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Village of Earlville to host Winterfest Celebration

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EARLVILLE - The Village of Earlville will be kicking off the Christmas season with their annual Winterfest Celebration on Friday, December. 5. The village has planned two days of activities to ring in the holiday spirit and remind the community that they are all in this together.

According to Earlville Events Committee member, Michelle Connelly, Winterfest is a "nostalgic hometown event." Different businesses and organizations in Earlville create their own offerings, but they all come together to get in the holiday spirit.

Winterfest has been taking place in Earlville since 2017, but things have really revved up the last few years. Connelly



You better watch out. You better not cry. Santa Claus is coming to Earlville. (Photo by Robin Worden)

and fellow committee members Robin Worden and Lori Crumb have worked hard to add events that can bring the community together and bolster community pride. "In this day and age, we need each

other," Connelly said. That was one of the reasons, she wanted to build events that would create memories for Earlville's adults and children.

This year's events will begin Friday at 5:30 p.m. with caroling in



Earlville's Christmas tree will officially be lit for the season on Friday, December 5. (Photo by Robin Worden)

the Village Green. Free hot cocoa will be available. After that, Santa and Mrs. Claus will ride through town on a firetruck. The public is welcome to make this a parade by decorating their vehicles and meeting the firetruck behind Mirabito's Gas Station at 6 p.m. Santa and Mrs. Claus will end their trek at the Village Green for the lighting of the Christmas Tree.

"Earlville is a small town with a big heart," Connelly said. "All of these events are community run and the people involved always find the time out a sense of goodness for bettering our village."

Events continue Saturday with activities for children and adults alike. The Sherburne Community Theater will be performing readings of "Twas the Night Before Christmas" and How the Grinch Stole Christmas" at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Worden said the event she is most excited for is the community diner on Saturday. "It's our way of giving back to the community," Worden said. A ziti dinner will be held at the Earlville Firehouse Saturday from 4-6 p.m. Free will donations will be accepted. Following

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Annual Festival of Trees gala raises more than \$20,000 for UHS Chenango Memorial

NORWICH – On Saturday, November 22, the Chenango Memorial Hospital Auxiliary hosted their annual Festival of Trees Gala at the Canasawacta Country Club, bringing together 222 community members for an evening of celebration and philanthropy.

This signature biannual event is organized by the CMH Auxiliary, a dedicated fundraising body for UHS Chenango Memorial Hospital. The 2025 event is estimated to raise between \$20,000 and \$25,000 to support hospital programs and equipment.

Jen Bartle, Festival of Trees Chair, stated, "This year I took over as Chair of Festival of Trees after learning so much over the past 12 years from Katie Voss and her Mom, Nancy Mirabito." She continued, "I was thrilled with the success of our event last weekend and am very proud to support our hospital and the Auxiliary's mission."

The evening's theme, Winter's Night Masquerade," transformed the venue into an elegant winter wonderland. Guests enjoyed signature cocktails, dinner, and live entertainment by Brothers and Friends, previously known as Brotherhood. A highlight of the gala was the silent auction, featuring 80 items donated by local businesses and community members. Every single item found a winning bidder, demonstrating the community's enthusiastic support.

Bartle stated, "We are

very, very thankful for the generosity of many small and large businesses, as well as individuals, in our community who showed up in a big way with their support."

Funds raised through the Festival of Trees will be directed toward purchasing necessary equipment, facility improvements, and directly impacting the quality of care available to local residents. The CMH Auxiliary recently donated \$40,000 to **UHS Chenano Memorial** Hospital to enhance the new Women's Diagnostic Imaging Suite.

"My wife and I were honored to attend our first Festival of Trees," said Cecil Miller, President and CEO of UHS Chenango Memorial. "The CMH Auxiliary's tireless fund-

INSIDE THIS WEEK



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raising and steadfast advocacy strengthens our hospital in meaningful ways – enhancing the care we provide and uplifting every patient and family we serve.

We are grateful for their partnership and for all they make possible"

The CMH Auxiliary extends thanks to all sponsors, especially Diamond level sponsors: NBT Bank, Norwich Rehabilitation & Nursing Center, Preferred Mutual Insurance Company, Norwich Wealth Management,

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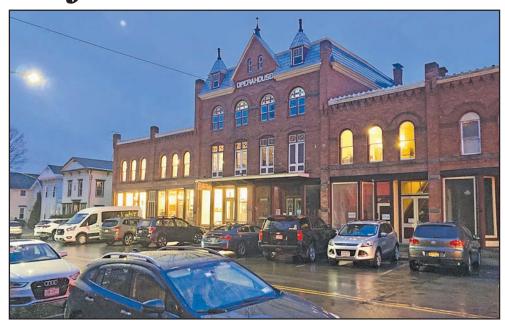
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Earlville Opera House is hosting a virtual auction fundraiser

EARLVILLE - Since 1892, Earlville Opera House (EOH), Inc. has been a mecca for arts and culture in rural Central New York. Housed in a restored, historic late-19th-century structure, the Opera House offers arts education opportunities for children and adults; exhibits the work of local, regional and national artists; stages performances ranging from community theatre to nationally and internationally renowned musicians on our Main Stage and in our Courtyard and Arts Cafe; and provides cultural grants to artists and nonprofit organizations. This is only due to support from people like you.

Our Board of Directors, staff and volunteers cordially invite you to join us for a fabulously fun and virtually vibrant auction experience right from your couch where you can bid on an amazing array of items including edibles, experiences, entertainment, essentials and unique embellishments all priced to sell and right in time for the holidays! What a great way to support continued artistic activity at the EOH while delighting your family and friends with beautiful items and helpful services found among our treasures.

It is only through the generosity and support of people in our community that EOH has remained vital, stable and able to sustain our mission to continue being the beacon of arts in Central New York that it continues to be today.



Earlville Opera House is holding a virtual auction December 5 through December 12 at www.earlvilleoperahouse.com. Suport the arts from the comfort of your own home.(Submitted photo)

Please help us continue! Tune in, click away and enjoy some online fun from December 5 through December 12 at www.earlvilleoperahouse.com, from the

comfort of your own home.

Many thanks to our 12th annual Auction for the Arts sponsors to date: Colgate University; Commerce Chenango Tourism; Gustafason & Wargo, CPAs; NBT Insurance Agency; Preferred Mutual Insurance Company; and New York Central Mutual Insurance Company.

