



JULY 24, 2025

“Best six days of summer” begins on Tuesday, July 29 at the Otsego County Fair

MORRIS - The “best six days of summer” begins on Tuesday, July 29 at the Otsego County Fair with agricultural exhibits, fun, food and entertainment with

Agricultural exhibits Featured all week.

Monday before the fair opens the Hymn Sing will be held in the Grange Building beginning at 6 p.m.

Tuesday will be AG Day with some 4-H Shows starting at 10 a.m. The grandstand will feature the NYS Sire Stakes Harness racing at noon.

The evening will feature Dirt Road Express Band in the Grange Building beginning at 6 p.m. Come enjoy listening and dancing including round and square dancing. The Otsego County Fair Board will be in attendance for you to meet and greet.

Fairgoers will enjoy animal shows, agricultural exhibits, 4-H events and demonstrations. Collections display will be in the Canham



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Building with displays by Adults and Youth.

The carnival rides by Gillette Shows Carnival Rides and games will be open Wednesday through Sunday beginning at 2 p.m. each day Wednesday at 7 p.m. Fire Service & School Band Parade and Fireworks Show at dark.

Thursday grandstand at 7 p.m. features the Painted Pony Championship Rodeo

Friday is Senior Day with ½ price admission for seniors 60 and over

will feature the Antique and Out of Field Tractor Pulls at 10 am and NYTPA Tractor Pulls starting at 7 p.m.

Saturday will be Family Day Kid’s Giveaway registration starting at 1 p.m. giveaway starting at 3 p.m. in front of the Grandstand and 7 p.m. The Otsego County Fair Truck Pulls and Fireworks at dark.

The last day Sunday will have two D.N.A. Motorsports Demos at 1 and 6 p.m.

The free entertain-

ment tent will feature Krystal Lee, Luke Poole, Canaan James, Dirt Road Express, Jason Wicks Band, and Randy Hulse.

The Karaoke Contest under the direction of Northern Star Productions will be held in the Entertainment Tent Wednesday 7 p.m. Karaoke Qualifier, Saturday Karaoke Contest 12 and under at noon and Karaoke Finale will be at 7 p.m..

The Grange Building will showcase a variety

of attractions including Wednesday Randy’s Harp Tones Harmonica Band at 1 p.m. and Limitless Performing Arts Dancers following the parade. Thursday at 1:30 p.m. is Sweet Adelines City of the Hills Chorus and 5 p.m. Otsego School of Dance and Performing Arts. Friday at 1 p.m. Judy Pitel and 4 p.m. Mary Frances Perricone .New on Saturday will be a Baby Crawl/ Walk contests starting at noon.

Special days for fairgoers are Wednesday and Saturday Veterans and Active Duty Free with ID, Friday Senior’s Day with half price admission.

Again this year will be a Dairy Bar offering Free Milk, and yogurt daily st special posted times Wednesday through Sunday.

For complete schedule visit otsegocountyfair.org or visit facebook.

- Information from the Otsego County Fair

Traditional Hymn Sing returns to the Otsego County Fair

MORRIS -The Traditional Hymn Sing returns to the Otsego County Fair this year on Monday, July 28 at 6 p.m. in the Grange Building. This is open to all and free of charge. A variety of hymns under the direction of Laura Palada will be sung by those attending as well as special music between the hymns. There are still openings for individual solos, duets, or group numbers to participate. For information call 607-287-5484 or email laurapalada65@gmail.com. Sonja Galley will be playing the piano for the hymn sing.

Norwich Theater Company launches ‘Arts for All’ program

BY SARAH GENTER
GAZETTE STAFF WRITER

NORWICH - The Norwich Theater Company, Inc. (NTCI) has launched their new “Arts for All” program, which provides free tickets to their productions for low-income individuals.

Families who are below the poverty level qualify for up to two free adult tickets. To receive the free tickets individuals must bring proof of low income, such as a New York State benefits card, to the NTCI office in the Chenango Arts Council, Suite 103,

located at 27 West Main Street in Norwich.

50 free tickets will be available for each show, for a total of 150 tickets given out.

NTCI Vice President and Grants Committee Chair Donna Given, who spearheaded the program, will be available from 6 to 8 p.m. on Monday, July 21 from 6 to 8 p.m., and from 10 a.m. to noon on Wednesday, July 23 to verify eligibility.

“The theater company has started a new program called Arts for All, which we were able to get grant funds for, because we recognize there are



Cast members in the Norwich Theater Company’s production of “Nunsense: The Mega Musical” rehearsing for the shows at 7 p.m. on Friday, July 25 and 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 26 and Sunday, July 27. (Photo by Sarah Genter)

people who can’t afford said Given.

tickets to our shows,” “I looked up like the

poverty rate in Chenango

County and what our

normal attendance is,

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Cast member Mary Anne Whitney and a small choir of nuns rehearsing for “Nunsense: The Mega Musical.” (Photo by Sarah Genter)

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figured out how many people it would be if we’re giving away tickets, and wrote up a proposal for it,” she continued. “We want to get right on this and start giving out our tickets.”

She said this program will be available for the rest of their shows scheduled for this year, including “The Legend of Sleepy Hollow” in October and a Christmas-themed performance in December.

Their hope is to secure more funding to continue this program in future performance seasons.

The program will be kicking off with NTCI’s upcoming production of “Nunsense: The Mega Musical” at 7 p.m. on Friday, July 25 and at 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 26 and Sunday, July 27 in the Martin W. Kappel Theater in the Chenango Arts Council. The performances mark the first time NTCI is trying out having an evening performance on Friday and matinee performances on both Saturday and

Sunday.

“Nunsense” Director and NTCI Board Treasurer Terry Colf said the musical features a group of nuns who are attempting to fundraise by putting on a variety show.

“We’ve got a bunch of nuns that are putting on a variety show, and interacting with the audience to raise money to bury some of their unfortunately deceased sisters,” said Colf.

“It’s a little different in that the nuns interact with the audience. That’s the way it opens, and the second act starts the same way. A little different, they’re telling jokes here and there among the audience until they’re called up [to the stage],” he added. “Then there is an interactive quiz once they’ve told the story of how they became the nuns that they are. So the person that is conducting the quiz comes out into the audience and interacts with people directly and hands them a prize. So it’s kind of cool.”

Colf said the cast consists of both returning performers in NTCI productions, as well as some new talent.

“Every time we do a show, we get new and different people. They sound marvelous. They sound heavenly,” he said. “So we’ve found some new talent and we welcome that. I’m a big proponent of community theater, and it just opens up so many opportunities for people.”

Tickets to the show are \$20 for adults and \$10 for students aged 12 and under. Tickets can be purchased online at NorwichTheaterCompany.org.

The Arts for All program was made possible by seed money provided by Auchinachie Cares and grant funding from the Greater Norwich Foundation.

For more information on the Norwich Theater Company, visit NorwichTheaterCompany.org or the Norwich Theater Company, Inc. Facebook page.

Rogers Center welcomes artist and teacher Branden Law to host summer art program

SHERBURNE - A new artist is coming to Rogers! Much to the excitement of the Rogers Center staff and the artist community at large, Branden Law, local art teacher and scientific illustrator, will be sketching, painting, and teaching at Rogers Center this summer.

Every other Wednesday and Saturday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., starting July 16th and July 19th, members of the public are invited to join Branden at various locations throughout Rogers to learn about his body of work, see him in action painting, and experience the thrill of combining art and science through creative exploration. Check out the full schedule of dates and locations below:

The full schedule of dates and locations is as follows:

The first were on July 16th and July 19th, at the Visitors Center from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

July 30th and August



Artist Branden Law sketches in the Rogers’ Visitor Center in Sherburne. (Submitted photo)

2nd, at the Farm Tower from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

August 13th and August 16th, at Cush Hill from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

August 27th, at Adams Farm from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

During his time at Rogers, Branden will create five scientific illustrations of native pollinator species to help inform the pollinator habitat restoration project now underway. “I

look forward to combining my two biggest passions into one incredible project,” Branden said. “The intersection of art and education informs both my professional life as an art teacher at Norwich High School, and my artistic life as a scientific illustrator.”

Rogers Center is one of New York State Department of Environmental Conservation’s (DEC) four environmental education centers. DEC Environmental Education Bureau Chief Tom Shimalla stated, “Branden’s artistic skills and educational philosophy are a solid match for the Rogers Center.”

The mission of the Friends of Rogers is to provide outstanding educational opportunities that excite, inspire, and motivate people of all ages to enjoy, understand, appreciate, and protect our natural environment.

- Information from the Friends of Rogers

Garden Clubs seek entries for flower show at Chenango Co. Fair

CHENANGO COUNTY - Experience the beauty of nature at the Chenango County 2025 Flower Show!

The Chenango County Federated Garden Clubs extend an invitation to all flower enthusiasts and growers to their annual Flower Show at the Chenango County Fair, August 6-10, at the Exhibition Hall.

