

## Harpursville joins White House Easter Egg Roll history

Easter came a little early and arrived with an invitation from the White House for two art students at the Harpursville Central School District.

Selected by the state education department to create a design representing the state in the annual White House Easter Egg roll, the district turned to juniors Annamarie Goosley and Tori Johnson (working with art teacher Ann McDonald) to produce a piece of artwork to be displayed in Washington D.C.

"We're thrilled for our little district to have the opportunity to represent New York state in something as traditional and monumental as the Easter Egg Roll," said Superintendent Michael Rullo.

The White House Easter Egg Roll officially dates back to 1878 and the presidency of Rutherford B. Hayes, but first-hand accounts suggest that informal festivities began with egg-rolling parties under President Abraham Lincoln.



Juniors Annamarie Goosley (left) and Tori Johnson with their design

This year's 140th White House Easter Egg Roll was hosted by First Lady Melania Trump on April 2, 2018.

#### Harpursville robotics team wins state championship, heads to world competition



With an impressive victory at the Northern New York State VEX High School Championships at the SRC Arena & Events Center in Syracuse in March, members of the Harpursville Technology Club now set their sights on the world competition in Louisville, Ky.

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#### Dear residents,

The last month has proven to be an outstanding time for the Harpursville Hornets. I am pleased to share a couple of exciting examples of the successes our students enjoyed as a result of the opportunities provided to them in our schools.

Specifically, our Odyssey of the Mind teams and our Technology Club Robotics Team are most deserving of our accolades.

For the third consecutive year, our Odyssey of the Mind group had one of its teams qualify for the state tournament. The impressive performance by our students is the culmination of months of hard work. Watching these students perform is awesome - they are creative, theatrical, imaginative, smart, funny, artistic, brave, and show tremendous teamwork. There is a healthy spirit of competition among the various teams, as well. Knowing our students, it should be no surprise to anyone that they are able to perform in the top tier of the teams in our region year after year. Please join me in congratulating our Odyssey students, their coaches and parents for their success and for all the hard work they have put into this year's event. We are proud of them.

Here's another great story: On Sunday, March 11, our Technology Club's robotics teams competed in the Northern New York State Vex Robotics Championship at the SRC Arena & Events Center in Syracuse. At stake for the winners of this event was an invitation to the VEX World Championships to be held in Louisville, Kentucky at the end of April. I am beyond ecstatic in saying that a team of our Hornets is on its way to Kentucky. They are the Northern New York State Champions. Congratulations to the students on an outstanding performance all season long and especially at the state championships.

Watching these students compete was a true joy, and anyone would be proud and impressed by their intellect, ingenuity, persistence, teamwork, and competitive spirit. Thanks to Bruce Salisbury and Paul Peterson for their support of the students in the Technology Club and throughout the many robotics competitions they attend during the school year. It is through their dedication and commitment that our students are given this opportunity. In fact, the students gualified for the state championship only because of their performance at various competitions across the state earlier in the school year. A special thank you to the parents for all of their support as well. The students could not have attained these accomplishments without everyone's support.

The examples above are reminders of the many opportunities we strive to provide our students each school year. The board of education and I remain committed to making sure our students have the educational and extracurricular opportunities they deserve, those important "extras" that enrich their lives and experiences as students. The proof is in the pudding, as they say, and our students are demonstrating what we've always known about them - they are topnotch.

Last, our



Michael Rullo,

board and I will be finalizing the budget plan for the 2018-2019 school year in the coming weeks. We remain confident that our proposed budget will continue to reflect the responsible, accurate budgets of the past couple of years and, moreover, will maintain programs for our students that provide learning experiences such as Odyssey of the Mind and Technology Club. Rest assured, our students will always come first in everything we do.

Best wishes for a great month ahead and many successes as the school year proceeds. As always, please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions, concerns or good news.

Yours in education,

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Michael J. Rullo Superintendent

**Go Hornets!** 

#### **Important notices**

Notice is hereby given that the annual inspection of the Harpursville Central School buildings for fire hazards that might endanger the lives of students, teachers, and employees therein, has been completed and the report thereof is available at the office of Harpursville Central School for inspection by all interested persons. Special notice: Pre-K registration has been extended until April 13.



