Sidney Elks Lodge Receives Grant for Local Backpack Programs

Memorial Public Library

Find Plenty of Programs at the Sidney Memorial Public Library

By Allison Collins

SIDNEY – Under its recently appointed director, Beth Paine, the Sidney Memorial Public Library is expanding, adding and revitalizing its programming, with special emphasis on offerings for adults.

“Some of it is new and some of it is just about refreshing the community’s memory of what we offer,” Paine said. “And adult programming is really going to be my thing.”

Paine, who assumed directorship on Oct. 15, served previously as director of the Prattburg Free Library and Watkins Glen Public Library.

Joining the roster of pre-existing programs, Paine said, will be a member-driven adult book club.

“I’m going to be starting a book club for adults on the third Saturday of every month,” she said. “The first meeting will be Jan. 19.”

Club reading selections, Paine said, will be made by members, with the books provided by the Four-County Library System.

Paine said she is seeking patron feedback to determine what time between 9:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Saturdays works best for club meetings.

“We’re doing a Saturday book club because so many people work, so there’s no way they’re going to come on a weekday,” she explained. “And we want to meet the needs of people who can’t always make it to the library during the week.”

Paine said introducing an adult book club builds the patronage of all those who have read, advertised, contributed and otherwise supported the newspapers over the years.

“A small group of very good and dedicated people, past and present, have produced newspapers here for many years that have been an important part of these communities,” Lavison said. “But doing so over the past several years has been an increasingly difficult struggle in small, rural markets where the financial realities are sometimes unavoidable.”

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dental and mental health spac- es in one centralized location. At the end of November, she has performed more than 500 physical exams and a similar number of dental visits. Registered nurse and part of the clinic’s school’s administra- tor team, Joanne Hamilton, said to the facility was a reality to "fabulous."
“We’re very thankful for the great partnerships for children, she said, noting that for September, he’s center is one of 21 in a area covering Chenango, Delaware, Otsego and Scho- baries. "Comparative to other school-based health centers, this is definitely one of the jewels and one of our busiest places," she said. "It’s just so well done." Hamilton said the commu- nity’s response to the clinic has been growing. "It can take a little while, she said, "but just the other day, we saw 14 patients." We are busy," Carissa Nettles, PA added. The ma- jority of visits, she medical, are medical in nature. "Every patient’s story is different," said, "but if the other day, we saw 14 patients." Hamilton said. "We’ve heard several comments about it being more user-friendly from parents coming in and out of there, because it’s now a dedicated facility." It’s especially handy for the physicals and shots and, this time of year, the strep throat and cold season. The center was established eight years ago, Neubert noted, but constructing and configuring a dedicated space for the clinic was a major project, ap- proved by taxpayers in 2014. Christensen said work on the new facility began roughly a year ago, totaling $1 million. Student-patients are seen regardless of insurance, Hamilton said, and site administra- tors aim to secure coverage for uninsured students. "There are no co-pays for the parents," she explained. "We will bill the child’s insur- ance, but if they don’t have it, they will." We will work hard to get them insurance (while providing the service) as we can." Funding for the center’s continued operation, Christen- sen noted, is built into Bass- sett’s business model. "From the district’s perspec- tive, we have no finances in it and we don’t have to contrib- ute any more than the space," he explained. "Bassett runs a sustainable model themselves, and they have state and inter- nal money, plus the billing through insurance companies, so it’s all sustainable." For more information, visit sidney.lib.org or call the clinic at 844-255-7242.

Libary Continued
on past positive experiences with reinventing its goals for 8:00 a.m. "After having worked in schools for 12 years, I’m happy to be working with adults," she said. "I started book clubs at my other libraries and it’s just fun. Being a director, you’re stuck in an office, so getting to do something fun and engaging is going to give me the ability to meet the community and know who I’m missing books for." Meeting details will be an- nounced on the library’s social media and website.

Returning to the library’s calendar more regularized, Paine said, will be adult mov- ie and trivia nights. "With things like trivia and movie nights," she said, "I’m trying to get it to be more consistent. In the past, there’s been really good feed- back about those things, so I want to make sure the com- munity needs are heard and what they want is actually happening."

