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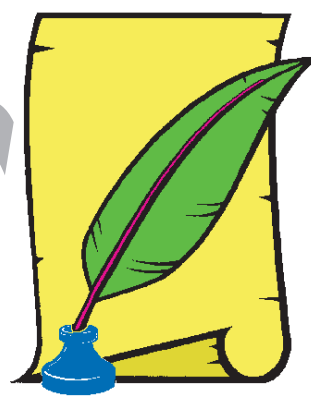
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Memorial Day 2021 Celebrated in Owego



On Memorial Day, we remember and honor those who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces. On Memorial Day, Monday, May 31, 2021, there was no parade or ceremony again this year due to COVID-19 pandemic.

This year several Tioga County organizations teamed up to hold a Memorial Day 'Car' parade in honor of veterans. A Roll Call of Honor was read by Mary Beth Jones and JoAnn Walter, and the Service of Remembrance was given by Jim Raftis. The Honor Roll and Remembrance Service were broadcast live on WEBO Radio and on the internet .

Elks Strawberry Lawn Party - June 18

The Owego Elks will hold a Strawberry Lawn Party on Friday, June 18, from 4:00 to 10:00 pm at the Elks Lodge at 223 Front St in Owego.

The party will feature live music by Rick Fry and Trick Shot, raffles, and games including a corn hole challenge.

The grill will be outside for hot dogs, hamburgers, and sides. Sodas, bottled water, and the Elks' traditional strawberry festival favorites

will be available. The bar will be open. Current health department guidelines will be followed.

All proceeds from this event will go to fund the replacement of the lodge roof. The original building, known as the Latham A. Burrows House, was built in 1830 and is in both the NY State and National Historic Registers. For more information on the Elks' Roof Fundraiser, go to the Owego Elks Lodge 1039 GoFundMe page.

TAC Presents "Art a la Carte" Program

Tioga Arts Council (TAC) announced that the Mildred Faulkner Truman Foundation awarded \$5,000 to support TAC's annual Art a la Carte program this summer.

Three years ago, Tioga County Food for Families (formerly, Tioga County Anti-Hunger Task Force) approached TAC and inquired about partnering to provide arts programming at a Summer Meal Site. According to their data, "Of the 52% of school age children in Tioga County that are eligible for the Free and Reduced Lunch Program, less than 10% attended a Summer Meal Site." By providing an arts activity, TAC would help encourage families to visit a Summer Meal Site for a positive experience while also accessing a critical service. As a result, TAC developed Art a la Carte.

Goals of Art a la Carte

According to the Tioga County Food for Families, approximately 25% of youth in Tioga County suffer from food insecurity and hunger. (This number likely increased since the onset of COVID-19.) Offering art activities encourages families to attend Summer Meals Sites and to access a critical food service.

Each year, TAC develops five, weekly arts-enrichment activities for approximately 30 children per site and expose them to a variety of artists, art techniques, and media. With assistance from professional artists and librarians, TAC also tries to pair each activity with a companion book to enrich the learning experience.

TAC helps to promote physical and creative well-being, champion the arts and literacy, and bring services to underserved parts of our county.

2021 Partner Sites

The partner Summer Meals Sites for 2021 Art a la Carte are at Berkshire, Richford, Waverly, and (tentatively) Spencer Van Etten. Site selection is based on US Census data, recommendations from Tioga County Food for Families, and each site's willingness to partner.

Weekly arts-enrichment activities will occur at each site between July and August 2021. Activities will focus on artists including Paul Klee, Yayoi Kusama, and Horace Pippin. TAC will also offer an optional, virtual showing to each site of the Triple Cities Opera's original 2020 production, Monkey and Francine in the City of Tigers.

Candor to Celebrate the 4th of July This Year



Candor will celebrate the 4th of July at the ballpark on Route 96 with a week full of events including:

Saturday, June 26 - Car Show with entertainment, vendors;

Sunday, June 27 - Little Mr./Miss Candor & Prince/Princess Contest at 4pm at Candor Post 907;

Thursday, July 1 - Carnival & Kiddie Night, 6-11pm, Kiddie Parade 6pm, and Music and Entertainment;

Friday, July 2 - Fireworks at dusk and Carnival from 6-11pm, and Entertainment;

Saturday, July 3 - Parade at 10am with Carnival, Chicken BBQ, Kid's Bike Drawing, and Entertainment;

Sunday, July 4 - Horse Pull at Side Hill Acres; vendors, raffles.

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Central NY Fire Convention Back After Year Postponement



Fire Service meetings, golf outing, block party, fireworks, hose race, and parade highlight July 8 - July 11 convention in Owego.

Owego Hose Teams, Inc. in partnership with the Owego Fire Department is hosting the 127th annual Central New York Firemen's Association (CNYFA) convention July 8 through July 11 in downtown Owego.

