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## Castleton Citizen Party slates caucus Feb. 13

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The Village of Castleton Citizen Party will hold its annual caucus on Wednesday evening Feb. 13, at 8 p.m. The caucus, called by chairpersons Glenn Carrings and Seth Honeyman, will nominate candidates for the March 18 village elections. Nominations will be taken for candidates for Village Mayor for a two year term, that seat now held by Donald C. Justus, and two trustees seats for two years, places presently held by Village Trustees Don U. Guarino and William C. Barnhart.

Mayor Justus and Trustee Guarino have both announced they will seek re-election. Trustee William Barnhart announced he will step down when his term ends this year. Mr. Barnhart was elected to his position two years ago.

Plans for a recruiting drive for the Castleton-Schodack "FISH" program to add volunteer drivers and to explore supplementary means of aiding the elderly, handicapped and needy who do not drive to reach doctors offices, clinics, social service and other government offices, were subjects of a meeting of community leaders and county and town officials in Schodack recently.

Kitty Murphy, FISH chairman, said plans for the drive, in conjunction with service clubs and other organizations will be completed soon. FISH, which has been averaging some 190 trips a year by volunteers who drive their own cars, is down to four regular drivers and will be out of business within a few months unless more drivers are enlisted, she said.

Castleton FISH, which at one time operated with the now defunct East Greenbush FISH, was organized in 1972 and is a volunteer group sponsored by the Cooperative Christian Ministries of Schodack. It has its own telephone coordination center at 732-4120, which is operated by a full time volunteer, Mrs. Ada Snow.

Representatives of Castleton Kiwanis Club, Gilbert Rogers, Wayne Distin and Michael Corey, offered to ask their club to conduct a telephone canvass to recruit drivers. Other community clubs and groups will be asked to canvass their memberships for new drivers, Mrs. Murphy said.

Rensselaer County officials and Schodack Supervisor G. Jeffrey Haber offered suggestions for other means to ease the FISH workload, which last year involved 199 trips. County Legislator Stephen Markell and Haber said the county is looking for a building to rent for a satellite county office, which would eliminate some of the present FISH trips to county offices in Troy. Markell said he hopes to open the offices this year.

Haber urged county officials to bring a worker to the Schodack Town Hall one day a week, such as done with motor vehicle licensing to process medicare and medicare applications, one of the causes of FISH trips to Troy.

Douglas La Rocque, assistant for Citizen Affairs for the county executive, said he would follow this up and investigate the possibility of a federal grant to help with local purchase of a van for trips such as FISH makes. La Rocque suggested that FISH officials contact the County Department of the Aging to see if their transportation facilities could help in some FISH cases.

Karen Messier, supervisor in the Rensselaer County Department of Social Services, said she would provide FISH with an outline of services and procedures for using the two paid transporters which are available on a priority basis to transport residents with "serious illnesses" to doctor's offices and the like. She said there is a shortage of such transportation because a lack of nursing home and similar accommodations left many ill persons at home, yet in need of clinic or hospital visits for

regular treatment. Others attending the meeting held at the Emmanuel Reformed Church in Schodack were the Rev. Glenn Van Ort of the Emmanuel Reformed Church, the Rev. Daniel Nagle of the Trinity Lutheran Church of Castleton and President of the Castleton Citizens' Christian Ministries, the Rev. Ashley Calhoun of St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Castleton. Harry Frank, president and Gary Ziegler, squad captain for the Castleton Ambulance Service, Jay Milstein, social worker for the Schodack Central School District, Mrs. Marion Hempstead, representative for the Castleton senior citizens, Mrs. Ruth Sheehy representing St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Mrs. Jean Smith, president of the Castleton Schodack Jaynees and Mrs. Ada Snow and Paul Vadnais, both local FISH volunteers.

### Belardo to speak at GOP Club

Schodack Police Chief John Belardo will be guest speaker this Thursday evening, Feb. 7, at the regular monthly meeting of the Schodack Republican Club at the Cordial Greens-Country Club, at 8 p.m. The chief will speak to members and friends of the club on "home burglary prevention." The program will include a slide presentation as well as examples of different

### Scout Troop 253 sets paper drive Saturday

South Schodack Boy Scout Troop 253 will hold its next newspaper drive Saturday, Feb. 9. Scout members of the troop will be knocking on doors around the South Schodack area for the collection of old newspapers to be delivered to the Fort Orange Paper Company for recycling. The last newspaper drive held last Dec. 8, collected some four tons.

