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Police say she stole benefits

Woman charged with concealing mother’s death

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GLOVERSVILLE — Mary F. Kersting of 50 James St. has been charged with stealing more than $14,000 in benefits during the 14 months her mother lay dead in the apartment downstairs.

The 60-year-old Kersting has been indicted by a Fulton County grand jury on charges of third-degree grand larceny, first-degree endangering the welfare of an incompetent or physically disabled person, both felonies; petit larceny; and unlawfully disposing of a dead body, a misdemeanor.

Her mother, 93-year-old Hope B. Ruller, was found dead in her James Street home in late December. On Thursday morning, the grand jury findings were released in Fulton County.

The grand larceny charge stems from Kersting reportedly stealing $13,296 in Social Security made payable to Ruller through direct deposit between October 2013 and December 2014, according to court documents. Kersting was additionally charged with petit larceny for stealing $844.50 from Ruller’s pension in the same period.

Fulton County District Attorney Louise Sira said Thursday that Kersting placed her mother’s dead body on a bed and kept it hidden from other members of the family.

The investigation into the death and finances of the elderly woman began after her badly decomposing body was found inside her home at 50 James St. On Monday, Dec. 29, the Gloversville Police Department received a request from Ruller’s granddaughter to check on her welfare. According to the indictment, Ruller had been dead for 14 months prior to her being discovered.

Gloversville Police Chief Donald VanDeusen said Ruller’s daughter and grandson were living in the apartment above where the body was found.

“She advised officers that Hope had died some time ago,” VanDeusen said.

The chief said the autopsy revealed the immediate cause of death was undetermined due to the state of decomposition; however, neither blunt force nor penetrating injuries were discovered.

According to court documents, Kersting knowingly acted in a manner “likely to be injurious to the physical, mental or moral welfare” of Ruller, who was not able to care for herself due to medical issues. She was represented in court by public defender Gerard McAuliffe and will appear at a date to be determined.

Sira said although this case is unusual the incident isn’t unprecedented in Fulton County. She said in the spring of 2003 an elderly woman’s body was found in a plastic container in Johnstown to prevent detection and allow further theft of Social Security payments.

Former youth football president charged with theft

By LEVI PASCHER
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JOHNSTOWN — The former president of the Johnstown Little League football athletic program was arrested March 2 for allegedly stealing thousands of dollars, according to a release from the city police department.

Eric J. Murphy, 33, of 107 Dove St., was charged with fourth-degree grand larceny, a class E felony.

Police said a full investigation conducted by the investigative division revealed that funds were unaccounted for and Murphy was responsible for taking $4,672 in missing money between March 2013 and June 2014.

Authorities said Murphy was the former president and left with all of the financial records following his disappearance and the current executive director and the current executive
Gas line rupture leaves homes in the cold

By LEVI PASCHER
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JOHNSTOWN — A gas main break in the area of East State Street caused nearly 20 people to go without heat since Thursday and required 400 feet of gas line to be replaced, according to National Grid officials.

National Grid spokesman Patrick Stella said the city water department broke a gas main on Prospect Street and National Grid crews have been on the scene since 1:30 a.m. Thursday dealing with the issue over 24-hour periods.

City Engineer Christopher Vose said late Wednesday night a water leak was discovered and the water department went to correct the issue but when the work started crews struck a gas line that wasn’t marked.

“It’s been a mess and they’ve been trying to keep water out of it,” he said.

As a result of the incident, East State Street was closed to traffic on Monday between the intersections of Fon Clair Street and South Chase Street.

Stella said the water created an immediate issue because large amounts were getting into the pipe and crews had to pump over 300 gallons of water out of the line.

Due to the weather, he said the water was continually freezing despite crews bringing in both heated tents and ethanol to pump into the pipe and ultimately because of the ice they decided on Saturday the whole 400 foot section would need to be replaced.

“IT’s been a very challenging process and we were trying a lot of different things but it wasn’t really working out,” Stella said.

Several National Grid employees were at the scene throughout the afternoon replacing the gas line between that section of roadway.

Stella said some households were provided rooms at the Holiday Inn, due to the cold weather and an alternative heating source not being available.

“We’ve been stopping by the homes to check and make sure everything is OK,” he said.

Stella said he was not certain when the work would be completed.

He said on Monday afternoon National Grid still had 13 customers without gas service as the crews completed the installation of the new gas main.

Although the gas main has been installed into the ground, it is not yet fully operational,” he said.

“We hope to complete that work tonight and begin lighting, or turning on services tomorrow,” Stella said. "He said turning on the service requires access to each residence which could take additional time if no one is home when they begin the process.

“We have to connect the main to each service so the customer has to be home,” Stella said. “It’s not like electricity where we can just switch it on.”
According to review committee

Sherman’s donation is not legally binding

By LEVI PASCHER
Fulton County Express

CAROGA — The committee members assigned to review the agreement which allowed the town to acquire Sherman’s Amusement Park believe the land acquisition could be beneficial to the community but they also expressed concerns with how the agreement was decided and the legal issues it creates.

The committee made up of community volunteers, Barbara Lee, Jeremy Manning, Meryn Byrnes and Shirley Holliday held a meeting last week and presented their findings to the public.

George and Ruth Abdella previously donated the property to the town of Caroga after reaching an agreement with Town Supervisor Ralph Ottuso. However, the committee said the Town Board, Planning Board and Zoning Board never reviewed and voted on the agreement, as stipulated within the charter, which means it was never legally accepted by the town.

Additionally, the committee presented several issues within the document related to the language and stipulations that would also legally void the agreement.

The issue has become even more complicated because the town is technically already in control of the deed to the property since it was previously filed with the county, the committee said.

"This wasn’t done legally," town resident Barbara Lee said. "You didn’t follow legal procedure. I completely agree that this is one of the most glaring issues. I have never heard of and I completely agree that it could be a wonderful thing for this town. Your intent is excellent, your procedure quite frankly is terrible."

Lee said the filed deed, which was signed by Ottuso, Abdella and Town Attorney David Jung, contains conditions that keep the property in the town’s possession in “perpetuity” or forever, which she said is illegal to require.

The agreement also includes provisions related to property maintenance which require the town to maintain the property to the level of the previous owner.

The committee also said through the agreement Abdella changed the parcel size of a portion of property located on the east side of Route 10, behind the post-office, which was a subdivision not properly reviewed and approved by the Planning Board.

With the donation the town has taken control of all the land, buildings and equipment located at the property which includes supplies and machinery. However, the committee pointed out within the agreement it doesn’t identify the specific items being given to the town or the value of such items.

Ottuso said he understands the concerns and that is why the town board asked the committee to review the agreement and provide recommendations. However, he said once the proper procedure is followed to make the agreement legal he still believes it would be a great benefit to the town and surrounding communities.

Ottuso said the acquisition of the historic park falls into the town’s vision within the comprehensive plan for the development of a “town center”, which would be a hotspot for both economic development and activities.

“It’s the center of our comprehensive plan,” Ottuso said.

He said the long term plans, such as the town center, would aim at serving other needs like business development, information booths, public restrooms and picnic spaces.

Ottuso said the town center would use the existing buildings already available and improvements could be made to make the location meet the needs of the community.

"Everything to advance anything costs money," Ottuso said. "You cannot progress without spending money."

Several other community members and town officials said they believe the park could be beneficial to the town with the variety of events that could be hosted to bring people in from the surrounding areas.

One resident suggested the town could host something similar to Mayfield’s annual Bannertown Fair celebration, which brings in a lot of revenue for the fire department every year.

“They do that in just a basic field,” Ottuso said. “Could you imagine what kind of town fair we could have at Sherman’s Park?”

He also said several local bands have reached out to inquire about using the facility for a music festival later this year.

Councilwoman Greta Frasier said she believes the board was in support of the land acquisition although an associated resolution was never formally approved and filed.

