

PRST STD U.S. POSTAGE PAID DECKER ADV.

Week of December 29 to January 4, 2023

39 Elm St., Delhi, NY 13753 • (607) 746-2178 • Fax (607) 746-6272 • www.countyshopperonline.com • E-mail: shopper@dckr.com



Add It To Our Calendar!
It's Easy And Free Choose Submit Under The

Calendar Tab At
CountyShopperOnline.com







Tues, Thurs & Fri 8-5; Wed 1-7; Closed Sat, Sun & Mon

Wishing All My

Customers & Friends

Barber Shop

Harpersfield, NY

GENERAL

CHAMOIS! SOFTEST,

most pliable, luxurious. 4

skins, 7 square feet, create

elegant items. \$40. 845-

TOASTY WARM WOMAN'S

designer sample winter

coats; wool, quilted, tweed

chesterfield. Choice \$25.

845-254-9955. O52Gdu

PET BEDDING

FREE STRAW BEDDING

for your doghouse or cat

house to help keep your

pets warm when they are

outside this winter. Free

straw can be picked up

Tuesday - Saturday, 12pm

to 4pm at the Heart of the

Catskills Humane Society,

46610 State Highway 10,

Delhi. Remember to pro-

vide proper shelter from

snow and rain, fresh water

and extra food, and please

bring your pets inside when

the temperatures drop and

NEW HOURS

DECKER ADVERTISING,

publisher of the County

Shopper, has new office

hours. They are 8:30 AM to

5:00 PM, Monday through

Friday. 39 Elm Street, Delhi,

NY 13753. 607-746-2178.

SNOW, ICE? NAVIGATE

safely. Woman's 6/7 heavy

tread rubber boots + ski

pole. \$10. 845-254-9955.

the weather is inclement.

O52Gdu

O1Gdu

O52Gdu

O52Gdu

254-9955.

HOSKING SALES LLC CERTIFIED ORGANIC MARKETING AGENCY

Weekly Sales Every Monday - Misc. items, Poultry & produce etc. will start approx. 12:00. 1:00 we will start Dairy followed by all other livestock. Let's keep the cattle in the marketplace to help the competition - sending direct gives you no competition.

Mon. Dec. 26th - Sold 118 head - Cull Dairy ave. \$.70 top cow \$1.09, cull beef cows \$.65 - \$.80, Bulls/Steers \$1.07, bull calves top \$1.20 top beef calf \$2.35, heifer calves \$.15 - top beef calf \$1.70, Dairy feeders \$.44 - \$.84, Hog (Sow) 485# \$.52, small piglets \$37 - \$45.

Mon. Jan. 2nd - Normal Monday Sale & Monthly Fat Cow & Feeder Sale Mon. Jan. 9th - Normal Monday Sale & Monthly Heifer Sale. This will be our New Year's Dairy Sale - we have a group of Holstein open heifers to springers from one farm. If you have a group to advertise next week let us know

Mon. Jan. 16th - Normal Monday Sale & Monthly Sheep, Lamb, Goat & Pig Sale

Mon. Jan. 23rd - Normal Monday Sale & Monthly Organic Day Mon. Jan. 30th - Normal Monday Sale

> **HOSKING SALES & CREW WANT TO WISH EVERYONE A HAPPY & HEALTHY HOLIDAY!!**

UPCOMING SALES:

2023 - Sat. Mar. 25th - 11:30Am - Spring Premier All Breeds Sale -Selling 125 Head of Registered All Breed Dairy Cattle - this is the place to find those early showage heifers and cows!

OUR CAFÉ IS ALWAYS OPEN EVERY SALE DAY - COME IN AND **ENJOY A GREAT MEAL WITH MISTY!**

WATCH FUTURE ADS ON UPCOMING SALES WE HAVE IN THE WORKS IF YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO SELL IF ITS ONE OR A WHOLE HERD LET US HELP YOU THROUGH THE PROCESS.

**Trucking Assistance - Call the Sale Barn or check out our trucker list on our Web site. Call to advertise in any of these sales it makes a difference. Watch website for any last-minute updates.

Directions: Hosking Sales LLC 6096 NYS Rt. 8, 30 miles South of Utica & 6 miles North of New Berlin, NY.

www.hoskingsales.com Like us on facebook Hosking Sales Tom 607-972-1770, Brenda 607-972-1771, Dan Hosking 607-972-8773, Office 607-847-8800.

FRUIT TREE **PRUNING Bob's Tree Service** 607-746-3365

Sept.-April is the time to prune fruit trees. We do lg. & sm. orchards, grape vines, ki-wi & blueberry bushes. www.bobsfruittreepruningny.com



ANTIQUES

WANTED

TO BUY - ANTIQUES AND old things. From jewelry & watches to rugs, lamps and art. From country furniture to Danish modern design. Things from your attic, basement or barn. One item or entire estate. Call Carl Eklund 607-287-6258 or Steve & Hilary Eklund 607-435-1851. No obliga-CB0AQd

BRUSH HOLLOW CALL: 607-538-9514

COMPUTERS

ICO COMPUTER REPAIR. We sell & repair laptops & desktop computers, IPhones, and Mac computers. We even make house calls! Monday- Friday 10:00-5:30. Saturday 10-3. 247 Delaware Street, Walton, 607-865-5775.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

David Ogborn **607-652-6599**

FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF EVENTS AND **MEETINGS SEARCHABLE** BY DATE, CATEGORY AND LOCATION GO TO WWW. COUNTYSHOPPERONLINE. **COM AND CLICK ON**

Thursday, **December 29**

Boys Basketball: Chenango Valley Christmas Tournament at Whitney Point -Unatego/Franklin.

Crafts & Creations w/Miss **Cassandra:** 3-4pm at the Sidney Memorial Public Library. Join Miss Cassandra for fun Crafts, Science Experiments, STEM, & more! This class is inperson, so you must call to register, as space is limited. Call 607-563-1200 or email si.cassandra@4cls. org TODAY!!!.

Dungeons & Dragons Game Night!: Thursdays, 7pm-9pm Gather to play Dungeons & Dragons on the first, third, and when there is one, fifth Thursday of every month at the Stamford Library! All gaming supplies are provided!.

Food Pantry: Food Pantry at The United Ministry on the Square in Delhi. Thursdays 3:30-5:30pm. Closed on holidays.

Girls Basketball: Dick White Tournament at Cooperstown - Hamilton, Unatego, Whitesboro, Notre Dame (Utica), Oxford, and

Richfield Springs. Preschool Story Thursdays, 10am-10:30am

CALENDAR.

ego/Unadilla Valley. Friday,

December 30

Girls Basketball: Sullivan West at Walton, 2:30pm.

at Stamford Library All

and their parents or care-

givers are invited to join

the students from Kiddie

Corner at the library for a

fun time of falling in love

with books and reading!.

Wrestling: Windsor Tour-

nament - ABGH, WDA,

D-H, Sidney; Mountain Du-

als at Johnstown - Unat-

preschool-age

Girls Basketball: BG at Sidney, 7pm; Unadilla Valley at Unatego, 7pm; Laurens at Walton, 6pm; Oxford at Delhi, 7pm.

PHCC Food Pantry: Pine Hill Community Center, Fridays 11am-4pm Take what you need. Donate what you can. Drop off at

the PHCC.

Hanley's Tax Service

New Location

25033 State Hwy 10, Walton

Just Before Pines Brook Rd.

Office 607-510-4386

With You In 2023!