### **District communication guidelines**

Frequently, parents and other community members request help in knowing the best way to communicate with the school. The chart below will serve as a helpful resource. By contacting the following people in the prescribed order, you can be assured that your questions will be answered.

For questions about	1 <sup>st</sup> contact	2 <sup>nd</sup> contact	3 <sup>rd</sup> contact	4 <sup>th</sup> contact
Academics	Teacher	Guidance Counselor	Building Principal	Superintendent
Athletics	Coach	Athletic Director	Jr./Sr. Principal	Superintendent
Behavior	Teacher	Assistant Building Principal	Building Principal	Superintendent
BOE policies	District Clerk	Superintendent	Board of Education	
Budget	Business Official	Superintendent		
Building Use	Administrative Assistant	Building Principal	Superintendent	
Cafeteria	Director of Food Services	Business Official	Superintendent	
Classroom Procedures	Teacher	Assistant Building Principal	Building Principal	Superintendent
Bus Behavior	Bus Driver	Head Bus Driver	Asst. Principal/Principal	Superintendent
Co-Curricular	Advisor	Building Principal	Superintendent	
Facilities	Director of Facilities	Business Official	Superintendent	
Health Office	Building Nursing Office	Grade Level Principal	Superintendent	
Scheduling	Guidance Office	Jr./Sr. Principal	Superintendent	
Special Education	Teacher	Grade Level Principal (academics)	CSE/CPSE Chairperson	Superintendent
Transportation	Head Bus Driver	Business Official	Superintendent	

### **Harpursville Central School District directory**

**W.A. Olmsted Elementary ....... 693-8115** Pamela Horton, Principal Bobbi Jo Hatton, Asst. Principal Katie Ives, Administrative Asst.

#### **Health Offices**

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Norene Tasber, Director of Food Services
Transportation 693-8100
Danielle Maxim, Head Bus Driver
Joseph McLaughlin, Business Official

**Buildings & Grounds ......693-8121** David Johnson, Director of Facilities

## DATES

May 2 Board of Education meeting 6 p.m.

May 15 School Budget Vote 1:30-8 p.m.

**June 13** Board of Education meeting 6 p.m.

## **Colesville Community Pantry April dates**

The Colesville Community Pantry, located in the Colesville volunteer ambulance building at 28 King Road, is open to all Town of Colesville residents with proof of address, including all family members residing in the household. The mobile food truck has no restrictions and is open to anyone. The only time the pantry is closed on its designated days is when school is closed due to inclement weather or when all after-school activities have been canceled. Then, the afternoon pantry will also be closed.

Pantry 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Thursday 19 Mobile Food Pantry 12 - 1 p.m.

Tuesday 17

**Special note:** All residents must recertify their addresses and identifications for household members at the first pantry in January.



### Dental health month recognized with visit from Progressive staff

In recognition of February being Dental Health month, staff from Progressive Dental visited our school to meet with students in the multi-age classrooms of Erika Strano (1st/2nd), Kelly Ladue (3rd/4th), and Stacey Morgan (3rd/4th).

They provided a fun and educational lesson on dental hygiene. The students learned why it is important to brush their teeth and how to properly brush, along with a variety of other important dental information. Each student was given a toothbrush, toothpaste and floss baggy to take home. The students were engaged and enjoyed the lesson, responding with a lot of depth to questions and comments.

Thank you Progressive Dental for visiting W. A. Olmsted.



# Thank you progressive dental



#### Students take virtual trip to Paris, replicate monuments

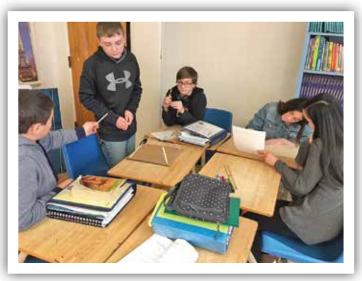
Students in Caitlin Bedford's French 1A class recently took a "trip" to Paris and worked collaboratively to create replicas of popular Parisian monuments.

Students were given a list of criteria for their buildings. Each group used some combination of the following materials to create their monument: Popsicle sticks, cardboard, foam board, pipe cleaners, cotton balls, paper towel/toilet paper tubes, toothpicks and glitter. The 3-D constructions were part of a larger group project designed around the Parisian monuments. Each group was required to answer specific questions about their monument construction and history. The questions were then placed on a poster to later be presented to the class by each student.

