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Chenango County Board of Supervisors proclaims March as Agriculture Recognition Month

BY KELLI MILLER
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NORWICH – Farmers unite across Chenango County, as well as the nation, as the agricultural community is recognized for their positive impact on every American’s life. This annual celebration, in the month of March, sets aside March 19, as National Agriculture Day (Ag Day).

At the March 11 county board meeting, Jeffrey Blanchard, Chairman of the Chenango County Board of Supervisors, presented the 2024 Proclamation to Terry

Ives, President of the Chenango County Farm Bureau. This year’s theme for Agriculture Day is “Growing a climate for tomorrow”.

The proclamation states agriculture makes up about 25% of the entire United States gross national product, being that food and fiber production and services are the largest segment of the United States economy. A vital segment of Chenango County’s economy is based on agriculture and the efforts of the agricultural community members, who daily perform their jobs with pride and

dedication, and should be recognized by the county citizens.

Ives said farming provides \$2.6 million jobs and supports more than 19.6 million relatable jobs in the nation.

“The Ag Council posted each American farmer feeds about 165 people,” he said. “And agriculture is America’s number one export, with new technology, that means farmers are more environmentally friendly than ever before.”

Ives supplied statistics from the US Ag Census from the NY State information page and said in 2022, there were

656 farms in Chenango County compared to 770, in 2017; which is a loss of 114 farms. He said net cash income for farmers in 2022 was \$51,549 and in 2017, the income was \$25,039. There were 12,631 milk cows in 2022 and in 2017, there were 11,237, an increase of 1,394. Dairy farms shipping milk in 2022 totaled 98 and in 2017 there were 150 farms, a loss of 52.

“I think the numbers show agriculture is trying to be sustainable,” said Ives. “But we must continue producing and

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The 2024 Agriculture Proclamation was presented to Farm Bureau President Terry Ives at the county board meeting on March 11. The proclamation states agriculture makes up about 25% of the entire United States gross national product and is a vital segment of Chenango County’s economy. The efforts, pride and dedication of the agricultural community members should be recognized by all county citizens. (Submitted photo)

Pathfinder Produce offers new, extended market hours and marks 11th anniversary

EDMESTON – Pathfinder Produce, the fresh fruits and vegetables market at the Pathfinder Village Commons, is extending its hours starting this week. The new market hours are Thursdays, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., with additional hours on Saturdays, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The market is also celebrating its 11th anniversary on Thursday, March 21, with special promotions. That day is World Down Syndrome Day (WDSD), and Pathfinder will join in the global celebration that highlights the contributions of people with Down syndrome. March 21 – “3-21” – is observed as the numerical date represents the triplication of the 21st chromosome in the human genotype, the cause of 95% of occurrences of Down syndrome.



The Pathfinder Produce team announces new extended hours starting this week for their store operations at the Pathfinder Village Commons, Edmeston. The program, part of Pathfinder Village’s Adult Day Services, has improved local access to fresh fruits and vegetables since 2013. The market will offer special promotions for its 11th annual market, set for World Down Syndrome Day on Thursday, March 21. (Submitted photo)

Pathfinder Produce, a microbusiness operated through the Village’s Adult Day Services, is an integrated model for improving rural health outcomes and addressing health disparities

while providing gainful employment and training opportunities for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The market held its grand opening on March 21, 2013, and

has been offering fresh food markets, community produce distributions, and grant-funded Mobile Market delivery services since then.

“The men and women in our Adult Day

Services have grown into their roles in hosting our fresh produce market each week; they have a sense of ownership in Pathfinder Produce,” said Layla Hazlett, OTR/L, the Director & Clinical Coordinator of Adult Services. “Our produce operations encourage on-the-job leadership and skills growth and provide opportunities for individuals with disabilities to contribute to the quality of life in the community. The new market hours will increase access for busy families to buy the fresh, healthy foods they need, and they will also increase the connections between Pathfinder and the shopping public.”

The market has recently extended its product lines with locally sourced inspected meats, milk, eggs, and staple foods. Pathfinder Produce provides a nec-

essary service for local consumers as Edmeston is in a USDA-designated food desert; the closest full-service grocery store is over 10 miles away.

Pathfinder Village is an internationally respected livable community and services provider in upstate New York; it was founded in 1980 to provide people with Down syndrome and other disabilities an independent and fulfilling lifestyle. As it works to provide quality supports for individuals with intellectual disabilities, the Village also offers highly successful educational, day services, vocational/pre-vocational, and outreach programs. To learn more, visit <https://pathfindervillage.org>, or visit our social media on Facebook and Instagram.

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Sheriff: Missing Preston man victim of ATV accident

BY TYLER MURPHY
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PRESTON – Following an extensive search conducted by law enforcement and volunteers during the weekend, the Chenango County Sheriff’s Office reported the body of a missing Preston man was discovered along Turner Street in the Town of Preston on Sunday.

On Sunday, Chenango County Patrol Lt. Jeffrey Barton said the office was saddened to announce that 38-year-old Nicholas W. Andrews, “was found deceased

from injuries related to an ATV accident, in the Town of Preston area.”

Emergency officials retrieved the remains and a damaged ATV from a wooded embankment at just after 11 a.m. Sunday, near Turner Creek.

The sheriff’s office stated Andrews was reported missing on March 14. He was last seen leaving his residence at approximately 6 p.m. riding a white four wheeler along Turner Street. Police also reported Nicholas had suffered a previous traumatic brain injury, and had difficulty walk-



Rescuers at the scene on Sunday in Preston, just after emergency crews discovered the body of a missing Preston man and his damaged ATV. (Photo by Tyler Murphy)

ing and being able to see well.

