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City of Norwich nearly ready to begin placemaking efforts

BY SARAH GENTER
GAZETTE STAFF WRITER

NORWICH — The City of Norwich is gearing up to begin developing a strategic plan that will guide future placemaking in the downtown area.

The city received a \$10 million Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) grant in December of 2021 to transform downtown Norwich, draw in tourism, and spark increased investment in the area with several individual revitalization projects.

As project sponsors prepare to design and implement their renovations, the city is working on creating a placemaking action plan.

Placemaking is the concept of creating destinations where people want to work, play, and live. Examples of possible placemaking projects in the City of Norwich could be wayfinding to help direct visitors through the city, providing opportunities for public art and seating,



The City of Norwich is preparing to begin work on the placemaking initiative, which will use smaller improvement projects to tie together the larger projects included in the DRI. (Photo by Sarah Genter)

turning pieces of Broad Street into public spaces, and updating intersections with pedestrian safety measures.

City of Norwich Community Development Director Erik Scrivener said the city's placemaking initiative will be used as a way to tie the DRI projects together to create a more cohesive downtown.

"The thing about the DRI is, it's great that it gives us \$10 million, but

there's really no connect- edness about this project," Scrivener explained. "How does one project affect the other businesses here? How does everything connect and how do we maximize this investment into more investment? That's what we're looking at is to keep the ball rolling and keep revitalizing downtown."

The city recently put out a Request for Proposals (RFP) to find

a contractor to help the city assess the area and create an action plan to help them implement placemaking efforts in a deliberate way.

A group of individuals from the Norwich Business Improvement District (BID), the City of Norwich Common Council, and other community members explored the four RFPs received, and decided on EDR as the contractor for the job.

"EDR brings a ton of experience: they've done DRI and other programs in Utica, Rome, and other local areas. That's what really set them apart. We felt it was their work in similar communities to Norwich and the success they've had," Scrivener explained.

He said the project will cost the city \$88,810. The city contributed HUD funds, and they also received funding from the Greater Norwich Foundation, the Roger Follett Foundation, and the Norwich BID to sup-

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Tapping a Maple Tree. Join Rogers on Saturday February 24, 10 to 11:30 a.m. for a tour to learn the history of maple sugaring and how to identify and tap maple trees. Call(607) 674 - 4733 or email ellen@friendsofrogers.org to register. (Submitted photo)

Maple Magic at the Rogers Center

SHERBURNE - All winter the maples have been sleeping, and as the days start to warm in late winter, sap starts to rise.

It's hard to predict when this will happen from year to year, but it has already started here in Central New York.

Join Environmental Educator Ellen Rathbone Saturday February 24, 10:00 - 11:30 AM for a tour of the Rogers Center sugarbush to learn the history of maple sugaring, how to identify and tap maple trees,

and how to grade. Meet at the Rogers Visitor Parking Lot, where you will carpool to the sugarbush. Call (607) 674 - 4733 or email ellen@friendsofrogers.org to register.

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Call for Artists: JAC 42nd Fine Arts Show



The 42nd Annual Jericho Arts Council Fine Arts Show opens April 27 and will run through May 4. Exhibit hours will be Saturday April 27, 1-4p.m., 6-9 p.m.; Sunday, Noon-3 p.m.; Monday through Friday, 1-7 p.m. Saturday May 4, the Gallery will open at noon for the closing reception with awards at 1pm. (Submitted photo)

BAINBRIDGE - The 42nd Annual Jericho Arts Council Fine Arts Show opens April 27th and will run through May 4th. The Gallery Committee is now accepting applications from artists to enter their art. There are four categories of original artwork including oil & acrylic, watercolor & gouache, drawing & graphics [which include mixed media, pastel and printmaking] and new this year, three dimensional art. Photographers are encouraged to enter their work in the JAC Fall Photography Show.

There will be monetary awards in each of the four categories along with a Tennant Realism

Award, a Best in Show and a People's Choice. We will be accepting pre-registered entries with a discounted fee till April 15th, or you may register and deliver your art on our drop-off/registration days: Monday April 22nd, 10am-1pm and Tuesday April 23rd, 4-7pm. You can find further information and entry forms by going to www.jerichoarts.com and see the FAS listing under the Gallery drop down menu. You must be 18 years or older to enter. Your entries must not have been exhibited in a previous JAC Fine Art Show.

Our exhibit hours will be Saturday April 27th, 1-4, 6-9 p.m.; Sunday,

Noon-3pm; Monday through Friday, 1-7 p.m.. Saturday May 4th, the Gallery will open at noon for the closing reception with awards at 1pm.

Please come and enjoy this wonderful exhibit! As always, there is no admission fee to browse to your heart's content in our Gallery. For additional information visit our web site or call/text 607-222-1839. The show is held upstairs in the JAC GALLERY, found in the Bainbridge Town Hall, 15 North Main Street, Bainbridge N.Y.

- Information from the Jericho Arts Council

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New Berlin Library Corner

Grants Awarded to the New Berlin Library

The New Berlin Library is happy to announce that they are the recipients of two grants. The first grant is for an commercial grade outdoor bench and the second grant is for funding for a children's summer art program.

Community Foundation of South Central New York awarded The New Berlin library a grant for the purchase a new outdoor bench. This new bench will replace the library's current metal bench, which is rusting. The new bench is a commercial grade, poly lumber, 3 person bench with a 800 pound weight capacity and a 20 year outdoor life expectancy.

The New Berlin Library wishes to thank the Community Foundation of South Central New York for helping the library to better serve our community. Additionally, a special thank you to Village of



New Berlin Building and Grounds Commissioner, MaryEllen Canuel, and the The Village of New Berlin DPW for the removal of the old bench and installing the new bench in the spring.

The second grant is a Summer Reading Program Outreach Grant through the Four County Library System. This grant will be used this summer for a Summer Reading Art Program. This program will be three weeks long,

four days per week running Monday through Thursday in August. It will be a story and an art project. A children's book will be read and an art project, inspired by the children's book will be completed. This program will be free and open to the public.

The crafts in the Juvenile Literature Room are Valentine Inch Worms and Heart PictureFrameNecklaces. Children 12 and younger are invited to make a

craft while supplies last. Both crafts were donated to the library by Bits & Bobs of New Berlin.

