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Weaver's Farm Market celebrates 5 years of operation



Left: A young shopper at Weaver's Farm Market in Morris takes in the variety of cheeses and meats at the deli counter. (Submitted photo) MORRIS – Weaver's Farm Market, at 1272 East Side Road in Morris, is celebrating its fifth year in operation.

The store will be marking the occasion with a "Super Sale" on April 26 and 27.

"It's the sale of the year. There will be no other sale where we have as many items marked this low," said store owner Daniel Weaver.

Top-selling items, such as John F. Martin bacon and butter and locally made chicken pot pies will be considerably marked down. Other price-reduced items include cooked shrimp, organic cane sugar, rolled oats, whipping cream, all-purpose white flour and many other products.

Looking back over the past five years, Weaver said that what he has liked most has been his

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Frank B. Revoir was selected as the 2024 Veteran of the Year by the Lt. Warren E. Eaton, DSC, American Legion Unit 189 Auxiliary. Pictured is 2nd Lieutenant Frank B. Revoir, taken in 1966 in Saigon, Vietnam, when Lieutenant Revoir was 25 years old. (Submitted photo)

Frank B. Revoir named 2024 Veteran of the Year

NORWICH — The Lt. Warren E. Eaton, DSC, American Legion Unit 189 Auxiliary has recently announced the selection of Frank B. Revoir as the 2024 Veteran of the Year.

The mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is to enhance the lives of our veterans, our active military, and their families. As part of its mission, the Auxiliary serves as an advocate for veterans; educates our citizens; mentors our youth; and promotes patriotism, volunteerism, and good citizenship.

On an annual basis, the Post 189 Auxiliary membership recognizes up to two veterans who exemplify this commitment to the wellbeing of fellow veterans and good citizenship. The annual award was established in 2021, and past recipients include US Army veteran Edward Tucker (2021), US Air Force veteran Mary Lou McAvoy (2022) and US Army veteran Donald LaFever (2022), and US Air Force veteran Paul Russo (2023).

Revoir was a 1965 ROTC graduate of Cornell University with a B.S. Degree in Food Distribution, following which he was commissioned into the United States Army as a 2nd Lieutenant. Upon completion of his training at Fort Lee, Virginia, Revoir was thereafter briefly stationed at Fort Polk, Louisiana and then deployed to Vietnam in 1966. Revoir served as an Assistant Commissary Officer and was stationed in Saigon, Vietnam, providing sub-

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Boy Scouts recognize Dave and Jess Shull with Distinguished Citizen Award

C H E N A N G O COUNTY - The Baden-Powell Council, Boy Scouts of America has announced Dave and Jess Shull will be honored at the 2024 Distinguished Citizens Award Dinner for Chenango County for their exemplary roles in the community.

The community is invited to purchase tickets for the recognition dinner. The Shulls will be honored on Thursday, May 9, at the Canasawacta Country Club in Norwich with a reception beginning at 5:30 p.m. and dinner at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$100 and the funds will go to supporting Scouting in Chenango



Business owners, Dave and Jess Shull will be recognized by the boy scouts as the the 2024 Distinguished Citizens Award Dinner for Chenango County.(Submitte photo)

County.

In 2023 the award was presented to both David Burrell and Gary Brightman.

Selection was made for the award by a committee of local citizens which includes past recipients as well as community and business partners. This is the 37th Annual Distinguished Citizen of the Year dinner benefiting the local Scouting program. Each year the scouts recognize a local community leader for their outstanding contribution to the betterment of the community and service to their fellow citizens.

"We are excited to present this award to Dave and Jess Shull this year," said Jared Bartle of Blueox.

"They have been so supportive of the community and have given generously to support our local youth and community organizations,

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2024 UV Track Seniors Recognized

NEW BERLIN - The Unadilla Valley Outdoor track and field team honored its 2024 seniors in their lone home meet of the season on Monday. Congratulations to Nicole Ramsaran, Kalie Fernandez-Naughton, Tucker Cattanach, Jaiden Schrag, Arin Buchanan, Bella Potter, Brandon Davenport, Lilyannah Palmer, and Kiana Hoag. Congratulations, seniors. Full results of the MAC meet featuring UV, Bainbridge-Guilford, Unatego, and Delhi will be published in the Evening Sun at a later date. (Photo by Morgan Golliver)

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month

GAZETTE STAFF WRITER

NORWICH - The Chenango County Child Advocacy Center (CAC) located at 8 Silver Street, continues to raise awareness of child abuse and prevention throughout the month of April in recognition of Child Abuse Prevention Month.

"Blue and silver colors are associated with Child Abuse Prevention Month and pinwheels located throughout Norwich and the county, are a reminder of April Child Abuse Awareness Month and lets people know we are here," said CAC Program Coordinator Joanne Smith.

"We have blue pinwheels planted at all the local school districts in Chenango County and have partnered with many businesses such as: the Head Start Programs to pass out positive partnering information and pinwheels; The City of Norwich, Oxford, and Sherburne in plantlights at local restaurants that participated in "Give Back Night","said Smith.

She said participating restaurants included Gilligan's Ice Cream, Sherburne Diner. Hoppies, The Stadium, Nina's Pizzeria, Moi's Center City Bistro, Kozmo's, and Doug's Fish Fry.

"The blue lights on local businesses are a way to accentuate organizations associated in the prevention of child abuse in the region," she said. "The color blue also matches the blue pinwheels that are planted throughout Chenango County."

"The campaign helps raise money for CAC programs that inform the community child abuse and available resources in the Chenango County area," she added.

"We partner with Local Child Protective Services and Behavioral Health Services, Local Law Enforcement Agencies, District Attorney Office, Local School Districts. parks; Live Event NY, such as Child Home of another," she said. who installed all the blue Wyoming Conference,



The Chenango County Child Advocacy Center (CAC) located at 8 Silver Street, continues to raise awareness of child abuse and prevention throughout the month of April. Blue and Silver pinwheels located throughout Norwich and the area are a reminder of Child Abuse Prevention Month. (Photo by Kelli Miller)

Charities, Liberty Resources, Inc., The Place, and Chenango UHS Community Memorial Hospital," said **Program** CAC Coordinator Joanne Smith.

" Any program that is working with children, we will have some coning pinwheels in their Local Child's Program tact with in one form or

> "Abuse covers sexual Head Start, Catholic abuse, physical and ver

bal abuse, and neglect," said Smith.

She said the CAC provides resources for children and families working through the criminal justice process such as case management, basic needs assistance, and counseling services.

portive healing process for victims of child abuse and family members by providing a safe, friendly setting for interviews along with coordinating and sharing case information between investigative partners, which reduces the number of times a child tells the story to different people.

In partnership with Department of Social Service, she said the CAC also has the Safe Harbour Program which focuses on children and teens at risk of being trafficked in Chenango County.

Smith said they have

also partnered with Matthews Auto Group to co-sponsor the Matthews Walk-A-Thon in October and last year raised over \$11,000 for the Child Advocacy Center.

"The CAC is in partnership with Department of Social Service and Smith explained the has the Safe Harbour CAC focuses on a sup- Program which focuses on children and teens at risk of being trafficked in Chenango County," said Smith.

She said when they're out in the community, they tell stories about what they've seen and the work the team in services has accomplished.

"In 2023, Chenango Child Advocacy Center served 298 individuals impacted by crime in Chenango County," she said.

"We coordinated 113 Interviews, Forensic provided Trauma-Counseling Informed to 98 children and 28 adults, facilitated four support groups, helped 47 at-risk youth of being trafficked, and provided primary prevention programming to 1,231 middle and high school students," she added.

Smith said area businesses can join the support by displaying blue pinwheels or wearing a blue ribbon throughout the month of April. She said to also look for blue lights and blue pinwheels shining throughout Chenango County sponsored by Live Event NY.

"Research information on child abuse issues and share with a friend, family member or co-worker," she said. "Visit Chenango Child Advocacy Center Website or Facebook Account, like or write a comment, and enjoy amazing food at local restaurants that are participating in "Giving Back Night"."

encourages Smith everyone to support one another while providing for the well-being of children/families in the community.