Time:

children

PHCC Thrift Shop: Open Fridays, 11am-3pm Stop by and Shop. Located at Pine Hill Community Center.

Wrestling: Mountain Duals at Johnstown - Unatego/ Unadilla Valley.

Saturday, **December 31**

Girls Basketball: BG at Sidney, 7pm; Unadilla Valley at Unatego, 7pm; Laurens at Walton, 6pm; Oxford at Delhi, 7pm.

PHCC Thrift Shop: Open Saturdays, 11am-4pm Stop by and Shop. Located at Pine Hill Community Center.

Sunday, January 1

Girls Basketball: BG at Sidney, 7pm; Unadilla Valley at Unatego, 7pm; Laurens at Walton, 6pm; Oxford at Delhi, 7pm.

continued on page 3

COUNTY SHOPPER WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to colds.



Find the answer on page 8

BUSINESS PROFESSIONAL

ADVERTISING

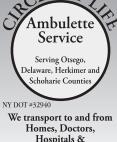
CB9CCdu

YOUR AD COULD BE HERE!

Contact

at 607-746-2178

AMBULETTE



Hospitals & Nursing Homes Wheelchair and

Stretcher Transports

Medicaid Approved

607-538-1734

CARPENTRY

MORAN'S CARPENTRY

Specializing in

- Kitchens & Bathrooms **Doors & Windows**
- Sheetrock & Trimwork
- Sheds & Decks
- Finished Basements Garage Conversions
- Extensions

Owner on every job! Free Estimates Call 607-353-0099

Oneonta, NY www.moranscarpentry.com

CONTRACTOR

Masonry • Brick • Block Concrete • Cultured Stone All Variety of Stone Work Foundations/ Repairs

Painting: Interior & Exterior



Zwölf enterprises IIc

Free Estimates **Insured & Reliable** 845-701-9291 zwolfenterprisesllc@yahoo.com zwolfenterprisesllc.com

DUMPSTER SERVICE From small household

or garage cleanouts to large construction or demolition jobs

We have the

CONTAINERS you need 10, 12, 15 & 30 YARD

Prompt, courteous service & reasonable rates to all of Central and Northern **Delaware County**

BLOOMVILLE DISPOSAL (607) 538-1160

MICHAEL BRENNAN

PAINTING INC.

ELECTRICAL

RM ELECTRICAL CONSTRUCTION, LLC

RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL

WIRING FOR LIGHT HEAT AND POWER

607-353-9445 ROB'S CELL **607-434-3398**

PLUMBER **R & M** MECHANICAL Specializing in

Plumbing & Heating

- Boilers
- Furnaces Water Heaters
- Bathroom Remodeling

Handyman Services Insured 607-232-4245 64 Dean St.

Deposit, NY dalldelalio63@yahoo.com

ELECTRICAL



SECURE ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS LLC.

Free Estimates! No Job too **BIG OR SMALL!**

(845) 596-7758

JOHN WALSH

EMERGENCY SERVICE

PLUMBING, DRAIN & SEWER Reasonable • Reliable • Insured Urain Service

Plumbing P Buried Drain & Septic Locating Drain, Sewer & Septic &

Septic Line Cleaning Ň *HYDROJETTING* VIDEO PIPE INSPECTION

Delaware County 607-746-6000 Otsego County

607-433-0033 Residential • Commercial www.drainservicepros.com

FIREWOOD HOWARD'S LOGGING

Log Length Firewood Uncut, Unsplit 12'-24' Lengths

> WANTED Standing Timber Top Dollar Paid for Good Timber

LAND CLEARING DOZER WORK Free Estimates · Insured 607-644-3920

TRANSPORTATION We can get you

where you want to go! Anywhere, Anytime... 7 days a week! **SAFE**

RELIABLE FRIENDLY **PROFESSIONAL**

CIRCLE OF LIFE TRANSPORTATION 607-538-3045 61506 St. Hwy. 10, Hobart, New York 13788 circleoflife@stny.rr.com



Furnace & Boiler Installation & Repair 24 Hr. Emergency Service Guaranteed Lowest Prices

> 845-586-4755 or 607-434-3088

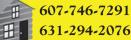
Family Owned



All Phases of Interior & Exterior Painting

Log Home Refinishing Specialist **Booking NOW for** Winter 2022/23 Interior And Exterior 2023 Spring-Fall

Owner Operated Licensed & Fully Insured Over 30 Yrs. Experience



631-294-2076





39 Elm Street, Delhi 607-746-2178 MONDAY - FRIDAY, 8AM - 5PM

www.deckeradvertising.com



Best Wishes for а Нарру, Healthy and Prosperous 2023!

HARDWOOD HILLS, LLC GOLF COURSE, RESTAURANT & BAR 11160 ST. HWY 8, MASONVILLE, NY 607-467-1031

CALENDAR

continued from page 2

Monday, **January 2**

Girls Basketball: BG at Sidney, 7pm; Unadilla Valley at Unatego, 7pm; Laurens at Walton, 6pm; Oxford at Delhi, 7pm.

Tuesday, **January 3**

Boys Basketball: Unatego/ Franklin at Sidney, 7pm; Walton at Harpursville, 7pm.

Girls Basketball: BG at Sidney, 7pm; Unadilla Valley at Unatego, 7pm; Laurens at Walton, 6pm; Oxford at Delhi, 7pm.

Toddler Rhyme Time at the Cannon Free Library: Every Tuesday, 10:30am-11:30am at Cannon Free Library, 40 Elm St, Delhi NY, 13753 An interactive program featuring repetitive songs, finger plays, and motion. We read one short book and color pictures. Ages 0-3.

Wrestling: D-H at Unatego/ Unadilla Valley, 6pm; WDA at Greene/Oxford, 6pm.

Wednesday, **January 4**

Bingo at the Delhi American Legion: Bingo at the American Legion at 41 Page Avenue at 7:00 p.m. every Wednesday. Sales start between 6:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Play begins at 7:00 p.m. You must be 18 or older to play.

Wrestling: ABGH at Sidney,

Delhi Farmers Market: Every Wednesday through April from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Delhi American Legion.

Girls Basketball: BG at Sidney , 7pm; Unadilla Vallev at Unatego, 7pm; Laurens at Walton, 6pm; Oxford at Delhi, 7pm.

Knitting Group: Wednesdays, 7pm-9pm at Stamford Library All who knit, crochet, quilt, do needlework, crewel, embroidery, etc. of all levels, including those who would like to learn are welcome and encouraged to join. Help and encouragement while you work on your own projects will be provided - and good conversation and company too!.

Tri County Dance Club: Tri County Dance and Social Club. Dance at VFW 133 West Street Sidney, NY Every Wednesday 6-9:30. DJ Steve Rutherford. Band once a month.

Thursday, **January 5**

Bowling: Hancock at Sidney, 3:45pm.

Boys Basketball: Unatego/ Franklin at Afton, 7pm; Unadilla Valley at BG, 7pm; Oxford at Sidney, 7pm; Delhi at Greene, 7pm.

Girls Basketball: Gilboa Conesville at Charlotte Valley, 6pm.

Preschool Story Time: Thursdays, 10am-10:30am at Stamford Library All preschool-age children and their parents or caregivers are invited to join the students from Kiddie Corner at the library for a fun time of falling in love with books and reading!.

