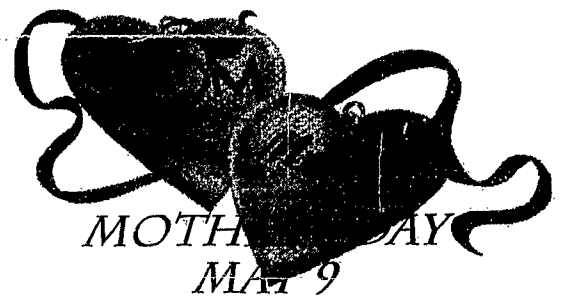


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Open burning alert

The Department of Environmental Conservation is asking all residents of Washington County to voluntarily refrain from any open burning due to the extremely dry weather conditions.

Three towns in northern Washington County - Fort Ann, Dresden and Putnam, require open burning permits issued by a forest ranger. All permits and the issuing of any permits have been suspended until further notice in those three towns. It is mandatory - there is no choice.

In the rest of the county, voluntary cooperation is urgently requested.

Turkey hunters
Turkey hunters should be extremely careful while out hunting. With it so dry, a spark can set off a fire in short order. Smoking is probably the primary concern.

John Solan, NYS Forest Ranger, reported that the dry conditions have

resulted in many brush fires throughout the area.

This past weekend, a 15-acre forest fire raged in the town of White Creek. Fire departments from all the surrounding area were called in to help. They were from Middle Falls, Greenwich, Salem, Easton, Cambridge, White Creek, Shushan, and Arlington and Rupert, Vermont.

Last week, in the town of Argyle, a controlled burn at the Curtis farm endangered a barn on a neighbor's property, when the wind came up, blowing smoke and burning embers to endanger the barn. Help was required to extinguish the controlled burn and it was estimated over one million dollars worth of equipment was at the scene which ties up firefighting resources for the area. Fortunately, there were no other fires at the time.

Volunteer - do not burn anything outdoors until further notice.

Fire unit awarded grant to fight arson

The Washington County Office of the District Attorney, Fire Investigation Unit has received a \$875 grant from Factory Mutual to purchase photographic equipment to aid the unit's six fire investigators with collecting evidence pointing to causes and origins of suspicious fires in the area.

Paul D. Martin, fire investigator, was awarded the funds by Factory Mutual on Monday, May 3, at the Washington County Court House in Fort Edward. Also in attendance were Washington County District Attorney Robert M. Winn and fire investigators Robert Potter, Harold Martell, and Roy Rathbun.

"The equipment will produce quality photos best suited for our purposes," said Martin. "We also have a source of training for the equipment which will go a long way toward helping us get the most out of it."

FM's Arson Fund Grant Program was established in 1976. The program is designed to provide seed money to assist in the development of arson prevention and control programs. Grants are awarded annually to fire departments and related agencies for investigative tools, flammable detectors, training programs, juvenile firesetter programs and much more.

BOCES announces third quarter honor rolls

The Southern Adirondack Education Center, Hudson Falls, has announced its third quarter honor rolls. Honor students must average 88%; high honor students must earn 92% or higher.

Argyle Central school students earning honors at BOCES were Tanya Ann Varney (Cosmetology I) and Melinda Richards (Health Occupations). Argyle's Jamie Martindale (Culinary Arts II) also earned honors.

Earning high honors from Argyle Central were Kristie Chase, Melissa McIntosh and Averi J. Morehouse (New Visions Health Careers Exploration); and Bethany Kelley, Molly McEachron and Jessica Montello (Office and Computer Technology I). Argyle's Jessica Carpenter (Health and Human Services) also achieved high honors status.

Cambridge Central students earning honors were Beccy Robertson (Culinary Arts II) and Jeremy Niles (Manufacturing and Benchmark II).

Earning high honors from Cambridge were Jesse Lorber (Career Exploration Program); Marshall P. Andrew and Randy Bates (Heavy Equipment Operation and Maintenance II); Kailyn Alexander (Nurse Assisting); and Jessica Hallock (Office and Computer Technology I).

Greenwich Central students earning honors were Nicole Sloan (Cosmetology II), Holly Nessel (Culinary Arts I), and

Jessica L. Perkins (Office and Computer Technology II).

Bailey Perkins of Greenwich earned high honors in New Visions Health Careers Exploration.

Patricia Curtis of Salem Central earned honors in Cosmetology I. High honors students from Salem were Brooks Dawson (Conservation II); Cindy Gorman (Horticulture/Landscaping I); and Jessica L. Kramer and Jessica Rogers (Horticulture/Landscaping II).

Robert Russell (Culinary Arts II), Michael Kaiser (Groundskeeping and Equipment Maintenance I), and Krystal Keefer (Office and Computer Technology II) were Schuylerville students earning honor roll status.

Ariel Wander (New Visions Health Careers Exploration) was a Schuylerville student achieving the high honor roll.