She said additional local businesses or organizations can participate in the Pinwheels for Prevention Campaign by calling her at 607-334-

For More information on the Chenango County Child Advocacy Center, available resources, and upcoming events and initiatives, visit chenangochildadvocacy.us website or the Chenango County Child Advocacy Facebook page.

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S-E High School drama club performing 'Almost, Maine'

SHERBURNE —The Sherburne-Earlville High School drama club is in their final weeks of rehearsal for "Almost, Maine" by John Cariani. The modern romantic comedy features a series of vignettes all taking place on a winter's eve in the mythical town of Almost, Maine.

The shows will be on the S-E high school stage at 7 p.m., Friday and Saturday, May 3 and 4. Tickets are \$5 and are available at the door.

On a cold, clear, moonless night in the middle of winter, all is not quite what it seems in the remote, mythical town of Almost, Maine. As the northern lights hover in the star-filled sky above, Almost's residents find themselves falling in and out of love in unexpected and often hilarious ways. Knees are bruised. Hearts are broken. But the bruises heal, and the hearts mend – almost – in this delightful midwinter night's dream. The full-length play features 11 students onstage: Liam Acly, Lyrik Brown, Amelia Casscles, Sybil Fenton, Mckennah Jones, Jada Kennedy, Evie Krivit, Jaiden Lester, Josie Pierce, Tucker Valentine, and Clark Vischi.

The show also has other students and par-

ent helpers working backstage and behind the scenes, including Stage Managers Ann Campbell and Ben Gorton, all working in concert with Co-Directors Colleen Law-Tefft and Lisette Shiffer.

"This is a fun show to work on and I think the kids are enjoying it. It has something for everyone!" said Co-Director Colleen Law-Tefft.

Come on out and laugh, cry, and fall in love with the wonderfully quirky characters in "Almost, Maine."

-Information provided by S-E High School

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first responders and sporting groups. Dave is an Eagle Scout and he and Jess are a great example of living the values taught through the Scouting program. We look forward to a wonderful evening honoring this great couple."

Dave and Jessica Shull met in 2006, a year after Dave relocated from his home state of Colorado to Oxford, New York, to pursue a new business adventure with one of his college roommates Vincent Scileppi. Shull and Scileppi had partnered up with two other business partners Michael Barone and Anthony Amendola to open what is now known to the area as the Stadium Sports Bar & Grill.

The Stadium opened in January of 2005 as a sports bar providing food from its neighboring restaurant Roma's

Pizzeria. Dave and Jess met in 2006 as Jess was looking for another job in the area that would allow flexibility with her current schedule. Jess was brought on the small staff and instantly provided new ideas and knowledge to the restaurant. Jess would also become the talented baker behind the scenes that now supplies both The Stadium and Nina's with many of their house made fresh desserts. They both quickly realized the opportunity was present to make the change to a full blown restaurant that could provide food on its own and add another restaurant option for the Village of Oxford.

Over the next few years Dave and his business partners would open Roma's Ristorante & Pizzeria in Sidney in 2009 and work closely with the Nicastri family to purchase one of the longest family owned and operated restaurants in the area, Nina's Pizzeria, in September of

Dave and Jess married in August 2012.

The Shulls are passionate about commitment to their community and giving back to the amazing community that supports them.

"The least we can do as a local business owner is be involved and help any way we can in the community. You can always count on our restaurants and the Shulls' support," said Dave.

Combined, the restaurants employ an average of 60 employees yearly. Dave has brought his commitment to communities to all his restaurant locations. Over the years the restaurants have hosted Give Back Nights, donated food to organizations, first responders and local sporting groups. They have provided gift cards and donated food to

benefits and other fundraisers in the area. They have sponsored youth sports teams and provided heavily discounted food for sports teams' travel meals and concession stands.

Nina's has been an active major sponsor for many of the yearly YMCA events including Gus Macker and the Halloween Parade. They have also taken on an active role with the Toys for Tots campaign over the past eight years. Nina's hosts an annual Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner and Movie event planned by Lon Yerton (tenured Nina's server) and Heather McShane (Nina's manager). Nina's provides and donates all the food and partners with Rich and Todd Barnes, the Colonial Theatre and the Chawgo's to help raise thousands of dollars and help fill the Chawgo's bus full of toys that are then distributed locally to less fortunate families right here in Chenango County.

The future is bright as the Shulls have recently partnered up with the Brightman Family (Gary, Holy, Carter, Grant and Cole) at Nina's in late 2023. The addition of the Brightmans to Nina's is just an added layer of support for our community as the Brightmans have always dedicated their time and commitment to this community.

Dave was an active member of The Boy Scouts of America as a a youth and achieved their highest honor of Eagle Scout in 1992. His Eagle Scout project consisted of planning and conducting a multi-neighborhood canned food drive to help stock local food pantries in Colorado Springs before the holiday season.

Over the years, the Shulls have been recognized for commitment to community by receiving the following: Catholic Charities of Chenango County (Fundraising **Events** Acknowledgement) in 2017; Oxford Fire **Department Community** Support Award in April 2017; Commitment to Community Award on behalf of the Norwich **Business Improvement** District, October 2017; Commitment to Community Award on behalf of Commerce Chenango in 2020.

Reservations sponsorship opportunities for the Distinguished Citizen Award Dinner may can be found at www.bpcouncil.org/ chenangodcad/ or by contacting Kellie Amlin at the Baden-Powell Council service center at 607-648-7888 extension 106. Seating is limited and filling quickly, so please send in your reservation early. Tickets will not be available at the door.

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sistence to the Special Forces A and B Teams, the US Consulate, and other friendly international Consulates and Embassies located within Vietnam.

Upon returning from Vietnam, Revoir finished his active duty at Fort Dix, New Jersey. During his service, Revoir received the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, the Vietnam Campaign Medal, the Purple Heart, the Bronze Service Medal to VNSM, and the Army Commendation Medal. In 1969, while in active reserves, he was Company Commander of Company A of 464th Combat Engineering Battalion in Binghamton, New York. Revoir was ultimately promoted to the rank of Captain in 1971 upon completion of his Reserve obligation.

Revoir's civilian career included working for Jewel Tea Company, in Binghamton, New York and Barrington, Illinois; Smith Corona Marchant Company (SCM), in Baldwinsville, New York; and in 1972 he joined the ranks of the Norwich Pharmaceutical Company, where he would remain for almost 30 years until his retirement in 2002 from Procter and Gamble Pharmaceuticals. Revoir's employment with the pharmaceutical company included extended transfers of he and his family outside of Chenango County, to the suburbs of Chicago,

Illinois (1974-1980) and to the suburbs of Cincinnati, Ohio (1994-2002).

Following his retirement from P&G Pharmaceuticals in 2002, Revoir and his family returned Norwich and he joined the American Legion Post 189. He is currently the Post Chaplain and serves on the Corporation Board. He is the present Coordinator of the Legion's annual Memorial Day Program and Veteran Services and is the Master of Ceremonies as well. Revoir has served as Post Commander in the recent past.

Revoir is the recipient of the Lifetime Membership Award from American Legion Post 189; he was the past coordinator of the annu-

al Boy's State Program
for Chenango County
and Post 189; and was
involved with the Youth
Oratorical Program.

He has been an AARP
Driver Safety Program
Instructor; a YMCA Gus
Macker Tournament
volunteer for over 20

Marsha Cornelius, current President of the Unit 189 Auxiliary, cited Revoir's "dedication to the Post and his help with BBQs, Oktoberfest, fall cleaning, Children's Christmas Party, and so many other events too numerous to mention."

In addition to American Legion Post 189, Revoir is a member of VFW Post 2782 in Norwich and currently serves as a Trustee. Revoir is the Master of Ceremonies for the annual VFW Veterans Day ceremony.

Outside of his service to veterans, Revoir is also a community volunteer on the City of Norwich Traffic Committee.

