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County officials defend \$35 million building project amid public criticism

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NORWICH – A plan by the Chenango County Board of Supervisors to construct a new \$35 million office building has been met with local opposition from a community that questions the project’s necessity and cost in the current economic climate. In spite of officials’ actions moving forward with the project, local leaders are facing a rising tide of public dissent, with many residents demanding a halt to the project and more transparent use of taxpayer money.

Now county officials are trying to address local concerns and clarify information concerning the multi-million dollar proposal, laying out their case to move ahead with the project while opponents continue to push back.



An aerial view of Chenango County government facilities, including courthouse, department of social services, and office building. (Photo from Chenango County government website).

Board of Supervisors Chair Jeffrey Blanchard and County Treasurer Bill Craine shared their rationale in a recent interview, while Norwich resident and proprietor Missy Hayes, a steadfast critic of the new office building proposal, voiced oppo-

sition. Hayes has led a charge of online efforts across social media platforms encouraging county residents to question the timing and logic behind the project and demand more transparency from county leaders.

Background

The county assembled an ad hoc committee in 2024 to explore the feasibility of a new building project. In May 2025, a \$1.7 million contract agreement was signed with Hunt Engineers, Architects, and Surveyors of Horseheads, NY;

and in June, the county board approved the same amount in bonds to cover costs of planning and specifications of the project. Two weeks ago, the county signed a \$1.5 million contract with the construction management and consultation company LeChase Construction of Binghamton.

The Chenango County Board of Supervisors have since undergone fire from their constituency, some who argue that the board is ignoring actual needs of the community while concealing information on the multi-million dollar project proposal.

Rationale and Planning

The discussion over an office building overhaul has been in the works for nearly seven years, although plans of demolishing the county’s current office building and constructing a new facility have only recently been

entertained by county legislators. According to county officials, the current 1960-era office building may be structurally sound, but it simply isn’t conducive to modern business and meeting demands of today’s technology. Among their concerns, the building has dated electrical and windows, a waning roof and airflow system, and a partial floor below ground level with limited space which makes it near impossible to install an elevator for easier access to public offices.

More alarming, said County Board Chairman Jeffrey Blanchard, the building contains asbestos in the ceiling which covers duct work and wiring, making it impossible for necessary upgrades without presenting some health risk to county employees. Engineering reports suggest any future

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Norwich Police seize enough fentanyl to kill half of Chenango County; suspecting links to drug cartels

BY TYLER MURPHY
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NORWICH - The City of Norwich Police Department announced a major drug discovery on Thursday following a narcotic investigation where detectives seized approximately 32,000 lethal doses of fentanyl.

“We have overdoses every single day in this community. We respond to 5 or 7 a week, at least. The Norwich EMS, Norwich Fire, the PD, the Sheriff, the Troopers – almost every day we have to use Narcan,” said Norwich Police Chief Reuben Roach.

According to the National Drug Enforcement Agencies, two milligrams of fentanyl can be lethal depending on a person’s body size, tolerance and past usage.

“On Wednesday morning, detectives from

the Norwich Police Department successfully concluded a drug investigation, resulting in the seizure of 64 grams of fentanyl, an amount capable of causing tens of thousands of fatal overdoses,” said Roach.

“Fentanyl has devastated communities across the nation, and I am proud to announce that our detectives have removed a significant quantity of this dangerous drug from our streets today,” he said.

Roach said information gathered during the investigation indicated the source of the drugs was likely from the border and involved organized crime. He said drug dealers often laced fentanyl into other drugs such as opiates, and even into legal products like vapes.

“We suspect the border. It is not being locally made. It is not easily made,” said the police



Leo J. Moore, 38, of Norwich, was arrested and charged with twelve felonies and four misdemeanors following a drug investigation. (Photo from NPD)

chief.

Leo J. Moore, 38, of Norwich, was arrested and charged with twelve felonies and four misdemeanors following the execution of an arrest warrant. The most serious charge is 2nd degree criminal possession of a

controlled substance, an A-II felony.

Detectives reported the arrest closed an extensive investigation into the distribution of methamphetamine, fentanyl, and cocaine throughout the community. During the operation, Moore was

allegedly found in possession not only of a substantial amount of fentanyl but also methamphetamine, cocaine, and a stun gun, said Roach.

Moore was arraigned in Norwich City Court and is currently held without bail.

Police adopt special procedures when handling drug seizures since even the smallest amount of fentanyl can cause death or harm. In 2023, a City of Norwich Police Officer conducting

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New Berlin Library Corner



End of summer tie-dye party

NEW BERLIN - The New Berlin Library hosted an End of Summer Tie-Dye Party on Aug. 25 at noon. Attendees were asked to bring their own shirts, and the New Berlin Library provided dye, rubber bands, buckets of water, drop cloths and zip-top plastic bags for transporting wet shirts home.

After tie-dyeing, there were cupcakes, juice boxes and bottled water for everyone to enjoy. The best part: all the mess stayed at the library. The tie-dye supplies were donated by the Norwich Walmart through a product donation request.

