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Community Food Pantry receives donation from corrections officers

By Antonio D'Arcangelis

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The New York State Corrections and Police Benevolent Association (NYSCOPBA) at Greene Correctional Facility presented the Community Food Pantry with non-perishable items and a check for \$1,000 Friday at the First Reformed Church in West Coxsackie.

The NYSCOPBA holiday drive benefited from a supportive community effort, collecting hundreds of donations outside Grand Union in Hope Plaza.

"We want to express thanks to the community," NYSCOPBA member Ken Mannion said. "Peo-

ple donated canned goods, but also donated cash."

Food Pantry director Charlotte Carter echoed Mannion's positive remarks about support from the local community.

"The community is just incredible," Carter said.

She added that through the regional food bank in Latham, the value in food items could triple or even quadruple the funds donated by NYSCOPBA.

Carter said that the Coxsackie-Athens Rotary has also helped by making trips to Latham and stocking up the local pantry, which is located in the lower level of the First Reformed Church on Mansion

Street.

The food pantry has also benefited recently from Post Office drives in the Coxsackie, Earlton, New Baltimore, Climax, and Hannacroix Post. The food pantry serves all of these districts.

Representatives of NYSCOPBA, which began involvement with the food pantry in December, have announced that the drive will become a yearly project. NYSCOPBA is a relatively new union seeking to establish itself as a supportive community organization.

"Since we are now a presence,

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NYSCOPBA members John Oliver, Pete Adams, Tom Fattorusso, and Ken Mannion stand with food pantry director Charlotte Carter. The Community Food Pantry received a \$1,000 check and food items from the Greene Correctional Chapter of NYSCOPBA.

Rudy the 'SMART' Fox



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Bethany Village tenant Ruth Pascor poses with Rudy the "SMART" Fox during a dinner hosted by members of the local chapter of New York State Correctional Officers and Police Benevolent Association.

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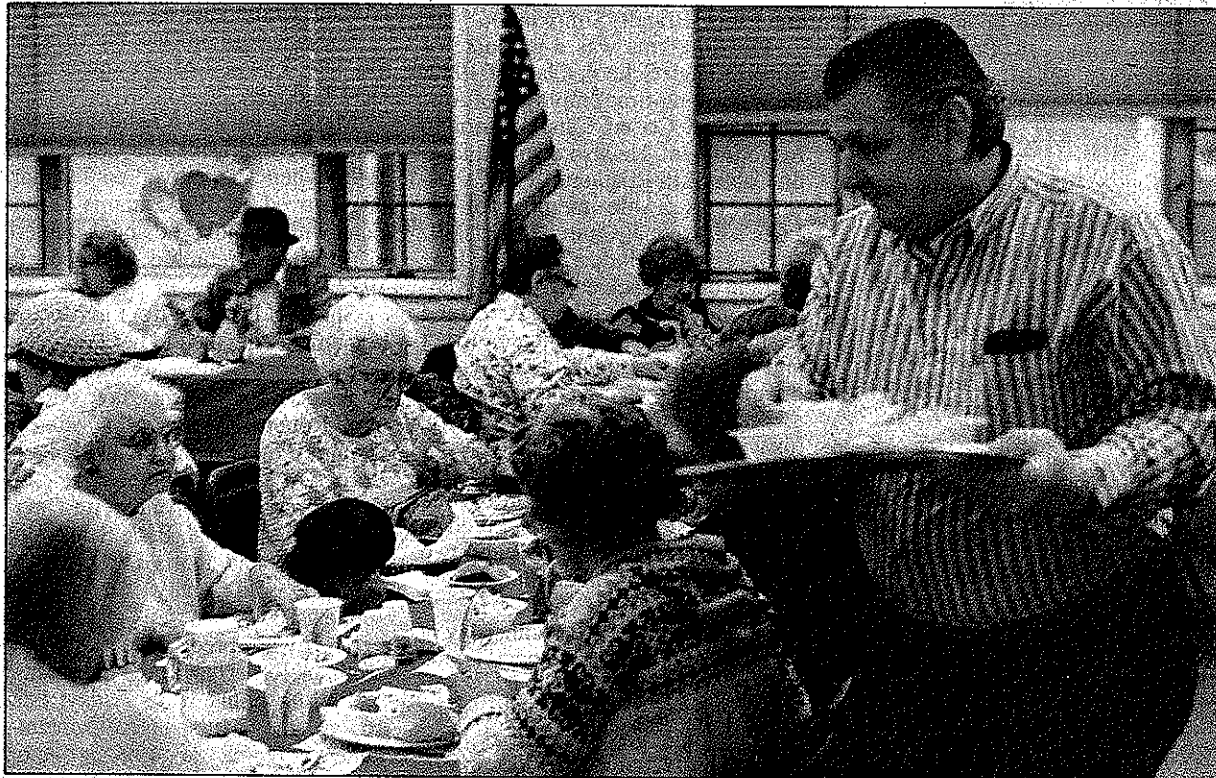
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A volunteer serves a group of seniors that live in the Bethany Village senior housing development in Coxsackie last Thursday. Members of the local chapter of New York State Correctional Officers and Police Benevolent Association hosted a turkey dinner for the tenants, handing out door prizes and putting smiles on the faces of the 85 guests.