Driver Safety Program Instructor; a YMCA Gus Macker Tournament volunteer for over 20 years; and is a lector at St. Paul's Church. He has also been working part time for Wilson Funeral Home for the past 22 years.

Revoir currently resides in the City of Norwich with his wife, Katherine (Ryan) Revoir. They will be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary in August 2024. Also residing in Norwich are their three sons: Frank Jr., Thomas, and Ryan Revoir; their five grandchildren: Noah, Rife, Riley, Nathaniel, and Jameson Revoir; and two great-grandchildren, Joseph and Hively.

When asked what he enjoys most about being

a member of American Legion Post 189, Revoir made two comments. First, he affectionately notes the camaraderie and bond that exists amongst and between the veterans, their families, the Patriot Riders, the Sons of the American Legion, and the Auxiliary – referring to them as his extended family.

Second, Revoir states "It gives me the feeling that I can, in a small way, help to ensure that an organization that helps our veterans will be able to continue as a supportive organization in our community."

-Information provided by the American Legion Post 189

Cornell Cooperative Extension aids Guilford farmer and encourages outreach

BY KELLI MILLER

GAZETTE STAFF WRITER

GUILFORD

Recently, a dairy farmer realized he should rebuild his stanchion barn to a free-stall barn and concluded he would need some guidance. He called the Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) of Chenango County and asked for help.

"I received the call from the dairy farmer who happened to be the Amish farmer I helped about ten years ago, when he and his family members were looking to move here. I helped their four families locate farms," said Cornell Cooperative Extension Agriculture and Natural Resource Educator Rich Taber.

"It was during our conversation, I found out he wanted to turn his hoop barn, otherwise known as a stanchion barn, into a free-stall barn," said Taber.

He said he knows the guy quite well and has been to his Guilford farm about a dozen times, helping and educating him.

Taber said when the farmer called requesting help for the new barn, he reached out to a few Cornell experts, including Farm Strategic Planning Specialist PRO-DAIRY Tim Terry and Central New York Dairy Specialist Daniella Gonzalez Carransa.

"It took a couple months of rescheduling the appointment, due to unexpected life events, but finally the three Cornell staff paid a visit to the farm." he said.

"The farm owner is looking to build a freestall barn because he has a couple of young boys coming along to help and wants it to be more efficient," said Taber. "He is also looking to add about 12 more cows, for a total of 60."

He said, "The farmer wants cleaner cows and lower bacteria count; which the freestall barn will provide."

"There are many hoops to jump through to build a barn for dairy cows," said Taber. "There will be inspections, drainage issues, and manure is a big thing; and how to facilitate that."

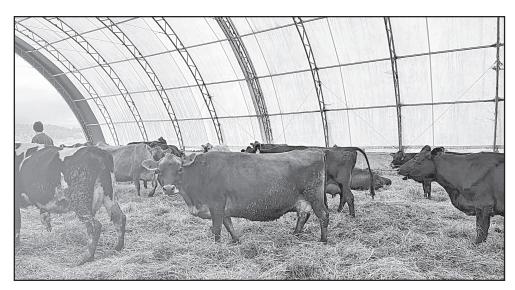
Taber said they are currently in the initial planning stage with Terry taking measurements and designing the barn and then they will send blueprints, plans, and suggestions to the farmer.

"Once the inspections are complete, the farm owner might have a barn raising to get it built this summer." he said.

Taber explained the next build should be a more efficient milking parlor. He said milking in a hoop barn or stanchion barn is hard on people's bodies and over the years, repetitive stress injuries can occur.

He said there's still quite a few stanchion or tie stalls, but over the years, many farmers have gone to freestall which are easier on the farmer and the cows, giving more space and better ventilation.

Taber has years of agricultural experience and has taught a little



Last week, a team of three Cornell Educators visited a Guilford farmer to assist in converting a greenhouse bedded pack system to freestalls; which will help with cow cleanliness and comfort. Cornell is currently in the initial planning stage, taking measurements and designing the barn. When finished, they will send blueprints, plans, and suggestions to the farmer. (Submitted photo)

bit of everything. He is a retired high school ag teacher and continues to educate people on grazing management; pasture management. He said he also has a background in forestry and land owner issues.

"I'm a jack of all trades and if I know something, I will share it. If I don't have an answer, I'll find someone that does," he added.

Taber said the Cornell

Extension does a tremendous job in offering agriculture assistance, education, and information for everyone in the county.

He also added the 4-H program has four educators now; providing an excellent youth program and they have a great Snap-Ed program.

Taber encourages phone calls and emails and said he enjoys educating others with their agricultural needs. Contact Rich Taber at the Cornell Cooperative Extension at 607-334-5841, ext. 1121 or email rep44@cornell.edu

To view their website, go to cce.cornell.edu/chenango.

Visit their Facebook page at Cornell Cooperative Extension Chenango County and the Chenango County 4-H Youth Development Facebook page for daily ag postings.

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customers.

"The biggest enjoyment has been serving people the way I like to be served and having a relaxed place for people to do their shopping," Weaver said, adding that the four things he focuses on most are "great service, quality products, fair prices, and a clean store."

"But the main thing is to glorify God in all that we do," said Weaver, who is minister of an area Amish church which serves 9-12 households.

Despite being part of a culture which foregoes many modern conveniences, such as cars, computers, and internet, Weaver has a strong desire to relate to the greater community.

"I enjoy being able to be there for the community in times of need, for instance, when the fire department has a chicken barbeque. Even though we're separate, we're still there to support the community," he said.

The 4000 square-foot store offers a large variety of produce, much of it local when in season. According to Weaver, 70 percent of produce sold at the market is organic.

Other locally produced items include meats, cheeses and baked goods. A large section is devoted to bulk foods, such as spices, candy, baking supplies, nuts and seeds. Many locally made crafts, such as candles, soaps and potholders are also available and popular both for personal use or gifts. Newly added to Weaver's offerings are subs, sandwiches and in-store prepared foods.

"We can't have everything everybody needs, but we like to be complete in the lines we have," Weaver said. As an example, he pointed to the newly added cheese island in the center of the store, featuring a variety of domestic and international cheeses.

Before Weaver's opened, area residents had to travel to Oneonta, Sidney or Norwich for grocery shopping. Weaver's offered a welcomed alternative. And, conversely, people travel considerable distances to shop at Weaver's.

"I love traveling there for the inexpensive spices, the excellent plants, and reasonable deli meats. It's nice to have something in our county that offers this," said April Bernhardt of Milford.

Gilbertsville resident Jenny Riffle finds much to like at the Amish-run store.

"It's so nice to have access to fresh produce and all the pantry basics right near home! I love shopping at Weaver's. Everyone there is so friendly. I have also found a great selection of flours that have been fun to experiment with in my bread baking. They seem to have just the right amount of products, which has saved me from driving into Oneonta to a large grocery store. They also have some great gifts and I have been wearing some hand-knit slippers I bought myself at Weaver's all winter," she said.

Weaver spoke of challenges the market has faced since opening, noting that he was previously in the business of clothing distribution, focusing on socks.

"I've learned that socks have a longer shelf-life than bananas," he joked.

Acknowledging a cultural learning curve expe-

rienced after opening, Weaver said, "Our customer base is 99 percent non-Amish. Originally, we saw things through Amish eyes. We didn't understand the food cultures of other people."

Weaver's has since added such items as tofu, Thai and Mexican cuisine items.

Being off the grid poses a challenge and offers an advantage.

"We have a diesel motor that supplies power to the whole store, including our cooling system. At the highest fuel price, we were paying \$1,000 a week for diesel fuel. With that and other operating expenses on the rise, it was a challenge to keep prices affordable and still stay in business," he said.

The advantage of having such a system is that it runs full time, allowing the store to continue operating despite local power outages.

Weaver's Farm Market is very much a family-run operation. His four youngest children still live at home and help with running the store.

"They do 95 percent of the ordering," Weaver said.