The convention originally scheduled for 2020 was postponed due to the COVID-19 crisis.

Representing 20 counties comprised of 500 fire departments, CNYFA serves the volunteer fire and emergency medical services of Central New York, through education, legislation, and recognition while building camaraderie with its members and partners.

A full weekend of events for the convention is planned. On Thursday, July 8, a welcome reception will take place at American Legion Post #401 with live music by the Latimer Lee Band. Friday, July 9, will begin with a golf outing at Tioga Golf Club in the morning followed by a block party in the Flats area of the Village of Owego in front of Croton Hose Co. #3 Fire Station on Talcott Street. DJ Tommy D. of Flat Rat Adventures will be spinning your favorite tunes of today and yesterday at the party. Firehouse Subs will have their mobile fire food truck on hand. Youth hose races will take place with garden hoses. The Broome County Firefighters Association Safety Trailer will be onsite in addition to bounce houses for children.

The block party is being dedicated in honor of Bob Powell, a well-known local DJ, who has courageously battled COVID-19.

After the block party, fireworks will be held at Draper Park on Front Street in Owego with afterparty at the John Barleycorn Tavern featuring the Beatles Band. The fireworks display will be 26 minutes long with over 500 rounds beginning after sundown.

Saturday, July 10, will kick off with a memorial service and awards ceremony at the Baker Fireman's Fountain in the courthouse square at 8:00 am followed by fire service meetings at VFW Post #1371 on Main Street. Firearm hose races will take place on Main Street between Church Street and Spencer Avenue in the afternoon at 1:00 pm followed by a grand firefighter's parade at 5:00 pm. Races include the ladder, wye, and motor hose. Cash prizes and trophies will be awarded to hose race and parade

winners.

A dinner will conclude the day's events at the VFW at 7:00 pm followed by an afterparty at the Rainbow Trail on North Avenue with music by the Kitchen Sink Band (6pm), the Blues Brothers of Central New York (8pm), and the Gents (10pm).

Owego last hosted the convention, which is rotated yearly throughout the state, in 2010. CNYFA and the convention hold special meaning for Owego firefighters as the association's founding member and first president was Owego's own past Owego Fire Chief Frank M. Baker. Baker also served as president of the Firemen's Association of the State of New York (FASNY) and is widely known today for his charitable contributions that live on in Owego. These contributions include the recently restored Baker Fireman's Fountain donated in memory of his son George H. Baker and the clocktower atop Owego Central Fire Station.

This year marks the 126th anniversary the Central convention was first held in Owego in 1895. Other years Owego hosted the convention include 1908, 1924, 1934, 1953, 1970, 1987, 1995, and 2010.

The public is invited to participate at all events except the fire service meeting Saturday morning, July 10. Convention information to include registration for the convention golf outing, dinner, and parade are available on the hose team website www.OwegoHoseTeams.com.



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Home Central’s Ryan Rennells Named “Young Retailer of the Year”



Despite these significant challenges, Rennells set to work rebuilding the popular Vestal location, while growing sales and retaining customers at the other two locations by catering to DIYers tackling projects while spending so much time at home. While restoring the Vestal location, Rennells added value in the form of a commercial showroom to preserve a steady flow of customers for the materials side of the business, in addition to retaining Vestal’s displaced employees. With the Vestal location back open and

While 2020 was certainly full of hardship for many, there are some inspiring stories of resourceful and creative people who have worked tirelessly to turn struggle into success.

Home Central General Manager Ryan Rennells is one of those remarkable individuals, and his dedication to his work at the store’s three locations (Owego, Vestal, and Candor) has been recognized by the North American Hardware and Paint Association (NHPA), an industry-leading network for independent home improvement retailers. Rennells was selected from a slew of inspiring independent home improvement, paint and decorating retailers younger than 35 across North America as one of eight honorees representing the future of the industry.

2020 was certainly a challenging year for Home Central, as a fire wreaked havoc on its Vestal location in February 2020, which was shortly followed by the safety concerns, changing needs and supply chain disruptions associated with the emergence of the pandemic stay-at-home order in March.

looking better than ever, it’s clear that Rennells’ hard work and dedication to both Home Central customers and employees has paid off.

Renells’ career highlights in his three years in a management capacity at Home Central include supervision of the construction of the Candor location from the ground-up, as well as spearheading the expansion of the stores’ paint offerings, which resulted in doubling the paint sale revenue.

“I’m extremely honored and humbled to be recognized by NHPA alongside other innovative young retailers making a difference in their communities,” said Rennells. “I strive to continue to make Home Central both a friendly neighborhood destination for projects big and small, as well as a great place to work for our valued employees, who are instrumental in our success.”

To find out more about Home Central, visit homecentralstores.com or visit them on Facebook at facebook.com/homecentralny.

