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Plans for intersection improvement

The Department of Transportation is in the scoping, or planning phase of a project to improve the intersection of NYS Routes 29 and 40 (adjacent to Carmody Ford-Mercury) in the Town of Greenwich. The project is expected to extend approximately 310 meters (1000 feet) from the intersection in the easterly direction along Route 29, 190 meters (620 feet) from the intersection in the westerly direction along Routes 29 and 150 meters (490 feet) from the intersection in the northerly direction along Route 40.

A presentation will be conducted by NYS DOT personnel as part of the Greenwich Town Board's monthly meeting in the Town of Greenwich Offices, to provide an opportunity for the department to acquaint the general public with the project, to answer questions, and to solicit public input. The Department is specifically soliciting comments on the proposed scope of the project and comments on the projects social, economic and environmental effects. This presentation is part of the

continuing efforts by the New York State Department of Transportation to encourage public input into the development of transportation projects.

The presentation will be given beginning at 7:30 p.m., followed by a brief question and answer session. Further information about the project may be obtained from Tom Kligerman or Matt Bromirski at New York State Department of Transportation, Region 1, Attn: Mr. Matt Bromirski, PE, Project Manager, 84 Holland Avenue, Albany, NY 12208-3471. Anyone interested in submitting written comments about the project may do so by mailing to the address above. All correspondence should refer to: Routes 29 and 40 Intersection Improvement.

Anyone who might require sign language interpretation assistance listening system or other help to facilitate participation, contact the above persons.

The project is currently scheduled for a letting of November 2001 and construction in the spring/summer of 2002.

Summer services being held at historic Baptist Church

North Hebron Baptist Church once again will be the site of summer ministries sponsored by the Adirondack Association of the American Baptist Churches of New York State. The historic church, built in 1826, is currently owned by the ABCNYS.

Each Sunday afternoon, at 3 p.m., from July 9 through August 27, there will be a worship service led by a preacher from a local ABC church. A variety of musicians from the local area will play the piano and provide special music. The church is located on Big Burch Hill Road at County Route 31.

Children's programs will be conducted at North Hebron Baptist Church on Saturday, July 15, and Saturday, August 5, from 1-3 p.m., led by Julie Mattison of the Village Baptist Church in Fort Edward. Children and youth from the North Hebron area, Kindergarten age and up, are invited to enjoy these free programs, which will include games, crafts, songs, stories and refreshments. The first program has the theme "In the Garden" and the second, "Look for the Rainbow". Parents are invited to stay and enjoy a time of refreshments and fellowship while their children are attending the program.

The tentative schedule of preachers and musicians is as follows:

July 9, Rev. David Higgs from Kingsbury Baptist Church, with pianist, Nellie Liebig;

July 16, Rev. Kathleen Davie from North Creek and Minerva Baptist Churches, with pianist, Larry Jones;

July 23, Rev. Michael Richards from Hartford Baptist Church, with pianist, Sylvia Johnson;

July 30, Rev. Ray Lloyd, with musician, Karen Coombs;

August 6, Reverends Scott and Ila Smith from First Baptist Church of Hudson Falls and Village Baptist Church of Fort Edward, with pianist, Lorraine Bardin;

August 13, Rev. Joyce Bruce from First Baptist Church of Jay, with the music by Sandra LaBar.

August 20, Old Home Day, Rev. Andy Kilpatrick, former pastor of the Granville Baptist Church, with pianist Nellie Liebig.

August 27, Pastor Sandra Spaulding from the Lakeview Baptist Church, with musician, Cynthia Ellinger.

Church history

The North Hebron Baptist Church was founded in 1817 at the home of Caleb Green. In 1818 the congregation licensed their first pastor and held services in homes and the school house. The present "meeting house" was erected in 1826 at a cost of \$1,200. In 1850 a Troy cast bell was added. In 1872 the galleries were removed, the old belfry replaced, and the 12-foot high windows added, at a cost of \$3,342. Electricity was added in 1939.

The church prospered in the post-Civil War era with 150 members and over 100 regularly in attendance. The church aided in the establishment of the Granville Baptist Church, the First Baptist Church of Whitehall, and others in the area. Services were maintained until 1970 with Joshua Crockett as pastor.

In 1976 the church properties were decided over to the American Baptist Churches of New York State. Col. James Gambee, Miss Catharine Hicks, Harold Craig, and members of the Hebron Preservation Society have worked hard to maintain and restore the church building during the past 30 years.

Federal Bureau auctions land for oil/gas leases

Seventy-nine parcels of federal land brought \$138,050 to the U.S. Treasury through a competitive auction of oil and gas leases conducted by the U.S. Department of the Interior's Bureau of Land Management (BLM) on Thursday, June 29, in Springfield, VA. Bonus bids, filing fees, and rental revenue totaled \$140,900, of which \$58,218 will be shared with the affected states.

The BLM has responsibility for leasing the minerals located under federally-owned land. BLM, Eastern States administers the mineral estate in 31 states east of and adjoining the Mississippi River and offers selected parcels at quarterly competitive auctions. Regulations require the bidding to open at a \$2 per acre minimum. Clark Energy Company of Shreveport, LA, paid more

than \$42,525 for an 80-acre parcel in Louisiana. Clark Energy Company's bid of \$525 was the highest per acre bid of the auction.

