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## Artone To Make Furniture For DoubleTree Hotel

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The Hamister Group has teamed up once again with a local business to provide high-quality room furniture for their guest at the soon-to-be open DoubleTree by Hilton Jamestown.

On Wednesday, officials from the Hamister Group and Artone LLC met with city officials to discuss the teaming of the hotel development group based in Williamsville and the Jamestown commercial furniture manufacturer, who primarily serves the hospitality market.

Michael Calimeri, Artone president, said he is thrilled to soon have a high-quality hotel like the DoubleTree by Hilton in downtown Jamestown for when clients come to visit Artone's manufacturing facility. He said by manufacturing the room furniture for the new hotel along Fourth Street, it is helping Artone build a stronger relationship with Hilton to possibly provide other hotel development projects with custom made furniture. He added by saying the furniture will be manufactured at the Artone facility

along Allen Street, with 700 to 800 pieces being produced.

"We are completely committed and we want 100 percent high-quality," Calimeri said.

Mark Hamister, Hamister Group chief executive officer, said it has been a pleasure working with local businesses and city officials through the development phase of the project. He said the hotel will open some time in the next 60 days, plus or minus a couple days.

"We wanted furniture that was American made, made here in Jamestown," he said. "This is our home as well."

Dan Hamister, chief investment officer, said the city as a whole has been very welcoming since the Hamister Group purchased the hotel during an online auction in 2013.

"As we came, you had open arms," he said.

Sam Teresi, Jamestown mayor, said it has been very nice to see officials from the Hamister Group working with local businesses to help redevelop the downtown hotel.

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From left, Brandon Wade, DoubleTree by Hilton Jamestown general manager; Vince DeJoy, city development director; Dan Hamister, Hamister Group chief investment officer; Mark Hamister, Hamister Group chief executive officer; Sam Teresi, Jamestown mayor; and Mike Calimeri, Artone president; during a tour of the Artone facility along Allen Street Wednesday. P-J photo by Dennis Phillips

## SAFE AGAIN



The new sidewalk recently installed where stairs used to be located along West Second Street between Washington and Cherry streets. The stairs were removed because they were in disrepair and were considered a safety hazard.

P-J photo by Dennis Phillips

## JURA Approves Downtown Sidewalk Project

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There is a new section of sidewalk along West Second Street making the street safer for pedestrians.

On Wednesday, the Jamestown Urban Renewal Agency approved a contract with S. Tabone Construction for \$14,600 to replace a former stairway with a new section of sidewalk. Vince DeJoy, city development director, said the stair section was in disrepair and was considered a safety hazard.

In other JURA business, the group also passed a unanimous consent resolution to enter into an agreement with the Chautauqua Area Habitat for Humanity

for the sale of properties located at the former 27 Norton Ave., and an adjacent lot on Summit Avenue for \$5,000. DeJoy said, prior to the meeting, that a new house is being constructed on the property and will be the first property to utilize the Local Property Tax Abatement Incentive Redevelopment of Vacant and Condemned Properties program.

In 2017, city officials approved of the new tax abatement program for the construction of new structure on a parcel where a house had been demolished.

The abatement covers 11 years, with zero percent for years one through three; 20 percent for years four and five; 40 percent for years six and seven; 60 per-

cent for years eight and nine; 80 percent for years 10 and 11; and 100 percent starting year 12.

DeJoy said city officials will be making a future announcement at the property about the utilization of the new tax abatement program for the construction of the new house.

The board also approved of the streetscape project along Third Street between Pine and Spring streets. The project, which was finished before Aug. 1, was one of the 10 approved Downtown Revitalization Initiative projects the city received \$10 million for from the state to complete.

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## Chautauqua Institution Responds To CLP Editorial

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In response to an editorial written by members of the Chautauqua Lake Partnership and published Sunday, the Chautauqua Institution denied that their drinking water was contaminated with a herbicide ingredient and detailed a contingency plan for drinking water if their intake area ever becomes contaminated.

On June 10, the day before SOLITUDE performed herbicide treatments on 81 acres of Chautauqua Lake, CLP reported finding traces of triclopyr, an ingredient in some aquatic herbicides, in the intake area for Chautauqua Institution's drinking water. The CLP expressed concern as to why Chautauqua Institution did not inform their residents about the tests.

Through the Chautauqua County Department of Health, Chautauqua Institution's drinking water provider, the Chautauqua Utility District, sent samples of raw and filtered water from the intake area to an independent lab called the Pacific Agricultural Laboratory based in Sherwood, Oregon.

CUD Superintendent Michael Starks said the lab found no remnants of triclopyr in the water. The lack of contamination via triclopyr or other substances found by the lab and CUD was found as reason enough not to alarm residents.

"Our lab was a certified lab," said Starks, who mentioned they wanted a third-party opinion on the possible contamination before considering informing residents about the CLP's findings of triclopyr.

