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Sherburne-Earlville High School advances to Odyssey of the Mind World Finals

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SHERBURNE – On Saturday, 216 teams from across New York State flooded into the New York State Fair Grounds in Syracuse for the Odyssey of the Mind State Finals.

Five teams from Chenango County participated in the competition and one of those teams qualified for the World Finals. Teams from Sherburne-Earlville, Holy Family and Greenlawn Elementary School took part in Saturday's New York State Championship. With the highest score for their long-term performance, the Sherburne-Earlville High School team will be advancing to the World Finals.

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SE's Odyssey of the Mind high school team was comprised of six students: Seniors Bethany Garrison and Clark Vischi, junior Josie Pierce, Sophomores Tucker Valentine and Eskinado Carvell, and Freshman Brett Lewis. The team took on Problem 3, The Classics. This year's problem required the students to create an original skit that included an original beast, a hero and side-kick, an epic quest and a rescue. (Submitted photo)

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Freshman Brett Lewis. The team took on Problem 3, The Classics. This year's problem required the students to

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SE Odyssey Director Jonathan Sherry said, "I'm thrilled with our SE Odyssey of the Mind program. The students have worked tirelessly to solve their incredibly complex problem. They showed the entirety of NYS that our small beautiful school can compete and be the best across the state in solving their long-term problem. I'm proud of the relentless work and the brilliant critical thinking that earned them a place amongst the most creative thinkers on the planet. I celebrate that in a world of myriad paths for our students, the skills and lessons they develop in SE Odyssey will help them soar in life! During this season of US Olympiads showcasing their strengths, I'm excited that SE will do their part to shine on a world stage."

Both Sherburne

seniors will be attending the World Finals for the first time, despite having competed in the program for many years.

"I've wanted to do to worlds since I started OM and every year it just didn't happen. This year was my last chance, so when I heard Sherburne called I was just so excited that we did it and I was going to get my chance to experience worlds," said Garrison.

In her sixth year of participating in the program, Garrison said she loves Odyssey for the creativity she gets to show and the time it gives her to hang out with friends. "I really enjoyed making costumes this year and showing my creativity."

Vischi, who has participated in Odyssey for eight or nine years, described the moment he found out his team

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Rural EMS on shaky ground without state support

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SHERBURNE –The state of rural EMS service has been a priority in the Village of Sherburne. With reimbursements often falling far short of the cost of the services, area municipalities are left to foot the bill.

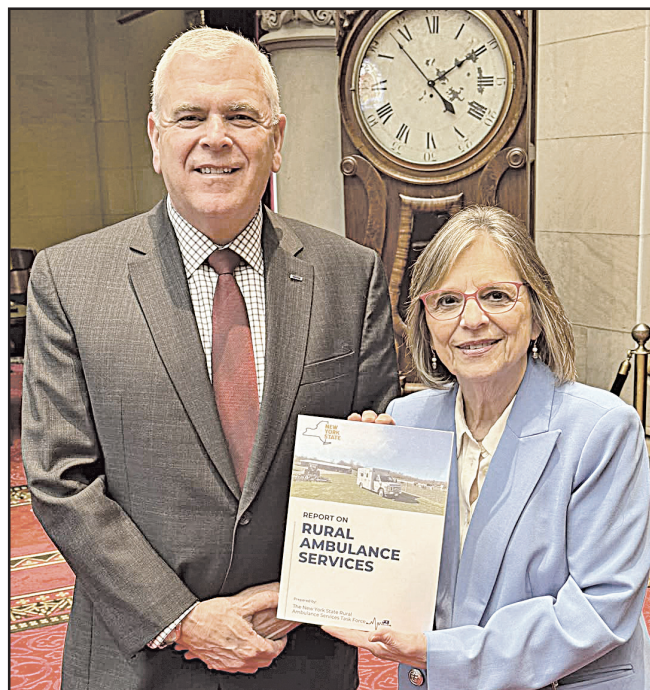
"Rural EMS should be declared a public health emergency in my opinion," said Village of Sherburne Mayor William Acee. "Funding is critical in rural areas."