Students were required to come up with a design outline that included the precise measurements and the amount

#### By Caitlin C. Bedford, French teacher

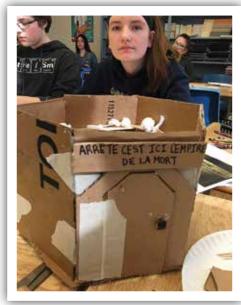
of desired/required construction materials. These aspects contributed to creating a group that worked together to complete a common goal. It also provided an opportunity for each student to practice active listening; that is, listening to understand rather than listening to respond. Each group was also required to learn how to compromise and reach a common agreement about how things were to be built.



Pictured (I-r): Kyle Colsten, Josh Powell, Dominic Schwartz, Makayla Kelly and Makenna Lowe



Pictured (I-r): Jordan LaVergne, Hailey Lancaster, Eli Rogers and Mackinze Meisner



Ben Williams (left) and Alaina Neer









#### **Champs,** from the cover

On March 11, Harpursville Jr. Sr. High School technology teacher Paul Peterson and Technology Club advisor Bruce Salisbury took four of their qualifying club VEX Bot (stands for VEX Robotics Design System) teams to the Northern New York State VEX High School Championships at the SRC Arena & Events Center in Syracuse.

The four teams were:

**Team One:** Logan Culver, Tanner Hanson and Sara Williams

**Team Two:** Kyle Colsten, Jacob Risoli-Clark and Dominic Schwartz

*Team Three:* Matt Lyon, Connor and Alex Hoyt and Riley Livermore

**Team Four:** Zach Pike, Nico Hadlick and Justin Fargo

All four qualified for this event by winning first place in a competition earlier this year.

In Syracuse, each robot had to pass inspection. Two robots that passed competition criteria at this event did not pass inspection at other events, and vice versa. So, as you can see, the four teams have met a lot of challenges along the way. Realign, revamp and repeat was the order of the day. When all was said and done, two robots entered the competition.

There were 65 teams comprising two divisions: technology and engineering. Harpursville's Team One was in the engineering division, a tough category, losing once and then taking fifth place in the qualifying rounds before losing in the quarter finals.

Teams Two, Three and Four were in the engineering division. Team Three experienced motor problems early on. Team Four went 7-0 in the qualifying rounds and placed 2<sup>nd</sup>, moving to 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the quarter finals.

Team Two continued to work on their bot throughout the day and the results proved successful. Even though it was originally ranked 28th, the Sandy Creek team saw the strength of Team Two's bot and chose them to join them in the quarter finals. This alliance played an important part in their success. They lost by just one point 98-97 in the first round of the finals. During the stacking ability competition, Team Two scored 85-79, then, and finally, a 100 to 91 upset to win the Northern New York State High School Vex Bot Championship, thus qualifying for the World Vex Box Championship in Louisville, Kentucky, April 25-28.

Members of the championship team were recognized at Harpursville's March 14 board of education meeting, where they enjoyed punch and cookies and got to show off their well-deserved trophies and banner. They very proudly and eloquently introduced themselves, their robots and their families to



Superintendent Michael Rullo tries his hand at robotic control

board members. A very engaging and entertaining hands-on lesson with board members took place as they reflected on their experiences with building robots and competing this season.

We are proud of our Technology Club and grateful to its advisors (Paul Peterson and Bruce Salisbury, who joins us back from retirement), who dedicate many hours to helping our students be successful.

Harpursville Technology Club members are: Kyle Avery, Dominic Cadwell, Kyle Colsten, Logan Culver, Justin Fargo, Samantha Gilette, Nico Hadlick, Tanner Hanson, Alex Hoyt, Connor Hoyt, Riley Livermore, Matt Lyon, Brennan Mann, Derek Mann, Zach Pike, Brandon Riegel, Jacob Risoli-Clark, Dominic Schwartz, Karina Seeley and Sara Williams.

Technology Club members (I-r) Brandon Riegel, Dominick Cadwell, Samantha Gillette, Derek Mann, Brennan Mann relax after presenting to the school board.