The adult movie nights will increase from every other month to once monthly when the library, she said, with “Venom” screening Jan. 9 at 6 p.m. This film series will happen alongside one that presented by the Friends of the Library, Paine noted. The first adult trivia night, focusing on movies, Paine said, will take place at 6 p.m. Jan. 23.

The library's already-stong teen and children's pro- gramming, Paine said, will continue, with a special event planned for Feb. 2.

"Take Your Child to the Library Day" is a big thing we're doing in the first week of February," she said. "The idea is to get families out to the library," said Collins. "We wanted to make sure story-time was a part of it, for people who can’t come to it dur- ing the week, and Kids Club is at the same time so that the whole family can come out and see something new that we’re doing to kids younger kids are at story-times.

The family-friendly craft, Collins noted, features the use of regularly purchased crafting workshop and re- quires sign-up.

The library-wide race, Col- lins said, "sounded like a lot of fun," and will also be open to all members of participating families, with prizes awarded.

The Sidney Library ser- vices residents of Sidney, Af- ton, Bainbridge, Masonville, Oneonta and Unadilla and sees roughly 1,800 visitors each week.

For additional upcoming events, such as the “Fran- cies” teen workshop on Wednesday or open games and a screening of “The In- credible 2” on Dec. 27, and “Sidney Memorial Public Li- brary” on Facebook.

Also, visit sidney.library.org or call 563-1200.

PHOTO 2: Young patrons take advantage of the many children’s books available at Sidney Memorial Public Library.

Police Report

Editor’s note: the fol- lowing report is a matter of public record and includes press releases from area law enforcement agencies. An arrest is not a presumption of guilt, as all persons are presumed innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law. We are showing wishing to have the disposition of their cases publicized should contact the Sidney News at 564-1234 during regular business hours.

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Odds & Ends

UNADILLA - Join the Unadilla Public Library for a Friday event on Dec. 15 from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Santa will be at the Library.

Also, there will be crafts for children to make, snacks offered and door prizes available to win.

BAINBRIDGE - There will be a meeting of the BAGS Landfill Board of Directors on Monday, Dec. 17 at 4 p.m. in the Bainbridge Town Hall.

This meeting will be the final meeting for 2018 and the organizational meeting for 2019. The meeting will be open to the public.
Dear Editor,

I am writing to express my concern over the decision to not having the “Jolly Holly Award” for lighted displays in Sidney. I am a taxpayer of Sidney and conclude people are not putting any effort into decorating their homes or businesses.

The need to lower Jennison valley taxes resulted from customers using less electric than the plant can make. According to reports from the time, “large customers have moved out of the state and the battle for markets in Canada and other states is high competitive.”

At the time, Jennison generated electricity for 80,000 households in a four-county area. NYSERDA was considering closing the plant, which employed 70 people, contributing $588,000 to the local tax base; running the plant and losing the revenues being costs to realize future economic and environmental benefits.

OTEGO 25 YEARS AGO

Dec. 15, 1993

Community efforts brought a wish into reality with construction of a full-size outdoor basketball court at the Unatego Junior-Senior High School.

The project required six months of design work and the dream of Unatego’s Class of 1993. Class members formed a committee at the school and community that would be used for many years to come.” Students raised over four years to bring the project to fruition.

Denny Reed of Unadilla donated the heavy machinery needed for the job and Unalam of Sidney donated the support poles and hardware.

Once underway, the court was completed in just two days.

SIDNEY 25 YEARS AGO

Dec. 15, 1993

Jan Gochnauer appointed part-time village police officer out of the Sidney Police Department.

SIDNEY 50 YEARS AGO

Dec. 18, 1968

An inaugural two-way radio conference for medical technologists under the auspices of the Department of Post-Graduate Medicine at Albany Medical College was held at The Hospital on Dec. 12.

