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Whole Qby. 8th grade went inside Finch Paper

By Cathy DeDe
Chronicle Managing Editor

Queensbury Middle School's entire eighth grade class — 240 students — got a rare look at an industry in action when Finch Paper brought them in for tours and talks to understand what happens inside the paper mill — and the many ways that they might be a part of it.

Biz & school tout potential careers; visited the Plumbers & Steamfitters union building, too.

Finch president Eric Wood and Queensbury Superintendent Kyle Gannon told *The Chronicle*, separately and with obvious enthusiasm, the Dec. 21 tour was part of a long-standing relationship between Finch Paper and the

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Barred owl by Pete Benway

Pete Benway of Glens Falls writes: This Barred Owl has been showing up at this particular spot now for quite a while, and very tolerant of people. On this morning I found him in a tree, after taking a few shots of him he flew to a nearby barn where I got this photo. Thought your readers would like this.

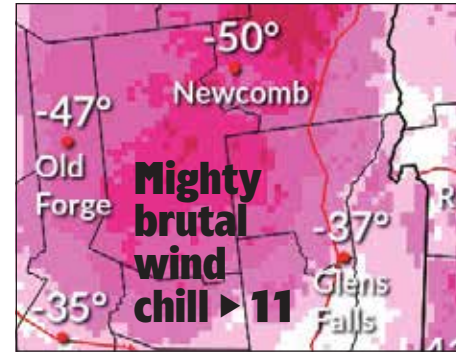


Parent: Youth theatre helped kids hugely

Hello Mark,
I was very saddened to hear that Lake George Youth theatre

has closed. The small announcement in last week's *Chronicle* from the Luces was such a quiet way of bowing out — very typical of their modesty and humbleness. I'm glad you

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Many reply to our Q&A on the \$20 minimum wage push

By Mark Frost
Chronicle Editor

Opinions were many, diverse and emphatic in response to the Q&A we posed last week to *Chronicle* digital subscribers.

What's your view of the push to raise upstate's minimum wage to \$20 by 2026?

No sooner than Governor Kathy Hochul announced her plan to index the wage to rise at the rate of inflation than Democratic State Senator Jessica Ramos, chair of the Senate Labor Committee, declared her intent to "raise the wage incrementally...until it reaches \$21.25 in New York City and \$20 elsewhere in the state in 2026.

"It's about time to provide a living wage," agreed Marc Lustick of Brant Lake.

"I think it is necessary just to offset the price increase in groceries," wrote Nan Scinta of Queensbury.

"The push for a \$20 min wage is a sad commentary on today's **lack of understanding of economics.** As many studies have shown, this will only

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GF Cement job fair seeks biz vendors

The soon-to-be-shuttered Glens Falls Cement Plant seeks businesses to participate in a job fair for its employees, on **Tuesday, Feb. 28**, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Queensbury Hotel. **Deadline to sign up is Feb. 20.** Contact Amanda Vroom at amanda.vroom@heidelbergmaterials.com.

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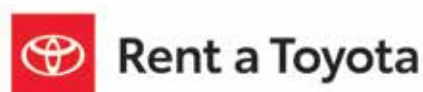
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Wally Hirsch retires, sells Binley's, new T-Bell coming?

By Zander Frost
Chronicle Staff Writer

Wally Hirsch, the owner of Binley's garden center and florist, told *The Chronicle* he has sold the property at the corner of Quaker Road and Dix Avenue in Queensbury to a Taco Bell franchisee, Hospitality Syracuse, Inc.

Syracuse restaurant developer buys whole property; GM then buys back Binley's.

Mr. Hirsch has also retired.

He said the "complicated" deal for the roughly 7.25-acre property "got me where I wanted to be...\$1.25-[million]."

He said the buyers purchased the entire property and then sold the Binley's business to Tami Field, its 26-year general manager, and her husband David.

Binley's will "continue at the same location with the possibility of future relocation," Mr. Hirsch said in a press release.

He said a Taco Bell is planned next to Dunkin' Donuts, "the area where we grow the mums in the field, and where we have the bulk mulch."

Hospitality Syracuse is on the February 21 Queensbury Town Planning Board agenda applying for a subdivision.

One lot would be 5.83 acres to "maintain the existing Binley's Florist buildings," the other a 1.35 acre lot for a "restaurant with drive thru."

Mr. Hirsch said Hospitality Syracuse initially considered operating Binley's because of its strong business numbers.

Ultimately, though, he said they could

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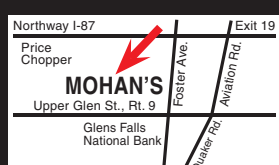
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Q&A: Reactions on push to raise minimum wage upstate to \$20

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hurt the people it's pretending to help. "Leaders" of this push will accumulate political power; "Followers" will pat themselves on the back, convinced that they have supported something "egalitarian"; and the entry level jobs will simply go away.

— Tom DuBois, Keene, NY

Politicians don't seem to have a grasp

of minimum wage being the entry wage into employment for first time employees without job skills. It has never been intended to be a living wage.

This is another assault on small business by NYS. Companies like Walmart and Amazon can afford \$20 per hour and like many big companies can afford new technology to replace a percentage of employees with automation. Small business cannot....

The end result, goods and services pricing has to be raised to absorb the rising wages costs contributing to inflation.

— David Stanton, Lake George

While I firmly believe in everyone making a fair wage, the increase in the minimum wage always brings price increases and layoffs, decrease in full time workers due to cost. Prime example is fast food places, most of them are now going with self-service tablets for ordering, having people order on their app, any means as to not need the 3-4 people manning a register to take the orders. 2 or 3 shifts depending on the operation of the establishment, means 8-12 full time and or some part time jobs being eliminated....Right or Wrong, large corporations will find ways to reduce costs, and when any establishment reduces costs, the 1st place they look is payroll.

— Kathy Baker, Queensbury

I think it's a good idea to raise the minimum wage to \$20/hr because it's expensive to live — anywhere. People can't live on a minimum wage less than that. The price of everything, including rent, have been rising.

— Linda Wooddell, Glens Falls

I think by boosting the minimum wage for low wage workers, it would result in lifting families incomes above the poverty threshold which would result in the reduction or elimination of the number of people in poverty or on public assistance.

— Teresa Dunn, Queensbury

With the cost of living, the increase is much needed. The added expense to the small family owned businesses would be a very large burden. It could or would possibly put them out of business and increase prices for the consumers.

— Don Ross, Queensbury

Don't believe it is the answer. Need more training /apprentice programs to help people get out of entry level jobs

— Darlene Tucker, Hartford

On the one hand workers need to make a realistic working wage to live independently but on the other hand the more we raise wages the higher the cost of goods and services to pay for those wages. It's a cat chasing its own tail.

— Julie Brino, Lake Luzerne
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At \$20 an hour, the smaller businesses or many businesses won't be able to hire teenagers or others looking for experience. If they have to train an employee, they may not allow said employee to quit the job unless the cost of the training has been 'worked off.' Part-time or summer only jobs may also become a thing of the past.

— Amy Syrell, SGF



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Shirt Factory & GF settle conflict; Food Truck Corral, other events a go

By Cathy DeDe

Chronicle Managing Editor

After several weeks, if not months, of contentious back-and-forth with the City of Glens Falls, Shirt Factory events like the popular seasonal Food Truck Corrals on Thursday are a "go," owner Eric Unkauf tells *The Chronicle*.

"Had a good meeting with the Mayor and we will be able to move ahead with our events pretty much the same as we have in the past," Mr. Unkauf said in an e-mail conversation.

"There will be some extra paperwork requirements for the City from food vendors moving ahead that they discovered they should have been asking for all along, but there will be no fee associated with this paperwork."

Mr. Unkauf said the City will maintain its previous \$1,000 blanket fee for the Food Truck Corrals, as in prior years, with an additional new \$500 blanket contract to cover additional events — the Shirt Factory's own Spicy Food, Maple in April and Apple vs. Pumpkin Festivals, plus the GEM Fest music event and

Homeschoolpalooza held on Shirt Factory grounds but organized by other entities.

Mr. Unkauf said the City intends to raise the blanket fee next year, but to an amount he expects will be "reasonable."