This year’s theme, “Along the Garden Path”, will be showcased through beautiful designs and displays. During the County Fair, the Exhibition Hall will be transformed into a vibrant garden, featuring a diverse array of flowers and potted plants grown by local gardeners, as well as creative floral designs and displays by garden club members and the general public.

Exhibitors for the Horticulture Division must be preregistered by Saturday, August 2 at the Main Gate Office. Horticulture entry placement will be accepted on Monday evening, August 4, from 5-7 p.m. and



The Chenango County Federated Garden Clubs are looking for entries for the flower show at the Chenango County Fair. To enter a design, contact chenangorhm@icloud.com now to sign up for registration. (Evening Sun file photo)

Tuesday, August 5, from 7-10 am.

For Design entries, you may contact chenangorhm@icloud.com as soon as you see this news release to sign up for registration. Design entry placement may take place as Horticulture placements, with the extended time on Tuesday, August 5 from 7 am to noon (12 p.m.).

All entries are judged by a team of accredited judges from the Federated Garden Clubs of NYS. For further infor-

mation, please check the Chenango County Fair website, or go to the Fair Office, Chenango County Fairgrounds, 168 East Main Street in Norwich.

Join the of gardening excellence at the Chenango County 2025 Flower Show. Get ready to be inspired by an array of exceptional horticulture specimens, captivating designs, and creative displays.

See you at the Fair!

- Information from Mary E. Hill, Chenango Federated Garden Clubs

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NYSEG representatives met with county officials on Monday to outline initiatives to improve service and explain proposed rate increases. (Evening Sun file photo by Kelli Miller)

NYSEG spokesmen defend rate increase proposal at Chenango County Board meeting

BY SHAWN MAGRATH
GAZETTE STAFF WRITER

CHENANGOCOUNTY – Representatives of New York State Electric and Gas (NYSEG) were invited to speak to county officials during a monthly Board of Supervisors meeting on Monday to air some of the issues involving the utility company, including public criticism over power outages and a newly proposed rate increase that may take effect next year.

NYSEG spokesmen Arthur Klingler, Kerby Sainclair, and Tom Garrity addressed county board members during the meeting, outlining NYSEG’s recent initiatives to improve service and explain the rationale behind NYSEG’s proposed 23.6 percent increase in customers’ utility bill for a 12-month period ending in April, 2027.

NYSEG submitted a filing to the NYS Public Service Commission (PSC) on June 30 that requested an increase in annual electric revenues of approximately \$464.4 million. The rate increase accounts for a 35 percent increase in base delivery revenues. NYSEG is asking for a return on equity of 10 percent of the rate year, which would result in a \$32 million increase in revenues for electric service.

“We do not expect anyone anywhere to totally embrace our rate case,” Garrity told county leaders on Monday. “But people can sign on as stakeholders and interested parties – elected officials, developing companies, those types of things. There may be parts of this that you can support.”

The utility company’s filing includes covering the costs of current and new required charges that are passed down to customers and make up approximately 22 percent of customer bills, according to a NYSEG press release. These include: targeting storm restoration within 72 hours, customer support programs, upgrades for statewide broadband, state climate goals, and new in-state call center and prevailing wage laws.

“We’ll be asking for money for economic development. There’s a lot of economic development organizations that will support us because without it, economic development will grow stagnant,” added Garrity.

Klingler told county officials that NYSEG has taken measures in recent years to bolster service and reliability in and around Chenango County. The company’s filing with PSC highlights intentions to continue those efforts, said Klingler. NYSEG’s

proposal calls for billions of dollars in grid investments over a five-year period to improve reliability and storm resilience; hundreds of millions of dollars to improve customer service, including call centers, billing system, and digital tools; and \$525 million to continue existing tree trimming efforts and amp up trimming along electric transmission and distribution corridors.

NYSEG is proposing its plan to take place over a five-year period in order to create price stability for customers and allow the company to continue long-term grid investments, said Klingler.

“This filing is one step of an 11-month process,” Garrity said, noting criticism over NYSEG’s proposed rate increase. “It’s what we’re asking for, and we’ve never gotten exactly what we’ve asked for. I’m sure it’s going to be cut down ... the PSC is going to have hearings, and they’re going to slice and dice it, and so this number will probably be less.”

The NYS Department of Public Service won’t vote on NYSEG’s plan until 2026. The department needs time to review the plan and study the impact an increase would have on NYSEG customers, as well as current and upcoming state regulations.

UPDATES FROM ALBANY: New York’s war on affordable energy



Assemblyman Joseph Angelino
District 121 (R,C Norwich)

Column by Assemblyman Joseph Angelino (R,C-Norwich)

One of the biggest issues New Yorkers are currently facing is the high cost of energy, and unfortunately, New York progressives are laser-focused on enacting a radical green new deal-style takeover of the grid. Their plan is pushing hard and fast for the end of natural gas use for energy in favor of wind and solar for complete electrification. This will take away consumer choice, put extra pressure on the grid, increase the chances of dangerous blackouts and increase costs on the consumer.

On June 23, 2025, Governor Hochul admitted as much in her announcement of plans to build a new nuclear facility in upstate New York. The governor’s statement realistically conceded that solar and wind energy are not enough to fully electrify the state. But of course, progressives immediately voiced their disdain on using nuclear power.

Nuclear power is going to be needed to power New York, and I am encouraged by the governor’s announcement, but to see Democrats in the Legislature instantly pushing back on it is concerning. It has to be “their way, or the no way.” Even carbon-free hydro-electric power generation is off-limits in their minds because of the environmental damage of building dams.

Let’s take a look at a few of the things the Majority has done to accomplish their goal of ending gas use and how they have tried to cover up the true costs of wind and solar. My Republican conference, the Minority, have introduced a multitude of bills that would

increase transparency about the infamous Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA), which mandates the state reach unrealistic and costly electrification mandates. My conference introduced a bill (A.5395) that would require the Public Service Commission to conduct a full cost-benefit analysis of the technical and economic feasibility of renewable energy in New York. Another is the Ratepayer Disclosure and Transparency Act (A.6152-A) that would require a monthly report to ratepayers about how their money is being spent on utilities, as well as requiring utility companies to provide a detailed breakdown on consumer electric bills of costs associated with the CLCPA. Solar and wind construction would never take place as a stand-alone business investment without subsidies from consumers helping to pay for construction.

Both these bills, introduced by my good friend and colleague Assemblyman Phil Palmesano (R,C-Corning), were killed in the Energy Committee by Assembly Democrats. Why would they block bills that give New Yorkers transparency on the cost of their energy plans unless they know the reports would confirm their plans are untenable?

Another concerning development from the left was the passage of the reworked HEAT Act, now ironically named the Customer Savings and Reliability Act (A.8889), by the Senate. What this legislation does is make an aggressive push to rid New York of natural gas and move to full electrification. This will force millions of New Yorkers to retrofit their homes for all electric appliances for heating and cooking. Another bill (A.8888), which passed the Senate and Assembly, also repeals the “100-foot rule”, which will increase costs on home buyers. The 100-foot rule, which saves home buyers money by subsidizing natural gas hookups, will not only increase utility rates but will also result in the loss of thousands of jobs for trade workers.

I also feel it is appropriate to mention that the Democrats did not end the 100-foot rule for electricity. All this is a direct attack on hard-working New Yorkers in an effort to please a radical progressive base.

New York State is one of the cleanest energy producers in the nation. Over 90 percent of upstate energy is clean and green because our electricity comes from Niagara Falls, the Saint Lawrence Seaway or nuclear power generation plants. New York City’s power was once supplied by the Indian Point Nuclear plant in Westchester County. That facility was shuttered in 2021. Now, New York City relies on natural gas for electric generation. The progressives hate this and want to replace gas with wind and solar, placed of course, in rural upstate lands. I’m not certain there is enough upstate land to provide space for all the solar panels needed to power New York City.

I believe not another solar field should be installed on upstate land until every New York City rooftop, empty space, and parking lot is covered with solar panels, closer to where the energy is needed. Be warned, the next assault on upstate New York will be the transmission line routes that will move the upstate energy to downstate by use of eminent domain. The straightest, flattest route will certainly be used.

The Democrat-sponsored measures are laudable goals, but unrealistic in practical application. I still believe there is an opportunity to work in a bipartisan manner to lower energy costs, while protecting the environment and the economy. My Republican colleagues and I will continue to fight for energy independence, consumer choice and lower utility rates.

Assemblyman Angelino represents the 121st Assembly District, which includes parts of Broome County, Delaware County, Madison County, Chenango County and Otsego County. Follow Assemblyman Angelino on Facebook.