Chenango County Sheriff Ernest Cutting thanked rescuers and the public for their support and assistance during the search.

The Chenango County Sheriff’s Office was assisted by New York State Forest Rangers, NY Search and Rescue Federation, the Oxford Fire Department, and community volunteers.

4-H science explorers meet at the Sherburne Public Library

BY KELLI MILLER
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SHERBURNE — The Chenango County 4-H is offering an after school science and nature program at the Sherburne Public Library.

The program is STEM based, focusing on nature and hands-on learning for ages 8 and up. It will take place from 3:30 to 4 p.m., on the fourth Monday of every month, downstairs, at the Sherburne Public Library, located at 2 East Street.

STEM study is a teaching approach that combines science, technology, engineering, and math.

“The after-school program has been offered



4-H STEM study and nature related hands-on learning for ages 8 and up, is taking place from 3:30 to 4 p.m., on the fourth Monday of every month, downstairs, at the Sherburne Public Library, located at 2 East Street. Last month, participants learned about paper circuits and then made them. They used copper tape to make a circuit with a battery and LED and light up their sign/design on the other side of their paper. (Submitted photo)

for about 4 years now, and you don’t have to be in 4-H to join,” said 4-H Educator Erica Clark.

Clark said they meet downstairs in the library and each month learn from different STEM or nature related hands-on experiences.

She said STEM programs are very important for youth to engage in. They can help build problem solving and critical thinking skills. There are so many applications for these skills,

personally and professionally, and they generally enjoy the challenges involved.

“Last month, participants learned about paper circuits and then made them. They used copper tape to make a circuit, with a battery and LED, to light up their sign/design on the other side of their paper,” said Clark.

She said nature is also very important and studies have shown that engaging in nature and the natural world can improve one’s health.

“My hope is to get youth excited about nature and being outdoors. If they can find an activity that draws them in, they may have a hobby for life,” she said.

“I try to encourage our after-school participants to join our free Chenango County 4-H programs,” Clark said. “Then they can experience snowshoeing, kayaking, hiking, using a compass, fishing and more fun nature programs, while making new friends.” She said parents typically drop off the participants at the meetings, and they usually have a small group of 8 or so, but she would love to have more youth involved.

To register, call the Sherburne Public Library at 607-674-4242 or email 4-H Educator Erica Clark at elc97@cornell.edu.

Matt Nakoa, Sherburne legend to play at Earlville Opera House!

EARLVILLE – Saturday, March 23 at 7 p.m., back by popular demand and touting a newly released CD “Antique Pieces”, it’s our hometown prodigy Matt Nakoa.

Matt is an award-winning internationally known touring singer/songwriter and multi-instrumentalist. A modern troubadour, he makes his home on the highways and concert stages of America, and he appears regularly with folk music icon Tom Rush. The Boston Globe says of Nakoa, “Between his piano chops and heartfelt originals on guitar, he drops jaws.”

Growing up on a small goat farm in rural Smyrna, NY, Matt discovered music as a

means of teenage escape and trained to be a concert pianist. A graduate of Sherburne-Earlville School District, he was ultimately accepted as a vocalist to Berklee College of Music where he studied alongside soon-to-be Grammy winners St. Vincent and Esperanza Spalding, among others. After school, Matt landed in NYC’s vibrant piano bar scene. There he quickly became a star performer at Manhattan’s famous Brandy’s Piano Bar, with lines waiting outside the door each Saturday night.

It was in Manhattan’s all-night piano bars that Nakoa developed an uncanny ability to command the attention of any audience. As if illustrat-



Matt Nakoa, Sherburne legend to play at Earlville Opera House on Saturday, March 23 at 7 p.m.

ing two sides of himself, Matt’s first album, “Light In The Dark” (2012), is a sweeping pop opus, while “A Dozen Other Loves” (2014) explores an intimate acoustic pal-

ette. Across the board, Matt’s songcraft has garnered awards, including a win at Kerrville Folk Festival’s prestigious New Folk Competition. Though not easily pinned down, “In sum,” as a recent review put it, “Matt Nakoa is a musical adept, one of those well-kept secrets you just can’t help but celebrate: intimate and genuine, soulful and bittersweet, a rich poetic songbook sung in praise to a complicated, emotionally present world.”

As stated by Matt, “Long before I ever sang songs, I wrote piano music. My new album ‘Antique Dances’ is a special selection of original works that I dusted off and polished up during my COVID lock-

down retreat. They have an old-world sound and are based on old-world dance forms. Sometimes, when modern life feels too fast and loud, it’s good to escape to distant times and places.” We can’t wait to welcome Matt back home to the EOH stage.

This is a performance you do not want to miss. Tickets are \$30 General / \$27 Members / \$10 Students (17 and younger). Premiums apply to select rows. Tickets can be purchased online at: earlvilleoperahouse.showare.com. For more information about Matt, visit his website at: www.mattnakoa.com

Thank you to our show sponsors: Preferred Mutual Insurance Company; Hamilton

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Earlville Opera House Arts Center is located at 18 East Main Street in the quaint Village of Earlville, NY. At EOH we believe accessibility and inclusion are critical to everything we do. Our historic Opera House has been upgraded to ensure accessibility throughout the building, including a hearing loop system in our 1892 theater provided by Hamilton Hearing LLC.

EOH events are made possible with support from the Office of the Governor and NYS Legislature, administered by the New York State Council on the Arts, and through the generosity of EOH members.

Commerce Chenango announces available Restore New York grant

NORWICH – Restore New York funding is now available for projects involving the demolition, deconstruction, rehabilitation, and/or reconstruction of vacant, abandoned, condemned, and surplus properties.

