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**John Griesmer, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum Instruction, presented the slide-show of recommendations and transformations to educators in attendance at Monday's forum.**  
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## State's Graduation Requirements Roadshow Comes To County

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ASHVILLE - The process to redefine the state's high school graduation requirements is chugging along with state Education Department officials making the rounds across the state to explain the state's work.

Two forums were held at BOCES Hewes Center in Asheville on Monday with the focus of looking at recommendations from the state's Blue Ribbon Commission on Graduation Requirements to give both local educators and members of the public a voice in the changes looking at being made in high school graduation requirements.

A forum for local educators was held Monday morning, followed by one for the public in the afternoon at BOCES, 2615 North Maple Avenue. The forum began with an introduction from District Superintendent, David O'Rourke.

"Someone asked me, 'What's a blue ribbon panel?'" O'Rourke said. "I really don't know the answer to what that is, other than it sounds very official and it's a group of experts that came together to really evaluate how folks graduate and what we require of students to graduate."

O'Rourke said the requirements and way students graduate now was designed in 1878, including regents exams. Though there have been small tweaks throughout the years, the system mostly remains the same and O'Rourke said the new state education commissioner came in with the idea of reexamining graduation standards.

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## Communication Is Key



**David Hicks, a machine operator, is running the Selco Saw, cutting pieces for the Fairfield Inn by Marriott job currently running through Artone, located at 1809 Allen St., in Jamestown.**

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## Artone's Mission Is To Bring Vision To Reality

BY MICHAEL ZABRODSKY  
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Reaching a 50-year milestone speaks volumes for a business.

And Friday, Artone will hold an open house from 3 to 7 p.m. at its Allen Street facility to celebrate its 50th anniversary.

If one would walk into the second-floor office, one would be greeted by four signs that address Artone's beliefs.

- On-Time
- On-Budget
- No Re-Work
- Communication

"We live by that," President Michael Calimeri

said of the fourth tenet. "Communication is really key."

Michael Calimeri said whether a project is going smoothly or not, the company is always in communication with the customer during every phase of the project.

Executive Vice President Sebastian Calimeri agreed.

"Ultimately, we're wanting to bring that customer's vision to life - bringing their vision to reality," Sebastian Calimeri, Michael's brother.

The company began in 1954 when Rosario Calimeri immigrated to Jamestown from Sicily, according to the company website artonemfg.com. A furniture apprentice in Sicily and cabinet maker by trade, Rosario worked for furniture manufacturers such as



**From left are brothers, Executive Vice President Sebastian Calimeri, and President Michael Calimeri.**

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Maddox Table and Chase Interiors before he decided to be self-employed. Rosario and his wife Antonietta would spend countless nights awake trying to figure out how they could start a business of their own and give their children a head start. With four children at the time, determination was at its best and an idea was born. The couple founded their own company, making music boxes for the music industry in the basement of the Calimeri home, the website stated.

Rosario partnered with his cousin Joseph Trusso, and together they created the "Artone" name using part of each of their wives' names, Arlene and Antonietta. "Ar" came from Arlene and "Tone" came from Antonietta (often called "Toni" by Rosario). Although this partnership was brief, the Artone name carries on to this day. The company was founded in January of 1971, and incorporated in January 1974, which is the year the company recognizes and celebrates, the website said.

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## Neighbors Want Dewittville Housing Project Slowed

BY GREGORY BACON  
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Residents who live near a proposed housing project on a former golf course in Dewittville are calling for Chautauqua town officials to slow the process down.

They want to see the town's comprehensive plan completed and have the new water district be used by current residents first. Town officials, meanwhile, say they haven't received the project application yet for review so there's nothing for them to do at this point.

In August, Ellicott Development held a public information meeting to present its plans for the former Chautauqua Point Golf Course, which is officially being called Sunset View. They are proposing 32 single family homes, a series of townhome unit buildings and a four-story building that could have 30-40 units in it. They also want to have a restaurant on the property open to the general public.

They said at the meeting the earliest they envision construction beginning is a year from now.

The project was met with mixed reactions. Many nearby residents spoke out against it over concerns of additional traffic, trespassing, and impact the development could have on water and sewer.

During the September Chautauqua Town Board meeting, residents from Point Chautauqua and Chautauqua Lake Estates, which both border the former golf course, were in attendance.

One person with the Point Chautauqua Association, noted how both the village of Mayville and town of Chautauqua are currently in the process of putting together a comprehensive plan for both municipalities.

"I commend the town on trying to create this. Hopefully we're going to have a short-term and long-term vision on where this beautiful area of the north side of the lake wants to go over the long haul," he said.

