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Chase Memorial staff honored for outstanding quality of care



Patti Hitchcock-Executive Director of Chase Memorial, receives a commendation on behalf of staff from NYS Assemblyman Joe Angelino. (Submitted photos)

NEW BERLIN - Chase Memorial Nursing Home & Rehab held a community Town Hall Celebration on Wednesday, November 12, spotlighting the staff whose work led the facility to earn a 4-star Quality Measures rating from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

The designation reflects improvements in clinical performance and care coordination, marking one of the strongest quality scores the New Berlin facility has achieved in recent years.

During the event,

Chase Executive Director Patti Hitchcock received a commendation from New York State Assemblyman Joe Angelino, who presented the honor on behalf of the state in recognition of the team's efforts. Jason Santiago, President and CEO of Good Shepherd Communities, also addressed the crowd and credited staff for their quality care achievements.

Leaders said the 4-star Quality Measures score represents the direct work of frontline staff, highlighting gains in areas such as reducing hospital readmissions,

strengthening care coordination, and managing key clinical risks. Chase Memorial also recently advanced to an overall 3-star facility rating, an improvement supported by ongoing staff training and targeted quality initiatives.

Hitchcock told attendees she was proud to see the nursing home's progress recognized publicly and emphasized that the achievement reflects daily effort from employees who have long-standing ties to residents and families in the New Berlin community. She said the team remains focused on con-



Jason Santiago, President and CEO of Good Shepherd Communities, addresses the staff on the 4-str Quality Measures Rating. (Submitted photo)

tinued improvements as the facility and offering the best care possible.

Chase Memorial Nursing Home & Rehab is part of Good Shepherd Communities, a nonprofit senior-care network that provides services ranging from independent and assisted living to long-term care and skilled nursing across several campuses.

- Information from Chase Memorial Nursing Home & Rehab

County board reviews budget proposal and schedules public hearing for November 24



At a recent meeting, County Treasurer Bill Craine presented the Chenango County 2026 Tentative Budget to the Chenango County board. A public hearing will be held at 5 p.m., November 24, in the Supervisor's Chambers in the County Office Building, located at 5 Court Street, Norwich. (Photo by Kelli Miller)

BY KELLI MILLER
GAZETTE STAFF WRITER

NORWICH - A public hearing on the 2026 Tentative Chenango County Budget will be held at 5 p.m., November 24, in the board meeting room at the County Office Building, located at 5 Court Street, Norwich.

During a meeting on Monday, County Treasurer Bill Craine

presented the 2026 Chenango County Tentative Budget to the county board and said, "this is a tax cap compliant budget," with no fiscal stress.

Despite being just under the 2 percent tax cap requirement the proposed 2026 budget is \$121,388,400.74, nearly 7 percent more than the 2025 budget.

The proposed budget does not include an

estimated \$35 million in costs for the proposed building project to construct a new county office building.

Craine said the building project requires separate financing and separate approvals from the board. He said the board was meeting to review the building project later in December and hoping to have a public pre-

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Commerce Chenango applauds NY Veterans Home in Oxford and promotes community engagement with residents

By Sophia Root
Commerce Chenango

OXFORD - In honor of Veteran's Day, Commerce Chenango and the New York State Veterans Home at Oxford hosted a business after hours for community members, residents, families, and staff members.

The New York State Veterans Home at Oxford (NYSVHO), is a state long term care and rehabilitation facility, under the auspices of the New York State Department of Health. Founded in 1897, the home has a tremendous legacy and history here. There are 100 other veterans homes the state created over time, there are 175 other State Veterans Homes in the country but the Oxford veterans home was the first one in New York State.

The veterans home has grown to 210 residents, 350 employees, and 37 volunteers. Thanks to State policy, NYSVHO residents con-

sist of Veterans, Spouses of Veterans and Gold Star Parents.

Speaking about Veterans Day Commerce Chenango President and CEO Sal Testani said, "It is an incredibly important day in our history. Truthfully, to have a facility like this here in our community that honors and treats those veterans with dignity every day of their lives, is truly an honor and a privilege."

Testani continued, "I've had family members who have been cared for here. It truly is a special place. And so why are they engaged in the chamber? In addition to being a wonderful place that cares for our veterans, it is a tremendous place to work."

The home has contributed to the local economy significantly over the decades and is a current member Commerce Chenango, helping community efforts to improve the area.

According to home Administrator Kurt Apthorpe, the facility



The New York State Veterans Home at Oxford hosted a business after hours for community members Monday and was recognized by Commerce Chenango. Officials thanked staff and volunteers and urged more community involvement with veterans. Vets Home Administrator Kurt Apthorpe and Commerce President and CEO Sal Testani spoke at the event. (Photos by Sophia Root)

operates on a \$26 million state budget.

"The state covers about 90% of the state employee benefits, so that's another \$10 million input they give to us as well. If you think about it, that is \$36 million that goes into the local economy, real dollars that we use and spend," he said.

The New York State Veterans Home at

Oxford placed #8 on Newsweek's America's Best Nursing Homes List for 2026. This is the home's 7th year consecutive year on the list, representing a 55 spot climb since 2021.

Newsweek partners with global data research firm, Statista, to assess and rank the top nursing homes in each state based on four pillars: performance data, peer

recommendations, accreditations and resident satisfaction. This year's list recognizes the nation's top 1,200 nursing homes out of 14,752 analyzed.

This facility is special, said Sophie Liberatore, former President and current Member of the Board of Visitors. When asked what this place means to her, she said, "Let me try to put it into

words. My brother-in-law was here, he passed away here. I started out as a volunteer, and I keep telling people how beautiful it is, how clean it is, and how happy the residents are. I just fell in love with the residents because I love to talk to them."

She added, "My sister was here for rehab when she had knee replacement, and she didn't want to go home."

Liberatore called for more volunteers- people who will come in and help with the commissary gift shop, library and coffee station. These volunteer efforts raise funds for the residents to increase their quality of life through events and entertainment.

Volunteers can also help residents directly by reading to or playing games with them. If you are interested in being a volunteer, please contact Jennifer Scheuer at (607) 843-3177 or jennifer.tylerscheuer@nysvets.org.

Korean War veteran honored with Purple Heart at NY Veterans Home in Oxford

BY KELLI MILLER
GAZETTE STAFF WRITER

OXFORD — Recently, at the New York State Veterans Home at Oxford (NYSVHO), a long awaited Purple Heart was awarded to U.S. Army Veteran Ronald Depersis, honoring his firefight with the enemy during the Korean War in 1953.

Veterans home Deputy Administrator Jennifer Scheuer said residence, staff and generational family



The Purple Heart is given to those injured or killed by the enemy while serving in the U.S. Military. Recently, at the New York State Veterans Home at Oxford, William Depersis was honored with the Purple Heart for his firefight against the enemy in the Korean War. (Submitted photo)

members filled the room to support the veteran.

"The Purple Heart ceremony was attended by about 35 to 40 people; it was a surprise," said Scheuer, adding, "He was very happy to receive the award."

His son William Depersis said his dad didn't complain much but said the purple heart was always an issue for him. The family was grateful for the award.

Depersis was wounded in the Korean War firefight on March 27, 1953 and finally at the age of 93, after years of family members advocating his right to receive recognition, he received the Purple Heart.

Scheuer has worked

at the Oxford Veterans Home for 22 years and noted they started tracking awards about 15 years ago.

She said the Veterans Home is rich in history and has witnessed many awards and purple heart ceremonies.

The NYSVHO is a 242 bed facility located on sixty acres and provides long term/short term rehab, and specialized memory enhanced skilled nursing care.

NYSVHO is owned and operated by the New York State Department of Health under the direction of a subsidiary department called Health Facilities Management (HFM).

According to the Purple Heart Foundation.org website, their mission is

to enhance the quality of life of Purple Heart recipients and other honorably discharged veterans and their families.

The Purple Heart is given to those injured or killed by the enemy while serving in the U.S. Military.

According to the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs General George Washington established America's oldest military decoration as the Badge of Military Merit in 1782. It was re-designated to the Purple Heart in 1932.

For more information on the New York State Veterans Home, visit their website at www.NYSVETS.org.

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New Berlin Library Corner

“Let it Snow” Coloring Contest

The New Berlin Library is inviting young artists to celebrate the winter season with a fun and festive community activity. Children ages 12 and younger are encouraged to take part in the library’s “Let It Snow” Coloring Contest, a cheerful event designed to spark creativity as we welcome the colder months.