The Chenango County 4-H Youth Development holds after school science programs at the New Berlin Library at 3:30 pm in the community rooms on the third Wednesday of each month during the school year. These events are taught by 4-H educator Erica Clark. The next session will be held on March 20.

Some great new additions to the library include: Crosshairs (A Michael Bennett Thriller) by James Patterson, Cancel Culture Dictionary by Jimmy Failla, The Vast Wonder of the World: Biologist Ernest Everett Just by Melina Mangal, Eclipse by Andy Rash, The Doctor Digs a Grave by Robin Hathaway, The Doctor Makes a Dollhouse Call by Robin Hathaway, The Doctor and the Dead Man's Chest by Robin Hathaway, Who Was Georgia O'Keefe? (Who HQ) by Sarah Fabiny, Who Was Salvador Dali? (Who HQ) by Paula K. Manzanero, Who Was Michelangelo? (Who HQ) by Kristen Anderson, Who Was John Lewis? (Who HQ) by Crystal Hubbard, Where is the North Pole? (Who HQ) by Megan Stine, What Was Reconstruction? (Who HQ) by Sherri L. Smith,

What Was The Donner Party? (Who HQ) by Ben Hubbard, What Was The Children's Blizzard of 1888? (Who HQ) by Steve Korte, The Very Hungry Caterpillar's First Winter by Eric Carle, Hypnotic DVD, and The Hunger Games The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes DVD.

The New Berlin Library is located at 15 South Main Street, New Berlin. The library is open Monday and Wednesday 10AM-8PM; Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 10 a.m to 5 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. to noon.

The web address is libraries.4cls.org/newberlin. Please contact us at 607-847-8564 or like and message our Facebook page New Berlin Library and Museum (www.facebook.com/newberlinlibrary.newberlinny) with any questions.

— From the New Berlin Library

2023 Home Beautification winners announced

BY SARAH GENTER
GAZETTE STAFF WRITER

NORWICH -The Norwich Building Tomorrow Foundation have announced the winners for the 2023 Home Beautification Contest.

For the fifth year running, the Home Beautification Contest has served to identify, encourage, and reward property owners in the City of Norwich for making improvements to their homes.

The contest is divided into two categories: owner-occupied single-family homes, and multi-family properties.

Winners for the 2023 Home Beautification Contest are as follows:

Single-Family

First Place: Megan McLaughlin, 12 Hale Street, \$5,000 prize

Second Place: Mary Hannan, 7 Plymouth Street, \$3,000 prize

Third Place: Phoebe Wagner, 20 Columbia Street, \$100 and a Lowe's gift card

Multi-Family

First Place: Beth Jensen, 16 Sheldon Street, \$5,000 prize

Honorable Mention: Tyler Foulds, 4 Ross Avenue, \$1,000 prize

Single-family first place winner Megan McLaughlin said she repainted the exterior of her house, redid the landscaping, added a front porch with a privacy screen, and installed a

new front storm door.

"It started out as one little project, we were just going to redo landscaping, and then that tumbled into everything else," she said.

The renovation kicked off in the spring and was wrapped up by the fall, according to McLaughlin. She was able to do some of the work herself, while other projects were hired out.

McLaughlin said she was fortunate to find a painter who could do the job that year.

"It all definitely happened faster than I thought. I didn't even think we'd get a painter at least until next spring, but the person that we hired was able to do it sooner, which was great,"

McLaughlin said.

Now that those projects are completed, McLaughlin said their next step is to redo the backyard for their golden retriever.

First place winner of the multi-family category Beth Jensen said her home renovation included complete exterior repainting, a new roof, repainted railings, and brand new outdoor carpeting on the steps.

"I just thought that it needed to be done because it was getting really ratty looking, and I didn't want that impression as a landlord. I wanted it to look nice, for the tenants and for the City of Norwich," she said. "Then the contest just happened to fall right around the same time period, so that was a nice bonus to it."

She said the work was done by contractors, and only took around a week to complete. The finished result is a refreshed home that Jensen said her tenants love.

"They loved that we did it. They loved it," she said. "The tenants that are there, they take good care of it, so it actually looks really nice."

Second place single-family home winner Mary Hannan replaced her front porch, third



Before and after pictures of work at 12 Hale St., Norwich. Resident Megan McLaughlin won first place in the 2023 Home Beautification Contest. (Submitted photos)



Before and after pictures of work at 16 Sheldon Street in Norwich. Resident Beth Jensen made the improvements and won first place for multi-family homes in the 2023 Home Beautification Contest. (Submitted photos)

place winner Phoebe Wagner repainted the exterior of her home, and Tyler Foulds, honorable

mention winner for the multi-family category, completed both exterior and interior home repairs.

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port the initiative.

The decision to contract with EDR must still be approved by the City of Norwich Common Council, and they will make their final vote at the common council meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 20 at 6:30 p.m.

If approved, Scrivener said the contract with EDR will include project management, an existing conditions assessment, a market study, branding, public engagement, looking at economic development opportunities, and creating an action plan.

EDR will also be working with MRB Group for economic development efforts, and a group called Alleyway on branding.

Once the final action plan is completed, the city can use that information to implement placemaking projects around the city.

“What is the City of Norwich brand? What is the downtown brand?” said Scrivener. “We don’t have a good concept of what that is. We have a lot of ideas, but part of this is going to be developing a marketable brand for the city and something that we can work with into the future.”

He said they hope to begin working with EDR this March, and estimates the total project time to take about nine to 12 months.

Scrivener said work on the placemaking ini-

tiative will also coincide with the initial work on the DRI projects, which will help placemaking projects fit better and connect all the revitalized areas.

The overall goal is not just to revitalize downtown, but leverage these projects into further investment in the City of Norwich in the future.

“The timing is right, we’ll get this plan in place as the investment is going in the DRI, and then now looking for our next pools of funding for what we want to do as far as a downtown idea and concept,” said Scrivener. “We have this investment, \$10 million, how do we not just have this as a one time thing? We want to take this and turn it into multiple investments over the years, bringing in more public and private funding to the city.”