Applicants must: Be initiated by municipalities, Demonstrate at least a 10% match, Hold

a public hearing to discuss the application and the property assessment list. The Intent to Apply Form is due Monday March 25, 2024, by 5:00 p.m. EST, and the Final Application is due Wednesday May 22, 2024, by 3:00 p.m. EST

Applications are initially evaluated at the regional level and are

scored against specific guidelines and how strongly they meet the goals of the program, which are to: Induce commercial investment and to Improve the local housing stock.

Priority is given to projects in Empire Zones and Brownfield Opportunity Areas, as well as to projects that

leverage other state or federal redevelopment, remediation, or planning programs. There is also a strong emphasis placed on projects from economically distressed communities.

If you think you may be eligible for this grant, visit esd.ny.gov/restore-new-york#how-to-apply. With any ques-

tions, email jostrander@chenangony.org.

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Organized in 1959, Commerce Chenango is a not-for-profit community-based organization

dedicated to enhancing the economic growth of Chenango County and the surrounding area. Visit www.commercechenango.com for more information on Commerce Chenango services and programs.

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promoting milk.”

Recently, he attended the Farm Bureau Policy Development Meeting and an annual state meeting, along with lobbying to the legislators in Albany, to explain to them what farmers support, and what they oppose.

“There are a lot of things that effect agriculture and the legislators have a lot of say in what happens,” he said. “It’s important for them to hear our point of view, because we know they will hear someone else, whether its right or

wrong.”

“I’ve been up to Albany many times and it’s an important part of the Farm Bureau’s mission to lobby and to educate our legislators,” Ives said. “We have a lot of downstate legislators that have other ideas, some don’t understand agriculture.”

“Assemblyman Joe Angelino is a strong supporter of agriculture in Chenango County and was at the most recent meeting with the Farm Bureau,” he said. “They recognized him as a “Circle of Friends” legislator.”

Angelino said, “No farmers, no food,’ has

been a rally cry for family farms for quite some time. The 121st Assembly district is mostly rural and agricultural and of course, I support all the farming families in the district.”

He said, “Currently my focus in Albany is on advocating for agriculture by legislation. Such areas of concern are: maintaining tillable farm land, CDL exemptions for farm vehicles, getting whole milk back in schools, and just making farming more profitable.”

“The farms in my district are family owned, so having Future Farmers of America (FFA) chap-

ters in local schools is important to bring the next generation into agriculture,” said Angelino. “Everyone’s life in Chenango County, and beyond, is better when we have more farmers.”

Ives shared his plans set for this year to include Dairy Day in June, and looks forward to educating the consumer about the importance of dairy in Chenango County. Ives said Dairy Day started in 1941 and they call it “A celebration of agriculture”.

Ives said the county fair is also on his calendar of events and has always been a part of

his family for generations. He said they show Holstein cattle and his great-grandfather was the first president of the Holstein club when it was first organized in Chenango County about 1920 or 1921.

At the end of this month, he said he’ll be going to the meeting with the American Dairy Association and has served on that board for over 20 years. He said they will discuss current promotional efforts and how to focus on milk and dairy products for the nutritional value they have.

In between traveling to Albany and planning

ag events, Ives still has his own cows to look after at his farm.

“I’m a full time farmer with my son, and I’ve hired a hired full time helper who tends the cows, but I still do all the cropping amongst other farm duties,” he said.

He said he’s also working with the Cornell Cooperative Extension Executive Director/Chenango County, Craig Brown, who is helping him put together a social media page where agriculture articles and information can be found.

For more agriculture information visit agriculture.ny.gov.

Butternut Valley Grange offers defensive driving course

GILBERTSVILLE – A defensive driving course will be given on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 16 and 17 at the Butternut Valley Grange Hall, 7 Bloom Street, Gilbertsville.

Each evening the course runs from 6 to 9 p.m. and participants must attend both classes to receive 10% reduction

in their insurance for three years and reduction in points if any are on a driver’s violation record. The course instructor is Nicole Roe of the AAA office in Oneonta.

The fee for the six-hour course is \$34 per individual payable to AAA Northeast the first evening of the class. To

register for the class, a call to Roger Halbert, 607-783-2691 is suggested.

The Butternut Valley Grange in Gilbertsville is hosting this community service project, open to the public.

- Information from the Butternut Valley Grange

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DARYL ECCLESTON	179	36	8099	45	JEFF LISK	203	15	14663	72	DON MEADE	194	23	15725	81	
JIM WRATTEN	177	38	3554	20	BRIAN PRENTENCE	192	25	9830	51	RYAN JACOBS	201	17	15727	78	
JOHN EDWARDS	214	5	17391	81	STEVE WHITE	180	36	13572	75	JARRED HANSLMAIR	210	9	17039	81	
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TANNER RAY	159	54	7640	48	DAVE MCDIVITT	145	67	8265	57	JOSH CRANDALL	197	20	13597	69	
JOSH WATSON	171	44	10319	60	BRENT AYLESWORTH	181	35	14126	78	BOB WELLS	186	30	15099	81	
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josh	0	0	120	TIM DAVIS	0	0	120	CRAIG JOYCE	0	0	bk172	BRIAN RIZZO	8399	54	155
SHAWN ACRE	0	0	120	CHRIS EASTMAN	6239	30	207	RON KILMER	0	0	bk209	DAVE ROBBINS	705	6	117
MATT BARNES	5627	30	187	NATE EDWARDS	0	0	120	KEN LAURANCE	0	0	120	BOB ROOT	3724	21	177
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DALE BROOKER	568	3	189	BRETT HANSLMAIE	530	3	bk179	ARNIE PASANEN	381	3	127	JESSE THOMAS	651	3	217
JEFF BROOKER	14318	67	213	DAN HARRINGTON	664	3	221	RAY PEEK	0	0	120	DAN THORNHILL	1571	9	174
STEVE BROWN	0	0	120	KYLE HARRIS	0	0	120	JOSH PRENTICE	1110	6	185	SUB TWO	0	0	120

