EARLVILLE – The Earlville Opera House is to present local music great Lauren Mettler streaming from our Facebook page on Thursday April 30.

This is a give-what-you-like event with all proceeds supporting the programs and services of the Earlville Opera House as we poise to re-open.

Hailing from the hills of Sherburne New York, Lauren Mettler grew up singing and playing music with her parents who played professionally when she was a child. She played in bands with her siblings and friends throughout her childhood and young adult life. She has since devoted herself to her solo songwriting craft. She learned originally to play music on the banjo, mandolin, guitar, but has picked up the penny whistle to top it off! She has a dream to lead a folk ensemble accompanying her original repertoire.

Lauren bears a unique and earthy style of songwriting that enchants listeners with beautiful images and thought-provoking lyrics, she paints worlds which evoke nostalgia, empathy, and courage. Lauren’s original music ranges in style from folk alternative, to jazz classics, to winsome ballads, and all delivered with a melodic, articulate voice. She will be sharing a selection of tunes written for an upcoming album that is a musical portrait of the American working class. Lauren has many fond memories of attending workshops and performing in various contexts at the Earlville Opera House, and is honored be playing for us now.

EOH presents Lauren Mettler streaming live on Facebook April 30

NEW BERLIN – Chobani has partnered with Chenango Memorial Hospital to provide its employees with a free COVID-19 vaccination at their facility in South Edmeston.

According to Chobani Media Lead John Kell, since the start of the pandemic, Chobani has been focused on the health and safety of its employees – implementing safety protocols that have often gone beyond guidelines, providing special benefits to its essential workers, and keeping its plants operating safely 24/7. “In a continuation of our support, Chobani will offer our employees a free COVID-19 vaccination at our South Edmeston, NY, plant on April 15 and April 22,” said Kell. “We will be working with UHS Chenango Memorial Hospital in Norwich, New York, to ensure safe administration of the vaccine.”

“Chobani employees that opt for a vaccine can use the six hours of time off we provided to our workforce earlier this year to encourage vaccinations.” Kell said throughout the pandemic, Chobani – with roughly 2,200 employees across the United States and manufacturing in South Edmeston, NY and Twin Falls, ID – has continuously ensured that the health of its employees was its number one priority. “We have done everything possible to keep them safe during these uncertain times, including social distancing, PPE, health screenings, temperature checks, and masks,” he said. “Other innovative ways to support our employees include paying special incremental bonuses to all hourly plant employees for the past three quarters, which are continuing, and an ongoing daily childcare subsidy.” “In Chobani’s hometown communities in New York and Idaho, from testing through vaccinations, we’ve been there with our health department partners throughout the pandemic, helping frontline workers, teachers, and vulnerable communities.” — By Zachary Mesec, Gazette Staff Writer

Chenango Co. COVID vaccine update

CHENANGO – Last week, the Chenango County Health Department administered 190 first doses and 102 second doses. Total doses given by department: 4,817 (3,108 first doses and 1,709 second doses) About 34.9 percent of the population has had at least one dose of vaccine in the county. (16,588 people with one dose and 11,573 with a completed dose series) About 37.9 percent of the population of New York State has had at least one dose of vaccine.

This week: The department anticipates 100 first doses this week and 500 second doses. The Chenango County Health Department website has been updated and a link to register for appointments each week will be provided on the vaccine page. Click on the clinic link to register for an appointment. This week they are having a Moderna clinic on Thursday April 15 at the Old Label Shopper location in Norwich. Those that are eligible can find vaccine appointments on the website: https://www.co.chenango.ny.us/public-health/nursing/covid19.php#tab-3 If you do not have a computer or email, you may call us for help at 537-1660. If you have questions or need more information you may email us at COVID19@co.chenango.ny.us or visit the department’s Facebook page. Other Resources to get vaccinated: NYS Am I eligible site: https://am-i-eligible.covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov/ or call 1-833-NYS-4-VAX (1-833-697-4829) or visit ny.gov/southernriervax to view other locations in the county. From the Chenango County Health Department

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CCHS is accepting submissions for publication in the 2021 issue of the Journal of the Chenango County Historical Society, an annual publication which features a variety of scholarly articles highlighting unique local history. (Submitted photo)

CCHS seeks submissions for annual journal

NORWICH – The Chenango County Historical Society (CCHS) is currently accepting submissions for the 2021 issue of the Journal of the Chenango County Historical Society. While all stories related to Chenango County heritage are welcome – especially those that are not already well-known – topics of particular interest include military history, prominent women, prohibition stories, and unique faith perspectives such as the Mormon or Jewish communities.

“There are amazing stories related to our local communities just waiting to be revealed,” said Jessica Moquin, CCHS executive director. “It is our goal to find these ‘hidden gems’ so that everyone has the opportunity to read and appreciate them.”