Show slated. The annual Scout Show, sponsored by the Governor Clinton Boy Scout Council will be held on Saturday, March 15 at the Empire State Plaza between 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. The show theme this year will be "Scouting: The Better Life." Tickets for the show are \$1 each and are now available from members of Troop 253.

The South Schodack troop held the annual "Freeze Out" in the middle of January for three days at Camp Rotary near Poestenkill. Twenty boys participated in the outing in a log cabin, practicing meal preparation, knot tying, food preparation, knot

### Arts council schedules concert for Feb. 10th

The Schodack Central Council on the Arts will present the fourth concert in this year's series at 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 10, at the Emmanuel Reformed Church on Maple Hill Road in Castleton. Featured will be pianist Findlay Cockrell, a member of the faculty at SUNY at Albany. Mr. Cockrell, originally from California, attended Harvard College and Juillard School of Music. He is a frequent soloist

with the Albany Symphony. His program features selections by Mendelssohn, Scott Joplin, Mozart, Chopin, George Gershwin and Shostakovich. Ticket prices are \$3. Students will be admitted free. Senior citizens pay \$2.50. Refreshments will be served after the concert. For more information, call 732-2031.

### Jaynees preparing variety show

The Castleton-Schodack Jaynees will hold their Ninth Annual Variety Show to benefit the Schodack Central School District Friday, March 14 at Maple Hill High School at 7:30 p.m.

Additions for district students will be held at the Castleton Elementary School Tuesday, Feb. 12 for grades K to three; Monday, Feb. 11 at the Maple Hill Elementary School for students from grades four to seven at 12:30 p.m. and for students in grades 8 to 12 at 2:30 p.m.

Students will be judged on quality of performance, interpretation, stage presence and talent development in relation to age and grade with emphasis on originality.

### Yoga class begins Tuesday

The Schodack Central Council on the Arts will sponsor a Yoga class taught by Joan Haggerty at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Castleton. Those interested will be able

to choose from two classes the first from 10:30 a.m. to noon and the second from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The fee for the classes is \$10. Interested persons can register by calling Mrs. Joan Haggerty at 732-2175. The classes begin on Tuesday evening, Feb. 12.

### Christine House presented with majorette prize

Christine House of Castleton was chosen as the "World's Most Beautiful Majorette" for the East Pette Division during a competition held in Kingston.

Christine is 13 years old and attends Maple Hill High School where she is an eighth grade student. Miss House of Maple Hill Road, will hold that title for one year.

Miss House was presented a four foot high trophy, a colonial bouquet and a rhinestone tiara. She is a member of the Trojan High Steppers, directed by Alta Reynolds of Troy. During the competition, Miss House modeled a pink gown and military outfit.

### Band parents plan Valentine dinner/dance

The Maple Hill High School Band Parents Association will sponsor a Valentine's Day dinner/dance at the high school Saturday evening, Feb. 9, at 8 p.m. Tickets for the event are \$6.50 and include a buffet dinner and music.

Tickets are available from school stage band members or from Barbara Foote and Elizabeth Powhida, ticket co-chairpersons.

Handling other arrangements for the dance are Pete Paulding, kitchen organization, Kitty Murphy, publicity, Lois Tuohy, decorations, Cheryl Secur, telephone committee, and Mrs. Tuohy, cook. Stage band members will handle serving and clean up, and assist Mrs. Tuohy.

### MH students participate in Olympic relay

Eight Schodack students took part in the Olympic Torch relay through the area yesterday. Mary Alice Herran, and Christine Hill, 10th graders, Steven Blaisdell, 11th grade, and Thomas Kevosky, 12th grade, all of Maple Hill High School, ran a total of about four miles with the Olympic Torch relay. Volunteers from the community who also accompanied the runners are Hamilton Davis, Walter McCuskey, Linda Mathier and Peter Becker.

Giving speeches at the relay ceremony were Aimee Beth Luskinger, a third grader at Castleton Elementary School; Kathy Forrest, a seventh grader at Maple Hill Elementary School; Denise Hilyard, a 12th grader at Maple Hill High School; and Jyrki Maki, an exchange student from Finland now at Maple Hill High School.

The Maple Hill High School wind ensemble, the Maple Hill Elementary School band and the Castleton Elementary School third grade chorus performed at the ceremony.



MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY FINANCE COMMITTEE. Standing in front with Assemblyman C.D. "Larry" Lane, third from left, are, from left, Neil Howard, Superintendent, Hudson Public Schools; Seraphino De Lavia, Superintendent, Catskills-Athens Central School; John E. Sackett, District Superintendent, Rensselaer-Columbia; James J. Costigan, Superintendent, Chatham Central School; and John B. Cole, Superintendent, Germantown Central School. School operations and financing were discussed.

