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Village of Whitehall revisits county water charges after usage discrepancy

By EJ Conzola II
NYVT Media

WHITEHALL – Francis “Fra” Putorti marked his return to the mayor’s office by reviewing a village agreement with Washington County that should produce a small boost to revenues in the village water system.

During his first Village Board meeting since being appointed to take over from Mayor Phil Smith – who resigned Dec. 1 because of health issues – Putorti said he recently learned the village has been charging the Washington County Department of Public Works for 15,000 gallons of water used to create the brine solution applied to local roads to help with snow removal efforts. However, the county last winter used 207,000 gallons for the process, he said.

The 15,000 figure was adopted during the winter of 2023-24 when the county initiated its brining program in the area, Putorti said. The number was based on readings from a water meter at the county highway facility on state Route 22 in the northern part of the village.

However, Putorti said he thought the use measure was low, so he checked with county DPW, which found records that listed each the county employees drew water for brining. Those records produced the 207,000 figure.

An apparent malfunction in the water meter produced the inaccurate figure, Putorti said.

Village water fees start with a minimum charge for a specified amount of water use, then increase after use reaches that amount. The malfunction appears to have cost the village roughly \$500 in water revenues, the mayor said.



Photo by EJ Conzola II

Newly appointed Whitehall Mayor Francis “Fra” Putorti presides over his first Village Board meeting Dec. 16 after replacing Mayor Phil Smith, who resigned for health reasons.

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GF Heating Oil and Propane’s Brian Nelson poses with Helen Stanton of Dresden. Stanton won this year’s Great Fuel Giveaway provided by GF Heating Oil and Propane through a partnership with NYVT Media.

NYVT Media and GF Heating partner to award \$1,200 fuel prize to Dresden woman

By Patrick Ward
NYVT Media

A Dresden resident will head into the winter heating season with added relief after being selected as the winner of the \$1,200 Great Fuel Giveaway sponsored by GF Heating Oil & Propane in partnership

with NYVT Media and the Granville Sentinel-Times.

Helen Stanton of Dresden received the grand prize, \$1,200 worth of fuel oil or propane for this winter through the annual giveaway.

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Town of Whitehall rejects fire company training request

By EJ Conzola II
NYVT Media

WHITEHALL – The Town Board has turned down a request from the Whitehall Volunteer Fire Co. to use a long-vacant building on Mountain Street as a training facility.

Board members said they feared allowing the company to use the building would spark renewed interest in the property from the state Department of Environmental Conservation, which has found the property

to be contaminated.

Fire company President Brian Brooks had asked the board for permission to use the building at 58-60 Mountain St. – a long disused industrial warehouse – to hold training classes for firefighters. The training sessions would not involve use of the surrounding 4.5-acre lot, which was contaminated by a leak from a fuel tank more than a decade ago,

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Contact our reporter at news@nyvtmedia.com.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Prize

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Stanton is retired after spending 35 years working as a nursing assistant at The Pines in Rutland. She said heating costs have been concerning, but winning this year's giveaway

"I just appreciate it. It's going to help a lot," Stanton said. "I can turn the heat up now. I appreciate the company [GF Heating Oil and Propane] offering it, and you guys [NYVT Media] doing it."

She learned about the giveaway

through her neighbor who receives the Sentinel-Times, though Stanton said she also purchases copies herself when she wants the news as soon as possible.

GF Heating Oil & Propane owner Brian Nelson said the giveaway has been part of the company's outreach for many years. Nelson has been with the company for over three decades, and says it's always nice to give back to people in the area ahead of the cold winter months.

"We've been doing it for years," Nelson said. "It's part of our campaign, but it's also about helping people."

Nelson said the Great Fuel

Giveaway has been running for roughly 15 years, and says that partnerships like this one help everyone involved. "We do these giveaways because it's a good way to get our name out there, and we keep a lot of the customers that we do that for."

The annual fuel giveaway is typically held in late fall, with a winner selected ahead of the winter heating season.

NYVT Media and the Sentinel-Times thank everyone who entered this year's Great Fuel Giveaway and extend special thanks to GF Heating Oil & Propane for partnering with us to support local residents during the winter heating season.

Fire

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Brooks said.

The contamination is concentrated in the northeast corner of the property, town officials said.

The current fire stations used by the company do not have adequate space for the training, Brooks said. The 6,000-square foot building has more than enough space, and the fire company would probably use only a portion of the building, he said.

But Town Board members voted unanimously to deny Brooks' request, saying they were concerned renewed activity at the site would

bring renewed DEC scrutiny – and a possible demand the contaminate soil be removed.

Any such cleanup project could cost the town a million dollars or more – money it does not have, they said.