Chenango Arts Council accepting applications for Grants for Teachers

BY SARAH GENTER
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CHENANGO COUNTY — The Chenango Arts Council is now accepting applications for the 2024 season of the Grants for Teachers Program and Golden Artist Gift Certificate Program. Grants for Teachers provides grants up to \$500 to Chenango County educators to

implement arts into their regular curriculum. The program is open to any pre-k through 12th grade teacher at a public or private school in Chenango County. “It’s up to \$500 for Chenango County educators for arts-related projects or events,” said Chenango Arts Council Executive Director Alecia O’Neill. “This does not have to be an art teacher. This can be a science

teacher, a math teacher, an English teacher, but of course we would love to have arts and music [teachers] and theater directors receive this.” The program is a Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math (STEAM) initiative, a derivative of the STEM program that includes the arts. “It’s adding the arts basically to help kids retain information and

get a little bit more passionate about learning through the arts,” O’Neill explained. “We’re looking for projects that find unique and creative ways to integrate the arts into their standard curriculum.” Applications for Grants for Teachers are available online at ChenangoArts.org/grants and on the Chenango Arts Council Facebook page.

Applications are due by May 3 and can be submitted at the Chenango Arts Council, located at 27 West Main Street in Norwich; mailed to Chenango Arts Council, GFT Program, 27 West Main Street, Norwich, NY 13815; or emailed to Alecia.ONeill@ChenangoArts.org. In addition to the application, O’Neill said teachers who have received Grant for Teachers funding in the past must also submit a final report that describes the project, how it achieved its intended benefits, and how many students it impacted.

Teachers who are awarded funding in 2024 must implement their projects by December and complete and submit a final report by the end of January 2025. Grants can be used for things like art supplies, in-school performances or workshops, field trips directly related to the arts, interactions with professional artists, and arts-related staff development. O’Neill said “types of arts-related projects eligible for funding are limited only to your imagination, invention, and creativity.”

The application packet provides in-depth examples of potential projects eligible for funding. These projects include “Soundtracking the Constitution,” which explores how people expressed themselves and what was happening in the world with music throughout history, while also teaching students about the United States Constitution. “Reading Identity,” another project example, explores segregation, politics, and the experiences of African Americans beginning in the 1950s by analyzing the plays “Raisin in the Sun” and “Clybourne Park.”

O’Neill said integrating the arts into standard curriculum can help kids learn more easily, while also making learning more fun. Plus, she said the arts and fields like math and science are much more integrated than people may think. “My favorite example of how the arts can help a student learn is that if

there’s a student who’s having trouble with math but can play the guitar and read music, specifically if they’re having trouble with fractions, music is math, music is fractions. And the other way around, if you have a student that’s struggling with music, and they’re interested in math, it kind of works both ways,” she explained. “It’s basically just a way to grab the student’s attention and spark the connection and the passion, and retaining the information that they learn in a fun way.”


The Chenango Arts Council will also be administering the Golden Artist Gift Certificate Program, funded by Golden Artist Colors. Chenango County art teachers in grades 8 through 12 can apply for a \$500 gift certificate for paint to be used for arts-related projects. Applications for the Golden Artist Gift Certificate Program are due by May 3 and can be submitted at the Chenango Arts Council, located at 27 West Main Street in Norwich; mailed to Chenango Arts Council, Golden Artist Gift Certificate Program, 27 West Main Street, Norwich, NY 13815; or emailed to Alecia.ONeill@ChenangoArts.org.

Grant funds must be used by December 2024, and a final report must be completed and submitted by the end of January 2025.

The Chenango Arts Council Grants for Teachers Program is made possible by corporate support and friends of the arts.

For assistance with Grants for Teachers and Golden Artist Gift Certificate Program applications, call the Chenango Arts Council at 607-336-2787.

More information on the programs and the Chenango Arts Council can be found at ChenangoArts.org and the Chenango Arts Council Facebook page.



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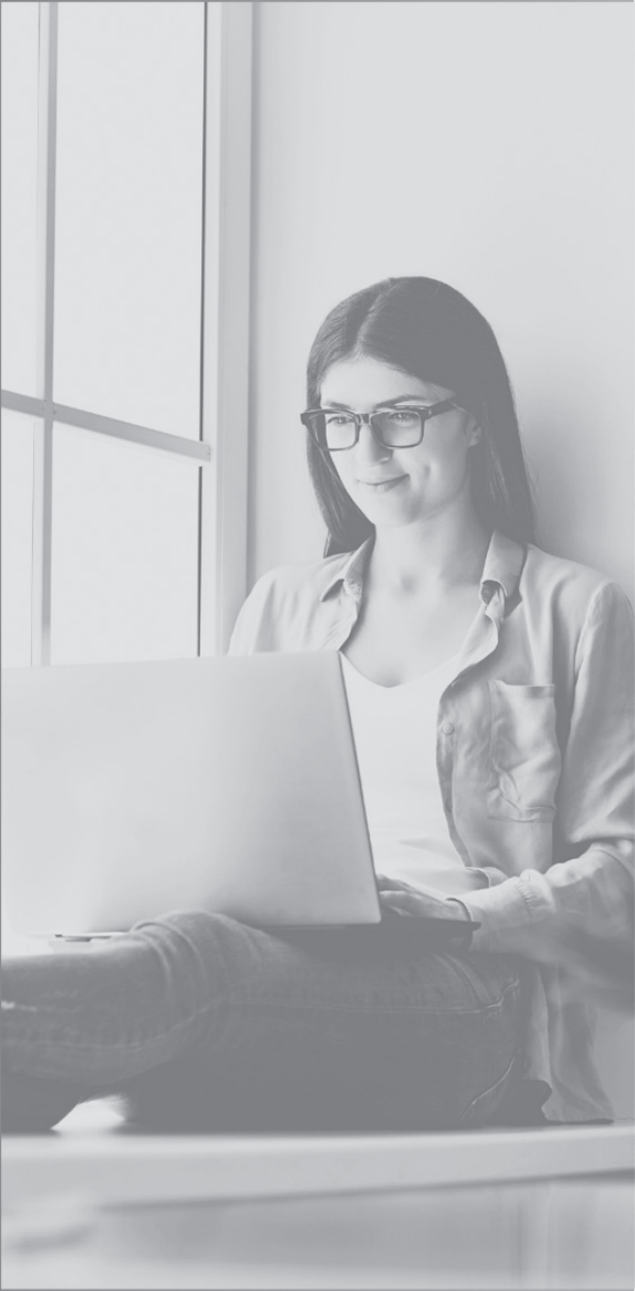
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The Early Files