"We had a lot of fun at the tie-dye party. We had people of all ages attend, from toddlers to adults. Everyone is welcome," said Michelle Priola,

library director. "We are looking forward to our fall events. The library is hosting the Boy Scouts for their 'Hug-A-Tree and Survive' program on Saturday, Sept. 13, at 11 a.m. This program will teach children how not to get lost in the woods and what to do if they ever are lost. The library is also planning Halloween children's and adult craft programs, as well as a fall adult painting class. Details and dates will be announced soon."

The library's 2025 Summer Reading Program concluded on Saturday, Aug. 30. All participants were asked to have their reading logs turned in to the circulation desk by noon on Saturday. Winners of the Summer Reading Program grand prizes will be drawn on

Tuesday, Sept. 2, and will be contacted by phone. The New Berlin Library had 102 children sign up for the Summer Reading Program, with more than 40,000 minutes of recorded reading.

Some great new additions to the library include: "Never Keep," by Caroline Peckham and Susanne Valenti; "Magritte," edited by Daniel Abadie; "Bounce Back (Bounce Back Graphic Novel Volume 1)," by Misako Rocks!; "No Such Thing as Perfect (Bounce Back Graphic Novel Volume 1)," by Misako Rocks!; "Boo the Library Ghost," by Becky Paige; "The Little Ghost Who Lost Her Boo," by Elaine Bickell; "Gustavo the Shy Ghost," by Flavia Z. Drago; "Little Ghost Makes a Friend," by

Maggie Edkins Willis; "It's Not Easy Being a Ghost," by Marilyn Sadler; "Ghost Afraid of the Dark," by Sara Conway; and "The Little Ghost Quilt's Winter Surprise," by Riel Nason.

The New Berlin Library is located at 15 South Main St., New Berlin. The library is open Monday and Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturday, 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. (<https://www.facebook.com/newberlin-library.newberlinny>) with any questions.

- From the New Berlin Library



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large-scale roofing project would likely shake that asbestos loose.

“It’s very important to us that we protect our employees as well as the public coming in,” Blanchard said. “We don’t want a catastrophic failure that causes us to close the building. Our understanding from this engineering firm is that we’re on a short time clock as to having to do something major up there (on the roof).”

The County Board of Supervisors initiated a building study back in 2019 from Barton and Loguidice, a multidisciplinary consulting firm that provides planning and engineering to public and private clients. The firm’s study found reasons for extensive renovations in the 1960 wing, including dated electric, windows, and airflow system. Engineers also recommended removal of spray-on asbestos in the ceiling that was originally added for fire protection.

Legislators pondered the idea of an office building overhaul when the 2019 report was first released, estimating at the time that costs to upgrade the existing facility would approach \$10 million while a new building would be upwards of \$26 million. But talks over modifications came to a halt during the 2020 coronavirus pandemic and weren’t started again until 2024. Escalating expenses, such as the cost of materials and labor, have inflated the price roughly \$9 million since then.

When numbers were tallied, the county found the cost of renovating the 1960’s wing of the office building was 70-75 percent the cost of building new, and a proposal was put in motion to raze the 1960’s wing and build a new facility that will connect to the 1991 wing on the north side of the building. The plan is to construct the new building in front of the old one, move departments to the new building when it’s finished, then demolish the old facility. Blanchard said the plan aligns with recommendations offered by engineers.

“All the engineering studies tell us that if you approach that 70 percent mark, it might be better to build new,” said Blanchard.

Even so, the project has been criticized by locals who argue that a new building isn’t a viable use of taxpayer money. The 2019 Barton and Loguidice report highlights existing hazards of the nearly 70 year old building, but engineers found no fault in its structural integrity, support-

ing the argument that the county should fix what they have in order to “live in their means,” as said by Norwich City Supervisor Robert Jeffrey. Jeffrey has voted against three separate resolutions designed to move the project forward. In fact, the project has consistently received little to no support from Jeffrey or from supervisors representing the towns of New Berlin, Plymouth, Preston, Smyrna, Columbus, and German.

“It really seems like the county is sending mixed messages,” said Missy Hayes, an outspoken Norwich resident who’s leading a charge across social media platforms for more transparency and fiscal responsibility from the county board.

Hayes has taken to social media platforms like Facebook with a letter template for individuals to use when writing to their local county representatives, demanding a public hearing on the building project.

“They raised taxes last year, they’re implying they’ll do it again this year, they want to build a \$35 million building next year despite the need to raise taxes (which will be more like \$60 mil with interest and no guarantee on federal funds), they don’t take care of their buildings and equipment and allow their employees to work in poor conditions, transportation for county residents isn’t a priority, and apparently transparency and fiscal responsibility is also not a priority.”

Financial Impact

Even if the county moved on repairing the existing office space, the cost of doing so would be a hard financial hit. The 2019 Barton and Loguidice report estimates that asbestos removal, roof repairs, and updates to the building’s electrical and windows would range between 70 and 75 percent the cost of building new. Add in the millions needed to invest during renovations for the temporary relocation of county departments, furniture, and tech equipment – plus the added cost of security enhancements at temporary locations – then that figure jumps closer to 85-90 percent the cost of a new facility. And it still wouldn’t fix the issue of having one floor partially below ground level, said Blanchard.