At the Apalachin Library

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Summer Reading “Tails & Tales”
Saturday, June 26, 10 am - 1 pm
Come to the library for a Tale-gate party. You can sign up for an American Girls program, Reader’s Club, adopt a (stuffed) pet to read to, get information on the other programs, or pick up some take home refreshments and crafts. Teens, sign up for a special writing project and you will get a goodie bag.

Story Hour
The last week of Zoom story hour will be Tuesday, June 15 and Thursday, June 17. There will be a break until summer reading starts in July when Story Hour will meet in the pavilion on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:30, (rain or shine) beginning Tuesday, July 6, and Thursday, July 8, at 10:30 am.

LEGO Club
LEGO Club will meet not meet again until fall.

July 3
The library will be closed on Saturday, July 3, for the 4th of July holiday.

Book Barn
The Book Barn has lots of puzzle and books about sports. These items will be 50 cents each for the month of June.

Audio Books
Have you tried the audiobook selections on Overdrive and Hoopla? Find both apps on the Finger Lakes Library System (FLLS) catalog page. If you need help, call the library.

Waterman Story Walk
During July, your family can visit the library’s Story Walk at Waterman Center. Pick up your Listening Bingo Card at the beginning of the Boardwalk Trail. Read the story while you listen for the sounds on your card, and enjoy your walk. Bring your completed card to the library by Saturday, August 7, turn it in and receive a free book called “The Listening Walk” by Paul Showers.

American Girl Program
Monday, July 19, 1pm to 3pm
In the pavilion
Anyone 7 to 13 years old is invited to attend. (Parents are not required to stay for the program). This year’s American Girl is Nanea Mitchell. She lives in Honolulu, Hawaii during the 1940s. Sign up for this program by July 1 by calling 625-3333. You will receive a free book about Nanea at the program.

Readers Club
Reader’s Club will be different this year. Stop in, sign up for the number of minutes that you choose to read each week and adopt a stuffed animal pet to read to. Read to your pet for 6 weeks. Every week when you finish your reading, stop in and let a librarian know and they will give you a free book. Kids preschool through high school are invited to participate.

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Carlin Reyen, a senior at Vestal High School, was selected to receive a \$2,500 STAR Scholarship from the P.E.O. Sisterhood. She was recommended by P.E.O. Chapter B of Newark Valley, NY.

Carlin Reyen is the Student Government President, is active in NetSci High research, and created Girls United during her high school career. She is also Vice President of National Honor Society and Captain of the Varsity Swim team, as well as being a member of the Varsity Basketball team, the Vestal High School Building Planning Team, the Vestal Counseling and Guidance Advisory Committee, the Vestal High School Mentoring Program, Future Business Leaders of America, and Chemistry Magic Show. She will attend Cornell University in Ithaca in the fall to study English and Computer Science. She sees herself pursuing a law degree or a Ph.D. in either Computer Science or English.

The P.E.O. STAR Scholarship was established in 2009 to provide scholarships for exceptional high school senior women to attend an accredited postsecondary educational institution in the U.S. or Canada in the next academic year. The competitive STAR Scholarship is for women who exhibit excellence in leadership, academics, extracurricular activities, community service and potential for future success.

Chapter B has been a part of the Newark Valley community since it was organized in 1908.

P.E.O. (Philanthropic Educational Organization) has been celebrating women helping women reach for the stars for more than 150 years. Since its inception in 1869, the nonprofit organization has helped more than 116,000 women pursue educational goals by providing over \$383 million in grants, scholarships, awards and loans. The Sisterhood also owns and supports Cottey College. Through membership, the P.E.O. Sisterhood has brought together more than a half a million women in the United States and Canada who are passionate about helping women advance through education, while supporting and motivating them. In addition to the educational philanthropies, the P.E.O. Sisterhood provides a framework of support and community for all members.

What started with a bond of friendship among seven women in Mount Pleasant, Iowa, is now one of the oldest women's organizations in North America with close to 6,000 chapters.

To learn more about P.E.O., its powerful educational philanthropies and see stories of women who have benefited from the programs, visit peointernational.org

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Native Plants are for the Birds

Native plants are important to wild-life especially for migrating birds and butterflies. Why are they important?

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Migratory birds make a flight of thousands of miles every year and they don’t have a Grandma with a sandwich waiting for them. They are very hungry after flying thousands of miles and native plants attract the insects that the birds are used to eating. Insects are their peanut butter and jelly sandwich. What they’re looking forward to at the end of a flight are the plants and insects they have co-evolved with and expect to be there when they arrive here.

But these plants and insects have been decreasing over the past 50 years. The decrease in native plant and insects has been accelerating.

One big reason is loss of habitat. The U.S. has lost over 150 million acres of habitat and farmland to urban sprawl, and that trend isn’t slowing. There are ways that you can help.