"I am satisfied with a fair arrangement that was reached between the City and the Shirt Factory to continue hosting special events," Mr. Unkauf said.

Mayor Bill Collins had not returned a call for comment by press-time.

The agreement, most immediately, enables **the Shirt Factory's annual Valentines Day One Stop Shop** to take place **this weekend**, Friday and Saturday, Feb. 10 & 11, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

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More reaction \$20 minimum wage push
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Who is the biggest winner if the minimum wage increases to \$20 per hour and who is the biggest loser? It's my opinion that the biggest winner would be the State and Federal government. A rise in the taxable income will result in higher collections for the government. Also, if the cost of goods and services rise so does collectible sales tax. The biggest loser will be the senior citizen on a fixed income. Their income will remain relatively stable but they will have to spend more for goods and services.

— **Dr. Frank Bergman, Bolton Landing**

It's a nice idea, but it won't work. Ultimately, it will increase unemployment numbers. Wal-Mart put in self check outs so they don't have to pay cashiers. And Amazon and McDonald's already have zero employee stores.

— **David, Gansevoort**

No, this will cause everything else to go up too so not really making any more money.

— **Pam, Lake Luzerne**

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Saddened by death of Sippy

By Mark Frost
 Chronicle Editor

Our son Zander alerted me Sunday night that Mike Sipowicz had passed away, at the age of 78, last Wednesday, Feb. 2. It made me profoundly sad. It's not that I saw Mike with any frequency, but any time I did, good conversation ensued. Always he had that wry kind of smile. We had a connection for life.

His obituary said in part, "Michael proudly owned 'Sippy's' in downtown Glens Falls where he met lifelong friends who became family."

I was among them. In *The Chronicle's* infancy — much of the 1980s — I and several *Chronicle* staffers spent considerable time at Sippy's on South Street and at its running-mate across the Street of Dreams, Sandy's Clam Bar. (This was mostly before I met my wife Sandra.)

Sandy's was upscale compared to Sippy's, although Sandy's owner Rich Mozal liked to tell people "we haven't had anybody killed here in over 30 years."

Sandy's had live bands and real food. Sippy's had beer. And TVs for sports. On one of those TVs we were watching a major-league game one day — I think it was afternoon. Glens Falls's own Dave Strader was doing the play-by-play, which is probably why we were watching it. At some point, after something notable happened, Dave tossed out this little nugget: "They'll love that one at Sippy's."

He said that — on a major league broadcast — when we were right there at Sippy's! We were ecstatic.

Dave and Mike are now both gone. I'm hoping somebody who was there that day will vouch for my recall.

Another memorable Sippy's sequence came when Jim "Zelmo" Beaty was tending bar. The place was pretty empty. A customer came toward the bar — toward Zelmo — brandishing a knife. Zelmo vaulted over the bar, came face to face unarmed with the customer and told him: "Give me the knife." And the guy did. Very impressive. (Zelmo, do you remember this?)

Of course I'm sure Zelmo knew the guy. Everybody knew nearly everybody. It was still a small town then. Sippy's and Sandy's were Glens Falls to the bone. Hometown, U.S.A. hadn't started its path toward trendy.

My peak Sippy's experience came during the NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament in 1991. On the eve of the tourney, there was a calcutta — auctioning off the participating teams. For a bid in the hundreds of dollars, I bought Duke. At that point, Duke had never won a national championship. (Or was this all at Sandy's!?)

It was pretty early in my marriage. Sandra frowned

on how I wasted my money and my time.

But as the tournament unfolded, Duke kept winning.

By the Final Four, Sandra was interested. When Duke managed to upset mighty UNLV (University of Nevada at Las Vegas), 79-77, in the semi-final,

she'd become a full-throated fan. Duke — the team of Christian Laettner, Grant Hill, Bobby Hurley — played Kansas in the Final. Duke won, 72-65! My winnings — actually "our" winnings now that Sandra was fully on board — were in the thousands of dollars. We went to England on that moolah.

But back to Sippy. One thing I remember about the prize pool is a percentage was taken off the top right at the start to donate to St. Mary's — I can't remember if it was the church or the school.

Mike's obituary noted, "A graduate of St. Mary's Catholic School in Glens Falls, New York, Michael went on to college and to serve his country in the United States Air Force stationed in Vietnam and Thailand."

And it urged, "In lieu of flowers the family asks that you make a donation in Michael's honor to St. Mary's-St. Alphonsus Regional Catholic School. He believed in a strong education and sense of community."

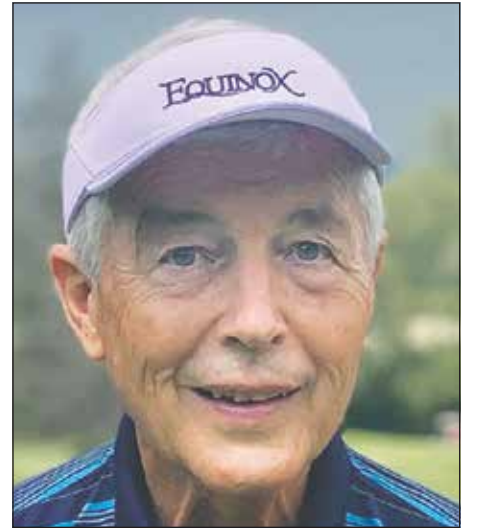
The obituary mentioned that at Sippy's, "There were no shortage of stories of his beloved Duke Basketball team, Red Sox and golf tournaments that always supplied fun and so much laughter."

I remember the night Mike told me that his son Vincent had been admitted to college at Duke. Talk about a proud and happy dad.

"The biggest joy in life was his family," Mike's obituary said. "His children, Bridget, Vincent, Tanya and Mike, were his world, and as time passed, his grandchildren became the focus of his universe."

"Michael was also predeceased by his beloved wife, Mary Jo Nemeyer and his daughters Tanya Sipowicz (2019) and twin daughters Brittany and Bethany," the obituary said, and I remembered how Mike's world fell apart for a while after he lost Mary Jo.

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Bob Blais, 86, to end 52-year run as LG Mayor; Ray Perry likely successor but still time to declare

By Cathy DeDe

Chronicle Managing Editor

Seismic change nears for Lake George Village. After 52 years as mayor, Bob Blais, 86, is not seeking re-election in the March 21 vote. Current village trustee Ray Perry seems poised to succeed him.

But **signed petitions to run** for elected office **will be accepted until Feb. 14**, and at least one other person has picked them up. The Mayor's salary is \$40,000.

"I don't endorse," Mayor Blais told *The Chronicle*, but he said he has been preparing Mr. Perry for the potential role, including him in meetings, for example.

"He is very capable," said Mayor Blais, the longest sitting mayor in the nation.

Ray Perry, 49, said he is an independent contractor working with wireless cell carriers on leasing and permitting, "behind the scenes things," he says, regionally and throughout the Northeast.

He formerly also worked in and then ran the family's Lake George Village Hardware Store — which he sold in 2007, "the same year I was elected trustee." It has since closed, he notes.

"I've been shadowing the Mayor for the past three years or so," Mr. Perry says, in anticipation of running.

"I'd like to see some project completed and some started," he says. "I'm for modernization, someone more youthful, looking at paying water and sewer bills online, more bandwidth for WiFi. I spearheaded WiFi in Shepard Park, and now we're going out to Wood Park and the side streets. I want to expand on our winter

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Ray Perry

Bob Blais seeks to run LG's Wood Park; \$40K salary

Chronicle Managing Editor Cathy DeDe writes:

After 52 years as Mayor of Lake George Village, Bob Blais is not seeking reelection next month, but he aims to continue in a public role.

He's hoping the Village, Town of Lake George and Warren County will allow him to serve in the newly created role of Special Events Director, for the Festival Commons at Charles R. Wood Park, and possibly other events too.

"One thing we learned from last year's dissolution study is 50 percent of my job is running events in the village," Mr. Blais says.

He's seeking a combined salary of \$40,000 — the same as he earned as Mayor. He said it could be defrayed through Occupancy Tax funds of \$20,000 from Warren County and \$15,000 from the Village, who co-own the Park; and \$5,000 from the Town of Lake George, not an owner but which also benefits from events there.