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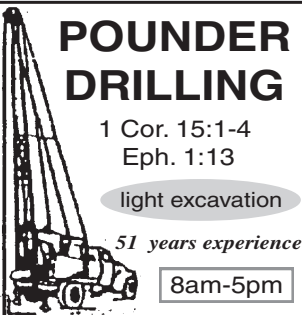
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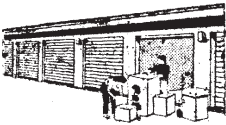
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The Early Files

by Peggy Finnegan

WEEK #30

THIRTY YEARS

AGO

July 27, 1995

Many trees came down in the wind storm. A newspaper boy and his grandmother were trapped in their car for over two hours in Gilbertsville. “Any jackass can kick down a barn, it takes a carpenter to build one.” Will the decision [to repeal the Historic Preservation Law] kill the carpenters? Time will tell. Ed Hettig

FORTY YEARS

AGO

July 25, 1985

This week saw the best haying weather of the season. The real quality period for hay has passed at this point. Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Crawford spent their honeymoon at Niagara Falls. Eugene and Carol Cross purchased the former Richard Lewis residence.

It is a perfect day to sit on the front porch to breathe the wonderful air and be thankful for eyes, ears, noses, feet and hands. Lula Camp

FIFTY YEARS

AGO

July 24, 1975

About 30 attended the mortgage burning at Mr. and Mrs. Albert Zorda’s home. Otsego Lake has been added to the list of waters where the DEC is responsible for fur-

nishing quality fishing.

SIXTY YEARS

AGO

July 29, 1965

Sarah. E. Smith was born in 1891 in Pharsalia. She made her home with the late Joe Lee in So. Edmeston for 16 years. The old stone quarry on West Hill in Norwich will be doing business soon. Although we holler for good roads, it’s a shame to see the huge maples that have been cut down along Route 8 for road construction.

Drop an Alka Seltzer tablet into your minnow bucket to keep bait lively longer.

SEVENTY YEARS

AGO

July 28, 1955

Henry Semken, 40, was killed instantly when struck by lightning. His body was found by Daniel Heath as he was rounding up cows.

Attaching cotton to screen doors to repel flies is useless.

When it was learned that migrant workers had suffered because of a lack of bedding, Mrs. Reginald Lyon and Mary collected 69 blankets and 15 pillows for them.

Mrs. Marie VanDeuson had the misfortune to run her hand in a washing machine wringer, bruising it badly.

DAILY DOG FOOD: 12-16 oz. cans, 93c.

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EIGHTY YEARS

AGO

July 26, 1945

Thousands of dollars of property damage was incurred, together with heavy loss of poultry and livestock by reason of the cloudburst which struck Amblerville.

Elizabeth Davis Hinds was born January 25, 1855, the daughter of Ezra Davis and Martha Crosby Davis.

Little by little the world is learning more of the secrets hidden in that magic word whose real meaning is still a mystery... R-A-D-A-R.

Russell Lowe went to Franklinville and brought home part of his damaged airplane.

Stanley Fish is repairing the foundation, cellar and porch of his hardware store.

NINETY YEARS

AGO

July 25, 1935

In the presence of only the immediate families, Mrs. Virginia L. Fleming was united in marriage with Adelbert L. Button.

The milk plant at West Edmeston, built in 1914 by the Borden Co., was razed and will be used to build two buildings at the Brookfield fairgrounds.

Floyd Sholes sold over 1,000 bushels of peas from his pea field last week.

Frank Fischl is selling string beans from

his garden. Bert Coman finished haying on the Morrow’s farm. Others are rushing the job between showers.

Uncle Ab says he laughs best whose laugh lasts.

100 YEARS

AGO

July 25, 1925

Bitter though the pill must be, Wall Street is forced to declare that Henry Ford is the country’s first billionaire.

Frank Miller was killed when he drove his Ford touring car over an embankment near Dorr Parker’s. George Dutcher found the body.

U.S. gasoline consumption amounts to over 27,000,000 gal. a day, an increase of 34% over the year.

Miss Lucinda Johnson of New Lisbon is driving a new Ford sedan purchased of Frank Isabell of Morris.

Harrison Cossart claims to be the first to eat a cucumber from his own vine, causing speculation that he started them inside.

Lightning struck Frank Boice’s barn, but lightning rods and a new metal roof are thought to have saved it.

Jack Dempsey says he will not fight in France. Yes, we found that out eight years ago.

Very neat traffic lines have been laid out by

artist L.B. Southwick on the four corners, and if cars passing up and down our main streets will heed them there will be few accidents.

FOUND: Dog. Owner may have same by paying or this ad and upkeep of the dog.

110 YEARS

AGO

July 24, 1915

The Zapata faction has again occupied Mexico City, following evacuation of the Constitutionalists.

Kaiser Closing In On Warsaw: Fall Near

G.E Warner of the Motor Supply Co. has a Knox car which he obtained in trade. He had it painted and lettered and it will make a stylish come-after-you.

Saturday night a couple of Italians got enthused to such an extent that they put out the lights on the street leading to their “home” down the river. The next day they had a chance to pay \$30 or go over the road. They paid.

Horace Hoag, who runs the stage to Morris, purchased a motor stage and can now make the trip in 40 minutes, which will be appreciated as heretofore it took two hours.

Fred Clark has a new Velie automobile.

Great regret is felt over the accident to Mrs. Charles Bell, who was one of the ladies

who went down with the footbridge into the creek.

Ernest Bose bought a pig of Harlem Chapin. He got out of the pen and skidoed to parts unknown. Last reports were that the lost had not been found.

120 YEARS

AGO

July 15, 1905

Belle, youngest daughter of Charles Chapin, was taken ill and Dr. Hand pronounced her case as scarlet fever.

Prin. E.J. Graham of the Greene High School received an advance of \$100 for the next year, which makes his salary \$1,400.

Friends and relatives have received invitations to attend the 100th birthday celebration of Benjamin Warner.

129 YEARS

AGO

August 21, 1886

The blackberry crop is large and selling for 5c a qt.

A party of our young men walked to Sherburne to witness the ball play.

George Sherwood, a Gazette type sticker, came home seriously ill from a camp meeting.

O.D. Larchar will rent or sell his residence and blacksmith shop. No “bummers” need apply.

Otsego Dance Society performing at Wood Barn at Hyde Hall

COOPERSTOWN - Otsego Dance Society will be returning to the Wood Barn at Hyde Hall for their next contra-dance on Friday August 1st! The music will be by Bernd Neumann and Carol Mandigo and Robby Poulette will be calling.

Bernie has been playing fiddle for 15-plus years, from a repertoire of Celtic and French Canadian tunes.

Carol Mandigo plays guitar and has teamed up with Bernie for several years in bands like

Traverse. They will be playing traditional music from the various Celtic cultures and contemporary American contra dance tunes.

Poulette has been calling at a variety of dances in the Cooperstown area since a student at Hartwick College. He has a friendly and easy-going calling style and his teaching ability helps new dancers feel comfortable.

If you’re new to contra-dancing, you will find it very social and great fun. All ages are welcome

and no dance partner or experience is needed since the caller teaches each dance. And if you’re a beginner, come at 6:45 when Robby will give a brief introduction to some basic steps.

Dancing begins at 7:00 PM and will end at 10:00 PM, so try to get there on time. There will be a short break for refreshments, with water and lemonade provided, as well as light snacks. Suggested donation is \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for students and teenagers and free for chil-

dren 12 and under, with a maximum per family of \$25.

Hyde Hall is located within Glimmerglass State Park (267 Glimmerglass State Park Rd, Cooperstown). Check our website at www.otsegodancesociety.weebly.com for directions through the park and other information about the dance or call Hyde Hall at (607) 547-5098.

For more information, call (607) 433-6613 or (607) 547-8164 or check out our web-

site at <http://www.otsegodancesociety.weebly.com> or like our facebook page.

This project is funded by Earlville Opera House’s Arts in the Community Grants Program, made possible by the NYS Senate with support of the Office of the Governor, and administered by the New York State Council on the Arts.

- Information from Otsego Dance Society

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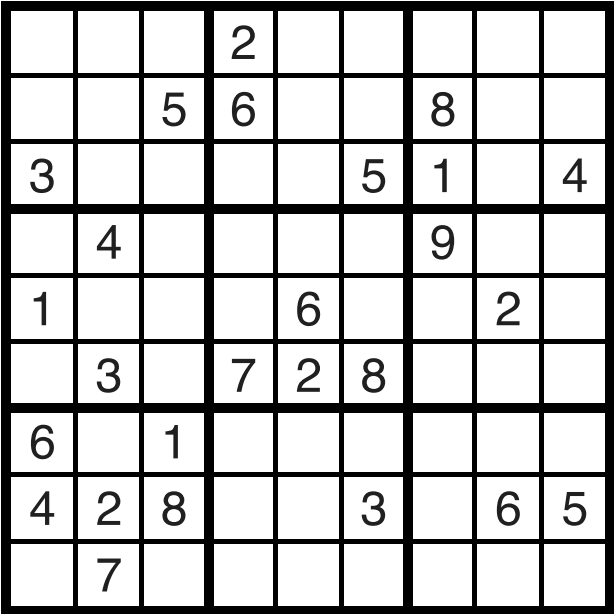
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SUDOKU

Here's How It Works:
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!