## County finance committee recommends 34 new posts

Virtually all of a \$200,000 contingency fund set aside in the 1980 Columbia County budget to absorb positions formerly provided through the Comprehensive Employment Training Act (CETA) or other programs will be used to create 34 county positions if the recommendations of the Board of Supervisors Finance Committee are accepted.

The committee last week manipulated personnel requests and potential reimbursement sources to stretch available money and cover nearly all current staff requests.

The special contingency fund was set up in 1979 to give the supervisors time to study in depth the impact of the requests. Expiring CETA grants and changing CETA regulations were responsible for a significant number of personnel requests made during the budgeting process last year.

The committee recommended hiring five social service workers at \$9,589 each, with 75 per cent of that returned in state aid, for a total cost to the county of \$9,589. Also recommended was a \$9,589 food stamp welfare examiner, reimbursed at 100 per cent, and an \$11,857 welfare management system coordinator to handle mandated computer programs.

The position is 100 per cent reimbursable for the first three years. Also recommended was a \$14,744 program coordinator in mental health, a position which is 100 per cent reimbursable and which could increase the county's other mental health reimbursement.

A stenographic secretary at \$9,930, with half coming back from state and federal aid, was approved, as well for the county mental health program.

Also recommended was a \$12,198 landfill foreman, a \$13,000 purchasing agent, a \$10,437 and two \$9,733 maintenance men, for a total request of \$55,491 or \$33,170 when allowances are made for individuals already working at lower grades salaries or whose hiring could be delayed.

Recommended for approval were three jailers at \$10,486 each, a \$9,274 stenographer for the sheriff, two \$13,012 investigators which will also be used for the district attorney's investigators and those of the Dept. of Social Services, a move which cuts four job requests to two. Also recommended were a financial investigator and probation of-

## Falls home destroyed by flames

A chimney fire that spread to the partitions destroyed the John Werkman residence at 116 2nd and Gypsy Rock Rd. Stuyvesant Falls last week Wednesday, according to Columbia County Fire Control. Mr. Werkman and his two sons were forced to flee their home and were given temporary housing with neighbors. The two-story building, with an attic above it, was fully involved in flames when the first firefighting crews responded at 10:27 p.m. last week Wednesday. The last crew did not return to service until 3:30 a.m. Thursday. Responding were companies from Stuyvesant Falls, Kinderhook, West Green, Stockport, Stuyvesant, Tri-Village, Chatham Centre and Schodack Landing. Valite relocated its equipment to Kinderhook, South Schodack relocated to Stuyvesant and Stillville stood by in quarters. No injuries were reported.

## Harassment charge logged

John Wasowicz, 24, of Stockport, was charged with harassment on the complaint of his father Monday according to State Police at New Lebanon. The younger Wasowicz was released on his own recognizance pending a later court appearance.

A printer in the planning office at \$4,977 to cover him when CETA runs out, was recommended, and a stenographer in the Planning Dept. was recommended for upgrading to senior stenographer -- from \$8,272 to \$9,930. Eighty per cent of the expense is reimbursable.

Action on a request to upgrade a secretary to the public defender to his confidential secretary until the legal ramifications of that are cleared up. Deferred as well was a \$1,500 raise for County Clerk Donald Tkacy because of legal questions on the bookkeeping transfers proposed to cover the costs.

The total drain on the contingency fund for new positions is about \$145,000 but fringe benefits could bring the total close to the \$200,000 originally set aside for new positions. Canaan Supervisor Richard Klingler also said that a nurse may be requested in the health department.

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## Police answer gun complaint

Police responded at 6:30 p.m. Saturday to a complaint from Tammy Laurange of High St., Chatham, that Garth A. Poole of Hudson Ave. was chasing or threatening her with a .22-calibre gun.

A dismantled shotgun was found in Poole's possession, police said. No charges were filed.

Chatham Patrolman L.G. Ingham, Columbia County Deputy Sheriff Richard Hawks, State Police Sgt. G.W. Creedon and Trooper D.E. Flynn responded to the complaint.

## Devoe birders planning whale-watching cruise

Cost for the three to four hour cruise on the Dolphin III out of Provincetown is \$10 per adult, and \$7 for children up to age 14. The Dolphin III will head out to sea at 6 a.m., with sightings predicted for Humpback whales and dolphins and possible for Finback and Right whales.

To make reservations, contact Joan or Peter Mattson, Hillsdale, 325-7281, by Feb. 10.

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