BAINBRIDGE 50 YEARS AGO

Dec. 14, 1968

Members of the Bainbridge Rotary gained insight into the cosmetic industry after Kenneth Kranke, then-manager of Borden’s, delivered a presentation.

Eleven years before that, Borden’s entered the cosmetic field when it purchased the Marcelle Hypo-Allergenic Cosmetic Corp.

At the time, Marcelle’s manufacturing was being transported from Chicago to the Bainbridge plant, built in 1967.

Alongside Marcelle goods, the Bainbridge plant also produced John Robert Powers products.

UNADILLA 75 YEARS AGO

Dec. 24, 1943

At a regular meeting of the Unadilla Town Board, Frank McComber was appointed superintendent of highways for the town of Unadilla. McComber was previously elected to that office for several years and it was the opinion of the board that he be the choice of the people under the elective system, the appointment would prove a popular choice.

Sincerely,
Kayla Peck
Sidney
FOXTIRE

By Dale and Tina Utter

Dale and Tina Utter are members of the Craftsbury Historical Society and have an active interest in cemeteries. When I was a teenager I wanted to be a mortician, as I am now. I read many of the "Foxtire" books. They were the mainstays of a teacher I began the classroom during the late 1950s in Rabun Gap, Georgia. The series combined oral history with traditional mountain ways, skills and folklore. Some of the chapter headings included wild plants, spinning, quilting, wagon making, religious practices, good nature and more. I loved the "bait" (ghost) tales, burial customs and shaped-note singing. Students would go into the field, which was back in the hills and hollers, to interview older residents.

The first publication was completed in 1972, with 10 volumes following. The title of those works, Foxtire, came from a fungus which grows on an oaks wood and seems to glow in the dark. The reading made me feel like I was in the middle of a ghost story and I became very interested in these subjects called "affairs of the dead" including deconstruction of serpent handling. Foxtire also was a play and movie, with the TV series starring Jessica Tandy and John Cleese.

Now, I can just hear the voice of one of the expressions of horror that a subject like serpent handling elicited, or any other of the odd or grotesque stories. Most people do not like snakes and the thought of wild plants, spinning, quilting, wagon making, religious practices, good nature and more. I loved the "bait" (ghost) tales, burial customs and shaped-note singing. Students would go into the field, which was back in the hills and hollers, to interview older residents.

I have been interested in cemeteries for years and given a lot of thought to the idea of thinking about the last days of the living. This week's quote is from Benjamin Franklin: "No sooner will the memory of us perish from the minds of men than a smile will play upon the lips of the blessed in heaven."

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Your local farmers in your thoughts this winter season. Personal: On Friday evening, December 7th, Tina Utter and her husband Dave Pierce attended a basketball tournament at Cherry Valley School, where their daughters Morgan and Annabelle played and helped the team win, 39 to 27.

The Rev. Mack Woolford (1968-1972), while preaching at an outdoor revival in a state park in the late 1970s, by a signboard larger and died a painful death. The baby was taken to the hospital, but by then it was too late. His father died 4 years before. His information about life after the service was taken by the sunrise as how he died. He was only 44 years old.

A well-known minister was Dewey Chaffin, a soft-spoken man and former football star. He had been bitten more than 100 times and had died in 1961 after 50 years of observing his faith. The statement he made before "When I die, I wanna snake bit die." His stepfather of a bite in 1961 at age 22, Mr. Chaffin's funeral is on YouTube in 12 minutes. He was interviewed in Part One. In his view, no one is able to do anything. After playing loud music and dancing, if a parishioner is "in the spirit," they may go up on the platform and take a snake out of its box. Then they wave the snakes in front of them, keeping beat to the music. It is riveting and frightening to watch. The snakes are always free and many people wear their heads or rattleskens, often kept in the minister's house.

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Dorothy B. Peet

UNADILLA - Dorothy B. Peet, 804 of Unadilla, passed away Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2018 at Chestnut Park Nursing Home in Sidney.

She was born on June 22, 1934 to William and Clara May (Bingham) Byam.