Happy Holidays! WAGNER LOGGING. LLC Family Owned Since 1960 607-467-2347 11188 NYS Hwy. 8, Masonville

Ag conference: research, best practices, and trends in Delhi **Jan. 12**

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Delaware County, in partnership with the Watershed Agricultural Council, will host the 20th annual Catskill Regional Agriculture Conference Thursday, Jan. 12, beginning at 9:30 a.m. in Farrell Hall at SUNY Delhi. After two years of holding the conference virtually, it is back in person with a virtual option. Join farmers from around the region for this premier agricultural event. Top-notch speakers will present timely information about dairy, livestock, vegetable and cut flower production as well as grazing management.

As in previous years, the conference will feature a local foods luncheon and keynote speaker. This year's featured speaker is Cornell Agriculture Climate Resiliency Specialist Zach Spangler, with Cornell's Harvest New York team who will be speaking on climate policies and what they mean. His work supports farmers' efforts to contribute to climate change mitigation, improve their ability to respond to stresses, and to adapt to changing climate patterns while maintaining or improving farm viability. Registration begins at

9:30 a.m. followed by two early bird sessions at 10 a.m. which include Creating an Efficient Broiler Enterprise, and Stand Out at Farm Stands, a panel discussion with local farmers.

Attendees may choose to follow a single track or mix and match sessions that are of interest. Core sessions take place at 11 a.m., 1:40 and 2:40 p.m., and include the following topics:

 Dairy and field crops: How is Your Milk Price Determined & Understanding that PPD; Lowering Bulk Tank Somatic Cell and Keeping it Low; Innovative Approaches to Terminating Winter Rye Cover Crops.

• Livestock: Stocker Cattle - How it can Work, Status of Dung Beetles in New York State; Basics of Making Breeding Selections for your Livestock

• Grazing: Planning and Designing your Fence Project, Management Tools for Grazing Success; So You have a Hayfield you Want to Graze...

• Vegetables: Weed ID and Management Options, Introduction to Soils & Soil Health; Expand your Offerings with Uncommon Fruits

 Flowers: Calculating Cut Flower Profitability; Considering a U-Pick Cut Flower Operation, Wedding Opportunities for the Farmer Florist

There will be an all-day trade show of local agriservice provider offers networking opportunities between sessions.

For more information and to register visit ccedelaware.org. Questions can be directed to Kim Holden at 607-865-7090, ext. 241 or kmh19@cornell.edu. Preregistration, including the luncheon is \$35 per person and is required by Friday, Jan. 6.

Upload Your Local Community Events at

countyshopperonline.com







Smokehouse Ham

Amish Classics American Chees \$6.99 lb.

Boar's Head Oven Gold Turkey Breast





8 oz. Select Varieties **Best Yet Chunk Cheese**



157-199 Sq. Ft Select Varieties Charmin Bath Tissue or **Bounty Paper Towels**





16 oz. Select Varieties Breakstone's Sour Cream



BOTTLE & CAN REDEMPTION 6¢ Save with CUSTOMER REWARD CARD GASBUSTE 204 DELAWARE STREET, WALTON

607-865-6079 PICK UP A FLYER FROM OUR STORE FOR ALL OF THE DEALS MEAT DEPT 607-865-7325 • DELI/BAKERY 607-865-7677

COUNTY SHOPPER CROSSWORD

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Take weapons away from 6. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 9. Most ancient Hindu scriptures 13. Actress Lathan
- 14. Baseball's strikeout king
- 15. British codebreaker Turing 16. One who lives by disreputable
- dealings 17. Tropical American plant
- 18. Opposite of right 19. Importance
- 21. Monetary units 22. Lawmen
- 23. Cool! 24. Affirmative answer
- 25. Thrust horse power (abbr.) 28. Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!
- 29. Muslim nobleman
- 31. About aviation 33. Scientific instrument
- 36. Protests strongly 38. Not polished
- 39. Grab
- 41. Alias
- 44. Large wrestler 45. Relative quantities
- 46. One who is big and awkward 48. Sunscreen rating
- 49. Atomic #90 51. Mock
- 52. Whales
- 54. Peoples 56. A state of being unclothed
- 60. Ottoman military commanders
- 61. Gatherer of fallen leaves 62. Norse personification of old age
- 63. Muslim mystic
- 64. German river
- 66. Have witnessed 67. Disallow
- 65. Measuring instrument
- 68. Proverb

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Union of Soviet Socialist
- Republics 2. The back side of the neck
- 3. A type of imine 4. Black bird
- 5. Partner to "Pa" 6. Puts together in time
- 7. Lucid
- 8. Transmits genetic information from DNA to the cytoplasm 9. Demonstrates the truth of
- 10. Ancient Greek City
- 11. Nishi language 12. Slang for fidgety
- 14. Southwestern farmers 17. Metric weight unit
- 20. Instant replay in soccer
- 21. Less polished 23. Popular pickup truck model 25. Slang for a cigarette
- 26. Large pile
- 27. Solid geometric figure 29. One from the Big Apple
- 30. Male admirers
- 32. Balsam is one
- 34. Local area network 35. Canadian law enforcers
- 37. Koran chapters 40. Cooperstown, NY museum
- (abbr.) 42. Certificate (abbr.)
- 43. An official who carries a mace of office
- 47. Briefly in fashion 49. Volcanic ash
- 50. Dutch city 52. Made of wood
- 53. Legendary golfer 55. Restaurant
- 56. None
- 57. Spanish city 58. Stony waste matter
- 59. Father 61. Confederate soldier
- 65. The ancient Egyptian sun god
- **CROSSWORD ANSWERS ON PAGE**



TO ALL OUR CUSTOMERS -Thank You for all the business you gave us in 2022. We look forward to serving you in 2023. We invite those of you who haven't shopped at our market to stop in and see what we have to offer. We Wish All of You a Blessed New Year The Daniel Weaver Family & Staff. • Deli: 50 Meats and Cheeses • Bulk Foods: Baking Supplies, Snacks, Nuts & Seeds, Pastas & More • Fresh Produce: Over 50 Fruits & Vegetables • Organic and Gluten Free Products: Large Selection • Over 100 Candies to choose from • Gift Baskets • Local Baked Goods • Local Meats • Local Furniture and Crafts • Cobble Hill Puzzles (large selection) • Housewares • Gift Certificates SALE Local Pork (Non GMO Pasture Raised) Weaver's Family Farm, Morris, NY Sausage, Pork Chops, Tenderloin, Ham & Shoulder Steaks and Smoked Ham Hocks LOCAL ORGANIC LETTUCE. \$.99/ea Organic Avocados. Organic Kale Organic Collard Green .\$1.99 bunch Organic Satsuma Mandarin Treat Your Family & Guests to the Best **Local Fresh Rainbow Trout** (Whole - Fillet - Smoked) Spring-fed, all natural & sustainably raised, no anitibiotics or growth hormones.

Family Owned & Operated. Skytop Springs Fish Farm, Sidney Center, NY CUSTOMER APPRECIATION YEAR END DELI SALE DELI SPECIALS • JFM Liverwurst. 12/27/22 - 1/7/23 JFM Artisan Carvina Ham... JFM Hickory Smoked Sliced Bacon..... ..\$4.99 lb. - By the Case......\$3.99 lb. 15 lb. case......\$59.85

JFM Farmer's Cheese

IFM Domestic Swiss Cheese

"Trust In The LORD With All Thine Heart; And Lean Not Unto Thine Own Understanding

In All Thy Ways Acknowledge Him, And He Shall Direct Thy Paths."-Proverbs 3:5-6

OHN F. MARTIN & SON:

aver's Farm Market is Otsego a 1272 East Side Rd., **MORRIS** NY 13808 607-263-2030 Hours: Tues., Wed. & Sat. 9 Thurs. & Fri. 9 am - 6 pm Closed Sunday and Monday

FARM

BAGGED

SHAVINGS

3.25 CUBIC FEET, KILN

dried shavings for sale.