That in mind, the county has a financial game plan as it plugs ahead with the \$35 million building proposal, with guaranteed off ramps should the cost of the project exceed projections. Construction is by far the biggest cost, followed by ancillary services such as paving, landscaping, and

furnishing the new facility. County officials are currently working with Hunt Engineering to get an adjusted cost of construction materials with today’s pricing, and that may inflate the 70 percent figure; but \$35 million remains a “hard stop,” says Chenango County Treasurer Bill Craine.

“If in two or three months from now, we get feedback that it’s likely to be a \$45 million project, we can leave,” said Craine, noting that the county’s \$1.5 million contract with LeChase Construction requires regular billing after each stage of the project. It keeps county officials informed of accumulating costs of materials, he added. Each bill received is another chance for the County Board of Supervisors to walk away. “We won’t spend all \$1.7 million and we’ll have to start planning again. Or we can go to bids and find out that that’s too much.”

The project hinges on a federal funding program that reimburses counties for the use of office space to operate federal services. Like most counties across the U.S., Chenango County benefits from a “maintenance in lieu of rent” agreement which shells out money for maintenance of county-owned facilities that are used for federal and state services, such as the DMV and the Department of Social Services. Chenango County already receives maintenance in lieu of rent for the department of social services building on Court Street, and officials tapped into the program nearly 35 years ago to help pay for the 1991 wing of the county office building.

Federal reimbursements would apply whether the county moves forward with a new building, or if they choose to renovate current space and relocate the social services department. The Chenango County Treasurer’s Office anticipates that federal reimbursements on a new facility will pay the roughly \$16 million interest on borrowed capital, leaving taxpayers on the hook for the \$35 million principal construction costs without incurring additional debt. Craine also pointed to financial trends between 2022 and 2024 that suggest interest rates will fall by the time the county is issued a bond. This means the project could be financed at 3.5 percent instead of the current estimate of 4.5 percent, Crain said.

But critics say the maintenance in lieu of rent agreement, which has been in place for the last 50 years, isn’t a guarantee in today’s political climate, and that has some supervisors on edge.

“A lot of this project

depends on federal reimbursement of \$35 million. The only reason we say it’s going to happen is because it’s happened before, which to me is not a good argument,” Smyrna Supervisor Michael Khoury said at the August meeting of the Chenango County Board of Supervisors.

“We have it in our budget to pay about \$1.7 million per year without having any effect on the tax cap in the first year we do that,” said Craine, adding that the proposal will have zero effect on the 2026 tax levy. “I’m highly confident that we’ll have a maintenance in lieu of rent program. I’m highly confident that we’ll collect the money as we always have. And I’m confident that we can have \$1.7 million a year to make those payments. That’s why \$35 million is a hard stop for us.”

The county has yet to borrow any money for the proposed building project – or even make a formal decision to bring it to fruition – but resolutions passed in recent months put the Chenango County Board of Supervisors in a position to move forward should that decision be made in the near future.

In contrast, opponents of the building project have argued that the county could be good financial stewards by leasing space elsewhere. Only some of the county-run departments are lawfully required to stay within the City of Norwich, the county seat. Leasing commercial space would provide necessary room for departments to adequately function while also keeping property on the local tax rolls. But that idea, says Blanchard, comes with its own challenges.

“I really believe that we need a place for our departments to work together. The general public that comes in has to do business with more than one department, and having them all around the city is going to be an issue. Some say it’s not too big an issue, but I think it is much better for the public to come to one spot.”

“Security would be an issue too,” Craine said, noting that it costs the county about \$150,000 per year for security at one point of entry. “If we lease five different locations at \$150,000 for security at each one over 25 years, it could be nearly 20 million on security alone. I believe there’s a better use for that money.”

Even so, critics say the building project is a mismanagement of resources for a county where, according to a report from the New York State Comptroller, 31 percent of the population is eligible for Medicaid.

Taxpayers, like Hayes, say a tax increase to pay for a new facility is unwarranted, and the county should turn its attention to other matters.

“Supervisors felt they needed to go over the state tax cap last year and are requesting the ability to do it again this year. Supervisors are not properly overseeing/managing buildings, equipment and employees at the highway dept,” Hayes said. “Yet, sales tax is up and the Supervisors seem to think the economic climate in Chenango County is good enough to start planning for a \$35 million office building.”

Transparency and Public Process

Perhaps the biggest criticism county officials currently face is on the issue of transparency. Several residents have voiced concerns on social media and in front of the county board that the new building proposal was entertained behind closed doors. Residents like Missy Hayes are now calling on the board to be more explicit.

“Transparency is required and expected from elected officials,” said Hayes, who accused county leaders of being “secretive” during a recent public hearing on the county’s proposal to override the 2026 tax cap.

“Where is the transparency?” Hayes asked.

Although Blanchard said meeting minutes of his ad hoc building committee haven’t been made available on the county’s website until recently, he cited past meeting minutes from the county’s Ag, Buildings and Grounds Committee, as well as the Board of Supervisors, that allude to the newly formed committee, including who’s on it and when it meets. Those records have been widely available on the county’s website for months.