“It has to be a community effort, it has to be a community dream,” she said. “All five of us on this board agreed this was the right direction for the town and we have proven over the last two years if you have an event people will come.”

Both George and Ruth Abdella attended the Town Board meeting held before the committee presentation and explained their decision to make the donation and address the concerns raised by residents.

Abdella said his family has made major renovations to the carousel, infrastructure, surrounding buildings and other parts of the waterfront facility. He said although the property was previously appraised at $3.1 million and he could have sold the park he decided it would be best to donate the land to benefit town residents.

“It’s not just for you guys,” Abdella said. “It’s for your children and their children.”

The former amusement park located at 104 E. Shore Road was originally operated in the 1920’s.

The volunteer committee will present its final suggestions at the Town Board meeting on Wednesday night. Following that meeting the town is expected to start the process of amending and legally accepting the donation of the property.

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ABOVE: Committee member Barbara Lee (center) speaks about the legal issues the donation agreement presents to the Town of Caroga because proper procedure wasn’t followed when Sherman’s Amusement Park was donated to the town. To the right and left are fellow committee members Jeremy Manning and Meryn Byrnes. The committee presented their findings to the town board at a public meeting last week. LEFT: George and Ruth Abdella, former owners of Sherman’s Amusement Park, speak to the public during the meeting.

BY LEVI PASCHER/Fulton County Express

TODAY!
JOHNSTOWN — The Fulton County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved a three-year pilot program to hire a new intelligence officer on Monday afternoon as part of the New Neighborhood Plan.

According to the resolution, the intelligence consultant contract in the District Attorney's Office will run from 2015 to 2017. The position will be assigned the task of coordinating between the Fulton County District Attorney's Office and the various police agencies throughout the county. The resolution states the position will provide investigative services related to monitoring online sources to help arrest and convict suspects in particular crimes and better coordinate evidence between agencies.

"We identified the need to have an officer assist with gathering technical evidence to support investigations," Fulton County District Attorney Louise Sira said. "They would be involved with evidence such as video, audio, internet communication or search warrants seeking technical information."

She said the candidates applying would require a background in weapon and drug related crimes because they are often linked with violent crimes.

"Due to the unique characteristics of the position a background in law enforcement would be required," Sira said.

She said a committee including the county administration will be formed at a future date to comb through the potential candidates for the position. Sira said several candidates have expressed interest in the position but she requested clarification on the length of contract that would be available.

Chairman of the Board of Supervisor's Public Safety Committee Michael Kinowski said the new hire will be a contracted position and not a county employee. He said the person hired will be paid an hourly rate of $26.50 at a maximum annual amount of $28,000.

He said the expense was previously set aside within the 2015 budget which also included the purchase of license plate readers for $54,450.

Fulton County Administrative Officer Jon Stead previously said this year the county is taking aim at improving the safety and quality of life in the surrounding communities.

He said the "New Neighborhood Plan" which will be implemented with purchases and initiatives in the 2015 county budget will deter crime from spreading across the county.

The presence of crime in the community isn't only a public safety concern but also a deterrent to the area from increasing its tax base with new businesses, he said.

This year the county board pledged $100,000 for both the 2016 and 2017 capital projects as part of a "crime deterrence initiative." Stead said the county will work with the sheriff's department and other agencies to determine how that money would best serve local law enforcement efforts.

GLOVERSVILLE — The city may consider an overhaul to its current parking regulations after much of it is considered to be outdated, according to officials.

Fourth Ward Councilwoman Ellen Anadio said she would like to have the parking guidelines discussed and reviewed at the committee level to develop regulations that are both safe and realistic for the current city demographics.

She said there are a variety of parking regulations throughout the city that don't make sense based on the width of the road or the amount of traffic using those streets.

Anadio said some streets in the city may be narrow and allow parking on each side while another street could be wide and prevent parking or limit it to one side of the roadway.

First Ward Councilwoman Robin Wentworth agreed much of the parking is outdated and said it most likely dates back to when the leather industry was predominant within the city with several mills throughout the area.

Officials also said the current population has more access to their own motor vehicles than past generations as well, which creates the need for additional parking.

"It used to be each household had one vehicle but today each member of the family has their own car," 6th Ward Councilman Wrandy Siarkowski said.

Police Chief Donald VanDeusen advised the council if it were to make new regulations for parking in the city it should start working on those changes as soon as possible.

The council didn't take any official action last week to form the committee or review parking regulations.

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Mayfield teen wins annual Fulton County spelling bee

By CAROLINE MURRAY
For the Express

GLOVERSVILLE — Winning the 23rd annual Fulton County Spelling Bee was not an easy feat for Mayfield Junior High School student Maggy Lambo.

Lambo, an eighth grader, competed against 35 of the county’s best spellers Monday evening in the Gloversville Middle School auditorium.

During the final rounds of the competition, Lambo faced returning champions Katie Ammann, Miles Compani and 2014 third-place finalist Kathy Tran.

Simply put, her opponents were tough to beat. Lambo persevered, however, and will move on to the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C., this May.

Lambo even took home a brand new dictionary to study from — not that she needs an incentive to study.

“She worked three to four hours a day for the last month with her mother Nadine,” John Lambo, Maggy’s father, said. “It means a lot to us. She worked hard for it.”

Since elementary school, Lambo has won the spelling bee twice and has placed second and fourth. This year’s win was especially important for her, as she has one last shot at the national title in D.C.

“I am happy. It is my last year of the competition,” she said.

Lambo was not the only student to work hard Monday evening. All 36 participants partook in a difficult and passionate competition of words.
In the first few rounds of the spelling bee, students breezed through words such as “crimson,” “hickory,” “linseed,” and “belladonna.” Others went out with words such as “alcove,” “bungalow” and “amenable.”

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The lengthy report uses a variety of statistics to explain and highlight demographical information such as enrollment trends, existing programs and a variety of options for the district to consider that could lead to economic and educational improvements.

The district currently consists of five elementary schools, one middle school and one high school. According to the study, many of the buildings are in need of updates and are currently below their operating capacity by 1,031 students.

The report showed the elementary schools are currently attending 228 fewer students than they have the potential to facilitate, which is 84.3 percent of capacity. The middle school is serving 373 less students than it has the space for and operating at 62.8 percent of its capacity. The high school is operating at 66.5 percent capacity and serving 430 fewer students than it has the potential to hold.

The study shows the district, like many across the state, has seen a decline in enrollment over the past decade and it’s expected to continue that trend going forward.

The district had a drop in enrollment from 3,160 students in 2009-10 to the 2,836 students currently enrolled as a means to school year, which translates to a 10 percent decrease. The elementary schools, kindergarten through fifth grade, have seen a drop from 1,458 to 1,267 students. The middle school has gone from 730 students to 656, while the high school has seen a decline from 972 students to 913 students.

The report also showed the number of live births within the district’s enrollment area has remained steady over the last decade with 249 children born in 2009 and 246 recorded births in 2013.

However, despite the steady birth rate kindergarten has seen a decline from 2005 with 244 students to the current enrollment of 194 students.

Based on the historical data provided Sweetman estimated in three years the elementary schools would be at 20.7 percent under capacity, middle school 42.3 percent under capacity and the high school would be at 36.6 percent under capacity. In five years, his study showed those numbers could increase to 27.9 percent at the elementary level, 42.8 percent in middle school and 39.3 percent under capacity at the high school.

Based on the data the study offered several recommendations such as a means to counter declining enrollment, decreases in state aid, increased learning expectations, and streamline facility improvements and sustain and protect district buildings.

He said the district buildings selected to be modified or replaced were based on them having the lowest pupil capacity.

The plan would also close McNab Elementary School. Estimated savings of $568,607 to $1.2 million.

G. Place kindergarten through second grade in two schools, put grades three through six in the middle school and use Meco as an early childhood center with district pre-K classes and those operated by Head Start and Whispering Pines. Grades seven through 12 would be placed at the high school and the district would close McNab and Kingsborough elementary schools. Estimated savings of $2.48 million to $2.54 million.