After implementing the placemaking projects, Scrivener said he hopes to expand placemaking efforts outside of the DRI area as well.

“As we complete this, we’re looking to expand outside of the downtown area to other parts of the city for also additional investment. We want to get this completed first, and build on the success of our downtown plan to now the other areas,” he said. “You know, getting down East Main, further down North and South Broad, and other areas. We could see some development or other types of things being done.”

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Chenango County selects 2024 leaders

NORWICH - The Board of Directors for Cornell Cooperative Extension of Chenango County held its annual organizational meeting on January 30.

The meeting was held at the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Chenango County (CCE) building at 99 N. Broad Street, Norwich.

At the meeting, Jacob Perrone was elected as the President of the Board of Directors, Yusuf Harper the association’s Vice President, Grace Provance the association’s Treasurer, and

Annamarie Ward the association’s Secretary.

Anyone who wishes to attend the meetings at the CCE Chenango building 2nd-floor conference room on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m., excluding July, August, and December.

The CCE Chenango annual meeting is additionally scheduled for December 5th. Stay tuned to chenango@cornell.edu and social media platforms for the most up-to-date information.

- Information from CCE

Ramsaran speaks out on Dateline from prison

NORWICH - In October of 2023 Ganesh R. Ramsaran pleaded guilty to the 2012 slaying of his wife in a retrial and accepted a sentence of 22 years in prison for a reduced charge of manslaughter.

In October of 2022, Ramsaran was granted a retrial over the 2014 murder conviction of Jennifer Ramsaran, after it was determined his previous defense was not adequate.

At 9 p.m. on Friday, NBC Dateline aired a two hour episode titled, “The Perfect Life,” that includes a prison interview with Ramsaran. The story is also avail-



At 9 p.m. on Friday, NBC Dateline will air a two hour episode titled, “The Perfect Life,” that includes a prison interview with Ramsaran. (Photo from Dateline)

able to watch on Peacock streaming service. More information and a preview for the episode can be found on www.nbc-

news.com.

According to Dateline, “The Story: Jennifer Ramsaran, a devoted mother of three, is

found murdered in her New York town. More than a decade later, the story takes an unexpected turn as a twist emerges that leads to an unforeseen conclusion. Friday’s two-hour broadcast features the latest developments in the case, including a new interview with her husband, Remy Ramsaran, who was convicted for her murder.”

Reported by Andrea Canning and interviews with Remy Ramsaran, Glenn Ramsaran, Defense Attorneys David Hammond & Melissa Swartz, and Special Prosecutor Benjamin Bergman.

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PUBLICATION DATE: Mar. 19th

Health department issues rabies alert

BY SARAH GENTER
GAZETTE STAFF WRITER

NORWICH — The Chenango County Health Department issued a rabies alert last week after a raccoon found in the Town of Norwich tested positive for rabies.

The department said the raccoon was picked up on County Route 33 between Shumway Hill and White Store Roads, and was tested by the NYS Wadsworth

Laboratory on February 5.

Residents and visitors to the area have been advised to take precautions, such as enjoying wildlife from a distance; educating children on the dangers of stray and wild animals; ensuring all dogs, cats, ferrets, and livestock are vaccinated for rabies; and reporting animals that are behaving strangely or aggressively to the Chenango County Sheriff's Department or

the Chenango County Health Department.

Director of Chenango County Public Health Isaiah Sutton said the symptoms of rabies includes weight loss, appearing malnourished, paralysis, and foaming at the mouth, which is caused by an inability to swallow.

In both domestic and wild animals, he said abnormal or aggressive behavior can be a cause for concern.

"In domestic animals,

if your animal acts markedly differently than you expect it to," Sutton explained. "A wild animal that will come right up to you, that's not what you expect out of a raccoon. So that is cause for concern. If a normally passive animal becomes quite aggressive without any explanation, also cause for concern, and would bear some additional monitoring or testing."

If a pet or livestock animal is behaving

strangely, owners should contact their veterinarian immediately.

Additionally, the Health Department has advised individuals not to approach, feed, pick up, or handle any stray or wild animals. They also urged residents not to kill healthy appearing animals.

Sutton said the rabies virus is only passed through saliva and nervous tissue.

"The state defines exposure as a copious amount of the infected animal's saliva introduced into your system. So that's a bite, a scratch, if a rabid animal were to lick an open wound. If a pet has a fight with an animal, we can't really know. But if the rabid animal bites the pet, that's considered an exposure," he said.

In the event of an animal bite or scratch, the department recommends washing and rinsing the wound thoroughly for several minutes, applying a disinfectant, seeking medical attention, and reporting the wound to a health care provider or the Chenango County Health Department at 607-337-1673.

All dogs, cats, ferrets, and livestock should be vaccinated against rabies. Sutton said if

an animal is vaccinated and exposed to rabies, the treatment is a simple booster shot. However, if the animal is not vaccinated, the only options are a strict six-month quarantine or euthanasia.

The Chenango County Health Department frequently offers free rabies vaccine clinics for pets. Keep an eye on the Chenango County Health Department Facebook page for information on upcoming clinics.

If a human is exposed to rabies, Sutton said a post-exposure treatment of three to four vaccines will be administered over the course of a few weeks. The treatment is 99.9 percent effective at preventing disease, as long as the individual is not showing symptoms of rabies.

"We like to say that it's never too late to start [treatment] until someone becomes ill. Once symptoms onset in humans, there is no known treatment," said Sutton. "Rabies is considered a deadly virus. Once someone becomes ill, there's only a handful of success stories, and there's not really a known medication or treatment therapy that is attributed to those successes."

GIRLS' BASKETBALL: UV drops to Delhi in MAC Playoffs

BY MORGAN GOLLIVER
GAZETTE SPORTS EDITOR

DELHI — After wrapping up regular season play this past Friday, the Unadilla Valley Storm girls' basketball team traveled to Delhi to face the Bulldogs in a MAC league playoff game. The Storm finished third in the MAC Division II with a 5-3 league record, behind Bainbridge-Guilford. UV fell 58-32 to Delhi on Monday evening.