The county’s now exploring the possibility of a separate website devoted entirely to the building project in an effort to increase transparency, said Blanchard. Unlike the county’s official website, which details information across every county-run department, the new site would be more streamlined and contain only information on the office building project.

“We’re trying to figure out how it would look and how we would do it. What I don’t want is to get into a situation where we’re arguing back and forth on social media. That’s not helpful for anybody,” said Blanchard. “It’s certainly not our desire to hide information.”

A town hall-style meeting is also likely to take place in the future, he said; but he wants to wait until engineers have

a more accurate depiction of the scope and cost of the building project. Officials are aiming to have an informational presentation for the community by next spring.

The office building and the county garage

When news broke that county officials are moving ahead with plans to construct a \$35 million office building, photos began circulating online of the decrepit Chenango County Department of Public Works (DPW) facility. The pictures show decaying bricks and mortar, broken garage doors, mold on the ceiling tiles caused by a leaking roof, and moldy debris on the floor. In addition to outcries over a new office building, several residents spoke out about conditions at the DPW, arguing that the county should instead invest in repairs to existing facilities.

“That is in the works. We certainly want to do something there,” said Blanchard, noting that many of the concerns generated by those photos have already been addressed. The roof has been repaired and DPW heads will talk with specialists this week about having black mold removed. Still, he said the county has sights on moving the DPW to a new location in the future.

“We can’t keep it where it is because of the river. That isn’t the right place for it today,” Blanchard said. “We have looked at places. We haven’t found anything that is for sale at this point. We have to find someone willing to sell us a piece of property that might work for us. Once we get that piece of property, there’s going to be certainly a lot of site work that we’ll want to do in house with our DPW to keep costs down.”

The count is on the lookout for 10-12 acres of land that could house a new DPW facility. Unlike the office building project, however, county officials plan to mostly pay out of pocket for a new DPW facility.

“One of the reasons we try to keep our surplus number at about \$30 million is because we can take \$10 million of that and use it on a building like this,” Craine said, adding that a new DPW facility would come with an estimated \$20 million price tag without grant money available. “We would have half the money in the bank and if we could accumulate extra between now and then, we would do that.”

If the county finds a suitable place to relocate the DPW, it would raze the current facility and offer the land to the City of Norwich at no cost.

UPDATES FROM ALBANY:

Cashless bail is hurting New York



Assemblyman Joseph Angelino

District 121 (R,C Norwich)

NEW YORK STATE - With the recent news that President Trump has signed an executive order to halt federal funding for all locations deemed cashless bail jurisdictions, I thought it timely to talk about how severely the policy of cashless bail is hurting New York, as it is a real possibility that Attorney General Bondi will deem New York a cashless bail jurisdiction.

Cashless bail was first

implemented in 2019, and the initial roll-out was a disaster for New York. I was not in elected office at the time, but I was a police officer. I can promise you, had I been in the Legislature, I would have debated passionately against it and would have voted no, because I could see the disastrous results from a mile away.

That is why my Republican colleagues and I have been pushing to repeal bail reform for years and hosting press conferences with law enforcement officers and crime victims to make the progressives who support this law look them in the face and see the pain they have caused.

For example, Tiffany Harris was arrested for assaulting three Jewish women and then was released without bail. After she was released, she went on to assault more people. Majority party members should

have to explain to the victims why she was set free to commit more crimes.

When an arrested person is brought before a judge for arraignment, New York state is THE ONLY state in the U.S. that does not allow that judge to consider protecting the community from the offender or the offender's past criminal acts when setting bail, even if the past acts happened days or even hours previously. This shocks the conscious of the public, frustrates law enforcement officers and undermines public trust in the system.

As a former police chief, I am uniquely aware of the harm bail reform has done to our communities. By letting accused, dangerous criminals roam our streets, we are putting the citizens of New York in danger. I am proud to support overturning the disastrous bail reform laws in order to put people first and

improve public safety.

Unfortunately, it seems that as of late, New York is more worried about coddling criminals than supporting crime victims and law enforcement. We have seen this not only with bail reform but also with other pro-criminal pieces of legislation like discovery laws involving Rules of Evidence, Raise the Age, the Less is More Parole Act and the Clean Slate Act erasing criminal records. The preponderance of the New York Legislature hails from New York City, where they seem to have a different tolerance for crime and criminals than we do in upstate New York.

There have been some tweaks made to the bail and discovery laws, but these changes are 'too little, too late.' These decisions made about criminal justice reform and public safety in Albany are made behind closed doors with only Democrats in the

room, leaving out meaningful input from members of the Republican Conference, law enforcement, prosecutors and even judges. This must change, and my Democrat colleagues should work with us and realize that we have experience and knowledge, and while it may not fit their narrative, it is insightful and essential when crafting legislation.

Withholding of federal funds to change policy is not new; it was done years ago with transportation funds at the time of the national 55 MPH speed limit. Closer to home and memory, at the state level, New York ordered school districts with "offensive mascots" to change them or lose state education aid.

I want to bring this full circle to what was said at the beginning of this column. New York is on the cusp of losing vital federal funding, simply because those

in charge in Albany are more beholden to their progressive base than to their constituents.