by Peggy Finnegan

WEEK #12

THIRTY YEARS AGO

March 24, 1994

In New Berlin, 200 voters turned out.

Mayor Webb will not complete the final year of his 8th term in office.

Warren and Harriet Rhyther saw a whet owl at their feeder.

Folks learned of the death of Bud Carpenter, born as Leon 73 years ago.

A lot of wisdom is little more than caution.

FORTY YEARS AGO

March 23, 1984

We have had only light snowfalls and a few zero mornings all season.

The election was a quiet affair in Gilbertsville, with 15 people casting votes for Eric Light as trustee.

The village is treating and sending out 50-7,000 gallons more each day than is metered.

Leona Bagg celebrated her 106th birthday at Chase.

NOTICE: I left my bamboo cane in the Victory. Return and receive \$1. Grace Whitten

FIFTY YEARS AGO

March 21, 1974

The March lion emerged in all its fury with snow and fierce gales.

Wm. Neuland and Wesley Snow were elected trustees.

Fire destroyed the 200 year old Butternut Tavern in Garrattsville. Snow protected nearby homes and trees.

Little Johnny Anderson is improving at home after his fall.

The home of Ernie Card was heavily damaged by fire. They had just moved in after their former home and garage burned last week.

Lula Camp made her first trip to Albany. She was impressed by the noble columns of the old capitol, while the new buildings on the mall are simply sickening.

SIXTY YEARS AGO

March 21, 1964

New Berlin taxpayers defeated a proposition to buy the old Sheffield building.

The Murray Benjamins are busy maple sugaring these days.

If you forget repellent rub cigarette tobacco on wet skin. The smell keeps bugs away and no wonder. Phew!

Nicholas Ostraco purchased the corner store block in Garrattsville. Plans are indefinite at present.

Dave Frink is King of the Hill. Who can beat him?

Since 1935, the number of farms in the U.S. has been reduced by half.

SEVENTY YEARS

AGO

March 17, 1954

We must never forget that wasteful government can ruin a country as surely as war.

The memory of the life of Lena Norton will remain with her host of friends for a long time.

Wm.J.Phelps received an alternate appointment to Annapolis Navel [sic] Academy.

Harry Swanson, 63, died enroute from the barn to house while doing night chores.

Twin sons, Ronald Allen and Rodney Dale, were born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gould.

One pair of flies can produce 191 septillion offspring from April to August.

Bet Burlison is ill with jaundice at the home of Duane Covey.

The first settlers in So. Edmeston were Abel and Gideon Deforest and a family of Gazleys, who named it Smalltown.

EIGHTY YEARS AGO

March 24, 1944

Neal Wallace was reelected mayor as 79 votes were cast.

Mrs. Clifton Craine and Mrs. Amelia Elliott received 250 chicks for naming Banner Poultry Farm.

Frank Winsor, one of Otsego county's most esteemed physicians, died suddenly while calling on Howard Sloan in

Morris.

Wm. Davis of Waddington Milk Co.. won first prize, a Dalmatian coach dog, in a cheese-scoring contest.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Johnson Sr. received a letter from Leon Johnson Jr., who is a prisoner of war in Tokyo.

NINETY YEARS AGO

March 28, 1934

Spring is official, bringing to a close a winter which will be a record for intense cold.

J.A. Brooks and Fred Camenga were re-elected trustees as only 26 votes were cast in the village election.

Not a single living passenger pigeon exists in the U.S.

Milton Fish gave a talk on the Kraft-Phenix company at a meeting of the Exchange Club at the Eagle Hotel.

Glenn Reed reports ice 19" thick on the creek on his farm.

Uncle Ab says spring and medicine are alike in that winter and illness make us appreciate them more.

Lynn Beatty is just about the same.

Supt. Camp has another big leak in the water system, but little can be done with 5-7 feet of frost in the ground.

HUNDRED YEARS AGO

March 21, 1924

A total of 73 votes were cast, electing Henry Williams as village president.

The high mark for a single day's sales was reached by F.A. Smith Saturday when he took orders for seven new Ford cars.

Roy Steere has commenced repairs on the dance hall at Pittsfield, which he purchased of John Chase.

Two concurrent bills were introduced in Albany proposing an amendment to the state constitution to provide against search and seizure without a warrant.

Chenango county lost its only Chinese farmer when King Yee announced that there is no money in farming.

