**City cancer center is offering the best care around**

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After a $3 million renovation at Amsterdam’s cancer center was officially unveiled Monday morning, breast cancer survivor Amy Karas said she was happy the center received new equipment to help people who are in the same situation she once was. “This can only improve our area — you don’t even have to leave the area to get the best treatment. We have it locally,” she said.

Karas, co-owner of Ruby & Quito in Johnstown, was diagnosed with Stage 2 breast cancer five years ago. She went to the New York Oncology Hematology center in Riverfront Center, Amsterdam, for treatment. Today she’s cancer-free and has doubled the number of friends in her life.

On Monday, Karas, along with U.S. Rep. Paul Tonko, D-Amsterdam, his mother, Helen Tonko, Dr. Arsyl De Jesus, Dr. NiN Wu and others helped cut a ribbon to symbolize the official opening of the center’s new Varian IX linear accelerator and General Electric CT Simulator.

Dr. De Jesus, a radiation oncologist, said the new machines are the most advanced radiation therapy currently available. She said the machines define the size, shape, location and treatment of tumors while decreasing negative side effects.

She said the two machines work together like a laser beam, creating a beam of high energy X-rays that are directed where there is cancer or a risk of microscopic cancer cells.

“We are able to shape the beam so that it is shaped according to the tumor,” she said. “For example,”

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**Vehicle tax proposal Council is looking for a fair slice**

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A proposal by the Montgomery County Legislature to implement a vehicle tax aimed at repairing county roads has the Amsterdam Common Council hoping that money will be distributed fairly.

The council plans to discuss the topic during a meeting tonight at City Hall.

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The county plan is to charge a vehicle use tax when registering a passenger vehicle, or renewing a passenger vehicle registration. The charge would be a $10 use fee for registrations on vehicles, and a $20 fee for commercial vehicles. These fees would be collected by the Department of Motor Vehicles and the funds put toward repair of county roads.

This plan, if it passes, would reportedly increase county revenues by $370,000. The county is expected to address the proposal during a budget adoption session tonight in Fonda.

The Common Council, in a resolution, argues that the city and a lot of villages don’t have many county roads within their boundaries and they are worried they will be paying the bulk of a vehicle use tax pr

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**Loss in election turns into a win on county panel**

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FOND— Final adoption of the county’s $109 million budget is expected tonight. The Montgomery County Legislature will hold a special meeting to discuss potential amendments to the spending plan and will then finalize it.

If Montgomery County Executive Matthew Osenfort’s budget will go back to the legislature for discussion and approval. “We have until Oct. 31 if the Legislature eyes budget approval

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FOND— The odds were in favor of Democrat Robert Purcell Monday when he was unanimously appointed to fill the Montgomery County Legislature’s District 9 seat, despite a last-minute challenge from the Republicans.

Purcell’s name was announced for consideration by Legislature Chairman Thomas Quackenbush after former legislator Alexander Kuchis resigned last month. However, minutes before the resolution appointing Purcell was voted upon, the legislature was made aware that a GOP candidate had expressed interest in the seat.

“I put up the resolution supporting Purcell because we all know an election took place not even 10 months ago and Purcell lost by a handful of votes. It makes sense to me that we give Bob the position to fill the term up until next November,” Quackenbush said. “On the other hand, Andrew Caddell called me looking to be considered.”

Caddell sat in the audience beside county Republicans Party

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**Wherefore art? A look back at the Hagaman art show, which drew hundreds to the village this weekend.**

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**Soccer showdown Despite a valiant effort by the goalie, Amsterdam’s Lady Rams come up short.**
Mayfield motorcyclist dies in accident
By NICOLE ANTONUCCI
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WARRENSBURG — A motor vehicle crash that killed a Mayfield motorcyclist and injured another remains under investigation, according to the Warren County Sheriff’s Office.

Gary J. Hennel, 45, of 115 Mariner’s Road Extension, Mayfield, was pronounced dead at the scene Sunday at the intersection of Tripp Lake Road and Route 9 in the town of Warrenburg. A second motorcyclist, Greg T. Antonsen, 53, of 138 Bertrand Road, Mayfield, was injured and was flown by medical helicopter to Albany Medical Center with non-life threatening injuries, deputies said.

According to the Warren County Sheriff’s Office, Roy A. Granger Sr., 57, of Brant Lake was heading north in his 2001 Dodge Dakota around 4:50 p.m. Sunday when Jewel E. Coats, 84, of Argyle, who was driving a 2002 Buick, failed to yield to the right of way entering Route 9 from Tripp Lake Road. She crashed into Granger’s vehicle, who was then forced into the southbound lane where he hit Hennel on his 2001 Harley Davidson.

Hennel was ejected and suffered massive injuries, according to the sheriff’s office.

Antonsen was also struck by Granger’s truck. Antonsen’s hospital status was not available.

There is no indication that alcohol or drugs were contributing factors in the crash, according to the sheriff’s department.

The accident remains under investigation by the Warren County Sheriff’s Office Traffic Safety Unit with the assistance of the Criminal Investigations Unit.

The Warrensburg Emergency Squad, North Warren Emergency Squad, and the Warrensburg Fire Department responded. The sheriff’s office was assisted at the scene by the Warren County Office of Emergency Services and members of the State Police.

Remember When...

He was a character!

In our family, fishing with Grandpa was more than just fun—it was a story to remember! No matter what we caught, Grandpa always let us take credit for the biggest fish. And, the day ended with a strong hug every time. Grandpa had a way of making each moment special.

His funeral won’t be any different. I’ll be filled with laughter, memories, and of course, hugs. 