She was the widow of the late Harold H. Peet and was also predeceased by her son, John Edward Peet; sisters, Loretta and Ruth; and brothers, Howard, Walter, Floyd, Herbert and Harman.

She is survived by her many nieces and nephews, Nancy, Wayne (Becky) Byam, Georgia (Rand) Lambrecht, Floyd (Gail) Byam, Keith (Lark) Byam and other great nieces and nephews.

She was a retired employee of the Oneonta Dress Factory, was a member of the Unadilla United Methodist Church and member of the Unadilla and Westbridge Senior Citizens.

Funeral services were held at the Jesse McEwen Funeral Home, Unadilla, on Saturday, Dec. 8 with the Rev. Brandyn Craver officiating.

Private burial will be in Oneonta Plains Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

The family received friends at the funeral home before the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Unadilla United Methodist Church, 700 Main St., Unadilla, NY, 13849 or Oneonta Plains Cemetery, 162 Co. Hwy. 58, Oneonta, NY, 13820.

Online condolences may be made at wmaddenfh.com.

Mary E. Bunt

UNADILLA - Mary E. Bunt, 69, of Unadilla, passed away Saturday, Dec. 8, 2018 at her home, surrounded by family.

She was born on May 12, 1949 to Floyd and Beulah (Bell) Jones.

She married Frederick Bunt on May 29, 1971 in Hartwick, who predeceased her. She was also predeceased by her sisters, Luella Lyon, Lilian Rogers and Georgia Lorraine Jones; and brothers, George, Paul and Walter and Floyd Arnold Jones.

She is survived by her children and their families: Joseph Bunt of Unadilla and Trois-Rivieres, Quebec; Spirita of Unadilla; eight grandchildren; Aaron, Ayria, Jonathan, Joshua, Timothy, Kimberly, Cordell and Cheyenne; six great-grandchildren; two sisters, Shirley Lace of Snyder and Rose (Raymond) Howard of Cobleskill; two brothers, Robert (Lorraine) Jones of Sidney and Jeffrey (Sheryl) Jones of Unadilla; two sisters-in-law, Doreen (Lex) Bush of Edmeston and Patty (David) Simmons of Hartwick; and several nieces and nephews.

She was a retired employee of Jamesway/K-Mart in Sidney and a member of the Unadilla Emergency Squad.

She was well known with her husband, Fred, for celebrating the holiday season as Santa and Mrs. Claus.

Graveside services will be held on Saturday, Dec. 15 at 1 p.m. at St. Luke’s Lutheran Church, with an additional viewing at noon. Interment will follow at Greenlawn Cemetery in Bainbridge. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital in Susan’s memory.

OBITUARIES

Susan Lyons

GLENS FALLS - Susan Lorraine Lyons, loving daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother and friend, passed away after a short illness on Wednesday, Dec. 5, at the age of 79.

Susan was born on May 12, 1948 at the Naval Auxiliary Air Station in Chincoteague, VA, along with her twin brother, Steven, while her father was serving in the Navy.

After his service, the young family moved back to Unadilla, Queens and in 1955 built a home in Bay Shore.

Graduating in 1966, Susan attended the State University of New York at Stony Brook.

While there, she had the opportunity of a lifetime to complete a sixth country tour of Europe with the Women’s Glee Club and Hamilton College Men’s Choir. She became a teacher in 1970 and moved back to Long Island to teach third and fifth grade in the Three Village District.

While at SUNY Oneonta getting her master’s degree she met James Lyons, whom she married on Dec. 27, 1975. They settled in Bainbridge and welcomed their daughter, Kristen, in 1976 and son, Matthew in 1980. Soon after, Susan began her more than twenty years of tenure at the office of employment and training in Delaware County. In February 1991, Jim passed away unexpectedly and a year later Craig Louden entered her life. After 26 years of love and friendship, they were married on Feb. 18, 2005.

In 2003, Susan was proud to join the New York State Dept. of Education in Albany as the Long Island Regional Director and later served as the Director of Continuing Education for New York State. She relocated to the Capital Region in 2015 after purchasing her dream home in Gloversville and retired in May of this year.