Without changes in our criminal procedure laws, many of our seniors and other vulnerable New Yorkers who rely on federal funding may see it diminished. By refusing to overturn bail reform, many New York legislators have shown their real colors and who they actually side with. I am calling on legislative leaders and Gov. Hochul to immediately repeal bail reform and discovery laws so New York can avoid losing the funding it needs; anything short of that is a betrayal to the people of the state.

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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a test of suspected powdered drugs accidentally inhaled dust from the air, causing them to collapse.

"This officer was wearing protective latex gloves and using the approved protocols to test the seized drugs. While conducting the chemical test, the fentanyl substance became airborne, and the officer had to be Narcaned after becoming unresponsive and falling to the floor," said Roach at the time in 2023.

Fellow officers administered Narcan and rushed the victim to UHS Chenango Memorial Hospital Emergency Room. The officer was treated at the emergency room for several hours and eventually released to family members. "This situation could have ended very differently and we're lucky to have had Narcan on hand, and an emergency room staffed with highly trained professionals so close," said Roach at the time.

A number of fatal overdoses have occurred in the county in recent years and they have not led to

the drug dealers being prosecuted for death's directly.

On April 4, 2023, City of Norwich residents suffered suspected heroin overdoses laced with Fentanyl, with two people dying at the scenes and four others being rushed to local emergency rooms in critical condition.

An investigation reported a load of heroin came from Syracuse heavily tainted with fentanyl at this time.

The victim's were between 20 and early 50s years of age and had a mixed employment background. All were permanent Norwich residents with local family also living with them or residing in the area.

At the time in 2023, a police investigator said, "The Fentanyl is being laced into heroin, and working closely with other agencies we have heard it is mainly coming from the southern border."

Prosecutors have previously said New York prosecutions are often constrained by state requirements or overwhelmed

by the sheer number of overdose cases, which could potentially generate countless homicide prosecutions during a time of staffing issues. As a result, though many are held responsible for selling drugs, few are held responsible for causing the deaths directly, locally and across NY.

The DEA website, DEA.gov, states, "Fentanyl is a potent synthetic opioid drug approved by the Food and Drug Administration for use as an analgesic (pain relief) and anesthetic. It is approximately 100 times more potent than morphine and 50 times more potent than heroin as an analgesic."

Fentanyl can be "snorted/sniffed, smoked, [taken] orally by pill or tablet, spiked onto blotter paper, patches, sold alone or in combination with heroin and other substances, has been identified in fake pills, mimicking pharmaceutical drugs such as oxycodone," stated the DEA.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Fairly large
6. Barrels per day (abbr.)
9. Cover the entirety of
13. Leafy appetizer
14. Showy ornament
15. Norse personification of old age
16. Athletes
17. Closes tightly
18. Attack via hurling items
19. Where the reserves stand
21. Sword
22. Begat
23. Damage another’s reputation
24. Northeast
25. Turf
28. For each
29. Hours (Spanish)
31. Western state
33. One who offers help
36. Flanks
38. A woolen cap of Scottish origin

39. Free from drink or drugs
41. Tunnels
44. Mature
45. More dried-up
46. News organization
48. Steal something
49. Forms one’s public persona (abbr.)
51. Female fish eggs
52. Small petrel of southern seas
54. Edible starches
56. Historical
60. In a place to sleep
61. Horse grooms
62. Off-Broadway theater award
63. Chinese dynasty
64. Resembling a wing
65. Small projection on a bird’s wing
66. Of the Isle of Man
67. Derived unit of force (abbr.)
68. Plate for Eucharist

CLUES DOWN

1. Vipers
2. Ancient city in Syria
3. Slog
4. Emits coherent radiation
5. “Pollock” actor Harris
6. Bleated
7. Monetary units of Afghanistan
8. Tooth doctor
9. One who takes apart
10. Commoner
11. Beat poet Ginsberg
12. Cave deposit material
14. Home energy backup
17. Begets
20. Face part
21. Frocks
23. Hill or rocky peak
25. Giving the impression of dishonesty
26. About ear

27. Male parents
29. Popular grilled food
30. Vaccine developer
32. Not conforming
34. Polite address for women
35. 1970 U.S. environmental law
37. Astronomical period of 18 years
40. One who fights the government
42. Center for Excellence in Education
43. Watches discreetly
47. An electrically charged atom
49. Hymn
50. Arabic given name
52. Popular pie nut
53. City in Zambia
55. Species of cherry
56. John __, British writer
57. Be next to
58. Make angry
59. Give birth to a lamb or kid

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

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

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to hiking.

P C K A

Answer: Pack

GUESS WHO ?

I am an actress born in New York on September 6, 1964. I attended Los Angeles City College, and debuted as an actress in a 1989 film directed by Spike Lee. I also worked as a choreographer for Janet Jackson. I’m known for my prominent New York City accent.

Answer: Rosie Perez

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Colorscape Chenango Arts Festival returns this weekend

NORWICH – Excitement is building as the 31st annual Colorscape Chenango Arts Festival returns to downtown Norwich this weekend with an electrifying line-up of performances and creative activities for the whole family.

The free outdoor festival takes place Saturday, September 6 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, September 7 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in East and West Parks.