Participants can pick up the official “Let It Snow” coloring sheet from the library’s circulation desk. The design features the library exterior in a wintry scene perfect for children to bring to life with crayons, markers, paint, or colored pencils. The coloring sheet was designed by library staff member, Renee Priola.

Completed entries can be returned to the library for display throughout the season, turning the library

into a gallery of snowy artwork. Completed coloring sheets will also be photographed and posted on the library Facebook page, without any personal information posted. The library asks that participants not put personal information on the front of the coloring pages. Participants should put their first name, age and a contact number on the back on the coloring sheet.

A special incentive awaits all participants—the chance to win a **winter-themed gift basket**, filled with cozy seasonal treats and surprises. One winner will be selected based on creativity, effort, and overall presentation.

The coloring contest will run November 24th through December 19th and winner will be announced on December

22nd.

Library staff say the contest is a way to bring families together and create a warm, joyful atmosphere as we prepare for the cold winter months. “We love seeing kids express themselves through art,” said a library staff member Renee Priola. “This is a simple way for families to enjoy the season and feel connected to the community.”

The contest is free to enter, and all eligible children are encouraged to participate. For more information or to pick up a coloring sheet, families can visit the New Berlin Library during regular business hours.

Let the coloring—and the winter fun—begin!

The New Berlin Library is holding a food drive to benefit the Unadilla Valley Food Pantry



located at the 51 South Main Street, New Berlin NY. Throughout the month of November, the library will host a Food for Fines drive to benefit the Unadilla Valley Food Pantry, encouraging library patrons to donate nonperishable food items in exchange for forgiveness of their overdue book fines.

For each donated item, the library will waive \$1 in overdue fines. There is no limit to how many items

patrons can contribute, and all donations will go directly to the Unadilla Valley Food Pantry, which serves families and individuals in need throughout our community.

Some great new additions to the library include: Exit Strategy (A Reacher Novel) by Lee Child and Andrew Child, Nash Falls by David Baldacci, King’s Ransom (A Recovery Agent Novel) by Janet Evanovich, Dog Man Big Jim Believes

by Dav Pilkey, Weapons DVD, Bad Guys 2 DVD, Jurassic World Rebirth DVD, Freakier Friday DVD, Fantastic 4 First Steps DVD, and Superman DVD.

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

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sentation by early next year. He said it was not part of the regular budget and likely financed for a 20 to 30 year period, if approved.

He said the current budget was sound. “We want to have reasonable revenue and expense expectations,” said Craine. “Last year, sales tax revenue was down 3.5%, this year we have some corrections, and it is ahead.” He said they budget about 95% of the previous year’s sales taxes.

Craine dove into the overview of the budget, discussing Chenango County’s six guiding financial precepts.

He said in 2021, \$7.5 million was added to surplus and \$9.8 million in 2022. Overview of 2023 shows the board appropriated \$11.5 million of general fund surplus for various expenditures and at the end of 2024, unassigned surplus was \$32.3 million; \$1.7 million committed to the upfront Chenango County Office Building planning and design costs.

Craine noted they met this precept for the first thirteen years of tax cap legislation, yet in 2025

the county exceeded the tax cap due to exigent circumstances. “We will meet this precept for the 2026 budget,” Craine said.

Craine said the county has maintained a NY State Comptroller’s rating of “not in fiscal stress” for all thirteen years it has been in place.

The County Office Building project and new public works facility will be the exception to remaining debt free, once authorized. He said the county maintained a minimum of \$21,600,000 in the Unassigned General Funds Surplus fund.

Craine also explained the surplus balance at the end of 2024 was \$32.3 million and said it helped get the county through a difficult 2020 year.

He said the proposed budget will help reduce debt financing as they begin to implement delayed and impending capital projects.

Craine pointed to inflation over the past 12 years leading to the increase of the minimum Unassigned General Fund Surplus from \$15,000,000 (2012) to \$21,000,000 (2024) and \$21,600,000 an increase of 3% in June 2025.

He said the application

of General Fund Surplus applied to the following year’s budget should not exceed \$1,858,000.

Craine said they do not want to apply more than 2% a year of surplus to balance the general fund, and the \$1.8 million will allow them to make a debt payment if they borrowed money for the construction of the new County Office Building and stay within the tax cap.

“This is why we have been adamant about trying not to apply much surplus to the general fund,” he said.

“We meet this precept as our application for 2026 budget is at zero dollars,” said Craine.

Deputy County Treasurer Shelly Gage said although they are proud to be positive with surplus, it’s important to remember it is not always in cash form.

“Unassigned surplus is really the net position of the county and there is money that is in the surplus funds that are anticipated receipts from taxes and things,” said Gage.

The expected average tax rate increases is .30 cent per \$1,000 of assessed property value or 1.9% from 2025 (\$27.75 annually per average county residence.)

The 2026 budget also includes over \$25.1 million of local cost for New York State mandated programs.

No 2026 real property taxes have been raised in this proposal to support the proposed building project or the recent repairs at the DPW facilities, said Craine. The county remains debt free with the exception of lease liabilities.

Traffic Diversion Program and bed tax revenues will help reduce property taxes by more than \$190,000. Taxable values are up over \$5.7 million at \$1.932 billion across.

Chenango County maintains a NY Comptroller’s rating of “not in fiscal stress”.

Caine said, the county’s self-funded health plan has a 2026 cost increase of 9%.

The 2026 proposed budget commitment to Behavioral Health, Opioid treatment and Prevention, Restorative Services totals over \$8.7 million, which equates to 7.2% of general fund expenditures.

The county continues to operate school-based Mental Health Clinics in Afton, Bainbridge-Guilford, Greene, Norwich, Otselic Valley,

Oxford School Districts, and DCMO BOCES.

Opioid settlement funds in 2022 begin and spending on opioid related programs from 2023-2025 totaled \$1.2 million.

NYS retirement system rates for 2026-2027 increase by about 17.6%.

Increase in interest rates on invested funds added to the 2025 revenues, however it is predicted rates will decrease in 2026.

Overall spending is up \$7.8 million or 6.92% from 2025 total of \$113.5 million and up 39.7% in total from 2015 (86.9 million) or about 3.3% per year. The spending increase is driven by inflation, employer costs and changes in mandated programs.

Budgeted revenues are at robust levels but remain unpredictable. There is a concern for the effect of any economic downturn on sales tax receipts. To meet the tax cap in future years, sales tax revenues need to at least meet U.S. Inflation, he said.

About 31.6% (\$9.7 million) of the local real property tax levy of \$30.7 million goes toward Medicaid.

Other than legally overriding the tax cap in 2025, the county has always met

the requirement.

NY State mandated programs require a county to strictly adhere to rules set by the state, which define the scope, eligibility, frequency and level of service, amounts of benefits, etc.

The state also controls the level of funding participation for these mandated programs. Counties virtually have no ability to control the cost of state dictated mandates, he said.

The board looks to not only slow the rate of rise in property taxes, but to lower them and with alignment of the state mandated programs.

The county postponed levying an additional \$492,000 required contribution for Medicaid increases in 2026 by using funds that were put aside in a capital project account.

The 2026 Chenango County Tentative Budget is subject to revision and a hearing is scheduled for November 24.

For further review of the 2026 Budget visit the Chenango County website at www.chenangocountyny.gov.

Outdoor Chenango: The unpredictable rut



Eric Davis
Outdoor Chenango

Originally, my plan was to bow hunt Saturday morning and afternoon, then to duck hunt Sunday morning due to the rain in the forecast, then go back to bow hunting on Monday and Tuesday.

I got Veteran’s Day off as a holiday so I had requested to take Monday off and make it a 4-day weekend. My plans changed Friday night, when my friend called and said they were going to duck hunt Saturday morning now instead of Sunday.

It was my choice whether I would join them or bow hunt like I had originally planned. After some mental debating, I decided to duck hunt with them since I hadn’t duck hunted at all in the first short season in October. It ended up being a good morning hunting and I came home with enough ducks to make a couple of meals.

Before going to bed on Saturday night, I checked the weather forecast and the rain was not supposed to start until closer to noon now. I was pretty tired from waking up early to duck hunt so I set my alarm for the morning and said I would see how I feel

when it goes off. I ended up waking up before my alarm went off by a few minutes. After checking the weather forecast, I decided to hunt. The wind was supposed to be coming from the east, which is very rare, and I have a tree stand where an east wind would keep my scent away from the any deer coming from checking a bedding area for does that are in heat.

