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New Berlin water projects receives \$2 million Community Development Block Grant

BY JESSICA BENSON
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NEW BERLIN – The Village of New Berlin is undergoing a massive \$18.6 million project to repair their village water system.

To date, the project has received \$6.7 million in funding from three different agencies. This week, Governor Kathy Hochul’s office announced that the village will receive an additional \$2 million as part of the Community Development Block Grant.

According to New Berlin Mayor Peter Lennon, the water project is being done in four pieces. The first phase of the project involves

the villages three wells. Two of the wells will be acted on. The third will be discontinued. “The level is secure,” Lennon said. The two continuing wells will be used on alternating months to ensure the water supply is sufficient.

Phase two of the project is for the treatment facility and pump house. “That project is in the final stages of the design process,” Lennon said. As part of the project an entirely new treatment and pumphouse facility will be built.

Phase three includes the storage facility. Currently the village has a 400,000 gallon water storage tank.

“It needs minor modifications,” Lennon said. Those modifica-



The Village of New Berlin is undergoing an \$18.6 million project to repair the village’s water system. (Photo by Jessica Benson.)

tions include painting, repairs to the cat walk, and additional drain and flow pipes. “The storage facility is in good shape. It’s scheduled for annual inspection in the next few weeks.”

The final phase of

the project is to replace most distribution lines within the village.

“There are a couple streets that do not need to be upgraded,” he said.

Newer lines on some streets require no replacements, but many of the lines in the village date back to the early 1900s. In total, the project calls for the replacement of 35,000 linear feet of distribution lines. The old lines are mostly cast-iron pipes.

Many will be replaced with larger diameter pipes to increase the flow and reduce fragility in the lines. Lennon explained that due to the age of the distribution lines, sediment can build up in the pipes, making them vulnerable to surges.

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The Historic Sherburne Inn reopens for business

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SHERBURNE – The Sherburne Inn has been a feature of the village landscape since 1917. While the business has been non-operational for many years, eight months ago, a business moved into the facility and prepared to breathe new life into the 109-year-old structure.

The Sherburne Inn is owned by a non-profit company called the Save the Sherburne Inn Restoration Project (SSIRP).

Last year, Gina Gardiner heard the SSIRP was looking for someone with a vision for operating a restaurant and inn in the facility. After thinking about the project for over a month, she contacted the organization on New Year’s Eve.



The Sherburne Inn was non-operational for many years, but eight months ago, a business moved into the facility and prepared to breathe new life into the 109-year-old structure. In April, Gina Gardiner opened The Sherburne Inn Coffee Shop, which is open Tuesday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. (Photo by Jessica Benson)

“I was drawn to all the different facets of the business. It’s a good way to explore my creativity,” Gardiner said.

The SSIRP accepted Gardiner’s proposal, which started with pop-up dinners supporting the local agricultural community. “We saw this as a way to not just allow the public to support our business but also the local farmers.”

On Saturdays, Gardiner began offering communal dinners. “We brought

in farmers who produced the local products and invited them to be part of these family-style meals,” Gardiner said.

The weekly communal dinners continued through the growing season. “Since we are dedicated to farm to table dining, we are only doing the communal dinners in the spring and summer,” Gardiner said.

In April, Gardiner opened The Sherburne Inn Coffee Shop, which is open Tuesday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. “Back in the day, the restaurant and hotel was a formal space. We wanted to make this more informal,” Gardiner said. Like the communal dinners, the coffee shop still supports local farmers and producers by using a variety of locally sourced products. “Everything is made from scratch,” she

said. The coffee shop is offering a full breakfast and lunch menu.

Gardiner plans to open for dinners before the end of the year. The business is working on securing their liquor license. They will be serving dinner on Valentine’s Day with a prefixed menu and have secured a temporary liquor license for the occasion.

“The public has been so encouraging and supportive our growth,” Gardiner said. Over the next year, work will continue to be done at the Inn to restore the guest rooms. Eventually the Inn will be a fully operation hotel with 8 guest rooms on the second floor and 8 guest rooms on the third floor. The second-floor rooms are being restored over the coming year.

The Sherburne Inn is located at 2 West State Street, Sherburne.

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Earlville awarded \$627,000 grant for the renewal of Fayette Street Park

BY JESSICA BENSON
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EARLVILLE – After applying for grant funding at least three times, the Village of Earlville was finally awarded a \$627,847 grant for renovations to the Fayette Street Park by the Office of Parks Recreation and Historic Preservation. Earlville Mayor Tom Taylor announced the news at the Village Board Meeting last week.

The village has been working with the Hamilton Partnership for Community Development (PCD) for several years to create a plan for the park and secure funding for the project. Taylor commended the work of the PCD and Executive Director Jocelyn Gavitt.

“Jocelyn has worked really hard on this project,” explained Gavitt. In an email, Village Trustee Mark Golden added, “We are all thrilled with the announcement for the Park funding, and delighted with the support and efforts by our Hamilton PCD.”



The Village of Earlville was awarded a \$627,847 grant for renovations to the Fayette Street Park by the Office of Parks Recreation and Historic Preservation. The village has been working with the Hamilton Partnership for Community Development (PCD) for several years to create a plan for the park and secure funding for the project. (Submitted image)

Gavitt began working with the village as a consultant on the project several years ago. When she became the executive director, she really wanted to work on getting the project funded.

“This is an exciting project. The Earlville Community has incred-

ibly strong character for such a little community. Everything is there for it to be a really vibrant place,” he said.

The current plan for the park, includes a pavilion for small outdoor concerts, an improved playground area with opportunities for explor-

atory play, a walking path and improvements to the current skate park area. One of the most exciting features is a proposed pump track which could be used by skateboarders, roller-bladers, BMX bikes and even Big Wheels. While the proposal has been approved

by the NY Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation, specific details will depend on costs once building has actually begun.

As part of the grant process, the village will need to come up with matching funds. Gavitt said some funds have already been pledged by the Town of Hamilton and Christopher Community, Inc., a Syracuse-based senior housing development and management company, with plans to renovate the adjacent Earlville school property.

Community fundraising will make up the remainder of the matching funds, but Gavitt said the part that they are fundraising for is a manageable amount.

“These are the most exciting kinds of projects to do,” Gavitt said. “It includes features for all ages. We tried to do a design where everyone will really enjoy being in that space. The park will be a place that appeals to all ages and different uses.”

While the funding is now secure, there are still several steps that must be taken before work on the park can begin. The Village created a Parks and Recreation Committee last month. That committee will be instrumental in moving the park project forward. The village is looking for interested community members to join the Parks and Recreation Committee.

“Given that the park is now going to be a reality it obviously creates a bit more urgency to see [the committee] evolve,” said Golden. “I also believe the park’s funding might create even greater interest in the committee.” Anyone interested in being part of the Parks and Recreation Committee should contact the village.