While fire services are deemed an essential service that municipalities must provide, EMS services are not. Area municipalities have the option to pro-

vide those services at their discretion, and for many towns and villages the cost is too high. "EMS should become an essential service and the counties should be the lead for EMS. In fact, the state passed a law that all counties must have an EMS plan."

One of the critical problems with the system is that Medicaid and Medicare reimbursements are too low. "We do not recover our costs for those call," Acee explained. The village does well with no fault and provider-pay billing however.

According to Acee, standardized data collection and availability would make the pro-



Assemblyman Joe Angelino and Assemblywoman Donna Lupardo speak up for ambulance service in rural New York. According to the Report on Rural Ambulance Services: "The rural EMS system in NYS is teetering on the brink of collapse." (Submitted photo)



Sherburne Mayor Bill Acee. (File photo)

cess easier, but bigger issues such as funding and a shortage of EMS providers needs to be addressed. Currently EMS services are handled by the Department of Emergency

Management. "NYS Department of Health should exercise more input. Hospitals are in need of ambulances too."

State-wide the number of eligible EMS providers renewing their certification is down nearly 25 percent. "Finding help day to day is a concern." Historically, the Sherburne EMS providers have been a volunteer agency. However over time, the agency has become almost fully paid. "We have one volunteer left." The fire department is still a volunteer agency.

Assemblyman Joseph Angelino (R-Norwich) recently weighed in on the issue as well.

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Chenango County celebrates Ag in the Classroom Literacy Month

BY KELLI MILLER
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CHENANGO COUNTY — Chenango County is celebrating its annual Agricultural Literacy Month, a local expansion of New York State's "Ag Literacy Week."

The program started as a week long event in March but because of the large number of students served across the county, the program has grown into a month-long effort, bringing agriculture education directly into classrooms.

"Throughout the month, volunteers, which include farmers, FFA and 4-H members, agricultural professionals, and community partners visit elementary schools to read an agricultural themed



During Chenango County Agricultural Literacy Month, a volunteer is reading this year's featured book, "Seasons on the Farm", by Chelsea Tornetto. Agricultural Literacy Month, is a local expansion of New York State's "Ag Literacy Week." (Submitted Photo)

book and lead students in a hands-on learning activity," said Cornell Cooperative Extension Associate Team Leader Whitney Kmetz.

Kmetz said the statewide program tradition-

ally focuses on second grade, yet Chenango County adapts to each school's needs, ensuring students across multiple grade levels have the opportunity to participate.

This year's featured book, "Seasons on the Farm" by Chelsea Tornetto, gives students an inside look at the rhythm of farm life throughout the year, from planting crops and caring for animals to harvesting fields and preparing for winter.

After the reading, students take part in a paper-based activity where they illustrate the four seasons on the farm, creating a rotating wheel that reveals the unique tasks and changes each season brings.

All books used in the program were generously sponsored by Deb Dusko. After each classroom visit, the book is donated to the school or classroom library, complete with a bookplate recognizing the

donor and the celebration of Agricultural Literacy Month, Kmetz explained.

"This year, more than 15 volunteers stepped forward, thanks in part to partnerships with local FFA chapters, elected officials, Assemblyman Joe Angelino, and other community supporters," she continued. "Their efforts will allow the program to reach every public school in Chenango County, as well as Holy Family School and Valley Heights Christian Academy."

Organizers emphasized the importance of agricultural education, noting that less than 2% of the population works directly in farming, while nearly 20% of the nation's workforce is connected to the food and fiber system.

Kmetz noted, agri-

culture is often under-represented in school curricula. The New York Agriculture in the Classroom program aims to bridge that gap by supporting hands-on learning, strengthening academic connections, and helping students understand how agriculture shapes the environment, economy, and daily life.

More information about Agricultural Literacy Week can be found by visiting the New York Agriculture in the Classroom website at www.agclassroom.org/ny.

For program information and opportunities, visit the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Chenango County and Chenango County 4-H Facebook page.