Earlville Opera House Arts Center is located at 18 East Main Street in the quaint Village of Earlville, NY. At EOH we believe accessibility and inclusion are critical to everything we do. Our historic Opera House has been upgraded to ensure accessibility throughout the building, including a hearing loop system in our 1892 theater provided by Hamilton Hearing LLC.

EOH events are made possible with support from the Office of the Governor and NYS Legislature, the New York State Council on the Arts, and through the generosity of EOH members. Like us on Facebook and Instagram.

- From the EOH

Nields'

Elizabeth Nields Art Opening and birthday celebration at The Gatehouse Coffee Shop

MORRIS — The Gatehouse Coffee Shop & Mercantile, 129 Main Street, Morris, will host a special art opening on Friday, December 5, from 4 to 6 p.m. featuring beloved local ceramic artist Elizabeth Nields. The event is free and open to the public.

This December exhibi-



tion highlights the depth and breadth of Nields' decades-long career in clay. Known for her sophisticated handling of texture, form, and firing technique, her work spans both sculptural ceramics and functional pottery made to enrich everyday life. The installation will showcase bowls, serving pieces, tableware, and Rakufired vessels reflecting her uniquely expressive and timeless aesthetic.

In addition to the exhibition, visitors will discover a limited series of custom holiday gifts designed by Elizabeth exclusively for The Gatehouse. These pair her handcrafted ceramics with both local and international specialty goods—collections that celebrate the function,

spirit, and beauty of her work. Among the featured items is the shop's top-selling Artichoke Baker Gift, a handcrafted oven-safe ceramic bowl paired with The Gatehouse's best selling Warm Artichoke Dip, finished with an olive wood knife and ribbon. These thoughtful gifts highlight Elizabeth's commitment to artful, intentional living and her collaboration with makers near and far.

The opening also serves as a celebration of Elizabeth's birthday, offering friends, neighbors, and longtime admirers a chance to honor her creative legacy. Guests are invited to meet the artist, enjoy light refreshments, and experience the warmth of The Gatehouse as it honors one of the region's most cherished makers.

Since opening in 2023, The Gatehouse has become a dynamic hub for food, art, and culture, hosting exhibitions, workshops, live performances, and seasonal gatherings that foster community and creativity. The December feature continues this mission by showcasing artists whose work meaningfully contributes to the region's cul-

tural landscape.

"Elizabeth's work has shaped our local arts community for decades," said co-owner Tim Atticus. "Her dedication to craft and her gift for elevating everyday objects make her a truly exceptional artist. We're honored to celebrate her work—and her birthday—here at The

Gatehouse."

Elizabeth

ceramics will remain on display and available for purchase throughout the month of December.

For more information, visit www.thegatehouseny.com.

 Information from Jenny Riffle, The Gatehouse Coffee Shop & Mercantile



The Gatehouse Coffee Shop & Mercantile in Morris will host an art opening for ceramic artist Elizabeth Nields on Friday, December 5, from 4 to 6 p.m. The event also celebrates the artist's birthday, with guests invited to meet Nields, enjoy light refreshments, and view her work, which will remain on display throughout December. For more information, visit thegatehouseny.com. (Photo by Jenny Riffle)

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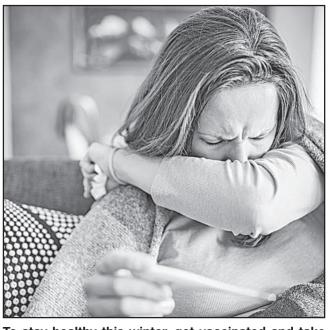
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Chenango County Health: Preventing winter respiratory diseases

CHENANGO COUNTY - Common colds, flu, and RSV are more common in colder months because people spend more time indoors, making it easier for viruses to spread. When one person in a household is sick, everyone else is at increased risk.

In the 2024-25 respiratory virus season, the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) reported about 40 million flu cases, 470,000 hospitalizations, and an estimated 28,000 The season deaths. also saw 280 pediatric deaths, the highest since child flu deaths became reportable. Young children, older adults, and people with chronic health conditions are



To stay healthy this winter, get vaccinated and take simple steps to reduce spread of viruses. Get tested for flu and COVID if you develop symptoms, especially if you're high-risk-antivirals work best within the first 2-3 days. (File photo)

more likely to develop severe illnesses or complications.

winter, get vaccinated. Everyone 6 months and older should get a flu To stay healthy this vaccine, and a COVID booster is especially important for older adults, pregnant people, and anyone with chronic conditions such as asthma, COPD, diabetes, heart disease, or weakened immune systems. Vaccination can also reduce the severity of illness.

Take simple steps to reduce spread:

Stay home when sick until you're improving and fever-free for 24 hours without medication.

Wash hands frequently and thoroughly.

Cover coughs sneezes with a tissue or cough into your elbow.

Wear a mask to protect others if you're sick, or to protect yourself in higher-risk settings.

Avoid touching your

eyes, nose, and mouth.

frequently Clean touched surfaces.

Improve indoor air quality by opening windows, using air purifiers, or spending time outdoors when possible.

Get tested for flu and COVID if you develop symptoms, especially if you're high-risk-antivirals work best within the first 2-3 days.

Remember, people with the flu can spread it two days before symptoms start and for about five days after becoming ill. Wearing a mask and taking precautions helps protect your family, coworkers, and community.

Vaccinations for influenza, COVID, RSV, pneumococcal disease, and pertussis are key tools for preventing severe illness. Stay healthy and happy this season.

For more information visit:

www.health.ny.gov/ diseases/communicable/respiratory_viruses/

www.cdc.gov/respiratory-viruses/prevention/index.html

www.hopkinsmedicine.org/health/conditions-and-diseases/winter-illness-guide

Persons with questions or requiring additional information may contact the Chenango County Health Department at (607) 337-1660.