There are two local organizations that are working to help the birds and other wildlife get the kinds of food that they need to survive here.

One organization is the Waterman Conservation and Education Center (WCEC) based in Apalachin. Waterman has 5 nature preserves throughout Tioga and Broome County.

They also have a library in Apalachin which will soon have online access to their book catalog where you can browse and reserve a book to pick up. Books like “Nature’s Best Hope” by Douglas L. Tallamy. It is subtitled “A new approach to conservation that starts in your yard”. He advocates using your yard to become part of a “Backyard National Park”. Many backyards planted with native plants can form links for birds and butterflies between nature preserves and larger parks.

Another local organization helping to support birds, bees, and wildlife is the Owego Rotary. They have recently started developing a nature preserve in an area of the village known as Canawanna, which get its name from a former street name in that area. The Owego Rotary is planting many plants and shrubs that will help attract birds, butterflies and insects and help their survival in a Canawanna Nature Preserve between Water Street and Canal Street in Owego. Native plants are not only beneficial to insects, butterflies and birds and other wildlife but since they have evolved in this region they are easier to grow and survive. There are many native plants that can easily be integrated into your backyard garden. It can be challenging at times to select plants that are native to this area and are attractive in your garden.

To help you select some for your yard the Waterman Conservation and Education Center has selected four plants that are native and suitable for your yard. WCEC will be selling these at a plant sale at Farmer Browns Market on Rt 434 on June 19 and 20. The plants are Eastern Purple Coneflower, Cardinal Flower, Smooth Oxeye Daisy, and White Turtlehead. These plants are native, beneficial to pollinators and birds and are attractive enough to put in your backyard.

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Kiwanis Club of Owego Performs Highway Cleanup



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Members picked up trash, pulled weeds, and trimmed plants. Members also arranged small American flags in the shape of a cross to re-

spectfully honor those who have given their lives for our country.

For information on how to participate, or join a Kiwanis club, visit kiwanis.org, find them on Facebook @owegokiwanisclub, or join them Thursdays at Noon at the Parkview Hotel on Front Street in Owego.



Call for Artwork Submissions for Sept. Exhibit “Everyday Life, Every Day Art”

The art exhibit “Everyday Life, Every Day Art” (ELEDA) will be held September 2 to September 30 at Cloud Croft Studios in Owego.

The exhibition will feature work from artists within a 100-mile radius of Owego, encompassing 25 counties in New York and Pennsylvania. For every artwork sold, 80% will benefit the artist and 20% will benefit the Tioga Arts Council’s Art a la Carte program that brings free arts-enrichment activities to Summer Meal Sites in Tioga County.

Submissions for “Everyday Life, Every Day Art” can be dropped off August 7, 8, and 9 at Cloud Croft

Studios, 1003 Sanford Road in Owego.

Jurying will take place on August 18. Unaccepted artwork can be picked up August 21, 22, and 23.

The Opening Awards Ceremony will take place on September 2.

Entry Fee is \$25 for first entry, \$10 each additional entry, up to four per artist allowed, payable by cash or check to Tioga Arts Council. Note: TAC Patrons get one free additional entry.

For more information contact the Tioga Arts Council at 687-0785 or tiogaartscouncil@gmail.com.

Hose Team Brings Back Firehouse Subs for Steamer Effort

Mobile Food Truck at Owego Central Station June 14-19



Owego Hose Teams, Inc. is bringing back Firehouse Subs of Ithaca’s mobile food truck at Owego Central Fire Station on North Avenue for a second year, Monday, June 14 to Saturday, June 19.

Proceeds from sub sales will support the Owego Fire Department’s 1866 Amoskeag Steam Fire Engine restoration with “Steamer House” on North Avenue championed by the Hose Team. The truck will operate from 11:00 am to 7:00 pm daily out of the Owego Fire Station #2 parking lot on North Avenue.

Serving firefighter themed subs, the menu, which features hot specialty subs, salads, and other seasonal items, takes inspiration from the firehouse with names like Hook & Ladder, Engineer, and Firehouse Hero. The subs are prepared with meats and cheeses, on toasted sub rolls, and served “Fully Involved” with vegetables and condiments.

The Hose Team is planning an event each night Firehouse is in town including hose races, read a book with a firefighter night, fire safety night, and other events. More information will be available on the Hose Team Facebook page @owegohoseteams.

The 154-year-old Owego Fire Department Amoskeag Steam Fire Engine, known as the “Steamer,” has not been operational since the late 1980s. In addition to restoring the steamer, the Hose Team is building a “Steamer House” like one located in Marathon, NY, to showcase the piece on North Avenue. The Hose Team estimates the Steamer restoration and Steamer House to cost in upwards of \$100,000. Once the Steamer returns from repair, it will once again reclaim the title of “oldest operating in the United States.”