Tanner Hanson with the championship banner



### Students celebrate 'Pi Day' (March 14) with math games, eating contests, poetry

#### Pi Day, by Autumn Bolster

The 7<sup>th</sup> -graders participated in Pi Day. Pi day is a day celebrating all the digits in pi. The kids participated with activities in their 5/6 class. Then they went into the auditorium to participate in other activities like a pie eating contest, hula-hoop contest and singing. All the kids had fun and they all got a piece of pie. Thanks to the founder, Archimedes, or we wouldn't know pi.

#### A "Pi-amante" Poem, by Trena Byers

3.Pi Pi Pi is a number of great potential it may have a hidden pattern we will never know so put in effort Pi Pi It will Pay off if you try to figure it out

#### Pi Day 2.0, by Sadielyn Combs

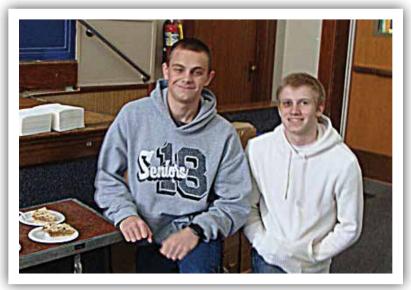
Pi Day is a day to celebrate the amazing endless number that helps you calculate diameter, radius and circumference. But we also have fun competitions like hula-hoop and pie eating.

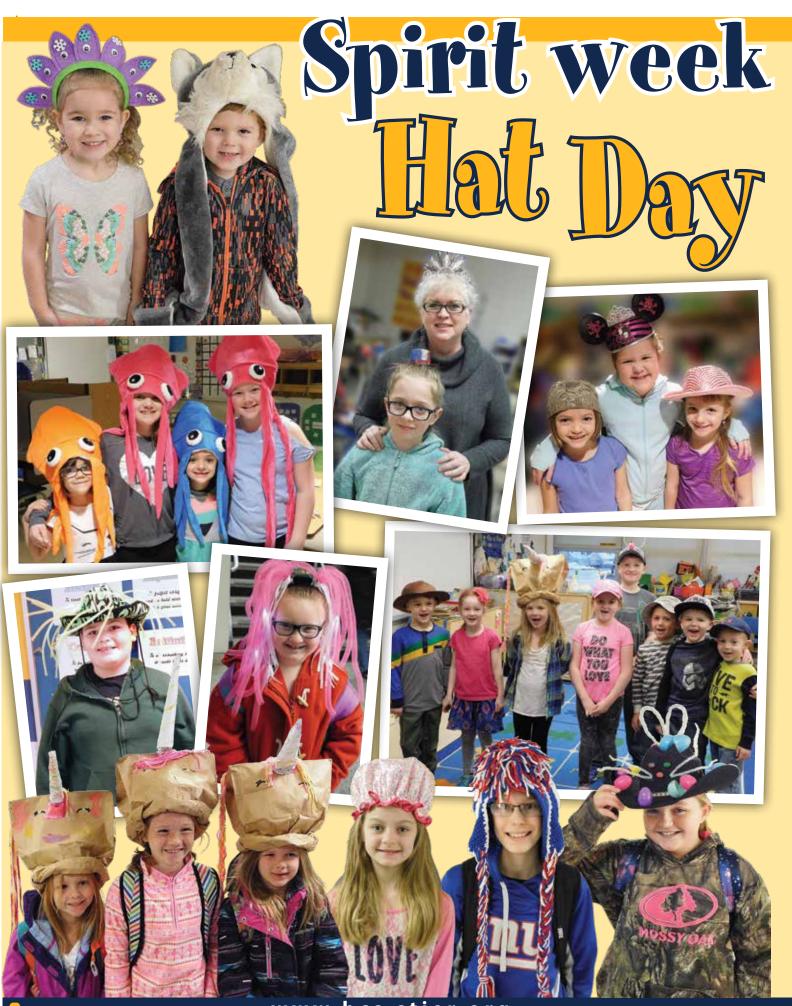
A "Pi-Ku," by Sadielyn Combs Pi can be so sweet Not just to eat but to think Use your brain to solve















#### Young students learn, practice social skills through group activities By Kelly Ladue

The kindergartners have been working on social skills such as good manners, listening with understanding, and making eye contact. They have worked on these skills through various activities such as playing games and learning to take turns, building the tallest towers, seeing how much weight spaghetti can bear, and making step-by-step buildings with Legos. The kindergartners were also able to take advantage of the spring like weather and get outside and develop their large motor skills.