Colorscape’s Board of Directors has dedicated this year’s Festival in memory of long-time volunteer and donor Mary El Emerson, who passed

away in June. Mary El’s steadfast support and passion for the arts enriched both the festival and the community for decades. She believed deeply in the power of creativity to bring people together, and her encouragement, generosity, and love of the arts will continue to inspire all who gather at Colorscape.

The Festival will open Saturday at 10 a.m. with a performance by Six Mile Craic, followed by the Opening Ceremony at 10:45 a.m., featuring the presentation of the 2025 Colors Cape Award presentation to Melissa deCordova, the Volunteer of the Year to Mindy Chawgo,

and celebrating Mary El Emerson’s lasting legacy.

Art is the centerpiece of this free, two-day Festival. 120 juried artists will showcase and sell their work, including paintings, sculpture, fabric art, fine crafts, photography, and more.

This year, 25 artists are exhibiting at Colorscape for the very first time, offering fresh perspectives alongside many returning favorites. Professional artists travel from across the Northeast to participate in this festival, which has just again been recognized by Sunshine Artist Magazine as a top 100 fine art and design festivals in the



Colorscape Chenango, a free outdoor festival takes place Saturday, September 6, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday, September 7 from 11a.m. to 5 p.m.) in Norwich’s East and West Parks. (Submitted photo)

country.

Colorscape also celebrates the performing arts, with live entertainment across three stages: the NBT Main Stage, Peggy’s Stage, and the family-friendly Art Zone Stage. The weekend line-up features nationally and regionally acclaimed performers in folk, blues, and rock, including The Kennedys, Burns and Kristy Trio, “Best Folk Album” Grammy nominee Dom Flemons, folk legend Eric Andersen whose songs have been recorded by artists such as Ricky Nelson, Peter Paul and Mary, Johnny Cash, The Grateful Dead, and Mary Chapin Carpenter among others, two-time National Poetry Slam champion Sierra DeMulder, Ugandan artist Samite, pedal steel guitar gospel group The Campbell Brothers, fan-favorite The Slambovian Circus of Dreams, and many others.

For those eager to get hands-on, the Art Zones offer free opportunities to create. Children preschool through age 9 can enjoy activities in the Kids’ Art Zone, while ages 10 and up can experiment with new materials in the Golden Art Zone, sponsored by Golden Artist Colors. Families will also discover free creative activities along Nonprofit Row, in partnership with local organizations.

The 2025 Colors Cape Award will be presented to Melissa deCordova in recognition of her years of dedication and support of the Festival. Each year, this award is given to a community partner whose contributions make it possible to sustain and grow Colorscape’s mission of celebrating the arts in Chenango County. Melissa served on the Colorscape Board of Directors for over 20 years with tenures as both the Vice President and President. In addition to her leadership, Melissa was instrumental in securing critical grant funding and leading fundraising efforts that ensured the Festival’s continued success and growth. “Melissa’s passion, persistence, and vision have shaped Colorscape into what it is today,” said Laura Parker, Board President. “Her countless hours of work have strengthened the Festival and set it up to thrive for generations to come.”

The 2025 Volunteer of the Year Award will be presented to Mindy Chawgo, recognized for her outstanding service and commitment to Colorscape. Established in 2012 in memory of Susan Connelly, Colorscape’s first Volunteer Coordinator, the award honors individuals who embody her dedication and passion for the Festival. “Mindy has been the driving force of Colorscape’s Culinary Court for many years. She is deeply community-minded, giving her time and talents generously to countless organizations that enrich our region in addition to Colorscape,” says Michele Ericksen, Executive Director. “Her energy, dedication, and unwavering commitment always goes above and beyond, making Norwich as a whole not only a stronger community but also a more vibrant place to live.”

With world-class art, live performances, hands-on activities, and community spirit, the 31st Annual Colorscape Chenango Arts Festival promises a weekend of inspiration and celebration for all ages.

About Colorscape Chenango Arts Festival: Recognized as one of the country’s top 100 fine art and design craft shows by Sunshine Artist Magazine, Colorscape Chenango has celebrated premier artists in downtown Norwich since 1995. This free, two-day festival in September features 120 creators displaying and selling their paintings, sculptures, fabric art, fine crafts, photography, and more. Colorscape also offers nationally renowned musical performers, poetry and literary arts, food, and interactive art activities for all ages. The 2025 Colorscape will be held rain or shine on September 6-7 in East and West Parks in Norwich.

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Legal Notice of Sweet Confections by Dawn LLC

Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York (SSNY) on 06/30/2025 Location: Chenango County. Secretary of State is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her to c/o THE LLC, P.O. Box 1045 Sherburne, NY 13460 Purpose: to engage in any lawful act. (t6ES/GZ 08/28, 09/04, 09/11, 09/18, 09/25, 10/2)

LEGAL NOTICE

SAMANTHA TEFFT, LCSW, PLLC Notice of formation of Professional Service Limited Liability Company (“PLLC”). Professional Service Limited Liability Company Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (“SSNY”) on 07/30/2025. Office location: 46 Birdsall Street, Greene, Chenango County, New York. SSNY has been designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY may mail a

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MGB Solutions LLC.