\$1.7 million funding available for beginning farmers

BY KELLI MILLER
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CHENANGO COUNTY — The New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets, with the New York Farm Viability Institute (NYFVI), announced \$1.7 million now available through the second round of the Beginning Farmer Grant Program.

New York farmers with 10 years or less of farm operation experience who will be engaging in operating a farm within the state can find support through this program with funding to address farming needs, expenses, operational costs, and other essential investments.

"The beginning Farmer Grant program is a critical program that provides the necessary capital that new

and beginning farmers need to get started and to be successful in the agricultural industry," said State Agriculture Commissioner Richard Ball.

Ball said he was proud of the program as it will help in accessing additional resources and support farmers in purchasing new equipment which will broaden farmers operations and businesses.

"I thank the New York Farm Viability Institute for their partnership in this program and look forward to successful applications," he said.

Chenango County Farm Bureau President and Owner of Austin Farm Enterprises, LLC., Jeff Austin, Jr. said, "I believe this funding program is set up to help the small farmers that have once again become a growing industry in our

state, customers have spoken and are pushing to know where their food comes from and this will help support that."

Austin explained how the funding can help a beginning farmer and said there are a lot of variables yet for animal based agriculture, he said the money should always be spent on the best animal comfort available.

"Animals that are well cared for will always do well for the producer," Austin said.

He noted crop based agriculture money should be spent on the science of agronomy, adding, "A lot can be said for caring for the plants you grow rather than trying to grow more than you can care for."

The Austin farm is a family owned and operated business that grows hay and corn with a variety of animals they raise



Recently, at Austin Farm Enterprises, the Austin family moved hay bales on their property in Bainbridge New York. The New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets, with the New York Farm Viability Institute (NYFVI), announced \$1.7 million now available through the second round of the Beginning Farmer Grant Program for New York farmers with 10 years or less of farm operation experience. (Photo by Jeff Austin)

for meat that is sold in their store.

"If our farm were to apply for something like this, our operation could use some updating on our existing structures as well as increased storage for products after harvest," Austin added.

According to the State Agricultural Department, The Beginning Farmer Grant Program was funded in the FY2023-2024 and FY2024-2025 NYS Enacted Budget and supports the State's prime concern to increase opportunities in agriculture to more New Yorkers.

The grant program goal is to assist beginning farmers who produce any type of agricultural product with the financial costs associated with the

creation or expansion of a new farm operation.

A total of \$1.7 million is available through this second round, with awards ranging from \$5,000-\$50,000 and \$50,001-\$200,000, based on project complexity and duration.

All projects will require a 5% match, regardless of funding amount. Applicants must demonstrate the potential for the project to grow their business and improve financial sustainability.

Any applicant whose farm generated less than \$1,000 in the previous year must provide a business plan. Applications will be available through June 14, 2026.

The program will help offset costs associated with the start-up,

improvement, or expansion of a farm operation; the purchase of agricultural land and physical structures; the purchase of machinery, equipment, or livestock; the construction or improvement of physical structures, including semi-permanent structures; worker or apprenticeship training; and marketing activities.

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Applications and additional information can be found at 2026 Beginning Farmer Competitive Grant Program at NYFVI.org.

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County Board requests NYSEG investigation and rate case hearings held in county

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NORWICH — During the recent Chenango County Board of Supervisors meeting, officials addressed concerns over current and proposed New York State Electric and Gas (NYSEG) rate increases, delivery charges, and additional fees to rate payers.

The board voted to send a declaration to officials, requesting New York State Public Service Commission (PSC) perform a thorough investigation.

With growing concerns over lack of transparency, uncontrolled or unexplained rate increases, and current rate-setting purposes, the board of supervisors also requested PSC to hold state rate case hearings in person in each respective county.

“When the PSC holds rate case hearings, they are always in a metropolitan area and not in each county,” said

Board Chairman Jeffrey Blanchard.

Blanchard explained metropolitan areas have their own issues as do rural areas and said if hearings were held in each county, local people could travel easier to attend and share their concerns.