The resident said the development will have an impact on traffic, sewage, water, and how it will affect the lake.

"I would propose that we complete this comprehensive plan, which is going to take a lot of work and it's a great idea, before we go and move forward with Sunset View," he said.

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## Suspect In Apparent Assassination Attempt On Trump Was Near Golf Course For 12 Hours, Records Show

BY STEPHANY MATAT, ERIC TUCKER, TERRY SPENCER, ALANNA DURKIN RICHER AND COLLEEN LONG  
 Associated Press

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — The man suspected in an apparent assassination attempt targeting Donald Trump camped outside a Florida golf course with food and a rifle for nearly 12 hours, lying in wait for the former president before a Secret Service agent thwarted the potential attack and opened fire, according to court documents filed Monday.

Ryan Wesley Routh did not fire any shots, never had Trump in his line of sight and sped away after an agent who spotted him shot in his direction, officials said. He

was arrested in a neighboring county.

Routh, 58, appeared in federal court in West Palm Beach to face federal firearms charges, starting a criminal case in the final weeks of a presidential race already touched by violence and upheaval. Though no one was injured, the episode marked the second attempt on Trump's life in as many months, raising questions about the security provided to him during a time of amped-up political rhetoric and what the Secret Service chief called an "unprecedented and hyper-dynamic threat environment."

Even as Trump's Republican allies and some Democrats demanded answers about how a would-be shooter was able to get so close to Trump, Ronald Rowe Jr., the Secret



**In this image taken from police body camera video and released by the Martin County, Fla., Sheriff's Office, law enforcement officers arrest Ryan Routh, the man suspected in the apparent assassination attempt of Donald Trump, Sunday, Sept. 15, 2024.**

AP photo

Service's acting director, offered a fiery defense of the agents he said were "rising to this moment" despite needing additional resources.

"The men and women of the Secret Service, right now, we are redlining them, and they are rising to this moment, and they are meet-

ing the challenges," Rowe said, citing recent political conventions and other major events that required extensive protective details.

Authorities were continuing to examine Routh's potential motive and movements in the days and weeks leading up to Sunday, when a Secret Service agent assigned to Trump's security detail spotted a firearm poking out of shrubbery on the West Palm Beach golf course where Trump was playing.

The agent fired, and Routh escaped into a sport utility vehicle, leaving behind a digital camera, a backpack, a loaded SKS-style rifle with a scope and a plastic bag containing food.

He had been at the golf course's tree line from 1:59 a.m. to 2:31 p.m., according to an FBI affidavit that

cited cellphone data to track his whereabouts. The FBI is investigating how long the Hawaii man had been in Florida, said Jeffrey Veltri, the special agent in charge of the FBI's Miami field office.

Coming just weeks after a July 13 shooting at a Pennsylvania campaign rally in which Trump was wounded by a gunman's bullet, the latest assassination attempt accelerated concerns that violence continues to infect American presidential politics.

Both President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris, Trump's opponent in the November election, denounced the thwarted attack, with Harris saying in a post on X: "I am glad he is safe. Violence has no place in America."

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# Roadshow

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Recommendations from the state in regards to graduation standards came out to both the Board of Regents and the public, which led to these forums at BOCES, which are set to give people the opportunity to have a voice as graduation standards are being reexamined. These forums are happening all across the state.

No changes have been made to the graduation requirements yet, and that will only happen when these requirements are adopted by the Board of Regents. The forum's presentation and discussion was led by John Griesmer, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum Instruction. Griesmer began by discussing the Graduation Measures Initiative Timeline, which began back in November 2019 with information gathering and has continued with multiple steps since then, all the way to November 2024 when everything is set to formally go back to the board.

"With respect to the timeline, I really think our group of leaders is ahead of the game, and poised to really take this feedback and move forward with it," Griesmer said.

He added that he and some of the superintendents in the room had already begun discussing this subject at meetings back in February. He also talked with RCC members around that time, saying that most everybody in the room at the meeting had seen the 12 recommendations being passed down from the state in one way or another before. Griesmer briefly touched on the focus of choosing from a diverse group of people to be members of the Blue Ribbon Commission, before going into the 12 recommendations.

These recommendations include; the num-



District Superintendent, David O'Rourke, began the BOCES Blue Ribbon Commission Forum on graduation requirements on Monday with an introduction and a brief discussion as to what a blue ribbon panel was.

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ber of diplomas, diploma assessment requirements, performance-based assessments, reorganization of credit requirements, credit requirements, access to career and technical education, options for specific students, requiring teacher preparation programs, requiring professional development plans, and reviewing and revising the New York State learning standards.