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Correctional officers host dinner for Bethany Village tenants

By Antonio D'Arcangelis

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Members of the New York State Correctional Officers and Police Benevolent Association hosted a turkey dinner at the Bethany Village last Thursday, providing about 100 free meals to tenants of the senior citizen housing development.

Guests were served large helpings of mashed potatoes, corn, stuffing, green beans, and turkey breast with gravy, bringing smiles to the faces of all those who attended.

Union Chief Sector Steward Tommy Killeen, who coordinates the efforts Greene and Coxsackie Correctional Officers with administration, organized the event with the help of many officers and sergeants, including Kenneth Mannion, Tom Fattorusso, John Oliver,

Joe Scott, John Halverson, Tom Freese, Deb Woods, Jane Farquar and Richie Polec.

"We'd like to thank them for this," said Pat McCarroll, office manager of Bethany Village. "The dinner was delicious."

McCarroll said NYSCOPBA is planning more activities at the senior housing development.

"They have adopted Bethany Village," McCarroll added.

Along with cooking the seniors a hearty meal, NYSCOPBA gave out dozens of door prizes and provided music for the tenants.

Numbered tickets were distributed to the tenants, who started arriving at 3:30 p.m. in anticipation of the 5:00 p.m. dinner.

The dinner and prize drawings were held in the complex's community room, which houses a full

kitchen and lounge.

"A lot of local businesses donated stuff," Mannion said of the prizes, which included phones, an AM/FM cassette player, flashlights, gift certificates to local restaurants, flower arrangements, and chocolates.

Many corrections officers brought their families to help, and children got a chance to enjoy a special guest appearance by Rudy "the SMART Fox," who is the mascot of a children's safety program.

"It works all the way around," said Halverson, who emceed the event and announced the winners of the door prizes.

NYSCOPBA, a relatively new union seeking to establish itself as a supportive community organiza-

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February 17, 2001

Greene Correctional Facility
Box 8
Coxsackie, New York 12051

Attention: Tom Killeen

Dear Mr. Killeen:

The residents and the staff at Bethany Village would like to thank you and the officers at Greene Correctional for the most memorable evening, Thursday, February 15th.

The meal that you served was outstanding, and the friendship that you shared with us made the residents very happy.

What a pleasure it is know that there are very special people like you that take the time and effort to reach out and touch the lives of our senior community.

Please extend our sincere appreciation to all the individuals who took part in this special event.