Level: Intermediate

WORD SCRAMBLE

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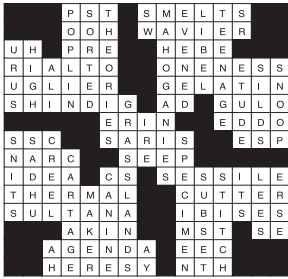
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Answer: Secure

GUESS WHO?

Answer: Kristin Chenoweth

Solutions:



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6	5	1	8	7	2	4	3	9
4	2	8	1	9	3	7	6	5
9	7	3	5	4	6	2	1	8

1. Pacific standard time
4. Extracts through heating and melting
10. Express delight
11. More curvy
12. Expression of uncertainty
14. Indicates before
15. Daughter of Hera and Zeus
16. Southwestern CA city
18. Unified
22. Less attractive
23. Base of jellies
24. A large and noisy party
26. He was traded for Luka
27. Wolverine genus
28. "Happy Days" actress Moran
30. Root of taro plant
31. Student environmental group (abbr.)
34. Silk garments
36. Unique power
37. Ray Liotta cop film
39. Leak slowly through
40. Notion
41. Atomic #55
42. Fixed in one place
48. About heat
50. Type of baseball pitch
51. Seedless raisin
52. Large wading birds
53. Similar
54. Time zone
55. Atomic #34
56. Program
58. Old world, new
59. Contrary belief
60. "To the ___ degree"

1. Plain-woven fabric
2. Classed
3. Suppositions
4. Midway between south and west
5. Tropical American trees
6. Leveled
7. Published false statement
8. Adolescent
9. Junior's father
12. Aurochs
13. Not low
17. Boxing's GOAT
19. Short musical composition
20. Small immature herrings
21. Eavesdropper
25. Parcels of land
29. Anger
31. Irritations
32. Hindu holy man
33. Wicker basket for fish
35. Natural object
38. Transporting in a vehicle
41. A dog is one
43. Smaller portion
44. Sew
45. Belonging to a thing
46. Horsley and Greenwood are two
47. Scottish language
49. Producer
56. Exclamation of surprise
57. Russian river

SNB HORSESHOE CLUB:

Magro's Pizzeria holds lead after week 10

BY MORGAN GOLLIVER
GAZETTE SPORTS EDITOR

NEW BERLIN – As of July 9, Rob Rowlands and Lisa Rowlands of Magro's Pizzeria is still holding on to the lead in the South New Berlin Horseshoe Club. They hold a half game lead over Kelly's Flowers' Lee Coon and Jess Sherwood. Potter's Tire (Billy Schermerhorn and John Edwards) moves two games back of Coon and Sherwood in third place with Rhino Graphics (Ryan Lund and Bill Wetherbee) on their tail. The Stadium (Al Bush and Al Patten) round out the top five teams.

Al Patten swept the men's leaderboards as he had the highest singles game of a 72 over Ron Anderson's 68 and Lee Coon's 62. Patten's high series of a 188 topped Anderson's 179 and Coon's 175. Kate Lloyd took both the women's high singles and high series. She finished with the highest singles game of a 61 as Cindy Miller came in second with a 42 and Jess Sherwood with a 41. Lloyd finished with a high series of a 164 over Miller's 112 and Lisa Rowlands 108. The Stadium took all four of the victories in the team leaderboards for the second straight week.

The South New Berlin Horseshoe Club meets every Wednesday night during the summer season. **Full Standings as of July 9:**
1. Magro's Pizzeria: Rob Rowlands/Lisa Rowlands- 28.5-11.5, 5663 pts
2. Kelly's Flowers: Lee Coon/Jess Sherwood- 28-12, 5714 pts
3. Potter's Tire: Billy Schermerhorn/John Edwards- 26-14, 5745 pts
4. Rhino Graphics: Ryan Lund/Bill Wetherbee-25-15, 5754 pts
5. The Stadium: Al Bush/Al Patten- 24-16, 5866 pts

6. Rustic Ridge: Ron Anderson/George Hanslmaier- 24-12, 5072 pts
7. Carpet Protectors: Brian Prentice/Josh Prentice- 23.5-16.5, 5686 pts
8. Rolling M Stables: Jim Moffitt/Melvin Harvey- 22-18, 5579 pts
9. Aptitude Design Co. : Tresta Raymond/Kate Lloyd- 19-21, 5709 pts
10. Fun Lovers: Tim Lidell/Mike Grant- 18-22, 5595 pts
11. Webster Paving: Ed Webster/Bob Wells- 16-24, 5568 pts
12. Top Notch Timber: Keith Clark/Jim Bulger- 16-24, 5156

pts
13. Old Skool Lawnmower Repair & Service: Larry Shaw/Darla Smith- 14.5-25.5, 5556 pts
14. Roger's Best Value Tire & Auto: Cindy Miller/Joe Miller- 10.5-25.5, 5111 pts
15. Williams Tire: Dave Robbins/Chris Davis- 7-21, 4010 pts
Men's High Singles:
Al Patten 72
Ron Anderson 68
Lee Coon 62
Women's High Singles:
Kate Lloyd 61
Cindy Miller 42
Jess Sherwood 41
Team High Singles:
The Stadium 111
Rustic Ridge 108

Kelly's Flowers
Team High Singles Handicap:
The Stadium 213
Rustic Ridge, Rhino, Magro's 208
Carpet Protectors 207
Men's High Series:
Al Patten 188
Ron Anderson 179
Lee Coon 175
Women's High Series:
Kate Lloyd 164
Cindy Miller 112
Lisa Rowlands 108
Team High Series:
The Stadium 316
Rustic Ridge 295
Kelly's Flowers 279
Team High Series Handicap:
The Stadium 622
Magro's Pizzeria 604
Carpet Protectors 601

Outdoor Chenango: Choosing your broadhead



Eric Davis
Outdoor Chenango

Now is the time of year to start thinking about the upcoming archery season. There is plenty of time to do your research and put in the time on the practice range to get dialed in before October 1st. One piece of equipment that is very important when determining the success of a harvest is the broadhead on the front of an arrow. It is up to the archer to be able to pick the right placement but using the wrong broadhead can result in wounded animals that are not recovered. Here are some things to

consider when deciding what broadhead to use. Expandable broadheads are by far the most popular type of broadhead when looking at product sales at retail stores. There are a few reasons why they sell so well. First, almost every hunting show on television uses them. So, anyone watching those shows sees them promoted by the show hosts and in advertisements throughout the show. This creates the idea that the hosts are successful using that broadhead, so I need to use that to be successful. Second, expandable broadheads are marketed to fly like field tips. When using fixed blade broadheads, the profile of the head is much larger than the small round field tip most people practice with, so they tend to fly differently that field tips in bows that aren't "perfectly tuned". Since expandable broadheads are compact like a field tip but expand upon impact

with the animal, they fly more like field tips. This means it takes less work (and time) on the shooter's side to get things tuned in perfectly when shooting broadheads. Before running out and buying expandable broadheads, there are some considerations. All expandable broadheads require energy to open. The amount of energy needed may vary based on design, but they all need some. The energy needed to open comes from the kinetic energy of the arrow as it impacts the animal. Essentially, the broadhead makes the arrow slow down or lose momentum as soon as it impacts to open the blades of the broadhead. So, to make sure the broadhead is going to perform as it should, you need to make sure your setup is producing enough kinetic energy. If you know your total arrow weight and the actual speed of your bow shooting your setup (it will almost never be the speed the bow company

says) you can plug those numbers into a momentum calculator online. Based on the previous sentence, you know that there are two factors when determining momentum, mass and speed. A lighter arrow may increase the arrow speed but it might not make up for the loss of mass compared to a heavier, slower arrow. Therefore, in the case of expandable broadheads, faster is not always better. Low draw weights produce low arrow speed so archers shooting less than 50 pounds of draw weight should be extremely careful choosing expandable broadheads and do more research as some companies do make expandable broadheads designed for low energy setups. Fixed blade broadheads, as mentioned already, have a very different profile than field tips which tends to make them fly differently. This difference makes it so archers might have

to adjust their sight, rest, or both when they switch over to using the broadheads ahead of the season. It is better to tweak your setup so that your broadheads fly exactly like field tips instead of making a change specifically for hunting then switching back for target shooting. This can be done by the bareshaft tuning method. I can write a more detailed description of how this method is performed but the principle is that if you can get an arrow with no fletchings to fly perfectly straight off your bow, no matter what head you put on the arrow it will still fly straight. The larger profile in flight can be an issue for extremely fast shooting bows, especially crossbows, as the arrow could potentially plane or "knuckle" like a knuckleball thrown in baseball. Fixed blades however don't require energy to open as they are always in the ready position. This makes them a great choice

for low energy setups such as young archers or people shooting traditional archery equipment. Since they don't slow down as much on impact, fixed blade broadheads lead to better penetration and have a higher rate of completely passing through the animal. While both expandable and fixed blade broadheads can have replacement blades, it is easier to take apart a fixed blade than it is an expandable. No matter what type of broadhead you choose to use, your ability to put the broadhead where it needs to hit to be a lethal shot is important. A poorly placed shot is no good, no matter what broadhead you use. If you think what I use is important (which it shouldn't be), I shoot fixed blades with my compound bow and expandables with my crossbow.

