening questions.



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Scandal

FROM PAGE 1

Facebook’s responsibility is in the world. He said it isn’t enough for Facebook to believe app developers when they say they follow the rules. He says Facebook has to ensure they do.

Facebook is facing its worst privacy scandal in years following allegations that Cambridge Analytica, a Trump-affiliated data mining firm, used ill-gotten data from millions of users through an app to try to influence elections.

Facebook said Wednesday that as many as 87 million people might have had their data accessed — an increase from the 50 million disclosed in published reports. Facebook is basing the estimate in part on the number of friends each user might have had. Cambridge Analytica said in a statement that it had data for only 30 million people.

On Monday all Facebook users will receive a notice on their Facebook feeds with a link to see what apps they use and what information they have shared with those apps. They’ll have a chance to delete apps they no longer want. Users who



NOAH BERGER — THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

The company unveiled the revisions Wednesday. Zuckerberg is also set to testify before Congress next week for the first time.

might have had their data shared with Cambridge Analytica will be told of that. Facebook says most of the affected users are in the U.S.

Zuckerberg said fixing the company’s problems will take years.

Besides the privacy scandal, Facebook also has been dealing with fake news, the use of Facebook to spread hate and discord and concerns about social media’s effect on people’s mental well-being.

These are “big issues” and a big shift for Facebook as it broadens its responsibility, Zuckerberg said. He added that he does

think that by the end of this year the company will have “turned a corner” on a lot of the issues. Zuckerberg has made fixing the company his personal challenge for 2018.

As part of the steps it’s taking to address scrutiny about outsiders’ access to user data, Facebook outlined several changes to further tighten its policies. For one, it is restricting access that apps can have to data about users’ events, as well as information about groups such as member lists and content.

In addition, the company is also removing the option to search for users by en-

tering a phone number or an email address. While this helped individuals find friends, Facebook says businesses that had phone or email information on customers were able to collect profile information this way. Facebook says it believes most of its 2.2 billion users had their public profile information scraped by businesses or various malicious actors through this technique at some point. Posts and other content set to be visible only to friends weren’t collected.

This comes on top of changes announced a few weeks ago. For example, Facebook has said it will remove developers’ access to people’s data if the person has not used the app in three months.

Earlier Wednesday, Facebook unveiled a new privacy policy that seeks to clarify its data collection and use.

Although Facebook says the policy changes aren’t prompted by recent events or tighter privacy rules coming from the EU, it’s an opportune time. It comes as Zuckerberg is set to appear April 11 before a House committee — his first testimony before Congress. Separately, the U.S. Federal Trade Commission and var-

ious authorities in Europe are investigating.

As Facebook evolved from a closed, Harvard-only network with no ads to a giant corporation with \$40 billion in advertising revenue and huge subsidiaries like Instagram and WhatsApp, its privacy policy has also shifted — over and over.

Almost always, critics say, the changes meant a move away from protecting user privacy toward pushing openness and more sharing. On the other hand, regulatory and user pressure has sometimes led Facebook to pull back on its data collection and use and to explain things in plainer language — in contrast to dense legalese from many other internet companies.

The policy changes come a week after Facebook gave its privacy settings a makeover. The company tried to make it easier to navigate its complex and often confusing privacy and security settings, though the makeover didn’t change what Facebook collects and shares either.

Facebook’s new privacy policy has a new section explaining that it collects people’s contact information if they choose to “upload, sync or import” this

to the service. This may include users’ address books on their phones, as well as their call logs and text histories. The new policy says Facebook may use this data to help “you and others find people you may know.”

Several users were surprised to learn recently that Facebook had been collecting information about whom they texted or called and for how long, though not the actual contents of text messages. It seemed to have been done without explicit consent, though Facebook says it collected such data only from Android users who specifically allowed it to do so — for instance, by agreeing to permissions when installing Facebook.

On Wednesday, Facebook said will delete all logs after a year and in the future, the only information this tool will collect from now on is the data that it needs to operate and “not broader data such as the time of calls.”

The new policy also makes it clear that WhatsApp and Instagram are part of Facebook and that the companies share information about users. WhatsApp will still have a separate policy as well, while Facebook and Instagram share one.

Spicer

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Veterans is what it is today thanks to the hardworking efforts of many. We, as a community, have led this initiative and I’m happy

to accept this on their behalf,” Spicer said. “A vision is merely a dream, unless there are people to support and believe in it. The willingness of our staff, volunteers and donors to step up (many of whom are veterans) and contribute – has created a beautiful place that deliv-

ers a high level of service that sets the bar that other communities want to follow. Over the past seven years, we have supported thousands of veterans each year and in turn, they have made our communities better.”

“Melissa has demon-

strated creativity and vision in her leadership,” notes her nomination entry. “She exemplifies an outstanding philanthropist because she didn’t choose the traditional route of simply donating to a non-profit agency. Rather, she invested in a community – a community of people who selflessly

raised their hand to protect our everyday freedoms. Melissa helped personally fund the acquisition of a 78-acre tranquil property in Chittenango, knowing it would provide a place of respite for the veteran community. Her financial support hasn’t ended there as she has continued to give back to Clear Path for Veterans.”

To date, the Eagle Rare Life Award program has donated \$400,000 to multi-

ple non-profit organizations across the U.S.

Spicer will receive an award ceremony at Clear Path for Veterans in Chittenango, at a date to be announced.

Clear Path for Veterans is upstate New York’s Veteran Resource Center serving as a hub of information, programs and resources for veterans and their families. For information, visit [www. ClearPathForVets.com](http://www.ClearPathForVets.com).

Meth bust

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■Skyler Glouse, 23, of Oneida, was also charged with second-degree criminal possession of methamphetamine manufacturing materials; third-degree unlawfully manufacturing methamphetamine; seventh-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance; second-degree reckless endangerment; and endangering the welfare of a child.

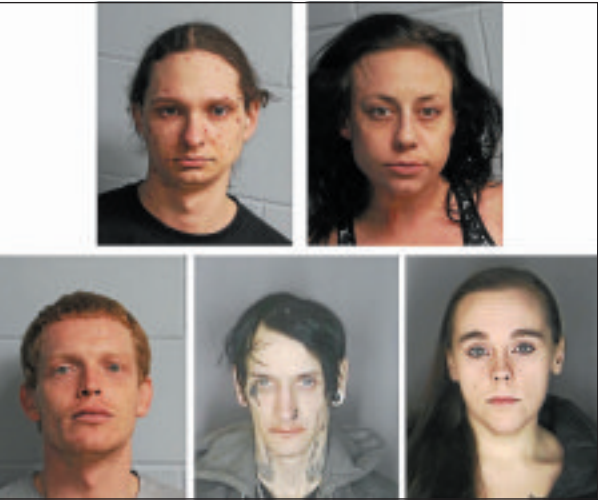
He was arraigned before the Oneida City Court and held at Madison County Jail without bail/bond. He is scheduled to reappear before the court on another date/time.

■Kelly Franklin, 34, of

Oneida, was charged with seventh-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance and unlawful disposal of meth lab materials. She was arraigned before the Oneida City Court and held at Madison County Jail on \$5,000 bail or \$10,000 bond and is scheduled to reappear before the court on another date/time.

■Brittany Horton, 27, of Oneida, was charged with possession of marijuana and endangering the welfare of a child. She was arraigned before the Oneida City Court and is scheduled to reappear before the court on another date/time.

■Joshua Peters, 32, of Oneida was charged second-degree criminal possession of methamphetamine manufacturing ma-



Clockwise, from top left: Skyler Glouse, Kelly Franklin, Brittany Horton, Josh Peters, and Brett Parks.

terials. He is scheduled to appear before the Oneida City Court on a later date/time.