Sincerely,

Patricia M. McCarroll Jim Hines

Patricia M. McCarroll
Office Manager

Jim Hines
Superintendent

Letters to the editor

Corrections officers earn thanks for turkey dinner

To the Editor:

The staff at Bethany Village would like to thank New York Correctional Officers & Police Benevolent Association (NYSCOPBA) On Feb. 15, 2001, they invited all the tenants and staff to a turkey dinner. The officers served all the food and waited on all the tables. They were polite and funny. They also served complete dinners to all the tenants that were not able to join the fun in the hall. The officers had Rudy the Chipmunk walking around wagging his tail, also gave away door prizes donated by local businesses. It was a good time for all. Bethany Village in Coxsackie has come a long way since opening its doors in 1978. Bethany Village scored a 96, with a 98.2 over all in its latest HUD inspection and received a plaque from former HUD Secretary Andrew Cuomo which is proudly hung in the main hall. We are always working hard to keep Bethany Village safe, clean and convenient for all of our seniors. We have many functions through the year, however, we could not do it all without the support of groups such as NYSCOPBA. Again, our thanks and hope to see you again in the future.

Jim Hines
Superintendent
Pat McCarroll
Office Manager
W. Coxsackie

Businesses draw thanks for support of PTO

To the Editor:
The Edward J. Arthur Parent-

Teacher Organization hosts many different events throughout the school year. These events continue to be successful because of the generosity of so many of our local businesses. Without these people and their support many of our programs would never get off the ground. I am grateful to you for the opportunity to thank the following area businesses publicly: The Stewarts Shoppe of Athens, the Bagel Shack, Gerards Cafe, Bonfare, T.J.'s Pizza, Video Plus, Carter's Country Farm and Ice Cream Stand, Cumberland Farms, Joey's Pizza in Catskill and Ravena, E.A. Morse & Company of Hudson, Price Chopper in Catskill, the Whole Donut Shop, Dunkin Donuts, the Freihofer Company, Coxsackie's Family Dollar Store and the Albany Colonie Diamond Dogs. The smiles on our children's faces at each event is evidence of just how important and appreciated their support is. To all the members of our community who support the PTO and its efforts, we thank you.

Janet Reilly
President
E.J. Arthur PTO

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ATT: Tom Killeen,

Your providing such a wonderful evening for us here at "Bethany Village" was the greatest!

You won my heart in the first minute. I am addicted to coffee and I no sooner sat down and there you were with the coffee pot.

In addition to the scrumptious meal so expertly served by males (how often does that happen) was the wonderful atmosphere created by your enthusiasm.

I felt you all enjoyed it as much as we did making the evening one that will long be remembered.

Thank you,
Barbara Gray

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Mannion and Griffin win trustee spots in village election

By Antonio D'Arcangelis
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Voters in the village Tuesday elected incumbent Democrat Gerald Griffin Jr. to a third term and newcomer Kenneth Mannion, a Republican, to his first term on the village board.

Incumbent Republican Robert Malloy lost his bid for a fourth consecutive term.

Mannion led the trio with 329 votes, Griffin tallied 323 votes, and Malloy finished with 222 votes. The

A special supplement to the Hudson Valley Newspapers is included in today's Greene County News. The four-part insert, titled "Momentum 2001," calls attention to positive developments and progressive events that have occurred in Greene County during the last 12 months.

results are unofficial until they are certified by the Greene County Board of Elections.

There are 28 absentee ballots that have yet to be counted, although they will not affect the outcome of the election, according to Democratic county Elections Commissioner Thomas Burke.

Democratic Mayor Henry Rausch ran unopposed and received 383 votes.

"I think the election showed that the village is happy with the way the Rausch administration is making progress in all areas," Burke said immediately after getting the results.

Burke said Rausch's vision for progress is coming to fruition and people appreciate the accomplishments of the Village Board.

Coxsackie Republican Party Committee Chairman Brent Bogardus was disappointed with the voter turnout, but was pleased with Mannion leading the ticket and garnering the most votes.

Bogardus said the committee is

disappointed more people didn't participate in the election, noting "a lot of unknowns" affecting the turnout. He also said they were certainly disappointed that Malloy didn't earn another term on the board.