Mr. Blais said those he approached at the three municipalities were amenable so far. "The county has a manager for its Fish Hatchery, for Up Yonda and the airport. It makes sense."



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Claudia Braymer joins Protect The Adks; unlikely to seek re-election

By Cathy DeDe

Chronicle Managing Editor

Claudia Braymer, an environmental attorney and Glens Falls Ward Three's representative on the Warren County Board of Supervisors, on Feb. 1 became **Deputy Director** of Protect the Adirondacks! The exclamation point is part of the environmental group's name.

Ms. Braymer, 42, tells *The Chronicle* that the environmental group's board created the position of Deputy Director as part of succession planning. She is **expected to succeed Peter Bauer as Executive Director.** "There is no current timetable" for the move, the organization said, but "within the next few years."

Ms. Braymer said **she plans to close her law firm in Glens Falls.** She's been in private practice, focusing on environmental law, since 2017.

"I asked to be part-time for the rest of this calendar year," Ms. Braymer tells *The Chronicle*, "to wrap up some things in my firm."

'Most likely' won't seek re-election

Ms. Braymer said "It's most likely" she will not seek re-election this fall to her seat on the Warren County Board.

"I am thinking it's time," Ms. Braymer said. "I'm finishing my 8th year. If it was the City Council, I'd be termed out. I don't believe these should be lifelong positions. But I have another few weeks to decide, petitioning is at the end of February. But this is my thinking right now."

She added, "I look forward to pouring my energy into something where people around me value my input, and are equally excited to have me there."

The Protect office is in Johnsbury, "but I expect to be going to Albany a lot, too," Ms. Braymer said.

"We're very pleased that Claudia Braymer will be the face of the future of Protect the Adirondacks," Protect Chairman Charles Clusen, was quoted.

Ms. Braymer said of Protect the Adirondacks, "I've been one of their lawyers for quite some time, but I was never on the staff or on their board."

Protect noted that Ms. Braymer was co-counsel on its successful 2021 lawsuit against planned snowmobile trails "that upheld and defended the Forever Wild clause in the State Constitution."

Protect disputed the Department of Environmental Conservation in the size of tree that could be removed without vio-

Ray Perry vies to be Mayor of Lake George

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activities, maybe a waterfront stroll in Winter. Give people even more reason to come, in addition to the Ice Castles and Winter Carnival."

He said he supports Mayor Bob Blais' plan to become director of the Charles Wood Park and oversee other events in Lake George. "It's good to have him stay on and train me on how it's all done."

Mr. Perry said water supply, the septic treatment plant, serving septic haulers and preserving water quality are continuing issues. We have to, to protect the lake. It's our greatest asset, the lake and our people."

Mr. Perry terms himself a "college dropout" who majored in drafting and engineering, "an electrician by trade" who worked in the family business." He grew up in Lake Luzerne where they had another hardware store, and moved to Lake George at age 27.

"We've got a lot of plans in the town and village, to improve amenities, amount of housing and workforce housing, zoning, a current water district study to assess future needs with planned growth in the Town and Village.



In 2021, Protect the Adirondacks! presented Glens Falls attorneys **John Caffry and Claudia Braymer its Howard Zahniser Award.** It honored their legal efforts that resulted in a final court ruling that tree cutting for snowmobile connector trails authorized by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation violated the Forever Wild provision of the State Constitution.
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lating the "no trees shall be removed or destroyed" Forever Wild provision.

Mr. Clusen, Protect's chair, was quoted, "There are few people out there with the set of skills that Claudia brings as an experienced environmental attorney, as someone who worked with us for more than 10 years to defend forever wild, who has strong experiences with regional and local planning and zoning, who has served in local government and knows the realities and challenges facing Adirondack Park and North Country communities, who has trekked all around the Park, and who has an unquenchable passion for the Forest Preserve and wild beauty of the Adirondack Park."



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"My environmental protection work is well known: Rooftop solar on six of our municipal buildings; LED lighting in all town facilities; development of the shoreline buffer standards; initiated environmental studies of Lake George, Glen Lake and Lake Sunnyside; built and building infrastructure to meet climate change demands;

"encouraged solar farm developments in town; developing a Rockhurst community wastewater facility; creation of North Queensbury Wastewater Disposal District; proposed and researching extending water to areas of town that have contaminated wells; introduced and currently expanding our EV cars and hybrid

vehicle fleet; developing a town Climate Action Plan;

"studying use of Adaptive Signal Technology to more efficiently manage traffic flows and reduce carbon production; work with county to develop a Zero Waste facility; development of numerous trails to provide exercise and alternative transportation opportunities; looking to have the Town Court building changed from gas HVAC to electric;

"creation of Rush Pond Park; supported the development of the Lake George boat inspection program; worked and working with the LGA to reduce salt use on winter roads; participate in annual Asian clam inspections, and much more.

"In addition to continuing my environmental protection efforts, my Town Supervisor goals for my next term are to remedy and improve the town's emergency services, improve the town's internal and external security vulnerabilities, stabilize costs, improve zoning, improve infrastructures, boost business promotion to improve revenues, finalize the new CLUP, and implement Highway Department fleet management, continue working with EHA and department managers in the continuance of developing a more comprehensive and effective safety program,

"work with city to create new Peggy Ann Trail, update town handbook, update fire and EMS contracts, finalize Lake George Environmental Action Plan, advance Glen Lake Environmental Action Plan, investigate remedies for Assembly Point Road stormwater issues, upgrade Town Code Chapter 88: Fire Prevention and Building Construction and monitor the viability of the town's new cannabis law.

"As to my role as a County Supervisor, I support creating a Warren County Bikeway park and parking rest area at

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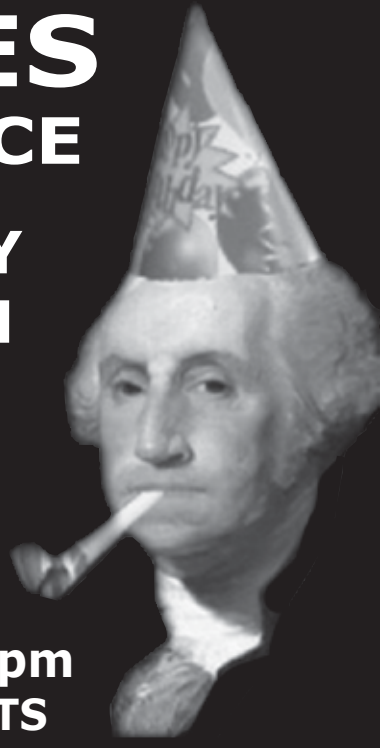
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GF School new mascot seeks survey input

Glens Falls City School District said it launching a "thought exchange" interactive survey for the community today, Thursday, Feb. 9, as part of its process to choose a new mascot. Info at gfsd.org.

New York State has ordered all public school districts to remove their "Indian" mascots and associated icons — "the arrowhead included," Glens Falls notes — or risk punishments including losing state funding.

A student assembly and workshop was planned on Wednesday, Feb. 8.

The process is being driven by a 13-member "Superintendent's Student Cabinet" of high school students who volunteered for the group, said the school.

The Student Cabinet will present their initial findings at the Board of Education meeting Monday, Feb. 13, at 7 p.m. in the Administration building, 15 Quade St.

The Cabinet will meet Wednesday, Feb. 15, to plan "the next round of input."

The goal is to have a new mascot in place as of July 1. "Apparel, fixtures, turf field, furniture, etc., follows schedule to be replaced."

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2.13.23 Student Cabinet members update Board of Education at BOE meeting

2.15.23 Superintendent's Student Cabinet meets to evaluate Thought Exchange data, update survey plan for next round of input

3.1.23 Student survey (Grades 9-12) Parents message/letter to help inform superintendent by Student Cabinet

3.2.23 Community Survey/Associate members/letter to help inform superintendent by Student Cabinet

3.13.23 Student Cabinet members update Board of Education at BOE meeting

3.15.23 Superintendent's Student Cabinet meets to evaluate survey data, determine top recommendations to carry over to preferred voting survey

3.22.23 Student survey (Grades 9-12, Grades 3-8 Elementary students by classroom) Participants in the survey to choose mascot/icon by preferred voting

3.23.23 Community Survey: Participants in the survey to choose mascot/icon by preferred voting

3.28-30.23 Superintendent's Student Cabinet meets to evaluate survey data, and prepare recommendation to the Board of Education

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6.30.23 Glens Falls "Tribune" website, mascot, and icons officially reveal replacement process begins with new mascot

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Dan Lanoir

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The City said ice conditions on Crandall Pond were safe enough for skating as of Friday, Feb. 3. Skating is permitted, weather depending. The pond is lit from dusk to 10 p.m. The City hopes to hold its Fire & Ice bonfire event Friday evening, Feb. 10, weather depending. Check web.