"Public health is number one," Starks said.

Starks said that the CUD would notify Chautauqua Institution about any potential dangers found in drinking water. If contamination ever occurred, CUD also has in place a contingency plan to make the water safe for drinking. CUD would call in a contracted company to install a temporary activated carbon filter, which removes unwanted contaminants and pumps safe water.

CUD's water tanks can also be emptied in order to get rid of any possible contaminants. Starks said they have other contingencies including other sources of water if the carbon filter was not enough to solve any future problems.

The CUD contingency plans are required by state law every three years to be updated. The most recent update of the vulnerability assessment, which includes all contingencies, was submitted to the New York State Department of Health in December.

"We would have informed our community," said Emily Morris, vice president for marketing and communications at Chautauqua Institution, regarding any danger in their water supply.

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## Mobile App Makers Sued Over Kid Privacy Issues

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — New Mexico is suing Google, Twitter and other companies that develop and market mobile gaming apps for children, saying the apps violate state and federal laws by collecting personal information that could compromise privacy.

The lawsuit filed in federal court late Tuesday comes as data-sharing concerns persist among users.

Social media giant Facebook just weeks ago pulled one of its

own apps over possible privacy intrusions and a recent Associated Press investigation revealed that several Google apps and websites store user location even if users have turned off location history.

New Mexico Attorney General Hector Balderas said he's concerned given that the apps can track with such precision where children live, play and go to school.

"These multi-million-dollar tech companies partnering with

app developers are taking advantage of New Mexican children, and the unacceptable risk of data breach and access from third parties who seek to exploit and harm our children will not be tolerated in New Mexico," he said.

The lawsuit accuses advertising businesses run by Google, Twitter and three other companies, along with the app maker Tiny Lab Productions, of violating a law meant to keep private the personal data of chil-

dren under 13.

The Children's Online Privacy Protection Act adopted by Congress requires websites and online services to disclose what information they collect from children and how they use that information.

That disclosure must also be provided directly to parents and verified consent must be given. The lawsuit accuses the defendants of violating these federal mandates.

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### QUESTION OF THE DAY

Do you know anyone who will be affected by Hurricane Florence?

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### Today's Thought

"Revolt and terror pay a price. Order and law have a cost."

— Carl Sandberg, American author (1878-1967)

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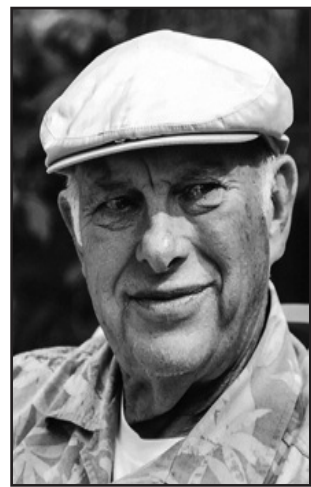
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**OBITUARIES**



**Robert N. Sandy**  
Robert N. Sandy, 86, of North Boston, N.Y., died Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2018. He was born Sept. 24, 1931, and was raised in Sinclairville, Chautauqua County, N.Y. Bob was the son of the late Robert H. and V. Pearl (nee: Nelson) Sandy. Bob graduated from Cassadaga Valley High. Bob was a proud U.S. Air Force veteran who served during the Korean conflict. He was stationed in Okinawa, Japan and Suwon, South Korea. He enjoyed a successful career working with computers for UNIVAC, which later became UNISYS. Bob married his loving wife, Dorothy J. Hilton in 1957 and they were married for 61 wonderful years. Bob is survived by his wife Dorothy, his children: Charles N. (Mie) Sandy and Robert H. (Susan) Sandy; his grandchildren: Rei, Kai, Stephen and Eric; and his great-granddaughter Olivia. Bob was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and a supportive member in his community. His outgoing personality, kindness and compassion for others will be remembered by many. Family and friends are invited to call on Friday, Sept. 14, 2018, from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m., at the Laing Funeral Home Inc., 2724 W. Church St., Eden, N.Y. A funeral service will be held on Saturday, Sept. 15, 2018, at 11 a.m., in the Orchard Park Wesleyan Church, 7295 Ellicott Road, Orchard Park. Flowers gratefully declined. Memorials may be made to the Orchard Park Wesleyan Church. Words of Sympathy may be made on www.LaingFuneralHome.com.