Blanchard said he believes NYSEG operates in 44 of the 62 counties in New York and although he has faith in the state asking for fair and equitable treatment for everyone, he feels NYSEG could do a better job purchasing energy from suppliers and noted it’s important to protect county residents and small businesses from unfair utility burdens.

An amended resolution will be sent to State officials and includes the following verbiage: “Resolved that the Chenango County Board of Supervisors demands that the PCS holds in person rate case hearings in each respective county.”



During the recent Chenango County Board meeting, officials discuss their concerns over current NYSEG fees and vote to request the Public Service Commission perform a thorough investigation. (Photo by Kelli Miller)

Town of Preston Supervisor Steve Palmatier said, “We are asking the PSC to investigate rate increases, but 57% of our electric bill is driven by state mandated fees and taxes.”

Palmatier noted there is nothing in the resolution calling for the PSC to investigate the impact these increases are having on the state and further added, bills in New York are 50%

higher than the national average.

“We must do something about the New York State Government as we do with our building codes because they are the ones that caused this problem,” he said.

Smyrna Supervisor Michael Khoury said spending the effort to figure out what is happening with the energy costs is worth it as it affects every rate payer

in the county yet he said he has no confidence in the PSC and believes they should investigate their own politically appointed board members.

Khoury pointed to an article dating back to 2003, when the county was trying to run a natural gas line from Smyrna to Sherburne, down Route 80. He said every person wanted the gas for heating -yet after

a year, it was tabled and with no explanations, causing investors to walk away.

He said he believes everyone is trying to consolidate into renewable energy, and it is becoming more and more expensive.

Certified copies of the declaration will be forwarded to the New York State Public Service Commission, Governor Kathy Hochul, Assemblyman Joseph Angelino, Assemblyman Jeff Gallahan, Senator Joseph Griffo, Senator Oberacker, other New York Counties, and the New York State Association of Counties.

Recently, NYSEG’s final hearings were held for their requested 35 percent increase, equaling about \$464.4 million and return on equity of 10 percent for the rate year, resulting in \$32 million increase in electric service revenue.

The rate request will be determined by the PSC with final decisions made in months to come.

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Speaking to the New York State Assembly on the proposed 2026-2027 state budget, Angelino explained that Medicaid rates for ambulance transports are currently only reimbursed at about 50 percent.

“As a volunteer first responder, I have seen firsthand that Emergency Medical Services (EMS) have

been in crisis for years—especially in rural areas,” Angelino said in a press release. “Rural EMS is an ‘out of sight, out of mind’ problem that becomes all too real when you or a loved one need an ambulance.”

Last year, Angelino and Assembly member Diane Lupardo (D-Endwell) co-sponsored a bill intended to address funding issues for emergency medical services by remov-

ing those expenditures from the limit on real property tax levies by local governments. The bill passed the State Assembly with near unanimous support, however in December it was vetoed by Governor Kathy Hochul.

“Short term financial relief now must come in the state budgetary process by increasing rates paid for Medicaid transportation. Rural EMS is on shaky ground and

cannot survive on dedication and pride alone,” Angelino said.

In Sherburne, Acee said the situation is not hopeless. “If we did everything right, made no mistakes, and hit all of our goals, we could survive and succeed as EMS. But just like with any other business, there is not a lot of forgiveness if you make missteps.”

Sherburne’s EMS service had previously had a contract with the Town

of Columbus, however this year, Columbus contracted with New Berlin for EMS service instead. However, even without the contract, Sherburne EMS still responds to mutual aid calls in Columbus and other neighboring areas.

“We just don’t get the contractual tax dollars,” Acee said. Sherburne is also in a unique position, because the Town of Sherburne funds the EMS program, while the

village runs it. When additional funds need to be appropriated to the EMS program, the village has to go to the town to ask. “If we could tax for EMS service, if we had total control, we could have a better chance at fixing this problem, but there are so many variables and most of them are beyond our control.” Acee said.

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would have the chance to advance to Worlds.