Strough: My platform

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SGF Marathon kids choose 12 people, 10 non-profits to help

By Cathy DeDe

Chronicle Managing Editor

The student committee selected 12 individuals, ages 2 to 63, and 10 non-profits to receive proceeds from the 46th annual South High Marathon Dance. There were 90 applications for help.

The dance continued during Covid, but in an altered way, is finally back at its traditional location — the high school — on its traditional first weekend in March, Friday to Saturday, March 3-4.

The recipients:

- **Tayton Bowen**, 20, of Ballston Spa

was nominated by his mother, South Glens Falls teacher Rachel French, for help with medical bills and lost wages resulting from injuries.

"Tayton was in a terrible accident that caused a broken femur, hip, tibia, ribs, collapsed lung, lacerations to both kidneys, sacrum S1 separation, and the amputation of his left leg.

- **Donald Crandall**, 52, is a past recipient from South Glens Falls with quadriplegia. "Don describes himself as a proud Bulldog who requests assistance from SHMD to repair or replace his aging handicapped-accessible van that is in desperate need of expensive repairs."

- **Crue Duswalt**, 2, of Hudson Falls was diagnosed with Noonan Syndrome, a genetic disorder. "Because of the many complications related to his condition, his family is requesting assistance for specialized glasses and leg devices, a ramp and railing to help him get upstairs, a service dog, as well as a handicap accessible bathroom."

- **Kathleen Everts**, 63, of Hudson Falls, has ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig's Disease. She was nominated by her brother and sister-in-law, long-time South Glens Falls residents and SHMD volunteers, to help purchase a specialty ALS wheelchair and a wheelchair accessible van. "In the last few years, Kathleen has undergone knee replacement, spinal fusion, thyroid removal, and for the last year and a half, struggled with walking."

- **Hunter George**, 24, a South High graduate and past Marathon Dancer, seeks help with lost wages due to continued treatment from a recent motorcycle accident that almost took his life, and from which recovery was "miraculous," said the school. "The accident was caused by a ruptured internal carotid brain aneurysm, and resulted in multiple serious injuries. Hunter has had six surgeries, with two more pending."

- **Christopher Goodness**, 11, of Hudson Falls was diagnosed with Stage 4 Ewing Sarcoma, a bone cancer. His family seeks help with lost wages and medical travel expenses to Boston, Mass., for his treatments. "Christopher is currently going through chemotherapy and has received radiation treatments. He relapsed in October without going into remission."

- **Grace Netti**, 18, a South High graduate recently diagnosed with Postural Orthostatic Tachycardia Syndrome, or POTS, requests assistance to purchase a

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12 Marathon Dance student pick recipients

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service dog. "Grace was diagnosed with POTs after four years of trying to find an explanation for her chronic symptoms. This service dog would provide...more independence, by being able to help if anything happens when she is otherwise without assistance."

• **Gabrielle Potter**, 14, is a student at Oliver W. Winch Middle School in South Glens Falls. She was diagnosed with a motility disorder (IBS-c), bleeding disorder and chronic sinus disease. Her family requested assistance with the cost of travel and medication.

• **Aiden J Rodriguez**, age 7, of Hudson Falls, was diagnosed with Choroid Plexus Carcinoma, a rare brain cancer. His family requested help with costs related to his medical expenses, travel for treatment, and lost wages. Diagnosed this past fall Aiden "has already been through one surgery at Albany Medical Center, where they were only able to remove 15% of the tumor. He has had four chemo treatments and just recently underwent surgery to attempt to remove the rest of the tumor. He will also be receiving stem cell treatment in Rochester."

• **Randy Strong**, 56, a 1984 graduate of South High who participated in modified, JV and Varsity wrestling "is now wrestling with esophageal cancer" and seeks help with medical expenses and lost wages associated with his condition.

Diagnosed in October, the day before his daughter's wedding, "Randy enjoys time with his wife of 31 years, his two sons and his daughter, who is expecting a child, Randy's first grandchild, in July."

Currently he expects to receive six chemo treatments and 28 radiation treatments before surgery.

• **Shane Walsh**, 45, of South Glens Falls is a past SHMD recipient diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukemia. His wife Stacy teaches at Moreau Elementary, and their triplets Andrew, Hannah and Lukas

attend Oliver Winch Middle School.

Shane had a second full bone marrow transplant in September of 2021, then learned in September 2022 that the cancer had returned and he couldn't have a third transplant. "He is currently undergoing intensive chemo to try to kill the cancer with the hope of using his recent donor's T-cells once the cancer is gone."

• **Megan Willis**, 51, the mother of three South Glens Falls students, a teacher and active community member, seeks help with medical bills "for treatments that will allow her to regain the role of caretaker for her children."

Megan was diagnosed with Breast Cancer and a brain stem infection that caused stroke symptoms and resulted in missing 13 months of teaching.

Community non-profits

- Adirondack Vets House
- Alzheimer's Association of NENY
- Ben Osborn Memorial Fund
- Cancer Center Community Crusaders
- CAPTAIN Community Human Services
- Food For Thought
- Kelly's Angels, Inc.
- Moreau Community Center
- Rebuilding Together Saratoga County
- Southern Adirondack Living Center (SAIL)

SHMD back at SGF school, but limit is 2 family members for each dancer

Noting that it was "clearly important" to the students to return to the South High Marathon Dance to the school after two years at The Great Escape, due to Covid, the committee said it made some changes, still, "to remain cautious regarding student, volunteer and community members' health."

The main dance will be held in the high school gymnasium. Each dancer will receive two passes for parents or other family members to attend events at the high school.

Middle schoolers and fifth graders will receive two passes each for the hours that they are in the High School gym with the dancers.

Only individuals with these passes will be allowed into the high school.

The Senior High School will be open — for pass-holders only — on Friday from 6 to 10:30 p.m. and on Saturday from 12:30 p.m. to closing.

Only registered participants and others as noted on the official schedule will be permitted on the gym floor.

Public events at Tanglewood

Meanwhile, all sales and activities previously held in the "old" gym at the high school will be held instead at Tanglewood Elementary School.

Tanglewood will host the annual cut-a-thon, sale of Marathon Dance apparel, photos, hair wraps, face painting, ice cream, 50/50 raffle, concession stands, live and silent auction.

Tanglewood will be open to the public on Friday, March 3, from 5-10 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

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Lake George Ice Castles, Monday before opening. Photo/Warren County

Yes, Ice Castles!

As of Monday, Feb. 6, the Ice Castles attraction was open at the Festival Commons in Lake George. Advance tickets are strongly recommended. Purchase at icecastles.com.

"We expect an announcement soon about a discount day for Warren County residents!" said a message from Warren County. Mondays were scheduled discount days for residents of Lake George.

More LG Winter Carnival: Not on ice, still busy

The 61st Lake George Winter Carnival continues this week on Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 11 and 12 — minus the scheduled on-ice car races, "we are sad to announce," organizers said online.

"The ice is still very thin and even open in some spots," they said.

Next week's on-ice Motorcycle Races, scheduled on February 18 and 19, have also been cancelled.

"All other events are as scheduled at this time!" they said in all-capital letters.

"We are not ice dependent," spokesperson Nancy Nichols told *The Chronicle* last week.

"We have fireworks every Saturday, the bonfires, a new make your own cupcake bar, a lot of fun family activities," Mrs. Nichols touted.

This week's featured food contest is a Barbecue Cook-Off on Saturday, Feb.

11, at 12:30. Visitors may vote on their favorite offerings from Lake George restaurants. Advance tickets available; see Facebook.

Also on Saturday: ATV Poker Run, Story Time for kids at Caldwell Lake George Library, Snow Tie-Dyed tee shirts, s'mores and hot chocolate bar with souvenir mug.