"The less we get involved with DEC, the better off we are," said Deputy Supervisor David Hollister.

None of the current board members were in office when the town acquired the property and all said they did not know what their predecessors had in mind for the site. Supervisor John Rozell said the town had been approached by potential buyers over the years but all of those inquiries had been turned down because of the contamination

concerns.

Board member Stefanie Safka said the town had at one time done some environmental cleanup at the site, and the contamination was believed to have been remediated. However, a contractor involved in the work had mistakenly dug below the 20-foot depth that had been remediated and found another layer of contaminated soil – which the DEC said would require additional cleanup, she said.

While the building has remained vacant, it has been maintained – including the replacement of the building's roof in 2012, town Highway Superintendent Louis Pratt noted.

Water

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The village has no plans to try to recoup the apparent shortfall, Putorti said. It is working to trace the cause of the malfunction, which will be rectified, he said.

"It's water over the dam," he joked.

The much higher water use does not represent a problem for the village water system, which is currently working to address upgrades demanded by the state Department of Health after the system failed one year ago after a drop in the water pressure needed to drive water from the village's Pine Lake reservoir to the water treatment plant left system users without water for four days, the mayor said. The pressure drop

was the result of last year's drought and came after a major house and wildland fire caused the water level in the reservoir to fall below the amount needed to power the gravity system.

Upgrades now required by the state are estimated to cost around \$10 million. The village has been actively - and largely successfully - pursuing grants and loans from the federal government that will help fund a significant portion of that cost.

The amount of water in Pine Lake is currently estimated at 103 million gallons – less than the reservoir's 146-million-gallon capacity but sufficient to keep the water flowing, Putorti said. The amount of water in the reservoir is continuing to increase, he added, even though the village demand for water results in a drawdown of between 350,000 and 500,000 gallons per day.

The amount used for the brining program is spread out over four months, so the impact on daily demand is minimal, he said. The village will continue to closely monitor the lake to prevent a repeat of the system failure, he added

"The 200,000 gallons is a drop in the bucket," Town of Whitehall Deputy Highway Superintendent Lucas Longtin, who said the use of brine has helped make snow removal efforts much easier and effective, told the Village Board.

The use of brine rather than road salt has also contributed to a drop in the amount of salt leaching into waterways.

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District seeks public input as superintendent search continues

By EJ Conzola II
NYVT Media

WHITEHALL – Whitehall Central School District officials are continuing to solicit public input on what qualifications residents are looking for in a new superintendent as the search for a successor to Patrick Dee begins in earnest.

The district had conducted an online survey asking community members to help the Board of Education “better understand the perspective of the desired qualities for the new superintendent.” That survey, which ended Dec. 5, drew only 79 responses, district Treasurer Lori Langevin told board members at their Dec. 15 meeting. There are more than 2,100 eligible voters in the district.

Results of the survey are being reviewed and will be presented to the school board at its next regular meeting on Jan. 26

But district representatives are continuing to try to gather more comments on the desired qualifications and experience for the new superintendent. Board member Shannon Newell, who has worked with the Washington-Saratoga-Warren-Hamilton-Essex Board of Cooperative Educational Services to draft advertisements for the opening that have been posted online and published in professional publications, said she has met with the district’s Parent-Teacher Association and members of the junior/senior high school faculty



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Whitehall Jr./Sr. High School

and has meetings with other groups, including elementary school faculty, in the near future.

Information gathered during the unsuccessful search for a new superintendent earlier this year will also be reviewed again, Langevin said.

The application package hopefuls will fill out includes a writing sample that stresses the candidate’s thoughts on the importance of community involvement, Newell said.

Critics of the district’s prior effort to find a successor for Dee have said the board and the administration need to broaden their community outreach efforts and listen to what residents are telling them.

The application period will end in February, with board review of the submissions to begin shortly thereafter.

The board also received a preliminary estimate of the projected cost of

a potential capital project that was identified by another community survey as a priority.

A new bus garage similar to what Whitehall officials envision that was built recently by the Lake George school district cost about \$13.5 million, Dee told the board. The amount is very close to what district officials say they can afford without having any impact on the tax rate – a key criterion stressed by respondents to the survey.

Dee noted that the Lake George cost – which was provided by Tetra Tech, the consulting firm that worked on the Lake George project and is involved in the Whitehall proposal – involved a piece of land that had never before been developed and lacked infrastructure including water and sewer service and electricity. Whitehall is looking for a parcel of land that has been the site of earlier

development, meaning the cost of bringing infrastructure to the site would be largely unnecessary, Dee said.

Resident Lynn Enny, one of several community members who have been closely following the school board’s capital project plans, wondered if the Lake George project included amenities that would be expensive luxuries for Whitehall.