“It felt as though time stood still, and as we were called up, a flood and rush of emotions ran through me, of happiness and joy, excitement and thrill.” For Vischi, the team dynamic makes Odyssey fun. “I enjoy the company and family dynamic of our OM team,” he said. “My favorite part is definite-

ly performing, but that’s probably because I’m an actor.”

Both seniors took a moment to thank their coach for all of her hard work and support. “Jenn [Ashton] got me started in OM. I want to thank her for always being there and being an amazing coach and sticking with me and the team,” Garrison said. Vischi echoed those sentiments. “I would like to thank Jenn for her years of dedication to us, as

well as putting up with use in our senior year,” Vischi said.

High school coach, Jennifer Ashton has been a part of Sherburne Odyssey for nine years. “I started when my daughter Amelia wanted to participate as a 5th grader and needed a coach. She watched her older sister and brother compete in OM and wanted in on the excitement. What started out as a mom helping her kid out for a year, turned

into coaching she and her friends through their senior year,” Ashton said. “When my daughter and friends graduated I decided to commit to coaching the 10th graders on that team through their final year of Odyssey, this year. And here they are ending their journey competing at Worlds!” While Ashton had thought this might be her final year, she said she now wants to see her younger members through their

senior year. “It’s quite the cycle. I think as long as I have students who want to participate and put in the effort and the same outstanding support from Sherburne Earlville, I’ll continue to coach.”

This is Ashton’s first time taking a team to Worlds. “Through this season they have become incredibly close. They look out for each other, they push each other to do their best work, and they take turns carrying

the load when a teammate is struggling. They don’t just feel obligated and driven to work hard for themselves, they do it for each other. I think that’s what has made them so successful—their bond.”

The Odyssey of the Mind World Finals will take place from May 27 to 30 in Ames, Iowa.

Outdoor Chenango: Cheap fix (hopefully) for a ground blind



Eric Davis

Outdoor Chenango

I remember buying a spring steel framed blind in high school that took me an hour to figure out how to put it back into the carrying case it came in. In the last 5-10 years, the pop-up ground blind has undergone a huge transformation to bring it to the top of the list of options for hunters. The hub-style blinds of today are easy to set-up and just as easy to take down. They can also come with magnetic doors and win-

dows for added stealth or mesh windows that allow you to shoot an arrow through them. On the downside, they are somewhat expensive (a good 2-person blind starts at \$99). After investing in a quality ground blind, nobody wants to have something happen that would ruin their blind.

A common use for ground blinds is for deer hunting. Since deer are skittish to “new” things in their everyday routine, it pays to set your blind up a few weeks in advance of the season starting so that they get used to its presence. Do your best to brush it in so that it doesn’t stick out as much but they will notice it. The downside to the weather in New York is the unpredictable start of the snowy season. When a heavy snow hits and it builds up on the roof of the

blind, its weight forces the top to cave in.

Once the top caves in, the weight of the roof is put onto the sides and one or more of the sides will break due to the increase in stress. Usually just one of the poles will break and the hub will still be okay.

I had this exact scenario happen to me a few years ago at the end of archery season. I went to check on my blind after a morning sit and noticed something was wrong from about 75 yards away. I had poles break on 3 out of the 4 sides after the roof had caved in. I spent about half an hour scooping the snow off the blind before I could break it down the best I could. I dragged it down the hill and put it in the garage to try to melt off the remaining snow and ice. After putting my bow away and changing my

clothes, I started looking online at replacement poles for my blind. The model I have was discontinued (of course) so parts were nowhere to be found. I could order a new hub with 4 poles for \$49.99, but I needed 3 to fix it so I’d spend more on the hubs and poles than I spent on the blind! I ended up complaining about my situation to a friend who said they had also gone through the same situation. However, they had found a solution on an online forum.

They said to find fiberglass electric fence posts as they were the same diameter as most of the poles used in ground blinds. Then all you need to do is cut them to length and put them into the pole holders. I had thought about this all winter and finally when the weather changed at the beginning of spring,

I spent a Saturday afternoon working on my blind. I am pleased to say that the fence posts worked phenomenally. Here’s a quick rundown of how it went.

Identify what hub had the broken pole or poles.