Susan was predeceased by her husband, James R. Lyons, and father, James A. White.

She is survived by her loving husband, Craig D. Louden; mother, Lorraine A. White; brother, Steven; and children, Kristen Lyons (Jason Gunther) and Matthew Lyons (Amy), grandchildren, James and Ava Lyons; and many beloved in-laws, cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

The family will receive friends and loved ones at C.H. Landers Funeral Home, 21 Main St., Sidney on Friday, Dec. 14 from 2 to 4 p.m. and 5:30 to 8 p.m. The service to celebrate Susan’s life will be held on Saturday, Dec. 15 at 1 p.m. at St. Luke’s Lutheran Church, with an additional viewing at noon. Interment will follow at Greenlawn Cemetery in Bainbridge. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital in Susan’s memory.

Susan’s memory.

Jenks’ Celebration of Life Planned for May

You may have sent a card with kind words of sympathy, love & care.

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From the family of Jenny L. Brown Jenks

May 20, 2019 – May 15, 2020

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Grange Event Brings Visit from Santa

GILBERSTVILLE – The Butternut Valley Grange hosted Santa during a breakfast at the Grange Hall last Saturday. Gifts were distributed to children attending and families enjoyed breakfast and a gift of poinsettias.

Photo credit: Anna Ritchey.

Afton Committee Thanks Phillips’ Tree Farm

AFTON - The Foster Park Committee in Afton extends a special thank you to Phillips’ Tree Farm of Afton for their generous donation of a Christmas tree for the gazebo.

Sidney UMC to Host Christmas Cantata Choir Dec. 21

SIDNEY - Join the Sidney Methodist Church, 12 Liberty St., at 7 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 21 as they host a cantata choir comprised of the Methodist Chancel Choir and friends from other area churches. They will present “The Winter Rose,” a Christmas cantata by Joseph M. and Pamela Martin.

The rose is presented as a symbol of divine love throughout the Christmas story. The choir will be approximately 24 voices strong and directed by Jack Doyle with accompaniment by Sarah Pressler.

Narration will be by Dick Starkey and there will be several solos. The program will be rounded out with a Christmas carol hymn sing.

Area 4Hers Sponsor Mitten Tree

SIDNEY - Sunday, Dec. 2, members of the Kids and Kritters 4-H Club of Masonville gathered for a community service project at the Tri-Town Hospital. Members placed a mitten and hat tree in the hospital lobby for needy people in the community to take when visiting the hospital.

According to club leader Karleen DuMond, the club felt that during the holiday season it was important to give to the community and help out any children in need of warm hats and mittens.

The club would like to thank the staff at the Tri-Town Hospital for their assistance in hosting the mitten tree.

From left (front row) are club members Hannah Verlardi, Addison Yetto, Olivia Hulse and Bella Yetto; back row, from left: Abby Seguare, Alan DuMond, Katie Sanford, Jake Sanford, Sierra Tweedie, Alyssa Sarrantonio and Abigail DelBalso.
Unadilla Hosts ‘Santa Saturday’

The Unatego Elementary School Wind and Percussion Band plays last weekend during ‘Santa Saturday’ at the Community Center in Unadilla. Photo credit: Anna Ritchey.

Young visitors of Santa received gifts donated by House of Consignment and the Village Variety in Unadilla. The Unadilla Chamber of Commerce, in cooperation with the Rotary Club of Unadilla, organized the event. Photo credit: Anna Ritchey.

Grangers Donate Dictionaries at Unatego Elementary

UNADILLA – On Monday, members of the Butternut Valley Grange presented dictionaries to 56 third-graders at Unatego Elementary School. Representing the Grange were Anna and Norman Ritchey. This is an annual community service project sponsored by the Grange of Gilbertsville. Photos: Anna Ritchey.
Sidney Elks Lodge Receives Grant for Local Backpack Programs

SIDNEY - Sidney Elks Lodge #275 was a recipient of a $2,000 Beacon Grant, solicited from the Elks National Foundation by Sharon Harris. The grant monies will be used to supply the local school district’s Backpack Program with clothing, shoes, boots and toiletries. Schools receiving donations include: Bainbridge-Guilford, Gilbertsville-Mount Upton and Sidney elementary schools.