New York State Police investigating line-of-duty death of East Branch Firefighter

DEPOSIT - The New York State Police at Deposit are investigating the accidental death of a member of the East Branch Fire Department that occurred while responding to a motor vehicle crash on Thursday night. On July 17, at

approximately 9:30 p.m., East Branch Fire Department Assistant Chief Jason McGlone, age 51, was responding in a rescue pumper to a report of a vehicle that had struck a utility pole on State Highway 30 in the town of Hancock. A preliminary investi-

gation determined that a low-hanging electrical wire was in contact with the top of the fire truck. When Assistant Chief McGlone exited the vehicle and made contact with the metal door and the ground, he was electrocuted. Life-saving measures

were performed at the scene but were unsuccessful. Assistant Chief McGlone was pronounced deceased. The original crash involved a pickup truck operated by Joseph E. Bellows, age 54, of Downsville, NY. Bellows veered off the

roadway, striking a guardrail and utility pole. He was transported to Delaware Valley Hospital for evaluation and treatment of injuries. Following an investigation, Bellows was arrested for Driving While Intoxicated. He was issued appear-

ance tickets and is scheduled to appear in Hancock Town Court on September 8, 2025. The investigation into the firefighter's death remains ongoing. - Information from the NYS

Planners move ahead on childcare facility in Norwich

BY SHAWN MAGRATH
GAZETTE STAFF WRITER

NORWICH — Commerce Chenango and its sister organization, the Chenango Industrial Development Agency, are forging ahead with plans to bring an early learning center to downtown Norwich — the first of its kind in 20 years.

The IDA, in conjunction with the City of Norwich, says it's now in the process of verifying details of a \$1 million Restore New York Communities grant that was awarded to the city in May, and it's working with engineers on building specifications for a childcare center. The IDA says it hopes to know more details in about a month.

At the same time, The Place, the nonprofit organization selected to oversee the learning center, is working with state officials to ensure it meets all the required licensing criteria of a

childcare facility.

"New York State wants this center open by the fall of next year. It's a pretty aggressive timeline," said Commerce Chenango President and CEO Sal Testani. "There's a lot of things for us to figure out."

State grants, which are being funneled through Empire State Development to the City of Norwich, will fund the installment of a childcare center on the ground floor of Commerce Chenango's two-story building headquarters at 23 E. Main St., as well as \$300,000 for renovations to the second floor for Commerce Chenango operations.

Officials say the center will allow for up to 46 children under the age of 3, offering respite from the county's childcare desert. It will offer full-time early learning care with no building overhead cost, allowing for more focus on programming and staff.

Because state funding is a reimbursement



Stakeholders and children celebrate the opening of Commerce Chenango's new building headquarters in downtown Norwich in June. The facility is also the proposed site of a child learning center, the first of its kind in Norwich in nearly 20 years. Officials aim to have the childcare center open by the fall of next year. (Photo submitted by Commerce Chenango).

grant and the IDA is the financial sponsor, there are still unanswered questions about how the project will be initially financed. The state is

also requiring a 10 percent match from the IDA.

Nevertheless, the IDA is planning the next step of generating a request

for proposal (RFP) for general contractors to submit their bid for building renovations. Testani is urging the IDA board to assemble

a building team composed of members of the Chenango IDA, the City of Norwich, and The Place to track investments.

"At this stage, we want to pay particular attention to the necessary agreements being put in place, and when, before we start to incur investments," said IDA Chair RC Woodford.

In 2024, the Preferred Mutual Insurance Company sold the building at a reduced price in support of the childcare center initiative. The IDA purchased the property while Commerce Chenango agreed to lease the space for a financially sustainable business model that could support a childcare center. The center's location is ideal due to its close proximity to downtown employers.

Commerce Chenango is already supporting efforts to replicate the project in neighboring communities like Sherburne, New Berlin, and Greene.

'Family Fun Days at the Museum' made possible by the Roger Follett Foundation

NORWICH — The Chenango County Historical Society (CCHS) offers free programming this season through the "Family Fun Days at the Museum!" series. Created to connect community with local history in engaging ways, the series is held during select Saturdays from 10 am until 4 pm. Sponsored by the Roger Follett Foundation, this year's themes celebrate unique stories of Chenango County.

"Family Fun Days at the Museum!" explores local narratives through engaging museum activities.

The series began on July 19, providing guests the opportunity to make "Wearable Rainbows" using paracord manufactured by Gladding Braided Products in South Otselic.

On Aug. 2, celebrate "National Coloring Book Day" with coloring sheets inspired by the latest Community Gallery exhibit, "Creativity In Boom: The Storied Illustrations of Suzanne Bloom." An award-winning children's author



Create "Wearable Rainbows" on July 19 using paracord manufactured by Gladding Braided Products as part of "Family Fun Days at the Museum!" hosted by the Chenango County Historical Society. Sponsored by the Roger Follett Foundation, this seasonal program series celebrates unique stories of Chenango County. (Submitted photo)

and illustrator, Bloom has lived and worked in McDonough for many decades. Her work will also be featured during "National Book Lovers Day" on Aug. 9. All guests who participate in Bloom's "Illustrator Gator" scavenger hunt that day will be entered to win a free copy of one of her beloved books!

Explore how science

- particularly chemistry - made history here in Chenango County by creating molecule models and developing other experiments during STEM Day on Aug. 30. The fun continues on Sept. 20, when CCHS will be participating in the inaugural Chenango Open Farm Day with agricultural activities and special performanc-

es. The final program of the series will be the annual "Worldwide Day of Play" celebration on Sept. 27, when the museum will be hosting community collaborations that encourage kids and families to get up, out, and playing around.

"This generous investment from the Roger Follett Foundation provides museum program-

ming that is truly unique to Chenango County," said Jessica Moquin, CCHS executive director. "We are extremely grateful for the opportunity to offer these dynamic cultural activities."

First established in 1939, CCHS is the area's premier heritage museum dedicated to celebrating local culture—its unique tradi-

tions and noteworthy stories. 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. Additional funding for the "Family Fun Days at the Museum!" series has been provided by the Roger Follett Foundation. CCHS is also a proud partner of Bloomberg Connects, an app that allows visitors to enhance their exhibit experience through audio clips, videos, and more. Download this free digital museum guide via the Apple Store or Google Play, and visit ChenangoHistorical.org for more details about this and other museum programs.

The Chenango County Historical Society (CCHS) explores the culture of Chenango County — its enduring traditions, noteworthy residents, and unique stories — through preservation and presentation of local heritage.

- Information from the CCHS

UHS announces partnership to ensure healthcare employee safety



BINGHAMTON – UHS announced their Respect and Heal Initiative to present a united front in creating a safe workplace that supports healthcare employees.

UHS is proud to stand with our frontline staff members to ensure every hospital and clinical space is a safe space of respect and healing.

Healthcare employees have increasingly been subjected to incidents of disruption and violence in hospital settings. UHS is working to curb such incidents to protect employee and patient safety and ensure hospitals and clinical spaces are a place of care and healing.