Apalachin Lions Award Scholarships for 2021

Since 1989, the Apalachin Lions have been awarding scholarships. This year, the Lions awarded scholarships to three students, with each winner receiving \$1,000.

This year’s winners are Leigha Shaughnessy from Owego Free Academy, Valerie York from Mont-

rose Area High School, and Angelina Consolazio from Vestal Senior High.

The scholarship is to promote and reward young people for their service to their community and school.

Congratulations to all of this year’s winners.

Vestal Elks Make Donation



Vestal Lodge #2508 Veterans Committee donated \$500 to their local Stand With Me Organization, which is a non-profit organization out of Binghamton that trains and pairs service dogs for veterans suffering from PTSD and other mental disabilities.

John Pooler, PER also presented a donation of \$130 to the Stand With Me organization collected by the Vestal CSD Transportation Department in memory of Robert Short.

Pictured: (front row) Jeff Keider with his dog Abby; Dave “Pup” Menigoz,

lodge Trustee; John Pooler, PER; Frances “Myrph” McMahon, Director & Founder; George Light, Vestal Elks Veterans Committee Chairman;

(Back row): Becky Roden with her dog Ruger; Tom Rackett with his dog Jabba; Dana Young with her dog Dexter; Michaelene Demko, lodge member; Chris Root, Stand With Me board member; Shane Phipps with his dog Siggie; Jaime Root with her dog Oliver; Connie Studgeon, Stand With Me board member; and George Harrison with his dog Banner.

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Tioga Co. Employees Collect Items for Rural Ministry’s “Soap for Hope” Campaign

Each year, during the month of May, Tioga County Rural Ministry places bins throughout the Owego community – in churches, schools, and businesses – anywhere there is regular foot traffic. The bins are for collecting personal hygiene products, household cleaning products, toilet paper, dish and laundry detergent, soap, deodorant, and toothpaste. These items may not be purchased with SNAP (food stamp) benefits so they are highly desirable.

Staff at the Ronald E. Dougherty County Office Building, 56 Main St., Owego created a competition of who could collect the most items. Two teams were created and during the month of May, employees brought in items to contribute. Items were counted on May 28, and the winning team collected 373 items. The other team collected 203 items. The 576 items will be dropped off at Tioga County Rural Ministry for their pantry guests to utilize.

Tioga Arts Council New Exhibit “Between Starshine & Clay”



Tioga Arts Council’s (TAC) juried exhibition for June is “Between Starshine & Clay: An Exhibition Celebrating Artists of Color”. Represented in the exhibit are 20 artists of color from places including Broome, Onondaga, Tioga, and Tompkins Counties. The exhibit, which is sponsored by the Owego Rotary Club, will be on display until June 26, Tuesdays through Saturdays, 11am to 4pm. Tioga Arts Council is at 179 Front Street in Owego. For more information, call TAC at 687-0785.

Candor July 4th Celebration Calendar of Events - 2021

All events will be held at the Ballpark on Route 96 (Spencer Rd.), Candor, N. Y.
Check us out on line at: www.candorjuly4th.weebly.com
Facebook: Candor NY Annual 4th of July Celebration
All rules and regulations regarding CDC guidelines for wearing masks, crowd limitations, and social distancing will be enforced.

Saturday, June 26th

Open Car Show 10 am – 4 pm at McNeil Pavilion/Ballfield, 35 Spencer RD, Candor NY;
Contact Pat Halstead enpahalstead@outlook.com, 607-262-0217 for vendor info. Concession/Vendors;
Basket Raffle & 50/50 Raffles; Music Entertainment Jimmy and Friends



Sunday, June 27th

Little Mr./Miss Candor & Prince/Princess Contest – 4 pm at Candor Post 907
Contact Christina (607) 972-1893 email missfirefly804@yahoo.com

Thursday July 1st

Carnival & Kiddie Night** – carnival 6 pm to 11 pm*
Kiddie Parade at 6 p.m. – Theme TBD – Starting at EMT garage on Academy ST, Candor
Contact Alichia Hatch alichasriley@yahoo.com (607) 768-2042
Music DJ entertainment – Shawn Sergent



Friday July 2nd

Fireworks will be at dusk [Rain Date: July 9th]
Carnival 6pm to 11pm* licensed under CC BY-SA
AfterMarket Band w/Jodie Riggs & Christian deBrigard – 7 pm – 9 pm
DJ entertainment – Shawn Sergent

Saturday July 3rd

Carnival – 11am to 4pm, and 6 pm to 11 pm*
Parade kickoff 10 am, Starts on Church St., Theme: *“The Months Roll By”*
Contact Nancy King 283-3244, Queen_b45@yahoo.com [Floats are still needed]
Annual Chicken BBQ – 11 am ‘til Gone at McNeil Pavilion (pre-orders welcomed)
Text Angela Rypkema at (607) 795-6593
Kid’s Bike Drawing 2:30 pm – (ages 4-16, need not be present to win)
DJ Entertainment – Shawn Sergent



Sunday July 4th

Horse Pull at Side Hill Acres
Contact Diane Craig (607) 227-6378 email dc3@cornell.edu
Gates open at 8 am. Pull starts at 1 pm
Admission Fee \$8 (Under 12 – free admission)
Concession by Rock and Roll Kettle Corn/Vendors/Calcutta Auction/Baskets & 50/50 Raffles

** Wristbands, ticket packs available every day!
*The Carnival rides will be from 6pm to 11pm based on attendance and weather permitting.