“We don’t need the Taj Mahal,” Enny told the school board.

Dee assured her that the Lake George garage was not extravagant and that Whitehall would take a similar bare-bones approach – a two-bay building and a pole-barn type structure to protect the bus fleet from the area’s winter weather.

School board members have said they hope to have a proposition to put before the voters sometime in the late fall.

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Obituaries

Marcia E. Clark, 59

WELLS, VT - Marcia Elaine Clark, 59, of Wells, Vermont, died Tuesday morning December 16, 2025 at her residence.

She was born on Sept 6, 1966 in Rutland, Vermont, the daughter of Francis and Betty (Shattack) Haskins.

Marcia married Dowe Elisha Clark on August 28, 1982.

She was employed by the Vermont Country Store for over 30 years.

Marcia enjoyed going to Wells Beach, Maine.

Survivors include her husband Dowe of Wells, Vermont, a daughter Christina Clark of Hartford, New



York, a son Steven Clark of Wells, Vermont, 6 grandchildren Jason Clark, Isiah Hayes, Elisha Hayes, Carter Clark, Brent Corbet, and Brooklyn Corbet, 4 brothers Mark Haskins of Poultney, Douglas Haskins of Wells, Vermont, Gregory Haskins of Jamacia, Vermont and Jeffrey Haskins of Wells, Vermont, several nieces

and nephews.

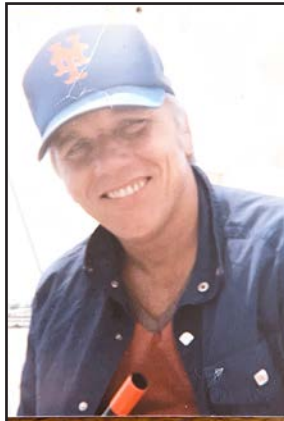
She was predeceased by her parents.

A celebration of her life will be at a later date.

Arrangements are with the Durfee Funeral Home.

Kenneth Robert Taylor, 86

OCEANSIDE, CA - Kenneth Robert Taylor of Oceanside, California passed away peacefully on October 24, 2025, surrounded by family. He was 86 years old. Ken was born in Brooklyn, New York in 1939. An only child of parents Kenneth and Josephine, Ken graduated from Chaminade High School and went on to St.



The payoff was often funny and always self-deprecating. His family will remember him for this, of course, and also for his strength of character and tenderness. Ken never had an ill word for anyone. And he'd go to great lengths to care for animals, whether it was by rescuing a waylaid ant stuck on his inner tube in a roiling river, leaving cer-

tain attic windows strategically unrepaired to give squirrels a place to keep warm in winter, or petting all the dogs he ever encountered (and spoiling every dog he ever owned).

Ken is survived by his wife, Patricia, sons Kenny (Susan) and Jason (Christa), and grandchildren Nathan, Matthew, Penelope and Olive, and many dear friends, all of whom knew him as a loyal and caring person, a loving parent and husband, and a source of warmth and good nature in the world.

Ken loved the Mets and the Bills. He loved Scrabble and chess. He loved golfing at Lake St. Catherine and bowling, most recently with his league in Oceanside where his bowling skills initially made him a sought after team member. Those skills diminished with age but he remained in demand, not for the velocity of the ball as it hit the pins, but for the quality of the man throwing it. A man you just wanted to be around. A good man.

Ken also loved the Beatles and the closing lines of Abbey Road aptly describe his full and meaningful life: "And in the end, the love you take is equal to the love you make."

Ken was interred at the Miramar National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Randy's Patient Assistance Fund at the C.R. Wood Cancer Center, through the Glens Falls Hospital Foundation, 126 South Street, Glens Falls, NY 12801.

Bonaventure University where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Physical Education. Ken served for six years as an officer for the U.S. Navy before being honorably discharged and attending Adelphi University where he obtained a Master's Degree in Health and Physical Education.

Ken taught with distinction on Long Island for several years before falling in love with the Mettawee Valley and moving to Granville with his wife, Patricia, whom he married in 1968. Together they found a home in a drafty but beautiful white house, on a hill near Main Street. Ken worked a variety of jobs during his more than four decades in Granville - a county education official, manager of the bowling alley, a self-taught chimney sweep (a foray that provided a host of hilarious stories, if not worldly riches), and finally and enduringly, as the health, physical education and driver's education teacher for the Hartford School District. He retired in 2000. Ken also served Granville for years as a volunteer firefighter for the Henry Hose Fire Company and served as fire chief for the Henry's for two years, during which time he never left town for fear he would miss an emergency requiring his help.

Ken was a quietly charismatic man who led a life of kindness and love. Friends will remember him for his keen sense of humor and way of telling a spellbinding story, unspooling it slowly and drawing you in.