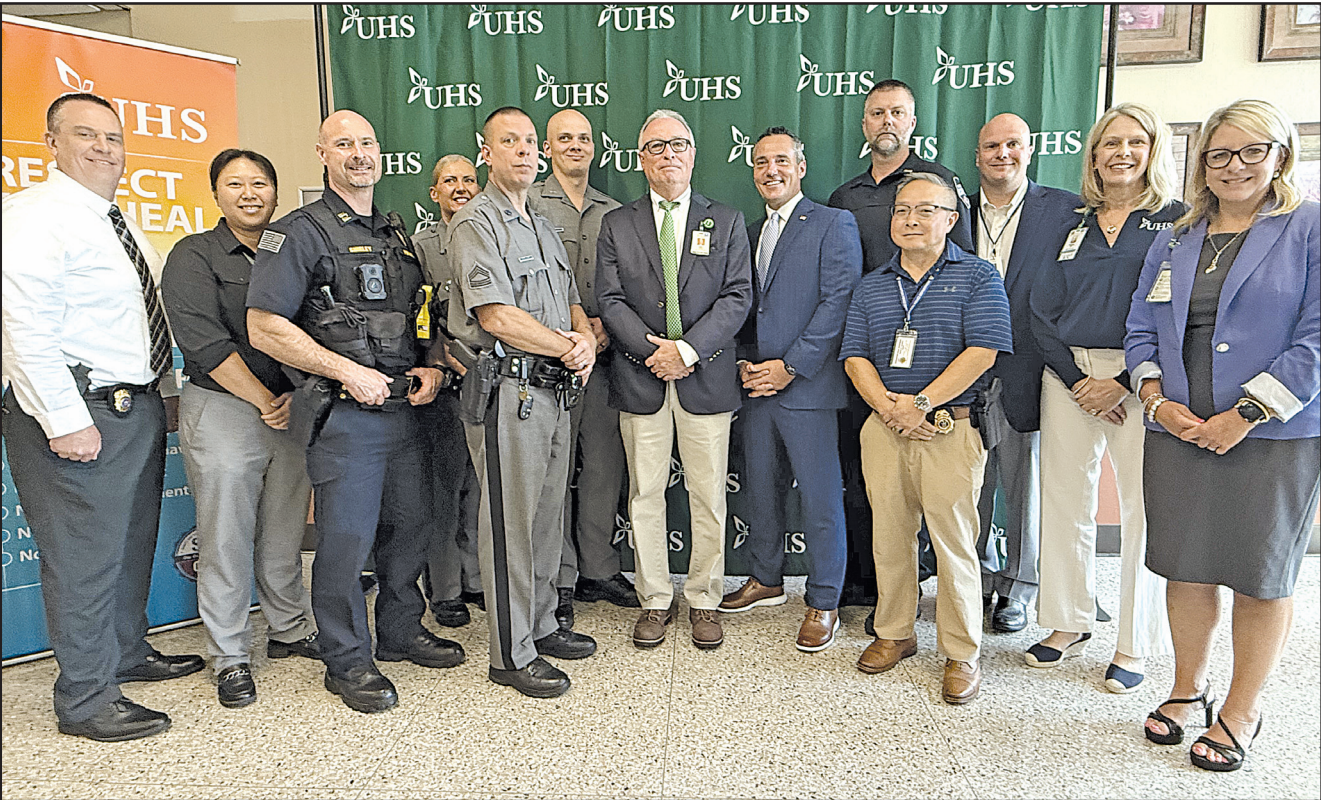
“Healthcare workers provide exceptional care to patients each day,” said John M. Carrigg, UHS president and chief executive officer. “We believe our most important job is to protect the safety and security of our staff members. UHS is proud to stand with Respect and Heal as we continue making sure all healthcare settings are a place of healing and respect for employees,

patients and visitors.”

In recent years, UHS instituted many practices and safety standards to support staff members and patients seeking care including security screenings, visitor and patient check-ins and protocols to support staff members after a security incident. These steps put UHS at the forefront of employee and patient safety in our community. In coordination with local, county, state and federal officials and law enforcement agencies, UHS is building key partnerships to build an environment that prioritizes respect and healing.

“As healthcare leaders, we have a duty to protect our frontline staff members,” said Peggy Thomas, MSN, RN, CENP, vice president of nursing and chief nursing officer, UHS Hospitals. “The Respect and Heal campaign highlights leading practices and collaborative relationships to ensure we are developing measures that put safety at the core of everything we do.”

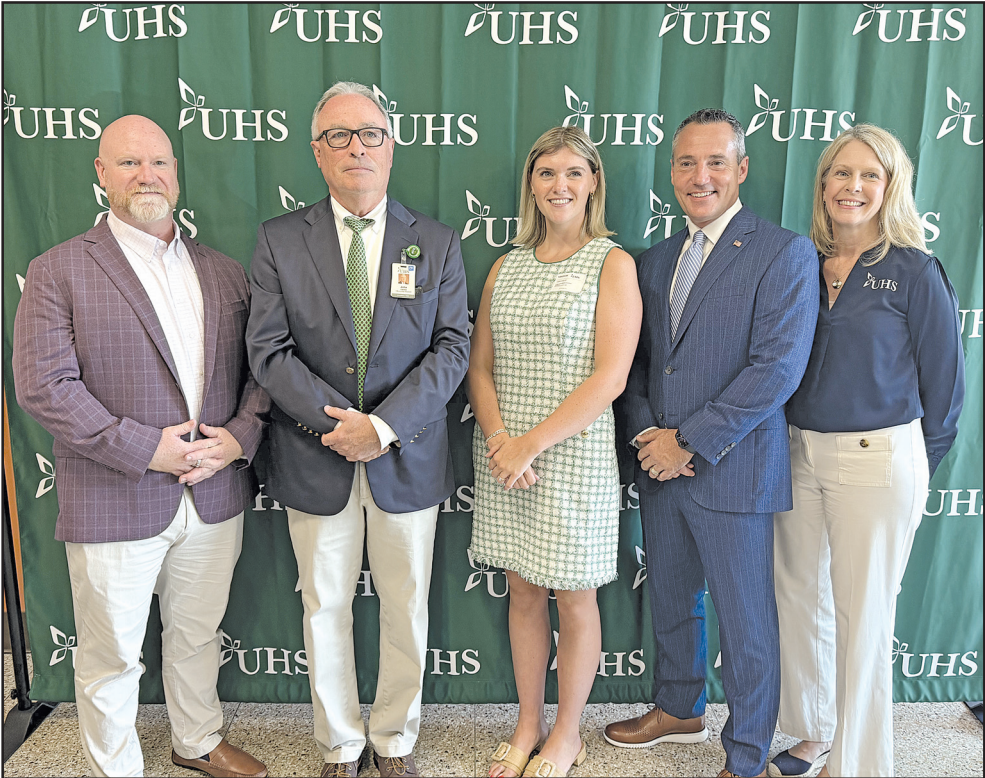
UHS will continue



United Health Services (UHS) announced its Respect and Heal Initiative to present a united front in creating a safe workplace that supports healthcare employees. UHS was joined by Broome County District Attorney F. Paul Battisti, as well as local and state law enforcement agencies at this week’s press conference. (Submitted photos)

enhancing its protocols and standards to continue prioritizing respect and safety in all UHS facilities. To learn more about the work UHS has completed, please visit nyuhs.org.

United Health Services, Inc. (UHS) is a locally owned, not-for-profit hospital and healthcare system serving Greater Binghamton and surrounding counties. Founded in 1981, UHS provides a full range of medical, surgical, rehabilitative and long-term care services throughout New York’s Southern Tier. United Health Services, Inc. and the members of the UHS System neither are affiliated with, sponsored, endorsed nor approved by, nor otherwise asso-



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Follow the latest UHS news and more at nyuhs.org or on Facebook, Instagram, X and LinkedIn.

- Information from UHS

Special events and programs at the Sidney Memorial Library

SIDNEY - The Sidney Memorial Public Library has some special event coming up that you won’t want to miss. In addition to all of the great children’s and teens program and the Summer Reading Program, the library has some special adult and family programs you won’t want to miss.

On Wednesday, July 23, from 2 to 3 p.m. there will be a PowerPoint computer class. Learn to present information graphically including

slide transitions and animations. Registration is required for this class.

On Saturday, July 26 at 1 p.m. Historian Scott Payne will present a special historical program, “The Oneida Indian Nation: America’s First Allies.” Payne will tell the story of four Oneida Individuals who were instrumental to the Patriot cause in New York and Pennsylvania during the American Revolution. This program is free and will be held in the Smart

Community Room.

The Sidney Memorial Public Library is proud to present a solo exhibition by Brynne Livelsberger on Saturday, August 2, 2025 with an open reception from 1 to 3:30 p.m. A rising artist from Unadilla, NY, Livelsberger creates expressive and evocative works through her exploration of physical materials.

Currently pursuing her BFA in Art and Design at Alfred University, she is set to graduate

in 2026. Her talent has been featured in prominent regional venues including the Fenimore Art Museum, Jericho Arts Council, Stone Quarry Art Park, and CANO. Her art will be on display in the Smart Community Room at the library during the month of August. Don’t miss this opportunity to experience her unique artistic vision in an intimate and local setting.

Two very special family events that are part of our summer read-

ing program, Color Our World ,are a Walk Through Butterfly Exhibit on Thursday, August 7, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Registration is required for this program. To register, call us at 607-563-1200.

Special guest and local author Suzanne Bloom will present a special and fun-filled storytime on Tuesday, July 2 at 10 a.m. Suzanne has written and illustrated numerous children’s books. If you have any of her books, bring them

to the program and Suzanne will be happy to autograph them for you.

Be sure to check out our webpage www.sidneylibrary.org and our Facebook page for all our special events and programs. We are your community center for information and entertainment, a great place to meet friends and neighbors.

-Information provided by the Sidney Memorial Public Library

Chenango County 4-H youth excel at livestock show

BY KELLI MILLER
GAZETTE STAFF WRITER

C H E N A N G O COUNTY — Recently, the Chenango County 4-H youth showcased their talent and livestock handling skills at the Fenimore Farm Jr. Livestock Show.

