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Duanesburg Ambulance Newsletter

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Inside this issue:

Kyle Goldy



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■ Local Fire Depts are being invited to

■ K-9 unit will put

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- Demonstrations of the services and programs offered
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■ See next page for Barbecue Delights full menu

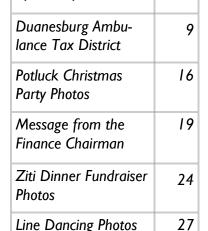


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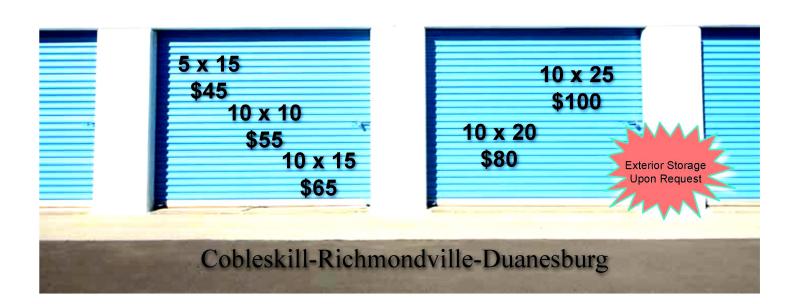
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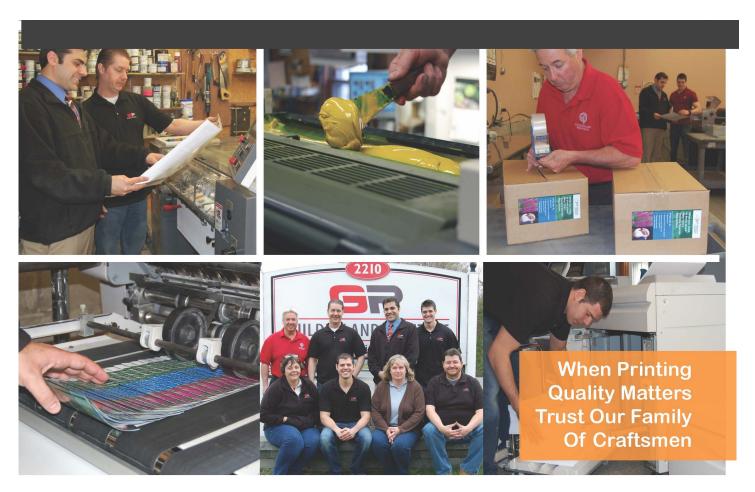
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Kyle Goldy ~ A Lesson on Resilience and Survival (submitted by Chief Peter Brodie)

"Duanesburg Ambulance

helped him during his

time of need."

Prior to July 20, 2024, Kyle Goldy was a man in his 30's married to a strong, passionate and loving wife; father of two adoring daughters and

living in a beautiful new home in the Town of Duanesburg. At a housewarming celebration with friends, Kyle's life suddenly changed in ways he never imagined would come his way. He suf-

fered a significant head injury when he fell down the stairs at his home.

On that evening, Duanesburg Ambulance EMT Jessica Gathen, EVO Timothy Herzog and EMT Kyle Avery responded along with Duanesburg Fire to care for a man who had fallen. 30 minutes later,

Kyle had been loaded to a helicopter from Air Methods (LifeNet) and was transported Albany Medical Center Hospital the Level I Adult Trauma Center for further treatment. After a stay at Albany Med, the crew of Kimberly Sargalis EMT, Peter Brodie AEMT and Andrew Millard EVO were summoned to the house again for further evaluation of Kyle who had been acting differently according to his family. A stubborn young man, Kyle resisted treatment and transport to the hospital. Early the next morning, Kyle was transported to the hospital for further

of Michael Badger EMT and Evan Trombley EVO.

Kyle has had multiple surgeries and steps in his recovery that he credits his wife, his mother and his family for their full support. While his life is quite different than before the unfortunate fall, Kyle has such a

positive attitude and a commitment to living the life he wants to live. On a beautiful Saturday morning in March 2025, Kyle stopped by

Duanesburg Ambulance and spent 2 hours visiting with some of the responders and sharing his experiences after our three encounters after the fall.

While his recovery is ongoing, Kyle has returned to hunting and fishing, working at a new job with less

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appointments is easier now with his new job.

During his visit, Kyle credited the outstanding work by the three crews, Duanesburg Ambulance, Duanesburg Fire and LifeNet for saving his life and providing him with great care. While he was glad

that he didn't remember the helicopter flight (he is afraid of them), he believes they provided him with great care. At a recent board meeting. Kyle's mother spoke about how Duanes-Ambuburg lance saved her son's life and she credits our willingness to the explain health care system for his family and do our best to help them through a challenging time.



treatment by the crew Evan Trombley, Tim Herzog, Kyle Goldy, Jessica Gathen, Chief Peter Brodie

stress and says he is focused on living his life. He and his wife have scheduled their lives to spend more time with their daughters, and managing his ongoing physician While Kyle's recovery will go on for quite some time, he is glad that Duanesburg Ambulance helped him during his time of need.