Norma L. Cosey, 91

SOUTH GRANVILLE, NY - Norma L. Cosey passed away on December 18, 2025, at her home, surrounded by her loving family. Norma was born on October 19, 1934, in Kingsbury, NY, the daughter of the late Harry and Mabel (Fowler) Bissell.

Norma married the love of her life, John Cosey, on October 20, 1951. They shared 74 years of wedded bliss, creating a much-cherished family out of their love. She worked for 28 years at the Washington County Department of Social Services while it was located here in Granville.

Norma was an amazing wife and mother, and she loved spending time with her family. She enjoyed golfing, bowling, cooking and baking, in addition to working full-time.

Norma and John were active in the South Granville Congregational Church, where she was a member of the church choir and Bible study group.

She was always a kind, sweet woman. Her granddaughter, Amy, started calling her "my sweetie," a name which was taken up by many others, even her caregivers.

Norma was predeceased by her parents, a brother, Raymond Bissell, and a great-grandson, Nicholas Heald.

She is survived by her husband, John Cosey; her three children: Thomas Cosey (Mary), Ronald Cosey



(Valerie), and Nancy Dillenbeck (James), all of Granville, and her sister, Charlene Gary of Granville.

Norma was blessed with 13 grandchildren: Amy Gurdo (John), Jennie Russo (Jeremy), John Cosey (Jillian), Chandler Redmond, Chaisleigh Cosey, Kirse Cosey, Thomas Cosey (Casey), Susan Lio, Joseph Cosey, Benjamin

Cosey (Serena), Tyler Kelly (Rachel), Alexander Bernard (Hayleigh), and Elijah Dillenbeck (Hannah).

Her blessings grew through the years as 17 great-grandchildren were added to the ranks and two great-great-grandchildren.

The family wishes to extend a special heartfelt thank you to the wonderful caregivers who made it possible for Norma to live at home throughout her illness.

A funeral will be held at the South Granville Congregational Church on Tuesday, December 30, 2025, at Noon. Friends may call from 11:00 a.m. until the time of the service.

In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate memorial contributions to the Haynes House of Hope, 7187 State Route 149, Granville, NY 12832, or to the South Granville Congregational Church, 7179 NY-149, Granville, NY 12832, to help with the basement repair fund in Norma's memory.

Online condolences may be made at www.robertmkingfuneralhome.com.

Mary Grottoli Bertram

SPRINGVALE, ME - Mary Grottoli Bertram, of Springvale, Maine, passed away peacefully on November 2, 2025. Mary was born in Granville, New York in 1949 to Cosimo and Pauline (Pauquette) Grottoli. She was a graduate of Granville High School and went on to earn her nursing degree from St. Peter's Hospital in Albany, New York, and a B.S. in sociology from Castleton State College in Vermont. She worked as a nurse in a variety of settings over the course of her career, most frequently serving geriatric patients.

Mary was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend. She was a kind, compassionate, and joyful person who loved to laugh, entertain, and socialize. She always thought of others' needs before her own, ensuring that all around her felt welcomed and comfortable. She had a gift for getting to know people and making them feel like part of her family. Her empathy, patience, and humor endeared her to

all who knew her -- family, friends, and patients alike.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents, her sister Ann Ellen Blanco, and her brothers Francis and John. She is survived by her husband Robert, daughter Stacey Dudley and son-in-law Christopher Dudley of Limerick, Maine; daughter Amy Roongsang and son-in-law Dusit Roongsang of Snoqualmie, Washington; and granddaughters Samantha Dudley and Eleanor Roongsang. She is also survived by siblings Michael Grottoli, Joann Byron, Nicole Backman-Grottoli, Paula Sanchez, Teresa Ameden, and Joseph Grottoli; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, December 27 at 1 pm at Lakeside Community Church in Waterboro, Maine. The family requests no flowers, but welcomes donations to the American Cancer Society or the Tunnel to Towers Foundation.

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And every day, no matter what, Mom was always there

She taught us to work hard and do our best the first time through
She taught us to be thoughtful and to be a friend so true
To follow our dreams, we can achieve whatever we may dare
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We thank God always for our Mom, she's a best friend so rare
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Northville rallies past Hartford in 58-52 non-league win

By Keith Harrington
NYVT Media

A year ago, Northville won the Class D sectional title over Spa Catholic. Many feel that the Falcons and the Saints could be headed down that path again. Not so fast! Hartford might have come up a little short against Northville Monday night, but the Tanagers certainly showed enough that their hat should be thrown in the ring.

Hartford led by as much as 14 and held the lead for much of the game before Northville rallied for a 58-52 win in a non-league battle at the Ella Colvin Gymnasium.