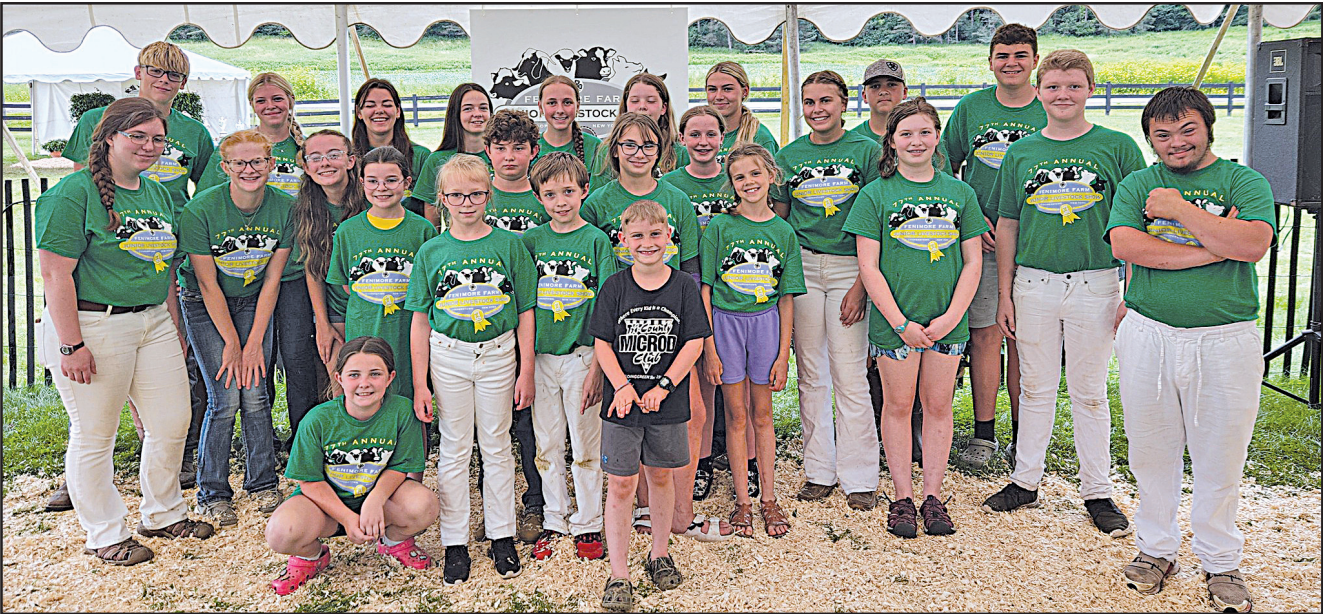
The event supports youth in agriculture and tests the skills of young handlers ages eight to 18.

They present dairy cows, swine, dairy goats,

meat goats, beef, and sheep of various breeds that they have cared for throughout the year.

“The 4-H youth get to experience a nine county regional showing, which is a lot of times, larger than our County Fair,” said 4-H Animal Science and Agriculture Educator Victoria Ryan.

Ryan said the CCE 4-H youth leaders are proud of their achievements that reflect the values and life skills provided by the 4-H program.



Chenango County 4-H youth, ages eight to 18, showcased their talent in livestock handling at the recent Fenimore Farm Jr. Livestock Show. (Submitted photo)

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“We couldn’t be prouder of our Chenango County exhibitors,” Ryan.

Congratulations to all participants for a successful and rewarding show.”

According to the website at fenimorefarm.org., the Fenimore Farm and Cooperative Extensions’s 4-H program first collaborated in 1947 to create the Livestock show.

It has continued through the years, supporting youth with their animal science projects and consists of nine counties with about 200 handlers and 500 animals.

On-site services are provided by the Leatherstocking Corporation.

The Show is sponsored in part by Chobani and Stewart’s Shops.

The Cornell Cooperative Extension Chenango County 4-H program provides empowerment to young people by offering hands-on agriculture experiences.

For more information to join 4-H or support local programs, contact CCE Chenango at 607-334-5841.

4-H youth awards as follows:

Dairy Cattle Show
Master Showman: Adrienne Hodge.
Junior Champion Ayrshire: Adrienne Hodge.
Reserve Junior Champion Ayrshire: Taylor Hodge.
Reserve Junior Champion Holstein: Adrienne Hodge.
Junior Champion & Reserve Junior Champion Brown Swiss: Addison Dickey.
Best Junior Bred and Owned Brown Swiss: Addison Dickey.

Dairy Goat Show
Grand Champion Brown Swiss: Elizabeth Vincent.
Reserve Champion Alpine Milker: Skyler Graham.
Reserve Champion Oberhasli Milker: Maria Funk. Funk was also awarded Best Udder of the Dairy Goat Show.
Reserve Champion Toggenburg Milker: Skyler Graham.
Champion Recorded Grade Milker: Skyler Graham.
Junior Champion Nigerian Dwarf: Dylan Page. Page was also named Best in Show Junior Animal.
Junior Champion Oberhasli: Jamie Funk.

Sheep Show
Champion Novice Showman: Jake Beers.
Reserve Champion Southdown Ram: Jake Beers.

Beef Show
Reserve Novice Showman: Beth Wilcox.
Champion Feeder Steer & Best Bred and Owned Market Animal: Emily Holbert.
Champion Simmental Heifer: Emily Holbert. Holbert was also awarded Reserve Supreme Champion Heifer.
Champion Crossbred Cow-Calf Pair: Emily Holbert. Holbert was also awarded Reserve Supreme Champion Cow-Calf Pair.

Swine Show
Reserve Champion Novice Showman: EmmaJane Beers.
Champion Berkshire Breeding Gilt: EmmaJane Beers.

Meat Goat Show
Champion Novice Showman: Caleb Holbert.
Reserve Champion Novice Showman: Emily LaClair.

4-H youth and their canine companions win big at the Chenango County Dog Show

BY KELLI MILLER
GAZETTE STAFF WRITER

NORWICH - Recently, at the Chenango County 4-H Dog Show in Norwich, 4-H youth ages six to 13, participated with their dogs to compete for the Top Dog Award.

The 4-H dog show participants worked with their four legged friends to tally up the highest scores possible to take home the Top Dog Award. The show dogs included Collies, Labs, Aussies, a Pomeranian, and several mixes.

4-H Animal Science and Agriculture Educator Victoria Ryan said the Chenango County 4-H Dog Show was spectacular and congratulated everyone's success.

"Each class had a score sheet that gave them a number out of 100 and at the end of the day, the scores were tallied up to find the winners," said Ryan. "This year, the Top Dog Award went to 4-H youth Sophie R. and her dog Hannah."

According to Ryan, the Chenango County 4-H Dog Show winners were broken down into various categories and included :

Top Dog & Youth went to Hannah and Sophie R. and Reserve Top Dog awarded to Clover with 4-H youth Rachel S.

Grooming and



On July 12, The Chenango County 4-H Dog Show presented the Top Dog Award to 4-H youth Sophie R. and her dog Hannah. Reserve Top Dog went to 4-H youth Rachel Su and her dog Clover. Sponsor Denise Malone is in the center. (Submitted photo)

Handling Champion was Ava K., with her dog Felicity and Reserve went to 4-H youth Abbi-Lynn P. with Hank.

In Rally, Champion was Hannah with Sophie R., and Reserve went to Skyla with 4-H youth EmmaJane B.

Obedience Champion was again Hannah with Sophie R., with Reserve going to Rachel S. with Clover.

Tricks Champion went to Rachel S. with Clover, and Reserve to Sadie L. with Mindy.

In Agility, Ava K. with Jagged received Champion and Sophie R. with Hannah were Reserve Champion.

Ryan said she was proud of the entertaining show and acknowledged the involvement and dedication of each youth working with their dog as a team.

Through all of the impressive hard work and talent, she noted their were also struggles and all of the planning and practice couldn't prevent it.

"Some of our 4-H participants practiced for months for the show, but their dogs had an off day and things didn't go as planned," she said. "That can be frustrating but just like humans, animals have tough days too."

"Learning how to handle those moments, and when to speak up, is a lifelong skill these young partners are developing together," Ryan added.

She gave a huge shoutout to Mariah L., who received the Sportsmanship Award for spending the day helping others and showing what 4-H spirit is all about.

Ryan said with the generous support of their sponsors, every youth received several items to help them with future dog training. Those items included different sizes of Biothane leashes, a water bucket, a lunch bag of dog treats,



Recently, 4-youth Mariah L. and her dog Faith won a Purina Pro-Plan Directors Chair for being the Sportsmanship winner of the day at the Chenango County 4-H Dog Show. (Submitted photo)



4-H youth Abbi-Lynn P. and her dog Hank and 4-H youth Ava K., with her dog Felicity, took home ribbons from the most recent Chenango County 4-H Dog Show. Judge Christina Mazepink is in the center. (Submitted photo)

and more.

She also thanked their show sponsors Del-Otse-Nango Kennel Club, Denise Malone, Harpursville Lawn and Garden, Rocco Treats

and Rau Dog Shows, and Judge Christina Onalee Mazepink.

For more information on 4-H programs contact Victoria Ryan at vmr39@cornell.edu.

Chenango Traffic Safety Committee applauds youth poster contest winners

BY SHAWN MAGRATH
GAZETTE STAFF WRITER

NORWICH – The spotlight flashed on nine local students during a meeting of the county board of supervisors on Monday as local legislatures applauded each student's creativity in the annual Chenango County Traffic Safety Committee poster contest.