The Oneida City Fire

Department, Vineall Ambulance, Madison County Child Protective Services, and New York State Parole also assisted.

Shotgun

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ran from the residence, at which point Bellair shot at him a second time. Neither shot hit the other man and

he was not injured.

Bellair was arraigned in the town of Hamilton Court and held at Madison County Jail on \$2,500 cash or \$5,000 bond. He is scheduled to reappear in court at a later date.

Fraud

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in public assistance she oth-

erwise would not have received.

Smith was charged and is scheduled to appear in the town of Lenox Court on June 5.

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MADISON COUNTY

Reimagine the Canals finalist

SYRACUSE, N.Y. » Madison County is one of seven finalists chosen for the \$2.5 million Reimagine the Canals Competition, which seeks innovative ideas to transform the state's Canal System as it begins its second century of operations.

Assistant Director Jamie Kowalczyk at the Madison County Planning Department is spearheading the project and said she saw this competition as an opportunity to use what has been learned working on the Canal and submit an idea that showcases Madison County's section and revitalize Canal-side communities.

"The pocket neighborhood is a project to create new and innovative housing that is physically connected to the Eerie Canal trail and waterway," Kowalczyk said. "There has been a trend where Canal communities maybe have drifted away from seeing the Canal as an asset, but over the last several years, people have realized it's the greatest thing we have."

The competition, managed by the Canal Corporation and the New York Power Authority, seeks new approaches for how to both use the canals as an engine for economic development

and also to become a hub for tourism and recreation.

"This competition to bring new life into the historic Canal System is occurring in the same year as the System's centennial, and it's clear from the creativity in these entries that the future for the next century is very bright," said Gov. Andrew Cuomo. "With the contributions from these finalists, our canals will continue to serve a transformative role in helping the Upstate economy thrive."

The seven finalists were drawn from a field of 145 entries from nine countries and nine states and were announced Tuesday in Syracuse during a celebration at the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry. Each of the teams will receive up to \$50,000 to further develop their entries for the next stage.

"The response to this competition is amazing and it is clear the judges had some tough choices to make," said Gil C. Quinones, NYPA president and CEO, which operates the state Canal System as a subsidiary. "Picking the final winners will be just as difficult, but we are confident we'll have some great ideas for the Canal System that can be put into action."

"These entries embrace the passion and pride in the Canal System that is prevalent in the 225 communities it passes through," said Brian U. Stratton, Canal Corporation director. "They honor the heritage of the canals while at the same time offering bold ideas that can make the canals a vital force in the upstate economy and give people more reasons to visit."

Final submissions will be due in early July. The winners, who will receive between \$250,000 and \$1.5 million to plan and implement their projects, are slated to be announced in the early fall.

The programs and initiatives are intended to promote the Canal System and its trails as a tourist destination and recreational asset for New York residents and visitors; sustainable economic development along the Canal System; the Canal System's heritage; and the long-term financial sustainability of the Canal Corporation. Additionally, the competition sought entries on two separate tracks, one for infrastructure; the other for programs that have the potential to increase recreation use and tourism.

The finalists are:

Pocket Neighborhoods: a model for canal-side neighborhoods that have the Erie Canal as the core of their identity. The team includes the Madison County Planning Department and Stream Collaborative, an architecture firm in Ithaca.

Go the Distance: this initiative will look to develop overnight accommodations for recreational users of the canal system. The team includes the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor from Waterford, NY; Gray Slate Partners from Troy, NY; 2K Design from Clifton Park, NY and Dorgan Architecture & Planning from Storrs, Conn.

Canal Winterlocks: seeks to develop winter-time uses for the Erie Canal, potentially including skating, hockey, winter festivals and cross-country skiing. The team includes Clare Lyster Urbanism and Architecture and John Ronan Architects, both from Chicago and Urban Engineers from Philadelphia.

Great Erie Canal Race: a multi-day race for many types of watercraft, with a component for bikers and hikers. The team, led by Parks and Trails New York, includes Joe Gustainis from Caledonia, NY and Karthik



DISPATCH STAFF PHOTO

The Erie Canal in the village of Canastota on Monday, May 11, 2015.

Namasivayam from Pittsford, NY, as advisors.

Intra-Works: installations of art and sculpture to forge a cultural identity that links up the Canal System. The team includes the architecture and planning firms Collective Studio from New York City and WRT and Interface, both from Philadelphia.

Western New York Irrigation: this plan will build off the canal's water infrastructure to expand its irrigation capabilities. The team includes SUNY ESF Professor Stephen Shaw, C&S Companies of Syracuse and the Cornell Cooperative Extension.

Upstate Archipelago: this team is developing designs for resilient water landscapes that also provide public recreation space and wildlife habitat. The team includes Cornell Design, Ithaca; Cornell Cooperative Extension and H+N+S, a landscape architecture firm based in the Netherlands.

The New York State Canal System, formerly known as the Barge Canal, opened on May 15, 1918. To mark the occasion, the Canal Corporation will waive tolls for the 2018 navigation season, which begins May 15 on the eastern Erie Canal and May 18 on the rest of the 524-mile system.

"Madison County has seen the Canal as this asset that has so much potential," Kowalczyk said. "I think the opportunity this competition brings is very exciting."

For more information about the competition, go to www.canals.ny.gov/reimaginecanals.

Java Jam

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track, "The Road to Marcellus," and won a SAMMY, Syracuse Area Music Award, for Best Pop.

When Brock asked Bullis to perform, she thought

it'd be a great cause and is happy to perform. She hopes her music will have an impact on the listeners with her songs and lyrics.

The Java Jam for Recovery starts at 6:30 p.m. at the Kallet Civic Center and is free to the public.

"It's going to be a nice, mellow event," Brock said.

Grants

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"These communities continue to need help and I'm pleased to see the Department of Transportation award necessary funding to make repairs to roads and infrastructure throughout Upstate New York."

For more information, visit <https://grants.ost.dot.gov/public/ViewMessage.cfm?MsgID=t2e6t1c5tg>

CLINTON

Surgeon pleads guilty to fraud

Shankman to repay \$86,000, lose license

UTICA, N.Y. » A Clinton doctor pleaded guilty Tuesday to defrauding the Workers' Compensation system by more than \$86,000.

Orthopedic surgeon Dr. Gregory B. Shankman, 70, of Clinton, pleaded guilty in Oneida County Court to two counts of second-degree offering a false instrument for

filing and surrendered his license to practice medicine. He is also expected to pay full restitution of \$86,896.31 at the time of his sentencing in June.

An investigation by Inspector General Catherine Leahy Scott found Shankman, who maintained offices on Genesee Street in Utica, defrauded the Workers' Compensation system by certifying he was at claimant medical exams at his Utica office when he was instead traveling in western New York, out of state, and even out of the country. The investigation found that Shankman was not in his Utica offices on more than 150 separate days between January 2015 and August 2017 while certifying he was at the office each of those days overseeing multiple Workers' Compensation exams. On many of the days when he indicated he was performing exams at his offices in Utica, he was in fact performing other exams in offices near

Buffalo, was out of state, and even traveling in Iceland in the spring of 2016.

As such, Shankman systematically submitted false bills for medical services rendered by a Workers' Compensation medical provider to the State Insurance Fund, the County of Oneida and other insurance carriers, third party administrators, and self-insured entities.

"This doctor brazenly supplemented his income through an illicit medical mill that left honest physicians at an unfair competitive disadvantage," said Leahy Scott. "With pure greed, he billed for services he was supposed to personally oversee but was instead traveling across the state or vacationing abroad."

Shankman pleaded guilty Tuesday in Oneida County Court and remained released pending sentencing scheduled for on June 5, 2018.