**Former Nurse Waives Right To Prelim Trial**

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WARREN, Pa. — A Tidouite woman who allegedly stole prescribed pain medication from more than 15 patients at a Warren nursing home has waived her right to a preliminary hearing. Kellie A. Gentz, 31, 256 Thomas Lane, Tidouite, was charged by the Pennsylvania Attorney General last week with acquiring controlled substances, five counts of possession of a controlled substance, neglect of care — dependent person, simple assault, theft by unlawful taking and recklessly endangering another person. Investigators allege in the criminal complaint that Gentz “took” morphine liquid pain medication and Fentanyl from a medication bottle prescribed to a cancer patient.” They indicate Gentz then took the morphine and “replaced the liquid with similar in color

Gatorade to create a fraudulent inventory” before returning it to her medication cart. Gentz then allegedly “administered liquid Gatorade as if (it) was morphine to a terminally ill cancer patient,” the affidavit states. Gentz worked as an LPN at Kinzua Healthcare & Rehabilitation Center. Investigators said Gentz “also withdrew controlled substances Hydrocodone, Oxycodone and Tramadol from an automated medication machine on 110 occasions without administering them involving 17 care dependent patients.” She “destroyed inventory records, re-sealed medication bottle seals and re-taped Fentanyl packages after using the medication.” Gentz remains incarcerated in the Warren County Jail on \$50,000 bail. Her next court appearance, online court records indicate, is formal arraignment set for Oct. 18 at 9:30 a.m.

**Man Charged After Sex Assault**

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WARREN, Pa. — A Warren man has been charged after allegedly sexually assaulting three patients at the Warren State Hospital. According to the affidavit of probable cause, Thomas James Foote, 24, state police were dispatched to an address in North Warren on Aug. 15 where they were told that Foote “had sexually assaulted three other residents at the Warren State Hospital.” Interviews with those patients resulted in stories about multiple instances in which Foote inappropriately interacted with other patients. One patient told police that Foote touches his genitals almost every night while he watches television, and that although the patient tells Foote to stop, Foote “repeats the behavior again the following night.” A second patient told police that Foote “attempted to kiss him and stroke his head,” and that Foote touch-

es himself inappropriately before wiping his hands on the patient’s face, attempts to kiss him, and requests sexual favors from him. The same patient told police that Foote has “ejaculated into his own snuff can and told (the patient) he could have a chew for \$1.” A third patient told police that Foote grabs his chest, calls him “sexy,” and tries to hug and touch him inappropriately. This patient related to police that on Aug. 15 of this year Foote “slapped (him) with an open hand and told him “next time it will be my (expletive deleted).” All three patients told police that they have repeatedly told Foote to stop his behaviors but that Foote persists in touching and making unwanted sexual advances toward them. A preliminary hearing has been scheduled for Oct. 10. Foote is charged with three counts of indecent assault, four counts of harassment-lewd and threatening language, and four counts of harassment — subject other to physical contact.

**Privacy**

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Google said in a statement Wednesday that apps included in its family program must comply with stringent policies that address age-appropriate ads and privacy disclosures. The company also said those apps must comply with the federal law. The company said it is “constantly working to improve the program.” Twitter said Tiny Lab was suspended from its MoPub platform a year ago for violating policies regarding child-directed apps. That privacy policy does not permit MoPub Services to be used to collect information from apps directed to children under the age of 13 for purposes of personalized advertising. On its website, Tiny Lab

posted that the company is not violating federal privacy laws regarding children since it asks for the birth date of the user to determine their age according to federal guidelines. If a user is under 13, none of the personal information is collected, it says. But the lawsuit argues that’s not enough. Tech companies are under increasing scrutiny over their data practices, following a series of privacy scandals at Facebook and new data-privacy rules recently adopted by the European Union. Last year, the business news site Quartz found that Google was tracking Android users by collecting the addresses of nearby cell phone towers even if all location services were off. Google changed the practice and insisted it never recorded the data anyway.

**AREA NEWS**

**CVCS Celebrates Team USA Teacher**

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SINCLAIRVILLE — The Cassadaga Valley Central School Board of Education recently met for their first meeting of the new school year. Although the summer’s extensive capital improvement project is still in the finishing stages, it did not impede the beginning of the school year, which is already off to a great start. The district has even more to celebrate, as Cheryl Burns, agriculture and CTE teacher, has been in Queensland, Australia over the past two weeks to compete in the 2018 World Grand Final triathlon on Australia’s Gold Coast. Earlier this week, Scot Stutzman, middle/high school principal, organized students for a group photo that was sent to Burns as she competes in Australia today (last night in the United States). Last summer, Burns competed in Omaha, Nebraska in the National Triathlon Championships, where she qualified for Team USA in the Sprint Distance. Although Burns has qualified for the world championships previously, this is the first year she has been able to participate. In order to make this opportunity a reality, former students from the Chautauqua Lake track team created a GoFundMe page for Burns, and the Jamestown Cycle Shop partnered with