The contest is open to K-12 students in any Chenango County school. This year's poster theme focused on pedestrian and bicycle safety.

The contest, sponsored by NBT Insurance Agency, offers a first-



The Chenango County Traffic Safety Committee recognizes local students for their creative work in the committee's annual poster contest. Pictured from left to right: Daniel Grady, Alexis Diamond (1st place, grades 9-12), Ruth Wilson (2nd place, grades 9-12), Isabella Curley (3rd place, grades K-4), Danyelle Elsworth (2nd place, grades K-4), Tucker Newton (1st place, grades 5-8), Piper Newton (1st place, grades 5-8), Cameron Rowe (2nd place, grades 5-8), and Dustin Smietana. (Submitted by traffic safety committee)

place prize of \$150 to the student who meets all outlined criteria in their poster design. Second place winners receive \$75; and third place gets \$50.

Winners are chosen from two different grade categories: grades K-4; grades 5-8; and grades 9-12.

"All the award winners did an excellent job of demonstrating the required criteria of the work they submitted," said Traffic Safety Committee Chair Daniel Grady. "On behalf of the committee, I would like to thank all the participants and the parents for taking time to focus on this important topic."

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FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY UNDER THE NEW YORK LIMITED LIABILITY LAW Name: EMBERECO HOLDINGS LLC Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on June 26, 2025. Office Location: Chenango County. SSNY shall mail copy of process to c/o the LLC, c/o Jeffrey D. Emerson, 176 Steinbough Lane, Oxford, NY 13830 Purpose: To engage in any and all business for which LLCs may be formed under the New York LLC Law. (t6 ES/GZ 07/10, 07/17, 07/24, 07/31, 08/07, 08/14)

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REGISTERED AGENT : INC AUTHORITY RA 42 BROADWAY, FL. 12-200, NEW YORK, NY, 10004, USA FILER : VINCENT FRIG-ANO 4 STATE ST, OXFORD, NY, 13830. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. 6t ES/GZ (6/5, 6/12, 6/19, 6/26, 7/3, 7/10)

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Section of Law - 206

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Tom Revoir, YMCA Sports Director, and Jamey Mullen, YMCA Executive Director, receive new Gus Macker flags and pose for photo with the Macker staff at the 28th annual Norwich Gus Macker Tournament. (Photo by Morgan Golliver)



Blueox's second annual knock-out competition featured two groups of the kids division. (Photo by Morgan Golliver)



Phillip from Achieve and Jamey Mullen, YMCA Executive Director, share a happy moment after Phillip made the basket in the high noon game against Springbrook. (Photo by Morgan Golliver)



WCDO and Drip or Drown face off on the Top Men's court. (Photo by Morgan Golliver)



Norwich alum and Sgt. Ky'Sawn Veale represented the New York Army National Guard during Gus Macker weekend, giving out swag for pushups and even a rock, paper, scissors game. (Photo by Morgan Golliver)



The Norwich Football Boosters served up snow cones and smiles during Gus Macker weekend. (Photo by Morgan Golliver)



The Sunset Swishers take on the 607 Devils on Court Red K. (Photo by Morgan Golliver)

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New Berlin Library Corner

Summer children’s art series the New Berlin Library

The New Berlin Library is hosting a two-week summer children’s art program. It will be held in the New Berlin Library Community Room. This program was funded through New Berlin Art Forum sponsorship and a Four County Outreach mini grant.

The summer children’s art program will take place August 11 through August 21, Monday through Thursday, 9 am until noon each day. The program is free to the public. The series is aimed at children 12 and younger but is open to children 18 and younger. The library does require that children under 5 be accompanied by an adult.

The Unadilla Valley School District Summer Feeding Program will be providing breakfast and lunch in conjunction with the library’s summer program. Breakfast and lunch will be balanced USDA meals. Due to ongoing construction at UVCS the summer feeding program will consist of cold meals. Breakfast will be served at 9 am

and lunch will be served at noon. This feeding program is open to all children aged 18 and younger. Participation in the library’s summer program is not a requirement to receive the free breakfast or lunch.

The New Berlin Library Board of Trustees wishes to thank UVCS for partnering with the New Berlin Library to provide children meals during the summer program. The board further expressed special gratitude to UVCS Cook Manager Stephanie Fischer, for going above and beyond to ensure that the feeding program took place this summer despite the obstacles caused by the necessary construction at the school.

The children’s summer art program will start at 9 am with breakfast followed by a read aloud story about a famous artist at 9:30. After the story there will be an art project inspired by the featured artist. For example, the first story will be Just Being Dali: The Story of Salvador Dali by Amy Guglielmo and



we will make air-dry clay “melted” clocks inspired by Dali’s famous painting The Persistence of Memory. After the first art program there will be a short cleanup/reset time and then a second a read aloud story about a famous artist at 11. After the story there will be a second art project followed by lunch at noon.

“The library staff and the New Berlin Art Forum are really excited about this year’s summer program. We are hoping to teach the participating children about 16 different famous artists, some they may have heard of

and others that will be completely new to them.” stated library director Michelle Priola. “We will be making do it yourself scratch art inspired by Paul Klee’s Magic Fish painting, covering the community room floor with drop cloths and creating Jackson Pollock inspired paintings, making Jean-Michel Basquiat inspired crowns, and creating 3-D cardboard Pablo Picasso masks. The kids are going to paint Alma Thomas inspired circular painting on old records that were donated to the library by Bits and Bobs. We are even going

to recreate The Scream by Edvard Munch by photographing the kids in front of backdrops that they painted. We are going to have so much fun and create so much art.”

A complete list of the books and art projects for this program is available on the New Berlin Library Facebook page, website, and bulletin board. Registration is not required. For more information call the New Berlin Library at 607.847.8564.

Some great new additions to the library include: An Inside Job by Daniel Silva, The Unraveling of Julia by Lisa Scottoline,

Princess Princess Ever After (Graphic Novel) by K. O’Neill, Séance Tea Party (Graphic Novel) by Reimena Yee, Axolotl and Axolittle by Jess Hitchman, A Is for Axolotl: The Unusual Animal ABC by Catherine Macorol, and Goodbye Spring, Hello Summer by Kenard Pak.

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://libraries.4cls.org/newberlin/>. Please contact us at 607.847.8564 or like and message our Facebook page New Berlin Library and Museum (www.facebook.com/newberlinlibrary.newberlinny) or Twitter page @Lib_NewBerlin (twitter.com/Lib_NewBerlin) with any questions.

- From the New Berlin Library

Gila monsters (pronounced HEE-lah) are the largest lizards native to North America. Wild Gila monsters are found in the desert regions of parts of the southwestern United States and northwestern Mexico. Gila monsters are one of only a handful of venomous lizard species found in the entire world.

Food For Thought

An adult Gila monster can consume as much as a third of its body weight during a single meal. Young Gila monsters can eat as much as 50% of their body weight at one time.

Gila monsters are carnivores. Eggs are their favorite food source, but they are opportunistic predators that will also feed on small birds and mammals, insects, lizards, frogs and carrion.

What do you get when you cross a Gila monster with a foot?
A heel-a monster.

Has this cartoon been hiding under a rock?

Hot On The Trail Of The Gila Monster

by Jeff Harris

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What do you get when you cross a Gila monster with a small mountain?
A hill-a monster.

Gila monster venom has been used to create medicines used to treat diabetes.

I'm coming out tonight.

What do you call a Gila monster on its knees?
A kneel-a monster.

Gila monsters are named after the Gila River basin in Arizona.

Word Search

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

DORMANT	HOT	SPRITE	FLASHES
MONSTER	MEAL	LUNAR	AGMAILER
SLUGGISH	EGGS	USING	AFGGARS
DESERT	WILD	GLRB	IDHGSIMAT
VENOM	GILA	GNUER	OUGHALNR
LIZARD	TAIL	IK	EATLOVSPA
BONES	BOB	SC	ZDSSJEBMISS
THICK	DEN	HIL	LEANNGROGUE
BEAD	FAT	LHAI	LOBOONBAD
		STAW	BIDMMARTY

The Monster Mash

Can you spot all six differences between these two scenes?

GAME ANSWERS: 1. Tail is shorter. 2. Note is moved. 3. Note is missing. 4. Tail is shorter. 5. Mouth is missing. 6. Rock is moved.

The slow metabolism and sluggish lifestyle of the Gila monster allows them to survive for several months at a time without eating.

Gila monsters have long, thick tails. They are able to survive on fat stored in their tail when food is scarce or while they are dormant during cold weather.

A Gila monster's body is covered with beadlike scales containing tiny bones called "osteoderms."

The venom of a Gila monster is about as powerful as that of a diamondback rattlesnake. For humans, a bite from a Gila monster is extremely painful, but usually nonfatal because of the small amount of venom that is injected.

Gila monsters spend more than 90% of their lifetime hidden beneath rocks or underground in their den in order to escape the desert heat.

What do you get when you cross a Gila monster with a banana?
A peel-a monster.

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