Oneida County District Attorney Scott D. McNamara and his office assisted with the investigation and prosecution.

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Chloe Willard: On surpassing 200-career in a 5-goal effort against Tully.

Online: Learn more about this week’s athletes and watch exclusive video interviews at [ONEIDADISPATCH/SPORTS](#). To nominate a player for Athlete of the Week, coaches email SPORTS@ONEIDADISPATCH.COM by Sunday night.

Roundup

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SKANEATELES 17, CHITTENANGO 2 » Gaby Welch put away four goals, teammates Riley Brogan and Riley Pas’cal added three goals each, and the Skaneateles Lakers blew by the Chittenango Bears in girls lacrosse action on Tuesday. Ally Shoemaker and Alyssa Frantz each scored for Chittenango, but Skaneateles was too much for the Bears, posting a 17-2 win.

SKANEATELES 17, CHITTENANGO 2

at Chittenango
Skaneateles: A. McGlynn 1-3, I Christou 3-0, G. Dower 2-2, M. Newton 1-2, G. Welch 4-0, O. Dobrovsky 0-1, R. Brogan 3-1, E. Peterson 0-1, O. Navoroli 1-6, T. Pas’cal 2-0. Saves - R. Pas’cal 2, M. Buff, 1.
Chittenango: Julia Pynn 0-1, Ally Shoemaker 1-0, Alyssa Frantz 1-0. Saves - Hailee Watt, 5 saves.

Monday Results

Boys Tennis

NEW HARTFORD 7, VERNON-VERONA-SHERRILL 0 » New Hartford swept Vernon-Verona-Sherrill tennis on Monday, riding a strong showing from singles competitors John Robert Corasanti, Ethan Lampert, Ricki Falvo, and David Fenner. VVS tandem Trent Klis and Manuel Lavesa-Cesana took New Hartford’s Austin Franklin and Andrew Benson to the limit, but

the Spartan duo walked away with a 6-4, 7-6 (8-6) win.

NEW HARTFORD 7, VERNON-VERONA-SHERRILL 0

at VVS
15: John Robert Corasanti(New Hartford) d. Jacob Starke(Vernon-Verona-Sherrill) 6-0, 6-2
25: Ethan Lampert(New Hartford) d. Blane Hale(Vernon-Verona-Sherrill) 6-0, 6-0
35: Ricki Falvo(New Hartford) d. David Lewin(Vernon-Verona-Sherrill) 6-1, 6-1
45: David Fenner(New Hartford) d. Andrew Lewin(Vernon-Verona-Sherrill) 6-0, 6-0
10: Matt Cioni & Dave Mathews(New Hartford) d. Brennan Hale & Richard Shawl(Vernon-Verona-Sherrill) 6-2, 7-5
20: Austin Franklin & Andrew Benson(New Hartford) d. Trent Klis & Manuel Lavesa-Cesana(Vernon-Verona-Sherrill) 6-4, 7-6(8-6)
30: Charlie Klempay & Matt Nerber(New Hartford) d. Nolan Robinson & Tyler Kinne(Vernon-Verona-Sherrill) 6-2, 6-1

Boys Lacrosse

WHITESBORO 13, VERNON-VERONA-SHERRILL 5 » Leading Vernon-Verona-Sherrill by a single point at the halftime intermission, Whitesboro found its groove in the second half, outscoring their hosts 8-1 in the second half en route to a 13-5 win. Josh Hameline poured in six goals to lead Whitesboro. Matt Ciotti netted four goals for the Red Devils in the loss.

WHITESBORO 13, VERNON-VERONA-SHERRILL 5

at VVS
VVS (1-1, 2-2): Travis Decker 1-2, Matt Ciotti 4-0, Alex Oliver 0-1. Saves - Jevit Cumber 12.
Whitesboro (1-1, 3-3) A. Maycock 0-1, A. Nofri 0-2, R. Waters 2-1, P. Liotta 0-1, D. Bartosik 0-1, J. Kraeger 5-0, A. Rotundo 0-1, J. Hameline 6-2. Saves - A. Rotundo 15.



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Arizona Cardinals wide receiver Larry Fitzgerald stands on the field following an NFL football game against the Seattle Seahawks.

Fitzgerald

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Walter Payton NFL Man of the Year Award (2016) and Pro Football Weekly Arthur S. Arkush Humanitarian Award (2012). In November 2017, Fitzgerald signed a one-year contract extension to remain with the Cardinals through the 2018 season.

“Having been a lifelong big boxing fan, it’s a great honor to be asked to be the Grand Marshal for the International Boxing Hall of Fame Parade of Champions. I’m looking forward to coming to Canastota to be with all of the fans and boxing greats to be able to witness the Class of 2018 take its place with the immortals of the sport. As a player in the NFL, I know what a thrill it is to see and be in the company of those who

have risen to the top. It will be a great celebration of those being inducted, and particularly for me, to be able to be there and share in festivities for my mentor and dear friend, Jim Gray. I can’t wait until June and am grateful to be involved in this special event,” said Fitzgerald.

The Parade of Champions, set for Sunday, June 10th at 1 p.m., will pass through the streets of Canastota and lead to the grounds of the Hall of Fame Museum prior to the start of the Official Induction Ceremony honoring the new class of inductees. Inductees include boxers Vitali Klitschko, Erik Morales, Winky Wright and Sid Terris; ring announcer Johnny Addie, promoter Lorraine Chargin, promoter Klaus-Peter Kohl and broadcasters Steve Albert and Jim Gray.

Over 35 boxing stars

from the United States and abroad, including “Iron” Mike Tyson, Miguel Cotto, Marco Antonio Barrera, Kelly “The Ghost” Pavlik, Antonio “Magic Man” Tarver, “Irish” Micky Ward, James “Lights Out” Toney, Sergio “Maravilla” Martinez, Leon and Michael Spinks, Gerry Cooney, Christy Martin and many more will be highlighted in the Parade of Champions.

“With the lineup of marching bands, boxing celebrities, community organizations and now Larry Fitzgerald, this should be our biggest parade ever and an unforgettable day

for all,” said parade chairperson Charlene Barres.

Many events in “Boxing’s Hometown” of Canastota throughout the four-day celebration are planned, including a 5K Race / Fun Run, golf tournament, boxing autograph card show, VIP Cocktail Reception and the Official Induction Ceremony on the Hall of Fame Museum Grounds. The Hall of Fame Weekend evening events include Friday night’s Fight Night at Turning Stone and Saturday’s Banquet of Champions. Both events will take place at Turning Stone Resort Casino.

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RELATIVES GRIEVE AFTER JAIL FIRE KILLS DOZENS IN VENEZUELA

Daniel Marquez’s family took his blackened remains home in a simple wooden coffin, their despair as wide as the questions surrounding the blaze Wednesday that killed 68 people in one of Venezuela’s worst jail fires. “He didn’t deserve to die like this,” Sorangel Gutierrez, Marquez’s sister-in-law, said. His relatives say he was jailed because he couldn’t pay a bribe to an officer who found a photo of an illegal weapon on his cell phone. Varying versions of exactly what happened inside the police station’s crowded jail cells circulated Thursday amid a deafening silence from officials, who have yet to provide a full account. Above, relatives cry Thursday after learning their loved ones died.

Actions spur Russian response

More than 150 envoys, including 60 from US, tossed in retaliation

VLADIMIR ISACHENKOV AND JILL LAWLESS
Associated Press
MOSCOW — Russia announced the expulsion of more than 150 diplomats, including 60 Americans, on Thursday and said it was closing a U.S. consulate in retaliation for the wave of Western expulsions of Russian diplomats over the poisoning of an ex-spy and his daughter in Britain, a tit-for-tat response that intensified the Kremlin’s rupture with the United States and Europe.