her for fundraising opportunities. She also held a book signing this summer to offset the travel costs. Burns is one of seven Americans who is competing in Australia from Aug. 31 through Sept. 18. The coverage of the event will air on the ESPN Olympic channel sometime next month. “We’re very proud of Mrs. Burns,” Stutzman stated. “We want to recognize our staff and our students, whom we’re very proud of, and this is a very special thing for us here at Cassadaga Valley. Our students were really excited to do the photo and wish her luck! We want her to know that everyone here at the Valley is behind her.” During the administrator’s reports portion of the meeting, Sinclairville Elementary School Principal Josh Gilveski reported that current enrollment (Pre-K through grade 5) is 405 students. Due to increased enrollment, a fourth Kindergarten class was added this year, which has resulted in changes to the master schedule and new room assignments. Stutzman reported enrollment at 462 students for grades 6 through 12. “We are proud to report that our middle/high school opening day was seamless in spite of the construction associated with the building project,” Stutzman reported. “There’s still some finishing touches to do, but all of our classrooms are clean; they’re safe. Our teachers are doing a great job with the few inconveniences here and there.”

**Editorial**

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Both her and John Shedd, vice president of campus planning and operations, said the CUD reported nothing problematic. They had also felt that since CLP’s test that found triclopyr was not certified, they had to find out more information for themselves. They also mentioned that the CLP informed them about the triclopyr they said they found after herbicide treatments were completed. In response to the CLP calling Chautauqua Lake an “impaired water body,” Shedd said that it is considered a class A lake, which allows it to be used as a source for drinking water. Shedd and Morris found other statements in CLP’s Sunday editorial to be false. They do not recall calling themselves the sole steward of the lake as the CLP described. They also said they don’t intend to take away the rights of towns and villages through their lawsuit against the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and the town of Ellery. “We are a steward of Chautauqua Lake,” Shedd said. “We’re all stewards of the lake. Our lawsuit does nothing of the sort.” Shedd reiterated that they want potential problems in the process to approve herbicide applications to go away. They feel that Chautauqua Institution did not get a voice at public forums to express their concerns. “(The lawsuit) was our last resort in trying to make this process appropriate,” Shedd said. “We don’t believe one entity ... should have the ability to be the lead agent.” Shedd said the goal of the lawsuit is to get equal representation amongst the towns and villages in Chautauqua County by showing the need for a county agency to lead the approach on herbicides. He also believes herbicides are a short-term solution and that a comprehensive approach, which will include stormwater management practices like the rain gardens, no mow

zones and erosion control methods, is needed alongside herbicide treatments. A major concern is how much herbicides could drift out of the acreage in which they are permitted to be used, something Shedd said the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement Shedd thinks all of Chautauqua Lake should be potable and that residents should be able to rely on that. Shedd said Chautauqua Institution would like the DEC to discover how much drift would be an issue and put that information in a statement of findings for where the permits for herbicide treatments are issued. “We’re concerned about the entire lake; we have a very deep interest in this entire county and community,” Shedd said. Shedd also responded to comments he’s heard that have labeled Chautauqua Institution’s pending lawsuit as divisive. He believes it isn’t because it aims to make the process of considering and applying herbicides more transparent. He also expressed concern that the CLP is characterizing Chautauqua Institution as an organization against solutions. “We believe (the lawsuit)’s a way to make this a more open discussion,” Shedd said. “We would hope that the CLP can join all of the other lake organizations including Chautauqua Institution in our efforts for a long-term comprehensive approach for stormwater management to improve Chautauqua Lake.”

**Artone**

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He said the \$13 million renovation project is possibly the largest private sector development in the history of Jamestown. The 147-room hotel redevelopment project will include a 4,100-square-foot ball conference room for meetings and receptions of up to 375 guests; Pearl City Hops, a gastropub and restaurant; Sweet Dreams beds; a 50-inch HDTV; complimentary Wi-Fi; and room service and a lobby market available 24 hours a day. Guest will be able to go for a swim in the indoor, saltwater pool or work out anytime in the complimentary fitness center. Print service is complimentary in the business center. There will also be a secured covered parking in attached garage.

**Project**

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City officials received \$610,000 for three pilot streetscape projects, with the other two to be done along West Third Street between Washington and Cherry

streets and along Cherry Street between Third and Fourth streets. The Third Street streetscape project included sidewalk removal, which was replaced with decorative brick; new trees, the removal of old tree planters and a heated sidewalk in front of the Reg Lenna Center for the Arts. The board also approved a change order for the same project during the meeting, which was completed by R. Patti Concrete & Excavating for \$129,861. The board also approved a resolution to repay the Gebbie Foundation \$15,000 for a loan they provided the city. DeJoy said in 2012, the Gebbie Foundation loaned \$26,000 to the city for the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program. Sam Teresi, Jamestown mayor, said the Gebbie Foundation approved of receiving less than what they originally loaned the city. He also said the funding the city provided the foundation for the loan was used toward demolishing a former train station building near the National Comedy Center.

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