Kendall Hinman & Gabby Gross



Lacey Gross & Katie Dattoria





Gabby Gross & Kylie Boyko



Gabby Gross



**Brysiin Merritt** 



Lacey Gross



Katarina Tracey



**Brysiin Merritt** 



Jacob Rueffer & Levi Laven



Levi Laven



### Philadelphia Trip Submitted by me

Submitted by members of the yearbook, yorkers and biology clubs

On March 28 and 29, students in the Yearbook, Yorkers and Biology Clubs traveled to Philadelphia to explore the rich history of the city, as well as cultural gems such as the Philadelphia Zoo and the Adventure Aquarium.

On the first day of the trip, we started at the Philadelphia Zoo, which was awesome, minus the slightly cool and dreary weather. The observation deck and Dave and Busters were a lot of fun. We ended our day with a ghost tour around the historic part of the city late into the evening.

The weather was much more cooperative on the second day of the trip; we had sunny skies and 60 degree



temperatures. The Constitution Center was amazing. We started with a well-executed, live performance of "Freedom Rising," and ended with an Alexander Hamilton exhibit where students were able to walk in the shoes of the infamous Hamilton and Burr

Sarah Peterson, "Alexander Hamilton," Amber Birt

duel. We then walked by the Liberty Bell on the way to Independence Hall.

Our day ended at the Adventure Aquarium in New Jersey, which the kids loved. One of the highlights of the aquarium was being able to walk across a rope bridge on top a shark tank.

A big thanks to everyone who helped make this trip possible.



**Front:** Emma VanKuren, Melissa Fye, Tanner Hanson, Cayden Brown, Emma Marvin, Cheyanne Wallace **Second row:** Taylor Rutherford, Amber Birt, Sarah Peterson, Autumn Bolster, Sophie Konidis, Cayden Brown **Third row:** Alaina Neer, Dakota Anderson, Taylor Fish, Morgan Rutherford, Kailee Tyler, Nicole Fargo, Selena Morelock, Thomas VanVorce, Barb Hendrickson **Back:** Jim DiMaria, Krista Thomas, Emily Russell, Maddie Liddle, Sarah Young, Ben Williams, Daelyn DeGroat, Hunter Scott, Cross Brown, Allen Brozonis, Parker Bixby, Jamie McWherter

#### New STEAM makerspace room in the making

By Chrissy Gates, library media specialist

The STEAM makerspace room in the Harpursville Jr. Sr. High School is coming along nicely.

Earlier this year, the school was able to borrow a 3-D printer from BOCES that enables students to design and print a variety of objects, including stars and music notes (for music teacher Nicole Cole). Even Paul Peterson's technology class joined in on the fun and created a variety of items.

Students also used their skills to create "brush bots" by assembling a variety of household items to create a fully functional robot. A maze is currently in the works that will provide students the ability to test and race their creations.

In the next few months, students will build a VEX bot (real robot) and do some design work with circuitry. Thanks to the Whitney Titus Fund for its generous grant (and a lot of hard work by Nick Pianella and yours truly), the makerspace room is proving to be a huge success.

Stay tuned for the next round of our students' fabulous and innovative creations.