Arts. Of Org. filed with SSNY on 07/30/25. Office: Chenango County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: 700 State Highway 206, Greene, NY 13778. Purpose: Any lawful. (t6ES/GZ 09/04, 09/11, 09/18, 09/25, 10/02, 10/09)

NOTICE OF FORMATION

Arts. of Org. of Legacy Line Auto LLC filed with SSNY on 08/13/25. Office: Chenango Co. SSNY designated agent for service of process & shall mail to 170 Fred Wilcox Rd, Oxford, NY 13830. Purpose: any lawful act. (t6ES/GZ) 08/21, 08/28, 09/04, 09/11, 09/18, 9/25)

NOTICE OF FORMATION

of a DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Name of LLC: Four Leaf Family Farms, LLC. Date of filing of Articles of Organization with the NY Dept of State: 3/23/2025 Office of the LLC: Chenango County The NYSS has been designated as the agent upon whom process may be served. NYSS may mail a copy of any process to the LLC at: c/o Timothy Francis Jr. or Bonnie Kibbe 298 High Bridge Rd., Mt. Upton, NY 13809. Purpose: Farming and retail sales.

(t6ES/GZ 07/31, 08/07, 08/14, 08/21, 08/28, 09/04)

Notice of Formation of BG Horizon Capital, LLC.

Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 07/22/2025. Office location: Chenango County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: P.O. Box 613, Greene, New York 13778. Purpose: any lawful activities. (t6ES/GZ) 08/07, 08/14, 08/21, 08/28, 09/04, 09/11

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF CKAM4, LLC

Articles of Organization of the above limited liability company (LLC) were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on April 24, 2025.

The LLC’s office is located in Chenango County, NY. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process served to: 468 Algerine St. Afton, NY. 13730.

The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the laws of New York State. (t6ES/GZ 08/21, 08/28, 09/04, 09/11, 09/18, 09/25)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF COUNTRY SUPPLY DEPOT LLC,

a domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC) Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State on August 19, 2025. The office

location within New York is in Chenango County. The Secretary of State is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her to c/o THE LLC, 7044 State Hwy. 12, PO Box 250, North Norwich, New York 13814. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. (t6ES/GZ 08/28, 09/04, 09/11, 09/18, 09/25, 10/02)

Notice of formation of Helio Aesthetics LLC.

Arts. of Org. filed with Sec’y of State (SSNY) on 08/12/2025. Office location: Chenango County. Princ. office of LLC: 375 Williams Road, Earlville, NY 13332. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to above address. Purpose: any lawful activity. (t6ES/GZ 08/28, 09/04, 09/11, 09/18, 09/25, 10/02)

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Notice of formation of Limited Liability Company (LLC).

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of State on 6/28/2025. Office location: County of Chenango. Purpose: any and all lawful activities. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to 3383 St Hwy 23, South Plymouth, NY 13844. (t6ES/GZ) 08/14, 08/21, 08/28, 09/04, 09/11, 09/18)

Notice of formation of Limited Liability Corporation

Name: 5 Lucas Greene NY, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the NY Secretary of State on 8/4/2025. Purpose: Any and all lawful activities. Office location: Chenango County. SSNY is designated agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to 1905 Ute Creek Drive, Longmont, CO 80504. (t6ES/GZ 08/21, 08/28, 09/04, 09/11, 09/18, 09/25)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC

Live the Outdoors LLC, filed Articles of Organization with the New York Secretary of State on July 31, 2025. Its office is located in Chenango County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail a copy of any process served on him or her to, Live the Outdoors LLC, 14 Kellogg Place, Huntington Station, NY 11746. Its business is to engage in any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be organized

under Section 203 of the New York Limited Liability Company Act. (t6ES/GZ 08/21, 08/28, 09/04, 09/11, 09/18, 09/25)

NOTICE OF FORMATION

of Maytyme Farm, LLC, a Domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC) with offices located in Chenango County, for the purpose of any lawful act or activity under the Limited Liability Company Law. The Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of the State of New York (SSNY) on January 19, 2022. SSNY is the agent designated to receive service of process on behalf of the LLC. SSNY shall mail a copy of such service of process to Thomas J. McNally, 64 Dibble Edge Road, Wallingford, CT 06492. (t6ES/GZ 08/28, 09/04, 09/11, 09/18, 09/25, 10/02)

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a Limited Liability Company (LLC) Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State on 3/18/2025: The office location with in New York is in Chenango County. The Secretary of State is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her to C/O 741 Buckley Hollow Rd, Oxford, NY 13830 purpose: any lawful activity in which a Limited Liability Company may engage.