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Working toward a Duanesburg Ambulance Tax District: What It Means for You

Our community is committed to maintaining and improving essential emergency services, including ambulance response

"...this will not increase your taxes"

and medical aid. As part of this commitment, a new Ambulance Tax District is in the pro-

cess of being established. Duanesburg Ambulance wants to clarify what this means and reassure residents that this will not increase your taxes—it is simply a change in how funding is displayed and allocated.

What Is the Ambulance Tax District?

Previously, funding for ambulance services was included within the general town budget, making it less transparent to taxpayers. The new tax district moves this funding into a dedicated line item on your tax bill, ensuring clearer accounting and easier tracking of how these critical services are funded.

Why Make This Change?

This adjustment provides several key benefits:

- **Transparency:** You will now see exactly how much is allocated to ambulance services, increasing accountability in local government spending.
- **Budget Stability:** By establishing a dedicated fund, we can ensure that emergency medical services receive the resources they need without competing with other budget priorities.
- No Tax Increase: This is not a new tax, but rather a reallocation of existing funds to a designated category.

What You Will See on Your Tax Bill

Going forward, your tax bill will include a separate line item labeled "Ambulance Tax District." The amount listed represents the portion of your taxes already designated for ambulance services—it is not an additional charge.

Continued Commitment to Emergency Services

Duanesburg Ambulance's goal is to ensure that ambulance response times remain fast, services remain high quality, and funding remains stable. This change allows us to do just that, while keeping you informed about where your tax dollars go.

We appreciate your support and understanding as we continue to work with the Town Board to make this improvement to our community's financial transparency. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to me or a town board member for more information.

Thank you Bob Cuttita Chairman





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...has had a successful year with the mail campaign fundraiser. We would again like to thank everyone who has contributed to the mail campaign fund raiser and look forward to your continued support.

The Corps works diligently to provide timely and high quality care for the sick and injured in our community. The **2025 MAIL CAMPAIGN FUND-RAISER** is in the planning stages and expected to be mailed in June or July of this year. ~ Amy Jo Simpson



Make sure to pick up a copy of
The Mountain Eagle/Schoharie News
around the area, including at Duanesburg
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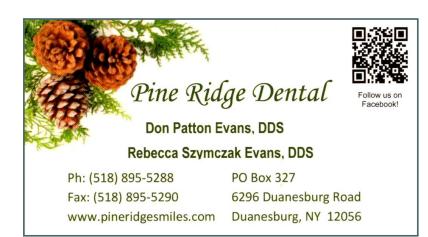
Message from the Duanesburg Ambulance Finance Chairman

In our last newsletter, our Chairman of the Board, Bob Cuttita, composed an article entitled, Understanding How Duanesburg Ambulance Operates: Insurance Billing Explained. I

would like to take this opportunity to reaffirm with everyone, family member(s), caregivers that receive care from the Duanesburg Ambulance professionals, we are here to help you. We cannot "Help us help you."

provide financial assistance if you do not reach out and contact us.

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We're here for you





Message from the Duanesburg Ambulance Finance Chairman

(Continued from Page 17) The Duanesburg Ambulance Corps has an excellent working relationship with all the finance departments from Ellis Hospital, Albany Medical Center, St. Mary's, Bassett Hospital in Cobleskill, St. Peters, Saratoga. It is our objective for all patient's that are transported to any of the local hospitals, to obtain the patient's medical insurance information within three days from the day of transport. This insurance information is provided to our billing company (Cornerstone) to preclude you from receiving an invoice for service rendered.

In those instances where Duanesburg Ambulances responds to a 911 call, and the medical staff conducts a medical assessment, and the patient refuses transport to a hospital, or upon completion of the medical assessment, a determination was made that the patient did not meet the criteria for transport, there is a minimal charge for providing the service. The cost is \$156.18 and can be billed to patient's insurance company.

In those instances, whereby the patient either refuses transport or does not meet

criteria for transport, one of our crew members will request the patient's insur-

ance. If a situation existed where this was not feasible. a crew member will leave a card with you that looks like this.

The cost associated \$156.18, and can be billed to patient's insurance company.

In the event the patient's insurance was enabled not obtained. the letter (1) following on page 19, will be sent

via USPS to the patient's address on file.

It is highly encouraged that this letter be responded to.

Help us Help You

As previously noted, with many insurance plans, as part of the premium being paid

by the subscriber for the insurance, there may be a copay or cost sharing associat-

"vou must reach out to us in order for us to help you."

ed for services rendered. iust like in a doctor's office. When this occurs, our Of-Manager will send the let-

ter (2) following on page 19. to the patient, or if the patient is a minor, it will be sent to the parent or guardian of the minor.

FRONT



Duanesburg Ambulance Eric Unser, Finance Chairman (518) 631-5584 finance@duanesburgambulance.org

ALWAYS READY TO SERVE YOU.

would request your consideration in allowing our medical staff to take a photo of the front and back of the patient's medical insurance cards. With this information, I will personally ensure the pertinent insurance information is processed promptly.