Straw and calf blankets

available, Call MCINTOSH

SHAVINGS, 607-538-

HAY FOR SALE

4 X 4 ROUND BALES.

Stored inside. 607-434-

PETS

DOG CRATE: MIDWEST.

Heavy duty, 3 door, 36",

excellent condition. Photo

available. Margaretville.

\$45. 845-707-6140.O52Pd

8540.

CB9FAdu

52FAdu

It Would Be Tou

Sledding Without YOU

Thank you for your patronage and

friendship this holiday season and all year. Happy Holidays, to all!

INFORMATION

County Shopper 39 Elm Street Delhi, NY 13753 Mon.-Fri. 8:30am-5pm countyshopperonline.com

CENTER

Phone

607-746-2178

607-746-6272 E-Mail

E-Edition

shopper@dckr.com

available for FREE on countyshopperonline.com

Sign up to have it delivered to your inbox for FREE!

DISPLAY COPY DEADLINE FOR NEXT WEEK'S PAPER Monday at 5:00pm

CLASSIFIED DEADLINE Tuesday at 1:00pm

All artwork, layout and design remain the sole property of the County Shopper. Reproduction in whole or any part of any advertisement is strictly forbidden.

The County Shopper will not be responsible for errors or omissions. The publisher reserves the right to reject any advertisment at their sole

All advertising created by the County Shopper is the property of the County Shopper and not that of the advertiser. The advertiser has purchased the right of reproduction only in the County Shopper and does not have the right to reproduce ads in any other place or



OPT TO ADOPT FROM your local Animal Shelter. Delhi Shelter, 607-746-3080; Sidney Shelter, 607-563-7780 and Cooperstown Shelter, 607-547-8111.

TAILS A WAG'N

WE'RE OPEN! FORMERLY of Stamford, now located at Hobart Activity Center, 8 Pine Street, Hobart, NY 607-643-1685. Social distancing applies with curbside pick up/drop off. Grooming at Veterinary Clinic of Delhi is now closed. CB3Pdu

Deadlines for filing petitions for village trustee, mayor, justice

Village elections for Delaware County trustees and/ or mayor and/or village justice seats will be held Tuesday, March 21, 2023, except village of Deposit, from noon until 9 p.m. at designated polling locations in each community.

- Jan. 26, first day to file a certificate of party nomina-
- Feb. 2, last day to file a certificate of party nomina-
- Feb. 6, last day to file certificate of acceptance or declination of party nomi-
- Feb. 7 14, dates for filing independent nominating petitions

FEBRUARY 3,4,5, 2023 3 DAY COYOTE CONTEST

Heaviest coyote \$2,000 2nd place \$500 3rd place \$250 and \$80 for all other coyotes entered.

Hunter registration \$40 (includes free banquet dinner and gun drawing ticket)

For further info: Call Gary 845-798-4612 sportsmensfederation.com

- Feb. 6, last day to fill vacancy caused by declination of party nomination.
- Feb. 15, last day to file written objections to independent nominating petitions.
- Feb 17, last day to file certificate of acceptance or declination of an independent nomination. Last day to file written specifications of objections to independent nominating petitions.
- certificate to fill a vacancy in an independent nomination caused by a declina-

• Feb. 21, last day to file

www.klingerpowersports.com • March 10, Last day for voter to register with board of elections to vote in village election.

Thanks For A Great Year!

KLINGER

Merry Christmas Happy New Year!

- March 14, Last day for Village to receive application for an absentee ballot to be mailed to a voter. Last day for the Board of Elections to provide a list of registered voters to the Village
- March 15, last day for

the village clerk to mail absentee ballots to qualified

Walton, NY 13856

607-865-6326

- March 20, last day for applicant (or his agent) to personally deliver application for an absentee ballot to the village clerk.
 - March 21, Election Day.
- March 23, last day a recanvass of the vote may be requested to the Board of Elections.

4-Hers send soldiers Christmas gifts



Kountry Kids and Kritters 4H Club met Dec. 4 and packaged a box of goodies to be sent to a United State military serviceman serving in Somalia. Pictured are club members Cameron Howe, Delana Wood and Richelle Wood. Future members pictured are Christopher Barnhart and Layla Barnhart.



STAMFORD FARMERS' CO-OP 6 South Street, Stamford, NY Publishers: 607-652-7225 | M-F: 8am-5pm, Sat. 8am-3pm Randy & Kim Shepard www.stamfordfarmerscooperative.com **Production Manager: Kaci Anderson**

entertainment

NEW YEARS EVE Round & Square Dance with DIRT ROAD EXPRESS Saturday,

December 31st 8pm-12:30am Sidney VFW 133 W. Main St. Sidney, NY

Sponsored by Sidney Tri-Town Dance Club Next Band 1/11/23 Dirt Road Express

JOIN US FOR BUFFET By Donation

JANUARY 5 5pm-7pm

St. Paul's Episcopal Church Main Street, Franklin

Catskill Regional Agriculture Conference January 12, 2023 10:00AM to 3:30PM at SUNY Delhi or Virtual











Agricultural experts, industry professionals and recognized speakers will be presenting relevant and timely information that you can't afford to miss.

Registration opens at 9:30AM

Register by Jan. 6th - visit www.ccedelaware.org or Scan QR Code

Early Bird Sessions at 10:00AM Sessions of your choice at 11:00AM, 1:40PM, and 2:40PM Local Foods Luncheon & Tradeshow at 12:00 Noon

Cost is \$35/person - includes LUNCH (Late or at the door lunch is NOT guaranteed, For more information, Call Kim Holden at (607) 865-7090 or visit www.ccedelaware.org.

Cornell Cooperative Extension is an equal opportunity, affirmative action educator and employee Cornell Cooperative Extension **Delaware County**

Sponsored By:



COUNTY SHOPPER **GUESS WHO**

I am a singer and songwriter born in Pennsylvania on December 13, 1989. I began performing in musical theater as a child and moved to Nashville at age 14. I became the youngest artist to write and record a #1 hit on the U.S. charts.

Find the answer on page 6



Advertise in the (607) 746-2178 39 Elm Street, Delhi

Fenimore Announces Virtual Tour Schedule

Fenimore presents three virtual tours this winter focusing on the museum's renowned collections. Tours include The Thaw Collection of American Indian Art, Highlights of American Folk Art, and Cooper, Cole, and the Hudson River School. Tours take place on select Tuesdays (January 17-March 28) from 2:00-2:30 p.m. and are conducted via Zoom.

COOPER, COLE, AND THE HUDSON RIVER SCHOOL 2:00pm - 2:30pm A virtual Zoom discussion of author James Fenimore Cooper, artist Thomas

ARIES - MAR 21/APR 20

Cleaning and organizing can wait for another week. Aries. This week you should focus on having fun with your family and friends Enjoy the respite from work.

Fax: (607) 746-6272

Email: shopper@dckr.com

TAURUS – APR 21/MAY 21

Taurus, work is on your brain, but it could be because you're wired to focus on getting things done. Work is important, but remember to make time for other things as well.

GEMINI – MAY 22/JUN 21

Your bank account may not be as healthy as it could be, Gemini. Tuck those credit cards away and cut back on purchases for the time being to set things straight.