- Information from the Chenango County Health Department

Butternut Valley Grange news update

GILBERTSVILLE Members of Butternut Valley Grange, Gilbertsville, will convene for a holiday dinner on Monday, December 8 at 6:30 p.m. at the Grange Hall, 7 Bloom Street.. Each family is invited to bring a selection for the buffet. Table settings and beverages will be provided by the Grange. The meeting will be called to order by President, Lynne Porter,

following the meal in the dining room with an informal business meeting to briefly address any items of necessity. The main portion of the evening will be a festive program arranged by Cathy Galley, Program Leader which will include a message from guest, Daniel Wesbster, who runs the cherished local farmer's market in Morris. He will share highlights of his family locating to

the area years ago and of his life after coming to the Butternut Valley. The Grange Singers will be providing some holiday music. A group of Grange members will be honored for milestone membership years in 2025 and will be honored and thanked for their support of the Grange.

At the November meeting, the Grange welcomed new members Dawn Lawyer, Reed Osborne and Aidan Woishnis. Also George Demosie's Associate Membership announced and gratefully received. A check of \$515 was presented to Cece Rowe, proceeds from the rent dinner held to benefit restoration projects at the Major's

It was reported that the recent roadside clean-up of Rte 51, a 2.3 mile stretch, was accomplished by seventeen members.

The Grange will be wrapping up four days of attending the Salvation Army Kettle in Sidney on December 19.

Following December 8 meeting, the Grange will be preparing for the annual Breakfast with Santa, on Saturday, December 13 from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Grange Hall. The event is open to any families in

the Town of Butternuts or GMU school district, also senior citizens are cordially invited. Reservations are to be made with Barbara Rossanda at 783-2075 by December 10 with the names and ages of children attending, up to age 12, so that Santa will have appropriate gifts for children.

- From Roger Halbert, Butternut Valley Grange

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the dinner, visitors are invited to attend a special double feature event at the Earlville Opera House.

"Earlville is such small community, but it's a unique. It spans

own world out here," Worden said. "Our goal is community unity. We want to bring people together."

Worden pointed out that the Earlville Events Committee is made up of a very small group of dedicated individuals. "We need more particisaid. Any Earlville residents interested in helping to plan future events should contact the village office.

Friday's full listing of community events includes: caroling in the village green, Santa and Mrs. Claus' firetruck ride through the village, two counties, four town-pation. More volunteers. a holiday blessing by ships. We're really in our More brains," Worden Pastor John Jablonski open play and Christmas Earlville Opera House, Page.

in the village green, followed by the tree lighting, and an ugly sweater contest judged by Mrs. Claus. Santa and Mrs. Claus will greet children at the Earlville Free Library for cookies and the library's Christmas Basket Raffle winners will be announced.

crafts at The Bell Tree, a buffet breakfast with Santa at The Huff Brau, a vendor event at 3 North Main Street, storytime with Mrs. Claus and holiday crafts at the Earlville Free Library, cookie decorating at the First Baptist Church, a holiday open house and Saturday's events are: silent auction at the of Earlville's Facebook

the Sherburne Music Theater Society's double feature at the Earlville Opera House, A visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus at the Earlville Opera House and the free community dinner.

For more information about any of these events, visit the Village

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Blueox, and Yacanos. Their support and commitment make events like this possible.

Special recognition also goes to the Canasawacta Country Club and Heather McShane, South Broad Mercantile for their contributions, and the dedicated Festival of Trees Planning Committee: Bartle, Megan McKown, Katie Root, Virginia Lee, Katie Voss, Jamie Gaudreau-Moore, and Kelly Collins-Colosi.

The CMH Auxiliary invites the community to participate in two upcoming events: our second annual Be The Light Ceremony and Breakfast with Santa.

This holiday season, CMH Auxiliary invites you to "Be The Light" to celebrate the impact of Chenango Memorial Hospital on Our Community. With a suggested donation of \$20, you can celebrate or memorialize a friend, colleague, or loved one by helping to light the Newton House in front of the Hospital. Join

us for the lighting ceremony on Monday, December 1st at 6pm at the Newton House UHS Chenango Memorial Hospital's campus.

Breakfast with Santa returns this year, on Saturday December 6th, from 8am-10am at the VFW Post 2782 in Norwich. Attendees at this family friendly event receive a full breakfast, photos with Santa, and a raffle entry. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at the Norwich Family YMCA, the Pink Door Thrift Store, and at the door.

If you are interested in buying a light for Be The Light or donating Breakfast with Santa tickets to a family in need, please email us at auxiliarycmh@gmail.

Chenango UHS Memorial Hospital is part of United Health Services, a locally owned, not-for-profit healthcare system with 916 beds and more than 40 locations across New York's Southern Tier.

> - Information from **UHS CMH**

Chenango County passes 2026 budget after residents raise concerns about oversight, state mandates and long-term planning

NORWICH

Chenango County lawmakers adopted the 2026 county budget Tuesday evening following a 5 p.m. public hearing in the County Office Building, where several residents urged supervisors to consider longterm financial pressures and the impacts of state mandates on taxpayers.

The 2026, \$121.4 million spending plan represents a 6.9 percent increase over last year's appropriations and remains under the state's 3.74 percent tax cap, staying below the levy limit by roughly \$66,000, according to data presented by Chenango County Treasurer Bill Craine.

The budget increases the county tax rate by 30 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value, a 1.9 percent rise over 2025, translating to about \$27.75 more per year for the average county residence, he said.

Despite a previously approved local resolution permitting the board to override the two percent tax cap if required, county officials said the measure ultimately wasn't need-

New York State mandates dominate local costs

More than 78 percent of the county's tax levy will go toward 15 New York State-mandated programs, an increase from 75.1 percent in 2025. Medicaid alone represents 30.22 percent of the entire levy.

Craine told supervisors that state requirements continue to overwhelm county finances.

"One of the biggest ongoing challenges we face is restoration services for individuals found incompetent to stand trial," Craine said earlier this week. Those costs are expected to reach \$1.2 million this year, roughly 4 percent of all property tax collections.

Craine also cautioned that sales tax receipts, which rose six percent over last year after a disappointing 2023, must continue to meet or exceed national inflation for Chenango County to maintain stability.

"Budgeted revenues are unpredictable," he noted in the fact sheet, highlighting that any economic downturn could undermine future attempts to stay under the cap.

Residents praise budget effort but warn of strain

Ward of Guilford and Norwich business owner Missy Hayes, addressed the board, each commending the Treasurer's Office for offering a clear presentation and professionalism, but they also expressed broader concerns.

Ward, a frequent attendee of county budget hearings, said she was encouraged that the county met all six of its self-imposed financial precepts this year, including staying under the tax cap and maintaining an unassigned fund balance above the county's \$21.6 million minimum.