His daughter Ruth

Ann Weaver, 24, is the produce manager. Many people remember her as the pleasant young lady who ran a farmstand before Weaver's opened.

"I enjoy working with fresh produce. It makes me feel like it's spring year-round. I like to offer quality and freshness to our customers," she said.

Her creativity was particularly on display this past fall when shelves were filled with many varieties of apples. For Northern Spy apples, she posted, "Grandma will say the Norther Spy/ Is just what I need for my apple pie." For the Empire apple, she came up with, "Grab me while you stand here looking. / You'll like me for eating, baking or cooking."

Ruth Ann's efforts do not go unappreciated by shoppers.

"What I really like about Weaver's is a good selection of fresh produce. I appreciate knowing I can get that five miles from my door," said Tony Pinotti.

Jason Weaver, 19, does 75 percent of the grocery and bulk orders, and Michael Weaver, 20, oversees the buying of specialty and imported products as well as the frozen foods. Julia Weaver, 17, orders local dairy, bakery, and other items. Ruth Weaver, Daniel's sister, does bookkeeping and works at the register. Weaver's wife Iva manages the home front and helps with the baked goods sold at the market.

"She keeps us going," Weaver said.

Despite belonging to what Weaver himself describes as a "separate community," he shows a keen interest in the outside world – always quick to recognize a new face in the store. This interest is reflected by two maps on a wall at the store's entrance - a map of the world and a map of the United States. Sewing pins mark each location represented by visitors to the store. "We've had people from all the states and 70 countries," Weaver said.

"I like to ask people where they're from and I want to know about their culture. I probably have more interest in food and culture than most Amish men," he said, smiling.

– Information from Weaver's Farm Market



Markers being refurbished in anticipation of this year's National Historic Marker Day. The Chenango County Historical Society (CCHS) will host an unveiling of the recently refurbished Ross Schoolhouse marker along with commemorative museum activities on April 26. (Submitted photo)

Celebrate National Historic Marker Day with CCHS

NORWICH The County Chenango Historical Society (CCHS) will host a special unveiling of the recently refurbished marker commemorating the museum's oneroom Ross Schoolhouse at 7:30 a.m. on April 26. First restored by the Norwich Kiwanis Club in 1979, the schoolhouse served Preston's District 3 between 1850 and 1917.

The unveiling being held on National Historic Marker Day to honor the New York State Department of Transportation sign crew who have been helping to prepare and reposition the sign, as well as the local historians who have worked to retrieve and ensure refurbishment of this roadside attraction. As part of the morning's festivities, Kandi's Kitchen food truck will have breakfast available in the museum's parking lot from 7-9:30 a.m. The Ross Schoolhouse will be open for tours and commemorative activities during the museum's regular operating hours from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. that day.

by the Launched William G. Pomeroy Foundation in 2021, National Historic Marker Day brings people together to maintain local markers as a way to celebrate and preserve history. The refurbished Ross Schoolhouse historic marker will soon be installed near the structure's original site in Preston.

"National Historic Marker Day is a terrific way to show our appreciation for those who have preserved our community treasures," said Jessica Moquin, CCHS executive director. "We are grateful for the refurbishment and reinstallation of these landmarks which help to share our unique local history across Chenango County."

First established in 1939, CCHS is the primary organization dedicated to actively and comprehensively preserving the history of Chenango County. The area's premier heritage museum, the organization celebrates local culture - unique traditions, noteworthy residents, and unusual stories of the region. CCHS programs are made possible by the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of the Office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature.

The G. William Pomeroy Foundation is committed to supporting the celebration and preservation of community history. Established in 2005, the Pomeroy Foundation is a private, philanthropic organization located in Syracuse. As the nation's leading funder of historical roadside markers, the Pomeroy Foundation has awarded more than 2,200 grants for markers and bronze plaques in 48 states.

The mission of the Chenango County Historical Society and Museum is to explore the culture of Chenango County through preservation and presentation of local heritage.

- Information from the CCHS

The Early Files by Peggy Finnegan

WEEK #17 THIRTY YEARS AGO April 28, 1994

The village will sell the DPW building to Al Alfaro, ending 30 years of ownership.

Persons partial to Polynesian prints should take note of the ursine artistry in front of Pittsfield Vet Clinic.

Smyrna Fire Dept. Mother's Day BBQ: 1/2 chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, baked beans, coleslaw, roll, dessert & beverage. \$5.50

FORTY YEARS AGO April 26, 1984

Easter was cold but sunny for the sunrise service on Camp Mountain.

Erin Belden celebrated her second birthday with a Donald Duck cake made by her mom.

Sara Haycock's appendix ruptured. Reports are she's coming good.

FOR SALE: Redecorated 4 bdrm house on Rte 51, 1 acre lot, barn, garage, driven well, brook. \$13,000 firm

FIFTY YEARS AGO April 25, 1974

A bypass of So. New Berlin through Amblerville is being is being discussed.

Veltena Hill is recovering from burns received when her gas oven exploded.

Helen Dull was hit in the cheek by a stray rifle bullet while working in her garden. Boys were hunting woodchucks when a shot ricocheted and traveled half a mile.

Paul Stillman was elected president of the Chamber of Commerce.

SIXTY YEARS AGO April 25, 1964

The winter was colder but rain and snow were below normal.

Tragedy struck Holmes-ville when John Thomsen died of asphyxiation when he fell asleep on the sofa while smoking a cigarette. Paul Walker has the mumps.

Deepest sympathy to the Johnson Darrows, who son was killed inn a farm accident.

GOING OUT OF BUSINESS. V.J. Shafer Hardware

SEVENTY YEARS AGO

April 29, 1954

In 1907 William Bell entered the poultry business and became a prominent breeder of Leghorns.

This year of 1,055 measures passed, the governor signed 820, vetoing 235.

Hunters are asked to be careful. Farmers are glad to be rid of the woodchucks, but not at a loss of livestock.

Isaac Wayman, 91, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Carl Harrington. He and Mrs. Wayman celebrated their 67th anniversary this year.

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EIGHTY YEARS AGO April 27, 1944

The maximum speed limit on state highways is 35 mph.

Water from the Delaware River project flowed into New York city for the first time as a diversion tunnel in Ulster county was opened into the new aqueduct.

Miss Vera Willard has accepted a position at Earlville Central School.

Students 14-16 years old may be released for a maximum of 20 days to work on the farm in cases of necessity.

You have heard the lament when your larder is bare: "If only we had some ham and we had some eggs, we could have ham and eggs."

NINETY YEARS AGO April 30, 1934

The post office at Rockwells Mills was discontinued and residents are now served by Mt Upton.

Stuart Sholes and Arthur Meyers are champion fishermen, landing 11-1/2 and 16 inch trout from the brook at Columbus Quarter.

George Cronk has a new farm at Columbus Quarter, purchased from Lee Page.

Dr. Ella Tuttle is now making her home in Norwich. She lived in the Dakin house on North Main for 42 years.

Prospects look bright for a strong town baseball team.

Donald Angell,
Perry Bishop, Edward
Camp, Kenneth
Carpenter, Nathan
Clark, Richard Elliott,
Vincent Hammond,
Bobby Nelson and Lyle
Woodard attended
4-H band rehearsal at
Norwich last Saturday.

On Tuesday at the Edmeston High School, four girls will compete in a prize speaking contest: Mabel Anderson, Louise Henkes, Carolyn Shatzel and Elizabeth Bolton. On Wednesday, Roscoe Aylesworth, Robert Blanchard and Russell Talbot will compete in the boys' division.

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HUNDRED YEARS AGO

April 26, 1924

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Rex Humiston and family have moved into one of the Gibson houses on Cushman street.

Mr. O.E. Meeker has rented his house on North Main street to George A. Smith of Unadilla, who has accepted a position here with the Waddington Condensed Milk Co. as field man.

Miss Frances Payne of Edmeston has completed her courses at the Albany Business College and returned to her home this week. She has accepted a position in the First National Bank.