Gavitt said construction would most likely begin in the summer of 2027. Anyone interested in learning more about the Fayette Street Park project or in donating to match the grant funding can go to www.hamiltonpcd.org.

Police charge suspected hit-and-run driver with manslaughter in Sherburne

BY TYLER MURPHY
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SHERBURNE - A Sherburne resident was the victim of a fatal hit and run on July 4, 2025. On Tuesday the Chenango County Sheriff’s Office arrested the suspected driver following an extensive investigation.

The driver, Zackery M. Kulas, 37, of Syracuse, appeared in court Tuesday night and pleaded not guilty to charges of 2nd degree manslaughter, leaving the scene of a fatal motor vehicle accident, and tampering with physical evidence, all felonies.

Police investigators said that on July 4, 2025, Kulas was driving a pickup truck eastbound on State Highway 80 in the Town of Sherburne when he hit and killed a pedestrian, Jeffery Maxson, 59, of Sherburne, who was walking westbound at the time of the incident.

Several family members of the victim

attended the court proceeding held at 8 p.m. at the Chenango County Sheriff’s Office.

Village of Oxford Judge Susan Ross informed Kulas of the charges against him and asked if he wished to make a plea. Public Defender Rosemarie Richards pleaded not guilty to all the charges on his behalf. Richards requested a felony hearing. She declined to comment on the case. A representative from the prosecutor’s office was not present.

Outside court, relatives discussed the impact of Maxson’s death, who was known as “Yogi” to friends and family.

Niece Amanda Heady said the family wanted accountability and justice. She said the driver should have stopped, saying she couldn’t forgive that.

She said, “Yogi was a funny character,” with a good spirit. “His mother died of a stroke the day after,” she said.

She had seen her uncle a few days before the incident and at the time he was hit he was walking to her house from downtown Sherburne. She said “He would take his shirt off his back for anyone. Not that we are all perfect, we all make mistakes, but there has to be consequences to our actions.”

Maxson’s sister, Jackie-Ray, said the family remains shaken by multiple losses in a short period of time.

“He was on his way to see her (his mother), when he was killed. I’m just glad they found out who it was. The family can’t be at ease - we lost the love of our life but at least his killer is not free. In two days, I lost my mother and my brother,” she said.

Maxson’s wife of seven years, Christal Maxson also attended court. She thanked the sheriff and police. She said Sheriff Detective O’Hara and the New York State Police kept the family informed and asked that

the investigators be recognized for their dedication and that online criticism of police was uninformed.

“Detective O’Hara and the New York State police did a marvelous job to bring my husband’s killer to justice, she said. “There’s been a lot a negativity in the community with issues with sheriffs but Detective O’Hara and his team and the state police were wonderful and I would like to have that reinforced to the community.”

She said police have been in contact with the family and she had seen video showing the driver of the pickup truck pulling his car over a short distance down the road where he looked at his vehicle and used his cell phone. She said the defendant told police that he had struck a guardrail. However, police declined to comment or confirm any details of the case at the court arraignment.

She said her husband’s

60th birthday was later this month.

Chenango County Sheriff Ernest Cutting Jr. thanked the New York State Police, the Syracuse Police Department, and the City of Norwich Police Department for their assistance during the investigation.

“You know, because of legislation that’s been passed in the last few years in Albany, a lot of this has to do with discovery. He was on our radar right in the early days of the investigation. But due to the new discovery rules where we have to present information to the defendant and his attorney within a very short amount of time of an arrest, that’s what forces us to hold these cases,” explained Cutting.

“We have to wait for forensic evidence to come back. In this case that took quite a while and in a lot of homicide cases it does,” said Cutting. “You know, we have a person who we

strongly suspect, and we just have to have that evidence because we have such short turnaround time to get that evidence to their attorney that forces us to wait. It’s unfortunate. But we have to be prudent to make sure that we get a successful outcome when it comes to trial.”

“I want to thank the officers, the diligence, persistence, hard work, sticking with it, going through the proper police protocol to make sure we have, not only that we can get the arrest, but we’re successful in the convictions of people that commit crimes. They do an outstanding job,” said Cutting.

All charges and allegations referenced are accusations. The defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty in a court of law.

Sherburne residents voice concern over proposed industrial battery facility; gov. officials unsure if they can stop it

BY JESSICA BENSON
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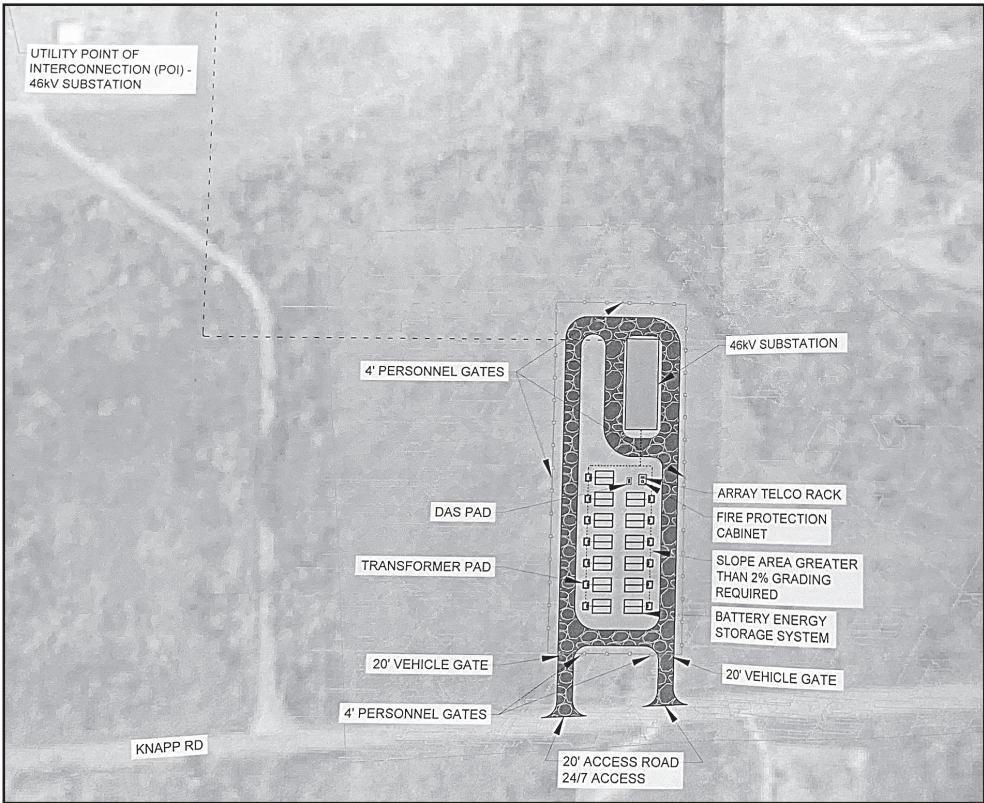
SHERBURNE – Sherburne residents came out in force for Tuesday night’s public hearing on a moratorium for a proposed battery storage facility. The message from residents was clear. They do not want this facility in their town.