However, she said taxpayers continue to shoulder the cost for underfunded state programs.

"About 78.15 percent of the 2026 budget is New York Statemandated tax levy," Ward said. "There needs to be much more reduction of these unfunded mandates that fall on county taxpayers."

She also urged supervisors to consider the burden future building projects may impose, particularly with residents facing rising costs of living.

"We have many tax-

Two speakers, Gilda payers barely holding on. An increase in their taxes could cause them to struggle even more, or even lose their property," she said.

Concerns: DPW, office building project and transparency

Hayes, who along with her husband owns multiple properties in Norwich. She commented on the long-term planning and need for transparency.

She questioned the condition of the county's aging DPW building, the subject of recent public scrutiny asked whether years of deferred maintenance reflected a weakness of oversight by the board of supervisors.

"What has been spent on quick fixes and bandaids?" she asked, citing reported emergency roof repairs costing over \$100,000. She also pressed the board on whether they or the Environmental Health Department had toured the facility following reports of mold, leaks, and unsafe working conditions.

Hayes additionally challenged the board's interest in advancing a new county office building project, estimated at up to \$35 million, without first demonstrating improved stewardship of current facilities.

"Why would taxpayers expect a different outcome with any new buildings that are built?" she asked. "How can we be sure the same issues won't repeat?"

She also urged supervisors to make meetings more accessible by livestreaming them, modernizing public records, and using social media to keep residents informed.

Craine described the 2026 plan as steady and responsible, crediting county staff and department heads for keeping expenditures under con-

"We're very pleased about this year's budget," he said. "We try to provide services at the most reasonable cost basis possible."

The budget maintains the county's debt-free status, avoids the use of general fund surplus for the third consecutive year, and does not levy any taxes toward the county's proposed office building or DPW facility projects.

What Comes Next

Supervisors expected to receive engineering and design reports for the county office building project

on putting on as much

in the coming months. A public meeting is planned at 10 a.m., December 2 to discuss the project.

Several residents and some supervisors have called for a more thorough analysis of alternatives including comparing renovations costs or relocating to other sites or creating a phased alternative construction plan before finalizing the project.

Meanwhile, the county continues to navigate demographic and economic headwinds of decreasing population and that the years ahead will likely not be the same as the last few.

According to state fiscal stress indicators, Chenango County has experienced a 3.43 percent population decline and is increasing reliance on state and federal aid.

Both Ward Hayes emphasized that increased costs for families, and aging county infrastructure should remain at the forefront of supervisors' consideration.

Following the public hearing, the board of supervisors moved to adopt the 2026 tentative

Outdoor Chenango: Post rut deer hunting



Eric Davis

Outdoor Chenango

It has been gun season for just over two weeks now and the deer are going into their postrut phase. This typically is accompanied by the notion of the hunting becoming worse. While hunters likely will notice there is less deer activity, this does not necessarily mean the hunting is worse. The key is to know how to make the most of seeing fewer

If you still have trail cameras up, check them frequently. Bucks will start to show up in the day time as they need to start replenishing the fat reserves that they burned during the rut. The need to eat will lead them into showing themselves while it's light out. Cameras set up on major trails between bedding and feeding areas can let you know what trail the buck is taking and when.

All it takes is one or two daytime pictures for a buck give away his position and allowing you a chance to take advantage. Also, use the snow to see where deer are walking. As the season progresses, you may notice a change in the trails that are used by the deer. This year I had deer avoiding a trail that goes in front of a ladderstand during bow season but have noticed since the snow has fallen that they are back to using the trail. I think it was due to the apple trees along that trail not producing many apples compared to the trees on another trail through the property. Now that the apples are gone the deer have gone back to the easiest path through the woods.

Do you feel that you have an excessive amount of does in the area? If you do, you may start to notice the "second rut" as does that weren't bred during their first cycle of going into heat will start to go into heat again. While not as intense as the first rut, you can find bucks out looking for any does that go into heat for the second time. Use the same tactics that you use in the rut, just maybe avoid all day sits as the overall amount of movement is greatly diminished. Instead, focus on being where the does are in the morning and afternoon. In areas with a good buck-to-doe ratio, there is only one peak in the rut so this is not that common. Typically, you need a very poor buckto-doe ratio (1 buck for every 10 does or more) to see a second peak of rut activity.

Whether you are chasing one specific buck or are trying to hunt where the does are, food will become the X-factor for success. As already mentioned, bucks need to recover from the wear and tear of the rut. All deer will be focused

fat as possible before the long winter sets in. Carbohydrates are a preferred food type that is easily converted into fat reserves. Agricultural grains are a good source of carbs for deer. Looked at corn fields that have been combined or picked as this leaves more residual corn in the field that cut fields do. Still standing soybeans are a favorite of Midwest deer hunters during the late season timeframe. An often-overlooked source of carbs this late in the fall is acorns. While deer will eat freshly dropped acorns in the early fall, some species of oak have acorns with more tannins in them which make them less palatable when they are fresh. However, after sitting around for a month or more, the tannins leach out of the acorns and the acorns become easier on the deer's stomach. A few years ago, when hunting during the late muzzleloading season, a friend was complaining that he had thousands of dollars invested in food plots and wasn't seeing any deer in them.

He said he walked through the woods and it looked like a twister had gone through. The deer had been nosing through the leaves on the forest floor feeding on acorns. After hearing that, I noticed the forest floor where I was hunting looked the same way. So consider giving an oak flat a second chance this late in the fall.

The Early Files by Peggy Finnegan

WEEK #49 EIGHTY YEARS AGO

December 4, 1945

Deer hunters looked in vain for game on the

Destruction of a barn and 40 tons of baled hay on the former Palmer Rich property at Amblerville has been determined to be caused by arson, following the confessions of two boys, 10 and 12 years of age, who signed statements as being responsible for the fire.

Lt. Norma Mayne, ANC, of West Edmeston, spent over two years at a base hospital in England during the war.

A new lead-in water pipe is being put in from the West street main to the Eagle Inn.

Alfred Ahlstrom was reported very ill with pleurisy.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Lloyd attended the chicken supper at Columbus and a movie la t er. Mr. and Mrs. Foster and Miss Attwood helped cele brate Mrs. Lloyd's birthday with ice cream, pumpkin pie, coffee and cheese.