My preparations for the hunt (I pack a thermos of hot cocoa when its cold) got me behind schedule and I left my house about 15 minutes later than I wanted. I snuck in to my stand just as it was getting light enough to see where I was stepping to avoid breaking big twigs and making a bunch of noise.

Just after 7:00 I looked to my right and saw something shining in the goldenrod about 150 yards away. After a second, it moved and I noticed its tail flicker so I knew it was a deer. I pulled up my binoculars and could see it was a buck as it walked through the goldenrod but it was difficult to see him clearly. He was walking my way so I kept watching and he got into a less thick area so I could see his head better. I could tell he had big enough antlers that I would shoot him if he came in. This prompted me to stand up, get my bow down off the hanger, and spin around to be able to shoot to the side of the stand he was on.

He kept working towards me along the edge of the goldenrod until he hit the corner of the field. In the corner of



Evening Sun Outdoor Columnist Eric Davis shares advice and most recent success for this year’s hunting seasons. His column runs every Wednesday. (Evening Sun photo)

the field, I hoped that he would take the trail that runs 10 yards in front of my stand. He didn’t though, he turned left at the corner and started to follow the edge of the field, working uphill. I thought he had made his choice and I was going to watch him walk up the hill until I couldn’t see him anymore. I grabbed my cell phone and took a picture of him as he was visible in a gap of trees on the field edge.

Right after I did, he took a hard right turn and cut into the edge of the woods about 50 yards away. The buck kept walking through the brush on a line that would take him behind my stand. As he walked behind my stand, I had to spin around so that I would be able to shoot if he gave me a shot. It

was then that I finally got a good look at his antlers, as he stepped out from being blocked by the tree my stand is in and I could see it was a gnarly rack with split brow tines! I told myself to block his antlers out and to focus on making a good shot. He was starting to face away and stopped to sniff something on the ground so I drew my bow. I couldn’t believe he didn’t notice it and I took a deep breath to relax and focus on executing my shot. The buck spun to keep checking out whatever it was that he was sniffing and gave me a quartering away shot.

I put the pin of my sight behind his shoulder and squeezed my release. My lighted nock turned on in flight and I watched it impact. The

arrow penetrated almost to the fletchings and the buck took off immediately. He ran uphill through the woods before circling out into the field and I lost sight of him as he ran across the field. I looked at my watch and it was 7:30.

I have permission from the field owner to track deer on his property so I sent him a text message that I had hit a buck with my bow and that the buck had ran across the field headed towards his barn. I followed up with I was going to wait 30 minutes before I got down to start looking for blood. So I got my thermos out and had a cup of hot cocoa as I waited the half hour to go by. At 8:00, I climbed down and to make my backpack lighter, I went to put a trail

camera up that I had packed in the morning. As I was getting the strap around the tree, I felt my phone vibrate. I fished it out of my pocket and saw a missed call from the neighbor. I called him back but it went to voicemail. As I hung up, I heard the neighbor’s side-by-side start up. I could hear it getting closer, so I walked back to my stand, untied my bow from the pull-up rope, and threw my backpack on. I walked out onto the main trail as the neighbor parked by my truck. “Hey, your buck’s dead in my yard! And he’s huge!”

I walked down and talked to him. He had been hunting on the other side of the road from his house and decided to come back to give me a hand tracking when I texted him. When he pulled into his driveway, he spotted the dead buck. That’s when he tried to call me but I missed the call. He told me to drive my truck around the corner and to pull into his driveway to get the buck.

When I pulled into the driveway, I saw the buck laying not far from the edge of the driveway. Finally, I let my eyes look at his antlers and take in the sight of them. The neighbor and I talked about the buck and how neither of us had any trail camera pictures of this buck. It shows how bucks will start moving crazy distances during the rut in search of does that are in heat.

“Instant family” movie matinee shines a light on foster care and the power of family

NORWICH - Families come in all shapes and sizes. Some are formed by birth, others by love and open hearts. On Friday November 28, The Children’s Home and The Colonia Theatre invite those interested in learning more about Foster Care within our community to a special movie matinee featuring Instant Family, the heartfelt comedy-drama starring Mark Wahlberg and Rose Byrne.

The event aims to celebrate the beauty of foster care and adoption while inspiring others to consider opening their homes and hearts to children in need. Instant Family tells the story of a couple whose decision to foster three siblings changes their lives forever, bringing laughter, challenges, and ultimately, an unbreakable bond. With warmth and humor, the film captures

both the joys and real-life struggles that come with building a family through foster care. This special screening isn’t just about watching a movie, it’s about creating conversations and connections. Local foster care Home Finder, Meryl Juster, will be on hand to share information, answer questions, and guide those who may be curious about becoming foster or adoptive par-

ents. Whether you’ve been thinking about fostering for years or are simply interested in learning more, this evening offers a welcoming and supportive environment to explore that next step. The Colonia Theatre is located on South Broad Street in Norwich. The event begins at 3 p.m. on Friday, November 28, admission is free, while tickets last. One popcorn and

drink per attendee at arrival provided by The Children’s Home. Other food and drink will be available for purchase. Families, individuals, and community members of all ages are encouraged to attend. Every child deserves a safe, loving home - and this event is an opportunity to discover how you can make a lasting difference. Join us for a night of inspiration, laughter,

and heart. Together, we can grow hope and build families - one story at a time. For more information about the event or about becoming a foster or adoptive parent, please contact the Home Finder for The Children’s Home, Meryl Juster at 607-765-9059 or MJuster@chowc.org. - Information from the Children’s Home in Norwich

The Early Files *by Peggy Finnegan*

WEEK #47 TEN YEARS AGO November 20, 2015

June Katherine Meyers, 89, passed away at Chase Nursing Home. On November 11, 1945, June and her husband, “Doc” Meyers were very active in the community.

Thirty area veterans were recognized Nov. 9 at UVCS with a patriotic celebration by elementary students and a breakfast.

SEVENTY YEARS AGO November 24, 1955

We had our first real snow storm of the season last week.

You would certainly know that deer season opened Monday morning by the sound.

Chenango county voters turned out 4 to 1 against the Panther Dam, an attempt by commercial interests to establish a beach-head in our unique vacationland.

Chris Thomsen, Jr. shot an 11 pt. buck.

Little Richard Harris is improving.

Mrs. Robert Wells was voted into the Baptist Church.

Some people have just conscience enough to make them miserable.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Stanton sold their farm to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Carnrike.

WINTER SQUASH: 3c a lb. Floyd Tiffany

EIGHTY YEARS AGO November 22, 1945

The Board of Supervisors voted to close the Brookside Crest Sanatorium at Sherburne... the eight patients are to be transferred to state hospitals for treatment of tuberculosis.

Fire almost destroyed the farm home of Walter Phillips in Columbus, a serious loss to the owner. Most of the furniture was removed and fortunately the wind carried the flames away from the barn.

Mrs. Alice Holdridge sold her farm south of the village to Orlo Woodbridge.

Chase Hospital is grateful to Martin Greco for two large turkeys, served to patients for Thanksgiving dinner.

More than \$1,000,000 in epidemic aid has been disbursed by the Natl. Foundation for Infantile Paralysis so far this year, with more than 75% going to Illinois, North Carolina, New York and Virginia.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm.

Greene have gone to Ithaca where he will enter Cornell to learn to be a veterinarian.

Although cardboard is an excellent base for linoleum, it not satisfactory as flooring material.

Education will broaden a narrow mind, but there is no cure for a big head.

HARDWOOD, delivered; \$6 per cord. Scribner & Sons, So. Edmeston

ROAST CHICKEN SUPPER: The Columbus Ladies Aid will hold a roast chicken supper at the Community House. Menu: Roast chicken; Gravy; Mashed potatoes; Turnip; Squash; Cabbage salad; Homemade rolls; Pickled beets & pickles, Jell-o with cream; Pumpkin or apple pie; Cheese; Coffee, tea or milk. Adults \$1.00; children 50c.

NINETY YEARS AGO November 21, 1935

The first snow storm of the season came Nov. 17 and it was a hummer. An east wind brought snow but soon shifted north. Young cattle were hustled into barns and everyone was doing things to keep out the frost and snow.

Preparations are being made at the Sheffield plant at Woods Corners for producing lactic acid, sodium lactate, calcium lactate and similar products from milk.