### Jr. Sr. High School Stud

### **Student of the Month**

### February 2018

Student Name	Subject	Student Name	Subject
Connor James	French 1A	Anthony Merritt	Photography
Sara Brown	French 1B	Marisa Turck	Sculpture
Brandi Thorne	Jr. High Girls PE	Colton Sakowsky	DDP
Sarah Peterson	Sr. High Girls PE	Brandon Riegel	Principals of Engineering
Allena Rowe	ELA 7	Owen Ellsworth & Jonath	on Gillette Technology 7
Brandon Hoover	ELA 11	Hailey Lancaster	Technology 8
Steffan Hanson	ELA 11 Honors	Taylor Fish	World of Technology
Marisa Turck	ELA 12	Kaylynn Marade	Social Studies 7
Karina Seeley	Career & Financial Management	Abigail Livermore	Economics 12
Kyle Colsten	Computers 8	Emily Russell	CL Calculus
Amber Sparling	Health	Abigail Kelley	CL Pre-Calculus
Trevor Hanson	Microeconomics	Kyle Avery	Geometry
Sarah Peterson	MS Office	Deakon Jackson	French 1
Nico Hadlick	Music 8	Kaitlyn Dattoria	French 2
Trevor Hanson	Sr. Chorus	Brandon Goodnow	French 3
Benjamin Williams	Jr. Chorus	Nicole Fargo	US History & Government
Tori Johnson	Piano	Abigail Kelley	College US History & Government
Madison Nesbit	Jr. High Piano	Amber Birt	College Sociology
Connor Hoyt	Global 10	Luke Merrill	English 8
Trena Byers	Jr. Band	Kaitlyn Ellsworth	Chemistry
Kailee Tyler	Sr. Band	Cameron Washburn	Sr. High Boys PE
Scott Spence	Science 7	Dillon Williams	Jr. High Boys PE
Zachary Pike	Living Environment	Sean Snyder	Gourmet Cultural Foods
Connor James	Social Studies 8	William Locke	
Madison Nesbit	Art 7	Alaina Neer	Home & Careers 8
Audrey Locke	Global 9	Logan Linkroum	Human Development/Parenting
Olivia Weist	Algebra 1A	Robert Bertram	Life Skills
Braydon Pedley	Algebra 1B	Jacob Risoli-Clark	Science 8
Audrey Locke	Algebra 1	Trevor Hanson	Physics
Shane Hoover	Foundations of Geometry	Kyle Avery	Earth Science
Dillon Williams	Math 7	Victoria Whidden	English 9
Sophia Konidis	Honors Math 7	Logan Linkroum	English 12
Joshua Powell &		Joshua Wilson	Approaches to Literature
Jacob Risoli-Clark	Art 8	Stefanie Allen	English 10
Joshua Wilson	Ceramics	Gregory Akulis	-
Lily-Anne Mauzy	CL Ceramics	Chelsea Merrill	
Elizabeth Paugh	Painting	Kyle Colsten	Algebra 1

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### Robot-like magnets help young scientist 'think STEAM'



Vincent Risoli Clark

Third-graders have been learning all about STEAM. One creative and fun learning experience to help them understand what STEAM is all about is through the use of "cubelets."

You might ask what are cubelets? Cubelets are magnetic blocks that snap together to make an endless variety of robots. These blocks have different functions and are able to input sensory information equivalent to sight, touch and sound. Some cubelets can calculate and do math or computations. There also are action cubelets that move or light up.

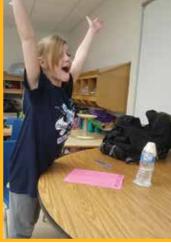
Students can connect a bunch of cubelets in different ways that enable them to scoot, spin, light up and react to the world around them, resulting in

endless fun and learning experiences for inquisitive minds.



#### **Congratulations to our chorus members**

Congratulations to the chorus students who participated in the Spring All-County festival in Chenango County. This year, the spring festival was hosted by Oxford Central Schools and



Elizabeth Ives



Vincent Risoli Clark, Luciano Fisano



Karlee Gross

featured entries in senior band, junior band, madrigal choir and elementary choir. All did a wonderful job.



**Pictured (I-r): Elementary choir members (back)** Morgan LaVergne, Gracie Bomboy, Addison Lawrence, Emily LaClair, and Abigail Afify; **(front)** Sophia Wright, Ephram Rowe, Lily Barriger, and Madison Wolbert



Pictured (I-r): Madrigal choir members; Dylan Faiella and Sara Williams



### Our senses tell us that spring is in the air ... in the soil

Spring might not have been in the air just yet, but it was on the minds of some pre-K through second-grade students recently as they undertook initial preparations for this year's sensory garden.

Part of the Agriculture in the Classroom program sponsored by state Sen. Fred Akshar, the project encouraged students to get their hands a little dirty preparing soil and sowing seeds that with a little sunshine and rain should produce an olfactory delight a few months from now. The seeds of choice included cinnamon basil and lemon balm, perfect beginnings for a sundrenched sensory experience.

Assisting with the project was Sarah Atwood of Broome County Cornell Cooperative Extension.



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The Colesville Dollars for Scholars conducted its annual phone-a-thon on February 21, raising more than \$7000 to date to be used toward scholarships for graduating seniors.

The Class of 2018 thanks everyone for their continued support. If you did not receive a phone call but would like to make a donation, please complete the form below and return to PO Box 1 Harpursville, N.Y. 13787

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