



WEATHER

TODAY	TONIGHT	THU
Cloudy, cooler and misty	Periods of rain	Mostly cloudy and windy
HIGH 45	LOW 39	43 25

Complete weather, **A2**

SPORTS



Empire 8 Rookie Award to Brantley

Justice Brantley has been named the Empire 8 Conference Men's Basketball Rookie of the Week.

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REGION



Coxsackie drive-in for sale

A moviegoing era may come to an end as the Hi-Way Drive-In goes on the block.

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NATION

White officers use force more

White police officers are more likely to use force than nonwhite officers, new study shows.

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Police: Gun shops targeted

By Sarah Trafton

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A series of attempted burglaries in the Coxsackie area, and one in Columbia County, with an emphasis on gun shops, is prompting investigators to wonder if the crimes are linked.

The Greene County Sheriff's Office is investigating two of the break-ins, which occurred at Country Armory and RECON Defense, both in Coxsackie, Undersheriff Adam Brainard said Tuesday.

The incident at Country Armory occurred in the early morning of Feb. 19, and the other break-in took place between Tuesday and Thursday, Brainard said, adding that it was likely the same night.

"The attempt was not noticed immediately," he said.

It is highly likely the two incidents are related, Brainard said.

Country Armory owner Shane Pilato credited the security measures at the store for thwarting the intruder.

"We are pretty well fortified here," he said.

Pilato observed the suspect carrying a bag full of tools on the store's security cameras.

"He was fully masked," Pilato said. "He spent almost an hour in the distance looking at where our cameras were."

At 3:59 a.m., the suspect attempted to

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Contributed photo
The smashed door at Country Armory in Coxsackie last week.

Lawmakers speak up for veterans



Assemblyman Jake Ashby, R-107, speaking at a press conference at the state Capitol on Tuesday calling for Gov. Andrew Cuomo to restore more than \$5.6 million in planned cuts to veterans services in the 2020-21 executive budget.

By Kate Lisa

Johnson Newspaper Corporation

ALBANY — Area lawmakers pleaded outside the state Assembly chambers Tuesday

for Gov. Andrew Cuomo to restore more than \$5.6 million in planned cuts to veterans services as part of the 2020-21 executive budget.

About \$5.68 million that funds veterans programs across the state are on the chopping block in next year's spending plan, including

money to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Vietnam Veterans of America, American Legion, Helmet to Hardhats and several others. The affected

programs provide services that help vets transition into careers, build professional

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School bus crash under investigation

By Bill Williams

and Melanie Lekocevic

Columbia-Greene Media

GERMANTOWN — A school bus carrying 20 children rolled over on Church Avenue on Tuesday morning, state police said.

The accident was called in to Columbia County 911 at 7:45 a.m. Tuesday.

The crash occurred on Bus Route 11 in the middle of the route, on its way to school, according to a statement from the Germantown Central School District.

All the children got off the bus before first responders arrived on the scene, according to scanner reports.

The cause of the accident is

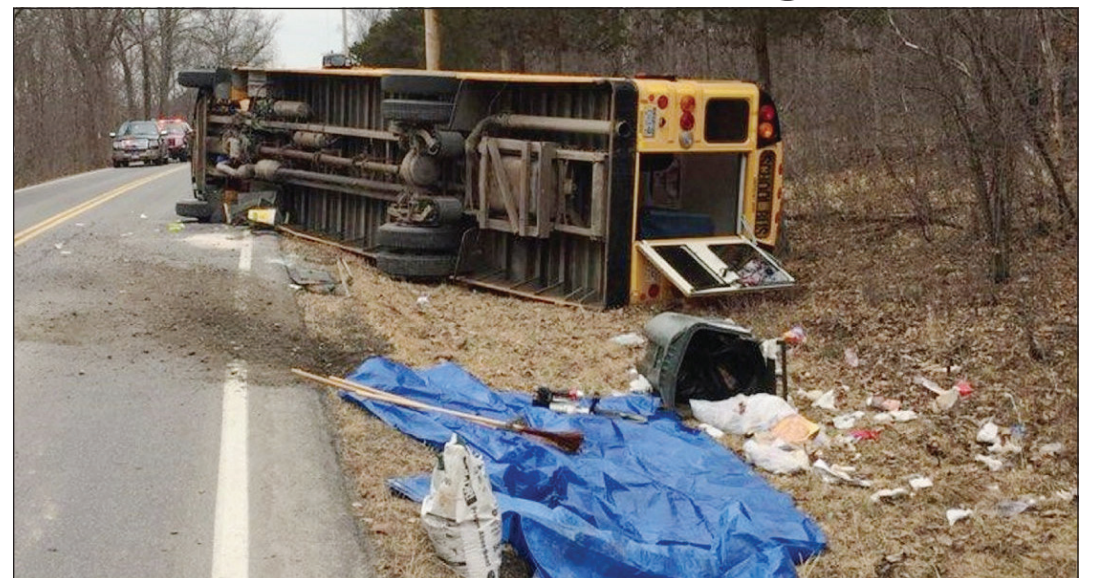
under investigation, state police said.

Four children and the driver suffered minor injuries, according to state police. They were transported from the scene to area hospitals.

Two children were brought to Northern Dutchess Hospital in Rhinebeck, two were transported to Columbia Memorial Health in Hudson and the bus driver was taken to Albany Medical Center.

The bus, from the district's bus company, Pat Zanchelli Inc., based in Germantown, was being operated by a 40-year-old female bus driver. Her identity has not been

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Twenty students were on board a school bus in Germantown when the bus rolled over onto its side Tuesday morning.

Courtesy of New York State Police