110 YEARS AGO March 4, 1914

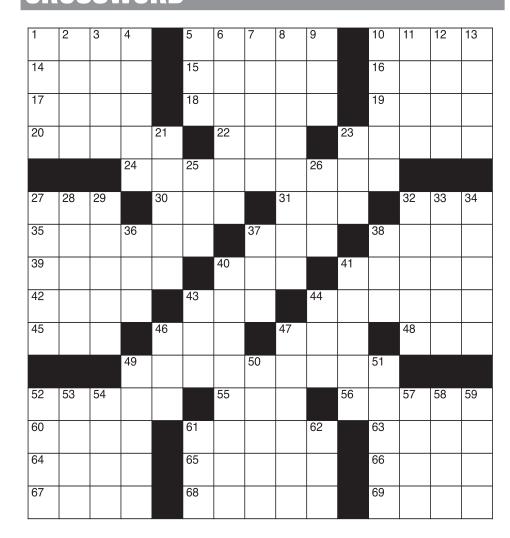
NEW **BERLIN** IS **PRACTICALLY** ISOLATED. The village is snow-bound and communications are almost cut off with other places. It has caused considerable damages. Mark Brady, engineer on the New Berlin branch, aged 70 years, was nearly overcome by the snow while piloting his engine through the drifts. His experience was a thrilling one.

Brady runs a passenger train which leaves Edmeston at 7:20 and is due in New Berlin at 7:40. He left Edmeston on time and when near the Beardsley cut, discovered that the snow had almost blocked travel. He put on all speed to obtain a good start, thinking that in this manner he could plow through the huge drifts. When about halfway through, the cab window broke, allowing snow to fall into the cab. The engine at last nosed out of the other end of drift and, when Brady failed to slack the speed, the fireman made an investigation and was unable to see the engineer. After bringing the train to a stop, he discovered Brady lying on the floor of the cab covered with snow. His hand had come in contact with boiler and was badly burned. After the snow was shoveled from the track, the snow piles on either side were higher than the coaches.





CROSSWORD



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Excessively theatrical actors
- 5. Footwear
- 10. A way to disfigure
- 14. Exchange rate
- 15. Hawaiian wreaths
- 16. North-central Indian city
- 17. Bungle
- 18. Extremely angry
- 19. A short note of what's owed
- 20. Criminal organization
- 22. Mimic
- 23. Try to grab
- 24. U.S.-born individuals
- 27. Some are covert
- 30. Order of the British Empire
- 31. Don't know when yet
- 32. Payment (abbr.)
- 35. Winged angelic being
- 37. Variety of Chinese
- 38. A way to be anxious
- 39. Famed wrestler Hulk
- 40. Partner to cheese

- 41. Slang for sergeant
- 42. Canadian flyers
- 43. Actress Ryan
- 44. Highly unpleasant vapor
- 45. Body part
- 46. Halfway
- 47. Cool!
- 48. Consume
- 49. Salts
- 52. Upper bract of a floret of grass
- 55. Housepet
- 56. Cavalry-sword
- 60. Symbol of a nation
- 61. Frocks
- 63. Used to carry food
- 64. Portuguese folk song
- 65. Sharp mountain ridge
- 66. Ireland
- 67. Where golfers begin
- 68. Greek mythological sorceress
- 69. Fluid suspensions

CLUES DOWN

- 1. "Mad Men" leading man
- 2. Water (Spanish)
- 3. Annoy
- 4. Bulgarian capital
- 5. Japanese title
- 6. Capital of Zimbabwe
- 7. Giraffe
- 8. A mixture of substances
- 9. Midway between south and southeast
- 1.0 Staffs
- 11. Turkish title
- 12. Type of acid
- 13. Thin, flat strip of wood
- 21. Russian river
- 23. Ribonucleic acid
- 25. Partner to flow
- 25. Partifier to flow
- 26. Airborne (abbr.)
- 27. Earthy pigment
- 28. Genus of earless seals
- 29. "Key to the Highway" bluesman
- 32. By or in itself

- 33. Hot fluid below the earth's surface
- 34. Partner to trick
- 36. British Air Aces
- 37. Ammunition
- 38. Supervises flying
- 40. Health care for the aged
- 41. Flanks
- 43. Millimeters
- 44. Where wrestlers perform
- 46. Not around
- 47. Flightless bird
- 49. Bell-shaped flowers of the lily family
- 50. Expressed concern for
- 51. Satisfies
- 52. Flew off!
- 53. Wings
- 54. Load a ship
- 57. Vigor
- 58. British title
- 59. Whiskeys
- 61. __Adams: founding father
- $\overline{62}$. Body of water

WORD SEARCH

LAWN & GARDEN WORD SEARCH

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WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to gardens.

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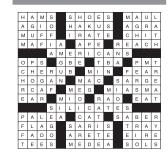
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including one movie musical and another
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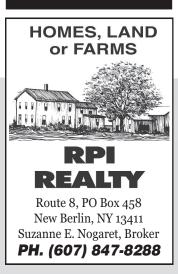
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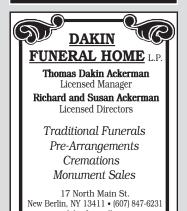
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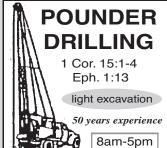
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'Anything Goes' auditions on April 24 and May 4

BY SARAH GENTER

GAZETTE STAFF WRITER

NORWICH -The Norwich Theater Company will be holding auditions for their upcoming musical "Anything Goes," scheduled to be performed at the Chenango Arts Council on July 26, 27,

"Anything Goes" will be directed by Dusty Davidson, with music direction by Karen Kinnear. Norwich Theater Company President Marty Kuhn said they will be performing the updated version of the musical.

"It's a musical comedy about an Evangelist turned nightclub singer who's traveling to Europe, and she's on the same ship as a wealthy Englishman and his heiress and fiancée," Kuhn explained.

"She runs into an old friend of hers, Billy, who is a stowaway, she explained,"He's in love with the heiress, so he's trying to win her back. They meet up with Moonface Martin, who's Public Enemy #13, and everybody instead of being afraid of him they're like, 'woohoo we have a public enemy on board!"

Auditions will be held in the Chenango Arts Council's Martin W. Kappel Theater from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 24, and 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, May 4. Performers only need to attend one audition day, but should plan on staying for the full two hours.

Those unable to audition at the scheduled time, or unable to stay the full two hours should contact Director Dusty Davidson at davidsondusty@hotmail.com.

Available roles in include show Reno Sweeney, the Evangelist turned nightclub dancer; Billy Crocker, her old friend and a stowaway; Lord Evelyn Oakleigh, a wealthy Englishman; Hope Harcourt, a beautiful heiress engaged to Oakleigh; Moonface Martin, a gangster and Public Enemy #13; and Erma, a gangster's girlfriend.

"It's got a lot of

of hijinks, it's got a lot of fun. A lot of big group numbers," said Kuhn. "It's a lot of fun."

Audition forms, material, and accompaniment tracks are available by following the Dropbox link on the Norwich Theater Company, Inc. Facebook page.

Those auditioning for lead and supporting roles must prepare one vocal and one acting selection, but those auditioning for the role of Reno must be ready to sing both selections, although they may only be asked to sing one at the audition.

auditioning Those for minor or ensemble roles must prepare the ensemble vocal audition available through the link. No acting audition is required for minor and ensemble roles.

Additionally, all performers must be availtion, which will be taught the day of auditions.

The Norwich Theater Company is also looking for crew members to assist with construction of the set, props, costumes, stage crew, sound, lighting, cleaning, fundraising, ushering, and more.

"In addition to the cast members, we have a whole group of really dedicated volunteers who come in and they build the sets, and they move the sets, and they put the sound effects together, and work on lights," said Kuhn. "They come and clean the areas for us. They go out and obtain donations, they work on costumes, they work on props. Just everything.'

"Without volunteers that you don't see, we could never ever put on shows. So you know we owe everything to our

champions, it's got a lot able for the dance audi-volunteers both on and off stage," she added.