Mrs. E.H. Clark gathered fresh greens for dinner from the garden: kale; chard and mustard. Not many years can greens be gathered in the middle of November.

Planting of 740 American elms by the Highway Dept. in Otsego county has been completed. Three hundred trees were placed between Cooperstown and Milford, while the remaining trees were planted between Schuyler Lake and Cooperstown.

Ernest Jaquay butchered a spring pig which dressed at 150 pounds.

A scientist tells us that man is losing his fight with insects, especially the humbug.

Roland Chase and Ralph Holdridge returned from the north woods with no deer.

Saturday was a gala day for hunters. Cars were parked by the roadside and from the report of guns one could easily think they were in Ethiopia. Several little forest friends, grey squirrels, that came daily for food, are among the miss-

ing and all are glad the open season is drawing to a close.

FOR SALE: Blacksmith tools in stone shop on West street. Mrs. Sarah McCormack

HUNDRED YEARS AGO November 21, 1925

The election is over and trees, telephone and light poles... rocks and natural scenery... never intended for such purposes, are decorated with posters. It is a mighty bad example to set.

Feed your weed trees to the buzz saw and keep warm without coal.

Clark House died suddenly at his home on Burdick avenue.

Uri Jeffrey and family moved to their new home, the Wallace Simmons farm, recently occupied by John Mowry.

Carpenters and masons have finished work on the home of Theodore White and it is now an ideal model of a modern farm house.

Al Swenson and son Carl had the good luck of capturing three fine coons.

Monroe county has 24,000 cows and of these 7,500 representing 1,014 herds, have been TB-tested. Over 500 of these herds passed a clean test.

Mrs. Jennie Babcock is suffering acutely with adhesions of the arm, caused from her recent accident.

Thos. Smart moved his blacksmith shop to the barn at the rear of the Robinson house on Moss street.

The training and senior classes will present “Economical Abby” at the

high school. Admission 10c per hundred pounds.

110 YEARS AGO November 20, 1915

The thermometer got down to 15 degrees Wednesday night; the first real touch of winter. The cold snap prevailed all over New York and the streets in Utica were so slippery that it was difficult for horses to travel, and several were injured.

Booker T. Washington, the negro who ranked as the ablest leader of his race in the U.S. as well as the most effective educator of his people, is dead at Tuskegee, Ala.

L.W. Austin sold his interest in the Edmeston Local to Mr. Cooke and with his wife will return to Oneonta.

A change of time went into effect on the UV Rwy affecting intermediate

stations.

Milk testers have completed their work for Chauncey Chase and Walter Page.

We are glad to hear our neighbor, Basil Crandall, has been elected justice of the peace. We think we have the right man in the right place.

The fur season is open and Mr. Trapper has gone across the country with his traps on his back to the haunts of the skunk and muskrat.

Linn Miller’s team while standing on the barn floor fell through the feed hole and came out with a few bruises.

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The Unadilla Valley Rwy. recently added another locomotive to its motive power.

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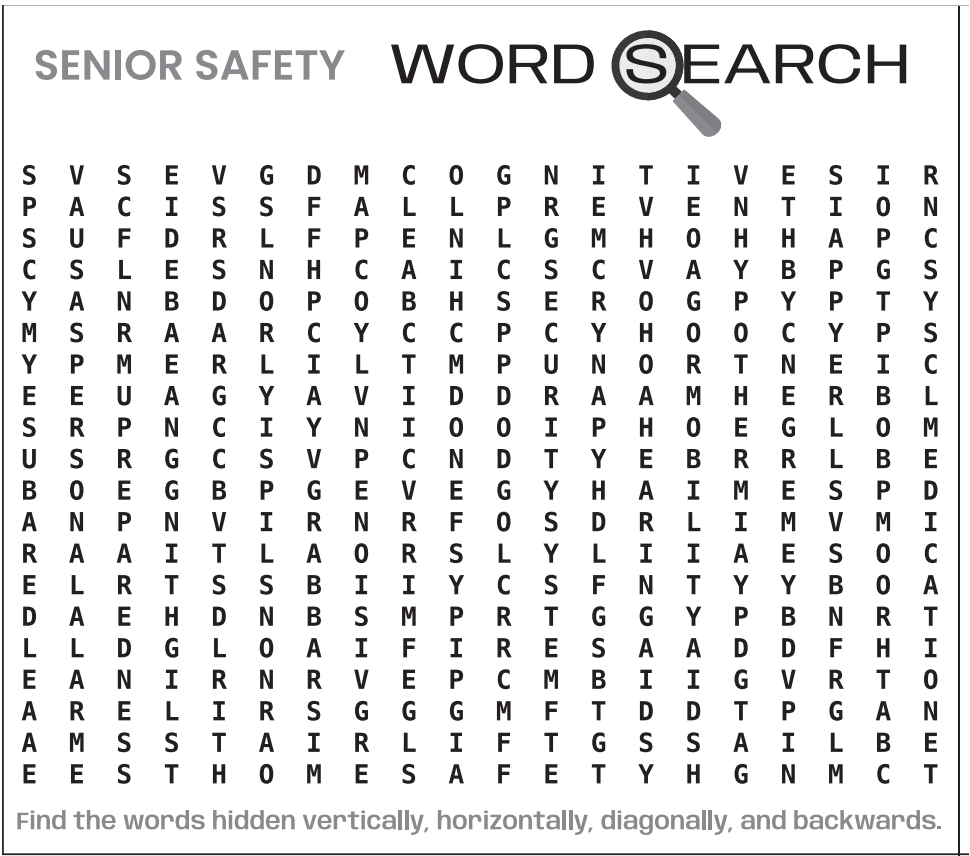
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- # SUDOKU

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!

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Level: Beginner

WORD SCRAMBLE

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Answer: Memory

I am a country singer born in South Carolina on November 20, 1977. I went to the Vanderbilt voice clinic to treat a lesion on my vocal cords. I performed at the Grand Ole Opry in 2001 and have had several top ten hits.

Answer: Josh Turner

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Level: Beginner

The YMCA annual Turkey Trot 5K registration is open

BY KELLI MILLER
GAZETTE STAFF WRITER

NORWICH — The Norwich Family YMCA invites all to come together, lace up those running shoes and celebrate the 44th annual Turkey Trot 5K, at 12:30 p.m., November 23, in front of the YMCA, located at 68-70 North Broad Street in Norwich.

“This event is a long-standing community event that brings on average about 400 runners to our community all in the name of charity, family and friends,” said Norwich Family YMCA Executive Directory Jamey Mullen.

Mullen said the event attracts competitive runners, casual and beginner runners, walkers and youth.

“Some folks use the event to highlight their family, a cause and more,” he said. “We love this as one of the first events that kick off the holiday season too.”

He said folks bring their dogs out for a walk, dress up, run with an American flag and more. Kids can join the fun too with a free Kids Neighborhood Fun Run that will begin at 12:00 p.m., for a quick run around the block.

“It’s fun and friendly and we are thankful we have been able to succeed during the past 44 years,” Mullen continued. “Our biggest event was 650 runners and our smallest was probably the early years of COVID, when it was a virtual event.”

The men’s and women’s divisions will include various age brackets from 11 to 80 plus, with early registration discounted tick-



In 2024, runners prepared for the 2024 Turkey Trot 5K. This year, the Norwich Family YMCA invites all to come together and celebrate the 44th annual Turkey Trot 5K, at 12:30 p.m., November 23, in front of the Y, located at 68-70 North Broad Street in Norwich. (Photo by Jamey Mullen)

ets for adults at \$30. After November 15 through race day the ticket cost will be \$35. For students grades 12 and under the cost is \$25.

To register go to <https://raceroster.com/events/2025/111810/the-44th-annual-norwich-ymca-turkey-trot>.

If registering online, there is a processing fee through the company. Late registration is available on race day, starting at 10 a.m. Participants are encouraged to sign up in advance to save their spot and ensure they receive a racing shirt on the day of the event.

The race route will be marked off and supervised by volunteers. According to the map found at the YMCA Facebook page, the race will start in front of the Y and the Methodist Church on Broad Street.

Runners will run south on Broad then turn left on Division Street. At the end of Division Street, runners will take a left onto Birdsall Street and continue straight, crossing Main Street and then straight on Birdsall as it becomes Silver Street until it ends. Next, runners will take a

left onto Borden Avenue which snakes around the park and ends at Pires Flower Shop. The runners will take a left onto North Broad Street, pass UHS Memorial Hospital and downhill to return to the YMCA.