Bogardus acknowledged that he is equally confident in the job that Mannion can do on the Village Board and congratulated all the winners.

"We think he's going to be an outstanding trustee," Bogardus said of Mannion.

Bogardus said the village has not been plagued by partisan bickering, and that both Mannion and Griffin, whom he described as a "good trustee," should continue the bipartisanship that is important to local government.

Mannion, a 17-year corrections officer currently working at Greene Correctional Facility, pledged in his campaign to practice fiscal responsibility by working to stabilize taxes and control debt.

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Victoria Connolly, far right, and Tess Ames help Bob and Nina Irwin sign in before voting on Tuesday.

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Mannion moved to Coxsackie in 1984. He has an Associates Degree in Business from the Junior College of Albany and a Bachelor's Degree in Business from Plattsburgh State University.

"I'm looking forward to getting started," Mannion said, vowing to

"get up to speed on things and find out what stage things are at" on village projects.

Griffin, who manages Bonfare on Mansion Street in West Coxsackie, has a background in accounting and business administration. He has lived in Coxsackie for the last seven years,

and periodically for the past 10 years.

Griffin and Rausch said restoring the rescue squad to where it once was is the top priority of their campaigns. Rausch hopes to have the new squad building completed sometime in June, with a deadline set for July 1.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A political atmosphere of nastiness and hate

To the Editor:

I made every effort to stay out of the nasty fray otherwise referred to as the Republican Town Caucus scheduled for Aug. 22 to select candidates for the town election. However, recent letters sent to enrolled Republicans and continued political lies and innuendo have left me no choice other than to speak out.

Several local citizens have called or sought me out in the community asking what is going on and what should they do. The situation is not only confusing, but also intimidating to those who don't understand the candidate selection process or why it is so mean-spirited.

The unfortunate thing is that good people on both sides have been dragged into a battle that in many ways has been created by a few people who simply spread nastiness and hate, which I have personally experienced. I feel compelled to say exactly what I think about those spreading hate throughout our community, thus creating a political atmosphere counterproductive to good government.

Each side has a leader that serves as the chief strategist and venom producer. Ed Dalland serves as the Chief Venom Producer for the old guard. He is best known for spending the last four years on the town board doing everything he could do to undercut the town supervisor and implement self-serving policy. The ever-nasty and mean-spirited Larry Connolly guides the other side. Chief Venom Producer Connolly seems to be in the middle of every political fight the Republican Party has had over the last 10 years and leads a group of insurgents and community malcontents.

The bottom line is that as long as both these venom producers are in positions to lead people and influence Republican Party politics, the party will continue to decline and our local government will fail to represent the best interests of our citizens. A successful caucus would result in both of these individuals packing their bags and going home, never to be heard from again in the local political scene and the selection of independent, community-minded individuals as candidates.

In closing, I must share a little insight in the real purpose of the town caucus this week, to select candidates

strated a commitment to what is best for this community and has conducted his public duties with honesty and integrity. He has earned the opportunity to seek re-election and with town board candidates and other town officials that will work with him, not against, for Coxsackie's best interest. Please support John Flach at the Republican caucus this week and give him a slate of candidates that will focus on working together, not listening to their venom-producing leader.

Alexander 'Sandy' Mathes
Coxsackie

* Thanks for a special Family Day

To the Editor:

Thursday, August 9th, was a Special Day at Bethany Village. A Family Day was held in honor of the residents and their families. The purpose of this day is having the residents and their families come together to enjoy a day of fun and friendship.

Despite the 97 degree temperature, there were approximately 350 adults and children who attended this event. The day included a dunking booth, a visit by Freckles the Clown with face painting, karaoke with Jeff, a dessert bake off with 11 entries, first prize went to Edith Jareb, second place to Mary Filkins, and third place to Jean Stevens. The contest judges were Art Loomis, property manager of Bethany Village, and his daughter Katherine, and Tom Frese of Frese's Catering Service who catered the food which was served from 3 to 7 p.m.