H. Implement a "Princeton Model," similar to the Greater Johnstown School District, where kindergarten through second grade would be located at Boulevard Elementary School, grades three and four would be placed at Park Terrace Elementary School and grade five would be located at the middle school. The plan would close McNab and Kingsborough elementary schools. Estimated savings of $1.66 million to $2.02 million.

Sweetman also advised the district through any restructuring effort it should also consider and hold discussions on transportation to explore the ability to attend school possibly through family benefits the changes could have on the community.

Superintendent Michael Vanyo said the board wouldn’t make a decision until around December of next school year and the associated changes wouldn’t take place until the 2017-18 school year.

He said he was pleased the district had Sweetman conduct the study and provide a variety of options for it to consider going forward.

I don’t know any other way it could be done. I really want to hear feedback from every body and see what works best for the community,” Vanyo said. "We are trying to be transparent and this could really help us with future budgets because this presents a lot of opportunities.

Both Sweetman and Vanyo said if the district ultimately closed any buildings they would still be maintained by the district because they are community assets that could be used alternatively either by the district or a separate organization.

“It’s still a community asset,” Sweetman said. “It would be mothballed not abandoned.”

District officials said the Board of Education will look to assemble a community focus group that will discuss the possible changes and meet for the first time on Saturday, April 18. The group will include 35 to 45 members of the public and those interested in participating can contact the district to apply.

The 76-page report is available at the district superintendent’s office and on the district website.

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"He was basically doing the checkbook and doing the records because he was acting as both president and treasurer,” the source said. "He confronted the board about what was believed to be missing money and he basically left that meeting and never returned.

In August, police said the Johnstown Police Department turned.”

"He became aware of what was happening after several members wanted to know where money had gone and needed to make new purchases but nothing was being made available.

He said if Murphy is convicted at a later date the board would like to see restitution made to the youth football league.

"It’s a huge amount and could have been used on new equipment for the children,” Sweetman said. "We are reeling from it, but we are going to survive.”

He said despite the theft the league held a successful program last season and nearly 130 children participated.

Sweetman said the league usually operates on a six- or seven-game schedule. The season runs from August to the end of October and offers both tackle and flag divisions for youth in the community.

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Eleventh grader Isaac Smith warms up the trombone.

**PRISM concert**

The Greater Johnstown School District music department hosted the annual PRISM Concert at the Johnstown High School Performing Arts Center on March 4. The event was part of the 2015 Music in Our Schools Month celebration and featured bands and vocalists from grades five through 12.

Cynthia Wood directs the Johnstown High School Concert Choir in "Counting Stars."

Director Jamie Roscoe leads the Knox 7th Grade Band in "Sweet Caroline."
Arthur C. Batty
Mr. Arthur C. Batty, 84, of Johnstown, NY, passed away suddenly on March 5, 2015, at Ellis Hospital with his loving family by his side. Family was Arthur's pride and joy. He also received great satisfaction from helping other people.

Arthur was born on Aug. 25, 1930, to the late Wilfred F. Batty and Helen Benedict in Gloversville, NY. On September 12, 1953, he married the love of his life for 61 years, Marilyn R. Tomek Batty. He was a graduate of Gloversville High School and obtained his BA in Education/English and History from the State University of New York. Arthur went on to get his Master's in administration from the State University. He was a proud veteran who joined the U.S. Naval Reserves which became active duty during the Korean War Era. He taught English and History at Estee Jr. High School, Babylon High School, Knox Junior High School and Broadalbin-Perth High School until 1967 and also was the director of adult education for the GJSD. He went on to be the Director of Extension and Community Services at FMCC for three years. All of these experiences lead Arthur to his first administration job as Assistant Principal at Knox Junior High School and then Principal of Johnstown High School until his retirement in 1985. Some of the things near to his heart were being class advisor, coaching baseball and wrestling and instructing ballroom dance.

After retirement Arthur stayed active in education and took multiple in-terim positions. He was most proud of his involvement in serving as the Director of the 21st Century Community Learning Center for all of Fulton and Montgomery County School Districts.

Some of the things Arthur enjoyed most were the Rotary Club, Big Brothers & Big Sisters of Fulton County, Johnstown Community Action Extension, Johnstown Hospital Board of Directors, Technical Advisory Board at FMCC, Concordia German-American Singing Society, L. Allegro Ballroom Dance and Cotillion Dance Society. His favorite hobbies outside of being with family and friends were ballroom dancing, golf, poker, canoeing and fishing. Arthur truly loved every moment of being with family and friends, and he built an addition on his house to accommodate the growing family he loved so much. He would often say "It makes my day, my week, and my year when I can be with the family." Arthur leaves behind his loving wife, Marilyn Batty; his children, Mark C. Batty (Amy), Lisa Wagner (Joe), Linda C. Macklin (Michael), Michelle (Alexander) Batty, Mark Batty, children, Jeremy and Courtney Batty, Hailey Dunlap, Joe, Jamie, and Jenna Wagner, Alexandra, Joseph and Vincent Ruggeri, Ben, Ross, Jake and Max Batty, Arthur also leaves behind three beloved great-grandchildren, Crckett, Finn and Isla.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Arthur's memory to The Arthur C. Batty Memorial Scholarship Fund. Donations can be mailed to Eheh and Barnett Family Funeral Home, LLC, 323 Union St., Johnstown, NY 12095 or can be brought to any services held. Please visit and sign the family's guestbook at www.efbfn.com.

Madalynn Jayde Biette
Madalynn Jayde Biette, of Gloversville, seven months old, passed away on Saturday, February 28, 2015.

Born on July 31, 2014, the daughter of Noel Davis and James Biette, who survive. In addition to her parents, survivors include two sisters, Natalie Davis-Brayman and Olivia Biette; maternal grandmother, Melanie Miller; paternal grandmother, Maureen Goodrich; paternal great-grandparents, Helen and Joe Snell; aunts and uncles and cousins.

Visitation for friends and family will be held on Friday, March 6, 2015, from 10 a.m. until noon at the Barter & Donnan Funeral Home, 1 N. Melcher Street, Johnstown.

Funeral services were conducted on Friday at the funeral home.

Cremation will follow at the Vale Crematory, Schenectady.

Memorial contributions may be made to: gofundme.com/memorial-fundraiser/ba m-d-a-y-l-y-n-n-s-funeral-fund/34128181?VTag=D3HMmh.face book and there is a benefit "Madalynn's angel wings" March 21, at 4 p.m. at the Forresters Club, 213 E. Main Street Ext., Gloversville.

Condolences to the family may be made by visiting our website at barterdonnan.com.

Edythe M. Howorth Bogardus
Edythe M. Howorth Bogardus, 92, of Union Mills, died at Broadalbin, passed away Sunday morning, March 1, 2015, at the Wilkinson Residential Health Care Facility in Amsterdam. She was born January 3, 1923, in Schenectady, New York.

She was the daughter of Raymond and Edythe (Howorth) Sadler. She attended Mount Church, a charter member of the Pastor Parish Relations Committee, Worship Committee, New Life Community Center and the Administrative Council. One of her most fulfilling accomplishments was being a founding member and activist in the development of the Broadalbin Ecumenical Food Pantry, which was established in 1985 at the Methodist Church.

Edythe was an avid reader and was a member of the Java Junction Book Club. Her love of travel took her to many places in North America, South America, and Europe. She was a life member of the Order of the Eastern Star, St. Monica Chapter. She was a dedicated sponsor for underprivileged children around the globe from 1992 to 2011 through the World Vision program.

In addition to her children, survivors include five grandchildren; eighteen great-grandchildren; and many friends and loved ones.