John Ellsworth and wife are moving into their beautiful new home on North Main.

The state road is open from here to Winfield and it is expected the way will be clear to Utica in a day or two.

William Backus is in New York buying merchandise for the Ballard Store.

Keep close watch on the baseball team this year. We sure have a fine one.

Little Billyou Simmons is sick with chicken pox;.

The road drifted on Patrick Hill so that several cars were stranded all day.

Some say work is a curse; others that it's a blessing. Uncle Ab says that, either way, there is nothing to equal the satisfaction of a job well done.

The Morris Chronicle is printed by Editor Waite's son, who sets type by hand and runs the press himself.

The original No. 1 locomotive of the UV Rwy. is being completely rebuilt.

Mrs Claude Mumbalo received 95 postcards for her birthday.

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120 YEARS AGO

March 25, 1904

The UV train which left in the morning failed to return until a half hour after midnight.

Mrs. S.B. Pope is in the big city and will show the latest Easter bonnets next week.

Aaron Card, John Elliott, Horace Chase, Geo. Stevens and Frank Davis were called for jury for the Montgomery murder trial.



Eric Davis

Outdoor Chenango

The warm spring weather has gotten the birds to start singing so that it feels like spring in the morning and not just in the afternoon. I am still waiting to hear my first gobble of the year but the woodcock behind my house is back to doing his

courtship flights, a sign of spring discussed in Aldo Leopold's classic book, A Sand County Almanac. Last weekend I did my first batch of spring cleaning, which included cleaning up the turkey calls on my bar in the basement. This got me thinking about turkey season and some of the items that have accumulated in my vest that I think many people might not think of.

Travel/Camping Toilet Paper Roll: It took me years to finally need to use it, but when I did need it, I was glad I had it. There have been days where the people I am hunting with are glad that

I have it in my vest. Being prepared to take care of business in the middle of the woods or at hours where places with restrooms are not open yet is especially important. A three pack of these small rolls is only a few dollars and it an incredibly wise investment. Keep them in an airtight bag so they do not get wet on rainy days.

Saw and Pruner Set: Nothing is more frustrating than trying to find a good place to sit when setting up and there being a bunch of twigs or branches making it impossible to maneuver your shotgun to get a clean shot. Pull out the pruners and nip

a few branches back to open a shooting lane in a few seconds. If you are setting up in more open spaces, use the saw or pruners to cut some limbs with foliage on them and jam them in the ground to break up your shape with a makeshift partial blind. These also help when using pop-up blinds to cut brush to help blend the blind in to its surroundings.

Zip Ties and Pens: I keep these in an inside pouch in my vest that is designed to hold a pot call striker. These are for filling out tags and attaching the tag to the bird. This allows you to fill your tag out immediately upon harvest as

required by the hunting regulations.

Thermacell Bug Repellant: Only in the last few years have I started to carry a Thermacell in the turkey woods. Like toilet paper, it only takes one trip without it to ruin the hunt. There is nothing more annoying than the constant humming of mosquitoes in your ears or black flies trying to land in your eyes as you are waiting for a bird to come in. The Thermacell uses butane to heat up a pad with repellant to crate a buffer zone around you to repel mosquitoes and black flies. It takes a few minutes to warm up and get the cloud of

repellant going and can be less effective when it is windy out.

Extra Gloves and Facemask: These are mostly there as security in case I take a glove off to put a decoy away or something and drop it only to realize I dropped it 20 minutes later back at the vehicle. They also help when hunting with a new hunter who might forget theirs at home or not have one yet. Later in the season when it gets hot, it is nice to swap out a sweaty facemask for a dry facemask part way through the morning.

WORD SEARCH



Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

- ## CLUES ACROSS

34. Silk or cotton garments
36. Soviet Socialist Republics
37. Retired American football coach Dean
39. Hot dish
40. A type of gin
41. Atomic #84
42. Sawhorse
48. About ground
50. Medicine man
51. Seedless raisin
52. Capital of Albania
53. Appendage
54. OJ trial judge
55. By the way (abbr.)
56. Bicycle parts
58. Barbie's friend
59. Moved one's neck to see
60. Commercials

CLUES DOWN

31. Recesses
32. W. Pacific island group
33. Tolkien character
35. Ancient symbol co-opted by the Nazi party
38. Pioneer
41. Scribe
43. Painted a bright color
44. Lowest members of British nobility
45. Actress Thurman
46. Type of sugar
47. Crest of a hill
49. N. American people of British Columbia
56. Device
57. The Mount Rushmore State

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WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to flowers.

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Answer: Pollen

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Answer: Queen Latifah

Solutions:



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Elizabeth Zeiler's artwork on display at NBT gallery

NORWICH – NBT Bank's latest Wall of Art installation at NBT headquarters in downtown Norwich features artwork created by Elizabeth Zeiler.

Inspired by vivid colors, Zeiler's artwork is unique, colorful and bright. "My first art experience was at the age of five," said Zeiler. "I painted a huge yellow sun with my fingers. The teacher walked over saying in a negative tone 'You really like your yellow!'" From that day on I was drawn to vibrant colors and made the decision that no one would discourage me from my art."

At a young age she knew the direction she wanted to take and kept following that path to today. "In 2000, I became very serious about painting and

psychology," she said. "My art is mostly self taught a long with preliminary art courses and psychology geared me to teaching all ages from 4 to 90. In my 24 years as an artist, seeing how art was therapeutic to myself and others, has driven me to share my art to help others become confident and happy exploring their own world."

Zeiler's artwork will be on display through the end of March 2024.

