

In pursuit of Occupancy Tax funding

Warren County mulls \$1.2 mil.: ARX air show

By Cathy DeDe
Chronicle Managing Editor

The Warren County Occupancy Tax committee discussed potentially providing up to \$1.2 million in Oc Tax funding for an air show by Air Race X (ARX) at Floyd Bennett Warren County Airport in 2027.

Ted Morris, representing ARX, said it takes a year or 18 months of planning for their events. He said at least one set of dates in September 2027, the County's hoped-for target, is already taken.

"The proposed agreement is structured as a cost recovery model, not a revenue-sharing model," said ARX materials.

Initially, it says, "Warren County provides funding in stages to support the planning and delivery," over four scheduled payments.

ARX projects attendance of 50,000, with advance sales of 20,000-30,000 people. It says



those advance ticket sales — between \$1.6 and \$3.6 million, ARX says — would offset the county's \$1.2 million.

Warren County Tourism Director Heather Bagshaw said, "As advance ticket sales increase, those sales reduce the County's required contribution at each scheduled payment milestone," specifically the third and fourth of the four scheduled payments.

ARX said, "The County's maximum financial commitment is \$1.2 million, although the actual contribution could be less depending on those

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Locals vying to regain NYS hoop tourney seek Oc Tax \$300,000 aid over 3 years

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Warren County will consider at its next Board of Supervisors meeting a resolution to support Glens Falls's bid to bring the NYS Boys High School Basket-

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Beavers have a friend in Natalie

By Ben Westcott
Chronicle Staff Writer

Moreau Lake State Park environmental educator Natalie Santini likes beavers so much she spent her 30th birthday leading half a dozen nature enthusiasts on a 2.9-mile "Beaver Walk" at Moreau Lake State Park on July 22.

"I specifically chose a beaver hike for my birthday because I'm obsessed with beavers," she said. "Like, it's an issue."

We didn't see a beaver on this day, but got plenty of close-up

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Moreau State Park educator led walk, talked up beavers

Mike Rogge: Tried to buy Finch Paper for magazine; thwarted

To the Editor:

Read your Finch coverage. Here's a reality of their paper.

Mountain Gazette buys over a million sheets of uncoated paper per year.

I explored working with Finch and heard two things from multiple suppliers and our printer partners: 1) great sheet of paper 2) too expensive compared to what else is on the market 3) never delivers product on time.

Hope they can figure it out.

Multiple members of my family have worked there.

— Mike Rogge
Tahoe Vista, California

Editor's note: We provided the letter to Finch and offered the opportunity to respond simultaneously, which they did.

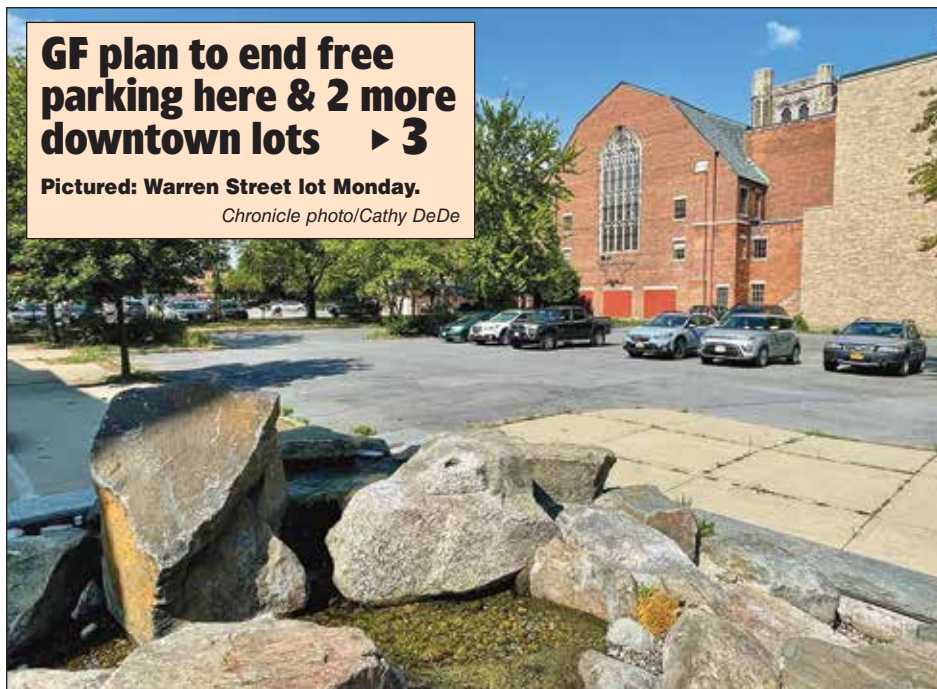
Editor:

Thank you to Mr. Rogge for the feedback. We will look into why suppliers made statements to that effect, and we can say with confidence that these sentiments are not at all reflective of Finch customers' experience. Finch prides itself on delivering

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Pictured: Warren Street lot Monday.
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