Notice of Qualification of

Conseptec, LLC. Authority filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 7/14/25. Office location: Chenango County. LLC formed in Wisconsin (WI) on 3/26/12. SSNY is designated as agent of

LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 28 Liberty St, NY, NY 10005. WI address of LLC: E2250 570th Ave, Menomonie, WI 54751. Cert. of Formation filed with WI Secy of State, 4822 Madison Yards Way, Madison, WI 53705. The name and address of the Reg. Agent is C T Corporation System, 28 Liberty St, NY, NY 10005. Purpose: any lawful activity. (t6 ES/GZ (07/3, 08/07, 08/14, 08/21, 08/28, 09/04)

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PROPOSALS must be delivered to the office of the Director of the Department of Public Works, County of Chenango, no later than 10:00 AM on Tuesday September 16, 2025, in order to be considered on time and official. Any Proposals received after said date shall be rejected. All Contractors submitting a proposal shall be aware all wages paid to employees working on said project for Chenango County DPW shall be paid Prevailing Wage Rates. The successful Contractor shall adhere to all applicable New York State Wage guidelines. In addition, the successful Contractor shall submit a certified payroll which includes all labor involved with this project prior to final payment by Owner. The Information for PROPOSALS, Form of

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Addenda, if any, will be issued only to those persons whose names and addresses are on record with the Chenango County Department of Public Works, as having obtained the contract documents. The County reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, advertise anew, waive technical defects, if in the judgment of the County it shall be in the best interests of the County.

By order of Harold Franklin, Director of Public Works. (t1 ES 08/28, GZ 09/04)

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New this year will be a focus on free recycling of personal electronics, sponsored by Directive IT of Oneonta. Additionally, Norwich-area pilot Dave Sheldon will discuss hot air balloons, flight safety, and offer demonstrations of balloon equipment.

The day highlights the role of working vehicles in our communities and provides children with a memorable way to learn about important industries from area businesses and organizations. The event also provides networking opportunities for business owners and representatives to discuss their services, careers, training in their fields, and more.

Featured vehicles will include a patrol car from

Troop C of the New York State Police, a Coca-Cola Beverages Northeast delivery truck, a school bus from Edmeston Central School, first-response vehicles from the Edmeston Emergency Squad and Fire Department, a dump truck and bucket loader from the Town of Edmeston Highway Department, and several race cars and off-road utility vehicles.

"The Big Rig Shindig is a fun day to showcase vehicles that are tough and tactical, and represent our local heroes and helpers to children," said event organizer Monica Clark, Pathfinder Village's Project Manager. "We all know youngsters who are fascinated by big equipment- this is a great way to encourage their interests and to offer an introduction to possible careers. Our event exhibits the machines we rely on regularly and teaches children about different trades and industries."

Food will be available on-site, with a portion of the proceeds benefiting Pathfinder Village. Admission is affordable:

\$5 per single person or \$10 per car. All exhibitors must complete a registration form and have a Certificate of Insurance to participate. More information is available at the Pathfinder Facebook Events page or by calling the Development Office at Pathfinder Village, 607-965-8377 ext. 155, during regular business hours.

Pathfinder Village is an internationally respected, livable community in upstate New York and was founded in 1980 to provide people living with Down syndrome and related disabilities an independent, engaging, and fulfilling lifestyle. As it works to provide quality supports for older individuals living with intellectual disabilities, the Village also offers highly successful educational and pre-vocational programs, including its post-secondary program, Otsego Academy, and its community-based day services for regional residents. To learn more about Pathfinder Village, please call (607) 965-8377, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., visit the website at pathfindervillage.org, or visit our social media on Facebook and Instagram.

- Information from Pathfinder Village



The Casella Waste Management truck was a popular exhibit during the last Big Rig Shindig at Pathfinder Village. This year's educational event is set for Saturday, September 6 at Pathfinder Village, Edmeston, and will feature a variety of heavy equipment and work vehicles. (Photo from Pathfinder Village)



Emergency response vehicles, including those from the Edmeston Emergency Squad and Fire Department, will be featured at this year's Big Rig Shindig at Pathfinder Village on Saturday, September 6. (Photo from Pathfinder Village)

Poison and venom are both toxins created by animals, but they are considered two different things. The main difference between the two is how the toxins enter the victim. The molecules that make up poison are very small and can be inhaled, swallowed or absorbed through the skin. Venom has components that are much larger and must enter the victim through a wound created by fangs, stingers or spines.

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Fangs For The Memories

Can you spot all six differences between these two scenes?

GAME ANSWERS: 1. Tongue is different. 2. Hat is missing. 3. Knife is moved. 4. Plate is moved. 5. Candle is missing. 6. Foofing is different.

This cartoon is toxic.

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The Painful Truth About Venom

Venom from a single animal often contains hundreds of different toxins. Each toxin targets a different body part of the victim.

It takes a scorpion about four days to replenish its venom after stinging prey.

What do you get when you cross venom with an '80s rock band? Poison.

Animals use venom for three basic purposes: as a defense against predators, to capture prey and to defeat competitors.

What does a snake do when it spots a camera? Strikes a pose.

Venom from several animals has been used to create new medicines to treat a wide variety of ailments, including stroke, chronic pain, diabetes and high blood pressure.

Venom allows smaller animals to capture prey that is much larger than themselves.

Male platypuses have a venomous spur on their hind legs.

The slow loris is the only venomous primate in the world.

Word Search

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

MAMMAL	SNAKE	SLOW
DEFENSE	FANGS	PREY
POISON	TOXIN	BITE
LIZARD	LORIS	BOB
VENOM	STING	FISH
VICTIM	BODY	LEG
WORMHOLE	SPACE	
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