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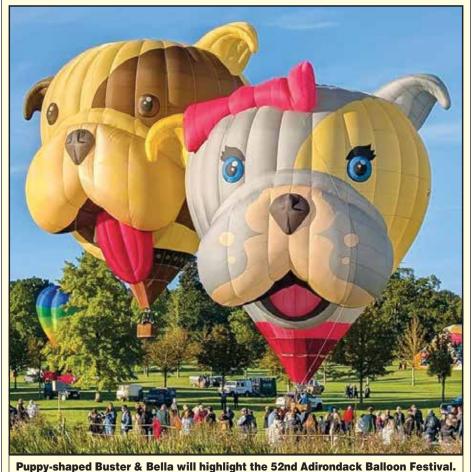
Faults 'Scoop' citing shooter gender ID in Minneapolis killings

To the Editor,

Your recent article ["The Inside Scoop," Sept. 4] on the Aug. 27 shooting in Minneapolis, while covering a tragic and painful event, raises concerns about journalistic bias and is a disservice to the victims and your readers.

The editorial decision to emphasize the suspect's gender identity while ignoring many other urgent aspects of mass

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52nd Balloon Fest

By C. DeDe & C. Martindale
Chronicle Managing Editor & Writer

Eleven special shape balloons are scheduled at the 52nd annual **Adirondack Hot Air Balloon Festival**, which **opens Thursday, Sept. 18**, at Crandall Park in Glens Falls, unofficially "locals day."

It continues at Warren County Airport Friday-Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 19-21. Special shapes will include floppy-eared canines **Buster**and Bella the Festival bills
as "the only dogs allowed at
the Balloon Festival" other
than designated service dogs.
The no dogs policy has special
emphasis this year. Last year,
a dog bit a child during the
Saturday night Moonglow at
Warren County Airport. The
owner took the dog away —
and it was never located so the

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Swam Lake George!

By Ben Westcott Chronicle Staff Writer

Colby Jones Brown, 39, a Lake George mother of two and relief veterinarian at Glens Falls Animal Hospital, Moreau Animal Hospital, and Hometown Mobile Veterinary Practice, became the 15th person ever to swim the length of Lake George over La-

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Housing homeless is over-whelming Wash. Co.

By Cathy DeDe

Chronicle Managing Editor

Hebron Town Supervisor Brian Campbell reached out to *The Chronicle* to sound an alarm on the eve of Washington County

budget talks.

Mr. Campbell, who is the Board of SuperBudget officer Brian Campbell warns of 10% tax increase

visors' Finance Chair, warns, "If we do nothing," residents face a property tax increase of at least 10 percent or even 11 percent in 2026.

He says the primary driver is 2024 Department of Social Services unreimbursed costs and overages associated with mandated temporary housing for individuals and families.

Mr. Campbell said DSS emergency housing costs were up about \$1.5 million in 2024, while reimbursements — federal funding administered and controlled by the state, he said — came in at about \$2 million less than expected.

Mr. Campbell said he only learned this in March, when

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