UV was limited in the first three quarters of play, which was unusual for a team that had been improving in the latter part of the season. UV gave their best efforts in the final eight minutes of play with 14 points. 10 of those 14 team points came off strong playing from Adrienne Hodge.

Hodge led the Storm

with 17 points, where she knocked in three three-pointers. Senior Jaiden Schrag wrapped up her final game with 11 points, making three of four foul shots. Myriah Taylor and Avery Hill both added two points each in the loss.

UV finished the 2023-2024 season with a 5-3 MAC league record and a 7-13 overall record.

Scores by quarter:

UV 7 7 4 14-32
DE 17 14 17 10-58

UV: Adrienne Hodge 17, Jaiden Schrag 11, Myriah Taylor 2, Avery Hill 2.

DE: Natalie Vredenburgh 25, Danielle Ennist 8, Tyler Abts 7, Kiley Cheshire 5, Jaylyn Prisco 5, Riley Maney 4, Lexi Davis 3, Brinley Wagner 1.

Three-pointers: UV 3 (Hodge 3); DE 4 (Vredenburgh, Cheshire, Prisco, Davis).

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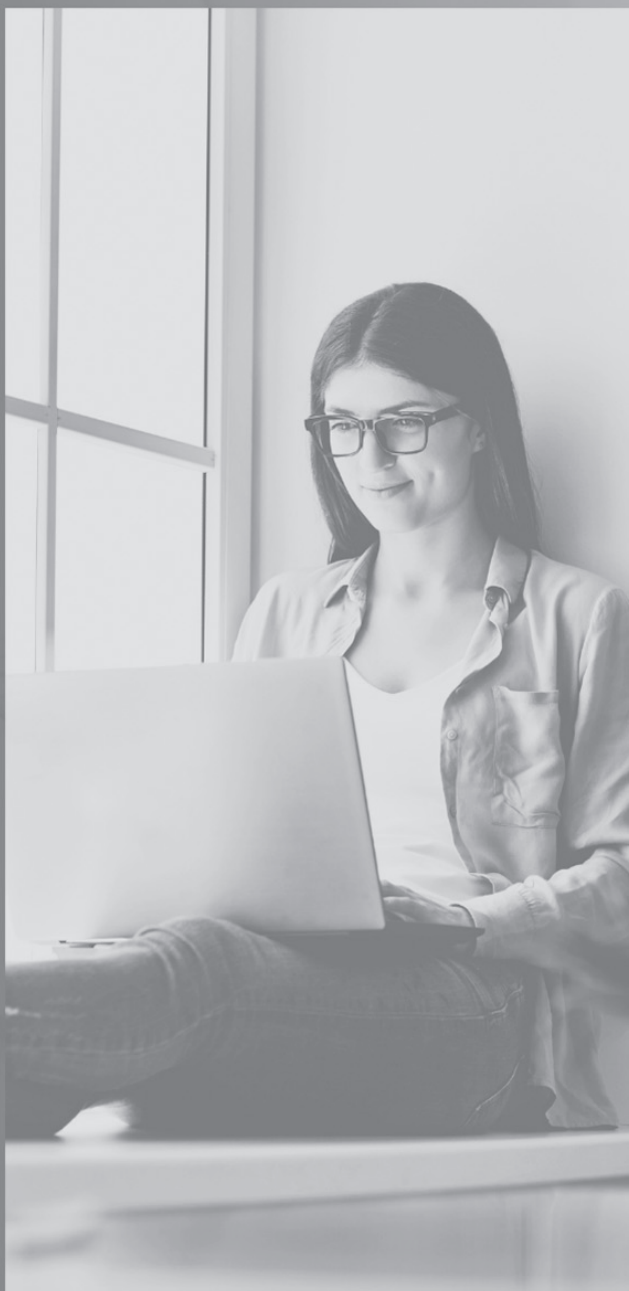
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The Early Files *by Peggy Finnegan*

WEEK #8 THIRTY YEARS AGO

February 24, 1994

After skidding twice on frozen rain, I believe driving is hazardous to my health.

The 220,300 deer taken in 1993 were second only to the record set in 1992.

Want to have some fun? Join a group playing hockey Sundays 1-3pm at Newhouse Pond above the village.

FORTY YEARS AGO

February 23, 1984

Signs of spring that were seen last week: sap buckets; ducks flying north; geese on Hoboken pond; and crocus in bloom.

NYSEG gas customers will receive a 4% decrease in rates.

New York's minimum wage for most farm workers was raised from \$2 an hour to \$2.75 an hour.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

February 21, 1974

Rodger Brown saw a woodchuck on Lamb Hill and several have seen robins.

SNBCS voters approved a bond to renovate the school.

Julie Fairchild entertained Jodi Johnson, Bonnie Dye, Diane Palmiter, Vicki Muller, Barb Anderson, Theresa Ciccone, Valerie

Malhenzie, Diane Jaquay and Melissa VanTran on her 10th birthday.

Allan Spooner fell in his barn and broke several ribs.

FOR SALE: 1965 Buick Special, 4 dr, 6 cyl. economy car, 74,000 miles. \$250

SIXTY YEARS AGO

February 20, 1964

A foot of new snow fell over the weekend with high winds making travel extremely dangerous.

Virginia Gagne, ECS sophomore, was awarded a purebred calf by the Otsego County Bankers' Assoc.

It takes about 40 gallons of sap to make a gallon of maple syrup.

The first woodchuck of the season appeared briefly on top of a snowbank on the 13th.

Karen Harris was elected president of her 6th grade class at ECS.

M I D D L E - A G E D LADY living alone desires live-in housekeeper, washings out, pleasant surroundings. Arlounie Strait

SEVENTY YEARS AGO

February 19, 1954

After eight years of service, Robert Porter resigned as village clerk.

Robert Elliott, Don Ackerman and Mary Jane Whitacre took part in a WCHN discussion: Should teens have use of the family car?

The Edmeston bowling alleys have been removed. Two will be installed in the basement of the West Ed Community House.

Robert Hobson enlisted in the Army and will leave Monday.

WANTED: Sap buckets. Glenn Reed

EIGHTY YEARS AGO

February 24, 1944

Postwar plans for So. New Berlin include cleaning up the river to make it attractive for fishing, boating and bathing, as it once was.