The Tanagers came out on a mission, building a 21-7 first-quarter advantage. The Falcons were ice cold as Hartford scored the first 13 points of the game. A pair of 3-pointers from Keira Mackey put Northville on the board and seemed to take the cover off the basket.

"We started out well. We were scoring well. Then we dried up," Hartford coach Jason Johnson said after the game. "But that's what happens sometimes at the beginning of the season. "Northville is probably going to be one of the top teams that we'll see in the sectionals. It's good to see it now to see what I have to build on before I see them again."



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Hartford raced out to an early lead, but Northville rallied to defeat the Tanagers 58-52 Monday night at the Ella Colvin Gym.

The game began to shift in the second quarter. Northville went on a 10-2 streak to slice the deficit to 23-17. Hartford responded with an 8-2 run to lead 31-19, but the Falcons scored the last four points to make it 31-23 at the break.

Northville began to roll in the third. After layups by McKenzie Johnson and Audrey Fiske made it 39-32, Tanagers, the Falcons reeled off a 9-2 run to draw even heading to the fourth.

In the final stanza, Northville began to pull away. A trey from Mackey pushed the lead to 57-47 with under two minutes to go, and

Hartford couldn't recover. Fiske scored five consecutive points down the stretch to close the gap, but the Falcons held on for the victory.

"They have a lot of good pieces. They have good shooters. They have a couple of good post players. We got in foul trouble early and they were able to take advantage of it," Johnson added.

Izzy Colon led Northville with 12 points.

Johnson poured in 27 for the Tanagers to go along with five assists and six steals. Fiske added 17 points.

Northville is 3-0. Hartford is 2-1.

Northville pulls away from Hartford; Tanagers rebound against Argyle

By Keith Harrington
NYVT Media

Sometimes the final score of a game does not tell the whole story. Monday night's non-league contest between highly regarded Northville and homestanding Hartford is a perfect example.

The Tanagers played well early and fought to the end, but the Falcons gradually pulled away for a 73-47 win at the Ella Colvin Gym.

"When I submit the score tonight, people are going to look at the score and say Northville boat raced them. But I think most people who watched this game will say Hartford is young but they've got a chance," Hartford coach Ray Harrington said after the game. "Northville is a very fast and physical team. And a very veteran team."

Things looked good for Harrington's squad early. Hartford came out with a ton of momentum and grabbed a 10-3 lead. The wind was drained out of the sails of the Tanagers when a 3-pointer by Niko Sevestakis gave the Falcons a 16-15 edge.

Northville opened the second with eight straight points from Sevestakis to lead 24-15. The period turned into a game of one-on-one between two of the best guards in Class D as Sevestakis scored all 15 of the Falcons' points, with Aiden Swezey scoring Hartford's only five points. Northville led 31-20 at the half.

Both teams scored easily in the third as the Falcons outscored the Tanagers 20-15 to extend their lead to 56-35.

Northville used a 22-12 fourth

quarter to put the game out of reach.

The difference in the game was the pressing defense, causing Hartford to turn the ball over, along with the physicality of the Falcons.

A bright spot for the Tanagers was the play of guard Daniel Peterson, who asserted himself on offense in the third quarter, and the effort in the paint from Mason Purdy.

"Mason Purdy off the bench. A young kid. Had great minutes. And Daniel Peterson. I went to him in the locker room and said I need you to be that guy now. He finally came on for me," Harrington said.

Even with the loss, Harrington was pleased with his team's effort.

"I'm happy with how we fought. We could have rolled over. We fought. We had the lead. There were key moments where, as a young team, we made mistakes," Harrington added. "We're going to see them again. We'll be corrected, and we'll be ready for them."

Niko Sevestakis scored 35 points to lead Northville. Braydn Bovee added 16 points for the Falcons.

Peterson led Hartford with 15 points. Swezey chipped in 14.

The Tanagers must regroup quickly as they head to Argyle to face the rival Scots tonight.



Photo Credit-Keith Harrington

Hartford coach Ray Harrington talks with his team during a timeout during Monday night's loss to Northville.

"I just got done telling the guys in the locker room, when you go down Route 40, you need to have a killer look on your face. No matter how tough either team is, it's going to be a dogfight. It always is.

Northville improved 3-0. Hartford dropped to 2-2.

Hartford used a late-game push to overcome the hot shooting and fast-paced Argyle Scots 62-53 in the Route 40 rivalry game on Tuesday night.

Hartford came out early, looking like they were going to run away with the game, using transition points and fast-paced offense to jump out to a 22-14 first-quarter lead.

The second and third quarters belonged to the Scots. Argyle used a 34-16 advantage over the middle stanzas to fashion a 48-38 advantage

going into the fourth quarter.