Leases are awarded for a term of 10 years and as long thereafter as there is production in paying quantities. The federal government receives a 12½ percent royalty on the value of the amount of production. Also, each respective state government receives a 25 percent minimum share of the bonus bids and the royalty from each lease.

Forty-one parcels remained available for noncompetitive, next-day filing, 13 of which received filings.

In New York, one parcel of 172 acres was offered and was leased. State revenues will amount to \$151,000.

Canal and Trail Trek

From Whitehall to Buffalo

The third annual Canal Cruise and Trail Trek, a 17 day journey, will begin on Friday, July 7, at 9 a.m., at Whitehall Canal Harbor. The event starts at Whitehall because it is the northern gateway to the New York State Canal system, to Lake Champlain, the Adirondacks, Canada and regions of Vermont.

This is the 175th anniversary of the state canal system. This event is a special effort by the New York State Canal Corporation to build awareness of the system and to attract tourists.

One hundred boaters will begin the journey in Whitehall and travel to Buffalo's Inner Harbor on the Erie Canal in the 17 days.

Heritage Days at Old Fort Museum

Heritage Days will be held at Old Fort Museum next week, July 8 and 9.

On July 8, tour the Old Fort House Museum from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Relax in the cool shade while enjoying strawberry shortcake. The gift shop will be open and a plant sale will be held.

On July 9, Founders Day will be observed. In celebration of the 75th anniversary of the Fort Edward Historical Association's efforts to preserve their history, admission to the Old Fort House Museum will be free of charge to all Fort Edward town and village residents. The gift shop will be open.

Committee meeting

A meeting of the Intercounty Solid Waste Coordinating Committee has been scheduled for today, Thursday, July 6, at 9 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors' large conference room, Washington County Municipal Center - Building B, Fort Edward.

The Bi-County Ad Hoc Committee for Burn Plant Negotiations will not be meeting.

Pataki reports

Governor George E. Pataki has announced that the number of individuals receiving welfare in New York State has declined more than 50 percent since January 1995.

There are now \$13,053 receiving temporary assistance, the lowest since 1967. The reduction of the caseload means a savings of more than six billion dollars.

A majority of families leaving welfare are finding employment and not returning to public assistance rolls. Child support enforcement has resulted in an increase in collections of 62 percent, one billion dollars.

The legislative session in both houses, in the final hours, passed the governor's SAVE (Safe Schools Against Violence in Education) legislation.

The sum of \$12.9 million has been received by the state from the Federal Disaster Recovery Initiative funds for the counties that received substantial damage as a result of natural disasters in 1998.

WEATHER

This past week it seemed we could expect a drenching shower around 4-4:30 in the afternoon. Monday was drizzle, rain and wet most of the day. So the 4th has come and gone.

Temperatures and conditions for the past week follow:

Date	Conditions	High	Low
June			
28	Sunny	86	59
29	Sun and shower	78	62
30	Ptly sunny, shower	74	60
July			
1	Sunny	80	54
2	Sunny	82	60
3	Cloudy, rain	82	62
4	Overcast	80	68

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The Fourth of July celebrated in Argyle and in Salem with parades



Republican Congressman Rick Lazio and John Sweeney marched in the Argyle Fourth of July parade and worked the crowd. Sweeney is running for reelection as this area's member of the House of Representatives. Lazio, who represents New York's Second Congressional District, is his party's nominee for the United States Senate seat being contested in November.

Greenwich was a sleepy little town on Tuesday, July 4, but both Argyle and Salem were busy with Independence Day activities.

Several thousand people were in Argyle in the late morning to view the annual parade there. The parade, with a theme of "New Beginnings 2000," was delayed in stepping off by about twenty minutes and it almost ground to a halt as two marchers, Republican candidate for the United States Senate Rick Lazio of Long Island and Congressman John Sweeney, stopped frequently to greet and shake hands with many of the people lining the parade route.

Salem kept to its five o'clock step off for its multi-division parade which featured a host of area fire department personnel and equipment and... Congressman Sweeney.



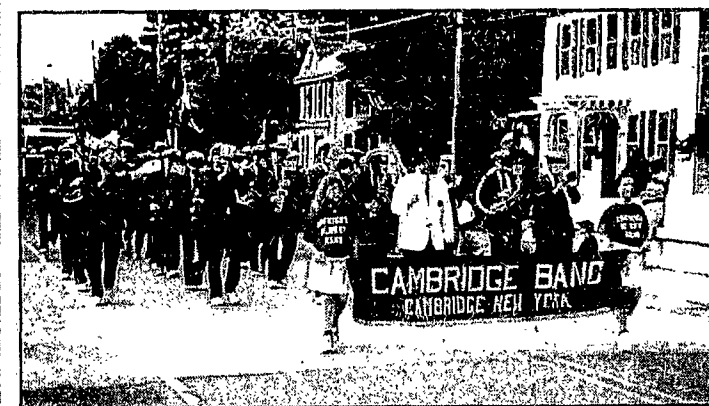
Veterans of the Korean War served as the Argyle parade's grand marshals.



One of Argyle's "Future Fire / Rescue" personnel.



An Argyle parade bagpiper.



Left: The oldest band around: the Cambridge Band in Salem's July 4 parade.

Right: Also in Salem's parade, a Mettawee River Theatre Company character.



Salem Fire Department members with their old ladder truck - on the way to the firemen's carnival.