The Journal of the Chenango County Historical Society, which debuted in the summer of 2012, is an annual CCHS publication featuring a wide variety of scholarly articles highlighting the unique history of Chenango County. Previous topics range from “The Mysterious Disappearance of Mr. Elwood in Guilford” to “A History of Dairying in the Town of Columbus,” and “Unmasking the Beaver Meadow Gang” to “A Short History of the Smithville Fair,” among many others.

“We are hoping to garner stories from every corner of Chenango County,” said Joe Frye, CCHS operations manager. “There is so much collective knowledge in the community, and we are encouraging everyone to share their favorite narratives.”

Articles intended for this year’s Journal of the Chenango County Historical Society should be submitted by early May for consideration. Full submission guidelines or more information regarding the journal, contact Joseph Frye by phone at (607) 334-9227 ext. 2 or by email at info@chenangohistorical.org.

EOH presents Lauren Mettler on Facebook Live –

EOH is looking forward to having Lauren Mettler engage in the arts. The Earville Opera House is located at 18 East Main Street in the charming Village of Earville, NY 13332 and is handicap accessible. Please view our website and like us on Facebook!

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Thousands sign local petition for change, state official backs movement

BY ZACHARY MIESECK
GAZETTE STAFF WRITER

CHENANGO COUNTY – After a tragic accident in Greene, a movement to allow blood products to be used on state medical flights has garnered more than 11,000 petition signatures and backing from New York State officials.

New York State Senator Fred Akshar is one of the individuals who supports the change, and he said while legislators work to get changes signed into law, they hope the public will continue signing the petition.

“As many local, rural nurse and farmer Travis Flanagan was involved in a tragic farm accident on March 13th,” said Senator Akshar. “Travis was pulled into an active machine and lost both of his legs from the knee down.”

“Thanks to the heroic efforts of several individuals and first responders, Travis survived.”

Akshar said emergency medical providers were called to the scene and a Pennsylvania based medical flight crew, Guthrie Air was able to quickly infuse Travis with a supply of blood they had on board during transport. He said this very well may have been the difference between life and death.

“But New York State regulations currently make it extremely difficult for air ambulance services to transfuse and carry blood products while transporting a patient to an area hospital,” Akshar said.

“If a local New York-based flight crew had responded to the scene, it’s horrifying for his young family to think what that would have meant for Travis’ prognosis.”

Travis Flanagan’s brother, Trevor Flanagan, was the one who started the movement about a week ago on change.org.

Trevor said his brother received two units of blood at the scene by Guthrie Air, and that even medical directors have expressed frustration with the practice of not providing blood.

“There were many factors that led to his survival, including him receiving two units of blood on scene by Guthrie Air, a Pennsylvania based flight crew,” said Trevor. “To the surprise of many of us, we learned New York based medical flight crews, such as LifeNet, who received the initial call, but was unavailable, are not permitted to carry and transfuse their own blood products.”

“This is shocking because in many instances these crews are responding to the scenes of traumatic accidents in which blood products may be the difference between life and death.”

Trevor said five medical directors for LifeNet NY have expressed their frustration via an Air Methods post on July 2, 2020. He said LifeNet serves 48 states with New York being the only state unable to carry and transfuse their own blood.

After about a week of creating a post on change.org and reaching out to public officials, the petition to allow state medical flights to carry and transfuse blood products has reached more than 11,100 petitions in support for the change.

Trevor Flanagan also spoke on the issue, and said emergency medical responders should have everything they need to save someone’s life.

“This change needs to happen,” said Travis. “I fortunately had all the stars aligned that day but others may not be as lucky as me.”

“There is no reason why NYS Medical Flight Crews shouldn’t have the ability to carry and transfuse blood. These crews are dispatched in the most dire circumstances and should have all the tools to save a life/lives.”

Those who are interested in viewing the petition may visit change.org and search “Allow New York state medical flights to carry and transfuse blood products” for more information.

Grange to hold pork dinner

BY RUSSELL HAMPTON
GAZETTE STAFF WRITER

GILBERTSVILLE–A Roast pork dinner will be held on Wednesday, April 28 with take out only from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Butternut Valley Grange Hall, 7 Bloom Street, Gilbertsville (downstairs – use side entrance). Menu is roast pork, stuffing, mashed potatoes, green beans, vegetables, applesauce, roll, dessert of apple or blueberry pie. Pre-orders preferred by April 26 call Bob Evans 336-4831. Walk-ins welcome.

Dinner will benefit community service projects of Butternut Valley Grange.
Boys' soccer: UV wins on back-to-back days

NEW BERLIN - Unadilla Valley climbed into a tie for the lead, getting stingy defense, and recorded its second win in as many days blanking Walton, 4-0, on Tuesday.