The Russian move came as a hospital treating Sergei Skripal and his daughter, Yulia, said the woman was improving rapidly

and was now in stable condition, though her father remained in critical condition. The Skripals were found unconscious and critically ill in the English city of Salisbury on March 4. British authorities blamed Russia for poisoning them with a military-grade nerve agent, accusations Russia has vehemently denied. Two dozen countries, including the U.S., many EU nations and NATO, have ordered more than 150 Russian diplomats out this week in a show of solidarity with Britain — a massive action unseen even at the height of the Cold War. Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said at news conference Thursday that Moscow will expel the same number of diplomats from each of those countries in retaliation. U.S. Ambassador Jon Hunts-

man was summoned to the Foreign Ministry while Lavrov was speaking, where he was handed notice that Russia is responding quid pro quo to the U.S. decision to order 60 Russian diplomats out. In a statement, Huntsman said there was “no justification” for the move and that it shows Moscow isn’t interested in dialogue with the United States about important matters. “Russia should not be acting like a victim,” U.S. State Department spokeswoman Heather Nauert said. The Foreign Ministry said the U.S. diplomats, including 58 from the embassy in Moscow and two from the consulate in Yekaterinburg, must leave Russia by April 5. It added that the U.S. must leave its consulate in St. Petersburg no later than Saturday.

DIGEST

Experience of VA pick questioned

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump’s selection of his White House doctor to run the massive Department of Veterans Affairs triggered concern Thursday among lawmakers and veterans groups about whether he has the experience to manage an agency paralyzed over Trump’s push to expand private care. Ronny Jackson, a Navy rear admiral entrusted with the health of the past three presidents, is a lifelong physician whose positions on privatizing operations in the second largest federal department and addressing ballooning health care costs are unknown. He would be new to running a big bureaucracy if given leadership over a department of 360,000 employees serving 9 million veterans. In a statement, Trump praised Jackson as “highly trained and qualified.” But representatives of veterans aren’t sold on the choice, or on Trump’s decision a day earlier to fire VA Secretary David Shulkin.

ident Nicolas Sarkozy on Thursday was ordered to stand trial on charges of corruption and influence peddling. Sarkozy has faced multiple corruption investigations since leaving office in 2012, including accusations that he took millions in illegal campaign financing from then-Libyan dictator Moammar Gadhafi.

SACRAMENTO: A standing-room-only crowd packed into Bayside of South Sacramento church Thursday to celebrate the life of Stephon Clark, a 22-year-old black man who was shot to death by Sacramento police on March 18, prompting angry protests and a resolve to force changes in police departments around the country.

AUSTIN BOMBINGS: Austin’s police chief said Thursday that a “domestic terrorist” set off a series of explosions that killed two people and severely wounded four others in Texas’ capital, offering a stronger characterization of suspected bomber Mark Conditt after drawing criticism for being unwilling to do so previously.

RUSSIA PROBE: Attorney General Jeff Sessions said Thursday he won’t immediately appoint a new special counsel to investigate a number of Republican grievances involving the FBI and Justice Department, despite mounting pressure from members of his own party.

STORMY DANIELS: A porn star who said she had an affair with President Donald Trump and is suing so she can discuss the alleged relationship can’t have a jury trial or question the president under oath because the request is premature, a federal judge in Los Angeles ruled Thursday.

ASSISTED SUICIDE: Hawaii lawmakers approved legislation Thursday that would make it the latest liberal-leaning state to legalize medically assisted suicide. The measure allows doctors to fulfill requests from terminally ill patients for prescription medication that will allow them to die.

Trump might delay S. Korea trade deal

RICHFIELD, Ohio — President Donald Trump on Thursday threatened to “hold up” the trade agreement his administration finalized with South Korea this week in an effort to gain more leverage in potential talks with North Korea. Speaking on infrastructure in Ohio, Trump highlighted the recently completed renegotiation of the Korea-U.S. free trade agreement, but he warned, “I may hold it up until after a deal is made with North Korea.” The announcement comes as the two Koreas have announced plans to hold bilateral meetings next month in advance of a possible meeting between Trump and North Korea’s Kim Jong Un.

BRIEFLY
FRANCE: Former French Pres-

Stefanik

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an arrow.” Since last year, constituents have been asking the congresswoman to hold an open public town hall meeting, and Thursday’s announcement comes in on the heels of a recent Sunday *Post-Star* story detailing constituent concerns about Stefanik’s lack of public forums in the area, and a *Post-Star* editorial inviting the congresswoman to hold a public town hall locally. While many are making plans to attend, some have expressed concerns about

the venue size, worried they will not get into the forum. “I am planning on going,” said LoisAnn Jahne of Cambridge. “I find the suddenness of the announcement to be interesting, as well as the limited time frame and number of people who can fit in per fire code.” After four attempts to contact various sources on Stefanik’s team on Thursday afternoon, *The Post-Star* was unable to have specific questions answered. The questions include: How will questions and entry be handled? Who will handle security? What

if there is a large crowd and the space does not hold everyone — will there be some means for others to participate? Was there a reason for the time and location? How was the moderator selected? Instead, spokesman Tom Flanagan sent an online link to *The Post-Star* to get answers from a story published Thursday in *The Chronicle* of Glens Falls. *The Post-Star* again requested answers to the list of questions, but did not receive a response. According to the story Flanagan referenced, “Mark Frost will moderate at the congresswoman’s request.”

In a report to Congress last year — “Millennials & the GOP: Rebuilding Trust with an Untapped Electorate” — Stefanik said that holding town halls is one of the four recommended best practices for reaching millennial constituents. Stefanik, in the report, advises lawmakers to use a local university or high school to stage a town hall, even though this event has been scheduled for a smaller venue. At an April 2017 “Coffee with Your Congresswoman” event held at a senior center in Johnstown, Joe Seeman, a Saratoga County political activist,

asked Stefanik about holding a town hall in the Glens Falls region. “Will you commit to having a public town hall in a large place that will fit hundreds and hundreds of people, and soon?” Seeman asked. Stefanik said, at the time, a town hall in Glens Falls was in the planning stages. Constituents told *The Post-Star* in earlier interviews they want to let the congresswoman know how her votes and actions affect their ability to pay for prescription drugs; keep their farms running; buy groceries; and keep their wells, streams and lakes free from

contaminants. Some of the issues constituents hope to address during the upcoming forum include gun issues, public education, access to health care, the environment and the Russia probe. “I’ve been waiting almost a year to speak to her again,” said Sara Carpenter of Queensbury. “I plan to be there and hope to finally get a direct answer to my questions.” Kathleen Phalen-Tomaselli is a features writer at The Post-Star. She can be reached at kphalen-tomaselli@poststar.com for comments or story ideas.

Board

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Board of Supervisors meeting on Monday. Queensbury resident Travis Whitehead first raised questions about Sokol’s involvement. Sokol, vice chairman of the Board of Supervisors and chairman of the board’s Finance Committee, said he asked after the meeting for an opinion from County Attorney Mary Kissane, and she provided one in writing that he read into the minutes of Thursday’s Finance Committee meeting. Kissane wrote that she found no conflict of interest, in part because the \$7,000 in annual funding that the county voted March 16 to provide the Regional Planning Board is separate from the loan fund, so the vote did not confer a benefit to Sokol’s parents. The timing of the loan last fall was also significant, because it occurred five months before the fund-

ing vote, so “there was no knowledge on your (Sokol’s) part that the \$7,000 would have any benefit to your parents.” “Your vote in favor did not confer a direct or indirect financial benefit to them,” Kissane wrote. Sokol said he had wished Whitehead would have asked him about the issue in private, instead of bringing it up at a public meeting, so he could have explained the situation. Whitehead responded that he did not bring up the issue to single out Sokol but to point out concerns he had with oversight of the Regional Planning Board’s loan fund — with who received money and the rate of delinquencies and defaults in the fund. Whitehead said he didn’t intend to “embarrass” Sokol, but he still believes the Regional Planning Board’s actions deserve scrutiny. The loan fund is supposed to be for “high-risk” businesses that can’t get bank funding, and

he said many recipients seemed to be established businesses that should be eligible for bank loans. “I still have the same concerns I had then,” he said.