In November, Town Supervisor Charles Mastro was contacted by Nexamp, a clean energy company, about their plan to build a lithium-ion battery storage facility on Knapp Road in the Town of Sherburne.

The company appears to have already leased the 13.2 acre site and wanted to begin site planning for their proposed project. Mastro told town residents his first question was about the safety of the project and potential for fire.

The company told Mastro “They’re working on that,” he said. That assurance did not seem to be enough for the approximately 50 people in attendance at Tuesday night’s meeting.

Nexamp’s private project comes with a price tag in the \$55-60 million range. The town reiterated the fact that this is a privately-owned company and the project is in no way being pursued by the town. A representative from the company originally planned to attend the meeting, but



A map of the proposed battery storage facility shared with local residents. (Photo by Jessica Benson)

was not there to hear the public’s concerns.

Several Sherburne residents, including many who live on Knapp Road, spoke at the public hearing. One resident, Jacqueline Ryan, mentioned the recent battery storage facility in Warwick, NY and the toxins found in the air in the aftermath of the fire.

“What will protect us? If we have a leak or a fire, we have limited resources and volunteers to deal with that. If the leak goes into the ground, when it floods it will be in the water supply. How will that effect our homes, our wildlife, our crops, our kids? Not just now but 50 years from now?”

Other residents spoke about fire concerns.

Lithium-ion batteries are known to pose threats when exposed to water. If water reaches the batteries, they can cause fires that burn at extremely high temperatures. Unlike other fires, the lithium-ion batteries create oxygen as they burn, making the fires self-sustaining and making them nearly impossible to put out.

Village of Sherburne Assistant Fire Chief Chris Thompson spoke from the perspective of the fire department.

“There is not a chemical substance on this earth that will put out one of these fires,” he explained. “If a Tesla car battery catches fire, it takes 20-30,000 gallons of water to extinguish the fire. This site is

probably the equivalent of 3,000-5,000 Teslas.”

Thompson, who said he has been to trainings regarding lithium-ion battery fires, continued by saying that the nearest hazmat team is at least 30 minutes away and they are not fully trained to handle these situations either. “The state is making it up as they go along and that should scare the crap out of everybody,” he said.

Mastro added that the batteries Nexamp is proposing to store at the facility would be Tesla-made batteries.

One resident asked where the power that will charge the batteries is being drawn from. Mastro explained that it would be coming from the NYSEG grid, not

Sherburne Electric.

Village of Sherburne Mayor William Acee confirmed that.

“This does not connect to our system, however the village does own the fire department and I whole heartedly support the town’s moratorium on this matter. There are serious safety risks to our fire department personnel. I know about energy goals. I’m not in favor of this one,” said Acee.

Town of Sherburne Attorney Dylan Harris addressed several of the community members questions.

Sherburne resident Sandy Sanger asked, “Are you aware of any community that has successfully blocked this?” Harris said he is not aware of any, but he is continuing to look into it.

“The law allows property owners to use their property for anything they want. I do have some creative ideas, but this is definitely going to be a challenge.”

As the meeting was drawing to a close, Mastro asked those in attendance if anyone was in support of the battery storage facility. This was met with silence from the crowd.

In 2022, Governor Kathy Hochul doubled New York’s energy storage goal, calling for 6-gigawatts of energy storage by 2030, making it the highest energy storage goal in the

country. The proposed project would create a 40-megawatt battery storage facility made up of 12 battery storage pods.

While the town currently has no process for stopping the creation of the battery storage facility, they are delaying it while they investigate their options.

“We are going to pass a battery storage moratorium for six months,” Mastro said. “It sounds like we definitely want to add another six months to that when it is complete.”

The moratorium will give the town board time to pass a battery storage law, similar to the one the Town of Columbus passed in 2025. While the law does not prohibit battery energy storage sites, it does regulate what locations are suitable for their use, the vicinity of the systems to other areas, the potential impact on environmental resources and works to mitigate any potential fire safety hazards associated with the system.

The town hopes to make the law as stringent as they can to protect nearby properties on Knapp Road and everyone with a vested interest in the community.

After the public hearing, the Town Board held their regularly scheduled meeting and passed the six-month battery storage moratorium.

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es when there is a sudden increased demand, such as a fire. He explained that while the village is currently meeting state firefighting standards, they are on the edge in some areas, and the increased flow will allow them to fix that issue.

New Berlin was previously granted \$5 million from the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation, \$1.5 million from the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development and \$200,000 from the Susquehanna River

Basin Corporation. In addition, they have been offered several million in low interest loans. The Community Development Block Grant will provide an additional \$2 million for any cost not covered by the other funding sources. New Berlin was one of just 24 awardees in Upstate New York.

Work on the project is scheduled to begin in mid to late summer of 2026 and is expected to continue until September or October of 2027. Currently, the village is working to obtain construction easements

from approximately 80 business and residential properties. There are approximately 45 that are still outstanding.

“The work is in the area of the sidewalks, but we would repair everything to its original state,” said Lennon.

The mayor acknowledged that the scope of the project has changed a little, he believes this project is a great service to the community. He said the cost to the community would be in the area of \$1 per day and due to the decreased need for operations and maintenance, he is hop-

ing there will not be an increase in the quarterly water bills.

Lennon said the community can expect a public meeting with an update on the design and the status of construction in late February.

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Outdoor Chenango: Predator Calling



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Outdoor Chenango

This time of year, can be slow and uneventful for the deer hunter as they must wait until the spring to look for shed antlers or start their food plots, especially if they don't like to ice fish.

Something that they could do to help make the winter go by quicker is to try their hand at predator calling. While some people go all-out and spend over a thousand dollars on gear, you can get into predator calling for a relatively low cost.

The bare minimum of gear required includes full camouflage, calls, and a firearm. For most deer hunters, the only purchase they would need to make was for

calls.

As predators use their eyesight to find prey and to avoid other predators, complete camouflage is needed, even when hunting at night. Remember that these animals actively hunt during the night. If there is snow on the ground, snow camouflage helps you blend in better as regular camouflage can make you look like a giant blob on the white background.

The go-to predator call is the rabbit-in-distress call. This call mimics the noises made by a rabbit that is hurt or being attacked. To predators this is like someone ringing the dinner bell and they come in to investigate. The call basically sounds like a baby crying but at a higher pitch. Another popular call is a mouse squeaker. This sounds just like the squeaker in a dog's toy and is used when a predator is outside of shooting range to coax it into coming closer. Coyote breeding season is in the winter and some hunters can use a coyote call to mimic the sounds

of females-in-heat or males defending their territory. An upgrade that some hunters use is an electronic caller. This lets the hunter set a playlist so they aren't moving around using a mouth call. Some calls even have the option to plug a motion decoy into the caller, which adds eye-appeal to keep the predator distracted as they approach.