On Sunday: Winter Carnival Bowling at Lanes and Games, Sundae Fun-day and Karaoke/Open Mic, Snowman building contest, Women's Skillet Toss, and "Super Bowl Sunday Warm Up" Keg Toss.

Also: Daily Polar Ice Plunge, "Lake George Dogs Got Talent" participatory dog shows, pony rides and carriage rides, bonfires, children's activities, and more.

See *The Chronicle* calendar for daily scheduled events, and visit the Winter Carnival's Facebook page for updates.



What do you like to do with your friends?

A lot of fun

When I meet with my friends we like to draw, play hide-seek, play dolls, play Monopoly, and dance. We have a lot of fun together.

Amelia Marganski
Gr. 2, Mrs. Fish
Lake George Elementary School

Talk in a tree

After school, my friend Ava and I climb a tree together. We talk in the tree. We have fun in the tree.

Aggie Richards
Gr. 1, Mrs. Krogmann
Kensington Rd. School, GF

Horseback adventures

What my friends and I like to do is ride my horse. My friends and I have gone on many adventures through water, leaves, and through trees. We have gone on a trip to Stewart's, to get milkshakes. Every mountain, hill, river, you name it, we have ridden up it or through it. My friends and I also love going to the beach. That's what I like doing with my friends.

Divine Duhamel
Gr. 4, Ms. Pedoner
Hartford Central School

Survive with Minecraft

We like Minecraft because it's fun and we like to survive together.

Ian Hull
Gr. 2, Mrs. Zehr
Lake George Elementary School



Westyn Spring & Mrs. Zehr

Funny new words

For fun, my friends and I say funny things. At recess we make up new words and laugh at them. We also run around and do new tricks, which is really fun. I'm so glad I have my friends.

Westyn Ryan Spring
Gr. 2, Mrs. Zehr
Lake George Elementary School

Dinos and more

Alice and I play with dinos inside. Outside we like to play in the leaves.

Rylan Wilson
Gr. 1, Mr. MacDougall
Hartford Central School

Football, Spy 104

What my friends and I do for fun is play football, ride bikes, and play Spy 104. It's a game that my friends and I made up together.

Lucas Perez
Gr. 3, Mrs. Watson
Johnsburg Central School

Talk at lunch, like family

My friends and I like to talk at lunch. Sometimes they mess around too harshly, but when they do, they apologize. We sit together like family. My friends are so funny. We also like to swing at recess. That is what I like to do with my friends.

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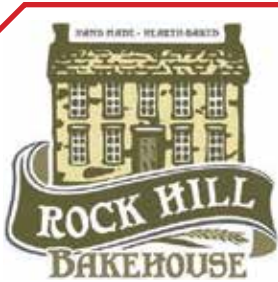
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Qby. 8th grade tours Finch Paper; school & business both tout career opportunities

From front page school.

Queensbury's approximately 240 eighth-graders were divided into two groups. Each spent half the day at Finch and the other half at the Plumbers and Steamfitters union training center on Luzerne Road learning about welding and other industrial career paths. Lunch was in the community room at the adjacent West Queensbury Fire Station.

This reporter joined the morning group at Finch. Sixty of the kids at a time attended an illustrated talk. The others were split into smaller groups of 15 to see



the papermaking operation.

Glenn Erskine, one tour guide, told me he is a fourth-generation papermaker. His son, also at Finch, is fifth-generation.

Mr. Erskine started 36 years ago on the floor, graduated to running a machine, then quality management and he's now a sales account manager.

Students, meeting afterward with company president Mr. Wood, remembered facts they'd learned — like about products that use Finch Paper, from Tootsie Pop sticks, Applebee's menus and paper cups and plates to high-end photo books, other publishing and branded store bags.

Kids even remembered that the seemingly white paper is in fact tinted slightly blue, a color more pleasing to the human eye.

'Careers to be had'

The bigger message: There are jobs — and good careers — to be had right here at Finch. On the factory floor, but also in finance, engineering, human resources, tech, marketing, sales and forestry.

"Project Lead the Way" is Finch's plan to do more outreach to additional schools, supporting their STEM education in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math, Mr. Wood told me.

They've previously done paper-making programs for Queensbury second graders, tours for fifth-graders, and Mr. Wood

personally coaches the Robotics team at the school, which his own kids attend.

School Superintendent Mr. Gannon said this eighth grade outing was

through the district's new Career Exploration, which takes the place of what was Consumer Careers, or, back in the olden days, Home Economics and Shop.

Kids learn practical skills, Mr. Gannon said, and they're exposed to career paths available in their hometown, whether they go to college and come back here, choose a technical training path, or start working right out of high school.

"Paper making is a very challenging skill," Mr. Wood told *The Chronicle*. "Whether you go to college or work your way up in the factory, it's about putting in the time and learning what you need to make a career."

Long-time Finch employee Chris Dake told the kids he started right out of high school as a laborer, building to leadership positions on the floor, in the union, and now on the management side.

"Laborers in their first year are making \$55,000 a year," Mr. Dake pitched.

"It's a huge career out of high school. It allowed me to purchase a house, send my kids to college, a dream come true," he said. "Compare that to the sign in the window at the fast food places for \$15 an hour. This is a career, not just

Cathy's first time inside Finch Paper, 'like Willy Wonka'

Chronicle Managing Editor Cathy DeDe writes: The tour with Queensbury Middle School's eighth graders was my first-ever opportunity inside the Finch operation. I felt like a townsfolk finally getting to see what happens in Willy Wonka's candy factory.

No, there's not a chocolate river, but it is another world: Oversized panels of important-looking dials and lighted buttons, giant rolls of paper in all their stages of production, steam heat carrying with it the woody smell of wet paper and the scent of machine oil, massive 100-year-old machines, pipes and fans and vats of who-knows-what, the efficient tick of a packaging line.

I'm re-thinking my career choice. Unlike Veruca Salt in the Willy Wonka movie, I don't want an Oompa Loompa. I want to be one of those deeply skilled guys who gets to work the machines. (And guys they are, though HR person Tracey Riley told me Finch is working on hiring more women.)

Finch by the numbers: \$1-million sales a day

Some facts and figures gleaned from our tour of the Finch Paper factory:

\$1 million every day: Approximate revenue generated by Finch paper, on sales of about **\$350 million** a year (also why Finance might be the most important department at Finch, President Eric Wood said)

\$80,000: Approximate value of products on a typical truck leaving the Finch factory, about **21 tons** of paper

\$55,000: What a laborer typically earns in the first year at Finch

600: Employees currently at Finch. Human Resources person Tracey Riley says they're still hiring

350-400 tons a day: Amount of paper typically produced by the 1962 machine they call "Big Pig." That's about half the day's entire production

100 trucks of paper a month: What Finch provides to Amazon, for printing on-demand books. (**3 hours:** Time from when you place an order to when the finished book is ready to ship, Mr. Wood

added)

82 acres: The Finch campus along the Hudson River in Glens Falls

160 years: How long Finch has been in business, "and we'll be here another 160 years," tour guide Glenn Erskine told the students. "Finch is in a strong position. We are smart enough to survive. We control our own destiny."

1865: Year that Finch, Pruyn Company was founded. "During Civil War time," Mr. Wood noted

1904 & 1917: Years the factory's first two papermaking machines were built; both are still in operation

1905: Paper production began

1933 & 1962: Years the factory's "new" machines were built

24/7: How often the machines run

30%: Amount of the factory's power provided through its own hydro generators. In all, the factory generates about 70% of its own power on site

6-7%: Finch's share of the paper market. "We don't want to be 21%," Mr. Erskine said. "This is where we want to be. This is what Finch does."

— Cathy DeDe

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***TEEN ART SHOW,** Crandall Library, Glens Falls. Opening reception for showcase of student works in several mediums. Light refreshments served. 6 pm.

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***FIRE & ICE,** Crandall Park Pond, Glens Falls (cityofglensfalls.com). Planned: Ice skating, bonfires, music. Weather permitting. Free. 5:30-9 pm.