Trason Murray scored his first varsity goal to open UV's scoring 14 minutes into the contest, and freshman Trevor Smith made it a two-goal halftime lead tallying in the 28th minute.

"We played well offensively and defensively," said UV-GMU coach Matt Osborne. "We had some younger guys score and it showed tonight. We played the ball and played unselfish soccer. One of our goals at halftime was to continue the shutout, and we attained that by being in position to help one another." 

Devon Fairchild scored from closer range six minutes into the second half, and Zach Fleming headed in for the winners to earn a two-goal lead going into the second half.

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Almost Here

I was fortunate to have passed Hunter Education the year that New York began having the Youth Turkey Hunt. I was also lucky that my cousin had a boyfriend that was willing to take me even though he had never turkey hunted before.

I had taught myself how to use a mouth call the week leading up to the Youth Hunt and ended up calling in a group of toms by sheer luck. Neither of us really knew how to set up and we ended up having to lower the birds while calling turkeys away when I could not get a shot at them. The next year I was lucky enough to hunt with one of my friend’s older brothers who knew what he was doing, and he shot his first turkey. I will never forget seeing the red head coming through the woods and the adrenaline munching as I tried to find the right time to raise my shotgun without being seen.

The following Spring, April 24 and 25, hopefully more youth hunters will have the opportunity to shoot their first turkey and make memories that they will also never forget. If you are taking a turkey hunter out for their first hunt, here are some things to think about to help them have an enjoyable experience even if they do not harvest a bird.

Dress appropriately - Nothing can ruin a hunt faster than being cold or wet (or both). Make sure your youth hunter has warm enough clothes for cold April mornings. It was in the 20’s on the youth hunt. Also think about the dew on the ground so tall, waterproof boots are handy in keeping feet dry. If hunting out of a blind, consider bringing a heater. Disposable hand warmers are cheap and effective.

Hide your movement - A pop-up ground blind can be put up in a matter of a couple minutes and is great for concealing fidgeting and other movements that can ruin a turkey hunt. Make sure to have an appropriate chair so that the youth hunter can safely see and operate their firearm if a turkey comes within range. If you do not have a ground blind, use natural blinds like downed trees to sit against to conceal you.

Remember when using a jake or tom decoy, an approaching tom will circle around to get a look at you. Be ready to hit him if you put them where you want a turkey to be. Remember that this is their first hunting experience so do not pressure them to shoot. You want them to want to do this again in the future. They should have fun with feeling prepared to stay in the woods longer.

When you call it a day, do something memorable on the way home. Stopping for breakfast is not what it used to be due to COVID but stop for doughnuts or some other treat.

So to every youth hunter and their adult mentors taking them to the field on the Youth Turkey Hunt, remember to be safe and have fun!

Chenango County Hazard Mitigation Plan available for public review

CHENANGO COUNTY – For the past few months, Chenango County, along with its 30 municipalities have been in the process of updating the County’s 2016 Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) and the 2022 Update is now available for public review and comment.

The current HMP identifies natural hazards of concern in our county, assesses our specific vulnerabilities to those hazards, and seeks to identify projects and measures that may reduce damages from future hazards.

The HMP includes descriptions of potential consequences of the hazards of concern that may impact Chenango County and its municipalities, identifies assets that are subject to losses or damage, and provides an estimate of the potential losses of each hazard. The County and its municipalities have also developed a strategy to increase the resilience which includes a prioritized list of actions designed to reduce losses.

The County would like the public to contribute further to the planning process by reviewing the draft Plan and providing feedback and comments. The full, updated HMP is available for public review and comment at the Chenango County Hazard Mitigation Plan website at https://www.chenangoctnyhmp.com/.

Feedback from municipal officials, stakeholders, and members of the public is welcomed and encouraged during the public comment period, which will remain open until May 13, 2021. All feedback will be provided to participating municipalities and agencies and will be available for review by municipal, state, federal and county entities, and incorporated, where appropriate. Please visit https://www.chenangoctnyhmp.com/ for more information.

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The Early Files

The Gazette

THIRTY YEARS AGO
April 17, 1971
Anyone remember Bennett’s crow? Back when windows actually opened at school, kids would hold up something shiny and he’d swoop down for it, depositing it on the roof. Even a bird in a while someone would go up to the roof to retrieve the stuff.

FORTY YEARS AGO
April 16, 1981
Attractive Easter decorations are on display at the homes of Wade Schrag, Tot Bush and Bill King. On April 10th an open house was held at the new Valley Supply. Mr. and Mrs. John Bice moved to the Carl Curtis farm in Pittsfield.

FIFTY YEARS AGO
April 22, 1971
Snowbanks are gone except patches in the woods. Strong north winds have made grass fires possible.