See Our Collectible Toys

From left, Sharon Harris, treasurer and grant coordinator and Raquel Norton, GMU librarian and director of the GMU Backpack Program.

Local Sorority Presents Talent Show Winnings to Sidney Fire Department

SIDNEY - The ladies of Sidney’s Beta Sigma Phi Preceptor Beta Kappa Chapter recently presented a $500 check to the Sidney Fire Department.

Beta Sigma Phi members from almost every county in New York, many surrounding states and Canada attended the state-wide convention held at the Otesaga Resort in Cooperstown this fall.

The weekend’s activities included a talent show and under the guidance and encouragement of chapter member Chris Wilson, the Sidney ladies performed a lighthearted rendition of the classic Perry Como recording “What Did Della Wear.” Complete with props and pantomime, the performance won first prize, with a $500 check to be donated to the Sidney Fire Department. Each of the prize levels, ranging from $100 to $500, was designated to the winner’s charity of choice.

Beta Sigma Phi chapters are known internationally for service activities and generous donations. At the convention’s “Ways and Means” table, a raffle of Pampered Chef products made it possible for Sidney chapter members to send a $700 check to the Beta Sigma Phi International Disaster Relief Fund.

In addition to the above donations, the Sidney chapter contributes to local causes, including the food bank, Operation Merry Christmas, the Backpack Program, the Sidney animal shelter and an area women’s shelter.

Each April, Sidney’s Preceptor Beta Kappa chapter of Beta Sigma Phi is known for its popular Brook’s chicken barbecue, which also features homemade salads, baked beans and tapioca pudding. Plans are underway for next year’s event.

Sidney’s Fire Department Chief Kevin Maddalone is presented a $500 check from Sidney Beta Sigma Phi members, president Sharon Bell and Chris Wilson.

Deadlines for all ads is Tuesday @ 4 pm
Gilbertsville Galleries to Host Holiday Fair

GILBERTSVILLE – G.E.M. Gallery & Sculpture Park, on Commons Drive, and the Dunderberg Gallery on Marion Avenue will host a Gilbertsville Holiday Artisan Fair from 5 to 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 14. The event will feature goods from local artisans and craftsmen, including hand-made gifts crafted from wood, steel, glass, clay, wool and silk. Small-batch candies and cookies and local farm produce will also be available. For more information, contact 783-2156.

Christmas to Mark 6th Annual Community Dinner in Sidney

SIDNEY - This year will be the sixth year of the community Christmas dinner held in Sidney on Christmas Day at the fire station on River Street. This meal is free and open to all, featuring turkey, ham and all the fixings. The dinner is paid for by community donations and served by volunteers. Organizers are still in need of donations and volunteers for this year's event. Over the five years the event has been held, 1,800 people have been served.

Anyone interested in donating or volunteering, even for just an hour, should call Gene Schmidt at 660-4830.

Area Scouts Thank Community for Food Donations

SIDNEY - The scouts from Pack 86, Troop 88 and Troop 99 thank the community for supporting the Scouting for Food program, which collected hundreds of cans of food for the Sidney Food Bank. The United Way helped with the program again this year by providing door hangers to inform of the details of the program.

The food gathered by the scouts was brought to the food bank at the Sidney Methodist Church and sorted by type for easy storage. The food will be used in holiday food baskets. Pictured from the left: Michael Boyce, Leland Constable, Samuel Boyce and pack leader Micah Strauss sorting food at the Sidney Food Bank.

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Oneonta College of the Arts and Sciences

AFTON - The following are academic awards present ed to Oneonta Central School students for the first quarter of the 2018-19 school year.