Cremation was performed at Park View Crematorium, Schenectady. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, March 7, 2015, at the Broadalbin United Methodist Church, 67 North Main Street, with the Rev. Judy Humphrey-Fox, officiating. Final burial will take place in the spring at Union Mills Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Broadalbin Ecumenical Food Pantry, or to World Vision: www.worldvision.org. Arrangements are by the Robert M. Halgas Funeral Home Inc., 111 County Highway 106, Johnstown.

"Many small people, in many small places, do many small things that can alter the face of the world." Anonymous.

Deborah Ann Delamater Campbell
Deborah Ann Delamater Campbell was born in Utica, 1670.

She was the child of Beatrice Gerling and Wilson Delamater. She died on February 24, 2015, as a result of complications from Alzheimer's Disease. She was the daughter of Dale Delamater, Ohio, January 3, 1923, to Raymond and Edith Sadler Howorth. Edythe grew up in New Bedford, MA. She the family moved to Gloversville in 1937 and she graduated from Gloversville High School with the class of 1941. She attended the R. J. McNulty Academy, which is part of the greater Amsterdam School District. She continued to teach there until her retirement in June of 2007. During those years she was very active in church choirs, and in church life generally, where she met her future husband the Reverend Garry W. Campbell. They were married in 1956 and while Reverend Campbell was appointed to several churches in his diocese they nevertheless maintained a home for thirty years in Broadalbin, New York.

Debbie had a wide range of interests from landscaping, to designing and sewing many projects, to making beautiful Christmas cookies, to travel- ing up the east coast, and most any- thing to do with children. She loved being Nana to her four grandchildren who loved her back. Family, friends, neighbors and fellow choir members were always high on her list. She'll be remembered as a thoughtful, caring, loving, and understanding person.

She is succeeded by her brother, the Reverend W. Alan Delamater, pas- tor of the Shenendehowa Methodist Church in Clifton Park, NY; by several cousins in New Mexico and Nunday, New York, and by Deborah Campbell Utz (Arthur), Scott Earl Campbell, Christopher Robert Campbell (Lisa) and their wonderful grandchildren, respectively. Clare and Caroline Uitz and Tyler and Riley Campbell. Memorial services will be held at the family’s discretion in April. 2015. Donations may be made to either the Amsterdam United Methodist Church or the Foothills United Methodist Church in Gloversville.

Her care has been entrusted to the Margaret Bellinger Family Funeral Home, 171 Guy Park Avenue, Amsterdam, NY. Online guestbook at www.brsfuneral.com.

Daniel A. Evans
Daniel A. Evans, 64, of Samsonville, passed peacefully on Tuesday, March 3, 2015, at his home.

Born June 11, 1950, in Gloversville, he was the son of the late Alverton K. and Elizabeth Lamphear Evans. Daniel graduated from Johnstown High School in 1968. He went on to proudly serve his county in the Forces.

Daniel retired from Excel in Johnstown after many years of service. He always looked forward to his camping trips to Kennebunkport, ME; loved to garden, fish and play his gui-tar.

Daniel is survived by the love of his life, Karen G. Weiderman of Samsonville, NY; sister, Donna Yosburgh (Dennis) of Florida; brothers, David J. Evans Sr. (Berdina) of Meco, NY and Joseph Evans of Johnstown; close friends, Jerry Parillo (Jen) of Samsonville and Lane Kuhn (Barb) of Johnstown. Daniel is also survived by several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brother, John Evans.

A graveside service will be held in the spring at Foothills United Methodist Church in Johnstown at a time to be announced. At the family's request, there will be no calling hours.

In lieu of flowers, memorial con-tributions may be made in Daniel's memory to the American Heart Association, 440 New Kerner Road, Albany, NY 12205.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Walrath & Stewart Funeral Home, Gloversville. Online condolences are available at www.brsfuneral.com.

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Molly Hadley
Molly Hadley passed away at St. Mary's Hospital on Wednesday, March 4, 2015, peacefully with her loving family at her side. She was 82. She was born on January 31, 1933, in Wolver Hampton, England, daughter of the late Herbert Reade and Alice Mary (Whitehurst) Rowley. She is the widow of the late Herbert Hadley, who passed away April 26, 1982.

Molly worked as a commercial artist while living in England. After relocating to the United States and residing in South Dakota, New Jersey and eventually Galway, she raised her family. She enjoyed art, music and dancing and loved being outdoors and spending time with her family.

Survivors include her children, Linda (Anthony) Vidulich of Amsterdam, Alan Hadley of Gloversville, Steven (Britta) Hadley of Florida, Robert Hadley of Galway, Jane (Glenn) Phillips of Cropsyville, Mark Hadley and Bruce (Beth) Hadley, both of Broadalbin; her siblings, Jean Koech and Ronald (Jill) Rowley, both of England, Anthony Rowley of Tokyo, Japan and Ann (Chris) Brittle of England; adopting grandchildren, Amanda and Ashley Savarese, Daniel (Eilyn) Patrick, Suanne and Rob Hadley, Trevor, Jerod and Shelbi Phillips, KarriAnne, Ian, Allie, Hannah and Preston Hadley. Also, several cousins, nephews and friends. In lieu of flowers, consider a donation to the Hu-Mane Society in memory of Molly Hadley.

Arthur J. Harvey Jr.
Arthur J. Harvey Jr., age 69, a resident of Gloversville, died Tuesday, March 3, 2015, at the Albany Medical Center in Albany. He was born on July 14, 1945, in Clarksburg, West Virginia, the son of the late Arthur J. Sr. and Iris Mae Williams Harvey. He was a United States Marine Corps veteran of Vietnam. He was employed as a logger and chainsaw artist for many years.

Survivors include his brother, Kenneth Harvey of Gloversville; two sisters, Karen Harvey of Gloversville and Flora Owen of Texas; one sister-in-law, Marlene Harvey. Several nieces, nephews and cousins also survive him. He was predeceased by his brother, Wayne Harvey.

A celebration of life service was held on Sunday, March 8, 2015, at the Bleecker Fish and Game Club in Bleecker, NY, 1110 State Highway 309. Arrangements are by the Northville Funeral Home. Condolences may be made to the family online at www.northvillenfuneralservice.com.

Thomas Anthony Luciano
Thomas Anthony Luciano, age 95, of Midline Road, Amsterdam, passed to eternal rest on February 26 at the St. Mary’s Hospital with his loving family by his side. Mr. Luciano’s immediate family include his sons, Thomas Jr. and Ronald Luciano of Gloversville, Ronald Luciano and daughter-in-law, Holly Luciano (Sedal) of Fort Johnson. He was predeceased by his wife of 49 years, Amelia, who passed away in 1990. Survivors include brothers, William Luciano of Houma, LA, Charles Luciano of Hopkinton, MA, and a sister, Elizabeth Ross of Hagaman. He is also predeceased by a sister, Isabel Myzal of Gloversville.

Mr. Luciano was a lifelong resident of the city of Amsterdam, worked at Moshoso Industries for 27 years and at Schenectady General Electric for 16 years as a machine operator, a position from which he retired in 1984. Mr. Luciano served in the U.S. Army Air Corps Headquarters Squadron 49th “B” Wing in the North African and Italian campaigns from 1942 through 1945 attaining the rank of Staff Sergeant. He was intensely proud of his military service.

He enjoyed bowling for a span of over 50 years and was an avid sports fan, enjoyed horse racing, his beloved Yankees, and football Giants.

For the last few years, he especially valued his two days per week spent with the Recreation Day Program at the Stratton VA Medical Center in Albany and with all the activities that kept him busy and active, he had a great deal of fondness for the entire staff there who lovingly referred to him as “Lucky.”

Funeral arrangements have been made with the DeStefano Funeral Home on Route SS, Amsterdam. A funeral service will be held on Friday, March 6, followed by a funeral mass celebrated at St. Stephen’s Church in Hagaman. Burial will follow at St. Michael’s Cemetery, Amsterdam.

Flowers may be sent directly to the funeral home or if preferred, donations may be made to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital or to the Shriners of North American Martyrs Building Fund, Auriesville, NY, or to a charity of one’s choice.