Named to the honor roll for an adult program was Shushan's Holly M. Heuser (Machine Tool Technology I). A high honor adult student was Lisa Holmes of Greenwich (Culinary Arts I).

Nursing honors
Darlene Hildebrandt of Argyle was named to the honor roll in the practical nursing program at BOCES.

High honors in practical nursing went to Cassandra Glacy of Argyle and Kelly Moore of Greenwich.

Burglary charged

According to the Washington County Sheriff's office, two Hartford men were arrested and charged with Burglary 3rd degree.

The arrests stem from an April 14 break-in of the Hartford Central School during which \$400 was taken.

Arrested were Steven Mitchell 18, and Davy Arlo Anderson, 17.

They were arraigned before Kingsbury Town Justice, Michael Feeder. Mitchell was remanded to the Washington County jail in lieu of \$2500 bail. Anderson was released to the Alternative Sentencing program.

The incident was investigated by Investigator David Pollock and Deputy Donald Jett of the Washington County Sheriff's Department.

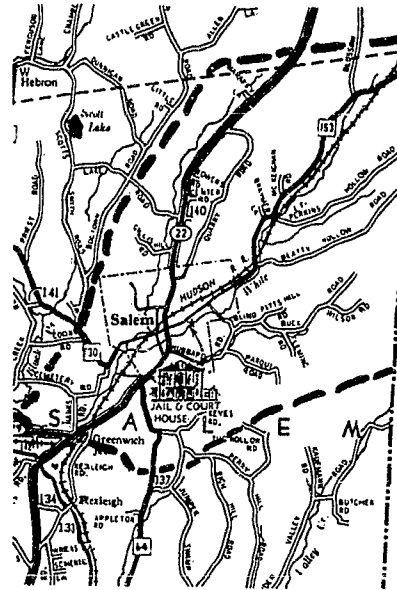
Conservation funds available in White Creek Watershed

Farm applications for federal funds through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) will be officially taken for the White Creek Watershed in the Town of Salem from April 1 to May 31.

EQIP was established in the 1996 Farm Bill to address significant agricultural natural resource problems. It is designed to "maximize the overall environmental benefit per dollar expended by the program". EQIP provides financial, educational and technical assistance to eligible farmers on a voluntary basis. Conservation practices that are determined to be beneficial to the overall protection of the watershed may be eligible for cost of sharing of up to the 75 percent rate.

Through the work of a local Working Group, a priority watershed area in Washington County was targeted. This area begins at the mouth of the White Creek where it meets Black Creek in the southwest corner of the town. The watershed boundaries are shown on the adjacent map. Agricultural producers within the geographic boundary are eligible to apply for the program.

Washington County will receive \$74,200 in fiscal year 1999. This financial assistance will be provided to



eligible dairy farmers and agricultural producers.

Farmers in the watershed should contact the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service in Greenwich to apply for the program.

Also, please know that the USDA Farm Bill programs such as Wetland Reserve, Conservation Reserve, Forestry Incentive Program and Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program are now being offered countywide.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, by an act of Congress and a Proclamation of the President of the United States, the week of May 9-15 has been designated as National Historic Preservation Week, and

WHEREAS, Washington County is fortunate to have a wealth of historic resources still remaining, several of which are on the National Register of Historic Places, and

WHEREAS, this Board of Supervisors has demonstrated a deep concern for the preservation of the County's historic resources by publishing "An Introduction to Historic Resources in Washington County, New York", by appointing an Advisory Council on Historic Preservation and by maintaining and preserving the covered bridges remaining in the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter J. Telisky, Chairman of the Washington County Board of Supervisors, hereby declare May 9-15, 1999 as Historic Preservation Week in Washington County and urge the citizens of this County to maintain the tradition of preserving our heritage.

Peter J. Telisky, Chairman
Washington County Board of Supervisors

Dated: April 16, 1999

Harassment charged

A seventeen year old Greenwich youth was arrested on April 28 for harassment.

It is alleged that the youth threatened a male teacher that he would shoot everyone and bomb the BOCES school located on Dix Avenue in Kingsbury.

He was arraigned in front of Judge Michael Feeder, Kingsbury town justice and committed to the Salem jail in lieu of \$1000 cash or \$3000 bond.

The investigation was handled by Investigators David Pollock and Terry Allen of the Washington County Sheriff's Department.

Welfare fraud

Diane M. Ackley, 43, of Hudson Falls, was arrested on April 29 for one count of Welfare Fraud, 4th degree, a Class E Felony. It is alleged that she received food stamps over a two year period and failed to report her income.

She was arraigned in front of Judge Malvuccio, Justice in the Town of Fort Edward. She was remanded to the Washington County Jail in lieu of \$2500 cash or \$5000 bond.

The investigation was conducted by Investigator Pollock of the Washington County Sheriff's Department and Kathryn Binck of the Washington County Department of Social Services.

May Fest at BOCES

The Southern Adirondack Education Center is holding a May Fest and Community Awareness Day on Saturday, May 15. They will be hosting the Red Cross Bike-a-Thon as well.