WINTER ATTRACTIONS
***ICE CASTLES,** Festival Commons, Charles Wood Park, Lake George (icecastles.com/newyork). Ice-carved tunnels, fountains, slides, thrones, towers, LED light show, Polar Ice Bar. Advance tickets strongly recommended. Some walkups, as available. Weekdays: \$22, \$15 child. Fridays-Sundays: \$29, \$22 child. Today: 3-9 pm. Continues as weather permits.

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FILM
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THEATER
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***TITLE OF SHOW,** Cohoes Music Hall, Remsen St. Playhouse Stage Company performs Broadway musical about friends writing a Broadway musical. \$33-\$45. 8 pm. To Feb. 12.

MUSIC
PETE PASHOUKOS, The Inn at Saratoga, Saratoga Springs. 6-9 pm.

RYAN MONTBLEAU, Caffe Lena, Saratoga Springs. 7-9 pm. SOLD OUT.

***LIVE & LOCAL: SONGWRITER'S SHOW-CASE,** Park Theater, Glens Falls. Hosted by Josh Morris. Performances by Capital Region artists Girl Blue, Ryan Leddick, Jimi W. \$15, \$10 adv. 7 pm.

CRYS MATTHEWS, WAMC's The Linda, Albany. Washington DC singer-songwriter. Special guest: Kimya Diggs. \$25, \$20 adv. 8-11 pm.

CLUBS & PUBS
RAY ALEXANDER ON THE PIANO, Queensbury Hotel Lobby, Glens Falls. Free. 5:30-8 pm.

***BLUES JAM,** Lawrence St. Tavern Glens Falls. 7 pm.

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Things change every week! Please check ahead with venues for their evolving Covid requirements, cancellations and weather instructions.

Send your events!
Send all the details to *The Chronicle* at arts@loneoak.com, submit online at GlensFallsChronicle.com, or snail-mail to P.O. Box 153, Glens Falls, N.Y. 12801. Include the date, time, cost and location of the event, a brief description, the contact info and maybe a picture. Questions? Call 792-1126.

WINTER FESTIVALS
SARANAC LAKE WINTER CARNIVAL, River Street, Saranac Lake (saranaclakewintercarnival.com). Opening day. On the bill: Make Your Own Winter Carnival button, ice fishing, open skate, live music by Big Boss Sausage, Firefighter's Broom Ball, more. See web for details, locations. 10am-8:30 pm. See Feb. 9.

***FIRE & ICE,** Crandall Park Pond, Glens Falls (cityofglensfalls.com). Planned: Ice skating, bonfires, music. Weather permitting. Free. 5:30-9 pm.

WINTER ATTRACTIONS
***ICE CASTLES,** Festival Commons, Charles Wood Park, Lake George. 3-10:30 pm. See Feb. 9.

***WILD LIGHTS,** Wild Center, Tupper Lake. "Enchanting" lights and recorded music transform 115-acre campus into a winter wonderland. Warming huts, fire pits, warm food & beverage options. \$10, \$5 youth, under 4 free. Museum admission (daytime hours) is separate. 5-8 pm. Dates thru Feb.

KIDS & FAMILIES
WIGGLY WANDERERS, Moreau Lake State Park, Gansevoort. Beginner hike/wander series for toddlers ready to move. 9:30 am.

STORYTIME FRIDAY, World Awareness Children's Museum, Glens Falls. Story and craft. Reading "Delphine Denise and the Mardi Gras Prize." All ages. Free with admission. 10:30 am.

BOOKSELLER STORY TIME, Northshire Bookstore, Saratoga Springs. Sharing favorite recent picture books. Free. 10:30 am.

READ TO CHEWY, Crandall Public Library, Glens Falls. Practice reading skills with a certified therapy dog. Ages 5 up. Register. Free. 3:30 pm. This event is full.

ART
HOP ON HOME RABBIT SANCTUARY ART EXHIBIT, Wilton Mall, Saratoga Springs. Benefit display & silent auction sale of works made by area students with rabbits' footprints. Free. 7-8:30 pm.

BOOKS
BOOK CLUB, Wing-Northrup House, 167 Broadway, Fort Edward (connieandlee@roadrunner.com). By Washington County Historical Society. Theme is Shay's Rebellion & the settlement of "Shaysites" near Washington County around 1787. Free. Noon.

FOOD
FISH FRY, Fish Creek Rod & Gun Club, Schuylerville (695-3917). Eat in/take out. Also, chicken nuggets, French fries, coleslaw, chowder. Call for cost. 4-7 pm.

BURGERS OR CHICKEN TENDERS, Lake George American Legion Post 374, 3932 NY-9L (409-7113). With fries. \$9. 5-7 pm.

COLLABORATIVE CUISINE: SPECKLED PIG BREWING CO., Seasoned, SUNY Adirondack Culinary Center at 14 Hudson, Glens Falls (sunnyc.edu/collaborative-cuisine). Chef Matt Bolton and students create meal pairings with guest brewery. Advance reservations a must. \$79. 5:30 seating for 6 pm dinner.

COMEDY
JOE DEVITO, The Comedy Works, Broadway, Saratoga Springs. NYC-based comedian seen on CBS Late Show, CNN, Discovery Channel, more. \$25, \$20

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Warren County Real Estate Transactions, Jan. 30 - Feb. 26, 2023

Seller	Buyer	Amount	Location	Filed
Circle K Ranch, LLC	Schermerhorn Residential Holdings, LP	\$900,000	Queensbury, Bay Road	Jan. 30
Donald & Margaret Merrihew	Samantha L. & Taylor David	\$265,900	Glens Falls, Water Street	Jan. 30
Brian E. Morris	Patricia & Joseph Christopher Hays	\$570,000	Lake George, 348 Truesdale Hill Rd.	Jan. 30
David J. & Julie M. Crispino	George M., Sally C., & Aram F. Hezel	\$110,000	Johnsburg, 13th Lake Road	Jan. 30
Timothy R. McAuley & Jennifer E. Bashant	Jennifer E. Bashant	\$50,000	Queensbury, 14 Stonehurst Dr.	Jan. 30
Thomas Orr	Matthew Eberlein	\$380,000	Queensbury, 133 Tee Hill Rd.	Jan. 30
Kathryn Alberico	George Bernard Studnick IV, & Andrew L. Alberico	\$140,000	Glens Falls, 10 Raymond Ave.	Jan. 30
Huna Way, LLC	Stephen Walter Frank Gorham & Susan Paulette Gorham	\$170,000	Lake George, 44 Huna Way	Jan. 30
Craig F. Brown	Laura & Michael Tobin	\$172,000	Lake George, 44 Watershed Dr.	Jan. 30
Matthew Langford	Jacob Fetterman & Hahnah Saroff	\$260,000	Glens Falls, 122 Crandall St.	Jan. 30
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Michael D'Angelo	Girard and Girard Properties, LLC	\$135,000	Glens Falls, 20 McDonald St.	Jan. 31
DKC Holding, Inc.	Margaret Gannon	\$55,000	Queensbury, 14 Vermont Ave.	Feb. 1
Dermot F. & Serena L. Shea	11 Fulton St LLC	\$189,000	Glens Falls, 11 Fulton St.	Feb. 1
Sanford Street Holding Co., LLC	TB Nelson Properties, LLC	\$171,720	Glens Falls, 24 Sanford St.	Feb. 1
ASB Hospitality LLC	LGLV Real Estate, Inc.	\$800,000	Lake George, 2257 Route 9	Feb. 1
Erin E. Burke	William Eggleston	\$188,500	Queensbury, 14 Homer Ave.	Feb. 1
James Atherton-Ely	Michael P. Sheedy	\$270,000	Glens Falls, 106 Bay St.	Feb. 1
Leonard C. & Regina Eldridge	Tess Holdings LLC	\$150,000	Warrensburg, 12 Pine Tree Ln.	Feb. 1
Steven Fleischhacker	James Bassil	\$228,000	Hague, 148 W. Hague Rd.	Feb. 1
Cathy Converse	David Shook	\$156,500	Bolton, 27 Stewart Ave. (1/2 interest)	Feb. 1
McPhillips Properties, LLC	Michael J. Maresco	\$130,000	Thurman, Dippikill Raod	Feb. 2
Theodore R. & Jamie L. Bearor	David & Tonya Holbrook	\$400,000	Queensbury, 25 Pinion Pine Ln.	Feb. 2
Aftab S. Bhatti	HV Owl Ridge LLC	\$650,000	Lake George, Gage Road	Feb. 2
Swordfish Realty LLC	Dunham's Bay Resort, LLC, & DLE Rentals LLC	\$200,000	Queensbury, 2999 State Route 9L (Parcel A)	Jan. 26