Lila Tice is acting postmis tress [West Edmeston] until the civil service examination.

One of the star witnesses at the congressional hearings on the Pearl Harbor catastrophe, big bluff Adm. James Richardson, who commanded the Navy until Feb. 1941, revealed that the late Pres. Roosevelt favored the anchorage of the Pacific fleet at Hawaii over his objections in the hope of restraining Jap aggression.

NINETY YEARS AGO December 5, 1935

Steps toward the elimina tion of federal relief have been taken, and while protests are many, they are not from those who have to carry the burden. They are thankful that the "dole" system, for that is all it is in a majority of cases, is to be gradually wiped out in this country.

Addie Dyer Mrs. brought the sad news to her sister, Mrs. Alice Welch, that Fannie Fleming was failing fast, and was unconscious. Later they received word that she had died.

Cattle thieves are sought following an outbreak of cattle rustling. Evidence shows that the thieves drive up to a barn in a truck, turn on the lights, select and load the cows and drive away after turning out the barn lights.

Hubert Vail and family spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Vail. There were 14 guests present.

The final test of brotherly love is to get behind 40 slow cars and have the one behind you honking for gangway.

Mrs. Rena Larkin finish ed her work at Chas. Hall's, Pittsfield, and returned home.

Uncle Ab says he hopes to die young no matter how old he is.

Eugene Johnson, little son of Leon Johnson Jr., is slightly improved.

School closed Colum bus hill and the bus carri ed the four students to the school in Sherburne village. Miss Harriet Johnson, teacher will teach in Sherburne.

HUNDRED YEARS AGO

December 5, 1925

Dr. William P. Elliott is making extensive repairs to his residence and fixing over the library part of the building into an office.

The Edmeston A&P store is making arrangements to leave town in the near future.

Prentice P. Cobb passed away at the home of his son, Clifford, aged 72 years.

Miss Agnes Bell is ill at her home on South Main with appendicitis.

A surprise party was given Eugene Bemiss by 20 relatives and friends at his home.

Don't risk losing your salt pork by using old brine when salt is cheaper than pork.

Mrs. Marvin Williams is quite ill.

The Rocky Mountain Quartet's entertainment at Community Hall was one of the best programs ever given in So. New Berlin. The voices blended perfectly in a wide range of vocal selections. The humourous sketches won loud applause. The selections on the zylophone, marimbo and one-string fiddles were fine while those on the organ chimes were simply beautiful.

Leon Matteson has been filling cars at Sage's Crossing and So. New Berlin with baled hay from the Sergent farms.

The first sound of the U.V. passenger and mail car gave us a thrill like the first notes of the robin in springtime.

Mark Vansteinberg was in So. Edmeston and was entertained to dinner by Frank Goldin and wife.

FOR SALE: Ellen S. Brooks property on South Main, consisting of a large house and barn and five acres of land, will be sold at a sacrifice to a quick buyer.

NOTICE: Am meeting with success on every hand. My views and photographs have pleased many. May I serve you? Lewis Haight

101 YEARS AGO **December 4, 1915**

The rainfall for the week ending December 2 was .17 inches with the greatest precipitation of .12 inches on Nov. 29. Total precipitation for November was 2.03 inches against 2.04 for the same month last

A coroner's jury held four persons guilty of criminal negligence for death of 12 girls in the Diamond factory fire in Brooklyn, NY.

William Cady and family have moved from Burlington into the house with Dan Bard on East street.

A man with rabies raced through Pittsburgh streets and bit 20 persons before he was captured. He died a few hours later.

Charles Gross has been seriously ill for a few days with acute indigestion.

Witnesses at a session of the legislative committee on taxation declared that the burden of taxation falls too heavily on real estate, especially in rural communities, and that wealthy persons are evading their share of government burdens. Each declared in favor of a state income tax and called the present system of personal property taxation a failure.

James Adams was in Syr a cuse to listen to Billy Sunday, and transact other business the fore part of the week.

One of the newest shirtwaists is of sheer flesh-colored crepe with strips of white moire rib-

Relatives of Mr. and Mrs. F.A. Ballard, to the number of 20 from Morris, Pittsfield and New Berlin, invaded their pleasant home last Friday noon, gave them the biggest surprise of their life and shared with them a bountiful dinner. Hearty greetings were extended to the bride and groom of 19 years ago.

The first appropriation com ing to this county for state road improvement will be a continuation of the New Berlin - So. New Berlin road from Davis' Corners for two miles south of the village of So. New Berlin; and also one mile and a half toward Norwich, carrying the extension through Ambler's Settlement. This may come next year and Supervisor Banks seems happy.

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VanDewerker, organist, of the church. The church Is located at 113 Marion Avenue. The concert is free with dona tions gratefully accepted to help the local food

Gilbertsville Baptist Church hosting annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, Dec 6

The annual Christmas auction, raffles and Bazaar will be held white elephant sales. A on Saturday, Dec. 6, soup and sandwich lunfrom 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. cheon plus desserts will at the Gilbertsville be served from 11:30 Baptist Church New Life Fellowship Hall, Commercial Street. A variety of Christmas

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> - By Anna Ritchey, Evening Sun Contributor





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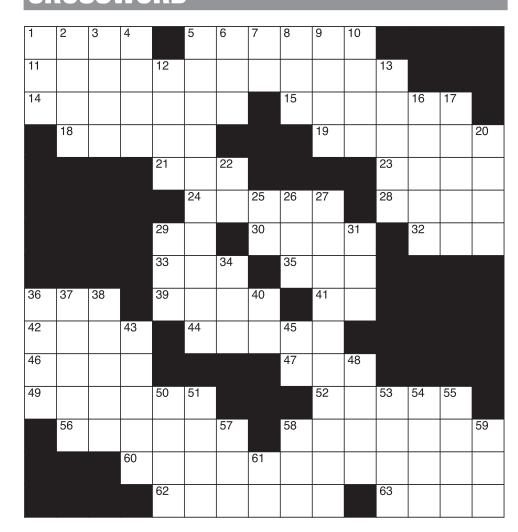
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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Dough made from corn flour
- 5. Rise
- 11. Gratitude
- 14. A low wall
- 15. Kidnap
- 18. A cup golfers want to win
- 19. Outgoing
- 21. "Partner" to flow
- 23. Former Michigan coach Brady
- 24. Proverb
- 28. Gasteyer and de Armas are two
- 29. Helps a body recover
- 30. Baseball Cy Young winner
- 32. Very fast airplane
- 33. Offensive baseball stat