Doug Beaty, a Queensbury at-large supervisor who was critical of Sokol’s failure to abstain from the funding vote, said Thursday he had no comment on

Kissane’s opinion but was interested to see what the Ethics Board will find. The five-member Ethics Board includes government and non-government

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POLICE BLOTTER

DWI leads to prison sentence

QUEENSBURY — A former Queensbury man who was put on probation after a guilty plea to felony driving while intoxicated was sentenced to state prison Wednesday after he violated probation.

Alexander J. Dillon, 28, of Sidney Center, was sentenced in Warren County Court to 1 to 3 years in state prison for an arrest on Route 9 in Queensbury last October. He had a prior DWI conviction and was driving without a license.

He had been put on probation after a guilty plea in January, but violated the terms of probation by getting re-arrested for harassment and resisting arrest, and for drinking.

Warren County Judge John Hall gave him the option to avoid prison by participating in the county's felony drug treatment court, but Dillon opted instead to accept a prison term.

Woman accused of welfare fraud

FORT EDWARD — A Cambridge woman was arrested Tuesday for allegedly defrauding the Washington County Department of Social Services by receiving public assistance based on false information, police said.

Regina M. Howe, 53, of Johnson Road, was charged with fourth-degree grand larceny, a felony, after she was found to have failed to disclose her full income and received \$2,150 in benefits during 2016 and 2017 to which she wasn't entitled, according to the Washington County Sheriff's Office.

Howe was released pending prosecution in Fort Edward Edward Town Court. Sheriff's Investigator Michael McWhorter made the arrest.

Police looking for owner of truck

KINGSBURY — Police were looking for the public's help identifying a truck that is believed to have been used for illegal dumping recently on Towpath Road.

The red Ford extended cab pickup was seen on surveillance video, and the Washington County Sheriff's Office and state conservation officers are looking to speak to the owner.

Anyone with information as to the owner of the vehicle was asked to call the Sheriff's Office at 746-2522 or use the anonymous tip form on the Sheriff's Office website at washingtoncountyny.gov/FormCenter/Sheriffs-Office-9/Submit-a-tip-Sheriffs-Office-59?platform=hootsuite.



COURTESY PHOTO
Police want to talk to the owner of this truck about illegal dumping off Towpath Road in Kingsbury.

TODAY'S MEETINGS

■ **Community Services Boards for Warren and Washington Counties, Mental Health/Substance Abuse Subcommittee**, 230 Maple St., Glens Falls, 10 a.m.

Trump

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theory, folks. Millions and millions of people. And it's very hard because the state guards their records. They don't want us" to see them.

While there have been isolated cases of voter fraud in the U.S., past studies have found it to be exceptionally rare.

Trump initially claimed last year that widespread voting fraud had occurred in what appeared to be a means of explaining away his popular-vote defeat. Earlier this year the White House disbanded a controversial voter fraud commission amid infighting and lawsuits as state officials refused to cooperate.

In recent weeks, Trump has been pushing back more against the restraints of the office to offer more unvarnished opinions and take policy moves that some aides were trying to forestall. His remarks in West Virginia, like so many of his previous planned policy speeches, quickly came instead to resemble one of his free-wheeling rallies.

"This was going to be my remarks. They would have taken about two minutes," Trump said as he tossed his script into the air. "This is boring. We have to tell it like it is."

As he has done before, Trump conjured images of violence and suffering when he described the perils of illegal immigration, though statistics show that immigrants commit

crimes at a lower rate than citizens. He dubbed MS-13 gang members "thugs" and said his administration's crackdown on the group was "like a war."

"MS-13 is emblematic of evil, and we're getting them out by the hundreds," said Trump, who sat on stage at a long table in a gym draped in American flags and decorated with signs that read "USA open for business." "This is the kind of stuff and crap we are allowing in our country, and we can't do it anymore."

Invoking the lines of his June 2015 campaign kickoff speech, in which he suggested that some Mexican immigrants were rapists, the president mused about the threat of violence among immigrants and appeared to make reference to a caravan of migrants that had been working its way north through Mexico toward the United States.

"Remember my opening remarks at Trump Tower when I opened? Everybody said, 'Oh, he was so tough,' and I used the word rape," he said. "And yesterday it came out where this journey coming up, women are raped at levels that nobody has ever seen before. They don't want to mention that."

It was not clear what Trump was referring to.

White House spokesman Hogan Gidley said Trump wasn't talking about the caravan but rather about extreme victimization of those making the journey north with smugglers in general.

Wilton man charged in three drug cases

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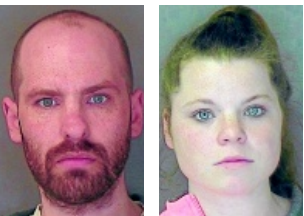
QUEENSBURY — A Wilton man was arrested this week for allegedly selling crack cocaine in Glens Falls earlier this year, one of three drug-related arrests for him in a matter of days, police said.

Jon-Michael Carpenter, 32, of Sunshine Drive, was charged with two counts each of criminal sale of a controlled substance and criminal possession of a controlled substance for selling crack, according to the Warren County Sheriff's Office.

That arrest was based on crack sales that occurred in February.

Carpenter was sent to Warren County Jail on March 22 after a Warren County Sheriff's Office patrol stopped him for traffic violations in Queensbury and found him to have cocaine, police said. Sheriff's Lt. Steve Stockdale said he was charged with fifth-degree criminal sale of a controlled substance, a felony, in that case based on the weight of the drugs.

Nine days later, Carpenter and his wife were arrested at the jail after she allegedly passed the prescription drug Suboxone



Carpenter Carpenter
to him in a visitation room at the county jail.

Carpenter and Karah A. Carpenter, 26, of Wilton were each charged with misdemeanor promoting prison contraband, police said.

Sheriff Bud York said jail guards noticed the exchange, which was also

captured on surveillance video.

Jon-Michael Carpenter, who has a lengthy criminal record that includes at least one prior felony conviction, was arraigned in Warren County Court and sent to Warren County Jail for lack of bail. Karah Carpenter was released pending prosecution in Queensbury Town Court.

The Sheriff's Office Narcotics Enforcement Unit was assisted in the crack sales case by Glens Falls Police and State Police. Sheriff's Investigator Chris Hatin investigated the contraband case.

Registration open for charity run

STAFF REPORT

Registration has opened for the annual Kelly's Angels "Mother Lovin' Day 5k" run/walk, set for May 13 at Saratoga Spa State Park.

The race is run every year in memory of Glens Falls native Kelly Mulholland, a mother of two who died from breast cancer in 2007 at age 37. Her husband, Whitehall native and television news reporter Mark Mulholland, started the charity Kelly's Angels in her name after her passing, with money raised used to aid families who are battling cancer.

In particular, the charity has provided tens of thousands of dollars for children to enjoy events such as sporting events, Broadway shows and amusement park visits or aid them with finances as their families deal with cancer.

The race is a competitive event for some, but also is a walk and non-competitive jaunt through the park for others who take part in honor or memory of a loved one who battled or is battling cancer.

For more information, click on to www.kellysangelsinc.org and click on the Mother Lovin' 5k link at the bottom of the page.