- Remove the hub assembly from the blind using socket wrench. Set all bolts, washers, and nuts aside.
- Cut the broken pole flush with the end of the sleeve that is cabled to the hub.
- Put the sleeve into a bench vise and tighten the vise.
- Use a 3/8” drill bit to remove the end of the pole from the sleeve. Go for about one inch.
- Clean out shavings in the sleeve.
- Put the blunt end of the fence post into the sleeve and make sure it stays snug.
- Hold the fencepost

up to another pole with the ends of their sleeves even, mark the fencepost to match the end of the pole, cut the fencepost.

- Put hub assembly back together and put the pole ends into their pockets. Test opening and closing hub a few times.
- If hub holds up to test, put a few drops of superglue into the sleeve where the fencepost is put in.

If you find yourself getting ready to throw out a hub-style ground blind because the poles broke, give the fiberglass fencepost a try. They cost less than \$2 a piece at farm supply stores so if they don’t work, you aren’t out that much but if they work you save a lot of money.

UHS Chenango Memorial launches lymphedema therapy program

NORWICH — Local residents living with chronic swelling now have access to specialized care designed to improve mobility, comfort, and day-to-day independence, thanks to a new lymphedema therapy program at UHS Therapies Norwich.

According to Physical Therapist Ann Heimbuecher, Lymphedema is a condition in which damage or dysfunction of the lymphatic system leads to persistent swelling most often in the arms or legs, though it can appear in other parts of the body as well. Without proper management, the condition can gradually worsen and cause pain, visible skin changes, reduced mobility, and an increased risk of infection.

“For many people, the impact on daily life can be tremendous,”

Heimbuecher said.

Recognizing the need for treatment options closer to home for patients in Chenango County, Heimbuecher and her colleague Alexis Atkinson became certified in advanced lymphedema management.

According to Atkinson, many patients initially seek help after noticing symptoms such as heaviness, tightness, thickened skin, or swelling that appears on one side of the body. This can be caused or exacerbated by cancer or cancer treatments, infections such as cellulitis, surgery or trauma, and/or other medical conditions.

She and Heimbuecher use a multi-step approach with patients that includes manual lymphatic drainage, compression, targeted exercises, and careful skin care known as complete decongestive



Alexis Atkinson, PTA, CLT and Ann Heimbuecher, PT, DPT, CLT demonstrate some of the techniques they use when working with patients with lymphedema on a colleague at UHS Therapies Norwich. (Submitted photo)

therapy. Patients typically begin with more frequent visits to reduce fluid buildup and then transition to a personal-

ized home-management routine.

“People often don’t realize how much swelling affects their

daily function until we start reducing it,” Heimbuecher said. “Simple tasks like walking, dressing, or standing for long periods become easier, and people begin to feel like themselves again.”

Early treatment can prevent the condition from progressing to more advanced stages that may inhibit daily movement or lead to repeated infections.

Education is a key element, said Atkinson.

“Lymphedema doesn’t go away, but people can learn how to control it,” she explained. “When patients understand their triggers and know how to manage swelling early, they stay more active and independent.”

For patients, the goal extends beyond reducing swelling. It’s about regaining confidence and reclaiming daily life.

“When someone can

move without discomfort, fit into their clothes again, or feel confident going out in the community, it’s a big deal,” Atkinson said. “That’s what this program is about.”

A physical therapy referral from a medical provider is required to begin lymphedema therapy.

For more information about services available at UHS Therapies Norwich, call (607) 337-4227 or visit nyuhs.org.

UHS Chenango Memorial Hospital is a member of United Health Services, a locally owned not-for-profit 916-bed hospital and health care system serving the Greater Binghamton region from more than 40 locations around New York’s Southern Tier.

- Information from UHS

Chenango Valley Home welcomes new board member as it transitions to an Assisted Living Residence

NORWICH - Byron M. Harrington, President of the Board of Directors at Chenango Valley Home (CVH), located at 24 Canasawacta St., Norwich, has announced the most recent appointment to their board: Julie A. Briggs from Sherburne.