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Washington County Real Estate Transactions, Jan. 30 - Feb. 2, 2023

Seller	Buyer	Amount	Location	Filed
Levi A. and Hillary E. Brewer	Michael T. Clifford	\$210,000	Kingsbury, 2 Third Street	Jan. 30
The Quarry, LLC	Scott Estabrook	\$32,000	Kingsbury, 13 Alexander Way Lot 19	Jan. 30
Scott Estabrook	David and Kimberly Thistle	\$265,000	Kingsbury, 13 Alexander Way Lot 19	Jan. 30
Roger Dale Holcomb, Scott Andrew Holcomb, John Louis Holcomb	John L. and Coleen Holcomb	\$66,000	Jackson, 1037 Shunpike Road	Jan. 30
Jeffrey E. Seidel as Exec. of Last Will and Testament of Patricia Sparks	Christopher A. Dudley, Sr.	\$27,900	Whitehall, 129 County Route 9A	Jan. 31
DLE Rentals, LLC	Bentley Property Development, LLC	\$600,000	Kingsbury, 337 Main Street	Jan. 31
Sarah J. Wilkins	Morgan L. Pochobradsky	\$125,000	White Creek, 15 Ave A	Jan. 31
Bonnie L. McFarren	Robert D. Havens	\$150,520	Fort Ann, 21 West Road	Jan. 31
Timothy J. Brockway	Tyler R. Brockway	\$130,000	Fort Edward, 21 Beverly Street	Jan. 31
Casey J. Gordon	Christopher Herbst and Ashley Krywcun	\$216,000	Kingsbury, 10 Grove Ave	Feb. 1
Wayne and Susan Busby	Calvin E. and Teryn Ardell Freeman	\$90,000	Putnam, 337 Peterson Road	Feb. 1
Servants of the Word Inc. Dba Open Door Mission	Fred Bartlett	\$25,000	Kingsbury, 59 John Street	Feb. 1
Seeley Rentals, LLC by Denise Ganotes, as Admin. of Estate of Katie Marie Seeley	Seeley Rentals, LLC	\$315,000	Greenwich, Near South Side of Hill St.	Feb. 1
Michael J. and Donna E. Trzcienski	Shannon McLaughlin	\$47,500	Salem, Ole Hickory Hill Way Lot 5	Feb. 2
Michael B. Neyhart	Michael T. Blowers	\$159,540	Kingsbury, 20 Locust Street	Feb. 2
Daniel C. Marchaland	Matthew M. Marchaland, Daniel C. Marchaland	\$350,000	Easton, State Route 40	Feb. 2
William L. Nikas, Esq. as Ref.; Thomas Robbins and Victoria Roberts	Newrez LLC fka New Penn Financial LLC dba Shellpoint Mortgage Surviving	\$170,860.62	Fort Edward, 40 Center Street	Feb. 2
Roberta Jean McNeil	Brady L. Mack	\$50,000	Hebron, 4 Halls Pond Road	Feb. 2
Joseph W. Swan	Matthew J. Ames	\$5,000	Whitehall, 7 Chaplin Aly	Feb. 2

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Selected Saratoga County Real Estate Transactions, Jan. 30 - Feb. 3, 2023

Seller	Buyer	Amount	Location	Filed
Harry F. Brooks	Jay C. and Barbara A. Biondi	\$3,000	Day, Longview Terrace	Jan. 30
ASC Home Enterprises, LLC	Amy Beth Royal	\$190,000	Moreau, 52 Second Street	Jan. 30
Stanley G. Herd, Jr. and Deborah A. Herd	Jay C. and Barbara A. Biondi	\$2,400	Day, Hurley Terrace	Jan. 30
Henrietta Moore	PPP Properties, LLC	\$240,000	Wilton, 41 Pheasant Court	Jan. 30
GW Luxe, LLC	James Arthur Wilson & Mary Jean Wilson	\$561,395	Wilton, 13 Stone Ridge Road	Jan. 30
Jeremiah Wood IV, Esq. as Ref.; Janay L. Jackson	Bank of America, N.A.	\$202,599	Saratoga, 6 Myers Lane	Jan. 30
Michael V. Wright and Heidi M. Wright fka Dooney	Carol Martin	\$35,000	Moreau, 20 Chestnut Street	Jan. 31
Lisa M. Clark	Mary Lou Phelps	\$295,000	Northumberland, 9 Kingsley Avenue	Jan. 31
Dina A. Farhani fka Dixon and Toby J. Franklin	Tristian Foster	\$165,000	Corinth, Greenfield, 53 Holmes Road/0 NYS Rt. 9N Rear	Jan. 31
Marc Morin and Doug Fischer as Admin. of Estate of Hans J. Fischer	John M. and Christine M. Niles	\$265,000	Moreau, 285 Selfridge Road	Jan. 31
Edie Road, LLC	Scott and Stephanie Hladik	\$190,000	Wilton, 10 Cannon Royal Drive	Jan. 31
James Brent McLaren	Bryan Smead and Stacey L. Fish	\$127,500	Corinth, 65 Hamilton Avenue	Feb. 2
MSLC Development, LLC	Damian Clute	\$400,000	Wilton, 24 Moonglow Road	Feb. 3
Karen L. Mars	Richard and Virginia Molea	\$475,000	Wilton, 56 Rolling Hills Drive	Feb. 3
Michael Bannon	Gilbert and Meaghan Prieto	\$800,000	Wilton, 22 Burnham Road	Feb. 3

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Parent: Youtheatre closing is sad; helped local kids profoundly

From front page

added a few words. I'd like to add more. Although my direct interaction with the Lake George Youtheatre (LGYT) was passive, my daughter was involved in the last five seasons.

LGYT assembled these talented kids and challenged them to their fullest in a supportive and professional environment. Three complete musicals in four weeks! It was hard work and these kids learned how to give 110%.

They all learned how to work together, get the job done, and have fun doing it. The LGYT provided an atmosphere for their personal growth, both in their talents and their self-confidence, which extends beyond the stage and into their daily lives. The value of this alone must not be understated.

The LGYT was all about the kids. It was not about the audience or about making money from the performances. We got three performances and then they were off to the next show. That said, I have to state that the shows were always of incredible quality. What the LGYT, the Luce family, and the others involved did was nothing short of magic.

Although not all LGYT students continue to a performing arts college, my daughter did and she tells me that the training and experience she received from LGYT was instrumental in her ability to handle her demanding curriculum. The LGYT alumni includes teachers, performers, directors, and writers. The extent of LGYT influence on their lives is positive and substantial.

The LGYT was such a benefit to the students and the community. It will be greatly missed.

— Joseph Tunick Strauss, Glens Falls

LGLC snowshoe hike

The Lake George Land Conservancy holds a snowshoe hike **Thursday, Feb. 23 at 10 a.m.** at Amy's Park in Bolton. The 2.25 mile hike is rated easy/moderate.

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Former Copperfield in North Creek sells for \$1.94-million

Chronicle staff writer Zander Frost writes: The Phoenix Inn, formerly the Copperfield Inn, in North Creek sold for \$1.94-million on February 1, Realtor Mitchell Muroff told *The Chronicle*.

Mr. Muroff said the buyers are a daughter and father, Zihan "Hannah" Ren and Buhai Ren, from Chelsea, Massachusetts under the name Vision Landmark, LLC.

Mr. Muroff said the Rens own other properties, but the Phoenix is their first hotel. He said Ms. Ren "was a Realtor, as a matter of fact."

"Her mother and father are both there now. She's there. And they're going to be hands-on operators. At least some of the family will be up there always."

Mr. Muroff said the Rens plan to invest in the inn, open both restaurants, pursue "conferences, wedding business, social functions, and "reach out to the community."

He said they plan to offer Asian cuisine, "maybe some Chinese American food."

The seller was Diana Espalza under the name Dmars II Realty Limited.

It's the second time in four years that Mr. Muroff brokered sale of the property.