> Kuhn encourages community members to audition, as being a part of theater not only provides entertainment for others, but also creates its own little family of cast and crew members.

> "I love being a part of bringing a different world to the stage. If I'm on stage, I love being a part of maybe helping somebody forget their troubles for a couple of hours," said Kuhn. "Doing theater, it's a new community, it's a new family. Everybody gets so close."

> More information on the Norwich Theater Company can be found NorwichTheater Company.org the Norwich Theater Company, Inc. Facebook page.

Weaver's Farm Market Marks 5 Years Of **Operation With Big Sale**

Weaver's Farm Market, at 1272 East Side Road in Morris, is celebrating its fifth year in operation. The store will be marking the occasion with a "Super Sale" on April 26 and 27.

"It's the sale of the year. There will be no other sale where we have as many items marked this low," said store owner Daniel

Top-selling items, such as John F. Martin bacon and butter and locally made chicken pot pies will be considerably marked down. Other price-reduced items include cooked shrimp, organic cane sugar, rolled oats, whipping cream, all-purpose white flour and many other products.

Looking back over the past five years, Weaver said that what he has liked most has been his customers.

"The biggest enjoyment has been serving people the way I like to be served and having a relaxed place for people to do their shopping," Weaver said, adding that the four things he focuses on most are "great service, quality products, fair prices, and a clean

"But the main thing is to glorify God in all that we do," said Weaver, who is minister of an area Amish church which serves 9-12 households

Despite being part of a culture which foregoes many modern conveniences, such as cars, computers, and internet, Weaver has a strong desire to relate to the greater community

"I enjoy being able to be there for the community in times of need, for instance, when the fire department has a chicken barbeque. Even though we're separate, we're still there to support the community," he said.

The 4000 square-foot store offers a large variety of produce, much of it local when in season. According to Weaver, 70 percent of produce sold at the market is organic.

Other locally produced items include meats, cheeses and baked goods. A large section is devoted to bulk foods, such as spices, candy, baking supplies, nuts and seeds. Many locally made crafts, such as candles, soaps and potholders are also available and popular both for personal use or gifts. Newly added to Weaver's offerings are subs, sandwiches and in-store prepared foods.

"We can't have everything everybody needs, but we like to be complete in the lines we have," Weaver said. As an example, he pointed to the newly added cheese island in the center of the store, featuring a variety of domestic and international cheeses.

Before Weaver's opened, area residents had to travel to Oneonta, Sidney or Norwich for grocery shopping. Weaver's offered a welcomed alternative. And, conversely, people travel considerable distances to shop at Weaver's.

"I love traveling there for the inexpensive spices, the excellent plants, and reasonable deli meats. It's nice to have something in our county that offers this," said April Bernhardt of Milford.

Gilbertsville resident Jenny Riffle finds much to like at the Amish-run store

"It's so nice to have access to fresh produce and all the pantry basics right near home! I love shopping at Weaver's. Everyone there is so friendly. I have also found a great selection of flours that have been fun to experiment with in my bread baking. They seem to have just the right amount of products, which has saved me from driving into Oneonta to a large grocery store. They also have some great gifts and I have been wearing some hand-knit slippers I bought myself at Weaver's all winter," she said.

Weaver spoke of challenges the market has faced since opening. noting that he was previously in the business of clothing distribution, focusing on socks

"I've learned that socks have a longer shelf-life than bananas," he joked.

Acknowledging a cultural learning curve experienced after opening, Weaver said, "Our customer base is 99 percent non-Amish. Originally, we saw things through Amish eyes. We didn't understand the food cultures of other people.

Weaver's has since added such items as tofu, Thai and Mexican

Being off the grid poses a challenge and offers an advantage. "We have a diesel motor that supplies power to the whole store, including our cooling system. At the highest fuel price, we were paying \$1,000 a week for diesel fuel. With that and other operating expenses on the rise, it was a challenge to keep prices affordable and still stay in business," he said.

The advantage of having such a system is that it runs full time, allowing the store to continue operating despite local power

Weaver's Farm Market is very much a family-run operation. His four youngest children still live at home and help with running

'They do 95 percent of the ordering," Weaver said.

His daughter Ruth Ann Weaver, 24, is the produce manager. Many people remember her as the pleasant young lady who ran a farmstand before Weaver's opened.

'I enjoy working with fresh produce. It makes me feel like it's spring year-round. I like to offer quality and freshness to our customers," she said.

Her creativity was particularly on display this past fall when shelves were filled with many varieties of apples. For Northern Spy apples, she posted, "Grandma will say the Norther Spy/ Is just what I need for my apple pie." For the Empire apple, she came up with, "Grab me while you stand here looking. / You'll like me for eating, baking or cooking."

Ruth Ann's efforts do not go unappreciated by shoppers.
"What I really like about Weaver's is a good selection of fresh

produce. I appreciate knowing I can get that five miles from my door," said Tony Pinotti.

Jason Weaver, 19, does 75 percent of the grocery and bulk orders, and Michael Weaver, 20, oversees the buying of specialty and imported products as well as the frozen foods. Julia Weaver, 17, orders local dairy, bakery, and other items. Ruth Weaver, Daniel's sister, does bookkeeping and works at the register. Weaver's wife Iva manages the home front and helps with the baked goods sold at the market.

"She keeps us going," Weaver said.

Despite belonging to what Weaver himself describes as a "separate community," he shows a keen interest in the outside world – always quick to recognize a new face in the store. This interest is reflected by two maps on a wall at the store's entrance a map of the world and a map of the United States. Sewing pins mark each location represented by visitors to the store. "We've had people from all the states and 70 countries," Weaver said.

'I like to ask people where they're from and I want to know about their culture. I probably have more interest in food and culture than most Amish men," he said, smiling.



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New Berlin Library Corner





"Earth Day" Children's Program at the Library

Chenango County 4-H Youth Development held an after-school science program at the New Berlin Library on April 17. 4-H educator, Erica Clark, taught a program called "Earth Day".

The lesson started with participating children learning about the origins of Earth Day. Earth Day is an annual event that takes place on April 22. It is celebrated to show support for environmental protection. The first Earth Day was held on April 22, 1970.

Participating children then brainstormed about what they, as young people, could do to celebrate Earth Day and help protect the environment. Garbage pick-up, recycling, reusing plastic containers, composting, and planting trees were all discussed.

The 4-H educator, Erica Clark, then led the children and adults on a garbage pick-up along South Main Street in New Berlin. Gloves were handed out and everyone marched down Main Street, picking up plastic cups, candy wrappers, and other road side debris.

When everyone

County returned to the library hands were washed and Erica led a lesson on making seed bombs. Each child was able to create r, Erica 3 seed bombs to bring program home.

To make seed bombs, scraps of paper were mixed in a blender with water to form a mushy pulp. The pulp was formed into a ball with wild flower seeds in the center. The paper balls were squeezed to removed excess water and allowed to dry. After allowing to dry for 48 hours the balls could be "tossed" to allowed the seeds to grow.

Due to scheduling conflicts, the next Chenango County 4-H Youth Science Development Program at the New Berlin Library will be held on the forth Wednesday of the month instead of the regularly scheduled third Wednesday. next session will be held on May 22 at 3:45 in the New Berlin Library Community Room. These programs are open to all members of the public.

There is still time to register for the Children's Spring Art Class being held on Wednesday, May 1st at 5 pm and the Adult Spring Art Class being held on May 6th at 5 pm. Both programs and free and open to the public. All materials will be supplied free of charge thanks to the generous sponsorship of the New Berlin Art Forum. Registration is required for both programs. Please stop in to the library or call the circulation desk at 607.847.8564 to register.

The New Berlin Library is holding a Mother's Day Basket Raffle fundraiser. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. The basket includes: \$25 Nook Coffee Shop gift certificate, jewelry set, basil starter kit, bird suncatcher, handmade pottery, bath bombs, "Love" sign, note pad, fuzzy slipper socks, & a travel stainless steel travel mug with lid and straw. All items in the basket have been donated to the New Berlin Library. The drawing will take place on May 10th. All proceeds go to the New Berlin Library.