For your hunting implement, you can get by with either a shotgun loaded with buckshot or your deer rifle. Smaller caliber rifles, such as the .223 and .22-250, are popular among predator hunters because they leave smaller holes in the animal's pelt so the hide is easier to sew and sell to fur buyers. If using a larger rifle, consider using a full metal jacket bullet so that the bullet doesn't fully expand and make a huge hole in the pelt. Shotgun users like to use number-4 buckshot as it allows for a good number of pellets while still allowing for good penetration.

Predator hunting success often requires cov-

ering a lot of ground by making multiple stands (setups). When getting ready to make a calling setup, walk into the wind and pick a location where predators will have a hard time swinging around downwind of you without you being able to see them. Coyotes will almost always try to circle downwind before coming in close so you want to be ready to have a shot before they get your wind and take off. If you have a wireless caller, you can put the speaker out about 100

yards upwind from you. This will put you in position to see predators that are trying to swing downwind from the caller.

As most predators are more active at night, hunting them at night increases the odds of seeing something. To hunt at night, you need to invest in a spotlight so that you can see incoming predators and stand a chance at getting a shot at them. You can get either a handheld spotlight or one that mounts to your firearm. Get a

light that has a red filter lens on it. Predators will see white light coming from spotlights and spook, however the red lens doesn't spook them just like the red light-bulbs on trail cameras. Or you can splurge and go for thermal imaging optics that detect heat instead of projecting a light beam.

If you are tired of waiting until the spring to get out of the house and in the woods, predator calling can be just the ticket.

Otsego County Earth Festival will take place on Saturday, May 9

ONEONTA - The Otsego County Earth Festival will take place on Saturday, May 9, 2026, at a new venue: Chase Gym at SUNY Oneonta, according to event organizers.

Earth Festival is a free, environmentally focused, interactive event designed to build community and connect residents of the Otsego County region with local environmental organizations.

"We're excited to partner with SUNY Oneonta to expand this important event," said Shelby MacLeish, Executive Director of the Otsego County Conservation Association (OCCA). "Holding Earth Festival at the University allows us to broaden our programming and provides dedicated space for Drive-Through Drop-Off Recycling."

"SUNY Oneonta is thrilled to host this environmental event on our campus," said Rachel Kornhauser, Associate Director of Sustainability. "We can't wait to see our commu-

nity come together to spark real change and inspire one another toward a more sustainable future."

Established in 2006 to foster collaboration among the region's environmental community, Earth Festival raises awareness of environmental programs, products, and opportunities. The event typically features more than 40 exhibitors and vendors and attracts annual attendance of approximately 800 people. In past years, Earth Festival has been held at Milford Central School.

This year's event will include exhibitors from a wide range of regional environmental organizations, including OCCA, Delaware-Otsego Audubon Society, Otsego 2000, Otsego County Soil & Water Conservation District, Catskill Regional Invasive Species Partnership, and others. In addition to the exhibitor fair, the festival will feature a campus arboretum tour, planetarium shows, workshops

throughout the day, and more.

MacLeish noted that there are opportunities for organizations and businesses to participate as event sponsors, exhibitors, and vendors. Community groups interested in partnering or highlighting environmentally focused activities taking place between April 15 and May 15 are also encouraged to get involved. Organizations can learn more and express interest by visiting www.occainfo.org/earth-festival or by contacting the Otsego County Conservation Association at (607) 547-4488.

Earth Festival is a collaborative event of the Otsego County environmental community, including OCCA, Otsego 2000, Delaware-Otsego Audubon Society, SUNY Oneonta, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Schoharie and Otsego Counties, and other regional partners.

- Information from the Otsego County Conservation Association

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The Early Files *by Peggy Finnegan*

WEEK #4
THIRTY YEARS AGO
January 25, 1996
Millbrook project Phase III is dead

January thaw. Along with county closing roads, the thaw caused much distress for the town and village Dept. of Public Works.

Thea A. Ciesielski has been named to the Dean's List at SUNY Oswego.

The home of Joyce Waffle at Five Corners flooded for the second time in 35 years. Waffle was forced to evacuate.

FORTY YEARS AGO
January 23, 1986

January thaw? Lovely temperatures in the 40's with rain showers.

The Hawks girls' basketball team defeated Franklin 59-57. Andrea Bice scored 36 points, including the game-winner in the final minute.

A dismal Monday morning. Temperature at our house 38°. For snow enthusiasts, winter is on hold. If you like mud, enjoy.

FIFTY YEARS AGO
January 22, 1976

When we heard this winter was to be an old-time severe one, we hoped they were talking through their hats, but now we know the forecasts were true after the heavy snow-fall and temperatures of 15 to 40 below zero.

New York's gross farm income is \$133 billion a year.

Mrs. Guy VanPelt is improving from an attack of the old-time flu.

We would like to welcome Dr. and Mrs. Richard Hood with a reception in St Andrew's Parish House.

NBCS closed Tuesday due to a broken water main.

Harold Anderson was never more surprised than when he looked out the window to see a half grown puma under his bird feeder eating suet.

SIXTY YEARS AGO
January 27, 1966

Ten to 12 inches of snow fell Sunday. Roads remained passable however, and school opened as usual Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bice moved into the upstairs apartment in the Corner House.

All who bought ice balls at the Pittsfield Fall Bazaar may return same for a refund.

Brian Pittsley, 7, broke his leg skating at Hoboken

Pond.
NOW OPEN: Jenny Car Wash. Do It Yourself, heated and enclosed. Sliter's Gulf, Main and Lake Streets.

SEVENTY YEARS AGO

January 26, 1956
Doris Washburn, Polio Chairman, reports funds coming in slowly and asks anyone desiring to contribute to do so as soon as possible.

FOR SALE: 200 acre farm, 8 rm house, large barn. \$5,000

WELL DRILLING: \$3.50 a foot and up. James Church

EIGHTY YEARS AGO
January 24, 1946

T/Sgt. Harlow Pope, recently discharged from the Army, has re-enlisted.

Most teachers at NBCS took advantage of having their lungs x-rayed.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hobson of Staffordshire, England, announce the engagement of their daughter, Betty, to T/5 Ballard Miller. Miss Hobson served for the past four years with the WAAF of the Royal Air Force.

DISPERSALAUCTION: Red Gate Stock Farm herd of the late Ignatz Mordus of Earlville – 37 cows, 11 bred 2-year olds, 10 yearlings, 2 bulls of service age.

RIDE THE PEET HOOK JITNEY, leave Sidney Rwy. station via Rockdale, Mt. Upon, Holmesville, So. New Berlin, New Berlin and Edmeston. 3c a mile.

NINETY YEARS AGO
January 23, 1936

The school bus was unable to get through snow drifts on Spurr Street.