"Elizabeth Zeiler has had a very impressive career in the arts," said Chenango Arts Council Executive Director Alecia O'Neill. "We're pleased to be able to present her work on the NBT Wall of Art and in our gallery later in the year."

The mission of the Chenango Arts Council

is to connect the arts to our communities to enrich quality of life. Art is one of the most powerful and useful tools for communicating, expressing, as well as connecting other people to one another or to a central message that seeks to be expressed. Chenango Arts Council strives to help those who seek venues to perform, spaces to exhibit, room to create, and people to share the passion of the Fine Arts.

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The Feinberg Brothers: A Bluegrass Duo appearing at Bainbridge Town Hall Theatre

BAINBRIDGE - The Jericho Arts Council presents the Feinberg Brothers live in concert at the Bainbridge Town Hall Theatre Saturday, March 23 at 7 p.m.

The Feinberg Brothers is an authentic bluegrass band from Long Island, New York. The band features brothers Rourke (fiddle) and Patrick (mandolin) singing lead and tenor, along with their father and long-time bluegrass musician, Ronnie Feinberg on guitar and vocals. Brothers Rourke and Patrick are among the top young bluegrass artists in the North Eastern United States. By blending their bluegrass roots with a classical training background, they have delighted audiences with their tight, soulful harmonies and masterful fiddle, mandolin, and guitar playing. The band has toured extensively throughout the



The Feinberg Bluegrass band will be playing at the Bainbridge Town Hall Theatre on Saturday, March 23rd at 7 PM. Pictured left to right are Terry McGill, Ronnie Feinberg, Rourke Feinberg, Patrick Feinberg, and Peter Elegant. (Submitted photo)

Northeast, playing bluegrass festivals, major market-radio broadcasts, and traditional country music shows including the world-famous Wheeling Jamboree. In 2015 the Feinberg

Brothers released their first, self-titled recording, which received a highlight review in Bluegrass Unlimited and has received airplay throughout the United States and Canada.

Rounding out the band are some of the Tri-State areas best and most seasoned bluegrass musicians. Terry McGill is one of the most well-known banjo players in the Northeast and has

released two recordings for Cabinwood Music. He has been highlighted in Banjo Newsletter and has authored a book of banjo tunes played in alternate tunings for Mel Bay Publications. Terry's 2001 solo recording "Straight Drive" has received airplay nationwide.

Keith Edwards on Bass offers an impeccable sense of timing and provides a unique "slap-bass style" that few upright bass players showcase. Keith has been fortunate enough to perform and record with such artists as Byron Berline, Jon Sholle, Tony Trischka, Andy Statman, David Grisman and Kenny Kosek and has been part of several regional bands

Guitarist Ronnie Feinberg has played the bluegrass fiddle for many years, performing as a member of the Fox Family, Miller's Crossing, and McGill's band: Straight Drive. In addition to guest appearances on the fiddle with Bill Monroe, Patsy Montana, The Lewis Family, Mac Wiseman and Rose Maddox, Ronnie has performed at the Grand Ole Opry, Carnegie Hall, and the Wheeling Jamboree. He is the father of band members Rourke and Patrick Feinberg, and

takes great pride in their musical accomplishments. Ronnie plays guitar and sings harmony parts and on occasion he will fiddle one with the band.

In addition, there's always a special treat when you come to musical events at the Town Hall Theatre. Before the show, enjoy music played on the theatre's residence organ built in 1933 and one of only five Aeolian/Skinner residence organs ever built for upstate New York, and the only one known to be intact and in playable condition

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The evening of the show the 16th Annual Student Art Showcase, exhibiting artwork from area high schools' exceptional young artists, will be featured in the Gallery. The gallery is open before the show and until the end of intermission and is free to the public. Additional exhibit hours for the Student Art Showcase are through Friday, March 29 2:30 - 5:30 p.m. Check www.jerichoarts.com for a listing of future events.

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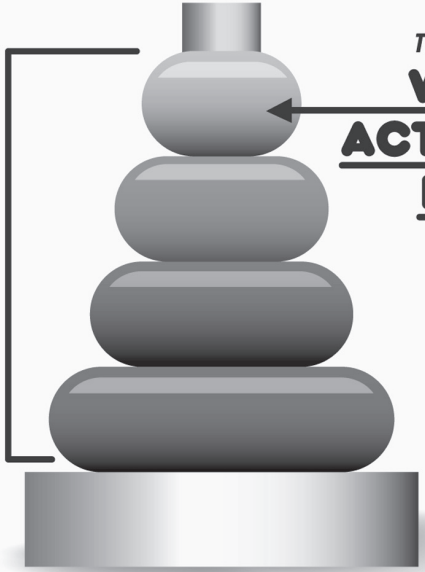
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Long-time Gilbertsville Farmers' Market vendor Carol Ditters sets up produce from Sugar Pond Farm, which she owns and operates with former market manager Tim Ditters. (Photo by Teresa Winchester.)

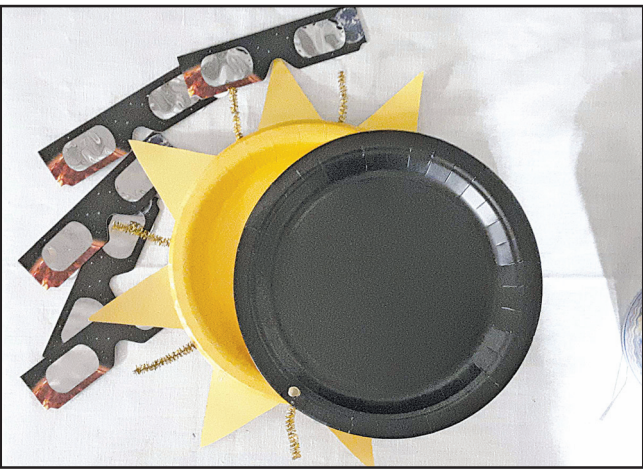
Manager sought for Gilbertsville Farmers' Market

GILBERTSVILLE – The Village Improvement Society of Gilbertsville is seeking a volunteer to manage the Gilbertsville Farmers' Market, beginning in May 2024. The positions entails:

- Ability to work well with both Gilbertsville Farmers' Market participants and the general public;
- Fielding phone calls or email and text messages regarding market business;
- Weekly Saturday presence at the GFM, which begins the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend and ends depending on seasonal weather conditions;
- Posting GFM-related items on Facebook and other social media outlets;
- Keeping track of which vendors will show up at each market.

