



## The Chairman's Corner

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### CONGRATULATIONS!!

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A big round of applause is in order for the three Columbia County high school sports teams that captured state championships this year in their various categories. The three title-winning teams would be the Ichabod Crane varsity boys basketball team, the Ichabod Crane varsity girls softball team, and the Chatham High varsity boys baseball team.

To achieve a goal of this nature not only brings an immediate sense of gratification, but also creates memories that will last a lifetime. The effort, dedication, sacrifice, and skill required to achieve such a lofty objective is something to be treasured by all involved.

#### *ICHABOD CRANE BASKETBALL*

Coached by Will Ferguson and assisted by Mike Hoose, Chris Muller, and Dave Dellehunt, the Ichabod Crane Riders won the Class B boys basketball championship in March at Cool Insuring Arena in Glens Falls with a thrilling one-point victory over Friends Academy. Although they had begun their year with a 3-5 record, Coach Ferguson's hoopsters overcame that and some COVID-19 challenges along the way to ultimately bring home the title.

The 2021-22 Ichabod Crane basketball roster: Jason Borrelli, Quinn Rapport, Aiden Autrey, Alex Schmidt, Avery Clickman, Brady Holzauer, Jack Mullins, Dylan McCrudden, Dylan Colwell, Brett Richards, and Daniel Warner.

#### *ICHABOD CRANE SOFTBALL*

Heading into spring, the Ichabod Crane girls' varsity softball team adopted the slogan, "Wreck Everyone and Leave." And that's just what they did. Coached by Tracy Nytransky and assisted by Bob Wheeler and Chris Saccento, the Lady Riders finished the year undefeated at 25-0, capping it all off with a 12-0 victory over Chenango Valley to earn the Class B state championship.

To add the cherry on top, Nytransky was named the New York State Sportswriters and Coaches Organization for Girls Sports Class B state coach of the year, and first baseman Clare Knapp was named Class B state player of the year.

The 2022 Ichabod Crane softball roster: Ashley Ames, Paige Eitleman, Kari Graziano, Emma Heartquist, Ava Heffner, Clare Knapp, Abigail Milazzo, Morgan Ormerod, Sophia Saccento, Emma Scheitinger, Torre Tamez, Makayla Walsh, Gabriella Wendelken, and Carolina Williams.

#### *CHATHAM BASEBALL*

Coach Scott Steltz and his assistants, Dan Doyle and Joe Williams, led the Chatham Panthers to a 27-1 record en route to bringing home the Class C New York State championship. Their season culminated on Saturday, June 11, when Chatham knocked off Chester, 6-4, in Binghamton to secure the title.

The 2022 Chatham varsity baseball roster: Tate Van Alstyne, Cam Horton, Tyler Kneller, Gavin Tanner, Michael Pierro, Kyle Jackson, Matthew Thorsen, Vinny Marasco III, Jason McKay, L J. Morse, Matt Radley, Jameson Balich, Noah Hutchinson, Jake Taylor, Skyler Laurange, and Anthony O'Dell. Logan Smalley and Hunter Kelly were late season additions.

The Columbia County Board of Supervisors and I congratulate all who participated in these tremendous accomplishments. The Ichabod Crane basketball team was previously honored at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors, while the Lady Riders and Coach Nytransky will be recognized at the July meeting, and the Chatham Panthers at the August meeting.