Jay Green, 27, is in a serious condition with a fractured right cheekbone and skull. It is thought he was kicked by a horse working as a farm hand for Paul Talbot.

Returning from his honeymoon, John Weiseberg found his bride missing. She had been sleeping under blankets in the rear of the car. He finally found her at a gas station in Ohio where she had gone to the washroom without his knowing.

Clayton Main had car trouble in the snow near the Mikalonas farm. Herbert Coman put in a new rear axle.

MAPLE SYRUP, \$1.50 a gallon. Floyd Sholes

HUNDRED YEARS AGO

January 23, 1926
Twenty inches of snow fell [Columbus]. The snowplow was run to Sherburne and New Berlin Saturday, then on Tuesday to So. Edmeston and Sherburne.

Smith Motor Sales reports 136 cars sold in 1925. Talbot Motors of this village sold 111 new Stars and Durants.

It was 16-18 below on Jan. 13th.

Mrs. Carl Horstmann has been ill with the grippe.

MENACE OF WESTERN MILK. People are becoming aroused over the danger which threatens the dairy industry of New York.

Joe Hanbury is hauling wood to Edmeston.

The Misses Dorothy and Lyetta VanWarner

and Martha Hills are trying regents at NBHS.

Herman Sprague and Arthur Erickson are enjoying their stay in Florida and report plenty of work for carpenters.

Keeping cool with Coke and Coolidge seems to be the order of the day.

George Beatty was injured working in the woods when a falling tree fractured the bones in his leg.

FOR SALE: Farm of 50 acres, good location near state road, \$1200 to quick buyer

110 YEARS AGO
January 22, 1916

We call attention to the article written by C. Edw. Snell about the Phenix Cheese Co., page 1. The remarkable growth of the company in the 16 years of its existence is not only a source of wonder to all but a matter of consider-

able pride.

While most of the village was enjoying the entertainment at the Opera House, an alarm of fire was sounded for Ed White's house, occupied by Samuel Langer. At first the fire seemed confined to the cellar but before the hose boys could get water to the house, flames had spread through the whole structure and were issuing from the roof. House and contents appear to be a total loss, partly covered by insurance.

At the fire only one injury has so far been reported. Albert Fraser was struck in the face by the nozzle of a hose and his nose broken.

A lesson to be learned from the recent fire – Are all the hydrants in town in good condition or are there more leaky ones that are liable to freeze up?

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The school wishes to express their thanks to Mr Brome, auditor of the UVRR, for the attractive large calendars which adorn the walls of each classroom.

Sunday School will be held at the M.E. Church [Columbus] the same as usual.

Fred Vail had the misfortune to lose a horse last week.

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SUDOKU

33. Morning
34. Perfected
36. Winger guitarist Beach
37. Abba __, Israeli politician
38. Self-immolation by fire ritual
39. A way to save money
40. Pulpit
41. Make ecstatically happy
44. Once more
45. Works on
48. Nocturnal S. American rodent
49. State again
50. Expression of disappointment
51. Type of door

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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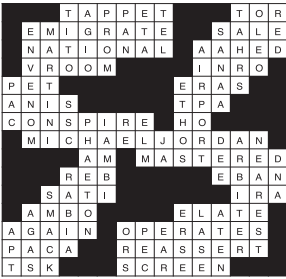
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Answer: Shower

GUESS WHO?

Answer: Jodie Sweetin

Solutions:



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6	9	3	4	8	2	5	7	1
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9	4	8	6	3	7	2	1	5
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City officials scramble for a solution to replace Grand Union grocery store

BY KELLI MILLER
GAZETTE STAFF WRITER

NORWICH — When the Grand Union store at 54 East Main Street in Norwich announced its closure last week, City of Norwich Mayor Robert Jeffrey held discussions with local, state, and federal officials looking for solutions to replace the only grocery store located in the city.

The quick announcement leaves officials with about a thirty day window of time before the actual closing, set for the end of February.

“This is a priority, we don’t have a lot of time,” said Jeffrey. “This store is the only store in the City of Norwich.”

“I feel terrible for the employees and those that rely on the grocery store,” Jeffrey said. “Yes, there are other options but the extra expenses for grocery delivery or taxi fees will bring additional costs to family budgets on their monthly bills.”



Shelves are becoming bare as the Grand Union store announced its closing, located at 54 East Main Street in Norwich, NY. City of Norwich Mayor Robert Jeffrey reached out to officials for answers, searching for solutions to bring a food store to the area. (Photo by Kelli Miller)

“The area is an economy disadvantaged area and a large amounts of folks do not have reliable transportation,” he said. “Plus, the area has many senior apartments and those seniors rely on walking or short drives to the Grand Union store.”

Jeffrey said he reached

out to U.S. Senator Chuck Schumer, state Senator Peter Oberacker, New York Assemblyman Josh Riley (NY-19), and Assemblyman Joseph Angelino (NY-121).

“I’m solely focused on this and the need to identify other stores that can come in and supply a good source of food for

the city” Jeffrey added.

He said he also spoke with City of Norwich Community Development Director Eric Scrivener, who made a few calls, one to La Bella and Associates, an business engineering firm.

“La Bella and Associates is an engi-

neering and development group that works with brownfield areas,” said Jeffrey. “They work with anything industrial and this goes all the way back to Victory Market.”

He said there is a short term plan for federal aid support and long term plans for the brownfield area to open up for fed-

eral tax credits. He said both short and long term plans may take up to a year, and would roll out in 2027.

Jeffrey is also working with Chenango County Planning and Development Director Shane Butler and Commerce Chenango Director of Economic Development Tyler Oliver. The three will meet this week to identify possible next steps.

The mayor said Grand Union already closed stores in Watertown, Sherrill, and are closing in Cortland. The Owego store closed last year.

C&S Wholesale Grocers, owners of Grand Union, declined an interview but Lauren La Bruno, C&S Wholesale Grocers Senior Vice President, Communications and Marketing confirmed the store at 54 East Main Street in Norwich is closing. Employees said the store would close by Feb. 28.

UHS Chenango Memorial Hospital welcomes new surgeon with 20 years of experience to high quality orthopedic team

NORWICH - UHS Chenango Memorial Hospital is welcoming a new orthopedic surgeon, Dr. Keith Cordischi.

“UHS Chenango Memorial is a stellar institution with a solid reputation in the community,” he said. “I am very excited to provide quality orthopedic care to this community, as a member of the medical staff at UHS Chenango Memorial.”

There is a growing demand for orthopedic services in Chenango County and in November of 2025 Chenango Memorial Hospital was recognized by Excellus BlueCross BlueShield with a Blue Distinction Center designation for their expertise in knee and hip replacements.

The organization credited the hospital with improved safety practices and delivering better long-term health outcomes for patients.