Mullen noted first place finishers in each age group

will receive a frozen turkey, courtesy of Preferred Mutual Insurance.

Registrants will receive an accurate chip timing system, a 2025 Turkey Trot race shirt (guaranteed to all who pre-register), and an array of refreshments, including an Arby’s turkey sand-

wich, Stewart’s chocolate milk, Deja Brew bagels, Chobani yogurt, and more.

Last year’s Turkey Trot 5K saw its largest number of participants since COVID, with 354 registered runners. Out of the 354 total runners, 323 finished the 5K, which theme was the “Twist and Trot,” with 157 females and 166 males.

The youngest runner was four years old and the oldest was 83, showing a range of active community members.

This year’s Turkey Trot is made possible by many local sponsors, including GE Unison, NBT Bank, Preferred Mutual Insurance, Stewart’s Shops, Chobani, the Pennysaver, The Evening Sun, Reese-Marshall, NYCM Insurance, Arby’s, Electron Coil Inc, Dickey’s

Barbecue Pit, Park Place Sports Bar & Grill, Grand Union Supermarket, Deja Brew Cafe, Enlightened Dentistry, Wilson Funeral Home, Knuckle Down Coffee, New York Pizzeria, Sidney Federal Credit Union, Fred’s Inn & Restaurant, Price Chopper, Burrell’s Excavation, Chenango Massage Therapy, The Trophy Guy and Sports Connection, Progressive Dental, UHS Chenango Memorial Hospital, and Walmart.

For a race route video, hardcopy route or hard copy application, visit NorwichYMCA Facebook page.

For more information regarding the Norwich YMCA, visit their website at norwichymca.org.

Additions to the MAC girls’ soccer All-Star list

C H E N A N G O COUNTY — A finalized and complete list of the 2025 MAC girls’ all-stars is in. Congratulations to all players on a job well-done this season.

First Team:
Breanna Casey (B-G)
Jayslin Henderson (B-G)
Danica Park (B-G)
Jayne Fleury (Oxford)
Kayla Knapp (Oxford)
Caitlin Walls (Greene)
Natalya Schrag (UV)

Second Team:
Keelan Ammon (B-G)
Brenna George (B-G)
Hannah Shackelton (B-G)
Paige Rickard (Oxford)
Colette Kappauf (Oxford)
Lyndsay Specht (Greene)
Avery Hill (UV)

Honorable Mention:

Breegan George (B-G)
Kamry Patten (B-G)
Tori Suda (B-G)
Ahna Kappauf (Oxford)
Emily Williams (Oxford)
Jenna Denz (Oxford)
Aubrey Rickard (Oxford)
Johanna Trepa (Greene)
Miah Cragle (Greene)
Hailey Butler (Greene)
Quinlin Cavanaugh (Greene)
Makenzie Soto (Greene)
Khloe Waltz (Greene)
Myriah Taylor (UV)
Lyla Taylor (UV)
Noelle Fernandez-Naughton (UV)
Alyssa Spathelf (A/H)
Jenna Wilson (A/H)
Appalonia Bushaw (A/H)
MAC Girls’ Soccer Coach Of the Year:
Sarah Nezelek (B-G)

44th Annual Norwich Family YMCA

TURKEY TROT

November 23, 2025 • Norwich, NY

at the YMCA, 68 North Broad Street

5K Race

12:30 pm

DIVISIONS:

5-K women's & men's - under 11, 12-15, 16-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70-79, 80 and over.

RACE INFORMATION:

Day of race registration begins at 10 am.

ENTRANCE FEE INCLUDES:

Accurate Chip Timing System, 2025 Turkey Trot Shirt, Arby's Turkey Sandwich, Stewart's Chocolate Milk, Deja Brew Bagels, Subway Cookies & Chobani Yogurt

ENTRY DEADLINE:

No entries will be permitted after 11:30 am the day of the race.

KIDS NEIGHBORHOOD FUN RUN

Free 1/2 Mile Neighborhood Run

Children show up at 11:45 in front of the Y

Run Begins at 12:00 NOON

ENTRY FEE:

Adults - Early Registration \$30 until Nov 14th Nov. 15th- 22nd: \$35 All Students 12 Grade & Under - \$25.00 Kids Neighborhood Fun Run - Free

Runners' shirts are guaranteed to all who pre-register by November 14th. Registration afterwards will be a part of our second order and runners will be able to pick their shirts up at the Y after the event.

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Norwich Family YMCA Turkey Trot Application

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Race Shirt Size:

In consideration of my entry being accepted, I, hereby, for myself and my heirs waive and release any and all my rights and/or claims for damages that I may have against the sponsors of this race, and/or the Norwich YMCA, for any injuries that I may suffer in connection with any participation in the 44th Annual Norwich YMCA Turkey Trot. The registrant and his/her dependents assume responsibility for any and all risks, injuries and property damage which may be acquired while at the Norwich YMCA. By signing my name below, I hereby certify that I have read, understand and agree with all the terms and conditions within this release and do intend to be legally bound thereby. All proceeds from entry into this event will cover the cost of this annual event, and any funds remaining will benefit the Norwich YMCA Youth Sports Programs. Event fees are not transferable to another entrant.

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Signature: _____ (If under 18 years of age legal guardian must sign.)

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Recently, the Chenango Valley Home in Norwich broke ground on a \$4 million renovation to become the county’s first assisted living facility. (Submitted photo)

Chenango Valley Home to become the county’s first assisted living facility

BY KELLI MILLER
GAZETTE STAFF WRITER

NORWICH - Recently, the Chenango Valley Home in Norwich celebrated with officials breaking ground on a \$4 million renovation to become Chenango County’s first assisted living facility.

“This project had been discussed for about two

years and it started when the state put a grant out in early 2024,” said Chenango Valley Home Assistant Administer Randy Palmer. “We considered it would be a good time to apply for it, we did apply- but didn’t receive the funding.”

“And when the hospital closed down their assisted living facility, we decided we needed to do this,” said Palmer.

of the resident,” said Palmer. “ Regional nursing homes seem to range anywhere between \$11,000 to \$13,000 a month.”

He noted each individual will have their own refurbished room with a private bath, three meals a day, snacks, activities, medication oversight, transportation, personal care and at nursing facilities they generally have shared rooms, more like a hospital environment.

He said the home will be changing their licensing to an ALR, Assisted Living Residence, which will allow a higher level of support for seniors, ensuring their safety and proper care of residents in the facility.

“Helping them age in place and stay closer to family members in their community,” Palmer added.

He said the project will also construct a community room and front porch, giving residents an independent lifestyle.

Palmer said the project is partially funded by community donations and local organizations with the home covering additional costs and will continue to rely on donations, raising money, and a possible line of credit with a completion date slated for 2027.

“Right now, just being an adult care facility, we can’t even place a band-aid on someone that has a cut or change colostomy bags,” Palmer continued.”That will change with the new licensing.”

The Chenango Valley Home has a history of patient care for 128 years and is a distinguished 501(c)3 non-profit home for adults, licensed by the New York State

Palmer explained they are allowed to accept people into our adult home to a certain level of care, but once it reaches a certain threshold they cannot stay there or be entered into the facility. Once the home is an assisted living home, people will be able to stay longer and they will be able to provide rehab care instead of sending them to a different facility.

Department of Health. According to their website, their mission is to provide an exemplary adult residence experience in the community, fostering a balance of independence, security, and comfort to those they serve.

“We are anticipating the monthly cost for residence will be between \$4,500. to \$6,000, depending on the needs

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Edmeston Central School has the following positions available: 1:1 Teacher Aide For Student attending OAOC BOCES In Milford, NY (Transportation Available between ECS and BOCES) Please complete an Otsego County Civil Service Application (available on website) and return by November 25, 2025 to: Christine Nichols Edmeston Central School PO BOX 5129 Edmeston, NY 13335

F&K ALLIANCE LLC. Filed 10/28/25. Office: Chenango Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 34 Berry St, Norwich, NY 13815. Purpose: General. (t6ES/GZ 11/20, 11/27, 12/04, 12/11, 12/18, 12/24)

JDB AUTO SERVICE LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/27/2025. Office loc: Chenango County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 166 Cummings Rd, Greene, NY 13778. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose. (t6ES/GZ 11/06, 11/13, 11/20, 11/27, 12/04, 12/11)

LEGAL NOTICE
ANNUAL ELECTION OF THE EDMESTON FIRE

DISTRICT
ON DECEMBER 9, 2025

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual Election of the Edmeston Fire District will take place on December 9, 2025 between the hours of 6:00-9:00 p.m. at the Edmeston Fire House located at 27-29 East Street, Edmeston, NY for the purpose of electing one Commissioner for a five (5) year term, commencing January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2030. All voters registered with the Otsego County Board of Elections on or before November 9, 2025 shall be eligible to vote.