Mrs. Palmer Curtis was fortunate to receive only minor bruises when she was hit by a car.

I seems taxes will remain high for some time, a tune we are learning by heart.

Dr. Hammond sold the Beatty house on West street to Emerson Day.

Earl Genung, clerk at Don Lidell's store, resigned after 23 years. His many friends will miss his cheerful help in these days of rationing.

A total of 3,750 strikes were staged in 1943 involving 1,900,000 workers

NINETY YEARS AGO

February 22, 1934

Many have been called as witnesses in the trial of the milk strikers held on a charge of rioting.

Fifty years ago Charles Holmes, then 22, began his career as a jeweler in the old Fuller block, now the bank.

Marcello Tuttle had the misfortune to lose a horse.

The farm home of John Peet burned. As there was no water nearby, water was drawn in cans from the depot.

C.W. Belden built a motor-driven ice saw and is cutting ice for local farmers.

The government now guarantees your deposits against everything except the government.

We are still selling shoes at the old low price, \$1 a pair. F.A. Ballard & Co.

HUNDRED YEARS AGO

February 21, 1924

During the past week nearly a foot of snow fell, more than any other time this winter.

F.E. Benedict moved to his remodeled home on North street. The farm at the five corners was sold to Walter Page of Columbus.

A necktie and apron social will be held at Fred Bridgens. Ladies bring tie and apron to match, also box lunch for two.

William Thurston, who has been failing from tuberculosis for some time, passed away at his home on South street, age 65.

The box social at O.K. Hortons was well attended and \$15 was realized to be used for hot lunches for the school children.

Jay Harrington, Sam Tallman and John Matteson set a record shooting 15 red fox with the help of two fine hounds.

Uncle Ab says that the man who can't find anything to do on a farm in winter doesn't deserve to be there in summer.

Miss Doris Calhoun has been entertaining the measles.

Choir practice at Mrs. F.C. Olive's Friday evening.

Grace Matterson was in New Berlin having dental work done.

Ralph Sage of Holmesville had accepted a position as salesman with the Smith Motor Sales & Service Co. Henry Kuhn is working for the company as a mechanic.

Howard Hopkins and Irvin Adams are drawing logs from West Edmeston to So. Edmeston by sleigh.

The Columbus Community Ladies Aid Society will meet in the Little Brown House. Each family bring their own dishes, sandwiches for their family and one other dish, except potato or meat.

Four of Jesse Lloyd's children have the measles.

Miss Lula Camp has returned from a two week business and pleasure trip to Syracuse and Solvay.

IS YOUR WIFE marooned during the day? Get her a Chevrolet two-passenger utility coupe for \$640. C.F. Parcelle & Co.

110 YEARS AGO

March 1, 1914

Charles Horstman and a boy aged 12 had a dreadful experience while driving home from Sherburne. They were caught in the blizzard and lost their way.

Unable to locate the right road, Mr. Horstman unhitched the horse and, placing the boy on his shoulders, started out on foot. After a time he reached the farmhouse of Lynn Wilson completely exhausted with ears and hands frozen. The boy suffered badly from the intense cold.

120 YEARS AGO

March 1, 1904

There were three funeral processions on our street at the same time last Saturday.

Mrs. D. Chase bequeathed her property to the Baptist Church of Edmeston.

Another man was killed by the Oneonta trolley. George Brownell died from injuries received when a car crashed into the milk wagon he was driving.

Getting an Early Start



Eric Davis

Outdoor Chenango

When I stayed the night at my grandfather's house as a young kid, I could never figure out why (or how) he got up so early every day. On days when we were going fishing, when he would wake me up, he already had our lunches packed and breakfast was waiting for me.

Then on days when a later start was alright, he

still was up drinking coffee and watching hunting and fishing shows on his television. Now as an adult, I am starting to understand some of it. On the weekends I find myself waking up within 10 minutes of "missing" my usual alarm in the morning. I used to see this as an issue because I would try to fall back asleep for an hour or more before finally getting out of bed. I have learned to just get up and start working on something, if it is quiet enough not to wake my wife up, because any amount of progress on a project is better than no progress. Spring is the perfect time of year to apply this mentality to other aspects of outdoor recreation.

A more figurative way to get an early start is to work on any projects

for deer season you have been thinking about. If you are putting in food plots or thinking about food plots, go get a soil sample and have it tested to know what amendments you might need. This will give you time to get fertilizer or lime and let it work before trying to plant seeds.

Do some maintenance on your treestands. Make sure the ratchets straps holding them to the tree are in good shape, trim obvious problem branches now before they can grow all year and be a bigger problem in the fall or consider moving the stand closer to a frequently used trail now, so the deer get used to it. Do some last-minute fruit tree pruning before they can bud out for the spring. Firearms and ammunition are still a hot commodity so start

looking for the equipment you want or need now. Buying a new bow or crossbow now will give you the next 6 months to get used to it before carrying it in the deer woods. Another smart purchase now is hunting clothing. With new lines hitting stores, old stock can get discounted heavily letting you get an entire setup for the regular price of just one piece. Looking now also lets you get things in the right size instead of being forced to buy something because it is the only option.

Anglers can get out their gear and get things ready. Trout season will be here before we know it. Spending some time cleaning and lubricating your reels and then putting fresh line on them will have them ready not only for April 1 but

for the entire season. Go through tackle boxes and get things reorganized. Throw out torn up soft plastics or dull, rusty hooks. Bass tournament anglers have until June but now is a great time to look over your boat and make sure all the required safety equipment is there and is still valid. Get your trailer inspected now to get it out of the way to avoid issues later.

You can take my advice literally in another month and a half by getting up early to go listen for gobbling turkeys before going to work, school, or wherever else you may be headed in the day. Knowing general areas where turkeys are hanging out lets you come back once the season starts. The bachelor groups that toms formed last summer and stayed

in all winter will begin to break up as each bird tries to establish his own territory to attract hens.

Whether you are a hunter or an angler, taking the opportunity now to get ahead on a project or two can pay handsomely later in the year.