According to the Blue Cross Blue Shield Association, “This designation is a testament to the rigorous standards met by UHS Chenango Memorial. Designated knee and hip replacement facilities deliver high-quality care, with an average of 21% fewer readmissions and 21% fewer complications within 90 days after knee and hip replacement surgery.”

Cordischi said he was proud to serve the local community and join the hospital’s team.

“Everyone with whom I’ve interacted has been welcoming and engaging, not just here at the hospital but in the surrounding community,” said Cordischi, “The staff seem genuinely happy and enjoy their employment here at UHS Chenango Memorial. This is an extremely positive sign. This is the type of environment in



UHS Chenango Memorial Hospital welcomes new orthopedic surgeon, Dr. Keith Cordischi. (Submitted photo)

which I’d like to work.”

He also expressed enthusiasm for the hos-

pital’s expanding orthopedic facilities. “I am quite excited about the

new orthopedic space,” he said. “This will allow me to provide quality orthopedic care in a brand new environment.”

Cordischi’s commitment to health care is connected to his lifelong fascination with athletics and the human body.

“As far back as I can remember, I was always fascinated with the human musculoskeletal system and the intricate structure and function of the human body,” he explained. “I have always played sports, from the time of my youth. This cultivated my interest in the sub-specialty of sports medicine.”

He added, “My goal is to help those with orthopedic maladies improve their quality of life, whether it by non-surgical or surgical means. I have always placed an emphasis on developing a trusting relationship between myself and

patients and their families.”

Cordischi has nearly twenty years of experience and an extensive specialty in shoulder arthroscopy, shoulder replacement surgery, and knee arthroscopy, including ACL reconstructive surgery.

Beyond the hospital, the surgeon also shared some personal background.

“I have been married 23 years and my wife and I have four wonderful children, one in college and three in high school. We also have two dogs. Hailing from Boston, I am an avid Boston Sports Fan. During my sports medicine and arthroscopy fellowship, I was involved in participating in the care of the Single-A and Double-A Boston Red Sox,” he said.



S-E’s Richie Fuller holds on to a 1-0 win by decision in the 190 weight class. (Photo by Morgan Golliver)



S-E’s Josh Evans competes against Cazenovia’s Joshua Walters-glance in the 132 weight class. Evans pinned Walters-glance in 2:15. (Photo by Morgan Golliver)

S-E wrestling improves to 4-0 in dual meets with a win over Cazenovia

BY MORGAN GOLLIVER
GAZETTE SPORTS EDITOR

SHERBURNE— The Sherburne-Earlville Timberwolves wrestling team improved

to 4-0 in dual meets with a 50-29 victory against Cazenovia on Friday night. The Timberwolves are 3-0 in the CSC West division after the match against the Lakers was

non-league. S-E’s Drew Telesky, Freddy Smith, Andrew LaFrance, Jonathan Conklin, Trenton Anderson, and Justin Race all picked up wins by forfeit. Cazenovia

earned one win by forfeit. S-E’s Josh Evans pinned Joshua Walters-glance at 2:15 at 132 pounds as Noah Ackermann won by tech fall and

Richie Fuller held on to a 1-0 decision at 190 pounds. Aiden Shreve fell by tech fall at 126 pounds while Manny Hollins, Alex Campell, and Andrew Menard all fell

by pin in their respective weight classes. S-E competes in the Section III Dual Meet Championship this morning at Indian River High School.



S-E’s Abbie Green posts a double-double with 10 points and 18 rebounds in the Overtime win vs Canastota. (Photo by Morgan Golliver)

S-E girls win four straight; defeats Canastota in Overtime

SHERBURNE— The Sherburne-Earlville Timberwolves girls’ basketball team hosted Canastota on Thursday night with a three-game winning streak. S-E made it four-games with a 38-29 victory, It was a defensive battle the entire contest with both teams limited to single-digit scoring through most of the game. S-E had a lead in the fourth quarter, but let it slip away as both teams went into overtime, tied at 28, S-E outscored Canastota 10-1 in the extra period with

Kendall Hill scoring four of her 12 points and Brynn Shaver also with four overtime points. Eighth grader Abbie Green led the Timberwolves with a double-double, where she had 10 points and 18 rebounds. Morgan Mikalunas added nine points with 12 rebounds as Brynn Shaver had four points and Natalie Knickerbocker with a three-pointer. S-E improves to 8-5 on the season and hosts Poland next Thursday at 7 p.m.

S-E girls wrestling competes at Mexico Multi-Meet

MEXICO, NY— The Sherburne-Earlville Timberwolves girls’ wrestling team traveled to Mexico High School on Friday to compete in the Mexico Multi-Meet , which also featured Mexico, Carthage,

Indian River, Fulton, South Jefferson, and Phoenix. S-E’s Avangelene Hoffman went 2-0 in the 185 weight class with a :09 pin and a 1:03 pin. Ava Mereness went

1-1 at 120 pounds with a 4:22 pin over Carthage’s Esmeralda Lorange. Autumn Miller went 2-1 at 114 with a 9-8 win by decision and a 2:28 pin. Isabelle Smith went

1-1 at 145 pounds with a :20 pin against Phoenix’s Jenna Mead. The S-E girls will be competing in the Windsor Lady Black Knights Invitational today at 9 a.m.

UV bowling sweeps Deposit

HANCOCK -- The Unadilla Valley Storm bowling team traveled to Fox Bowling Center in Hancock to face Deposit on Thursday afternoon. Both the UV boys and girls came away with the sweep. The Storm boys won their matchup with a

final score of 2605-2224. Landin Eccleston led the team with a 579 series with a 224 in his second game. Teagin Eccleston followed with a 559 series as Gavyn Bass rolled three 179s to have a 537 series. Brayden Prentice fin-

ished with a 518 with a 204 in his second game and Hunter Miller with a 412 series. The Storm girls defeated Deposit 2325-1705. Layla Stevens led UV with a 544 series, including a 257 in her first game. Sarina Bell came away

with a 462 series with a 172 in her first game. Kylie Menard rolled a 444 series as Natalie Smith had a 203 in her second game to finish with a 442 series. Amelia Beckwith finished with a 433 series in the win.

S-E bowling sweeps Waterville

YORKVILLE— The Sherburne-Earlville Timberwolves bowling team traveled to take on Waterville at Vista Lanes on Thursday, S-E swept

Waterville with a final score of 2437-2045. Leland Smith led the Timberwolves with a 570 series with a 211 in his second game.

Nick Jenkins followed with a 486 series as Collin Pattee rolled a 445 series. Matthew Morgan rolled a 211 as Crispen

Prosser with a 128 and Michael Knapp with a 124. S-E (7-2) faces New York Mills on Tuesday at 4 p.m.