CANCER – JUN 22/JUL 22

You have been feeling less motivated of late, Cancer. That is likely due to the breakneck speed that you have been going for some time. Slow down and enjoy the break.

LEO – JUL 23/AUG 23

Leo, practicality is your middle name. The next few days you may be focused on whimsy and imagination. It could be all the feelings the holidays are bringing up.

VIRGO – AUG 24/SEPT 22

Planetary energies could be affecting those around you and their reception to your ideas, Virgo. Remain patient that things will tip in your favor after some time has passed.

<u>LIBRA – SEPT 23/OCT 23</u>

Your thoughts this week are about setting goals for the future, Libra. Not that you haven't already been doing your share of planning, but now you're firming up those plans.

SCORPIO – OCT 24/NOV 22

Scorpio, issues with your professional life may be on your mind. It could be time to make a major change in the days to come. Are you ready to move in a new direction?

SAGITTARIUS - NOV 23/DEC 21

New responsibilities have left little time to spend with your significant other, Sagittarius. Carve out moments to snuggle if you cannot get out to a romantic meal or movie.

CAPRICORN - DEC 22/JAN 20

Have you been plotting a move, Capricorn? Make sure your real estate research is up-to-date and you're ready to take the plunge. This move may be a big one.

<u>AQUARIUS – JAN 21/FEB 18</u>

Aquarius, perhaps you have made a few big purchases lately and feel like your budget has taken a hit? Add up receipts and you may find it's not as bad as you had thought.

PISCES - FEB 19/MAR 20

This is a good time for a change of perspective, Pisces. Maybe you have been looking at things all the wrong way. Switch things up.

Reserve your space now in the...

2023 Delaware County

Community Directory

Detailed County maps, local official contact

categories, community event listings, and the

feature historical article has made this annual

magazine a favorite of Delaware County residents.

information, business directory sorted by

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS · DECEMBER 25 Jimmy Buffett, Singer (76) **DECEMBER 26** Jared Leto, Actor (51) **DECEMBER 27** Bill Goldberg, Wrestler (56) **DECEMBER 28** John Legend, Singer (44) **DECEMBER 29** Diego Luna, Actor (43) **DECEMBER** 30 LeBron James, Athlete (38) DECEMBER 31 Gabby Douglas,

Need Assistance Composing your Cover Letter & Resumé?

Call Harvey: 607-422-6213 Reasonable rates.

Cole, and the Hudson River School of landscape painters. January 17, February 14, & March 7 (30 min).

HIGHLIGHTS AMERICAN FOLK ART 2:00pm - 2:30pm A virtual Zoom tour of Fenimore Art Museum's extensive American folk-art collections. January 24, February 7, & March 28 (30 min).

THAW COLLECTION OF AMERICAN INDIAN ART 2:00pm - 2:30pm A live Zoom tour of our worldrenowned Thaw Collection of American Indian art! January 31, February 21, & March 14 (30 min).

Go to www.fenimoreartmuseum.org to register.

Community **Foundation** accepting grant applications

The Community Foundation for South Central New York welcomes grant application for \$5,000 and under from qualified nonprofit 501c.3 organizations in the five-county service region which includes Broome, Tioga, Chenango, Delaware and Otsego counties.

Grant Criteria

- Proposals may be submitted for program, small capital purchases, or capacity building projects.
- Grants will be awarded from \$250 to \$5,000.
- Although the application is shorter, comprehensive responses are required. Keep in mind that the organization still must make its case to be considered for funding.
- Applications will be considered six times a year and are due by the fourth Monday of January, March, May, July, September and
- November. • Applicants must tie their request to the Community Foundation's Need Assessments located at do-

norswhocare.org. How to Submit

 Applicants should login or create an account in our online system and choose the "Small Grant Program" option. For more instruction, visit donorswhocare. org and click on the "How to Apply" tab.

Contact Program Assistant Stacy Mastrogiacomo with questions or concerns at stacym@donorswhocare.org or 607-752-2317.

The deadline for submission is Monday, Jan. 23.

STAR Exemption for older adults

Older adults, age 65 and older, can make the switch from Basic Star to Enhanced Star for a reduction in your school taxes. If you are a property owner receiving a Basic Star exemption on your school tax and are turning 65 this year or next, or are already 65, you may be eligible for the increased benefit of the Enhanced Star exemption. Contact your assessor's office to apply.

Emergency HEAP benefit available Jan. 3

The 2022-2023 emergency benefit is scheduled to open Jan. 3 for those who meet the eligibility guidelines listed.

Emergency HEAP benefits can heat homes in heat related emergencies.

Emergency HEAP benefits and eligibility are based on income, available resources, and the type of emergency.

You may be eligible for an Emergency HEAP ben-

- Your electricity is necessary for your heating system or thermostat to work and is either shut off or scheduled to be shut off or
- Your electric or natural gas heat is off or scheduled to be shut off or
- You are out of fuel, or you have less than one quarter tank of fuel oil, kerosene or propane or have less than a ten (10) day supply of wood, wood pellets, corn, or other deliverable heat source; and
- Your household's gross monthly income is at or below the current income guides for your household size as posted in the table below or
- · You receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits; or
- You receive Temporary Assistance (TA); or
- You receive Code A Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Living Alone; and
- The heating and/or electric bill is in your name. Applicants age 60 and

over would contact Mary Johnson at OFA at 607-832-

Applications for persons receiving SNAP benefits and/or public assistance will be processed by the Delaware County Department of Social Services. 607-832-5300.

All other income applications will be processed by Delaware Opportunities Inc., 607-746-1615.

Income guidelines for the 2022-2023 HEAP season:

Household Maximum Monthly Income \$2,852 1 2 \$3,730 3 \$4,608 \$5,485 4 5 \$6,363 \$7,241 \$7,405 8 \$7,570 9 \$7,734 10 \$7,899 11 \$8,064 12 \$8,228 13 \$8,778

For households over 13, add \$590 to the maximum monthly income.

Place Your Classifieds **ANYTIME** at

countyshopperonline.com

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO OUR 2022 EMPLOYEES WE'RE HIRING

Conscientious individuals to show proper attention and effort toward assisting the growth & development of the trees in our tree Nursery located in the Andes/Delhi area.

\$25.00 per hour Call: 845-676-4364 • Mon.-Fri. 8am - 4pm

HELP WANTED

NEWS REPORTER

DELAWARE COUNTY'S leading weekly newspaper is accepting resumes for a general assignment news reporter to cover community news, local government and high school sports. Compensation negotiable based on education and experience. The preferred candidate will be a hardworking, energetic, self-starter with plenty of ideas ranging from feel-good stories to serious pieces on events, court coverage and expenditure of taxpayer money. Ability to work a flexible schedule including occasional evenings and Saturdays, working knowledge of com-

puters, photography/videography skills, proficiency in social media forums such as Facebook and Twitter a plus, professional appearance and demeanor, ability to meet deadlines, willingness to be in touch with Delaware County communities, reliable transportation. Interested candidates: send resume, cover letter, and writing samples to Editor, The Reporter, 39 Elm Street, Delhi, NY 13753; or by email to editor@the-reporter. net www.the-reporter.com 607-464-4009; 39 Elm St., Delhi, NY 13753. O1HWd

DRIVER

DRIVER WANTED. FROM Stamford area to shopping, bank and doctor appointments. Call Harvey. 917-455-7504 0HWdu



Seeking energetic, caring, compassionate individual to provide a nurturing, supportive, safe home for children in foster care. Live in position with housing and all related expenses provided to suitable candidate and immediate family members. Candidate to provide parenting and oversight to youth in foster care in Delaware County. Bachelor's degree and/or four years' experience working with children and adolescents. Couples encouraged to apply. This position requires experience working with children and adolescents Salary range \$52,510-\$62,620 annually. Sign on bonus of \$1500.00 after two successful months of

11±11



The application review process will be ongoing until the position has been filled. Applications accepted at:

Delaware Opportunities Inc. 35430 State Highway 10, Hamden, NY 13782

To Apply please send your resume to: THunt@delop.org Equal Employment Opportunity MF/ F/ Disability/ Protected Veteran Status

FAMILY RESIDENCE SUPPORT WORKER

11111

This rewarding job includes fun job duties such as recreation, transportation and other related activities to assist children placed in foster care in Delaware County. Flexible hours, Part time and full time positions open. Bachelor's degree in psychology, sociology, education, or related field and/or four years' experience working with children or adolescents. Salary range \$20.38-24.32 per hour. Sign on bonus of \$250.00 after successful completion of probationary period.