Jean R. Plumadore
Jean R. Plumadore, 81, of Gloversville, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, March 3, 2015, at the Fulton Center for Rehabilitation and Healthcare surrounded by her loving family.

Born November 13, 1933, in Quincy, MA, she was the daughter of the late Adalai and Hildreth Whitaker Harmon.

Jean married her beloved husband Lionel Plumadore on April 15, 1950. She worked as an LPN for many years. Before retiring, she was last employed at the Fulton County Infirmary. Jean enjoyed traveling, reading and spending time with family and friends. She was an avid animal lover and adored her St. Bernards.

Survivors include her sons, James Plumadore of Gloversville and Thomas Plumadore Sr. (Tammy) of Gloversville; daughters, Valerie Insogna of Gloversville and Nicole Reidel (Seitl) of Amsterdam; grandchildren, Christina and Julia Plumadore, Greg Insogna (Alena) and Jamie Lamplugh (Faris), Joshua Plumadore (Silas), Thomas Plumadore Jr. (Kris) and Timothy Plumadore. Jean is also survived by her three great-grandchildren, Maxfield and Ella Insogna and Ursula Cutler. She was predeceased by her husband, Lionel Plumadore, who passed away in 1996.

A memorial service to celebrate Jean’s life will be held on a later date at the Foothills United Methodist Church, 17 Fremont Street, Gloversville, NY 12078. At the family’s request, there will be no calling hours. Inurnment will take place at Prospect Hill Cemetery, Gloversville.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Jean’s memory to the American Heart Association, 444 E. New York Road, Albany, NY 12205, or the American Cancer Society, 1 Penny Lane, Latham, NY 12110.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Kobuskie-Konik Funeral Home, Gloversville. Online condolences may be made at www.brbsfuneral.com.

Grace Raucci
Grace Raucci passed away peacefully on March 7, 2015. She was born on November 28, 1929, and was a lifelong resident of Gloversville, NY. She recently celebrated her 85th birthday with her family.

In her early adult years, Grace was employed by the Upstate Telephone Company. She was married to her loving husband, William R. Raucci in 1948, who sadly predeceased her in 1987. Grace was an excellent cook, who enjoyed preparing meals for family and entertaining friends. She worked as a waitress and her husband, who was a chef at Pine Brook Golf Club and later at the ECCentric Club.

Grace was primarily a stay-at-home mother in the early years of her children’s lives. As her children got older, she worked outside the home, at Sears and Roebuck Department Store as a Liquor and a Literacy Volunteer for several years when she initially re-tired.

Grace was a member of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, where she was a member of the ladies knitting circle, and the Church of the Holy Spirit. She belonged to the Fulton County Women’s Republican Club.

Grace is survived by her three devoted children: MaryLouis (Timothy) Armstrong of Gloversville, NY, Marshall (Marian) Mattison Raucci of Providence, RI, and Vincent (Lynne) Raucci of Saratoga, NY. She had five grandchildren that she loved endlessly and was very proud of: Erica Mattice, Jason Armstrong, Andrew Raucci, Marshall Raucci and William Raucci. She had four great-grandchildren: Joshua DiMezza, Vincent Scott, Marriance Mattice and Scarlett Grace Raucci. She was recently blessed with her great-granddaughter, Lillian DiMezza.

Grace’s family lovingly cared for her, along with the staff at Wilkinson’s Nursing Home, over the recent years. The family gives everyone who assisted in her care their greatest gratitude.

The immediate family will receive relatives and friends on Monday, March 9, from 10:00 to 11:00 at John W. Finocchio Funeral Home, 13 Prospect Ave., Gloversville, NY 12078. There will be a prayer service immediately following. A burial will be suspended until spring. At that time, she will be laid to final rest beside her husband.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Wilkinson Resident Health Care Facility, 4988 State Highway 30, Amsterdam, NY 12010.

Condolences to the family may be made online at www.foonancfh.com.

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Leon R. Reynolds

Leon R. Reynolds, 78, of Cayadutta Street, Fonda, NY, passed away at home with his family at his bedside.

Born November 18, 1936, in the town of Glen, New York, he was the son of the late Ernest and Mabel Wood Reynolds. He was a lifelong resident and attended local schools.

Leon was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War. He was employed at the White Mop Wringer Company in Fultonville and later he worked as a truck driver for Go Oil Company in Fonda for over 20 years.

He enjoyed spending time with his family, listening to the radio talk shows, just lived a quiet life and was an avid sports fan especially the New York Giants.

Leon was married to the former Marilyn Vickerson, who passed away in 1972. Survivors include a son, James K. Reynolds (Kate) of Fonda; three daughters, Linda Cleary (Jim) of Northville; a brother, Howard Reynolds (Bev) of Fonda; four sisters, Alice Kane of Ocala, FL, Orvetta Pedrick of Broadalbin, Edith Woodbeck of Amsterdam and Florence Minch of Tribes Hill; five grandchildren, Jason Russo (Jill), James Russo Jr., Joshua Heroth, Roy John Heroth (Shawna) and Kayla Heroth; two great-grandchildren, Heroth (Shawna) and Kayla (Sam) Heroth; two great-grandchildren, Joshua Heroth, Roy John Heroth of Florida; several nieces and nephews.

On February 27, 2015, at 6 p.m., Mina Irene Van Valkenburgh Voge Sweet, 89, formerly of Gloversville, died February 20, 2015, in St. Louis, MO. A Mass of Christian burial will take place in the spring followed by interment at Mount Carmel Cemetery, Johnstown. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions will be announced at a later date in the completed obituary for Rose.

Online condolences may be made at www.brbsfuneral.com.

Mina Irene Van Valkenburgh Voge Sweet

On February 27, 2015, Mina was born to Ira Neal and Isabelle Irene Kinch Van Valkenburgh in Lexington, NY. Mina was the fifth child born into a family of seven siblings. On that cold day in February of 1932 Mina’s life story began. During Mina’s life she had many wonderful experiences and memories that she shared for generations and for generations to come. There are many times in Mina’s life that she loved to talk about. Mina loved her family deeply and especially all the get-togethers with her entire family. Mina was educated at the Currytown School in Lykers, NY. Mina was employed at Swears Glove Shop, Johnstown NY and Wing’s Slipper Shop, Gloversville NY.

Mina had many times of happiness but also had her fair share of sorrows. Mina was predeceased by her father and mother, Ira Neal and Isabelle Irene Kinch Van Valkenburgh. Mina was also predeceased by her sister, Carrie Hagan; her brother, Ira Neal Van Valkenburgh; and her sister, Mary Ellen Croce. Mina is survived by one sister, Evelyn Smith of Canajoharie; and two brothers, Lewis Smith of Canajoharie; and two great-grandchildren, Chris and Jack Voge from Johnstown, NY.

Mina was married to Richard J. Voge Sr. on October 9, 1950, in St. Louis, MO. Mina was the youngest daughter of Joseph D. and Rose M. DiDonato Van Valkenburgh in Johnstown, NY.

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Mina is survived by one sister, Evelyn Smith of Canajoharie; and her daughter, Isabelle Irene (1952-2011). Mina was predeceased by her husband. Mina is survived by her daughter, Margaret Elizabeth (1951-1991); and her daughter, Isabelle Irene (1952-2011). Mina also had a set of twin girls that died at birth. Mina is survived by her daughter, Mina Voge from Johnstown, both from her first marriage.

After Richard’s passing, Mina re-married Joseph D. Sweet on July 4, 1963. During her marriage to Joseph they had five children together. Mina is survived by all five children who are as follows: Ira Neal Sweet of Gloversville, Susan or more so known as Susie (Bobby) Sweet of Goodell, Arizona, Jean (Glenn Jr.) Lamphere of Stratford, Dean (Michelle) Sweet of Mayfield and Mina Denton of Mayfield.