POST-STAR FILE PHOTO
Participants run Sunday in the fourth annual Mother-Lovin' Day 5K at Saratoga Spa State Park on May 8, 2016. The event benefits Kelly's Angels, a charity that raises money to help children who have lost a parent.

Town

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while Seeman continued to ask. Frost cut Seeman off.

"We're moving on to the next, that's not fair," Frost said to Seeman.

Throughout the event, numbers were called and questions asked.

Some constituents, on many sides of issues, were concerned about the congresswoman's specific votes and her stand on such issues as guns, the high cost of prescription drugs, the president's behavior, the House Intelligence Committee, the Russia probe, the Nunes memo and social security, to name a few.

Those representing various political views expressed their opposition or approval by raising signs and at times with spontaneous cheers, applause, boos and jeers.

When asked about the EPA, Stefanik said that EPA head Scott Pruitt should resign.

Issues that got the most attention and emotional response related to prescription drugs, guns and the Second Amendment, the House Intelligence Committee, immigration and the president's behavior.

Eleven-year-old Halley Harper of Salem called out questions several times, before her number was called.

"Why should I be a target?" she asked.

Others shared personal stories about how guns took the lives of loved ones and when Stefanik said that she supports the Second Amendment, some questioned how getting rid of assault rifles infringes on the Second Amendment.

Another asked, "When are we going to stop the carnage?"

A Queensbury woman asked about the large amount of PAC money Stefanik takes and about her accepting contributions from John Bolton, the controversial figure the presi-

dent has named to replace H.R. McMaster as National Security Advisor.

The congresswoman said she was proud of the contributions she receives and that she does not let her contributions dictate her votes.

Sara Carpenter, Queensbury, who has been trying to get Stefanik to do something about the high cost of prescription drugs since last year shared that her husband's life-saving medicine for leukemia has gone up again.

"Since we last met, his medication has gone up to \$12,000 a month, that's \$144,000 a year, our insurance company has paid a half a million dollars since 2014," said Carpenter. "He is not alone ... and the truth is, these costs are bankrupting health care."

Carpenter continued.

"When we met last year, you agreed that the cost of lifesaving medicine was out of control ... it's been a year and the cost of life-saving medicines continue to skyrocket," she said. "Neither you nor the Republican-led Congress nor your president have done a single thing to help North Country families struggling with the high cost of life-threatening illnesses."

And while the congresswoman empathized with Carpenter's situation, she also said she does not want to stifle drug company innovation, citing the high cost of drug development.

After the event, NY-21 Democratic congressional candidate Emily Martz, Saranac Lake, said that this is the kind of thing that should happen all the time for constituents. "It's great to see so many people come out on both sides," she said. "This (forum) is a demonstration of the desire and should be the representative's priority."

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LOTTERY

Thursday's Winning Numbers

■ **Numbers Early:** 7-5-6, Lucky Sum: 18, Late: 7-5-6, Lucky Sum: 18

■ **Win 4 Early:** 3-4-6-7, Lucky Sum: 20, Late: 7-6-1-6, Lucky Sum: 20

■ **Pick 10:** 4-7-9-11-18-20-24-29-30-39-44-46-47-56-63-69-72-73-74-75

Wednesday's Late Numbers

■ **Powerball** 42-64-54-8-24, Power Ball: 24, Powerplay: 4x

■ **Lotto** 38-56-23-32-35-19 Bonus: 47

■ **Take 5:** 16-23-36-18-2

For Thursday's late numbers, see Saturday's edition or go to nylottery.ny.gov

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POLICE BLOTTER

Man pleads guilty to felony DWI

BALLSTON SPA — A Queensbury man who crashed his vehicle into another while drunk has pleaded guilty to a felony driving while intoxicated charge.



Morrill

Jason A. Morrill, 44, of Ridge Road, was arrested Dec. 5, after he rear-ended another vehicle that had stopped for a pedestrian in a Main Street crosswalk. The other driver was slightly injured.

Morrill was found to be drunk and had a prior DWI conviction that resulted in a felony DWI count being filed.

He pleaded guilty Wednesday to the felony DWI charge. He is free, pending sentencing June 7 in Saratoga County Court.

Drug deal leads to prison term

FORT EDWARD — A New York City man who was selling crack from a Hudson Falls home last fall has pleaded guilty to a felony and is likely headed to state prison for 7 years.



Torres

Anthony B. Torres, 49, of Brooklyn, pleaded guilty to felony criminal sale of a controlled substance for crack sales from a John Street apartment where he was allowed to stay by the resident.

Torres agreed to a plea deal that includes a 7-year prison term to be followed by 2 years on parole. He also agreed to forfeit \$1,472 in cash that he had when arrested.

Police said he was part of a group selling crack from 48-1/2 John St. last fall. The man who lived there, Michael J. Hermance, 61, pleaded guilty to felony criminal nuisance, and is expected to receive a 1- to 3-year sentence.

Teens charged with burglary

FORT ANN — Two teens have been charged with burglarizing a home in Fort Ann in recent days.

The teens, one 16 and one 15, and both from Granville, were charged with second-degree burglary, a felony, for a break-in that was reported March 18 in Fort Ann. Neither youth's name was released because of their ages.

It was unclear what, if anything, was stolen from the home.

The 16-year-old was arrested last week on county Route 17A, the younger boy Monday on Route 40, police records show.

The 16-year-old was held pending arraignment, while the 15-year-old will be prosecuted in Washington County Family Court.

Ex-mayor pleads guilty in case

BALLSTON SPA — Former Stillwater Mayor Ricky W. Nelson pleaded guilty Thursday to five felonies for possessing child pornography.

Nelson pleaded guilty to counts of possessing a sexual performance by a child in connection with his arrest last August by State Police. He had downloaded child pornography over the internet.



Nelson

Nelson resigned from the mayoral post after his arrest. The Democrat had been mayor since 2015.

Nelson pleaded guilty with the understanding he will receive a 5- to 15-year state prison sentence when appearing before Saratoga County Judge James Murphy on June 19.

Nelson is the father of Patrick Nelson, who is seeking the Democratic nomination to challenge U.S. Rep. Elise Stefanik, R-Willsboro, in the 21st Congressional District.

IN BRIEF

Hochul coming to Glens Falls

GLENS FALLS — Lt. Gov. Kathy Hochul will be giving a presentation about the recently adopted 2019 state budget.

The event will take place at 11:30 a.m. Friday in the Crandall Public Library Community Room at 251 Glen St.

The \$168.3 billion spending plan was approved by the Legislature on March 31 in time for the start of the state fiscal year on April 1.

Tanker cars headed out of region

Some of the controversial train tanker cars that had been stored on a rail line in Essex County began their trip out of the region on Thursday.

Two locomotives pulling 19 tanker cars were seen moving on the Saratoga & North Creek Railway line in Johnsbury on Thursday.

The company, which recently made a decision to stop operating excursion trains on the line, had been storing them on the Sanford Lake rail line, north of North Creek, to the chagrin of environmentalists and local and state officials.

The rail company's manager had said earlier this month that the removal process would start in the coming days.

A video of the cars being taken south was posted on Facebook on Thursday by North Creek resident Tim Record.

Lawn waste pickup begins in city

GLENS FALLS — The Department of Public Works is reminding residents that the spring lawn waste "open pickup" season is underway.

Crews will pick up piles of leaves and grass clippings placed at curbside through June 1. After that, leaves and grass clippings must be put in paper lawn waste bags for pickup.

Brush must be kept separate from grass clippings and leaves. If brush is mixed in with grass and leaf piles, it will not be picked up, according to a news release. Also, topsoil, sod, trash or heavy materials should not be mixed in.

For more information, contact the Department of Public Works at 518-761-3834.