The Tanagers then ramped up the half-court trap and full-court press to slowly chip away and eventually run away with a win.

Daniel Peterson paced Hartford with 23 points and eight rebounds.

Aiden Swezey contributed 19 points, five assists, and three steals. Landon Cook added eight points and 10 boards. Kile Whitney pulled down 10 rebounds and Colin Shaw seven.

For Argyle, Wyatt Humiston led three players in double figures with 13 points. Teddy Dessaint had 11, and Owen Steinberger 10 for the Scots. Trevor LaPoint chipped in nine points.

Hartford is now 2-0, 3-2. Argyle is 0-2, 2-2.

Cougars hold off Granville in intense battle for 85-79 win

By Keith Harrington
NYVT Media

The Granville and North Warren boys' basketball teams have a storied history against each other. The Golden Horde and Cougars have met for the Adirondack League championship a couple of times in recent history, and every time they square off, it's an intense battle.

Tuesday night's matchup was no exception, as North Warren built a 16-point lead and then held off a Granville second-half rally to nab an 85-79 victory at the Granville High School gym.

Brodie Rooker and Coleman Swartz combined for 51 points as the Cougars collected their fifth win in a row.

"I feel like we all played together. We moved the ball well and found the shooters. And we knocked them down," Swartz said after the game.

"We came out shooting like crazy. They had no idea what to do with us. We were making threes back-to-back, and they had no answer for us," Swartz added. "And we played good defense, and that's what wins games."

The opening stanza belonged to North Warren as they came out on fire to take a 26-16 lead.

The Cougars extended their advantage in the second quarter, outscoring the Golden Horde 19-14 to increase the margin to 45-30 at the half. Besides their sizzling shooting from behind the arc, North Warren was outworking Granville at both ends of the floor.

The second half was a different story. The Golden Horde came out with a distinct look in their eyes. Granville used their pressing, trapping defense to chip away at the deficit. The Golden Horde pulled within five at one point, but every time they got close, Rooker or Swartz nailed a clutch trey.

Granville still outscored the Cougars 24-17 in the stanza to pull within 62-54 heading to the fourth.

North Warren coach James Cuyler was not surprised by the way Granville fought back.

"They're tough, man. Tough as nails," Cuyler said. "They'll be there at the end. They're a good team."

In the final eight minutes, the Golden Horde were within six on a few occasions but couldn't get over the hump. Perhaps the biggest play of the night came after Swartz



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Granville's Joel Nelson puts up a shot over two North Warren defenders during Tuesday night's game.

missed two foul shots with 40 seconds to go and North Warren leading 81-76. Swartz made amends by stripping the ball loose and racing to the basket for an "and one" hoop to put the game away.

"I was really excited. It was really hype in the gym," Swartz said. "I don't ever put my head down, no matter what happens, because I've been in those big game situations before. And I know what costs game."

Rooker finished with 26 points. Swartz was right behind him with 25.

Chase Scheidegger added 16, and Beckett Kelly 12.

Joel Nelson paced Granville with 24 points. Kole Plude contributed 22 and Cam Rathbun 13.

Granville coach Sam Rathbun was pleased with the way his team didn't give up, but felt they could have won the game by cleaning up some things.

"We let them get confident early because we didn't come to play and compete the right way. That carried over to the second half," Rathbun said. Details. Rotation. Keeping people out of the paint. We're learning. It's early in the season. I'm a little disappointed, but we'll get there."

North Warren raised their mark to 2-0, 5-1. Granville is 1-1, 2-2.



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Granville-Whitehall boys and girls roll on the mat

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Granville-Whitehall Boys and Girls Roll on the Mat

If you are a fan of high school wrestling, the Granville High School gym was the place to be on Thursday evening. It was a packed house as the Granville-Whitehall boys tangled with Hadley-Luzerne and the G-W girls hosted duals against Hadley-Luzerne, Burr and Burton, and Berlin-New Lebanon.



Photo Credit-Keith Harrington

Carter Lehoisky of Granville-Whitehall battles with Jason Hall of Hadley-Luzerne during a match Thursday evening.

It was a stellar night for the Hammers as they swept all four matches.

The G-W boys rolled over Hadley-Luzerne 51-23.

Mason Heckman (110), Derek Saxton (144), Nathan Barber (150), Aiden Roberts (157), Andrew Ingerson (165), and AJ Landon (285) recorded wins by pin for the Hammers.

Carter Lehoisky topped Jason Hall by a 3-2 decision at 126.

For the Eagles, Carter Bunzy won by fall at 175. Wade Bapp won by technical fall at 138.

Receiving forfeit wins for G-W were Maximus Hollister (132) and CJ Monty (215).

Hadley-Luzerne received forfeit wins for Layton Beach (103), and Jackson Ortiz (190).