Mina and Joseph raised both sets of children together as one big family. The children knew that they were brothers and sisters not as half-brothers and half-sisters. Mina would like her children to know that she raised them the best she could be good kids.

Mina had fourteen grand-children. They are as follows: John Fonda Jr., Lori Fonda, Joanne Frye, Ronnie Andrest Jr., William Fonda, Nathan Durrin, Courtney Johnson, Caitlyn Denton, Christopher Denton, Kelly Voge, Amber Voge, Crystal Butte, Christopher Butler and Alexander Fox. Mina had ten great-grandchildren. They are Jarrod Fonda, Garrett Andrest, Isabella, Allison and Tyler Durrin, Wyatt and Katrina Hills, Jasmine and Noah Fonda and Chloe VanNostrand. Mina was also an aunt to several nieces and nephews.

In Mina’s life she enjoyed spending large get togethers with family and friends. Mina was very involved with finding out about her genealogy. Mina would spend hours researching her past family heritage. In the words of Mina “The most important strength is for her family to know about their family history we come from strong people and that we are just as strong as our ancestors.” A funeral service was held on Thursday, March 5, at Walrath & Stewart Funeral Home, 51 Fremont St., Gloversville, with the Rev. Dr. R. W. Williams officiating.

Interment will take place in the spring at Freysbush Cemetery, town of Minden. Memorial contributions may be made in lieu of flowers to Mountain Valley Hospice, 108 Steele Avenue, Gloversville, NY 12078, or to GA VAC, P.O. Box 172, Amsterdam, NY 12078, or to GCPAC, P.O. Box 172, Amsterdam, NY 12078.

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**Police Reports**

**Gloversville Police Department**

• Emily E. Stewart, 18, of 22 North First St., Northville, was arrested Thursday, March 5 and charged with petit larceny. Police said Stewart was observed by an employee of Walmart taking merchandise and walking past all points of sale without paying for the items. She was stopped by the employee when she attempted to exist the store and was detained until police arrived. She was released on her own recognizance.

• Omayra Cabrera, 44, of 39 Third St., was arrested Wednesday, March 4 and charged with petit larceny. Police said Cabrera was observed by a Walmart employee taking several items of merchandise and concealing them inside of her purse. She was stopped by the employee after passing all points of sale without paying and detained until she was placed in the custody of police.

• Eric R. Conn, 28, of 27 North St., was arrested Monday, March 9 and charged with third-degree attempted assault. Police said they were dispatched to a domestic disturbance call at Conn's address and upon arrival they interview him and the female victim. Authorities said the investigation revealed that he had physically accosted the victim. He was arraigned in City Court and released on his own recognizance.

• Jamie L. Poirier, 32, of 515 North Market St., was arrested Thursday, March 5 and charged with petit larceny. Police said they received the report of a suspect who had left Walmart with stolen merchandise and video footage of the incident was captured at the store. Authorities said following an investigation it was determined Poirier was the suspect in the video and a warrant was issued for her arrest. She became aware of the warrant and turned herself in at the police station, police said.

• Daniel J. Shuter, 50, of 235 S. Main St., was arrested Thursday, March 5 and charged with second-degree harassment. Police said they were dispatched to a domestic disturbance call at 235 South Main Street, and upon arrival they interview Shuter and the female victim. Authorities said through the officers’ investigation it was determined that he threatened to cause physical harm to the victim. He was arraigned in City Court and released to the Fulton County Jail on $350 cash bail or $1,500 bond.

• Matthew P. Cool, 39, of 12 Eagle St., was arrested Wednesday, March 4 and charged with three counts of second-degree criminal contempt. Police said they were called to a disorderly conduct complaint that involved an argument between Cool and another adult.

• Kristine A. Elmore, 44, of 31 Forest St., was arrested Monday, March 9 and charged with three counts of misapplication of property. Police said on September 10, 2014 she had signed a rental agreement at Rent-A-Center to rent electrical appliances but did not comply with the terms of the rental agreement by failing to make payments or return the appliances. Authorities said on January 18, 2015 a representative from Rent-A-Center reported the crime to the Gloversville Police. The warrant was issued by the Gloversville City Court and sent to the Fulton County Jail on $500 cash bail or $1,500 bond.

**Fulton County Sheriff’s Office**

• A 35-year-old Gloversville man was arrested on Sunday, March 1 following a motor vehicle accident in the town of Johnstown. Jon M. Miskinis, of 172 E. State Ext., was arrested at 6:33 p.m. on Route 30A after it was alleged that he struck another vehicle while intoxicated.

He was charged with failure to keep right, driving while intoxicated and aggravated driving while intoxicated.

• A 35-year-old Caroga man was arrested by sheriff investigators on Friday, March 6 following a year long investigation into burglaries in the town of Caroga and the town of Johnstown.

Duane C. Smith, of 2574 515 North Market St., was arraigned in City Court and remanded to the Fulton County Jail on $500 cash bail or $1,500 bond.

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**Police said on September 10, 2014 she had signed a rental agreement at Rent-A-Center to rent electrical appliances but did not comply with the terms of the rental agreement by failing to make payments or return the appliances.**
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Route 10, was arrested after it was alleged that he burglarized and took property from camps in the area since 2014. He was charged with two counts of burglary, fourth-degree grand larceny, and petit larceny.

Authorities said investigations into several other burglaries are pending.

Deputies said Smith is currently incarcerated at the Fulton County Correctional Facility on an unrelated matter and will be arraigned in both the town of Caroga and town of Johnstown courts at a later date.

A 52-year-old Gloversville woman was arrested on Saturday, Feb. 21 following a motor vehicle accident in the village of Broadalbin.

Carolyn J. Bailey, of 3111 Route 30, was charged with driving while intoxicated, operating with a blood alcohol content greater than .08 percent, and traffic stop and interviewed the operator, Collin Lewis, and immediately detected a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage.

Police said Lewis was arrested Friday, Feb. 27 and charged with second-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance, third-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance, both felonies, seventh-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance, warrant and unlawful possession of marijuana.

Police said investigators witnessed him conduct a drug sale in the parking lot of a business in the town of Bleecker.

Deputies said Bailey was found to be operating a vehicle under the influence of alcohol.

She was issued tickets to appear at the Village of Broadalbin Court at a later date.

Johnstown Police Department

- Nicholas P. Pappacoda, 34, of 24 1/2 Hoosac St., was arrested Tuesday, March 3 on a bench warrant issued by City Court.
- He was held for a court appearance.
- John P. Dampnier, 25, of 10 McKinley Ave, was arrested Monday, March 2 on a bench warrant issued by City Court.
- He was held for arraignment.

New York State Police

- New York State Police in Mayfield and Fonda developed information through an investigation that led to the arrest of a Gloversville man for possession and sale of a significant quantity of crack cocaine.
- Corin Smith, 20, was arrested Friday, Feb. 27 and charged with second-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance, third-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance, both felonies, seventh-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance, warrant and unlawful possession of marijuana.
- Police said investigators witnessed him conduct a drug sale in the parking lot of a business in the Town of Johnstown.
- Based on that arrest, combined with information and support from Gloversville City Police, troopers were able to secure a search warrant for Smith’s residence in the City of Gloversville.
- During the search authorities said approximately 130 grams of crack cocaine and a small quantity of marijuana was found in the residence.
- Smith was arraigned in the Town of Johnstown Court and sent to Fulton County Jail without bail.
- A Trooper from Mayfield arrested a 22-year-old man from Perth for driving while intoxicated after speeding.
- Authorities said the Trooper observed a vehicle traveling southbound at 90 mph in a 55 mph zone on State Highway 30 in the town of Perth.
- The Trooper initiated a vehicle and traffic stop and interviewed the operator, Collin Lewis, and immediately detected a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage.
- Police said Lewis was arrested and transported to Mayfield for processing where he was found to have a BAC of .13 percent.
- He was issued tickets directing him to appear before the Town of Perth court later this month.