First Annual Elks Spring Food Drive Challenge



The First Annual Elks Spring Food Drive Challenge was a huge success collecting “in-kind” and cash donations totaling more than \$4,135 for Tioga County Food Pantries. This year’s challenge included teams from the Owego Elks Lodge 1039, the Owego Rotary Club, the Owego Moose, and Tioga Opportunities.

Food and monetary donations were collected from April 10 to April 24, and this year’s winner was the Owego Rotary Club.

Thank you to everyone who contributed food, made monetary donations, and helped organize and run this year’s drive.

The food and monetary donations were divided equally to the following food pantries: Open Door Mission, Tioga County Rural Ministry, Catholic Charities of Tioga/Tompkins County, Red Door Waverly, Lockwood Food Pantry, Park Terrace Food Pantry, Lounsberry Food Pantry, Spencer Van Etten Community Food Cupboard, Project Neighborhood of Newark Valley, and Helping Hands Food Pantry - Berkshire.

This is planned to be an annual event and organizations that would like to participate in next year’s Spring Food Drive Challenge can contact the Owego Elks Lodge at 687 -1039 or email : OwegoElksLodgeEvents@gmail.com

Pictured with the food donations collected during the 2021 Spring Food Drive Challenge are from left to right Betsey Bulshwiet, Carolyn Wright, Abbey Hendrickson, Jane Woody, Tim Sayers, Orville Wright, Kevin Malar, and Melissa Tourtelotte



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½ Chicken, Salt Potatoes, Baked Beans, Roll and
Dessert

Owego Elks Spare Rib Dinner - June 11

The Owego Elks will be doing a BBQ Boneless Spare Rib Dinner on Friday, June 11, for pick-up from 5:00 to 6:00 pm, at the Lodge 223 Front Street in Owego.

The meal comes with BBQ boneless spare ribs, corn casserole, and cherry cobbler. The price for the meal is \$10 (cash or check).

This month, the Elks are continuing the Sponsor-A-Meal program to allow community members to buy a meal for donation. Sponsor-A-Meal donations will benefit staff at assisted living facilities in Tioga County. This event will be by pre-order only with all orders due by Monday, June 7. Orders can be placed by leaving a message at 687-1039, sending an email to owegoelksevents@gmail.com, or sending a message to the Owego Elks 1039 Facebook page.

All proceeds from the monthly take-out dinners will go to fund the replacement of the roof of the Elks Lodge. The original building, known as the Latham A. Burrows House, was built in 1830 and is in both the New York State and National Historic Registers.

For more information on the Roof Fundraiser, go to the Owego Elks Lodge 1039 GoFundMe page.

Yard & Craft Sale - June 12

A Community Outdoor Yard and Craft Sale will be held on Saturday, June 12, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm, at the Little Meadows United Methodist Church, 843 Pennsylvania Avenue in Little Meadows, PA.

Rain date is June 19. IF there is a need to postpone the sale to June 19 because of rain, a message will be on church phone, 570-623-2746.

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Letter to the Editor

Frequently asked questions about Michael Roberts for Town of Owego Highway Superintendent, NEW DIRECTION Campaign.

How will you prioritize paving projects?

I will develop 5-10-15 year plans for road repaving. This is important to work within funding restrictions from the state and town budget concerns.

How will you keep equipment replacement within budget?

First and foremost, I will develop and oversee a strict maintenance program for all Highway equipment and vehicles. I will institute an oil sampling program so repairs and or replacement can be justified.

I introduced the policy of oil sampling in Tioga County Department of Public Works it has saved thousands on repair costs and ultimately staved off expensive equipment replacement.

How will you increase productivity?

Immediately after taking office, I will incorporate GPS on Highway Town Trucks. This will allow for better service and accountability to taxpayers.

Can you operate heavy duty equipment?

Yes, I have owned and operated all types of equipment. Including skid steer, bulldozer, backhoe, grater and excavator.

Do you have experience in road repair?

Yes, currently Deputy Chair of BMTS. This committee oversees all road projects on the County level at both Broome and Tioga Counties. Some examples are 181, 186, 188. Currently Committee Chair of Tioga County Public Works Department.

How will you increase Highway Superintendent's response to taxpayer's concerns?