Briggs has very high

qualifications from her Nursing career of over 40 years. She was director for Chenango Memorial Long Term Home Health Care Program and the Director of Nursing for CMH Nursing Home. She recently retired after 17-plus years at SUNY Upstate Medical University as Director

of Quality and Patient Safety.

He currently resides in Sherburne with her husband. In her leisure time she enjoys gardening, quilting and outdoor activities.

After 130 years as an Adult Home, Chenango Valley Home is currently evolving into

an Assisted Living Residence for Senior Citizens of the greater Chenango County area by expanding their current 28 room facility to 40 rooms.

Briggs will play a major role within CVH as it enters this next phase of the home and as it explores the

possibility of adding a Memory Care Unit. Her career will be a valuable asset for CVH regarding regulatory, healthcare standards and survey processes.

The entire Board is very pleased that she is joining us.

- Information from CVH



Chenango Valley Home welcomes recently appointed board member Julie A. Briggs. (Submitted photo)

The Early Files *by Peggy Finnegan*

WEEK #14 TWENTY YEARS AGO

April 7, 2006

Pussy willows are out along the roadsides and peepers are making their song heard. According to folklore, they have to be frozen in three times before Spring is actually here. The forecast sounds like they might do that before the week is over.

A recent burglary at the West Brookfield Community Church is under investigation. A bass guitar and amplifier were among the items taken.

With unanimous support from the county Democratic Committee, Town of New Berlin Justice Elizabeth Garry announced her campaign to be the next state Supreme Court Justice.

THIRTY YEARS AGO

April 4, 1996

Mabel L. Lennon, 79, of Pittsfield, died April 3rd at Chase Nursing Home. She taught social studies for 12 years. In 1952 she joined her husband, Dr. Donald Lennon, in his dental practice.

SUNDAY SPECIALS: Roast Turkey & Dressing, \$9.95; Prime Rib, Petite \$12.95, Regular \$15.95. The Old Mill

FORTY YEARS AGO

April 2, 1986

It was a beautiful 80° Easter Sunday. The little peeper frogs are out each warm night.

PASNY hired guards to intimidate landowners.

A flock of robins paused on Glenn Chase's front lawn.

Of the 1,965 dairy farms in the five-county region, 372 submitted bids to the USDA in the Dairy Buyout.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

April 1, 1976

Firemen were busy with two grass fires and a car fire.

A shock of disbelief ran through the village with news that Dan Musson died after a usual day, ending with a late supper and a bowl of popcorn.

Leon Gray served in a capable and efficient manner for 14 years as Pittsfield justice.

FOR SALE: Green 1971 VW bug, \$1000. Some rust.

SIXTY YEARS AGO

April 8, 1966

Spring vacation is

beautifully timed to send children forth at peak fire season. Children cause one out of eight wildfires.

James "Skip" Hansen, 32, father of four, and Richarad Izard, 49, father of ten, drowned in Seneca Lake on opening day of trout season when their boat capsized.

Dan Malhenzie is home for two weeks' vacation.

WANTED: Babysitter five days a week in my home. Mrs. James Hansen

SEVENTY YEARS AGO

April 6, 1956

Snowfall this year was 104.8"; average was 72" the past five years.

Blackbirds have returned. Woodchucks and skunks have been out for weeks.

Deborah Williams, age 1, was severely burned when she fell from her carriage into a pan of scalding water. She is holding her own.

R.D. Calhoun finished making another violin.

In the blizzard of March 16, Supt. Backus and men worked day and night as one plow after another broke down, until all that was left was a bulldozer and grader.

EIGHTY YEARS AGO

April 3, 1946

Earl Lancaster, 4, was badly injured when he ran in front of a car driven by Neil Perkins on School street.

Pfc. Sidney Pope Jr. arrived in the American occupation zone in Germany.

Thomas Lockerbie began construction of a bowling alley in Edmeston.

Larry Clapp celebrated his third birthday with a family party at McCleary restaurant.

