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The votes are in

Voters across the county chose local leaders, voted on propositions

The results are in for elections around the county after voting occurred for multiple candidates and issues this past Tuesday.

Town of Chautauqua

Town Supervisor — Donald Emhardt ran unopposed and received 406 votes.

Town Clerk — Sheila Hammond ran unopposed and received 532 votes.

Town Council — Two seats were up for election and James V. Kurtz received 381 votes while Kenneth Burnett received 339 votes.

Highway Superintendent — Timothy H. Wendell ran unopposed and received 511 votes.

Town of Clymer

Town Supervisor — Caniel J. Caffisch ran unopposed and received 298 votes.

Town Clerk — Cynthia L. Willink ran unopposed and received 292 votes.

Town Council — Two seats were

up for election and of the three candidates, Travis B. Heiser received 246 votes, Norman H. Upperman received 235 votes and Howard Holthouse was not elected with 124 votes.

Highway Superintendent — Scott E. Trislet defeated Clifford J. Foster 281 to 31 votes.

Town Tax Collector — Martha C. Keys ran unopposed and received 282 votes.

Town of French Creek

Town Supervisor — David J. White ran unopposed and received 74 votes.

Town Clerk — Arlene R. Bemis ran unopposed and received 80 votes.

Town Council — Two seats were up for election and George C. Yaiko received 74 votes while Paul W. Carey received 71 votes.

Highway Superintendent — Arthur J. Malecki ran unopposed and received 83 votes.

Town Tax Collector — Lois J. Sphon defeated Janae E. Ryan 49 to

37 votes.

Town of Harmony

Town Supervisor — Mark Stow ran unopposed and received 197 votes.

Town Clerk — Shelly J. Johnson ran unopposed and received 191 votes.

Town Council — Two seats were up for election and Jeffrey T. Jordan received 195 votes while William A. Lawson received 183 votes.

Highway Superintendent — Timothy P. Card ran unopposed and received 202 votes.

Town Tax Collector — Carrie D. Finnerty ran unopposed and received 204 votes.

Town of Mina

Town Council — Two seats were up for election and Scott L. Bensink received 146 votes while David T. Wilcox received 141 votes.

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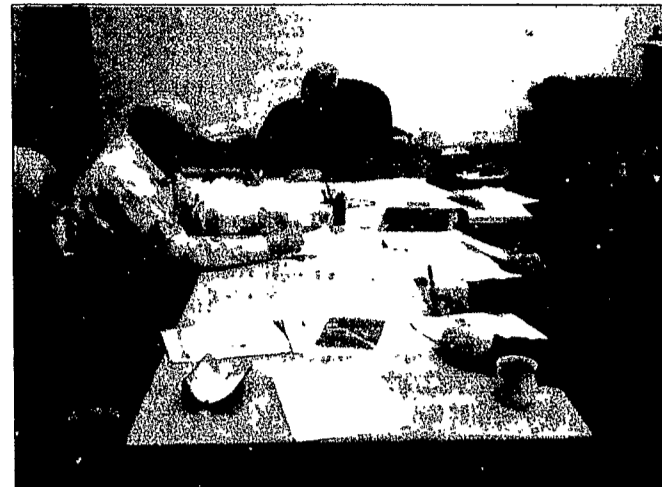


Photo by Katie Atkins

Members of the Sherman Town Board, clockwise from left to right, Gary Yonker, Bill Wiggers, John Patterson, Ann Gilbert, Isaac Grotto and Mary Reyda discuss the needs of the Yorker Museum Nov. 2 at their last meeting.

Yorker Museum in need of 'serious help'

SHERMAN — Members of the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation have been meeting with Mayor John Patterson about Sherman's Yorker Museum.

Possible grants are available to help the museum, as its roof is in need of repair. Patterson said at the November board meeting, which was held on Nov. 2, he is interested in getting a group of people together to help rebuild and repair the roof in the spring of 2012.

"I'll get a crew together," Patterson said. "We'll get up there, lay it out and put it on."

The Chautauqua Region Community Foundation is a nonprofit, community corporation created by and for the people of Chautauqua County.

"We are here to help our donors make a positive impact on their community by establishing a 'bridge' between the donor and charitable activities," the foundation's website states. Last year, CRCF awarded approximately \$2.2 million in grants in the areas of arts, civic enrichment, education and social and human services.

"This museum is going to come back to life," Patterson said.

The contract involving the placement of solar panels on the sewer department/highway department has been signed and approved for a 15 year lease. Patterson mentioned the possibility of investigating in smaller wind turbines to back up solar panels in order to generate power. Patterson has been doing his homework, asking around about wind turbines and speaking with people about positive and negative aspects of investing in the alternative energy source.

"There are several options here," Patterson said.

A tobacco-free outdoor community program was brought up at the board meeting, with free fliers available to the village board to be posted in parks, playgrounds, beaches and anywhere with jurisdiction. The idea was shot down by board members.

"I think it's overkill," trustee Mary Reyda said.

"I can't see taking that away from people...they know," Gary Yonker said.