Middle School Honor Roll (Requires an average of 92 percent or better)


High School High Honor Roll (Requires an average of 92 percent or better)


High School Honor Roll (Requires an average of 87.5 percent or better)


High SERIES: Bob W. 688, Chad C. 671, Jeff B. 667, Bruce S. 652, Ja mie C. 650, Scott L. 639; Hannah M. 657, Alex W. 651, Bailey G. 657; Brandon F. 671.

CLEAN GAMES: There were 7 clean games and 13 splits made.

Independent Bowling League

Standings:

Oneonta History.org.

Sidney - In an intense game that went into overtime, Greene’s boys’ varsity basketball team faced the Warriors on Sidney’s court Friday night. Greene and Sidney kept the score close and the game fast. Sidney would gain points on the scoreboard but Greene would catch up and keep the game interesting. In the fourth quarter, Greene pulled ahead of Sidney but fouls and baskets allowed Sidney to catch up and tie up the game in the end. Going into a four-minute overtime, it looked like Greene had a good chance to win. But Sidney came from behind and scored, winning the game 54-51. Pictured, a Greene defender doesn’t stop Sidney’s Ryan Harris from driving for the basket.

2018-19 Afton Central School Academic Awards

Area Academics

Sports

Future of Oneonta Theatre to be Discussed at Dec. 17 Meeting

Oneonta - Consultants from Webb Management Services traveled from New York City to Oneonta for meetings with various groups in July, mid-October and mid-Nov ember to assess the feasibility of the Oneonta Theatre as a performance venue. The consultants have reached a point in their work where they will share their data, analysis and observations with the public. The public presentation and ques tion-and-answers-session will take place at 7 p.m. on Dec. 17 in the atrium at Foothills PAC, 24 Market St. The meet ing is free and open to the public.

Duncan Webb of Webb Management Services will present some of the data, explain analysis of the situation, make initial recommendations and describe how the firm will go about developing a “pro forma” business plan for the operation of a re opened Oneonta Theatre.

Evan Deitl Paul, a principal architect with the firm Holzman Moss Bottino, will describe the status of the feasibility analysis from an architectural viewpoint and present his firm’s assessment of the proposed project’s suitability for renovation and restoration.

The project was funded by a Downtown Revitalization Initiative technical assistance grant, applied for by the Greater Oneonta Histori cal Society and the Friends of the Oneonta Theatre. The public report will include the feasibility study phase of the two project’s work. Webb Management Services will move on to the project planning phase, and Holzman Moss Bottino will continue deve loping a conceptual vision of the renovated space. The actual design of the renovation is not within the scope of this study, but these materials will provide the basis for development of the theatre’s facility and operations.

For more information, contact 432-0960 or info@ OneontaHistory.org.
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Class A Drivers Wanted
K-VAC Environmental Services Inc. is looking for experienced Class A Drivers for its Bay Area location. This exciting opportunity is available to candidates with a minimum of three years Class A driving experience, hazardous endorsements, and a clean driving and criminal record. To learn more about this opportunity please attend one of our two hiring events at the Sidney Moose Lodge. Please see our event details listed below:

12/23/18
• 12:00PM - 4:00PM
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12/29/18
• 2:00PM - 6:00PM
• Upstairs Room

If you have any questions please contact Paul Hauptmann at (607)743-2072. We look forward to meeting you!
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Joshua House receives $30K Grant

SIDNEY – The Delaware County nonprofit Joshua House Inc. recently applied for and received a $30,000 grant from the Mee Foundation for expansion of its community habilitation program. Joshua House is in its 28th year of serving area individuals with intellectual and physical disabilities.

Paula Dooley, Community Habilitation Director, Marge Garren, Agency Educator and PJK Coordinator and Brandy Parker, Joshua House resident wrote the grant.

The Mee Foundation is a local organization investing in projects and programs for qualified nonprofit groups serving Delaware County and surrounding areas. General categories of funding include education, community recreation, health and human services and arts and culture.

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Joshua House Community Habilitation Director Paula Dooley stands with Brandy Parker, an individual served by the program.

Sidney Senior Selected to All-State Jazz Ensemble

SIDNEY – Last month, Sid-ney senior Joseph “Jp” Dewey traveled to Rochester, where he rehearsed and performed with the NYSSMA Conference All-State Jazz Ensemble.