Some great new additions to the library include: A Calamity of Souls by David Baldacci, It Had to Be You by Mary Higgins Clark and Alafair Burke, Tiny House Design and Construction

Guide: Your Guide to Building a Mortgage Free, Environmentally Sustainable Home by Dan Louche, Off Grid Home Building Essential: Comprehensive Planning Handbook for House Options, Solar, Wind, Water, Heating, and Cooling by John Utterback, and The Art of Natural Building: Design, Construction, Resources by Joseph F. Kennedy, Michael G. Smith, and Catherine Wanek.

The New Berlin Library is located at 15 South Main Street, New Berlin. The library is open Monday Wednesday 10AM-8PM; Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 10AM-5PM; and Saturdays 10AM-noon. The web address is https://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.newberlinnywith any questions.

- Information from the New Berlin Library





By Sophia Root Commerce Chenango

CHENANGO COUNTY - In April of last year, retired NY State Trooper Wes Mills, with the help of Commerce Chenango, Achieve, and retired FBI Agent Joe Testani, held an informative presentation on the reduction of community violence.

ChenTAC, the Threat Chenango Advisory Committee, was formed by Mills and the Chenango County Sherrif's Office as a result, and to keep Chenango County schools, businesses, and places of worship safe.

Since its formation, 60 Chenango County businesses and organizations have joined the team, and 8 individuals received professional help.

So far, it has proven to be a successful cross functional group consisting of law enforcement, businesses, and social services.

"Wes Mills has done a tremendous job of leading the ChenTac

Columbine school massacre anniversary marked as ChenTAC offers community safety training





On March 15 Commerce Chenango and the Norwich School District hosted an informational session with local educators on how to spot and prevent violence by former FBI agent Joseph R. Testani. (Submitted photo)

Their work vention helps make Chenango County a safer place for all of us" said Sal Testani, President and CEO of Commerce Chenango.

ChenTAC was established due to the ever-changing risks of targeted violence and mass shootings that society faces today. ChenTAC takes effective, proactive, and protective measures that are designed to prevent, not predict, potential acts of targeted violence and terrorism.

Through identifying and managing potential threats, ChenTAC provides alternatives to investigation and/ or prosecution for bystanders who are actively seeking inter-

assistance with a known individual at risk of mobilizing to violence. It is important to acknowledge the difference between violence and targeted violence.

Targeted violence is premeditated violence and is usually directed at a specific individual, group, or location. A perpetrator of targeted violence is typically responding to a perceived grievance or acting on behalf of a particular ideology. Targeted Violence is different from impulsive, reactive, or emotional acts of violence. Some examples of targeted violence are school shootings, workplace violence, violence, domestic stalking, and terroris-

tic attacks.

April 20 marked the 25th anniversary of the Columbine High School shooting, one of the darkest days in American educational history. While this day was an opportunity to commemorate the lives lost and honor the resilience of those affected, it also serves as a reminder for us to stay vigilant.

If you or your business are interested in joining the ChenTAC team in this effort, there is an informational event and training session planned for April of this year. Wes Mills and Joe Testani will be in attendance. "This will help recruit more businesses to join ChenTAC as well as raise awareness

throughout Chenango County of what ChenTAC is and how we can serve our citizens," Mills said.

You are invited to help make our community safer.

The event will take place on April 30 from 9 a.m. to noon, lunch provided by Nina's Pizzeria. The training event will be held at Achieve's new location, 27 Griffin Street in Norwich.

The admission fee for Commerce Chenango Members is \$15 and the cost for nonmembers is \$25. To register, email info@chenangony.org or call (607) 334-1400 by April 25th. This event is sponsored by Achieve, The Evening Sun and Unison, a GE Aerospace Company.

J. Testani stated, "I'm happy to come back to the county where I grew up and help them establish a restorative system, designed to prevent acts of targeted violence, like school shootings. I have assisted the Monroe County Sherrif's Office, New York State, and several other counties implement this same system, and it has a proven track record. I know it will be a benefit to Chenango County too."

Do you see something? Say something. If you believe you are witnessing concerning behavior, call the ChenTAC line at (607)334-2000 go to www.chenangosheriff.us and click "Crime Tip."

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Public Notices

LEGAL NOTICE UNADILLA VALLEY CEN-TRAL SCHOOL NOTICE OF ANNUAL **MEETING** Budget Hearing A budget hearing for the inhabitants of the Unadilla Valley Central School District qualified to vote at School District meetings will be held on Tuesday, May 7, 2024 at the School District Library immediate ly following the Regular Meeting scheduled for 6:00 PM, where there shall be presented the proposed school district budget for the following school year.

Vote Information The vote upon the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures and for any propositions involving the expenditure of money or the authorizing of levy of taxes, as well as the election of members of the Board of Education (the "Annual Meeting") shall be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, from 12:00 PM

to 8:00 PM. The Annual Meeting shall be held at the District Office lobby, located at 4238 State Highway 8, New Berlin, Statement of Money Required for Next School

A copy of the statement

of the amount of money which would be required for the next school year for school purposes may be obtained by any resident of the District at the District Office during the period of 14 days immediately before the annual meeting and election, between the hours of 8:30 AM and 4:00 PM, except Saturday, Sunday, or holidays, and on the date of the election.

Board of Education Vote At the annual meeting, voters will elect three (3) candidates to the Board of Education, to fill the seats currently held by:

Mark Davis, Three Year Term, beginning on July 1, 2024 through June 30, Carrie Meade Three-Year Term, beginning on July 1, 2024 through June 30,

2027 Debra Taranto, Two-Year Unexpired Term (Interim Seat left vacant by R. Potter), beginning July 1, 2024 through June 30,

Vacancies upon the Board shall not be considered separate specific offices The three (3) individuals receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected to the vacancies. Petitions nominating candidates for the office of Board of Education member must be filed in the office of the District Clerk between the hours of 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM, not later than Monday, April 22, 2024. Each petition must be directed to the District Clerk, must be signed by at least 25 qualified voters of the district, must state the residence of each qualified voter, and the

name and residence of the

candidate.

shall be voted upon at the same time as the appropriation of monies and for Board members, in substantially the following form, after the budget has been finalized by the Board of Education: **BUDGET PROPOSITION** 2024-2025 Shall the following resolution be adopted by the Board of Education? RESOLVED, to adopt the annual budget of the Una-dilla Valley Central School District for the fiscal year 2024-2025, as presented by the Board of Education of the District, and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the district.

The following propositions

PROPOSITION I \-LEASE OF SCHOOL **BUSES** Shall the following resolution be adopted by the Board of Education?

RESOLVED, that the

Board of Education of the Unadilla Valley Central School District be, and hereby is, authorized to enter a five (5) year lease for four (4) school buses at a maximum estimated total annual cost not to exceed \$110,000 for each of the five (5) years, beginning in the 2024-2025 school year.