I will be available during work week Monday thru Friday 7am to 5 pm. I will return all calls good, bad or indifferent. I will attend all Board Meetings. Hands on problem solving.

How much budgeting experience do you have?

Serving for sixteen years on the legislature, I have been instrumental in reducing the budget by millions of dollars. In addition, every year a budget lower than the rate of inflation was produced.

How well versed are you on personnel issues?

16 years serving on the Legislature and 24 years of business ownership has exposed me to numerous personnel issues. I have dealt with these issues positively.

How much do you know about equipment and fleet maintenance?

I am certified in all aspects of automotive, heavy duty truck and equipment repair. I have actively work in the field for over 40 years.

How about you personally?

I have been married for 39 years. We currently reside in Apalachin for the past 32 years. My wife, Barbara and I have three grown children. All who have a great work ethic and we are proud of their accomplishments. We have six beautiful grandchildren.

I am a master mechanic by trade and owned a successful business here, Apalachin Auto and Truck Repair for 24 years. I have served on the Tioga County Legislature for the past 16 years. I have served on numerous boards such as personal, IT, IDA, budget, finance and legal, BMTS.

I have the correct qualifications to be your next Town of Owego Highway Superintendent.

I am asking for your vote in the Primary June 22. Mike Roberts

Letter to the Editor

Choosing a New Highway Superintendent

On June 22nd, the town of Owego voters will be asked to choose a new Highway Superintendent. The duties of the job are to maintain the over 200 miles of roads that the highway department is responsible for. This includes over 50 miles of subdivisions and other residential streets. The rest of the miles are mainly rural. Within the 200 miles of roads, bridges, culverts, underground storm drain systems, and road surfaces, are just a few things that the department is tasked with. Snow and ice operations during the winter season, is the department's main focus, with the safety of the traveling public a priority.

The four candidates that are running for the Superintendent position, have zero experience in road maintenance of this magnitude, except for one. Two out of the remaining three, are automobile mechanics, with the third being a active entrepreneur, and a friend of mine. Of the two mechanics, I know one personally, and can attest to his mechanical abilities, and him being community minded in the village where he lives ... not to mention a good person. The other mechanic is also a county legislator for many years, and I'm not sure where he lives? The fourth person that is running for the position has worked in the highway department for 30 years, with the last 19 being in the foreman's position. His name is Brian Harders. His years of knowledge in road maintenance, paving, drainage systems, and storm impact response, are an undeniable asset to this town. In closing, take a look at the candidates, and pick the only one that fits the needs of this town's infrastructure going into the future.

Sincerely,
Mark Clark, Town of Owego Highway Superintendent



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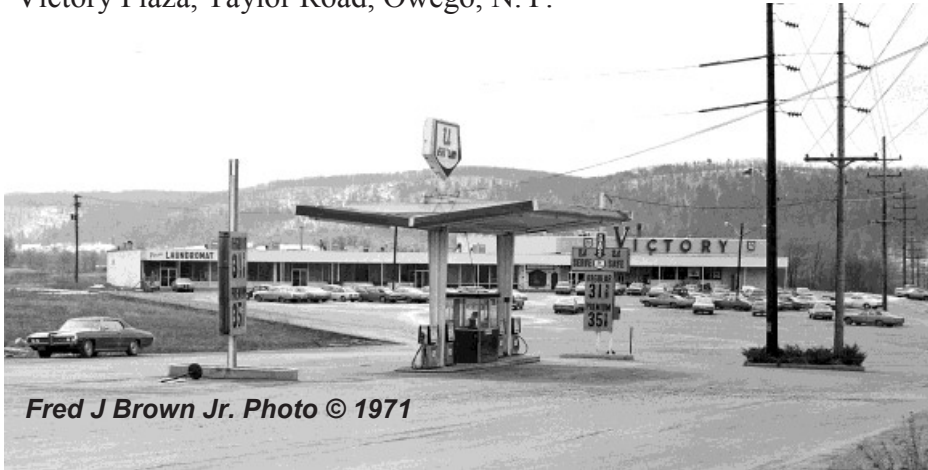
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Whether you want your puppy to learn manners, learn tricks, or have puppy play time, Stray Haven offers classes for every fur baby. For a list of upcoming classes and/or events, visit strayhavenspca.org.

Photo File: 50 Years Ago

Victory Plaza, Taylor Road, Owego, N.Y.



50 Years Ago

June 1971

It's June 1971. President Nixon's daughter Tricia marries Edward Cox in the White House Rose Garden.

Singer Frank Sinatra, 55, gives a farewell performance in Los Angeles. Sinatra says he's serious about retiring.

Lee Trevino wins the U.S. Open golf title.

T. Vincent Learson, 58, succeeds Thomas J. Watson, Jr. as IBM's CEO. Learson began his career at IBM as a salesman in 1958.