Duanesburg Ambulance is a nonprofit organization. To ensure all operational costs are covered to continue to provide our top tier services to the entire Town of Duanesburg and beyond, we bill your insurance for services rendered.

BACK

Thank you for contacting Duanesburg Ambulance during a time of need; we respect and appreciate that you were either treated and released or you refused care and transportation to a hospital. If you have any clinical questions after we depart, we encourage you to connect with your primary care physician and discuss the matter in greater detail.

We are committed to providing the highest quality care and evaluation; however, we also hope that you know that if your personal situation changes, that you can always request our crew to return to evaluate your needs, continue care and possible transport to the hospital.

Please reach out to me personally with any questions or to discuss the care provided.

Be safe and well!

Peter L. Brodie, AEMT Chief PO Box 130 | 130 Cole Road

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Help us to Help you!!

Dear

You should have received the below card during your medical assessment by our Duanesburg Ambulance EMT, March 1, 2025. There is a minimal charge of \$156.16 for the comprehensive medical assessment provided by our staff, is response 911 call dispatching our ambulance dispatched even though you were not transport to a hospital



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Duanesburg Ambulance is a nonprofit organization. To ensure all operational costs are covered to continue to provide excellent services to the Town of Duanesburg and beyond, we bill your insurance for services rendered. Please provide both primary and secondary, if the patient has Medicare, AARP or a supplemental coverage.

Easy options are shown below:

Take a photo of the front and back of each insurance card and:

- a. Attach the insurance card to an email to finance@duanesburgambulance.org
- b. Mail the information to Duanesburg Ambulance, ATTN: Office Manager, 130 Cole Road,
- c. Call our Office Manager, Janice Vunk @ 518 631-5584 to provide the insurance information.

If you do not have insurance, please let us know so we may help and avoid an invoice through our billing

company. Please respond by March 28, 2025, thank you.

Letter 1 Sincerely

Eric J. Urew Sr.

Duanesburg Ambulance Financial Assistance Program for Ambulance billing:

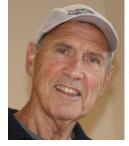
Patients who are, for whatever reason, encountering difficulty paying their bill for ambulance service, whether it be the patient does not have insurance. has high copayments / cost sharing, you are strongly encouraged to contact our Office Manager. The contact information is shown below. We will work with you.

Janice Vunk @ (518) 631-5584

Treasurer@duanesburgambulance.org

Have an enjoyable spring.





Eric Unser, **Financial** Chairman

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address

Dear patient,

You may have heard from our third-party billing company, Cornerstone, in Pennsylvania, in addition to this letter. Feel free to respond to either request to get your records up to date. The Duanesburg Ambulance Corps is advising that your copayment for our services has not been made. We would like to extend our assistance to process any supplemental insurance or your copayment for the services provided to you on:

Date of Service: #/#/2025 Billed Insurance: insurance data

Invoice Number: invoice

Patient Responsibility / Copayment Balance due: \$amount

Duanesburg Ambulance Corps would like to furnish you with the following options:

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 - Select "Make A Payment"
 - Complete the indicated fields.
 - Your Invoice Number is: invoice
 - Once completed, click "Submit" and your payment will be processed within 1-2 business days
 - or Please feel free to suggest a payment plan that would fit your financial situation.
- Make your check payable to Duanesburg Ambulance Corps, and mail to Duanesburg Ambulance Corps, ATTN: Office Manager, P.O. Box 130, Delanson NY 12053.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and we look forward the opportunity to further assist you.

Best regards, anice Vunk

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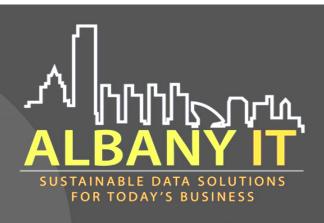




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For comments, suggestions, articles, free email subscriptions, please contact the office manager, Janice Vunk (518) 631-5584

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Founded in November 1971, Duanesburg Ambulance (DA) was the only remaining 100% volunteer ambulance agency in Schenectady County until recently when day time staff have been contracted to strengthen the Corps' service to the Town of Duanesburg! We are your neighbors, co-workers, family and friends on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Every day ambulances A-930 and A-933 are ready for any emergency in our response area of the Town of Duanesburg, Village of Delanson, the hamlets of Mariaville and Quaker Street and parts of Knox and Princetown.

DA also provides mutual aid to surrounding communities. The Corps is enrolled in the Schenectady County Mutual Aid and MCI plans as well as the regional plan for the six counties in the Hudson-Mohawk Regional EMS Council. Our crews also provide stand-by support for various sporting events and larger public gatherings in town; additionally, the volunteers have staffed fire scenes with the six fire departments covering the Town of Duanesburg.

New members are always needed and New York State EMT training is provided to medical members at no charge. You never know when your training from DA may save a family member or a friend.

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