- 35. Body of water
- 36. Record of one's heartbeat
- 39. Signs a contract
- 41. Atomic #24
- 42. Bind securely
- 44. French Jesuit theologian
- 46. Fragrant brown balsam
- 47. Post office box
- 49. Sells tickets at inflated prices
- 52. Places to hang coats
- 56. Jewish salutation
- 58. Yellow fruits
- 60. Poorly educated
- 62. Microorganism
- 63. Talk show host Barrymore

CLUES DOWN

- 1. A way to plan
- 2. Three-banded armadillo
- 3. Mobile
- 4. Romanian city
- 5. Making sour
- 6. Take a seat
- 7. "The Golden State"
- 8. When you hope to arrive
- 9. Pointed ends of pens
- 10. Extinct flightless bird
- 12. Sharp-pointed dueling sword
- 13. Nape of neck
- 16. Problems (Spanish slang)
- 17. Narrow carpet
- 20. To avoid the risk of
- 22. Spiritual academic degree (abbr.)
- 25. Equally
- 26. Traditional cars still need it
- 27. Eligible voters

- 29. Greek alphabet letter
- 31. Body part
- 34. Referee-declared outcome
- 36. Means to moving money
- 37. Popular footwear brand
- 38. Cockatoo
- 40. NFL's big game
- 43. Botswana currencies
- 45. News-reporting organization
- 48. Batman villain
- 50. Urgent request
- 51. Not all
- 53. Hallmark's specialty
- 54. Knot in a tree
- 55. Satisfy
- 57. Notable space station
- 58. Baby's dining accessory
- 59. Stitch clothing
- 61. __ and behold

WORD SEARCH

WORD SEARCH **BUSINESS** Q Ι 0 S Α Ι U Т Ι S Α Ε Ε 0 R D Q Τ Т Υ C S Ι D Ε N 0 Т М Ι Α Ι Ι S P S Ν W М U G В Α 0 R 0 C C Т R Ι Ε 0 D Ν Α Ι G Ε S Ε N Ε Ε Ν Ε S Т F Ε R Ε V W D Ε ٧ Ε R Υ Ρ R Н Ε Н R М Ν Ε Ρ G Ε Ε R G Ε R D Ε М

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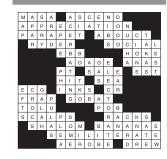
Answer: Payro**ll**

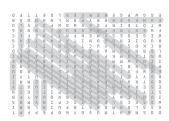
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Answer: Brendan Fraser

Solutions:





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Gillibrand secures funds to replace roof, other improvements at UHS Sidney

NORWICH – UHS Chenango Memorial Hospital's multi-specialty practice on Pearl Street in Sidney will see a number of infrastructure improvements thanks to federal funding secured by Senator Kirsten Gillibrand.

The Norwich hospital received word last week that its request for \$667,500 to help replace the facilities aging roof, windows, and doors had been funded through the 2026 federal budget.

"We are deeply grateful for Senator Gillibrand and her staff's advocacy on our behalf and for this federal investment, which will help us create a safer, more comfortable, and energy-efficient environment for the patients and families we serve through our health center in Sidney," said Cecil Miller, President and CEO of UHS Chenango

Memorial Hospital.

"These improvements strengthen our ability to provide high-quality primary, pediatric, and specialty care as well as diagnostic imaging and laboratory services close to home for residents of Sidney and the surrounding communities."

According to Miller, UHS Chenango Memorial purchased the 44 Pearl Street property that houses the multi-specialty practice in 2010 as a way to better serve patients in western Delaware and Otsego counties.

Otsego counties.

Over the last 15 years, more than \$1.8 million has been invested in the facility to support the growth of offered services. That list now includes primary care, pediatrics, women's health services, orthopedics, cardiology, general surgery, laboratory services, and diagnostic

imaging, including 3-D mammography.

The federal funding for the project will cover 75% percent of the total project cost, estimated at \$890,000. It is one of fifteen projects to receive funding in New York State in the FY 2026 Agriculture-Rural Development and Military Construction-Veterans Affairs funding bills.

"UHS Chenango Memorial Hospital is a critical health care hub, serving thousands of individuals in the area," said Senator Gillibrand. "I am proud to have secured funding for this modernization project to ensure that UHS Chenango Memorial Hospital can continue providing health care services for New Yorkers [at its Sidney location] while reducing energy costs and improving safety and security for



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patients, their families, and staff."

Work on the project is expected to begin sometime in 2026.

"This is one more step forward in our continued efforts to advance our mission of providing comprehensive, com-

passionate care close to home for the residents of our service area," Miller said.

For more information on services offered at UHS Sidney, contact (607) 561-2200.

UHS Chenango Memorial Hospital is part of United Health Services, a locally owned, not-for-profit healthcare system with 916 beds and more than 40 locations across New York's Southern Tier.

> - Information from UHS

New Berlin Library Corner

New Berlin Library extends the "Food for Fines" drive to support local food pantry

NEW BERLIN - The New Berlin Library is extending its food drive for the Unadilla Valley Food Pantry. The library will continue to forgive overdue fines when patron bring donated food item to the library for the food pantry throughout December.

The original date for the end of the New Berlin Library Food for Fines program was November 23. library will now host a Food for Fines drive to benefit the Unadilla Valley Food Pantry through December 23. New Berlin Library patrons are encouraged to donate nonperishable food items in exchange for forgiveness of their overdue book fines. Don't have fines? still encourage donations to the food drive.

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. The Unadilla Food Pantry is open Mondays, 3 pm -5 pm and is located at 51 South Main Street in New Berlin.

"I feel that the Food for Fines program has been a success and we are happy to extend it for another month." said New Berlin Library Director Michelle Priola. "Our patrons have donated over 220 food items to the food pantry during the first month. Our patrons have donated personal care items, canned and boxed food, and pet food. In addition, the library has had several long overdue books returned. It has definitely been a winwin situation."

Overdue fines on New Berlin Library owned items are the only type of fines that are eligible for forgiveness through this program, not lost fees or fines from other libraries. However, once you return an item it reverts to overdue and overdue fines max out at \$10 per lost item. So, bring in those items that have been misplaced or considered lost in the library computer program.