The application review process will be on going until the position is filled.



Delaware Opportunities Inc. 35430 State Highway 10 Hamden, NY 13782 or email your information directly to: THunt@delop.org

nent Opportunity MF/F/Disability/Protected Veterans Status.

COUNTY SHOPPER SUDOKU

3 3 8 6 8 9 5 5 9 8 2 4 1 6 9 2 3 8 3 8 9 4 1 2 6 4

Level: Beginner

Find the answer on page 8

to have your business included in this proven guide. Delivered in March to Delaware County homes as

an insert in the County Shopper.

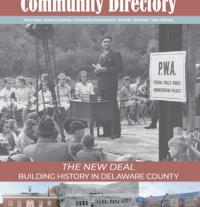
607-746-2178











Ad deadline: Feb. 17, 2023

DELAWARE COUNTY COMMUNITY DIRECTORY IS PUBLISHED BY DECKER ADVERTISING, INC. 9 Elm Street, Delhi, NY 13753 • www.countyshopperonline.com Ph: 607-746-2178 • Fax: 607-746-6272 • e-mail: shopper@dckr.com

From All Of C

Best Wishes for a

Happy and Healthy 2022

B & B Lawncare & \

Excellence in all aspects of Construction No Job Too Big or Too Small

CRESCENT VALLEY CONSTRUCTION



2073 Turnpike Road, Meredith, NY 13757 darren_finkle@yahoo.com 607-434-5942

New Tax Credits Increase Appeal of Heat Pumps for Homeowners

(StatePoint) More and more people are turning to heat pumps to heat and cool their homes. It is estimated that 18 million American households already use them. With new energy incentives being offered, and more homeowners choosing greener technologies, that number is expected to rise dramatically.

What is a heat pump? Heat pumps are powered by electricity and transfer heat using refrigerant. Heat pump technology moves heat outside your home in warmer months and is able to pull heat into your home during cooler months. Here are three reasons to consider one for your home:

1. Sustainability. Heat pumps are electric and don't burn fossil fuels like furnaces do, making them more environmentally friendly. In fact, heat pumps are becoming the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) industry go-to for reducing consumers' carbon footprints.

2. Control. Newer twostage and variable speed heat pumps offer high- and low-stage heating to warm your space when outdoor weather changes; they operate more efficiently for longer periods of time at lower speeds and use less energy. They provide more precise temperature controls and more consistent comfort. Both options contribute to managing humidity levels too.

3. Technology. Heat pumps today are more advanced than ever and handle both heating and cooling by redistributing air. Carrier's Infinity 24 Heat Pump with Greenspeed Intelligence operates at temperatures down to -15 degrees Fahrenheit, making heat pumps an advanced solution for mild and colder climates. Does your region get colder than that? Heat pumps can be combined with a gas furnace for a dual fuel system that is energy efficient and cost effective. Looking ahead, heat pumps that work in colder temperature are in development and will be available soon.

Get the Right Size

There are several factors that go into picking your ideal heat pump. The size of your home, climate, sun exposure, desired features and ductwork all play into the size of heat pump. An

PHOTO SOURCE: (c) Westend61 / Getty Images undersized unit will work overtime to hit target temperatures. A unit that is too large will achieve the desired temperature before its cycle is complete and waste energy. It is best to work with a professional dealer in choosing the heat pump that is best for your home.

Money-Saving Tips

Heat pumps, including installation, can range anywhere from \$3,000 to \$15,000 or more. Thankfully, there are many costsaving options for homeowners.

The Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 includes federal tax credits that reward homeowners for purchasing certain high-efficiency HVAC equipment, including many of Carrier's line of heat pumps. Up to \$8,000 in tax credits are available for all-electric heat pumps.

Lower energy consumption means energy bill savings, up to \$500 on energy bills every year in some cases. Look for Energy Star certification and Seasonal Energy Efficiency Ratio (SEER) ratings. The SEER rating is like your car's mileage per gallon - the higher the number, the greater the potential for

savings.

Many manufacturers and utility companies also offer rebates and low-rate financing. For example, Carrier's heat pump rebate offerings are listed on their website. At the time of this publication, up to \$1,300 in rebates are being offered for most units.

Beyond the basics, today's heat pumps offer new comfort-enhancing, energy-saving features that could help you reduce your heating costs.



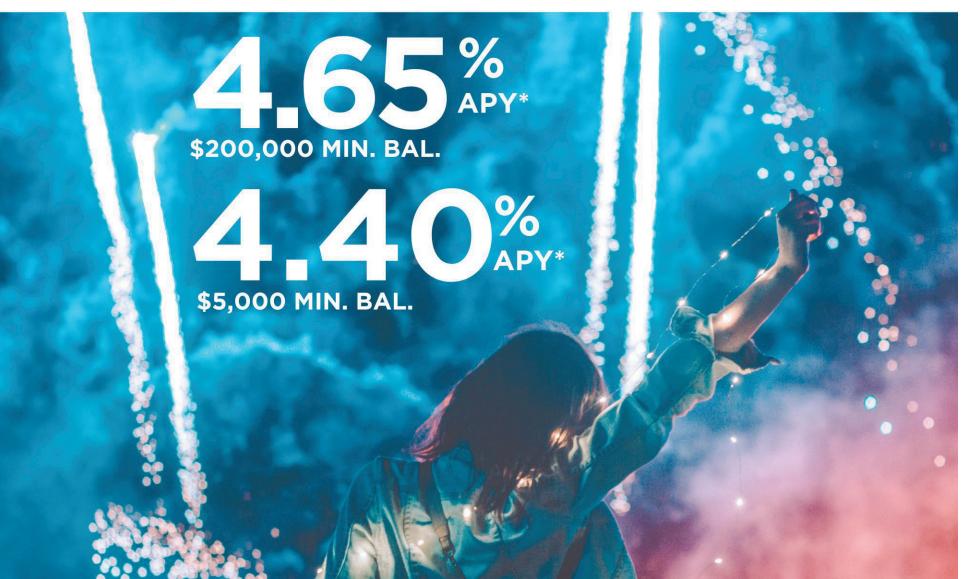


COUNTY SHOPPER GUESS WHO **ANSWER**

DELAWARE

BULLDOZING

Taylor Swift



15 Month Share Certificate

Celebrate Savings



Offer valid with new money only. When opening with funds from another financial institution, we allow transfers of up to \$1 million when applying online.