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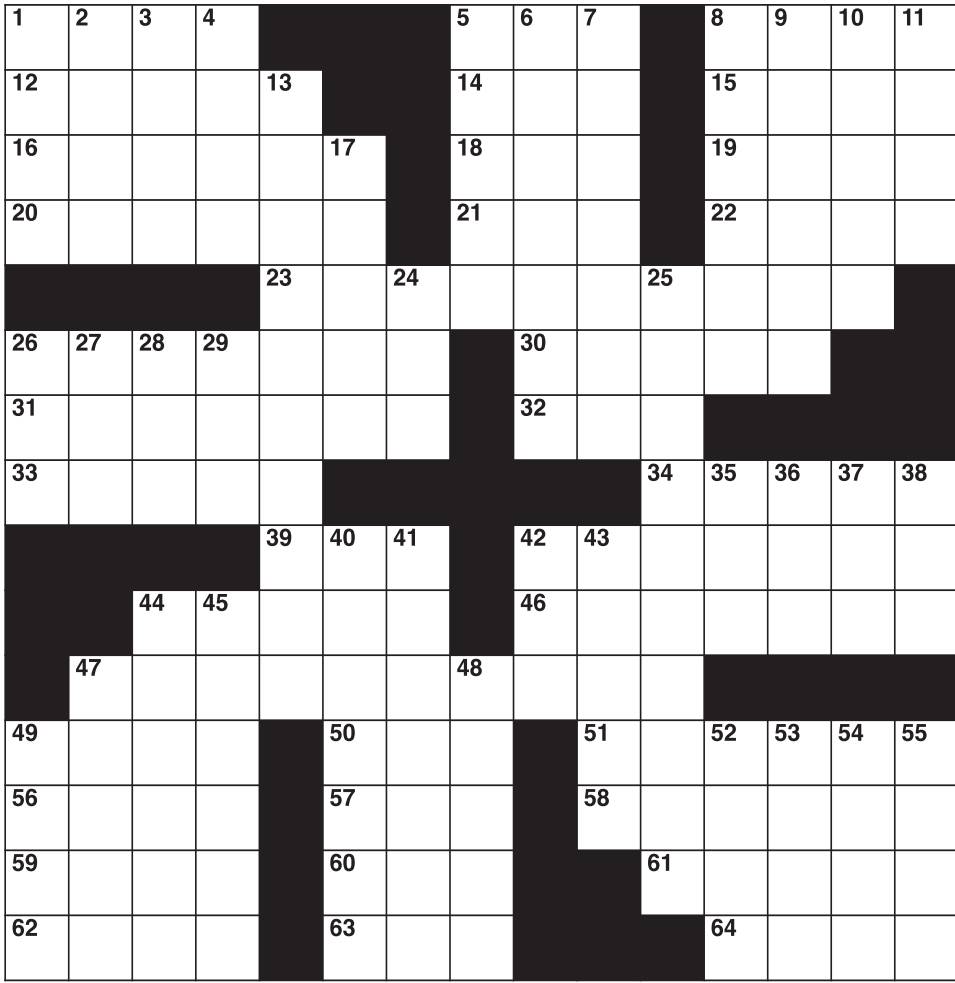


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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Home of Iowa State University
- 5. ___-fi (slang)
- 8. Mottled green and yellow fruit
- 12. Capable of thinking and expressing oneself clearly
- 14. Sports broadcaster Eagle
- 15. Midday
- 16. Kinsmen
- 18. Cable network
- 19. Simpleton
- 20. Brunch beverage
- 21. Fed
- 22. European capital
- 23. Native inhabitants
- 26. Mechanical device
- 30. Rare geese native to Hawaii
- 31. Bedroom furnishing
- 32. The products of human creativity
- 33. Mass transit option
- 34. Made a mistake
- 39. Sacred sound symbol
- 42. Large N. American reindeer
- 44. Dull and flat
- 46. Partner to huffing
- 47. Written works
- 49. Monetary unit of Serbia
- 50. Midway between east and southeast
- 51. Peninsula of southwestern Asia
- 56. Widely used multiuser OS
- 57. Aggressive dog
- 58. Varnished
- 59. Hindu queen
- 60. Time units, abbr.
- 61. Farm animals
- 62. Capital of Latvia
- 63. Where golfers begin
- 64. Takes to civil court

CLUES DOWN

- 1. One who graduated
- 2. An inspired holy person
- 3. Electronic counter-countermeasures
- 4. A place to store things
- 5. Indian instrument
- 6. Spanish saloon
- 7. Whole number
- 8. Not fastened
- 9. Gives a boost
- 10. Lounges about
- 11. Interested in
- 13. Remove salt
- 17. Type of sword
- 24. Naturally occurring solid material
- 25. Gets involved without being invited
- 26. Feline
- 27. Bobby ___, NHL champ
- 28. "Kill Bill" actress Thurman
- 29. Hawaiian dish
- 35. Moroccan coastal region
- 36. Baseball statistic
- 37. Long period of time
- 38. Moved earth
- 40. Central Netherlands city
- 41. Take stock of
- 42. Central processing unit
- 43. Distinctive qualities one generates
- 44. Getting stuck
- 45. Loss of bodily movements
- 47. Veranda
- 48. Abrupt
- 49. What cats do
- 52. Expresses pleasure
- 53. Type of cheese
- 54. Professional STEM organization
- 55. Automatic data processing systems