The New Berlin Library is holding elections for the Library Board of Trustees. The election will take place the first two weeks of December. Patron aged 18 and older with a valid New Berlin Library card are invited to vote. Ballots will be tallied at the organizational board meeting in December.

The New Berlin Library
"Let it Snow" Coloring
Contest in underway.
Children 12 and younger
may pick up their winter
themed coloring sheets
at the library circulation
desk. All entries must
be received by December
19 and the winner will
be announced on
December 22. The winner will receive a winter
themed gift basket filled
with toys and treats.

Registration for the New Berlin Library Christmas party is ongoing. This party will feature natural wood snowman and Santa ornament painting for the whole family and is sponsored by the New Berlin Art Forum. There will also be cupcakes, cocoa, and a visit from Santa himself. Please call the library at 607.847.8564 to register your family.

Some great new additions to the library

include: How to Test Negative for Stupid and Why Washington Never Will by John Kennedy, Robert B. Parker's Showdown (A Spenser Novel) by Mike Lupica, The Seven Rings (Lost Bride Book 3) by Nora Roberts, and Meg and Greg A Duck in a Sock by Elspeth Rae and Rowena Rae.

The New Library is located at 15 South Main Street, New The Library Berlin. is open Monday and Wednesday 10AM-8PM; Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 10AM-5PM; and Saturdays 10AM-noon. The web address is http://libraries.4cls. org/newberlin/. Please contact us at 607.847.8564 or like and message our Facebook page New Berlin Library and Museum (https:// www.facebook.com/ newberlinlibrary.newberlinny) with any ques-

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Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company (LLC) Name: Boyd Rentals LLC Articles of Organization filed

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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,

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OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY: The name of

the limited liability company is: Smithville General Store & Deli, LLC (the "Company"). The date of filing of the Articles of Organization of the Company with the Secretary of State was November 18, 2025. The county in which the principal place of business of the Company shall be located is Chenango County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the Company upon whom process against it may be served. The Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Company to Smithville General Store & Deli, LLC, 1366 County Road 2, Greene, NY 13778. The purpose of the business of the Company is any lawful business purpose (t6 ES 11/27, 12/04, 12/11, 12/18, 12/23, 01/01, GZ

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY UNDER THE **NEW YORK LIMITED** LIABILITY LAW Name: Somedogneeds

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ty, New York.

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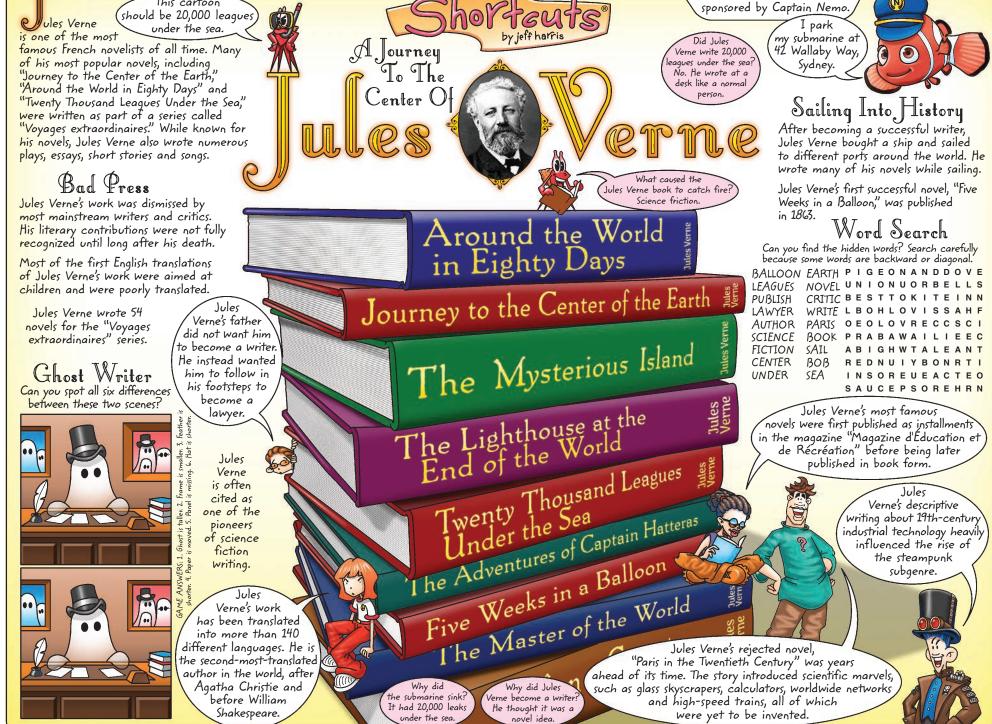
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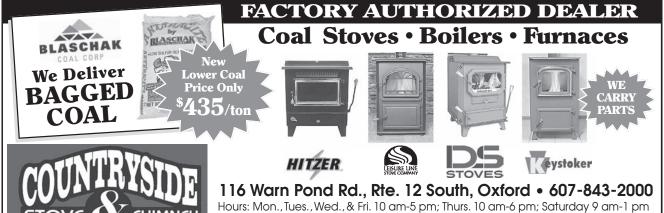
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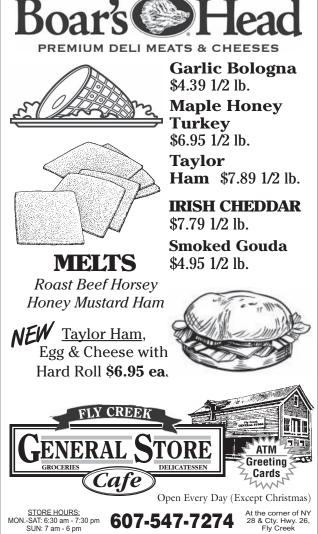
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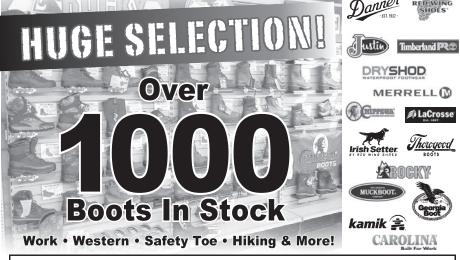
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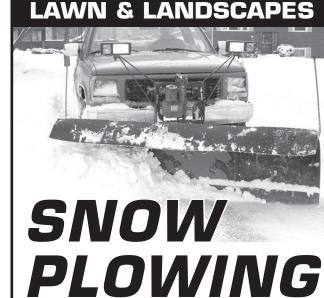
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There will

opening reception on Saturday, November 29, 1 to 3:30 p.m. Carl is a nature and wildlife photographer with a deep passion for capturing the raw beauty and quiet drama of the natural world.