Fire from page 1

Battalion Chief James Anderson said no one living at the residence was injured and one firefighter was treated at Nathan Littauer for knee pain after suffering a fall.

He said a second off duty shift was also called in to assist with the fire and crews remained on the scene for about two and a half hours.

"The first floor apartment received extensive damage," Anderson said.

The cause and origin of the blaze remains under investigation, he said.

The fire displaced 15 residents living within the four apartments located inside the building.

The Red Cross provided assistance to nine of the building’s residents, according to a news release.

The Red Cross provided temporary shelter and financial assistance for food and clothing to one family made up of two adults and three teenagers, ages 14, 15, and 17.

The release said the other two families consisting of four adults received the same, food, clothing and lodging.

"In the coming days, Red Cross staff and volunteers will remain available to help those affected by today’s fire as they navigate the road to recovery," the release stated.

The Johnstown Fire Department was also dispatched to assist with one engine and manpower, while the Gloversville Police Department assisted with traffic control.

"The Ambulance Service of Fulton County was on stand-by at the scene to assist firefighters and residents of the home."

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GLOVERSVILLE — Gloversville Middle School Principal Mark Batty has announced the names of 15 sixth, seventh and eighth graders who earned the school’s Eagle Awards for the second quarter.

The award winners were sixth graders Madelyn Avery, Maximilian Barker, Kaitlyn Callen, Carlos Gorman and Paul Lomanto seventh graders Isabella Durrin, Abigail Lombardoni, Brady Mann, Sydney Loux, Anthony Sisco and Jacob Sweeney and eighth graders, Ryan Issa, Harmony Philo, Timothy Rivera and Taina Tirse.

Students are nominated for Eagle Awards by teachers based on their total performance in school.

Eagle honorees were each given a plaque and treated to a breakfast with parents and teachers in attendance.

To mark Read Across America Day and celebrate the Literacy Matters campaign in Gloversville schools, Park Terrace Elementary hosted guest readers from the school district and many aspects of the community to visit with students and read to them on Tuesday, March 3. Among the guest readers were Gloversville Police Department Sgt. Mike Scott, Fire Chief Tom Groff, Superintendent of Schools Michael Vanyo and Miss Fulton County Baylee Simpson. Several other representatives from the school district and city and county organizations also volunteered their time to read to various classes at Park Terrace. ABOVE: Fulton County Museum Board member Cathy Stearns reads “No Jumping on the Bed” by Tedd Arnold to Miss. Donohue’s and Mrs. Symond’s second-graders Tuesday at Park Terrace Elementary. BELOW: Bonnie Hunt of the Gloversville Public Library reads “I Can Read With My Eyes Shut!” by Dr. Seuss to third-graders in Mrs. Carey’s class Tuesday at Park Terrace Elementary.

Fifteen Gloversville Middle School students earn Eagle Awards

White Graduates from SUNY New Paltz

NEW PALTZ — The State University of New York at New Paltz conferred over 400 undergraduate degrees following the conclusion of the Fall 2014 semester.

The May 2014 graduates included Sun Ja White of Johnstown, who earned a Bachelor of Science with a concentration in Visual Arts.

Helaina Stergas named to Dean’s List at the University of Vermont

BURLINGTON — Helaina Stergas has been named to the dean’s list for the fall 2014 semester at the University of Vermont. Stergas, from Johnstown, NY, is a sophomore Biological Science major.

To be named to the dean’s list, students must have a grade-point average of 3.0 or better and rank in the top 20 percent of their class in their respective college or school.
**GLOVERSVILLE**

The Groversville Senior Center, 53 Church St., will host a family-friendly "Pre-St. Pat's Celt-ebration" featuring a Irish dance and Chinese dumplings dinner, Irish music by Gary Van Slyke and audience participation, with dancing by the Iona Troupe of Schoharie County. Cheryl Bielli of Mrs. B's Petite Galerie and Studio will lead arts-related activities before and after the dinner show. An interactive story, "Stone Irish Stew," will be acted out at 4:30 p.m. Participants are asked to bring a carrot, potato, cabbage or onion to contribute to the story's stew, which will be given to a local soup kitchen. Bielli will offer guided painting lessons at 8 p.m. with the theme "Irish Cottage." A $4 materials fee will be charged per person.

**GLOVERSVILLE**

Eileen Carey Testo, fiber artist and shepherd, will be the featured guest at Micropolis Gallery in Gloversville from March 6 through April 30. A "Meet the Artist" reception will be held at the gallery from 5-7 p.m. For more information about Eileen's work and Weston Hill Farm, visit westonhillfarm.com. Also on display will be original artwork by artists Dan Bridge, Laurie Cerasio, Carol Law Conklin, Ruth Crotty, Constance Dodge, Nancy Dunn, Susy Easterly, Katherine Ehle, Cheryl Gutmaker, Michelle Harring, Linda Hinkle, and Susan Nasey. Ellen Rae Panerco, Judith Plotner, Sandra Grace Smith, and Patsy Sydym. Micropolis Gallery is located at 30 N. Main St., Gloversville, NY. For more information visit www.micropolisgallery.com or contact micropolisart@gmail.com.

**NORTHVILLE**

A reprise of "Stone Irish Stew" will take place from 3:30-5:30 p.m. at Mrs. B's Petite Galerie and Studio, 26 N. Main St. A retelling of the audience-participation, "Irishized" version of "Stone Soup," in which audience members serve as the supporting cast in an improvisational play about a "miraculous" stew that grows from a starving girl's "faith, hope and love" and the spirit of cooperation. Participants are asked to bring a carrot, potato, cabbage or onion to contribute to the stew, which will be donated to a local soup kitchen. For more information contact Cheryl Bielli, "Mrs. B," at 725-6130.

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An opening reception, "An Eye for Elements," an art exhibit, will take place at Mrs. B's Petite Galerie and Studio, 26 N. Main St. The exhibition features animal portraits by long time and novice painters from the Gloversville Senior Center's painting groups. Members will be on hand to speak about their work. Light refreshments will be provided. This event is free and open to the public. 1-4 p.m. For more information call 725-6130.

**BROADALBIN**

The Broadalbin United Methodist Church, 65 N. Main St., is holding a corned beef and cabbage dinner in the church fellowship hall from 4 to 7 p.m. The traditional meal will be served with a choice of beverages and home made desserts. Cost is $8 for adults, $5 for children ages 5-12, $5; ages under 5, free. Take-outs will be available. You may purchase tickets at the door, or in advance, by calling 883-5247.

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**NORTHVILLE**

A concert sponsored by the Saccandaga Valley Arts Network (SVAN) will take place at the Northville Methodist Church, Main St., featuring folk musicians, John Roberts and Debra Cowan. Admission is $12 and SVAN members $10. Tickets will be available at the door or at the SVAN offices on Main St. in Northville. No charge for children when accompanied by an adult. Light refreshments will be available. 6 p.m.

**Tuesday, March 17**

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A reprise of "Stone Irish Stew" will take place from 3:30-5:30 p.m. at Mrs. B's Petite Galerie and Studio, 26 N. Main St. A retelling of the audience-participation, "Irishized" version of "Stone Soup," in which audience members serve as the supporting cast in an improvisational play about a "miraculous" stew that grows from a starving girl's "faith, hope and love" and the spirit of cooperation. Participants are asked to bring a carrot, potato, cabbage or onion to contribute to the stew, which will be donated to a local soup kitchen. For more information contact Cheryl Bielli, "Mrs. B," at 725-6130.

**JOHNSTOWN**

Partners Pub will host a St. Patrick's Day Celebration with The Sheaman - Kevin Shea with special guests Tos-Yost and Mary Greco. The restaurant will serve green beer and corned beef and cabbage all night. No cover charge.

**BROADALBIN**

The Broadalbin Kennetoyo Historical Society will hold its meeting at the First Presbyterian Church, West Main St., at 7 p.m. Speaker will be Erik Sckowski who will present an Antarctica/Greenland show, "White as Snow." Refreshments will be served. Admission is free.