TODAY'S MEETINGS

■ **Washington County Soil and Water Conservation District Board**, Regular Meeting, USDA Service Center, Greenwich, 10 a.m.



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The building at 58-60 South St. is advertised for lease by owners Tony Poulos and David Johnson. The OTB has a standing lease and would remain during any redevelopment of the 58 Bar and Grill site, which closed about a month ago.

OTB building has space open for lease

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GLENS FALLS — The owners of the building at 58-60 South St. are looking for a new tenant after the 58 Bar & Grill closed about a month ago.

The OTB site at 60 South St. would remain as part of the deal, according to building co-owner Tony Poulos.

"It's one entity. There's a standing lease for another couple of years for Off Track Betting," he said.

Poulos said the tenant would not have to operate a restaurant, but could put another type of business in that storefront.

"If they want to come in and open a flower shop, that's fine. The OTB would stay a separate entity leasing from the building," he said.

The OTB has a separate entrance. It relocated to 60 South St., the longtime home of the Ideal Diner, in the fall of 2013. The city is acquiring OTB's former lo-

cation across the street at 51-57 South St. for the new farmers market.

The 58 South Bar & Grill opened in 2016. Poulos, who co-owns the building with David Johnson, said the proprietor did not want to run the business anymore.

Poulos did not discuss specific leasing terms. He said it is complicated, because the OTB lease has to be factored into the overall deal.

Poulos said quite a few OTBs in the Capital District

are attached to restaurant/bars.

For more information about leasing the building, call 518-232-1255 or 518-926-0343.

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Stefanik thankful for Paul Ryan's support

GORDON BLOCK
Watertown Daily Times

Rep. Elise M. Stefanik said she was thankful to House Speaker Paul Ryan, who announced he will not seek re-election, for "taking a risk" in initially supporting her as a candidate for Congress.

The two first worked together in 2012 as Ms. Stefanik helped Mr. Ryan, then the Republican Vice Presidential nominee, prepare for his debate with Joe Biden. In 2014, Mr. Ryan came to Watertown to fundraise for Ms. Stefanik's campaign during a primary against Matthew A. Doheny.

"That was taking a risk, when a lot of people didn't think it was possible that a young 29-year-old could win a competitive primary,"

she said, in a phone call with the *Watertown Daily Times*.

Ms. Stefanik easily beat Mr. Doheny in the primary, then defeated Aaron Woolf and Matthew J. Funciello to become the youngest woman ever to serve in the U.S. House of Representatives.

"I am thankful for him taking that risk and seeing the importance of having the next generation of leaders serve in Congress," Ms. Stefanik said.

As a member of Congress, Ms. Stefanik said she and Mr. Ryan worked together on topics such as increasing military spending, improving the Department of Veterans Affairs and fighting against heroin and opioids.

"For me, Paul was a per-

sonal mentor in the sense he conducted himself as a man of integrity focused on policy solutions, even if I didn't agree with his policy proposals," Ms. Stefanik said.

Ms. Stefanik said Mr. Ryan's choice to not seek re-election was not impacted by races this fall, but instead fueled by a desire to be with his wife and children.

"He talks a lot about when he took the job as speaker — his daughter was 13. Now she's actually at the same age (16 years old) that Paul was when his father passed away," she said. "He doesn't want to continue to just be a Sunday dad."

Ms. Stefanik said she would not seek to become speaker herself, and declined to name a preferred choice to take Mr. Ryan's

role next year.

"What is clear is that this district does not need Nancy Pelosi as Speaker of the House," Ms. Stefanik said. "She is deeply unpopular in the north country, she is focused on raising taxes, and I'm confident that whoever will be the next Republican speaker of the house will be a much more effective voice for the north country than Nancy Pelosi will ever be."

Asked about how Mr. Ryan interacted with President Donald J. Trump, Ms. Stefanik said the two have "different styles and approaches."

"I think Paul stood up for the role of Congress as a co-equal branch, and I think that's really important institutionally as Speaker of the House."

LOTTERY

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- **Numbers Early:** 4-9-0, Lucky Sum: 13, Late: 3-4-3, Lucky Sum: 10
- **Win 4 Early:** 1-2-3-3, Lucky Sum: 9, Late: 3-5-0-0, Lucky Sum: 8
- **Pick 10:** 1-3-5-15-16-24-29-31-32-39-43-44-47-51-52-55-60-74-76-77

Wednesday's Late Numbers

- **Powerball** 67-18-16-55-27, Power Ball: 18, Powerplay: 3x
- **Lotto** 31-18-46-19-40-33 Bonus: 8
- **Take 5:** 14-39-27-1-2

For Thursday's late numbers, see Saturday's edition or go to nylottery.ny.gov.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"We can get by with putting patches on it. If a cooling unit goes, or a boiler goes, it's critical. We have to prioritize. And I'm sorry, that parking lot could be dirt out there, people will still come."

John Rozell **Story, PAGE C1**

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POLICE BLOTTER

Suspect surrenders to police

GLENS FALLS — The Glens Falls man who has been sought since Saturday for allegedly assaulting and seriously injuring a man in a parking lot over the weekend surrendered himself to police on Thursday afternoon.

Anthony “A.J.” Fitzgerald, 22, walked into the Glens Falls Police station with his attorney to surrender on a warrant for second-degree assault, a felony, for the early morning attack April 14 that left a local man with severe head injuries.

Police said he punched the victim in the face, knocking him to the ground and causing his head to hit the pavement. He was hospitalized at Albany Medical Center in critical condition, but has since improved.

Police said the assault was videotaped by a nearby bank’s security cameras, and Fitzgerald was identified as the suspect. There had been a confrontation between young men that had not involved the victim but did involve Fitzgerald, and police said Fitzgerald hit the man in the face when he was not expecting a fight.

He was arraigned in Glens Falls City Court later Thursday and released after he posted \$15,000 bail bond.

Man headed back to prison

QUEENSBURY — A Glens Falls man who has two prior felony drug convictions is headed back to prison for another felony drug case.

Benjamin E. Rivera, 27, pleaded guilty Wednesday in Warren County Court to felony criminal possession of a controlled substance for selling cocaine last year in Glens Falls. He likely faces 4 years in state prison, to be followed by 2 years on parole.

Glens Falls Police arrested him in January during a traffic stop on Morgan Avenue, which came after a warrant was issued in Warren County Court on a sealed grand jury indictment.

He was on parole at the time for a criminal possession of a controlled substance conviction that stemmed from heroin sales in Glens Falls. He was sentenced to 4 years and went through the state’s shock incarceration program for early release.

Rivera also served a state prison term for a 2006 conviction related to the sale of cocaine, which came after he was charged with tampering with evidence for hiding a gun that was used in an accidental shooting of his brother.

Man pleads guilty to felony

FORT EDWARD — A Hartford man is headed to state prison for up to 3 years for a felony driving while intoxicated conviction that came as a result of a hit-and-run crash.

Robert P. LaPointe, 62, pleaded guilty to felony DWI in connection with a March 12 crash on Route 196 in Kingsbury, in which he police said he drove into a utility pole and fled the scene. No injuries were reported.

A witness followed him and called police, and he was found to be intoxicated with a blood alcohol content of 0.17 percent, with a prior driving while intoxicated conviction that resulted in police filing a felony DWI charge, according to the Washington County Sheriff’s Office.

He agreed to a plea deal that includes a 1- to 3-year prison term when he is sentenced May 11 by Washington County Judge Kelly McKeighan.

Two charged in drug case

QUEENSBURY — Two people were arrested in recent days in connection with crack cocaine sales in Queensbury, police said.