More of Carl's work can be found on his web-

this month will be on December 10 at 2 p.m. featuring Microsoft Excel and on December 17 featuring Microsoft Word. Sign up at the circulation desk or call the library at 607-563-1200 to register. You may also schedule one-onone tech help with your devised by calling the library and setting up an

Holly Jolly Event, Friday, December 5, 4:30-5:30pm join us for the Holly Jolly Pre-Parade Event. Join us int eh Smart Community Room for a Charlie Brown Christmas with Crafts and hot cocoa to

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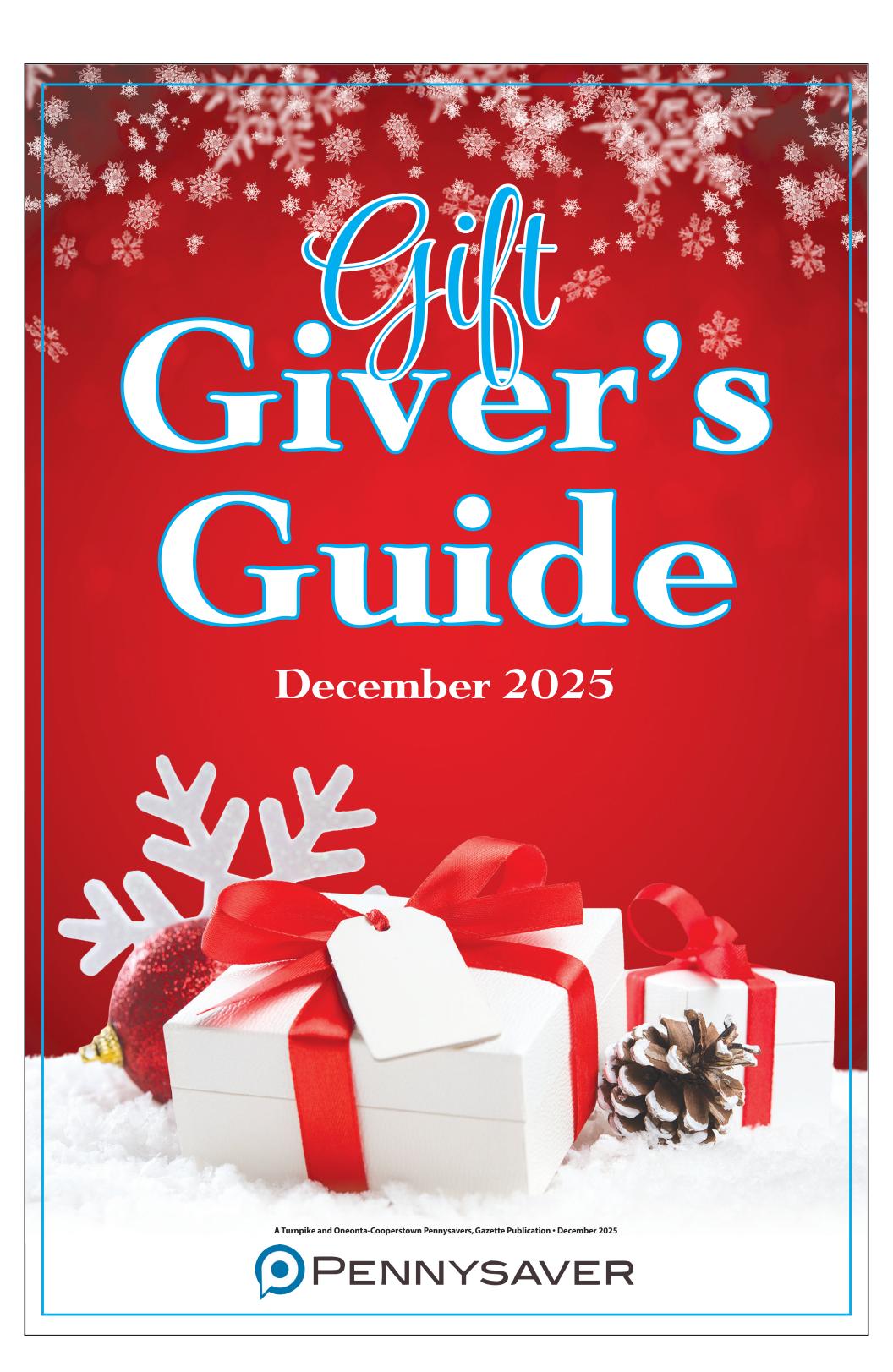
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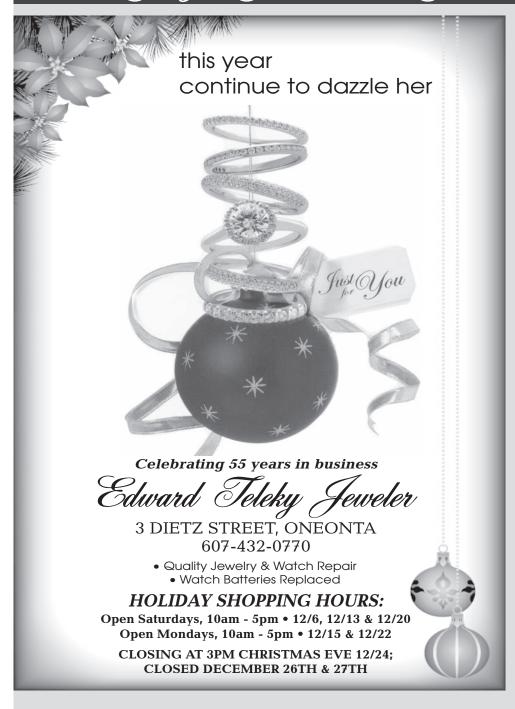
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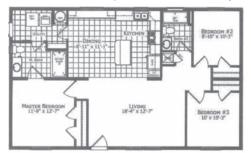
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