In Apalachin, Sharon Hawley is named Little Miss Apalachin at the Firemen's Field Days. Runner up is Pamela Lynch.

A record 797 students graduate from Broome Technical Community College.

The Tioga County Board of Supervisors votes to establish a nine-member county legislature that will assume power on January 1, 1972. The plan goes before voters in November.

Tioga County Sheriff Paul Taylor announces he will seek a fourth term as sheriff.

IBM announces development of the System 370, Model 195.

A 4.5-mile stretch of new Route 17 is opened between Endwell and Binghamton. This creates a continuous 167 miles of open expressway between Nichols and Orange County, NY.

Claude Harmon Jr. of Palm Springs wins the first B. C. Open at En Joie in Endicott. He wins \$2,000.

Friday night TV shows include "High Chapparral," "The Brady Bunch," "Nanny and the Professor," "The Name of the Game," "The Partridge Family," "That Girl," "The Odd Couple," and "Love, American Style."

Movies playing in local theaters include "The Andromeda Strain," "Marooned," "Support Your Local Gunfighter," "Escape from the Planet of the Apes," "The Boatniks," and "The Aristocats."

Top tunes include "It's Too Late/I Feel the Earth Move" by Carole King, "Rainy Days and Mondays" by the Carpenters, "Brown Sugar" by the Rolling Stones, and "It Don't Come Easy" by Ringo Starr.

And 2 pounds of marinated Spiedie meat costs \$1.98.

An Open Letter

to the Apalachin Fire District Taxpayers.

Dear Apalachin Taxpayers,

The year has flown by as we head into June and prepare for a summer that we optimistically get to share safely with our friends and family. At the fire department, things are starting to return to a sense of normalcy as our membership is overwhelmingly vaccinated and we resumed in-person trainings last month. Our volunteers still maintain safety precautions, particularly with patient care, in an effort to remain safe and available to respond to emergency calls.

As shared previously, over the past nine months, the fire department has answered the call for assistance from NYS to provide EMS coverage for the COVID testing site. Most importantly, our dedicated volunteers have still maintained coverage for over 90% of all 911 calls we received this year and over 95% for all first-due 911 calls in our district. That is remarkable achievement given the 100+ hours per week we served at the COVID testing site simultaneously and a testament to our volunteer dedication. Our service at the COVID testing site has also come to an end as we head into June.

It will take some time to wrap up the books, but the Fire District does anticipate a material financial benefit from serving at the COVID site. The commissioners are currently evaluating how we can best benefit the taxpayers with this gain, recognizing that it is a one-time benefit and should not be used to manage recurring operational expenses.

Some additional items of interest, the Fire District is in the process of acquiring the vacant home next to Station 1. This is intended to solve our long-term parking challenges at a much more cost-effective basis than using the rear of the station. We also have declared our old fire engine surplus and intend to use the proceeds of that sale towards our Vehicle Reserve to offset any future tax increases on replacement apparatus.

As we head into summer, we encourage all of you to stay safe, get vaccinated, and enjoy the opportunity to be with friends and family. As always, we are here to serve you and on behalf of the entire Board of Fire Commissioners, we want to thank the dedicated volunteers and staff who have continued to serve you throughout the year and especially in this pandemic. Their selflessness is something we can all be proud of.

If you have any questions or comments, I invite you to reach out at any time and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,
Brian Rieber
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Owego Elks Award Winners



Stephen Gregory, the Exalted Ruler of the Owego Elks Lodge 1039 announced this year's Owego Elks Award Winners at a ceremony at the Owego Elks Lodge.

The 2020-2021 Elk of the Year is **Jane Woody** for her outstanding work chairing both the House and Grant committee and serving as Inner Guard.

Maria Fronck is this year's Officer of the Year for her service as last year's Inner Guard and this year's Lecturing Knight along with the many long hours she has put into work for the Grant Committee seeking donations and grants to fund replacement of the lodge roof.

Lori Jerauld is this year's Citizen of the Year. For the last year, Lori has been working on the Covid floor of a local hospital and the Owego Elks wants to recognize with great pride all she has done for so many people in dire need.

Jim Wieckhorst received the Ray Mullen/1039 Service Award. Jim is always there when the Elks need help, cooking in the kitchen, working on the lawn, or setting up for an event or behind the bar on a Friday night. Jim is a Trustee and on the House Committee. He is just one of those people that is always willing to pitch in and help.

Harry Roger and Diane Gregory both received Grand Lodge Outstanding Service Commendations. Harry stepped up and became the Elks' Leading Knight a couple of years ago when one was unexpectedly needed, and Diane Gregory has served on many committees and has been Lecturing Knight and then Loyal Knight for several years.

The Owego Elks Lodge 1039 congratulates the winners and thanks them for their dedication and service.



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