PROPOSITION II LIBRARY FUNDING SOUTH NEW BERLIN FREE LIBRARY Shall the appropriation for the South New Berlin Free Library within the Unadilla Valley Central School District be increased to \$53,000 (which is a ,500 increase from the \$51,500 levy currently in existence), which shall be raised by a tax upon the taxable property of the School District in accordance with Education Law

PROPOSITION III
\- LIBRARY FUNDING **NEW BERLIN PUBLIC**

Shall the appropriation for the New Berlin Public Library within the Unadilla Valley Central School District be increased to \$84,000 (which is a \$5,000 increase from the \$79,000 levy currently in existence), which shall be raised by a tax upon the taxable property of the School District in accordance with Education Law § 259? Military Ballots Military voters who are qualified voters of the School District may apply for a military ballot by requesting an application

from the District Clerk at (607) 847-7500 ext 1131 or vdoliver@uvstorm.org. For a military voter to be issued a military ballot, the District Clerk must have received a valid ballot application no later than 5:00 PM on April 26, 2024. In a request for a military ballot application or ballot. the military voter may indicate their preference for receiving the application

transmission, or email. Absentee Ballots Applications for absentee ballots for the Annual Meeting may be applied for by qualified voters at the District Clerk's Office. Completed applications must be received by the District Clerk at least (7) seven days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter or the day before the election, if the ballot is to be picked up personally by the voter. Absentee ballots must be received by the District clerk no later than 5:00 P.M., prevailing time, on May 21, 2024. A list of all persons to whom absentee and military ballots shall have been issued will be available for inspection in the District Clerk's Office during regular business hours on each of the five (5) days prior to the election except Sunday, and such list will also be posted at the polling place at the election of

members of the Board of

or ballot by mail, facsimile

Farly Mail Ballots Early mail ballots may be applied for at the office of the District Clerk. A list of all persons to whom early mail ballots shall have been issued will be available in the office of the District Clerk on each of the five days prior to the day of the vote except Sundays, and such list will also be posted at the polling place or places for the vote.

Board of Education Adoption Date: March 25, 2024 By: Order of the Unadilla Valley Central School Board of Education By: Valerie L. Doliver. District Clerk 4t ES (4/5, 4/26, 5/3, 5/17; GZ 04/04, 04/25, 05/02, 05/16)



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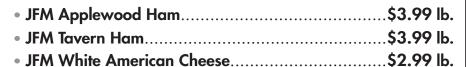
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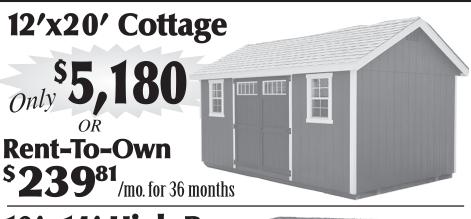
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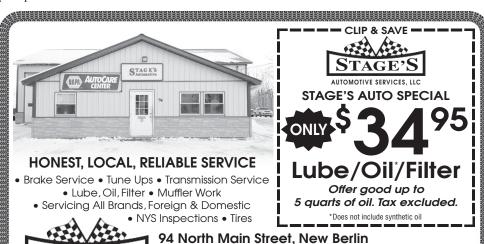
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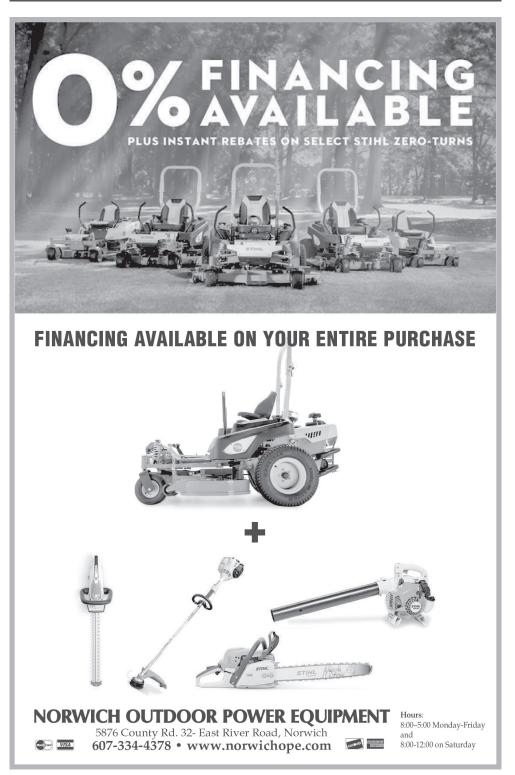


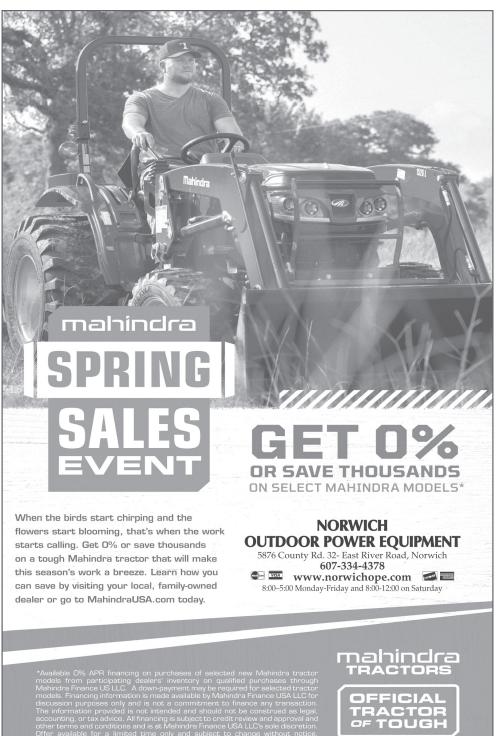
Weed out gardening myths from facts

Gardening is an age-old activity that was once a necessity but has transformed into a hobby for thousands of people. While gardening still serves practical purposes, many gardeners still consider it a hobby first and foremost.

Time-tested gardening techniques have prevailed, but there remain certain myths about gardening that are best dispelled. The following are some of the more common myths associated with gardening.

- MYTH: Compost tea is more effective than traditional compost. All over North America and the United Kingdom, gardeners have jumped on board the compost tea bandwagon. Compost tea is a fertilizer created by steeping compost in water mixed with sugar in brewing kits. The mixture is allowed to sit and aerate to encourage beneficial organism growth before it is sprayed on plants. According to supporters, compost tea suppresses disease and boosts plant yields. However, there is no evidence to suggest that compost tea works any better than adding compost in its normal state to the soil. In fact, leaving buckets of the "tea" around to ferment could actually create a breeding ground for E coli and other bacteria.
- MYTH: Plants under stress should be fertilized. This is not the case. Horticulturists advise that fertilizing plants that are not deficient in nutrients can actually add to existing stress levels for plants. Plants are not often stressed by a lack of food, but rather heat, faulty planting or space constraints. A fed plant will use the energy to absorb the nutrients instead of defending against a blight or establishing better root systems.
- MYTH: Young trees need stakes. It may be tempting to stake that little sapling to protect it against the weather and strong winds, but doing so may actually work against the foundling tree. Staking trees to inhibit swaying





may not stimulate the tree to grow thicker, lower trunks that will help the tree in the long run. The Royal Horticultural Society recommends that saplings be staked for around one year and then have the stakes removed to encourage



the tree to be strong and stable on its own.

- MYTH: Water droplets and sunshine lead to burnt leaves. Gardeners have been told to resist watering their plants during the hottest times of the day. Many assume it's because water droplets lying on leaves will magnify the sun's rays and burn the leaves. According to Dr. Gabor Horvath at the Eoetvoes University in Budapest, water droplets will rarely damage plants because the drops are too close to the leaves to cause burning before they evaporate. Watering during the hottest points of the day is not advised because water evaporates and gets wasted.
- MYTH: Sand added to clay soil makes it looser and better for plants. Clay soil is a deterrent to gardening because it can be so hard to dig and difficult to cultivate, but some feel it's best to add sand to the clay to make it a better soil mixture. You would need a great deal of sand to do this in the right manner, but many gardeners simply dig a hole, add sand and hope for the best. However, water runoff will pool in the sand and not be absorbed by the clay, potentially causing the plants to drown.
- MYTH: Adding compost or potting soil to the planting hole for a tree or shrub is beneficial. Gardeners frequently add compost or potting soil to the hole where the root ball of a tree or shrub will be placed. But this encourages the roots to grow only in this nutrient-rich area, rather than spreading throughout the landscape to form a stronger and more durable root system. If you are going to amend the soil, do so evenly across the landscape.
- MYTH: Use gravel or rocks in the bottom of planting containers to improve drainage. Rocks and gravel can actually impede the growth of plants and take away space for roots to grow. The drainage may be affected as well, as water will sit above the gravel or stones and saturate the roots. Stick with plain soil for better drainage results.

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