National Grid representative Brian Skinner recently sent Patterson a letter about a possible grant to replace the massive amount of trees ruined in Sherman in the storm of 1998. Over 100 trees are available to choose from in the grant, but the village would have to purchase and plant the trees. Instead of applying for the grant, village board members decided to investigate purchasing trees from a local nursery in the spring.

Isaac Grotto of Sherman was sworn in as trustee at the board meeting on Nov. 2, replacing Dan Cotts for the following five months.

Village offices are to be filled at the March elections as the trustee position currently held by Mary Reyda will then be vacant.

"I'm hoping Mary will run again," Patterson said.

John Aldridge and Hazel Halter have resigned from their positions in the Sherman Historical Society as of Oct. 25.

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Thank you veterans, past and present



Submitted Photo

Distinguished World War II veterans gathered recently at the Brocton American Legion Post to recount their service time and define what makes them part of what is known as 'The Greatest Generation.' Seated in front: Angelo A. Zanghi. From left, in back: William Norris; Frank Nichols; Joseph Gatto; Frank Nicosia; Ferris Woleben; Edward Sunday and Vincent Calarco.

World War II veterans from Chautauqua County share their stories

By ANN BELCHER

When news anchor Tom Brokaw coined the term "The Greatest Generation," he was referring to the men and women who sacrificed and gave their all for their country because it was the right thing to do. A particular group of men from Chautauqua County are a part of "The Greatest Generation," who bravely served in battles that would change the face of history.

Earlier this year, several World War II veterans departed the John W. Dill American Legion Post 434 in Brocton, for a trip to Conneaut, Ohio, to relive a war era bridge bat-

tle between Allied Forces and German troops.

"Every year for Memorial Day, I send everyone a thank you card," Brocton Legion Post Commander Henry Link said. "I've been Commander here for the past two-plus years, and if it wasn't for this group of men here, we wouldn't have an American Legion club, so I keep looking for things to get them involved with as a way to say thank you."

Gathered with the distinguished group were a total of 43 others from Ripley to Falconer, who experienced the D-Day Ohio re-enact-

ment.

"I approached the board with the idea, and my goal was to get five WWII vets," Link said. "If I would've had five, I would've thought 'great,' but we ended up having nine go."

The gentlemen agreed, the hospitality they experienced was excellent, and the war action re-created was true to life. Across a beach setting, the men witnessed a recreation of a battle between French and German forces over a bridge.

Below are true life accounts from some of the veterans, of their living

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Man allegedly threatens Findley Lake clerk with pistol, takes off with cash

By ANDREW CARR

FINDLEY LAKE — The Chautauqua County Sheriff's Department is investigating an armed robbery that occurred in Findley Lake early Monday morning.

According to police, at 5:22 a.m. a white male subject entered the Holiday Inn Express, 3025 Route 426, in Findley Lake, and demanded money from the front desk. Police say he used a semi-automatic pistol to threaten the desk clerk.

"The suspect brandished what is believed to be a semi-automatic handgun and demanded money," said Chautauqua County Sheriff Joe Gerace.

The suspect fled in an unknown direction in a vehicle with an undisclosed amount of money.

The suspect is described as a white male, age 20 to 30, 5 feet 8 inches to 6 feet tall, medium build, weighing about 180 to 190 pounds, with grayish-blue eyes and light freckles over the bridge of his nose.

He was wearing a blue winter jacket, knit hat and a scarf over his face to conceal his identity. The hat and scarf were either red or gray in color.

Investigators are working on getting a vehicle description at this time.

The Sheriff's office is encouraging anyone with information on

this incident to call the We Tip number at 1-800-78-CRIME (800-782-7463) or the Sheriff's Office at 753-4925. Callers are eligible for a \$1,000 reward if the information leads to the arrest and conviction of the person involved. All calls will remain anonymous.

The We Tip program is a nonprofit corporation dedicated to taking anonymous tips from anywhere in the United States, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. We Tip allows citizens from all over the nation to anonymously call crime information into one central headquarters, which is manned by live operators. We Tip will immediately link this information to local law

enforcement agencies where the crime occurred. Rewards are paid anonymously through postmasters to protect the identity of the caller.

Gerace said this crime could possibly be linked to another crime very much like this one in Erie.

"There was another armed robbery in Pennsylvania that may be related," he said.

Gerace said a Red Carpet Inn on Interstate 90 in Erie was robbed at shortly after midnight Monday morning.

"We are working with the Pennsylvania State Police to determine whether these crimes are connected," he said.

Gerace said armed robbery is a violent felony and a problem in the county. He explained that the Sheriff's Office investigates armed robberies that have occurred throughout the area in the last year, but it was rare for a hotel to be targeted.

"There have been a number of armed robberies in the county, but it is very odd that a hotel was targeted," he said.

He explained that suspects usually target convenience stores and banks in an attempt to gain money.

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Victorian Christmas in Westfield

■ Check out the schedule for the week-end events for Victorian Christmas in Westfield starting Friday, Nov. 18 and concluding Sunday, Nov. 20.

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Dinner theatre

■ Westfield High School will be presenting its annual dinner theatre Nov. 18 and 19.

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