Set up for the market occurs between 8 and 9 a.m. each Saturday. The market closes at noon. There is no fee for participation. Vendors may sell at every market day, sporadically or only one time, with permission from the manager. Crafts and value-added products may be sold with approval from market manager. All participants should have a tax ID number. Anyone interested in volunteering for this position should email VIS at visgilbertsville@gmail.com or contact former market manager Tim Ditters at 607-548-0001. Anyone wishing to be a vendor at the market may contact VIS at the above stated email address.

– From Teresa Winchester, The Village Improvement Society of Gilbertsville



A solar eclipse is happening on the afternoon of Monday, August 8. Our location in Chenango County will be at about 95% totality. In preparation of the eclipse the New Berlin Library, through sponsorship by the New Berlin Art Forum, will be holding a family solar eclipse program on Wednesday, April 3 at 5 pm in the library's community room.

The solar eclipse program will feature a story time reading of a children's solar eclipse book, a solar eclipse children's craft, solar eclipse cupcakes and refreshments. The library will also be giving away CE and ISO certified safe solar eclipse glasses. This event is free to the public and made possible through a generous sponsorship by the New Berlin Art Forum.

"The New Berlin Library is pleased to be able to partner with the New Berlin Art Forum to bring this program to the public. This is a family friendly educational event is aimed at families and children. All members of the public are welcome and no registration is required. If the library has any solar eclipse glasses remaining after the program we will make them available to the public at the library's circulation desk." Stated library director, Michelle Priola.

The Chenango County 4-H Youth Development holds after school science programs at the New Berlin Library at 3:30 pm in the community rooms on the third Wednesday of each month during

New Berlin Library Corner

Solar Eclipse Program at the Library

the school year. These events are taught by 4-H educator Erica Clark and are open to all members of the public. The next session will be held on March 20.

There is a jellybean guessing contest in the circulation room. The public is invited to guess how many jellybeans are in a jar. The person who guesses the closest wins the jar of jellybeans and a goodie filled basket. The winner will be announced on March 29. All items in this contest were donated to the New Berlin Library. This contest is free and open to the public.

Some great new additions to the library include: First Lie Wins by Ashley Elston, After Annie by Anna Quindlen, Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt, Heaven and Earth Grocery Store by James McBride, Freelance DVD, Ferrari DVD, and The Color Purple (2023) DVD.

The New Berlin Library is located at 15 South Main Street, New Berlin. The Library is open Monday and Wednesday 10AM-8PM; Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 10AM-5PM; and Saturdays 10AM-noon. The web address is libraries.4cls.org/newberlin/. Please contact us at 607-847-8564 or like and message our Facebook page New Berlin Library and Museum (www.facebook.com/newberlinlibrary.newberlinny) or Twitter page @Lib_NewBerlin (twitter.com/Lib_NewBerlin) with any questions.

– From the New Berlin Library

Most species of gazelles live on the grassy plains of northern and eastern Africa and Asia. Living out in the open while being surrounded by predators may seem extremely dangerous, but gazelles have adapted by becoming some of the fastest animals on our planet.

Locking Horns

A gazelle's horns are made of bone covered by a layer of keratin. Keratin is the same substance found in your fingernails. Gazelles keep their horns for their entire lives. A gazelle's horns continue to grow throughout its life.

When does a gazelle dream about running? When it's fast asleep.

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The Run Down On Gazelles

This cartoon is trying to pull a fast one.

Quantum Leap

Can you help this gazelle leap over the lion?

Word Search

Can you find the hidden words? Search carefully because some words are backward or diagonal.

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PLAINS	RUN	ROOMF	GOFESTOH
		GRAMPA	EYKEEP

Nobody can beat me when I'm running.

What do you get when you cross a gazelle with a gecko? Leaping lizards.

What do you call a movie about fluffy gazelles? The Fast and the Furriest.

Gazelles are members of the antelope family of animals.

The Fast Track

The Thomson's gazelle is one of the most common types of animal found on the African plains. The dorcas gazelle is the smallest species of gazelle. Adults measure about 53 cm (21 in.) at the shoulder. There are about 13 different species of gazelles.

Some gazelles can run as fast as 80 km/hr (50 mph) over short distances.

Some species of gazelles, such as the slender-horned gazelle and the dorcas gazelle, rarely need to drink because they get most of the water they need from the plants they eat.

In most species of gazelles, both males and females have horns.

When threatened, some gazelles perform a distinctive behavior called "stotting." When stotting, a gazelle arches its back and jumps high in the air.

Animals that prey on gazelles include baboons, cheetahs, eagles, hyenas, leopards, lions, pythons and wild dogs. In addition, human hunters kill hundreds of gazelles each year.

What does a lion call a gazelle? Fast food.

For more information: "Gazelles" by Sheila Dalton (Scholastic) or "Mammals: Ruminant (Horned) Herbivores" (World of Animals V. 6) (Grolier).

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