B-G boys come away with close win over UV

NEW BERLIN— The Bainbridge-Guilford and Unadilla Valley boys’ basketball teams squared off on Friday night in a MAC league clash. Both teams battled with B-G taking the

close 53-48 victory. With the win, B-G snaps a two-game skid before they start a four-game home stand. Aidan Haynes led the Bobcats with 12 points as Isaiah Hampton fol-

lowed with 11 and Colin Dailey with 10 points in the win. Declan Potter led the Storm with a game-high 16 points as Taylor Hodge and Zack Welch both finished with 10

points each in the loss. B-G (4-8) hosts Delhi on Thursday at 7:15 p.m. while UV (0-10) hosts Unatego/Franklin at the same time.

S-E boys fall short to Clinton

CLINTON— The Sherburne-Earlville Timberwolves boys’ basketball team fell on the road to Clinton on Friday night, coming up

short 56-44. Nolan Sigman led the Timberwolves with 14 points with two three-pointers as Bryce Bevilacqua finished with

11 points and a team-high seven rebounds. Camden Marino had seven points as Mike Behret added four points and Steven Smith,

Jordan Palmer, and Cam Mann all had three points in the loss. S-E (5-8) hosts Oriskany on Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Blue lights are a reminder that human trafficking happens on a local level

NORWICH - You might be wondering why are there blue lights shining at the Chenango Child Advocacy Center? January is National Human Trafficking Prevention Month. Blue lights are a reminder that awareness and prevention on trafficking issues begins on a local level. When people hear the term “human trafficking,” they often imagine something that happens somewhere else. The reality is that trafficking is happening within our community.

Youth who are experiencing abuse, homelessness, family conflict, or social isolation are at higher risk of being targeted by traffickers who exploit unmet needs for attention, support, or necessities. The Child Advocacy Center works directly with youth and families in our community and operates the Safe Harbour Program, which supports youth who have been trafficked or are at risk of exploitation. The program pro-

vides a trauma-informed response that prioritizes safety, healing, and stability.

Rather than asking, “Why didn’t they leave?” Safe Harbour asks, “What happened to you, and how can we help?” Youth are connected to a team who walk alongside them, helping them access services, navigate systems, and begin the healing process.

Community awareness plays a powerful role in prevention. Teachers, coaches, neighbors, and friends are often the first to notice when something doesn’t seem right. Knowing the signs and understanding that trafficking can affect any family can make a real difference to kids and our community as a whole.

This January, Chenango Child Advocacy Center in partnership with Live Event NY, Safe Harbour NY and Rural United Way to provide services for at-risk youth and victims of trafficking. We invite



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our community to learn more about human trafficking and the resources available locally by visiting our Facebook Account and/or by working together to ensure that every young person in our community has the opportunity to grow

up safe, supported, and free from exploitation.

At the Child Advocacy Center, we see firsthand how vulnerable youth can be targeted during difficult moments in their lives. Through the Safe Harbour Program, we support youth who

have experienced trafficking or who are at risk, offering them advocacy, resources, and a safe place to turn.

Safe Harbour recognizes that youth who have been exploited need compassion, not judgment. Many have

experienced trauma long before trafficking occurred. The program focuses on meeting youth where they are, helping them regain a sense of control, and connecting them with services that support healing and long-term safety.

Human trafficking prevention is not just the responsibility of service providers but the community as a whole. Awareness, education, and empathy can help create an environment where youth feel seen, valued, and supported before exploitation ever occurs.

This January, let us commit to learning more, talking openly, and supporting programs that protect our youth. When a community comes together, prevention becomes possible, and hope becomes stronger.

— Information from
Joanne Smith, LMSW,
Chenango Child
Advocacy Center
Director

Chenango County Tree and Shrub sale offers plants at low cost

BY KELLI MILLER
GAZETTE STAFF WRITER

NORWICH — It’s that time of year when Chenango County Soil and Water hold their annual tree and shrub sale, offering a wide variety of plants at low cost, now through March, with pick up in April at the Chenango County Fairgrounds.

“The tree and shrub sale has been an annual event for many years,” said Chenango County Soil and Water Conservation Secretary Treasurer Katy Kemmeren.

“We purchase the trees from a large nursery in Western New York,” Kemmeren said. “This is also helpful as the stock was grown in the same climate.”

Kemmeren said orders can be placed by email, phone or at www.chenangoswcd.org. Emails can be sent to chenangocounty-soilandwater@gmail.com or call 607-371-7125. Orders are due



Chenango County Soil and Water is holding their annual tree and shrub sale, offering a wide variety of plants for purchase at low cost. Orders can be placed by email, phone or at www.chenangoswcd.org. Orders are due by March 27, before 4 p.m. April pick up hours are from 12 to 5 p.m., April 24 and from 10 to 11 a.m., April 25, at the Chenango County Fairgrounds, located at 168 East Main Street in Norwich. Above, the Blue Ray Extra 5 blueberry bush was one of the bushes offered last year during the Chenango County Soil and Water tree and shrub sale. This year, a plethora of trees and shrubs will once again be offered for purchase. (Submitted photo)

by March 27, before 4 p.m.

April pick up hours are from 12 to 5 p.m., Friday, April 24 and from 10 to 11 a.m., Saturday, April 25, at the Chenango County Fairgrounds, located at 168 East Main Street in Norwich.

“Our trees are bare root, meaning they are not potted,” Kemmeren added. “Bare-root trees and shrubs are easier to plant, less expensive, and, since the plants are dormant, they experience less transplant shock when moved to their new location.”

According to the website, trees and shrubs offered are in multiple packs and have varying sizes.

Evergreen transplants have varying sizes and can be bought in increments of 10, 50, or 100. They include Balsam Fir, Black Hills Spruce, Colorado Blue Spruce, Frasier Fir, White Cedar, and more.

Deciduous trees are between 12 to 24 inches tall and can also be purchased in bundles of 10, 50, or 100. Trees include Black Walnut, Eastern Redbud, Sugar Maple, American Larch, White Flowering Dogwood, and more.

Conservation packs have a variety of five plants and shrubs with two plants of each in the pack. They include edible fruit, hostas, lavender, ornamental flowering, shade tree, and many more.

Numerous fruiting shrubs are listed, such as Blackberry-Darrow, Blueberry-Duke, Blueberry-Nelson, Currant-Red-Lake, Raspberry-LathamRed, and Strawberry-Honeoye.

Marking flags, fertilizer tablets, and tree tubes can also be purchased.

For additional information, call the Soil and Water Conservation District at 607-334-8634.