Gregory Boyd, 35, of Grant Avenue, Glens Falls, was charged with two felony counts each of criminal sale of a controlled substance and criminal possession of a controlled substance for allegedly selling crack in Queensbury in January, according to the Warren County Sheriff’s Office.

Chevette S. Hill, 27, of Saratoga Springs, was charged with misdemeanor criminal facilitation for allegedly allowing Boyd to use her former home to sell drugs, police said. She was also charged with violating probation on an earlier misdemeanor conviction.

Both were arraigned and sent to Warren County Jail for lack of bail.

The Sheriff’s Office was assisted by Glens Falls Police, Washington County Sheriff’s Office, Hudson Falls Police and Fort Edward Police.

Three arrested in pot raid

GLENS FALLS — Three people were charged after police raided a home on Second Street in Glens Falls on Thursday morning as part of a drug investigation.

Police seized a large quantity of concentrated cannabis and smaller quantities of marijuana during the execution of a search warrant at 23 Second St. Glens Falls Police Detective Lt. Peter Casertino said 19 packages of concentrated cannabis were found.

Charged with a felony count of criminal possession of a controlled substance and misdemeanor count of criminal possession of a controlled substance was Francis P. Deitrich, 29, who lives at the home, police said. The felony charge alleges he possessed the substance with intent to sell it, and he also was charged with unlawful possession of marijuana, a non-criminal violation, according to Glens Falls Police.

Deitrich’s housemate, Jordan L. Carr, 25, was also charged with unlawful possession of marijuana, as was a woman who was at the home, Corlene Brackett, 21, of Lake George. Both were released pending prosecution in City Court, while Deitrich was arraigned and released on his own recognizance.

Glens Falls Police were assisted by State Police, Hudson Falls Police and the sheriff’s offices from Warren and Washington counties. To register for the forum, visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/student-connection-lake-george-region-16795233388>

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A felon who fled Washington County after violating her probation and failing to complete a drug court program learned the hard way Wednesday that fleeing to Washington state does not put her out of reach of State Police, and that the agency’s investigators use Facebook, too.

Former Hampton resident Jill M. Bassett thought she was “untouchable” on an island in northwestern Washington state, after fleeing her home county earlier this year to avoid prison for violating probation on a felony burglary conviction.

She had been allowed to participate in the county’s felony drug treatment court program because heroin addiction led to her crime, but failed out of the

program. The mother of a newborn, she was allowed to remain free on house arrest but required to wear an electronic monitoring anklet, letting authorities know her whereabouts.

Sometime in January or early February she cut the



Bassett

anklet and fled with her child, police said. State Police developed information she had headed to the western part of the country, and by late February and early March she was leaving some pretty good clues on her Facebook page, such as “Seattle-bound.”

“She jumped on a train and went to Washington and thought she couldn’t be touched out there,” State

Police Investigator Kevin Reppenhagen said.

Instead, State Police and the Washington County District Attorney’s Office worked to figure out her exact whereabouts, helped by her Facebook page updates that listed her address as “Freeland, Washington” and her place of work as a local pizzeria.

Earlier this week, State Police and postal inspectors from the U.S. Postal Service were able to develop an address for her, and police there located Bassett and took her into custody Wednesday night.

In one of her Facebook posts from last month, she told a friend she was on “vacation.”

“She was talking about this great new life she had in Washington,” Washington County District Attorney Tony Jordan said.

When she returns to Washington County, Bassett faces up to 7 years in state prison on the burglary charge, and Jordan said she will likely be charged with bail jumping as well.

Bassett, 27, was being held Thursday in the Island County Jail in Coupeville, Washington, pending extradition proceedings.

She and her then-boyfriend, Kevin D’Allaird, were prosecuted for the theft last June 15 of \$1,100 cash and two rifles from a home in Hampton, and police later determined the guns were traded for heroin in Schenectady. Police seized heroin and needles from Bassett and D’Allaird when arresting them days later.

D’Allaird is serving a seven-year prison sentence for his guilty plea to a burglary count.

Board approves slightly lower raises

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SOUTH GLENS FALLS — Village Board members reduced their raise from 36 percent to 24 percent Wednesday, but Mayor Harry Gutheil remained staunchly opposed to it.

The board gave him a raise too: 11 percent.

The decision would increase the village trustees’ salary from \$7,500 to \$9,300. The mayor’s salary would rise from \$18,540 to \$20,600.

Board member Tony Girard argued for the \$9,300 salary as fair, because it was half of the current mayoral salary.

“I thought that was fair and reasonable. He works full-time. We work part-time,” he said.

Board member Nick Bodkin, who had previously defended the raise, was not at Wednesday’s meeting.

But in a statement, he wrote that he had never ex-

pected the raises to be added to the 2018-2019 budget.

“The salary increases discussed during the April 4, 2018, board meeting was intended by me to be a discussion and I did not expect it to move to a motion that night,” he wrote, adding that he was shocked when Gutheil said the money for the raises would have to be taken out of savings, otherwise known as fund balance

“It is my belief that there is room in the budget to support the expense without decreasing fund balance. If I had known that the mayor would take the funds from the savings account, I would have never brought this up for discussion,” he wrote. “Unfortunately, I feel as though I have been singled out by the media and by the mayor in regard to this matter.”

Board member Tim Carota also indicated a willingness to reduce the proposed raise, saying that

if they cut the 36 percent raise by half, it would still be “generous.”

Gutheil’s tentative budget included 2 percent raises, but he increased it to 3 percent before giving it to the board, he said.

Girard said that wasn’t enough.

“I don’t think 3 percent is reasonable,” he said. “We haven’t had a raise in 10 years. We did take a cut and we lost all the benefits we had.”

The board took a 10 percent pay cut and eliminated health insurance for board members when the village hit a fiscal crisis.

Now, he said, the village has managed to save some money and has turned a corner financially.

“We have to realize what people are worth. We put a lot of time in,” he said. “I’d like more people to get involved and a salary increase could help.”

Carota poured cold water

on that idea, noting that he didn’t run for office for the salary. He asked Girard, who acknowledged that he, too, didn’t take the job for the money.

“So it’s not going to entice someone to sit in this seat. They’re not going to do it for the salary,” Carota said. “I don’t think people say, ‘I’ll do it for \$10,000, I won’t do it for \$9,000.’”

Girard disagreed, saying it would attract “better people.”

The board voted 3-1 on the raise, with Gutheil voting no and Bodkin absent.

Gutheil said the board deserved more pay, but not all at once.

“I’d like to be able to support it but I can’t. We all have our own philosophy,” he said.

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IN BRIEF

Student visa program forum set

LAKE GEORGE — Lake George’s Student Connection is hosting an informational forum on the international student J1 Visa Travel and Work Program on May 8.

The event will take place at 9 a.m. at the Holiday Inn Resort on Route 9.

This program annually brings nearly 1,000 students to work for local businesses during the busy summer season and beyond to experience the nation’s culture.

The three-hour program will include information from four national J1 visa sponsors on hiring students, as well

as representatives from Social Security, state Department of Labor and the Department of State that administers the program, according to a news release.

Information on adequate housing, bicycling, the trolley system and other guidelines and rules covering employment and housing will also be discussed. A question-and-answer period will round out the forum, according to a news release.

There is no charge and members of the Student Connection will be available to assist with housing and information on social events planned for the students during the summer season. More information is available at www.lgstudentconnection.com.

MEETINGS

■ **Warren County Board**, Regular Meeting, Board Room, 10 a.m.

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■ **Washington County Local Development Corporation Board**, Regular Meeting, Supervisors Classroom, Building B, 9 a.m.

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70-75-77-80

Wednesday’s Late Numbers

- **Powerball** 12-17-10-9-23, Power Ball: 9, Powerplay: 2x
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- **Take 5:** 9-5-37-33-13

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