WORD SEARCH

MANAGE TIME WORD SEARCH



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

- AGENDA
- APPOINTMENT
- ASSISTANCE
- BALANCE
- CLEANING
- CONTACTS
- CONTEXT
- DEADLINES
- DELEGATE
- FILES
- FLAG
- GOALS
- IMPORTANCE
- INTEGRATION
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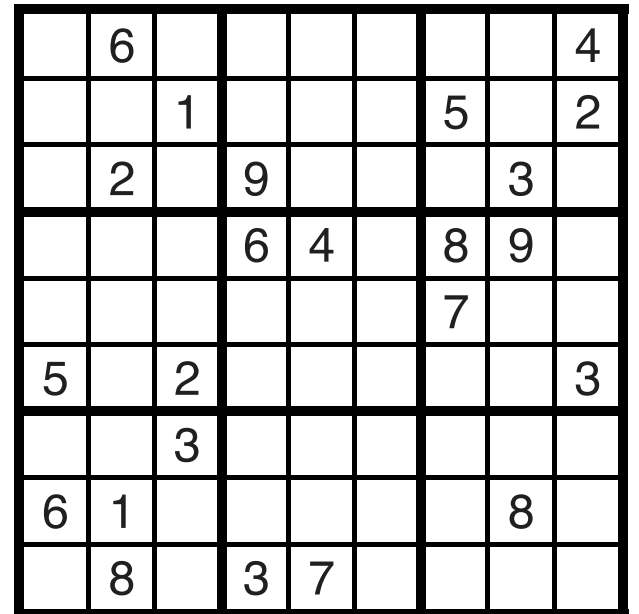
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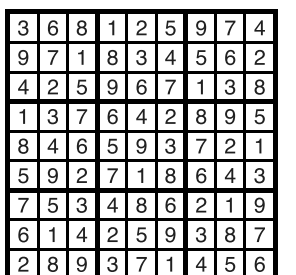
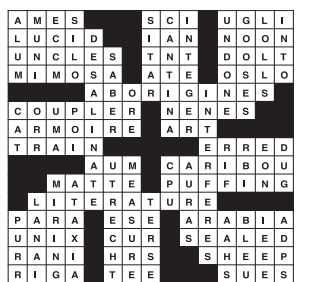
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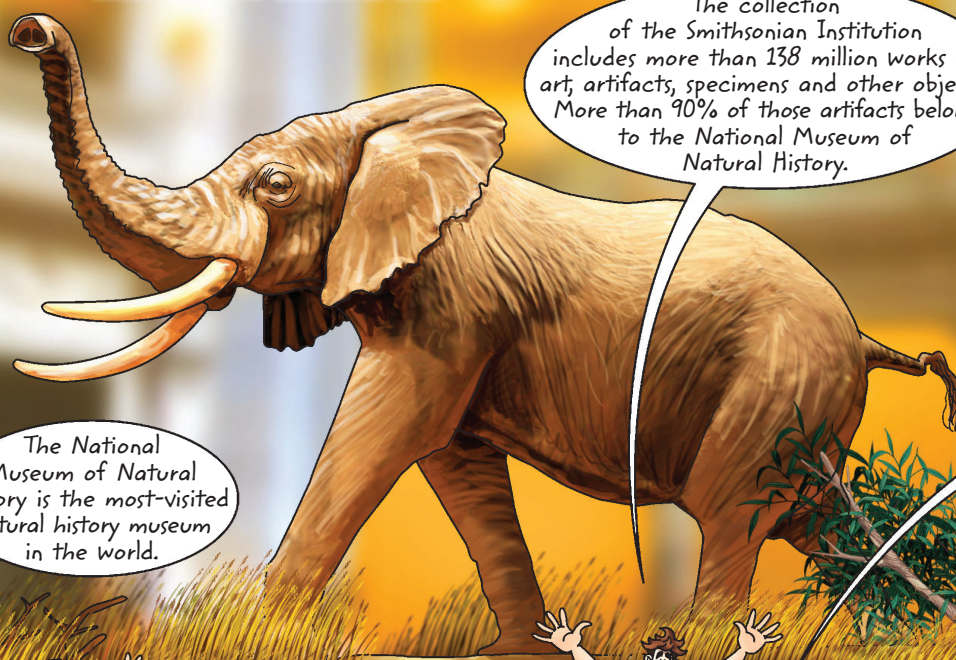
This cartoon belongs in a museum.



A Collection Of Facts About The

Smithsonian Institution

Shortcuts
by Jeff Harris



The National Museum of Natural History is the most-visited natural history museum in the world.

The Smithsonian consists of 19 museums and galleries, the National Zoological Park and nine research facilities.

The original Smithsonian building was completed in 1855. The "Castle," as it was later called, housed offices, laboratories, lecture halls and all the museum's collection of artifacts.

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Life in a museum is like music to my ears.



James Smithson's crypt is located in the Smithsonian Castle.

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The ribbon-cutting ceremony for the 1976 opening of the National Air and Space Museum was performed by a mechanical arm. The arm was activated by a signal from the Viking 1 space probe that was orbiting Mars at the time.

In addition to museums and research, the Smithsonian Institution also produces books, magazines, documentaries, recordings and radio shows.

The Smithsonian was founded in 1846.

Admission is free to all of the Smithsonian museums.

Did you hear the joke about the painting that fell? It was off the wall.

Why was the dinosaur kicked out of the museum? Because the Tyrannosaurus wrecks.

Did you hear the joke about the Smithsonian? Never mind, it's ancient history.

What do you say when the Smithsonian disappears? Now museum, now you don't.

Word Search

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

NATIONAL HISTORY FREE
SMITHSON CASTLE ARM
SPECIMEN SPACE ZOO
NATURAL BOOK BOB
GALLERY OPEN ART
MUSEUM VISIT AIR
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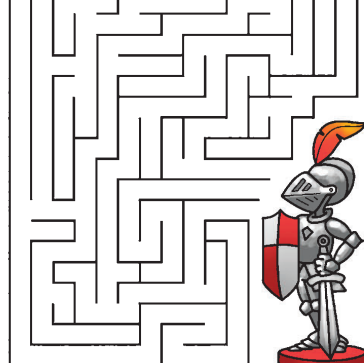
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In an effort to keep the property owners informed as to what information they will receive in the mail in March 2024, a public meeting will take place on Thursday, February 29, 2024 in the auditorium of the Edmeston Central School at 6:00 p.m. located at 11 North Street, Edmeston, New York 13335.

At the meeting, information will be given as to exactly when the "new" assessment notices will be mailed out to the property owners and what the property owners' next course of action is once they receive the notice.

In addition, we will review the timeline and process for exemptions and answer any other questions the public may have.