In December 2019, New York City caterer Ms. Espalza, a native of Colombia, bought The Copperfield for \$1-million and renamed it Phoenix Inn Resort.

Mr. Muroff said Ms. Espalza made a significant investment in infrastructure. It's in "great shape right now," he said.

Long Island native Eliot Monter built the Copperfield originally.

Michael Ellis and partners with ties to the area bought it in 2008 for \$1.5-million. It was listed for sale for \$2.85-million in 2018. An online auction in 2019 failed to result in a sale. Principal owner Mr. Ellis reportedly rejected a \$1.4-million offer, sources at the time said.

Mr. Muroff touts the property's "large ballroom" and food and beverage facilities. "There's the opportunity to do a large banquet business," he says.

He calls the suites "very, very beautiful. They're reminiscent of hotel rooms on Park Avenue in Manhattan, believe it or not," with "beautiful case goods," gas fireplaces and ski racks.

Mr. Muroff said there's a large fitness center, which offers private memberships for locals, and includes an outdoor pool in the summer.

Mr. Muroff told *The Chronicle* his current listing of the \$7.5-million Roaring Brook Ranch property in Lake George is "under agreement."

Ft. Ann Fishing Derby

The 8th annual Fort Ann Fishing Derby returns **Saturday, February 11** at Hadlock Pond. Register: 6 a.m. Fish: 7 a.m. Prizes for Northern Pike, Yellow Perch, Black Crappie. Soup and bonfire provided. All NYS regulations, licenses required. Cost: \$10, Under age 15 free with adult. Info: lakehadlock@lakehadlock.org

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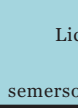
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The sale of Binley's

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not find a "grower" to operate it.

"They said, will you stay? And I said, no, I'm retiring," Mr. Hirsch laughed.

"It's hard to find a grower. And I knew that because I tried to sell it to every garden center and greenhouse I could find between here and the Canadian border and out to Vermont."

Manager buys florist business

Mr. Hirsch said he's "very excited" that Ms. Field has purchased the business. "That's what I really wanted — it to go on one way or the other."

Mr. Hirsch said it will be a different Binley's. "She's not a grower. She's not a greenhouse person, but she's a crackerjack designer, and she'll provide the services the flower shop has always provided."

Designer Kathy Clark, with Binley's for 24 years, and Shaylene Stewart and Sydney O'Leary will continue on as well.

Mr. Hirsch, now 75 years old, said it is time to retire, although "my wife [Kate], after a week with me, may have enough to get rid of me."

"It's a family business. I graduated from college in 1967. By itself, that's 56 years. And because it's a family business, I've worked all my life doing small jobs. And probably since I was 15, I probably worked weekends and after school and things like that. So yeah. So I've been doing it awful long time," he said.

Binley's local mainstay since 1893

Binley's has operated locally for 129 years, owned by just two families.

Arthur Binley, who came to the U.S. from England, started the business in 1893 on Grant Avenue in Glens Falls.

After his death in 1930, his son, also Arthur Binley, continued it.

Alexander Hirsch — who came from



Binley's staff in 2018, at its 125th anniversary

The Chronicle took this photo in one of Binley's 25 greenhouses for the anniversary spotlight section we published on April 26, 2018. From left: owners **Wally, Jeff and Kate Hirsch**; Susie **Spellacy**, Marina **Clute**, Kathy **Clark**, general manager Tammy **Field**, Lauren **Lebowitz**, and seasonal workers Miguel **Espinoza** and Vincente **Diaz**.

Hungary — started working at Binley's in 1933. He and Mr. Binley incorporated the florist business in 1945.

In 1961, the younger Arthur Binley died, and Mr. Hirsch bought the rest of the ownership from the Binley family.

In 1978, Binley's bought the corner property at Quaker Road and Dix Avenue for a garden center and eventually consolidated the entire business there.

Alexander Hirsch died in 1993. His son Wally said his own children Jeff, Dave and Sarah were "all active" at Binley's in

their youth but are now in other careers.

"Binley's has been in operation uninterrupted since 1893. It has faced many challenges...two World Wars, two pandemics, multiple recessions," Wally wrote.

"I want to thank all of our loyal customers who have supported us throughout these many years. I appreciate the trust placed in us to mark and highlight the events in your lives and for brightening your homes with the plants and flowers we grew," he added.

RAV4 raffle ends 2/14

Romeo Auto Group and Glens Falls Hospital Foundation's "Go The Extra Mile Sweepstakes" to win a 2022 RAV4 Hybrid LE ends on Tuesday, Feb. 14.

The vehicle is donated by Romeo Toyota of Glens Falls, with sales tax included. The drawing will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 22. Tickets and info: 926-5969.

'Buddy Ball' sign up

Dan Martindale, Vice President of the Buddy Ball Division of Hudson Falls Youth Baseball, writes:

The Hudson Falls Youth Baseball Association — we will be affiliating with Cal Ripken this year as opposed to Little League — will be having **sign-ups** for the 2023 Buddy Ball (formerly Challenger) Division on **February 15th and 16th from 6-8 pm in the cafeteria of the Hudson Falls Intermediate School** located on Maple Street in Hudson Falls.

The Division is **open to people with physical, intellectual and developmental disabilities between the ages of 4 and 21** (if still enrolled in a school program).

There is **no registration fee** for the division, and equipment (gloves and bats) are available. The season will generally run from late April until the mid-June, with practices one day a week from 6-7 pm and games on Saturday mornings at 9 am at the Hudson Falls "Majors" field.

The division is generally **open to people in Warren, Washington, and northern Saratoga Counties**, but **no qualifying individual will be turned away**.

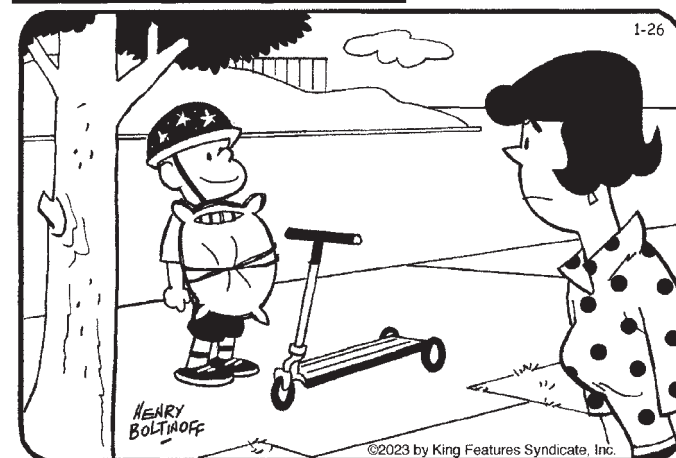
The Division **pairs the participant with an able-bodied buddy** to safely help the participant play baseball, and tee-ball rules are generally used.

Any questions about the division can be sent to Buddy Ball Division Vice President Dan Martindale or HF Youth Baseball President Chuck Parker at hflboard@gmail.com.

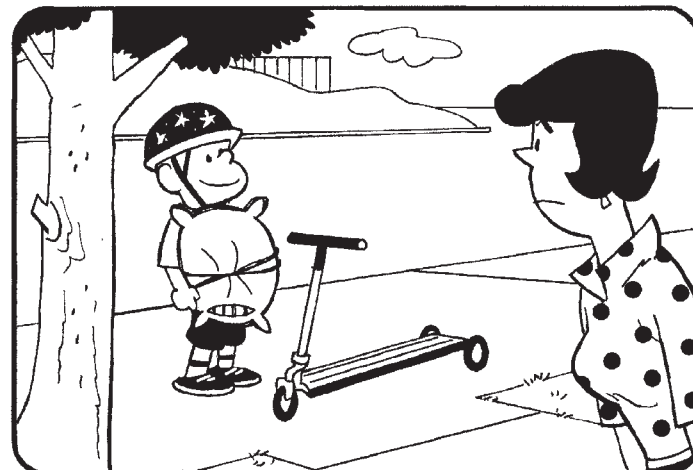
Ft. Ann 'Souper Bowl'

West Fort Ann United Methodist Church hosts a Souper Bowl Sunday takeout Feb. 12 from noon to 3 p.m. at 1011 Copeland Pond Road. Chili, corn chowder, more. \$6 per serving.

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