**NORTHVILLE**

The Saccandaga Task Force for Senior Living (STFSL) is having a bus trip to an organ concert at Proctors, with lunch afterwards. The bus will pick up in Northville, Mayfield and at the information center in Vail Mills. If anyone is interested in attending, call 752-8737 and leave your name and phone number, and someone will return your call with details.

**NORTHVILLE**

The Northville Public Library will present "Teen Time." Wi and board games will be available, as well as snacks. 3:30-7 p.m.

**Wednesday, March 18**

**GLOVERSVILLE**

The James A. Brennan Humane Society is having a spaghetti and meatball dinner fundraiser at Plaza's Italian S istro, 130 North Pine St. Dinner is takeout only. Tickets are $8 each. Proceeds will go directly to the care of shelter animals, 3:30-7 p.m. For further information and ticket purchase, contact the shelter at 725-0115, or visit its website at www.gloversvillehumane.org.

**GLOVERSVILLE**

The Gloversville Public Library will host a "Rockin' Around the Clock, a 1950s Rock and Roll Jam." This year the evening will be held from 3:30-4:30 p.m. There is no registration or fee for this program.

**Friday, March 20**

**EPHRATAH**

The Upper Hudson Maple Producers Association will once again host a tree tapping ceremony to kick-off the 20th Annual Maple Open House Weekend. The tapping will be held at 2 p.m. at 1 p.m. in Fulton County at Mud Road Sugar House, 278 Mud Road, Ephratah, (518)-863-6133. The Commissioner of Agriculture is invited and has traditionally delivered a proclamation opening the state's maple season by "tapping the first tree."

**Saturday, March 21**

**BROADALBIN**

An invitation, dinner theatre rock concert, will be held from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Broadalbin Hotel, 59 West Main St., with the capital region's internationally renowned Irish rock band, Hair of the Dog. Tickets are $15 in advance and $20 at the door. For tickets and dinner reservations, call Law Conklin at 883-5414.

**JOHNSTOWN**

The Fifth Ethelbert Cady Stanton Women's Symposium will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the BOCES VOTEC facility, Rt. 67. The theme will be "Her-Story—2015: Our History is Our Strength" from the National Women's History Project. The conference will include three sessions of workshops on a then and now approach. Registration forms may be downloaded and printed by going to the ECSWC website, www.ecs.org. The cost is $35 and includes a light breakfast, lunch and admission to three workshop sessions. A special $15 rate is available for students who wish to attend the Symposium. For additional information call 762-7638 or e-mail Helen Martin.

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A GREAT DAY FOR GOLF

ABOVE: Zander Young, Logan Sweet, Brandon Hoyt, William Gannon Jr, Seth Ferguson, Dalton Sweet and Makenzi Gannon from Mayfield and Broadalbin wait to play during the Mental Health Association of Fulton & Montgomery Counties 17th Annual Miniature Golf and Family Fun Day at Amsterdam High School on Saturday. RIGHT: Allee Vennard of Gloversville works her way out of a sand trap. This is Allee’s third time at the fundraiser.

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JOHNSTOWN
A SVAN Art Workshop “Creating Floral Structures” with James Dempsey, floral and fiber artist, will take place at Studio Herbage, 13 W. Main St. This entry level class will provide background in creating structures and armatures for use in floral design. Maximum in class is 15 students and minimum is three. 1-4 p.m. Tuition is $65; SVAN members $60. Includes all materials.

Thursday March 26-Saturday, March 28

BROADALBIN
The Drama Club at Broadalbin-Perth High School will present “Shrek the Musical” in the high school auditorium. 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 27

GLOVERSVILLE
The group Flame, Lexington’s world-renowned rock band, will perform a “Rock for Abilities” concert at Lexington’s Gloversville facility located at 127 East State St. to celebrate National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tickets will be $5 each and are available at the Johnstown, Gloversville and Oppenheim Lexington locations as well as the Fulton Montgomery Regional Chamber of Commerce, Mohawk Harvest Cooperative Market and Encore Kids (Gloversville). Tickets will also be available at the door on the day of the event. For more information contact Maria Nestle at 736-3944.

Saturday, March 28

MAYFIELD
Mayfield Jr./Sr. High School Drama production of “Peter Pan.” 2 and 7 p.m., school auditorium.

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Conservation council president seeking input

By Dick Nelson

I don’t know how much influence a recent article that appeared on the Outdoorbub website, in which blogger Daniel Xu listed what he described as “America’s five greatest hunting presidents” but New York State Conservation Council (NYSCC) president Chuck Parker is seeking public comment on the values of hunting, fishing and trapping, and why these activities are important to those that pursue them.

Actually, Parker said the idea of wanting to get this information came from two different sources — one from a DEC official who was seeking an answer to the question, the other from observations while attending wakes and funerals for those who hunted, fished and trapped.

“When you attend the calling hours or funeral of an outdoorsman or woman you will often find reflections of the deceased’s love of hunting, fishing or trapping and how those activities were a significant part of the individual’s life,” Parker wrote in Grass Roots News, the NYSCC official monthly newsletter. “Why were those activities so important that they are deserving of recognition at such a solemn event?” he asked?

The singing out the membership — which numbers more than 300,000 organized sportsmen — he asked, “Why does the membership find hunting, fishing and trapping opportunities in the Adirondacks so important when there are so many opportunities outside the Adirondack Park, and the majority of the membership neither lives nor hunts in the Adirondacks?”

By seeking public comment, Parker is hoping it will provide him with a short concise reply when faced with the question: “Why is hunting or fishing or trapping so important?”

If you would like to respond to Parker’s query, send your comments to: aparker@twcnyr.com. And, unless you’re already a member, you may want to inquire about NYSCC membership. As I stated earlier the council represents more than 300,000 organized sportsmen — he asked, “Why does the membership find hunting, fishing and trapping opportunities in the Adirondacks so important when there are so many opportunities outside the Adirondack Park, and the majority of the membership neither lives nor hunts in the Adirondacks?”

As for the “Suffern” show, hours are Thursday, 2-9 p.m.; Friday, 1-9 p.m.; Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is $13 for adults and $3 for children under 12. Children under five are admitted for free.

The Rockland Community College Field House is located off exit 14B of the NY State Thruway. For more information visit: www.sportshows.com/suffern/index.html.

THINGS YOU CAN MAKE BOOK ON

If you happen to be in the vicinity of Wally’s Driftwood Park Marina in Mayfield today or Sunday, you may want to check out the Food ‘N Fuel’s 17th annual Weekend Long Ice Fishing Contest. With more than 250 anglers pre-registered for the event I’m sure you won’t have to wait very long for someone to bring in a fish.

The temperature should be decent during the event, with nary a snowflake in the forecast, although you may want to bring an umbrella just in case.

Speaking of fishing, this has been one of those winters where even the most dedicated of ice fisherman had second thoughts about going out, choosing instead to catch up on their sport by reading books. If you found yourself in a similar situation, but couldn’t find a book to your liking, the Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum is having its annual March Mania book sale, with some of the titles dating back to 1929, and written by some of the most notable names in trout and salmon fishing including, Lee and Joan Wulff, Ernie Schiebert, Lefty Kreh, Nick Karas, Poul Jorgensen and Art Flick to name a few. There are 670 titles in all, many of which are in “good” to “very good” condition, all at reasonable prices. Some are first editions.

For a list of titles call 845-439-4810. For more information on CFFCM visit: www.catskillflyfishing.org/about/contact-us/.

FORMER SHOW DIRECTOR PRODUCES GROUSE VIDEO

Those of us who prefer using fishing poles to snow shovels will have an opportunity to check out all the latest in fishing gear, as well as make arrangements for a fishing and/or hunting trip today and Sunday during the 38th Annual World Fishing and Outdoor Exposition.

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