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UNCLE AB SAYS
April 20, 1941
A hen on the Benn farm laid an egg a day for 870 consecutive days.

SIXTY YEARS AGO
April 20, 1961
Bulk milk coolers are responsible for the revolution taking place on dairy farms.

EIGHTY YEARS AGO
April 20, 1941
A letter from Sen. Lehman pleads ignorance of the flood control dam proposal. Local wage says those senators are sure an ignorant lot.

HUNDRED YEARS AGO
April 16, 1921
Dr. Ray Banks purchased the property of the late Dr. Eggleston on the corner of Cushman and Whitmore.

GARRATTSVILLE PAST
Spring 1879
A bald eagle was seen on the farm of B.C. Gardner.

New Berlin Library

Spring Tea Canceled at The New Berlin Library

The annual Spring Tea that traditionally is held by the New Berlin Library the Saturday before Mother’s Day has been canceled for 2021. This cancellation is in response to the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic and New York State’s social distancing mandates.

The New Berlin Library is holding a mini raffle. A Homelander Funko Pop $9.78 was donated to the library and it is being raffled off. It is new in box with a protective case. Raffle tickets $0.50 each or $5/2. The winner announced April 30th and you do not have to be present to win. All proceeds go to the New Berlin Library.

Some great new additions to the library include: The Last Bookshop in London: A Novel of World War II by Madeline Martin, When the Stars Go dim by Martha Hall Kelly, and Ocean Prey (A Lucas Davenport and Virgil Flowers Novel) by John Sandford.

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 http://library-4cls.org/newberlin/wp/. Please contact us at 607.847.8564 or like and message our Facebook page New Berlin Library and Museum (https://www.facebook.com/newberlinlibrary/newberlinny) or Twitter page @Lib_NewBerlin (https://twitter.com/Lib_NewBerlin) with any questions.
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**POETIC TERMS WORD SEARCH**

**CLUES ACROSS**

1. Switches
2. “Mad Men” leading man
3. The __ of March
4. Healthy
5. Where golfers begin
6. Soviet Socialist Republic (abbr.)
7. Of the cheek
8. Injury reminder
9. Statesman Franklin
10. For an unknown reason
11. Brain parts
12. Islamic calendar month
14. Avenue where ad men work
17. Passives
18. Accept
20. Stake
23. Former British PM May

33. Expression of disgust
34. The government has many
36. Small constellation
37. Northern Indian city
38. The best pitchers
39. Naturally occurring solid
40. Apple computers
41. Portuguese city
44. Ancient Greek war dance
45. More reliable
46. Sailboat
47. Newspapers
49. Frequently flooded area
50. They dig for coal

**SUDOKU**

**CLUES DOWN**

1. Partial
2. “Mad Men” leading man
3. The ___ of March
4. Healthy
5. Where golfers begin
6. Soviet Socialist Republic (abbr.)
7. Of the cheek
8. Injury reminder
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17. Passives
18. Accept
20. Stake
23. Former British PM May

24. US battleships circa 1939
25. Greek alphabet letter
26. When you hope to get there
29. Top lawyer
30. Fiddler crabs
31. Intolerant
32. Persons that cause extreme fear
35. Car mechanics group
36. Capital of Ghana
38. Famed ballplayer Hank
40. Emphasizes insignificance
41. Light-colored
42. Distinctive smell
43. Muckraking journalist Jacob
44. Sunscreen rating
45. Short-term memory
46. Japanese delicacy
47. One point north of due east

**WORD SCRAMBLE**

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to poetry.

**Words:**

**Solutions:**

**Guess Who?**

I am a pop singer born in Michigan on April 27, 1988. I started performing with groups in 2011. In 2014 I was named as an artist to watch, and a few years later I had a No. 1 hit.

**Guess?**

**Answers:**

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EARLVILLE – The Earlville Conservation Club was unable to hold their annual meeting and Chicken-n-Biscuit Dinner, but they did host their traditional Big Buck Contest on January 12, 2021. The club’s first resumed meeting will be at 7 p.m. on May 3 in the Huff Brau Dining Hall.

“It was a successful hunting season and we had several members enter the contest this year. We extend a big thank you to Andy Migonis, Paul Orth, and Jim Dowd for scoring the racks for the club,” announced the conservation club. The Earlville Conservation Club will resume regular meetings on the first Monday of each month at the Earlville Huff Brau Dining Hall.

Meetings start at 6 p.m. during the winter months, and 7 p.m. during daylight savings (spring/summer/early fall).

Some of the events sponsored by the club include trout release, annual kids fishing derby, trap shots, pheasant release and the annual big buck contest. Yearly memberships cost $5/Adult & $3/youth [16 & under]. Please contact Betsy Campbell for further information; [607]226-1673.

–From the Earlville Conservation Club