APPLY TODAY

877.642.7328

sfcuonline.org

*APY = Annual Percentage Yield. APY for the 15 month term is accurate as of 11/25/2022. Valid for new money only. Offer does not apply to funds already on deposit with sfcu. Rates are reviewed weekly and are subject to change at any time without notice. The APY assumes dividends will remain on deposit until maturity. Dividends are calculated by the average daily balance method. A penalty will be imposed if a withdrawal is made prior to the maturity date. Savings are federally insured to at least \$250,000. Membership eligibility required.

The Ultimate Wood Heat.

SNOWMOBILE

2007 Arctic Cat F1000

with Reverse, 3,100 Miles

\$4,500

TONY ZUPO GENERAL CONTRUCTION





607-865-8888

30104 State Hwy. 10, Walton NY Open: Mon.-Fri. 8-5; Sat. 8-2 or by appt www.delawaresportcenter.net

5 Ways to Make Your Home Smell

Fresh and Clean (Family Features) A clean and inviting home doesn't just look tidy, it smells pleasantly refreshing, too. However, running a household can be a stinky business and it may take some special effort to make your living spaces feel more welcoming.

Consider these sensible ideas to improve the scents throughout your home:

Bring the Outside In Fresh air is a terrific option for banishing bad smells. Throwing open windows creates a cross breeze that can chase stale, musty air away in a hurry. You can also improve your air quality by adding house plants, which naturally help purify the air by absorbing pollutants and exchanging carbon dioxide for oxygen. Plants like jasmine, eucalyptus and gardenias also offer their own pleasant scents.

Refresh Soft Surfaces

Textiles and other soft surfaces throughout your home easily trap odor-causing bacteria, dust and other particles that can contribute to unsavory smells. That's why it's a good idea to regularly give the rugs, carpet, bedding, throw pillows, curtains and other soft surfaces throughout your home a deep cleaning. If you can't machine wash an item, use a vacuum with a hose attachment to remove as many hidden particles as possible.

Install a Heated Towel Rack

Damp spaces like bathrooms are breeding grounds for bacteria. If you notice a musty smell in the bathroom but can't pinpoint the source, it may be your towel. That's especially true if, like many people, you reuse a towel several times before washing it. Hang-drying your towel may not be enough to chase away smell-inducing bacteria. However, the growth of bacteria is reduced on heat-dried towels by as much as 99%, according to a study commissioned by Amba Products. What's more, in the study, a heat-dried towel produced a fresh smell over a seven-day period, whereas an unheated sample produced a musty odor by the fourth day.

With a variety of styles and finishes to fit almost any decor, the line of heated towel racks produces radiant heat to gently warm and dry towels. That can help eliminate moisture, resulting in less growth of mold and mildew. They also offer time, water and energy savings, plus some models come ready to use and take as little as 5 minutes to set up.

Simmer Fresh Aromas If you need to add a pleasant

before hosting a special event for guests, consider simmering something that smells delicious on the stove. Simmering a blend of orange slices, cloves and cinnamon in a pot of water over low heat produces a subtle, pleasing scent that doesn't overpower the room. Diffusers, candles and room sprays can also help add appealing smells in rooms that may need some extra attention.

Clean Common Culprits

Every household has some common culprits and, if you're noticing smells, you may need to step up your game to keep these areas clean. Trash cans, litter boxes and pet beds all need regular attention that goes beyond the basics. Make a point of not only emptying the trash but also cleaning the trash can itself. Don't just scoop the litter box. Replace the entire pan at least weekly. Strip and wash the exterior $covering\, of\, pet\, beds\, and\, air\, out$

Keeping your home clean and smelling great does not have to be complicated. Maintaining a regular cleaning schedule and incorporating ways to purify and enhance the air can make the space more enjoyable. To get your home refresh started, visit ambaproducts.com.

#16409; Source: Amba

APPLIANCE

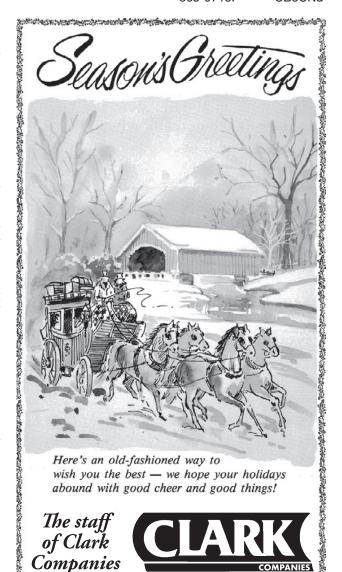
REPAIR

APPLIANCE REPAIR. Washers, Dryers, Refrigerators, Stoves, Air Conditioners, Water Tanks. 7 Days a Week! 40 years factory trained service. Money back guarantee. Call DOUG 607-637-4394. B5ARd

AFFORDABLE APPLIANCE REPAIR. Including; water heaters, refrigerators, faucets. Bidets sold/installed. Professional dryer cleaning. Handyman repairs/maintenance. Free estimates. Walton. 845-706-2360. Be sure to clear snow around dryer vents often!CB0ARdu

CARPET CLEANING

BRING YOUR CARPET back to life! Professional carpet, rug & furniture cleaning. Specializing in stain removal. Honest, friendly, reliable service. 25 years experience. Residential & commercial. Vlad's Carpet & Upholstery Cleaning, 607-363-9713. CB3CNd





HOME IMPROVEMENT

FIXIT HANDY MEN SERvices. Electrical, plumbing, painting, drywall, decks, fences, clean outs, renovate bathrooms, kitchens, basements. BNB property management. We do it all. Call 607-725-0497. 52Hld

NEW HOURS

DECKER ADVERTISING, publisher of the County Shopper, has new office hours. They are 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday. 39 Elm Street, Delhi, NY 13753, 607-746-2178. O1Hldu

BUTCHER BLOCK COUNtertop. Maintenance free surface. Prep, cut food, roll pastry dough. \$10. 845-O52Hldu

OUTDOOR POWER

THE BAD BOYS HAVE ARrived! 25 in stock! Stop in, see why BAD BOYS are the "The No-Brainer Choice" in zero-turn lawnmowers. Across from Tractor Supply, Oneonta! 607-434-8540 52OPdu

Highest Efficiency Certified by EPA

Durability - long-lasting, stainless steel firebox.

Peace of Mind - Keep the fire outside and eliminate the dangers associated with indoor wood heating.

• Save Money - Wood is a renewable, inexpensive and often free energy source.

Haynes Electric

1723 Roberts Road, Bloomville, NY 13739

607-287-6108 | hayneselectric.com

CLASSIC

EDGE



*US Internal Revenue Code Sec.25 (D) effective Jan. 2021, for heating a residence. For more details visit CentralBoilec.com. Information provided here as a convenience and may not be relied upon as substitute for professional tax advice. Consult a tax professional with any questions.
**PM Cod Pylonia Healer Ist 14 7-20.17





LOADED

2019 Ram 1500 4x4 Crew Cab

Holiday Special SAVE \$1,000

Happy Holidays from the Hamilton Family & Delhi Motor Co.

Motor Company, Inc.

5.7L V8 Hemi MDS VVT Torque Hybrid Gas Engin Speed Auto Trans., Full Power, AM/FM/SAT/NAV, Leather, Trailer Tow Pkg.,

leated & Ventilated Seats,



We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all our friends and customers.

After 35 years, Delaware Sport Center will be closing its doors on December 30, 2022.



It has been a pleasure and privilege to serve you.