There was a King and Queen of Family Day who were chosen by the residents, King Vincent Vazac and Queen Jean Stevens. An awards ceremony where certificates of appreciation were given to our residents who volunteer their time and talents at Bethany Village. Music was provided by Paul Slusar, and door prizes were given throughout the day.

We want to thank the merchants and individuals who donated door prizes for our special day. Donations were received from Bethany Village Tenants Association, Helen Rieck, Ruth Pastor, Mike & Barbara Votta, National Bank of Coxsackie, Richards Funeral Home, Red's Restaurant, The Bank of Greene County, Bonfare, T.J.'s Pizza and Pasta, Nancy's Luncheonette, Paul's

us the opportunity to have this special event, Rev. Allan Conover of the First Reformed Church for the use of their parking lot, the Coxsackie Athens School District for the loan of chairs, Coxsackie Hose Co. #3 for tables, Tom Sopris for the loan of a basketball hoop, Dr. David Jenkins for the loan of his tent, and members of NYSCOPBA for volunteering.

We also appreciate the help from Todd Deyo. We thank Fire Chief Donald Daoust of the Coxsackie Fire Department who presented a plaque to the residents for their participation in a 6 month series of fire drills which was performed by the Coxsackie Fire Department.

Thank you for helping make this a very memorable day. A special thank you to our residents because this would not be possible without your support.

Patricia McCarroll, Jim Hines,
Doug Stevens, and Jeff Young
Coxsackie

Assistance appreciated for Coxsackie 5K

To the Editor:

The Coxsackie 5K Race held on August 4 once again was a great success. This race is gaining a reputation as one not to be missed, for several reasons—the route which winds through our picturesque, historic streets and finishes at our scenic park on the river, the quality and quantity of the raffle gifts and trophies, the hospitality of the race volunteers and the local residents lining their porches and providing encouragement to the runners.

Many thanks should go to the members of the Coxsackie-Athens Rotary Club for their help on race day; members of the Onteora Runners Club and other local running enthusiasts who volunteered their time on race day; to the Coxsackie Village Police; to Mayor Rausch, the village board and the Coxsackie Council on the Arts for their sponsorship of the festival; to those local businesses who provided raffle gifts: BonFare, Ernie Passler, Bagel Shack, Quarry Steak House, Country Classics, Bottle & Cork, Marshall & Sterling Insurance, and to the race sponsors: National Bank of Coxsackie; The Bank of Greene County; Lincoln Auction Services; Century 21 Heartland; Village Stylist; Brady Funeral Home; Sopris Funeral Home; Hilsch-

shirt illustration.

Last but not least thanks to the runners, many of who traveled from throughout the Hudson Valley.

Ted Hilscher
Hannacroix

Thanks for helping with Watson Golf tournament

To the Editor:

On behalf of the Coxsackie Little League, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank Dave and Liz Watson for their efforts in organizing a charity golf tournament on August 12 to benefit the League.

This was the 6th annual Watson Charity Golf Tournament which benefits a different community organization each year. This year's tournament held at Pleasantview's Thunderhart Golf Course was a tremendous success, generating \$2,500 for the Little League. Without the hard work and dedication of Dave and Liz, this event would not have been possible.

I also want to thank the many tee and green sponsors, the 104 golfers who participated and all area merchants, businesses and individuals who donated the numerous raffle prizes. Once again, the people of Coxsackie have proven to be a warm, caring and giving community.

Again, thank you and be assured that the children who participate in Little League will be well served by your generosity.

Richard Vigneaux
Coxsackie

Dedicated people made season successful

To the Editor:

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the many parents, children and my fellow committee members for the time and effort they have put forth this baseball season.

Without the dedication of the above-mentioned people, the Coxsackie Little League would not be the success that it is. From stocking and running the concession stand, to maintaining the field, coaching the teams and making sure the players are delivered and picked up from practice, it is truly a community project and one that continues to be a source of pride and tradition.

The children played their hearts out and should take pride in the fact