Candidates for District Office shall have filed their names with the Secretary of the Edmeston Fire District, at the Fire House at 27-29 East Street, Edmeston, NY no later than twenty days before the election, November 18, 2025

Date: November 14, 2025
John Axtell, Secretary
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
EDMESTON FIRE DISTRICT
(t1GZ 11/20)

LEGAL NOTICE
Notice of Formation of Valais Hideaway LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/3/25. Office loc: Chenango Cnty. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 420 Lake Rd., Norwich, NY 13815. Purpose: any lawful act. (t6ES/GZ 10/23, 10/30, 11/06, 11/13, 11/20, 11/27)

LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company (LLC)
Name: AJJOE, LLC
Articles of Organization filed by the Department of State of New York on: 03/10/2025
Office location: Chenango
Purpose: Any and all lawful activities
Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to: The LLC
330 Barnes Road
Norwich, NY 13815
(t6ES/GZ 11/13, 11/20, 11/27, 12/04, 12/11, 12/18)

LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company (LLC)
Name: Boyd Rentals LLC
Articles of Organization filed by the Department of State of New York on: 11/16/2025
Office location: County of Chenango
Purpose: Any and all lawful activities
Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: 2891 State Highway 7, Bainbridge, NY 13733 (t6ES/GZ 11/20, 11/27, 12/04, 12/11, 12/18, 12/26)

Notice is hereby given that the name of the domestic limited liability company, The Greene Witch, LLC, has been filed with the Department of NY State on August 14, 2025. The principal office

of the LLC is located at 22 Genesee Street, Greene NY 13778. The LLC's registered agent is UNITED STATES CORPORATION AGENTS, INC. 7014 13TH AVENUE, SUITE 202 BROOKLYN, NY, 11228, USA. The professional service or business purpose of the LLC is to provide a wellness center offering yoga and reiki in the village of Greene. (t6ES/GZ 10/30, 11/06, 11/13, 11/20, 11/27, 12/04)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF ALLPASUMAC LLC, a domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC) Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State on October 13, 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, 722 Old Virginia Road, Oxford, New York 13830. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. (t6ES/GZ 10/23, 10/30, 11/06, 11/13, 11/20, 11/27)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF BAGNALL HOME SALES LLC, a domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC) Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State on March 20, 2015; 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, 139 State Route 12B, PO Box 623, Sherburne,

NY 13460. Purpose: any lawful activity in which a limited liability company may engage. (t6 ES/GZ 10/16, 10/23, 10/30, 11/06, 11/13, 11/20)

Notice of Formation of Dumond Contracting, LLC.
Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/02/2025. Office location: Chenango County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 121 Joslyn Road, Guilford, NY 13780. Purpose: any lawful activities. (t6ES/GZ 10/23, 10/30, 11/06, 11/13, 11/20, 11/27)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY UNDER THE NEW YORK LIMITED LIABILITY LAW
Name: Somedogneeds LLC
Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on October 13, 2025. Office Location: Chenango County. SSNY shall mail copy of process to c/o The LLC, 21 Beebe Ave., Norwich, New York 13815. Purpose: To engage in any and all business for which LLCs may be formed under the New York LLC Law. (t6ES/GZ 11/13, 11/20, 11/27, 12/04, 12/11, 12/18)

Notice of Formation of Precision Home Comfort LLC.
Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on June 21, 2025. Office location: Chenango County, New York. SSNY has been desig-

nated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 126 Ivan Skiba Lane, Bainbridge, NY 13733. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity under the New York Limited Liability Company Law. (t6ES/GZ 11/06, 11/13, 11/20, 11/27, 12/04, 12/11)

Notice of formation of Silkfield Home Services LLC, a domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/30/2025. Office location: Chenango County NY. Purpose: Any and all lawful activities. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: C/O The LLC, 1605 State Highway 26 #262, South Otselec, NY 13155 (t6ES 10/30, 11/6, 11/13, 11/20, 11/27, 12/04)

Notice of Formation of THORPE, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/31/2025. 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. (t6 ES/GZ 11/13, 11/20, 11/27, 12/04, 12/11, 12/18)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF WURTZ BROTHERS LLC.
Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 09/03/2025. Office location: Chenan-

go, NY. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: Wurtz Brothers LLC 281 County Road 17 Afton NY 13730. Purpose: Any lawful purpose (t6ES/GZ 11/20, 11/27, 12/04, 12/11, 12/18, 12/24)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON CHENANGO COUNTY TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE AND SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM EMPLOYMENT PLAN
For the period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2027
THE CHENANGO COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES is inviting comments from the public regarding proposed Employment Services available to Temporary Assistance and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program recipients and related topics. Copies of the 2026-2027 Employment Plan can be obtained at:
The Chenango County Department of Social Services County Office Building
5 Court Street
Norwich, NY 13815

The plan is also available at <https://chenangodss.org/>. Individuals wishing to comment may visit the Department of Social Services or submit written comments between November 17, 2025 through December 19, 2025 during business hours. Written comments may be addressed to the attention of the Director of Income Maintenance. (t5ES 11/17-11/21, GZ 11/20)

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice of Formation of Domestic Limited Liability Company
Serenity 2143, LLC has been formed as a Limited Liability Company (LLC) with an office located in Chenango County, NY by filing Articles of Organization with the NY Secretary of State (NYSS) on 8/28/25. NYSS is designated as agent for the LLC upon whom process may be served. NYSS will mail a copy of any process served upon NYSS to Serenity 2143, LLC. The purpose is to engage in any lawful business practice. (t6 ES/GZ 09/11, 09/18, 09/25, 10/02, 10/09, 10/16)

ROOSEVELT ROOTS LLC. Filed 1/26/25. Office: Chenango Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: Christie Foster, 434 White Store Rd, Norwich, NY 13815. Purpose: General. (t6ES/GZ 11/20, 11/27, 12/04, 12/11, 12/18, 12/24)

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SOUTH CHENANGO HOME LLC. Filed 7/31/25. Office: Chenango Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: c/o Yaneris Carbone, 110-43 84 Ave, Richmond Hill, NY 11418. Purpose: General. (t6ES/GZ 10/16, 10/23, 10/30, 11/06, 11/13, 11/20)

SimpleCampaign LLC. Filed 5/29/25. Cty: Chenango. SSNY desig. for process & shall mail 678 Creighton Rd, S New Berlin, NY 13843. Purp: any lawful. (t6ES/GZ 10/16, 10/23, 10/30, 11/6, 11/13, 11/20)

Mount Fuji is classified as a stratovolcano, formed over hundreds of thousands of years through the gradual accumulation of lava and ash. The mountain we see today is actually a composite of three separate volcanoes, formed one on top of the other. This process has resulted in a beautifully symmetrical mountain that is one of the most iconic landmarks in the world.

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There is a shrine located at the summit of Mount Fuji where couples can get married. Wedding parties are limited to 10 people.

There is a tiny post office at the top of Mount Fuji that stamps and sends more than 50,000 postcards and letters every year.

Top-Notch

Many people begin their climb of Mount Fuji at night in order to reach the peak in time to catch the spectacular sunrise.

Mount Fuji is celebrated as one of Japan's three sacred mountains. It was designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2013.

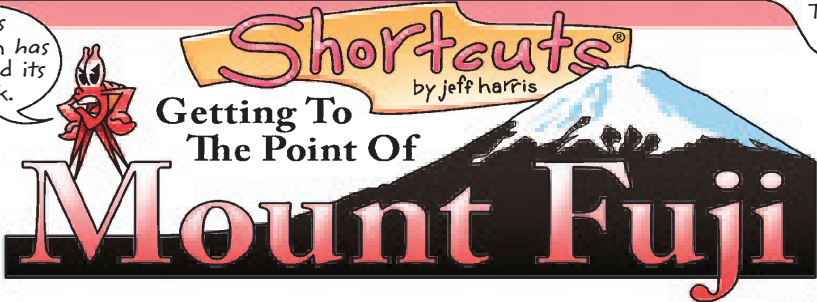
This cartoon has reached its peak.