> Jon & Marilyn Armstrong

Save Time, Money & Postage



Email Your Classified Ad to: shopper@dckr.com

COUNTY SHOPPER **SUDOKU** 3 6 8 2 5 3 9 2 3 9 4 6 5 9 8 3 6 4 2 3 5 9 8 6 1 4 5 2 3 9 6 8 3 8 5 7 4 6 9

5

8

NEWS

9

8

LOCAL

4

3

2

3

SPORTS

SUBSCRIPTIONS MAILED TO

DELAWARE COUNTY ADDRESSES

(Including: Bainbridge, Grand Gorge, Livingston Manor,

Oneonta, Roscoe and Unadilla.)

Mon. - Fri. 8am-5pm • www.the-reporter.net

6

EPORTER

THANKS TO ALL OUR CUSTOMERS. BROOKSIDE HARDWARE

& AUTO SAVIES

RT. 28, MARGARETVILLE • 845-586-2345 www.brooksidehardware.com

DEC Announces 2023 Catskills Fire Tower Challenge

Challenge Encourages Experienced Hikers to Visit Region's **Six Fire Towers**

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos on December 27 announced the 2023 Catskills Fire Tower Challenge to highlight the world-class tourism destinations and recreational opportunities in the Mid-Hudson region.

"The annual Fire Tower Challenge is a great way to keep the history and traditions of our Catskills fire towers alive for future generations to appreciate and enjoy," said Commissioner Seggos. "The Fire Tower Challenge provides opportunities for New Yorkers and visitors to reach the unique viewing experience of the spectacular Catskill Mountains while making everlasting memories with family and friends. I encourage anyone that has participated in years past, or those looking to try the tower hikes for the first time and take the 2023 Challenge."

For nearly a century, observers watched the forests of New York State - including the Catskill and Adirondack Forest preserve - from more than 100 fire towers

EVENTS

perched atop the highest peaks, searching for the dangerous, telltale signs of forest fires.

The Catskills Fire Tower Challenge encourages experienced hikers to visit the region's remaining fire towers located on Balsam Lake Mountain (Hardenburgh), Hunter Mountain (Hunter), Overlook Mountain (Woodstock), Red Hill Mountain (Denning), and Tremper Mountain (Shandaken), along with the Upper Esopus Fire Tower at the Catskills Visitor Center. The Upper Esopus Fire Tower allows visitors who may not otherwise be able to undertake the challenging hike of several miles to experience a fire tower on the high peaks in the Catskills.

Stewardship of the fire towers is a partnership with the Catskill Center for Conservation and Development. The Catskill Center, through the Catskill Fire Tower Project, manages six fire towers in the Catskill Park for public access and interpretation under a Volunteer Stewardship Agreement with DEC. Dedicated volunteers help maintain and staff each of the fire towers on weekends and holidays throughout the summer and fall seasons. For more information about the Catskills and to experience the newest and easiest to reach fire tower in the region, the Upper Esopus Fire Tower, consider a visit to the Catskills Visitor Center on Route 28 in Mt.

Tremper, NY To participate in the challenge, hikers must hike to all six DEC-owned fire towers in the Catskills between Jan. 1, and Dec. 31, 2023. Once completed, participants submit a log of their completed hikes along with a favorite photo or selfie via a web form or to the designated email in-

box: CatskillsChallenge@ dec.ny.gov. Entries must be

This Month Only!

postmarked by Jan. 7, 2024. All participants who complete the challenge will receive a letter and a commemorative Catskills Fire Tower Challenge patch designed with the 2023 completion year. The first 1,000 finishers will also receive a one-year subscription to DEC's Conservationist magazine. Upon completion, finishers will also be able to download a customizable certificate and will be eligible to win prizes after the challenge period is closed. To promote responsible recreation, DEC will offer a bonus prize entry to finishers who also submit a photo of themselves practicing Leave No Trace" while participating in the Catskills Fire Tower Challenge (e.g., picking up litter,

> New for 2023, finishers who completed the challenge multiple times will receive an additional commemorative Catskills Fire Tower Challenge prize.

carrying out, planning and

preparing for their hikes,

staying on trail).

The 2022 challenge has drawn more than 800 finishers to-date. Entries have been received from every region of New York, 12 other states, Canada, and the United Kingdom.

With DEC giving participants a full year to complete the challenge, hikers can take their time. Hikers are reminded to practice Leave No Trace[™] principles and to Love Our NY Lands by recreating safely, sustainably, and hiking in suitable conditions based on weather and experience

For more information about the fire towers and challenge rules, visit DEC's website.

level.

AUTOMOTIVE

Now \$54,900

WANTED: JUNK CARS, trucks, motor homes only. Cash paid for most. Towing & flatbed, light truck repair. Specializing in rear ends & 4x4s. Used auto & truck parts. Also, motorcycle inspections. MARTY BUILT, 607-652-4327. CB1AUdu

NEW HOURS

DECKER ADVERTISING, publisher of the County Shopper, has new office hours. They are 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday. 39 Elm Street, Delhi, NY 13753. 607-746-2178. O1AUdu



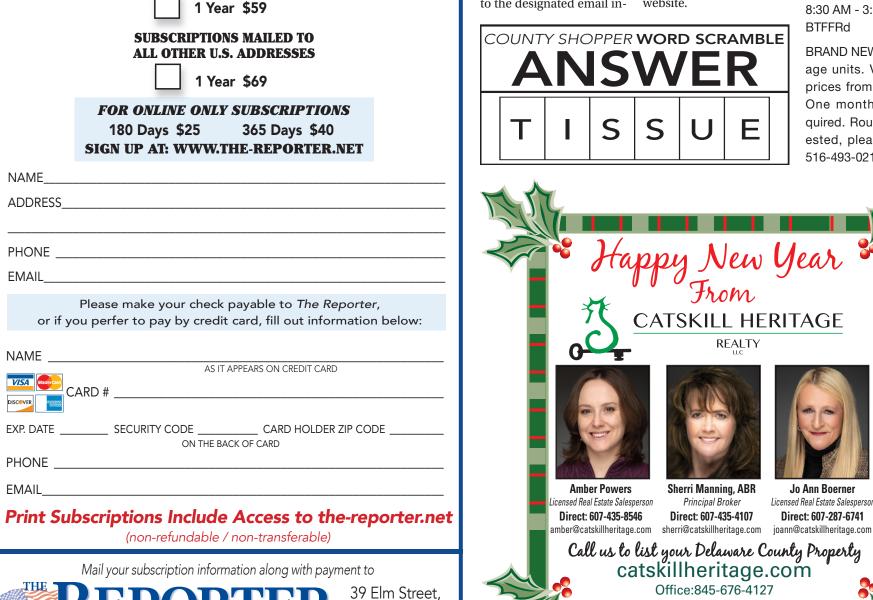
REAL ESTATE

INTERSTATE HOMES: Manufactured & Modular Home Sales & Installation serving NY & PA. 27 years experience. View our display models at 2543 State Route 7, Harpursville, NY 13787.607-693-1632.Web or Facebook @Interstatehomes.net. **BTFREd**

RENTALS

LARGE 2 BEDROOM apartment for rent. 28 Main Street, Delhi. \$1,300/month plus electric. Security deposit & references required. For more information call Jenny at 516-493-0210, 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM. **BTFFRd**

BRAND NEW SELF STORage units. Various sizes, prices from \$90 to \$160. One month security required. Route 28. If interested, please call Jenny 516-493-0210.



Delhi, NY 13753 607-464-4009