The G-W girls began the night by defeating Hadley-Luzerne 34-5.

Emma Kelly won by technical fall over Kierstin VanDyke at 107 in 5:54.

Sage Ingleston pinned Anna Gilbert in 1:04 at 1:04.

Carriella Phillips (120), Alison Bushman (126), Peighton Wilson (132), Madelaine Wilson (138), and Eryana Huntington (235) all won by forfeit for the Hammers.

Brianne Farrell received a forfeit win at 152 for Hadley-Luzerne.

G-W then topped Burr and Burton 30-14 in their second match.

The Hammers claimed two wins on the mat. Peighton Wilson Daisy Bassett in 1:32 at 132.

Madelaine Wilson pinned Molly Heberts in 1:24 at 138.

Kelly, Ingleston, Phillips, and Bushman were all awarded wins by forfeit.

In their final dual, G-W cruised past Berlin-New Lebanon 35-10.

At 114, Ingleston pinned Isabella Phillips in 1:00.

Phillips needed just 33 seconds to pin Vincenza Deschamps at 120.

Forfeit wins were secured for the Hammers by Kelly, Bushman, Peighton Wilson, and Madelaine Wilson.

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Washington County Sheriff's Office

Dec. 10

8:15 a.m. – Sheriff's deputies arrested 58-year-old Michelle M. Tobin of White Creek on the charge of grand larceny in the 3rd degree following an investigation into alleged SNAP benefit fraud. Tobin stands accused of failing to report unearned income for the year of 2022, resulting in an overpayment of \$5,679 in benefits, Tobin was arraigned and released on her own recognizance with an appearance scheduled in Fort Edward Town Court.

Dec. 11

The Sheriff's Office arrested 42-year-old Michael J. Lohnes of Rutland, VT on charges of forcible touching and endangering the welfare of a child, both misdemeanors. Lohnes stands accused of allegedly touching a juvenile he was familiar with in a sexual manner..

Lohnes was arraigned in Greenwich Town Court. The case is still pending disposition.

New York State Police

Nov. 4

10:50 a.m. – Troopers responded to a Queensbury home for a report of a dispute. The investigation determined that 20-year-old Tayevlon McIntosh of Hudson Falls had been staying temporarily at the residence. The property owner invited another person inside for a visit. McIntosh allegedly demanded the person leave even after the resident said they could stay.

The report indicated McIntosh then allegedly brandished a pair of scissors holding them to the victim's throat, threatening to cause series injury.

McIntosh was arrested at the scene, processed and released with an appearance ticket returnable to Queensbury Town Court.



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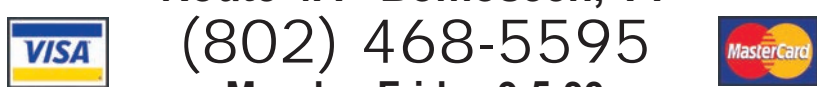
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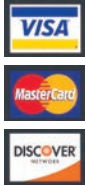
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Taxes may be paid in person, MONDAY through FRIDAY from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. (Open Fridays beginning January 2nd ending March 27th). Tax payments may be dropped off at the Secure Drop Box located outside the Municipal Building or mailed. Please make checks payable to: Whitehall Tax Collector

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE NO PENALTIES WILL BE ADDED ON TAXES PAID IN PERSON OR POSTMARKED JANUARY 1st through FEBRUARY 2nd. However, on all taxes collected or postmarked from FEBRUARY 3rd through MARCH 2nd a 1% penalty will be added, and from MARCH 3rd through MARCH 31st a 2% penalty will be added.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE pursuant to the provision of the law the tax roll of the Town of Whitehall will be returned to the Washington County Treasurer on the 5th day of April 2026. The failure of the property owner to receive a tax bill **SHALL NOT** in any way affect the validity of the taxes, penalties, nor relieve the owner's tax obligation.
Jamie Barnhill
Tax Collector
12/16/25

WASHINGTON COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Notice of formation of West Lake Loony Lodge, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/29/25. Office location: Washington County. SSNY designated as an agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Scott Allen Brownell: 11541 State Route 40, Schaghticoke, New York 12154. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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BRAYMER HILL FARM LLC Arts of Org. filed SSNY 11/25/2025 Washington Co. SSNY design agent for process & shall mail to 1405 COUNTY RD 153, SALEM, NY, 12865 General Purpose

WASHINGTON COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

LEVEL UP FLOORS LLC. Filed 6/10/25. Office: Washington Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 842 Middle Rd, Granville, NY 12832. Purpose: General.