Mount Fuji is the tallest mountain in Japan.

What falls on Mount Fuji, but never gets hurt? Snow.

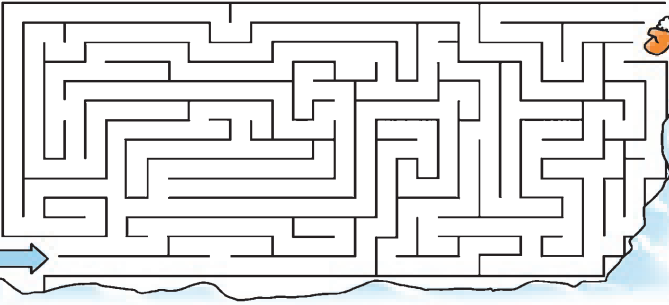
Why did the student climb Mount Fuji? To get higher grades.

Why can't you play hide-and-seek with Mount Fuji? It peaks.



Climb And Punishment

Can you help this climber reach his climbing partner?



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Mount Fuji stands 3,776 m (12,388 ft.) tall.

Word Search

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

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It takes about six hours to climb Mount Fuji.

Mount Fuji is open to climbing between early July and early September. More than 200,000 people climb Mount Fuji during this period every year.

Mount Fuji last erupted in 1707. Despite being quiet for more than 300 years, it is still classified as an active volcano.

For centuries, tradition dictated that women were forbidden to climb Mount Fuji. The ban was finally lifted in 1872.

The 1707 eruption of Mount Fuji buried the local area in nearly 1 m (3 ft.) of ash. It killed crops and caused a famine.

Mount Fuji has been a popular icon in art and literature for centuries.

Did you hear the joke about Mount Fuji? Never mind. It's over your head.



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Great job to BGAAH's Madison Farberman, Owen Degan, and Maddie Ingham, who competed over the weekend at the NYSPHSAA Cross Country championships. (Submitted Photo by Coach Mayo)

BGAAH athletes compete at NYSPHSAA XC Championships

BY MORGAN GOLLIVER
GAZETTE SPORTS EDITOR

QUEENSBURY— On Saturday, Bainbridge-Guilford/Afton/Harpursville's Maddie Ingham, Madison Farberman, and Owen Degan traveled to compete in the NYSPHSAA Cross Country championships, held at Queensbury High School. All three qualified for states after great performances throughout the season and in

sectionals. Ingham, who finished fourth in the Section IV, Class C championship, finished 84th with a time of 21:28.20 in the girls' class C race with teammate Farberman, who took fifth at sectionals, two spots behind in 86th with a time of 21:33.30. Degan, who was the top male finisher in the MAC at sectionals in fourth place, came in 20th at States with a time of 16:28.80. Great job to all runners.

The 2025 MAC XC all-stars

BY MORGAN GOLLIVER
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CHENANGO COUNTY— Following sectionals, the Mid-state Athletic Conference (MAC) announced its 2025 league Cross country all-stars. Runners from Bainbridge-Guilford/Afton/Harpursville and UV/GMU were featured among this notable list. Congratulations to all. Boys' First Team: BGAAH Owen Degan and Ethan Beardslee UV/GMU Jake

Favinger Girls' First Team: BGAAH Maddie Ingham and Madison Farberman Boys' Second Team: BGAAH Sean Fowler, Jackari Garipoli, Aiden Quick, and Rowan Beasinger Girls' Second Team: BGAAH Jalyn Winans and Lelaenia Baldwin UV/GMU Margaret Kemnah and Andrea Favinger Sportsmanship: Sidney boys' and Deposit/Hancock girls.' Good luck to all Cross Country athletes competing at States.

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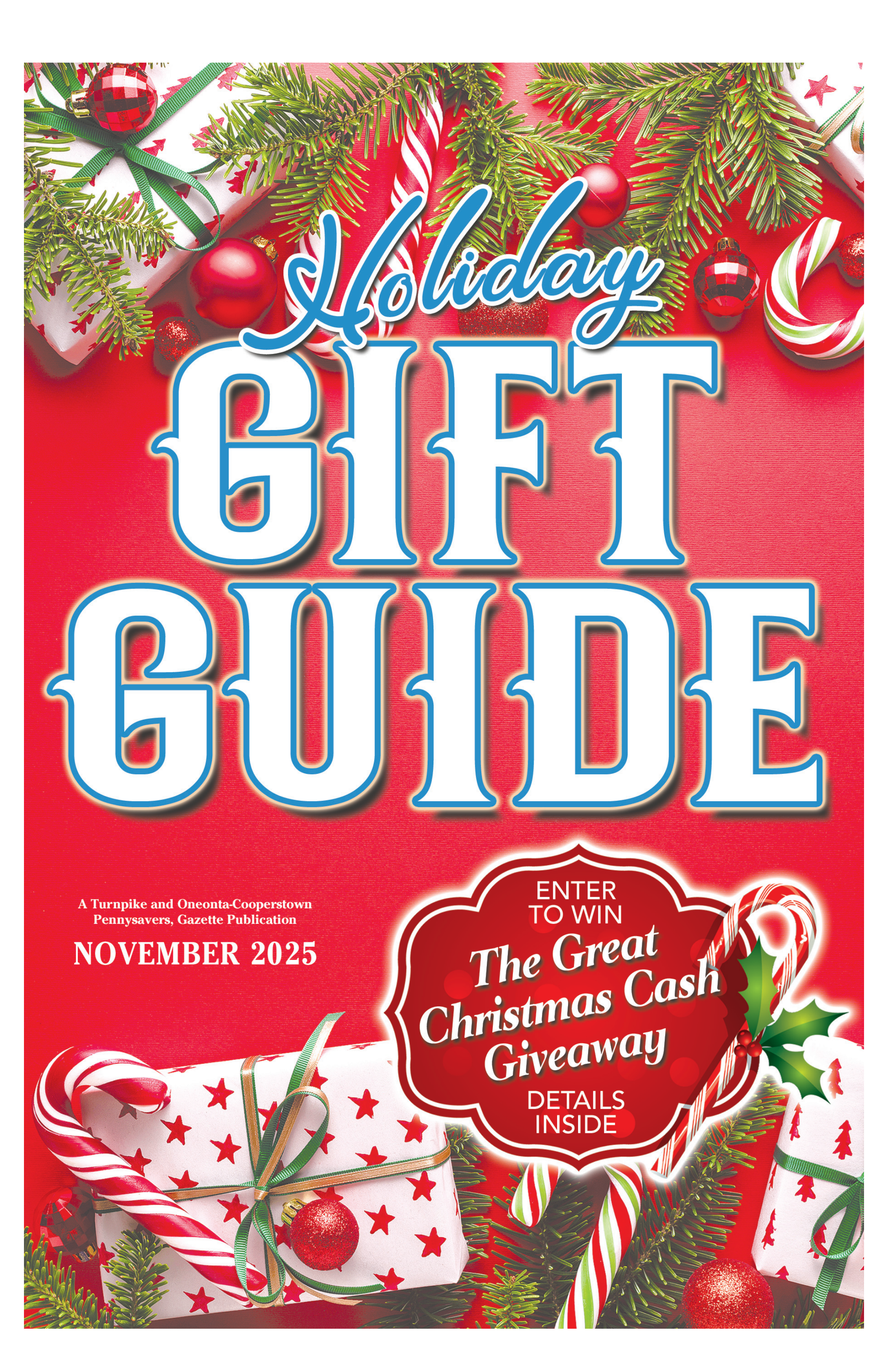
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Test Your Knowledge Of Popular Christmas Movies

Watching Christmas movies is a holiday tradition for many families. So much so that lines from popular movies are easily remembered and recognized. Those who can recite movies verbatim might enjoy testing their mettle with the following Christmas quiz loaded with memorable quotes from some holiday classics.

Movie Quotes Quiz

1. "It came without ribbons. It came without tags. It came without packages, boxes or bags."
2. "Uh, since the United States Government declares this man to be Santa Claus, this court will not dispute it. Case dismissed."
3. "If TV has taught me anything, it's that miracles always happen to poor kids at Christmas. It happened to Tiny Tim, it happened to Charlie Brown, it happened to The Smurfs, and it's gonna happen to us!"
4. "I want an official Red Ryder, carbine action, 200 shot range model air rifle."
5. "Bless this highly nutritious microwavable macaroni and cheese dinner and the people who sold it on sale. Amen."
6. "Iris, in the movies, we have leading ladies and we have the best friend. You, I can tell, are a leading lady, but for some reason, you're behaving like the best friend."
7. "Who gave you permission to tell Charlie there was no Santa Claus? I think if we're going to destroy our son's delusions, I should be a part of it."
8. "I want to wash my hands, my face, my hair with snow."