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Congratulations to the Unadilla Valley/Norwich boys' bowling team for winning this year's MAC Championship. They've won four out of the last six titles. (Submitted Photo)



Congratulations to the Unadilla Valley/Norwich Storm girls' bowling team for winning their fourth MAC Championship in a row. (Submitted Photo)

BOWLING:

UV/Norwich wins MAC championship

BY MORGAN GOLLIVER
GAZETTE SPORTS EDITOR

B I N G H A M T O N – After dominant bowling all season, all local MAC league teams squared off for the final time in the 2023-2024 season in the tournament championship. The MAC tournament was held at Ripics Carousel Lanes in Binghamton.

Unadilla Valley/Norwich boys and girls won the MAC league again this year. It was the fourth consecutive year for the Storm girls and the boys have won four titles out of the last six years.

Girls: UV/NOR:

The UV/Norwich girls took first place, following the conclusion of the tournament with a overall total score of 2793. Greene/Oxford came in second place (2489) while Afton/Harpursville took sixth (1921) and Bainbridge-

Guilford in seventh place (1603).

UV/Norwich's Phalen Hill earned the award for the highest game with a 235, which she rolled in the second game of the tournament. Hill currently has a 189 average behind teammate Brynn Grant's impressive 195 average. Hill finished with a team-high 618 series, which ranked second for highest series in the tournament, with Grant behind her with a 608.

The Storm also won this year's girls' MAC Sportsmanship award.

G/O:

The Greene/Oxford girls were led by Lily Baxter and Brianna Fowlston. Baxter rolled a team-high 543 series with a 204 in her second game as Fowlston finished with a 520 series, where she excelled with a 226 in the final game. Fowlston's 226 ranked second behind UV/Norwich's Hill (235). Fowlston currently leads

the team with a 187 average.

A/H:

The Afton/Harpursville girls added UV/Norwich's Shannon Gilbert, who led the team with a 487 series with a 187 in her second game. Gracie Bomboy achieved an 431 series with a 179 in her second game. Teammate Morgan Crosby earned the award for most pins over game with 56 and finished second in most pins over series with a score of 103. Crosby had an overall 379 series.

B-G:

The four dedicated ladies from Bainbridge-Guilford had a solid finish in the tournament. Railey O'dell paved the way for the Bobcats with a 466 series, where she bowled a 118, 180, and 168. Tabitha Doyle followed with a 434 series, including a 164 in her second game. Cassidy Middleton rolled a 385 series as Sophie Gold rounded out the scoring

with a 318 series.

Boys:

UV/NOR:

The Storm boys topped all MAC teams as they bowled an impressive score of a 2971 in the MAC tournament. Greene/Oxford finished fourth (2614) as B-G took fifth (2546), and Afton/Harpursville came in sixth place with 2465 points.

Jacob Prentice was dominant and led all MAC bowlers as he rolled a 671 series with a 208, a 226, and a 237. Prentice, Dawson Robinson (646), and Tyler Bates (612) took the top three spots on the MAC leaderboard for high series. Robinson matched Prentice's efforts with bowling all 200 plus games, including his highest of a 221 in the final game.

G/O:

Nick Flynn led the Greene/Oxford boys with a 594 series, where he was awarded the league's high game with a 248 in his final

game. Flynn leads the team with a 188 average. Aidan Roth finished behind him with a 587 series, including a 223 in the second game. Aiden Carter finished third on the team with a 503 series as Logan Yaddow rolled a 475 series and Logan Roth capped off the scoring with a 455 series.

A/H:

Aidan Smith led the Crimson Knight boys' with a 567 series, where he finished strong with a 567 in his final game. Teammates Braedyn Barton and Easton Bagg were successful in having the most pins over game and over series. Barton took the most pins over game with 83 as Bagg finished second with 72. Bagg and Barton swapped spots for the most pins over series as Bagg earned first with 123 as Barton had 114. Barton finished with a 540 series and was off to a hot start with a 225 in his first game as Bagg

bowled a 492 series.

B-G:

The Bainbridge-Guilford boys' bowling team had an overall good season, finishing behind both powerhouses in UV/Norwich and Sidney. B-G continued to improve this season and even earned themselves this year's boys' MAC Sportsmanship award. Senior Collin Dicks led the team with a 543 series, where he had a team-high 232 in his final game. Fellow senior Joey Doyle followed with a 536 series with a 192 in the final game.

Good luck to all bowlers in sectionals. The boys' sectionals start this evening at 3 p.m. while the girls compete on Saturday, starting at 9 a.m. Sectionals will take place at Midway Lanes in Vestal.

S-E Swim competes in Section III, Class B Championship



Great job to the Sherburne-Earlville swim team at the Section III, Class B championship. Pictured L to R: Amon Van Alst, Parker McCracken, Lydia Larchar, and Ava Flanagan. (Submitted Photo)

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SYRACUSE – The Sherburne-Earlville swim team swam in the Section III, Class B championship on Wednesday at Max Newman Pool in Syracuse. S-E continues to drop times just before the state qualifier meet upcoming on Friday.

Senior Amon Van Alst continues to have an excellent final season as he broke S-E's 100 butterfly record, which was previously set in 2019, as he swam a best

59.21 for second place. Amon will be swimming both the butterfly and the backstroke, where he finished third, at the state qualifier meet.

Amon, along with Parker McCracken, Ava Flanagan, and Lydia Larchar all joined together for the 200 individual medley relay and in the 200 freestyle relay. In the 200 medley, they took fourth place with a time of 2:05.63 and finished fifth in the freestyle relay (1:50.08). The four will swim the relays again on Friday.

McCracken, Flanagan,

and Larchar also did well in their individual events. McCracken, a freshman, achieved personal bests in both the 100 breaststroke and in the 100 freestyle events. In the 100 breaststroke, he dropped seven seconds with a new best time of 1:15.63 for sixth place. He finished seventh in the 100 freestyle event with a new best time of 58.39.

Teammate Ava Flanagan also earned new best times in both the 500 freestyle and in the 100 butterfly. Flanagan was one of

three girls in the meet to place in an individual event. She finished eighth in the 500 freestyle with a new personal best time of 6:23.61. She came in 11th place for the butterfly event with a best time of 1:12.37.

Junior Lydia Larchar rounded out sectionals with setting a new best time in the 100 yard breaststroke, where she took ninth. She swam the event in a new best 1:24.08.

Good luck to all swimmers at the State Qualifiers on Friday.