WASHINGTON COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Notice of formation of 178 South Valley, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/8/25. Office location: Washington County. SSNY designated as an agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Neal Kober: 158 South Valley Road, Argyle, New York 12809. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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11300 Fort Ann Holding LLC filed w/ SSNY 11/21/25. Off. in Washington Co. Process served to SSNY - desig. as agt. of LLC & mailed to Sarbjit Singh, 29 Thames Rd, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Any lawful purpose.

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KRS SPORT HORSE & PONY LLC Arts of Org. filed SSNY 11/5/2025 Washington Co. SSNY design agent for process & shall mail to 41 STATE ST, # 112, ALBANY, NY, 12207 General Purpose

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Notice of formation of Mettowee Pub & Grill, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/21/2025. Office location: Washington County. SSNY designated as an agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Randy L. Martelle: 447 VT Route 30, Wells, VT, 05774. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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Notice of formation of Whitmer Cattle Co., LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/18/25. Office location: Washington County. SSNY designated as an agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Whitmer Cattle Co., LLC: 1324 Brayton Road, Fort Ann, New York 12827. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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Notice of formation of Matelli's Inc.. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/18/2025. Office location: Washington County. SSNY designated as an agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Christopher Bischof: 573 Dunbar Road Cambridge NY 12816. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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Notice of formation of Yummy Topsoil, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/27/25. Office location: Washington County. SSNY designated as an agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Susan Lynch: 1357 State Route 372, Greenwich, New York 12834. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

TOWN OF WHITEHALL PUBLIC NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town of Whitehall Organizational Meeting for 2026 will be held on Monday, January 5, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at the Whitehall Municipal Center, 57 Skenesborough Drive, Whitehall, NY. **PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that said purpose of meeting is to swear in newly elected officials, establish town business rules for 2026 and any other business that shall come before the Town Board.
Jamie Barnhill
Town Clerk
12/18/25

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GENERATION RENTALS LLC Arts of Org. filed SSNY 9/29/2025 Washington Co. SSNY design agent for process & shall mail to 41 STATE ST, # 112, ALBANY, NY, 12207 General Purpose

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MOSS & MOON, LLC. Filed 10/4/25. Office: Washington Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: Jules Diprima, 884 Sprague Town Rd, Greenwich, NY 12834. Purpose: General.

Washington County Real Estate Transactions

Dec. 8

Susan Aalderink of Cambridge sold property located at 4 Washington Street in Cambridge to Ryan L. Hutchinson for the sum of \$250,000.
Edward C. Brynes, Jr. (administrator) of Glens Falls sold property located 26452 NYS Route 40 in Greenwich to Quinton Kapper for the sum of \$85,000.
Mark and Kristen Eastman of Shushan sold property located at 65 West Broadway in Salem to Bailey T. Petry and Andrei Lynch for the sum of \$185,000.
William and Roxane Potter of Buskirk sold property located at 173 Belle Road in Cambridge to Sean Leonard for the sum of \$390,000.
Trep Holdings of Whitehall sold property located at 12 South Park Street in White Creek to Ashley McCuin and William McQuerrey for the sum of \$170,000.

Dec. 9

The Washington County Treasurer's Office of Fort Edward sold property located on Broadway in Fort Edward to Nazifa Faiz for the sum of \$4,850.
David and Kimberly Thistle of Hudson Falls sold property located at 13 Alexander Way in Hudson Falls to Robert F. Waltersdorf for the sum of \$340,000.

Dec. 10

Jason J. Lamb of Fort Edward sold property located at 346 NYS Route 197 in Fort Edward to Ashley and Erick Forlie for the sum of \$630,000.
Lara L. Bradway of Hudson Falls sold property located at 19 North Street in Hudson Falls to Skyy E. Currier for the sum of \$215,000.
Goldenkill Properties Inc of Fort Edward sold property located at 192 Broadway in Fort Edward to Spark Residence 1 LLC for the sum of \$139,900.

Dec. 11

Shena Irwin of Richfield Springs, NY sold property located at 107 1/2 Maple Street in Kingsbury to Brandon A. McClouth for the sum of \$168,920.
Thomas Lopez and Marika Contompasis of Fort Edward sold property located at 174 North River Road in Fort Edward to Todd LaRoche and Lori Squadere for the sum of \$975,000.

Dec. 12

Andrew M. Gates of Middletown Springs, VT. sold property located on Bulkley Avenue in Granville to Kayla Denny for the sum of \$154,000.
Cascade Funding Mortgage Funding Trust of Houston, TX sold property located at 5015 NYS Route 40 in Argyle to Denise M. Herrington for the sum of \$56,500.
Gary and Debra J. Farr, Sr. of Mountain Top, PA sold property located at 1899 County Route 43 in Kingsbury to Drew R. Lomax for the sum of \$8,000.
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