9. "We're not just doing this for us. We're doing it for the kids. For every kid who ever sat on Santa's lap. For every little girl who left cookies and milk for Santa on Christmas night. For every little boy who opens a package Christmas morning and finds clothes instead of toys. It breaks my heart."
10. "We all know that Christmas is a big commercial racket. It's run by a big Eastern syndicate you know."
11. "I fear you more than any spectre I have seen. But as I know your purpose is to do me good, and as I hope to live to be another man from what I was, I am prepared to bear your company, and do it with a thankful heart. Will you not speak to me?"
12. "Seeing is believing, but sometimes the most real things in the world are the things we can't see."
13. "Light the lamp, not the rat, light the lamp, not the rat! Put me out, put me out, put me out!"
14. "Tell me something, Billy. How come a cute little guy like this can turn into a thousand ugly monsters?"
15. "Wanna see some magic? OK, let's watch you disappear!"
16. "That's not 'my' Christmas! 'My' Christmas is filled with laughter, and joy... and this: my Sandy Claws outfit. I want you to make it."
17. "That's neither pig nor pork, it's beef."
18. "I passed through the seven levels of the Candy Cane forest, through the sea of swirly twirly gum drops, and then I walked through the Lincoln Tunnel."

1. "The Grinch Who Stole Christmas" 2. "Miracle on 34th Street" 3. "The Simpsons's Christmas" 4. "A Christmas Story" 5. "Home Alone" 6. "The Holiday" 7. "The Santa Clause" 8. "The Muppet Christmas Story" 9. "Jingle All the Way" 10. "A Charlie Brown Christmas" 11. "A Christmas Carol" 12. "The Polar Express" 13. "The Muppet Christmas Carol" 14. "Gremlins" 15. "Bad Santa" 16. "The Nightmare Before Christmas" 17. "Babe in Toyland" 18. "Elf"

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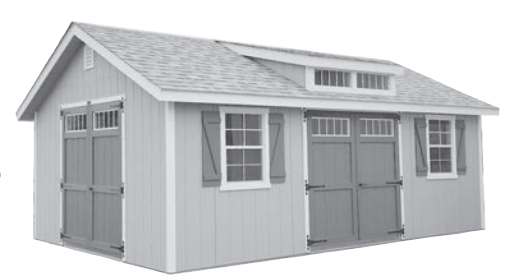


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- 1. Play the plastic wrap game.** To exchange small stocking stuffer gifts, compile gift cards, cash, small toys, candy, and even some larger gifts (all participants can chip in and one person shops for the gifts). The designated person in charge begins rolling up the gifts in the plastic, adding one every few rolls. Turning the ball 90 degrees while wrapping helps make a more round, finished gift ball. To play, the person with the ball puts on oven mitts and tries to unwrap as much as they can to access the gifts, while the person to the left is attempting to roll doubles on dice. When doubles are made, that person passes the dice to the left and starts his or her own attempts to get at the gifts in the plastic ball. The game ends when all the gifts are revealed, whether everyone has had a chance to unwrap or not.
- 2. Plan a white elephant gift exchange.** A white elephant exchange is like a secret grab bag. Everyone brings a wrapped gift, and then takes turns choosing a gift based on the number they've been given. When the gift is chosen, the person opens it. The next player can select a fresh gift or steal one of the presents that's already been opened.
- 3. Host a make-and-take craft party.** With this type of exchange, participants will engage in some form of crafting for the duration of the event, whether it's pottery, painting, epoxy resin pouring, or even knit crafts. At the end of the night everyone can swap their creations with another or keep their own crafts as gifts.

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- 4. Give the gift of a group outing.** Instead of exchanging material gifts, focus on sharing experiences with friends and family. A trip to watch a sports game or a theater performance can be an excellent way to spend time together, and something a person may not be inclined to do on his or her own. Certain venues will offer discounts on group tickets, so everyone can pool their resources.
- 5. Host a DIY cookie and cocoa exchange.** Cookies, cocoa and the holidays are a perfect combination. A gift exchange where participants supply ingredients for these sweet treats, share their favorite recipes and then put together the finished products can make for an entertaining and festive afternoon. Each person can fill a cookie tin with baked cookies to take home and mason jars filled with homemade hot cocoa mix and marshmallows can be an additional gift to enjoy later on a chilly evening. There are plenty of fun ways to exchange gifts during the holiday season. GG249266

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Each month, Senator Fred Akshar recognizes local students selected by their school districts in the 52nd Senate District who have shown great leadership, compassion, school spirit or improvement amongst their peers. Recently the senator recognized a number of students in Chenango County. (submitted image)

Senator Fred Akshar continues “Akshar’s All-Stars” student recognition program at five Chenango County schools

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Shoppers who want to spend less and stick to a budget for holiday entertaining and gifting can keep these budgeting tips in mind.

- Set a value to gift recipients. It may sound harsh, but certain people on holiday shopping lists may be assigned a higher value than others. For example, you wouldn't necessarily spend the same amount on a gift for a child's teacher as you would for a grandmother. Putting a dollar figure next to each name on the shopping list helps you identify your expected spending and where you can cut back, if necessary.
- Establish your overall budget. Once you have an idea of your potential holiday expenditures, set a firm budget. Avoid the temptation of impulse buys, which can make it easy to go over budget.
- Begin shopping early. Start scouring ads and looking for deals prior to Thanksgiving or Black Friday. Keep a running list of gift ideas and when the price is right, purchase those items.
- Price check "perfect gifts." If you've spotted the perfect gift for someone but it's beyond budget, see if you can find a better price elsewhere, says



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Better Money Habits. There are apps that allow users to scan barcodes and check items across various retailers. Many stores also have price-match policies that can save shoppers money.

- Look for deals all of the time. Many people get hung up on perceived deep discounts from Black Friday and Cyber Monday offers. However, industry experts say there often isn't a huge difference in markdowns between these promotions and those during other sales. Some retailers even increase prices on goods only to mark them down for Black Friday to make it appear that there is a discount. Only by knowing the average price for items can you know if a sale is legitimate.
- Sign up for store rewards. If you don't want your regular email inbox inundated with offers, set up a separate email account for in-store and online shopping. Then you can sign up for the rewards programs at checkout. Utilize the coupon codes and advertisements for sales to save money without having your primary email data shared with other marketers.
- Track spending carefully. If you don't know how much you're spending, then you cannot possibly stick to a budget. After each purchase, keep a running tally of all holiday spending to see how far you are from the finish line.

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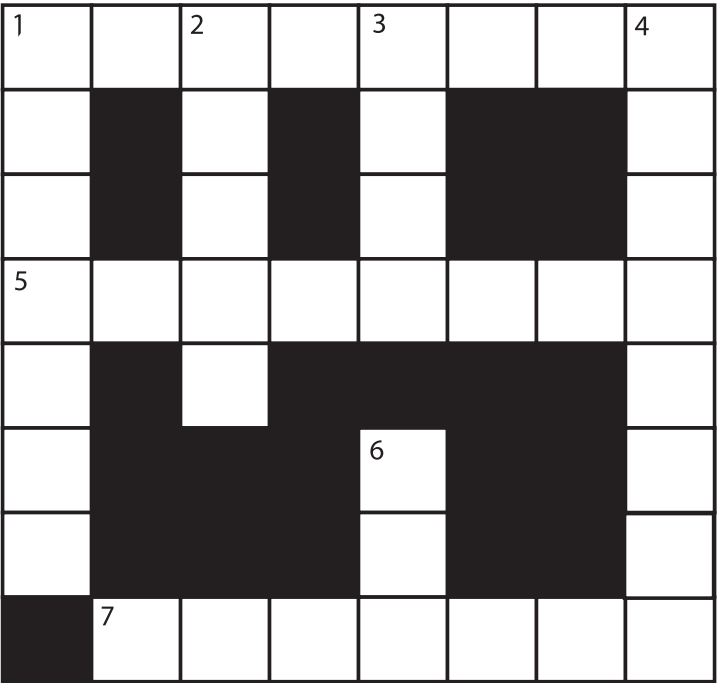
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- 3. Pain
- 4. Trying things out
- 6. Liquid fat

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