These recommendations have been merged together into four proposed transformations; adopt the NYS portrait of a graduate, redefine credits and expand learning experiences, sunset diploma assessment requirements, and move to one diploma.

"So, the rest of the slideshow sets us up with, here's what we do, here's what's proposed ... so we see here, the current system portrait of a graduate, we don't have a statewide portrait of a graduate," Griesmer said. "Some schools may set one up on their own, but the thought here is can we streamline that expectation across all of New York State."

The rest of Monday's forum went through a discussion period, with

educators given the ability to put their thoughts and discuss with the state each of the transformations through QR codes included in the slides. This began with the portrait of a graduate, then redefining credits, expanding learning experiences, sunset diploma assessment requirements, multiple means for demonstrating student proficiency, and moving to one diploma type as opposed to the current system of three types of diplomas. Each transformation ended with educators having a ten minute discussion time, followed by entering their thoughts and rating other thoughts.

The forum ended with discussing financial implications and other final thoughts those in attendance might have.

As for what's next after the forums, from August to October will be a time for ongoing stakeholder engagement and identifying potential budget considerations. In November the full plan will be presented to the Board of Regents, with a roll-out plan including projected timelines, affected regulations, and everything else that goes with it.



Artone is located at 1089 Allen St., in Jamestown.

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# Mission

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Artone's key focus is offering a variety of hospitality casegoods (closets, nightstands, TV stands, headboards) and services to the hotel and resort industries, Michael Calimeri said.

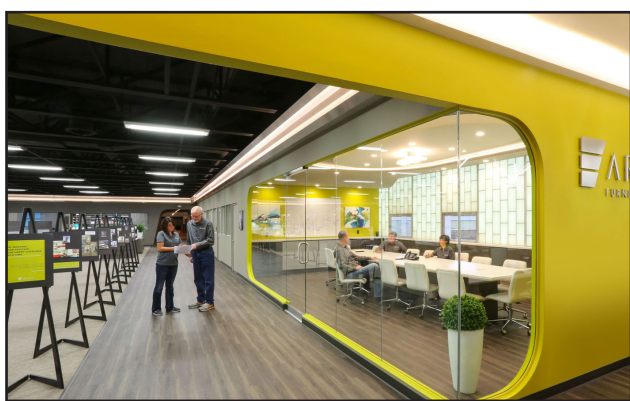
"When we do a hotel, whether it's a renovation or a new build, every hotel is going to need casegoods," Michael Calimeri added.

From the time Artone receives a customer's request for proposal (RFP), specifications, costs, and materials are reviewed, then a quote goes back to the customer, and if the customer gives the OK, then the order comes back to Artone. Once the order is received, Michael Calimeri said, the order goes to production which can take 10 to 12 weeks.

"During the whole time period that we're making it (the product), we assign a dedicated project manager - one person that the customer talks to," Michael Calimeri said.

Sebastian Calimeri said the production time duration can be longer or quicker, depending on customers' decisions.

Artone's hospitality portfolio consists of Brand Packages, Boutique Hotels, Casinos and Resorts as its own Signature Collection



Artone employees conduct business at the company's second floor office.

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that the company will be adding in 2025.

Artone's current customers are Wyndham Corporation (Microtel, Wyndham Garden, Wyndham Hotels & Resorts, Days Inn), Hilton (Tapestry, Hampton Inn, Doubletree, Marriott Incorporated (TownePlace Suites, Fairfield Inn, StudioRes), Disney Resorts (Animal Kingdom Lodge, Coronado Springs), Universal Studios Cabana Bay Beach Resort, Loews Sapphire Falls, and the most recent projects Universal Stella Nova Resort and Universal Terra Luna Resort, set for completion in 2025.

Local projects include Doubletree by Hilton located in downtown Jamestown, Chautauqua Harbor Hotel

by Hart Hotels located in Celoron, Seneca Allegany located in Salamanca, and Seneca Niagara Casino located in Niagara Falls.

Artone outgrew its 107 Institute St. building, and relocated to 1809 Allen St., a state-of-the-art, 250,000 square foot manufacturing facility employing more than 100 workers. The company has employed many workers over the 50-year span, and Michael Calimeri said that reaching a 50-year anniversary milestone is very rewarding.

"To support families (also) is really key," Michael Calimeri said. "Going forward for the next 50 years, we certainly want to leave a legacy together so that it can continue."

# Project



Residents who live near the former Point Chautauqua Golf Course expressed concerns about the proposed housing development at the Chautauqua Town Board meeting.