The events will get underway at 9 a.m. at the Center on Dix Avenue in Hudson Falls and continue until 4 p.m. There will be numerous activities for all ages.

The Culinary Arts program is coordinating the Bike-a-Thon to benefit the Red Cross. It will be either a 25 mile or a 50 mile ride, beginning and ending at SAEC. The students will provide a post-ride barbecue and party.

From 1 - 3 p.m. WCKM will broadcast live from the center.

Energy services offers aid

Energy services of the Washington County EOC can assist Washington County residents who qualify, who are having trouble with high heating bills, need insulation installed and/or furnaces checked. Contact the services at 383 Broadway in Fort Edward.

WEATHER

It would seem that the dry spell may be broken. Monday night and Tuesday brought rain to the area. Outside burning should not yet be resumed and thoughts of conserving water should be on everyone's mind.

Temperatures and conditions for the past week follow:

Date	Conditions	High	Low
28	Sunny	60	33
29	Sunny	63	30
30	Sunny	69	35
	May		
1	Sunny	78	38
2	Sunny & warm	78	40
3	Filtered sunshine	75	44
4	Rain overnight & most of day	68	42



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Spring has sprung



Photo by Tony Basile

This April foal frolics in a Greenwich pasture as the world turns green around him. The Appaloosa foal is the pride and joy of a lucky young girl who wishes to keep her name and the location of her foal confidential.

Cartoon Appreciation Week

Local cartoonist Paul Fung has informed us that the National Cartoonists Society is urging all fun-loving people to enjoy Cartoon Appreciation Week (May 3-9) and to remember especially Cartoonists Day, May 5.

Cartoonists Day commemorates the May 5, 1895, debut of Richard Felton Outcault's *Hogan's Alley*, in the *New York Sunday World*. This instantly popular art form featured a large cartoon panel with amusing actions, worded captions, and an easily identifiable, recurring main character, known as the "Yellow Kid." Outcault went on to create *Buster Brown*, a genuine modern comic strip featuring a naughty central character and dialogue enclosed within word balloons.

"Cartoon Appreciation Week offers a chance for cartoonists throughout the industry to be recognized locally and nationally for the positive influence and laughs they have provided for so many years in films, books, newspapers, magazines, and other commercial art," explains Ken Alvine, cartoonist, publisher, and educator.

Additionally, during Cartoon Appreciation Week, May 9 marks the anniversary of the first American newspaper editorial cartoon.

MAY 5TH IS CARTOONISTS DAY AND BLONDIE WILL READ THE COMICS TO ME AS SHE DOES EVERY DAY!



Shamanic journeying at wildlife sanctuary



Emery Vaillant will offer "An Introduction to Shamanic Journeying" at the Diondehohwa Wildlife Sanctuary and School in Shushan on Sunday, May 9, from 1 - 5 p.m. He will explore the universal use of the drum in early cultures to access nonordinary reality. Building on the discovery of anthropologists that shamans around the world used repetitive sound to alter consciousness and engage in healing and "seeing", this workshop will introduce participants to the technique of shamanic journeying.

The word "shaman" means "one who sees in the dark". While the word is specific to the Tungus people of Siberia, its meaning is as wide as humanity.

The gift of journeying was highly regarded among tribal peoples who knew from experience that hidden worlds often hold answers to life's quandaries.

Emery Vaillant is a lifelong student of shamanism who has studied with Michael Harner and Sandra Ingerman. He has a healing practice in White Creek primarily focusing on the spirits of nature as reached through sweat lodge, vision quest, journeying, sculpting water-worked wood, and woodland solitude.

It is recommended that those attending the May 9 workshop bring a blanket to lie on, a kerchief to cover eyes and, if available, a drum.

On Sunday, May 16, from 1-5 p.m., Tracey Besmark will present "The Soul's Healing Voice" designed to guide participants back into harmony with their own innate ability to freely express their soul's song and voice.

Tracey Besmark has been doing shamanic healing for seven years. She is a graduate of the Foundation for Shamanic Studies' Three-Year Program taught by Michael Harner. Tracey, with her partner Emery Vaillant, teaches about core shamanism and conducts healing sessions using soul retrieval, extraction healing and other techniques. Soul voice retrieval is her specialty.

It is recommended that those attending bring a blanket or back support, a drum or rattle if available, an eye-covering and a pen with notebook. Experience with journeying is a prerequisite for this workshop, which can be fulfilled by attending the May 9 workshop.

Other workshops in early May at DWS&S include the "Deep Ecology Walk" Saturday, May 8, 1-5 p.m., when a sanctuary guide will lead a small group around the grounds listening to rocks, finding plant allies and just being still on the land.

May 12, "Expanded Reiki" will resume from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. For students of Reiki at all levels, the series will cover supplemental and combined methods developed by Bonnie Hoag in her ten years of working with the ancient healing technique.