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Public Notices

Bonnie Enterprises LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/29/2025. Office: Chenango County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: The LLC, 162 McEnery Rd, Oxford, NY 13830. Purpose: any lawful act. (t6 ES/GZ 12/23, 01/01, 01/08, 01/15, 01/22, 01/29)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF 3 HENRY COURT, LLC, a domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC) Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State on December 5, 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, 3648 Saint Elizabeth Road, Glendale, California 91206. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. (t6ES 12/18, 12/23, 01/01, 01/08, 01/15, 01/22, GZ 12/18, 12/26, 01/01, 01/08, 01/15, 01/22)

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served. The Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her to c/o THE LLC, 214 County Road 3A Greene, New York 13778. Purpose: any lawful activity in which a limited liability company may engage. (t6ES/GZ 12/18, 12/23, 01/1, 01/08, 01/15,01/22)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF Faber's Home Kitchens LLC, a domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC) Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State on December 9th 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

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF KPW Property Management LLC, a domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC) Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State on December 8th, 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, 772

North Road, Oxford, New York 13844. Purpose: any lawful activity in which a limited liability company may engage. (t6ES 12/18, 12/23, 01/01, 01/08, 01/15, 01/22, GZ 12/18, 12/26, 01/01, 01/08, 01/15, 01/22)

Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company under the New York Limited Liability Law Name: Hunhay Property Solutions Articles of Organization filed by the Department of State Of New York on November 26, 2025. Office Location: County of 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 process to: 345 Burdick

Medbury Road Norwich, NY 13815 (t6ES 12/23, 01/01, 01/08, 01/15, 01/22, 01/29, GZ 12/26, 01/01, 01/08, 01/15, 01/22, 01/29)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF Riverbend Rentals LLC, a domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC) Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State on November 6th 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, 772 North Road, Oxford, New York 13844. Purpose: any lawful activity in which a limited liability company may engage.

(t6ES 12/18, 12/23, 01/01, 01/08, 01/15, 01/22, GZ 12/18, 12/26, 01/01, 01/08, 01/15, 01/22)

RUBY HIGHWAY LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the SSNY on 11/19/2025. Office: Chenango County. Nicholas Buttice designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 1872 County Road 39, Bainbridge, NY 13733. Purpose: Publishing Company. 206 \ Domestic LLC (t6ES 12/18, 12/23, 01/01, 01/08, 01/15, 01/22, GZ 12/18, 12/26, 01/01, 01/08, 01/15, 01/22)

Legal Notice to Redeem

STATE OF NEW YORK
SUPREME COURT,
CHENANGO COUNTY

In the Matter of the Foreclosure of Tax
Liens by Proceeding In Rem pursuant to
Article Eleven of the Real Property Tax
Law by Chenango County

PETITION AND NOTICE OF
FORECLOSURE
Index No. 2021X024
Re: Previously withdrawn parcel
082201 265.07-1-11

Petitioner, William C. Craine,
Chenango County Treasurer, states as follows:

1) The above-captioned proceeding is hereby commenced to enforce the payment of delinquent taxes or other lawful charges which have accumulated and become liens against certain property. The parcels to which this proceeding applies are identified on Schedule A of this Petition, which is annexed hereto and made a part hereof. This document serves both as a Petition of Foreclosure and a Notice of Foreclosure for purposes of this proceeding.

2. On February 02, 2021 a list of delinquent taxes in compliance with Real Property Tax Law § 1122 was

recorded in the office of the Chenango County Clerk, specifying all parcels of real property affected by delinquent tax liens held and owned by Chenango County for nonpayment of 2020 taxes.

3. Effect of filing: All persons having or claiming to have an interest in the real property described in this petition are hereby notified that the filing of this petition constitutes the commencement by Chenango County, the tax district, of a proceeding in the court specified in the caption above to foreclose each of the tax liens therein described by a foreclosure proceeding *in rem*.

4. Nature of proceeding: This proceeding is brought against the real property only and is to foreclose the tax liens described in this petition. No personal judgment will be entered

herein for such taxes or other legal charges or any part thereof.

5. Persons affected: This notice is directed to all persons owning or having or claiming to have an interest in the real property described in this petition. Such persons are hereby notified further that a duplicate of this petition has been filed in the office of the Enforcing Officer of the Chenango County tax district, William C. Craine, and will remain open for public inspection up to and including the date specified below as the last day for redemption.

6. Right of redemption: Any person having or claiming to have an interest in any such real property and the legal right thereto may on or before said date redeem the same by paying the amount of all such

unpaid tax liens thereon, including all interest and penalties and other legal charges which are included in the lien against such real property, computed to and including the date of redemption. Such payments shall be made to William C. Craine, Chenango County Treasurer, 5 Court Street, Norwich, New York 13815. The only forms of payment accepted are cash, certified check, bank check or money order. For information regarding the outstanding amount due call Delinquent Tax Services at (607) 337-1493. In the event that such taxes are paid by a person other than the record owner of said real property, the person so paying shall be entitled to have the tax liens affected thereby satisfied of record.

7. Last day for redemption: The last day for redemption is hereby fixed as the 31th day of July 2026.

8. Service of answer: Every person having any right, title or interest in or lien upon any parcel of real property described in this petition may serve a duly verified answer upon Zachary T. Wentworth, the Attorney for the Chenango County tax district, setting forth in detail the nature and amount of his or her interest and any defense or objection to the foreclosure. Such answer must be filed in the Office of the Chenango County Clerk and served upon Zachary T. Wentworth, the attorney for the Chenango County tax district on or before the date above mentioned as the last day for redemption.

9. Failure to redeem or answer: In the event of failure to redeem or answer by any person having the right to redeem or answer, such person shall be forever barred and foreclosed of all his or her right, title and interest and equity of redemption in and to the parcel described in this petition and a judgment in foreclosure may be taken by default.

WHEREFORE, petitioner demands that a judgment be entered herein pursuant to Real Property Tax Law §1136 in favor of Chenango County and against all persons, including the state, infants, incompetents, absentees and non-residents who may have had any right, title, interest, claim, lien or equity of redemption in or relating to the properties subject to this proceeding.

Enforcing Officer:
/s/ William C. Craine
William C. Craine
Chenango County Treasurer
Dated: December 05, 2025

State of New York)
County of Chenango)
SS.:

I, William C. Craine, being duly sworn, depose and say: I am the Chenango County Treasurer and the Enforcing Officer for the County of Chenango. I have read this Petition, which I have signed, and I am familiar with its contents. The contents of this Petition are true to the best of my knowledge, based upon the records of the County of Chenango. I do not know of any errors or omissions in this Petition. Affirmed under the penalties of perjury.

/s/ William C. Craine
Sworn to before me this 5th day of December, 2025
/s/ Gail A Young
Gail A Young
Notary Public
Attorney for Tax District:

/s/ Zachary T. Wentworth
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In the Matter of the Foreclosure of Tax : SCHEDULE “A” To Liens by Proceeding In Rem pursuant to : PETITION AND NOTICE Article Eleven of the Real Property Tax : OF FORECLOSURE Law by Chenango County :

INDEX No. 2021X024

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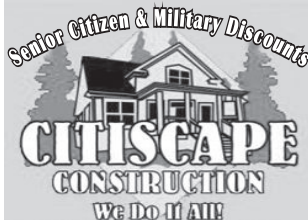
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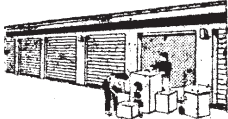


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