Dewey received a perfect score on his all-state jazz piano solo in May, and was subsequently selected based on recommendations from the all-state selection committee in June.

In addition to performing in Rochester, he will be performing with the jazz ensemble in March of 2019 as a part of the NYSSMA Day Festivities that take place in Albany. He played piano in the 18-piece All-State Jazz Ensemble, which rehearsed for 14 hours over the course of three days. The result: an outstanding Saturday afternoon concert, a well-deserved standing ovation and musical memories to last a lifetime.

Congratulations, Jp. You join a small (but growing) group of Sidney Warriors who can proudly lay claim to the title of NYSSMA All-State musicians! Keep those piano chops in shape for the encore performance in Albany for the state legislators in March as part of “Music In Our Schools Month.”

Master Plan Revision & Environmental Assessment Planned for East Sidney Lake Dam

SIDNEY – Representatives from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District recently announced that they are in the process of updating the master plan for the East Sidney Lake Dam, on Outen Creek.

The East Sidney Lake Dam is one of 14 in the Army Corps’ Baltimore District, which follows the Susquehanna River and includes the District of Columbia, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, Pennsylvania and a small portion of New York.

According to a press release, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is preparing an environmental assessment in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 to assess the impact of the Master Plan Revision to the human and natural environment.

East Sidney Lake was authorized by the Flood Control Act of 1936 and was constructed, and is managed, by USACE for the purposes of flood risk management, recreation and environmental stewardship.

A revised master plan will consider all USACE-managed and maintained portions of land therein. It does not consider specific future development opportunities for leased areas, including the East Sidney Lake Park, which is managed by the Town of Sidney.

Public release of the draft environmental assessment is planned for the spring. The purpose of this notice is to inform the public of the initiation of the preparation of an EA for the ESL Project Master Plan.

USACE requests that federal and state agencies provide information concerning interests within such organization’s areas of responsibility or expertise and asks that the public also provide information pertinent to this assessment. Comments or information may be provided to the address below through Jan. 11.

A public review meeting will be held after the initial public comment period, ending Jan. 11, to allow opportunity for the public to submit ideas, comments and feedback on the draft master plan and draft environmental assessment.

This public meeting is planned for some time in April. A public notice will be posted on the project’s website and social media and sent out via individual mailings, indicating the location and time of the event. Information regarding the master plan update and public meetings can be found at nab.usace.army.mil/ESL-Master-Plan-Revision.

Anyone looking to request a public meeting before the formulation of the draft master plan and draft environmental assessment to discuss the scope and intent of this project should do so by Dec. 31.

For more information, contact Major Terrence Harrington at 410-992-1846 or terrence.g.harrington@usace.army.mil.

Additionally, questions can be mailed to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Planning Division, Subject: East Sidney Lake Project, 2 Hopkins Plaza, Baltimore, MD, 21202.

Longtime Auto Serviceman Retires from Sidney Dealership

SIDNEY – After more than 38 years, Mike Carey has retired from the automotive service field.

Carey started at Smith Ford in Norwich as service advisor and, for the past 25 years, has been at Sidney dealerships, including Butler Auto Sales and Chambers Auto, with owners Roger and Kris Chambers. In 2008, the Chambers partnered with Cork and Janine O’Hara, owners of Chambers & O’Hara Car and Truck Center.

Carey has been assistant service manager at the truck center for many years and was recently named service manager.

Lynn Booker, an employee of 20-plus years, will become service manager for the dealerships.

Carey graduated from the Edmore Central School and resides in New Berlin. In retirement, he plans on spending more time playing golf. He also enjoys walking daily and exercising.

A retirement party was hosted by Chambers & O’Hara last Thursday for customers and friends to wish Carey well. He turned 65 on Dec. 8.

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Representing Chambers & O’Hara. Cork O’Hara congratulates Mike Carey, left, on his retirement as Lynn Booker gets introduced as the new service manager. Photo credit: Anna Ritchey.