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The village and town has been working on the Comprehensive Plan for nearly two years now. They have the grant funds, hired a consultant and have just about completed its surveying. A public meeting is expected to take place in October.

Town Councilman Scott Cummings is a co-chairman of the Comprehensive Planning Committee. He agreed that land use will be an important part of the comprehensive plan.

Town Supervisor Don Emhardt said although a Public Unit Development application has been submitted, they do not have any formal plans from the developer.

"Right now, we have nothing to act on," he said.

Even though there's no formal plans submitted, residents continued to share their concerns on the proposal.

A resident of Chautauqua Lake Estates said she is concerned about the placement of the pool for Sunset View residents, as well as the loca-

tion of the restaurant and parking lot. "We have some very major concerns about this because it does impact us greatly," she said.

Another Chautauqua Lake Estates resident argued that they may build the restaurant and four-story building first and then give up on the rest.

"We're concerned about the way this is proceeding. It doesn't seem to be proceeding under a good faith effort by the part of this Buffalo development company," he said.

Some attendees at the meeting noted they are not in town during the winter months and requested the town to hold their meetings on zoom or some other way electronically so residents of Chautauqua Lake Estates and others can attend when they're gone.

The town is currently in the process of changing one of its water districts from using lake water to using well water. The treatment plant being used needed \$5 million worth of upgrades, so the town decided to switch to well water. The state Department of Environmental

Conservation supports the change, in part because of the algal blooms in Chautauqua Lake.

One resident said the new water district should be put in use first before Sunset View is allowed to be built and added to the district.

"They should have it (water) before someone that comes in Buffalo and gets 400 units of it," he said.

Emhardt responded saying that the former golf course is already part of the district, regardless of the owner. They will be paying for their share and have the right to the public water.

But the resident is concerned the new well may not produce enough water.

"If you add those 400 units or whatever it is, and then you run out, what do you do?" he asked.

Emhardt said every indication is that there will be enough water.

"We have run all our tests on the wells that we have. They have been pumped extensively. There's plenty of water," he said.

# Trump

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The FBI has interviewed family members, friends and colleagues and is working to collect evidence. No motive has been disclosed, and Routh invoked his right to an attorney when questioned, authorities said.

Investigators are also examining Routh's large online footprint, which suggests a man of evolving political viewpoints, including recently an apparent disdain for Trump, as well as intense outrage at global events concerning China and especially Ukraine.

"You are free to assassinate Trump," Routh wrote of Iran in an apparently self-published 2023 book titled "Ukraine's Unwinnable War," which described the former president as a "fool" and "buffoon" for both the Jan. 6, 2021, Capitol riots and the "tremendous blunder" of leaving the Iran nuclear deal.

Routh wrote that he once voted for Trump and must take part of the blame for the "child that

we elected for our next president that ended up being brainless."

He also tried to recruit fighters for Ukraine to defend itself against Russia, and he had a website seeking to raise money and recruit volunteers to fight for Kyiv.

Voter records show he registered as an unaffiliated voter in North Carolina in 2012, most recently voting in person during the state's Democratic primary in March.

Routh also made 19 small donations totaling \$140 since 2019 to Act-Blue, a political action committee that supports Democratic candidates, according to federal campaign finance records.

One of the two criminal counts alleges that he illegally possessed his gun in spite of multiple felony convictions, including two charges of possessing stolen goods in 2002 in North Carolina. The other charge alleges that the weapon's serial number was obliterated and unreadable to the naked eye, in violation of federal

law.

His attorney declined to comment after Monday's brief court appearance, when he was ordered to remain locked up after prosecutors argued that he was a flight risk.

Routh was the subject of a previously closed 2019 tip to the FBI that alleged that he was a felon in possession of a firearm, Veltri said. The FBI interviewed the tipster, who did not verify the initial information, he said. The FBI passed that information to local law enforcement in Honolulu.

The arrest focused fresh attention on the challenges

of protecting Trump, the Republican presidential nominee, not only during campaign events but also when he is off the trail, often at his own clubs and properties. Sunday's golf course outing was an off-the-record event, meaning in Secret Service terminology that it was not on Trump's official calendar.

Even so, Rowe said, the Secret Service had in place the "highest levels of protection" as directed by Biden, including "counter sniper team elements" and "local tactical assets."

The Trump shooting in Butler, Pennsylvania, has

made clear the need for a paradigm shift in how the Secret Service protects dignitaries, he said.

"We need to get out of a reactive model and get to a readiness model. There

could be another geopolitical event that could put the United States into a kinetic conflict or some other issue that may result in additional responsibilities," he said.

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