FOR SALE: No. 1 locust posts, 30c. Harold Schmidt

NINETY YEARS AGO

April 2, 1936

As if the most severe winter in 25 years hasn't been enough, a Chicago forecaster predicts that we are in for ten more just like it.

Peepers were heard in nearby ponds on March 3rd.

Several saw ten birds across the brook from Floyd Shole's. They are as big as crows, but pure white.

An order for 216,000

undershirts for the Army was received by the Norwich Knitting Co.

Leon Johnson, bus driver, was unable to make his trip up Spurr street last week.

Scientists say we breathe 1-1/2 lbs. of dirt each year, but it must run considerably higher in an election year.

FOR SALE: 500 locust posts 15c each. Lee Page

HUNDRED YEARS AGO

April 2, 1926

The weather has been too cold for sap to run yet... and prospects for fishing are mighty slim.

E.B. Bailey, well known farmer, was found dead in a lot just back of his house south of this village.

Some 40 men, two trucks and a plow worked all day to open the road from Grant Myers' to Columbus Center. The snow is higher than a man can reach for over half a mile.

Even when all you get of a chicken is the neck, you need to think how much better off you are than the chicken.

We are sorry to hear that Miss Esther Chase is not convalescing from the grippe as we wish her to do.

Older folk might recognize the new Charleston as the old hoe-down made over.

What is expected to be the most voluminous discussion on a domestic issue since the free silver talk-fest will start in the Senate. The topic is modification of the prohibition law and the 18th amendment.

110 YEARS AGO

April 1, 1916

The fuel famine continues; 35 families in Sidney Center are out of coal. The deep snow makes it impossible for farmers to get into their woodlots, so there is very little wood in town.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Chester Houck, twin boys. Grandpa and Grandma Tanner are wearing big grins.

The principal business nowadays is trying to make the roads passable.

Hugh Gregory is quite sick with a grippe in his head and gathering in his ears.

The youngest child of Linn Bemis and wife had the misfortune to have its face badly burned with hot coffee.

Alvin Lamb's barn roof fell in, one of several in this vicinity that collapsed on account of the weight of snow.

Mrs. Celestia Myers vacated the Smith house on Academy, and will occupy a flat belonging to H.I. Lottridge on Greene street.

Leonard Lingee of So. New Berlin, well-known horseman, died Tuesday.

Leroy Fish purchased a 1916 Dodge Brothers runabout of F.A. Smith, local agent.

We omitted to mention the damage done to the Presbyterian Church sheds by heavy snow falling from the church roof that took off the top section of the chimney.

J. Dwight Beardslee purchased an International tractor of Calvin Day and a three-bottom plow to go with it. The tractor burns kerosene and furnishes 8 HP on draw bar pull and 16 HP on belt pulley. This horseless plowing outfit is quite a curiosity in these parts.

WANTED: Rags, price 2c per lb. at the Tannery.

Obituary

WANETTA I. DANIELS

Wanetta I. Daniels, 91, best known as Nita to those who loved her, passed peacefully at Fox Nursing Home on March 9. Born in Morris to Lyman and Bernice Olds, Nita was the eldest of three. She graduated from Morris Central School in 1954. Nita worked for Amphenol for 34 years before retiring. She spent most of her life taking care of others, making a second profession of it for 15 years after her retirement.



Nita was a member of the Butternut Valley Grange, often serving at their booth at the county fair. She enjoyed painting, collecting cardinal and rooster figurines, spending time with family, friends, and her beloved pets, and shopping. One of her greatest joys was the weekly Bible study she hosted at her home for more than 10 years. She worshiped at the Holmesville Baptist Church.

Nita was survived by her sister Mary and grandchildren Shorty, Jamie, Miki, and Scott.

She was predeceased by her husband, Eugene; her long-time partner, Jack; her daughters, Sue and Paula; her parents, Lyman and Bernice; her brother, John; her grandson, Matt; and several cousins and close friends.

A service to celebrate Nita will be held at Holmesville Baptist Church on March 21 at 2:00 p.m., where everyone who loved her is invited to gather. There will be no graveside service.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the SPCA or St. Jude's in Nita's honor.

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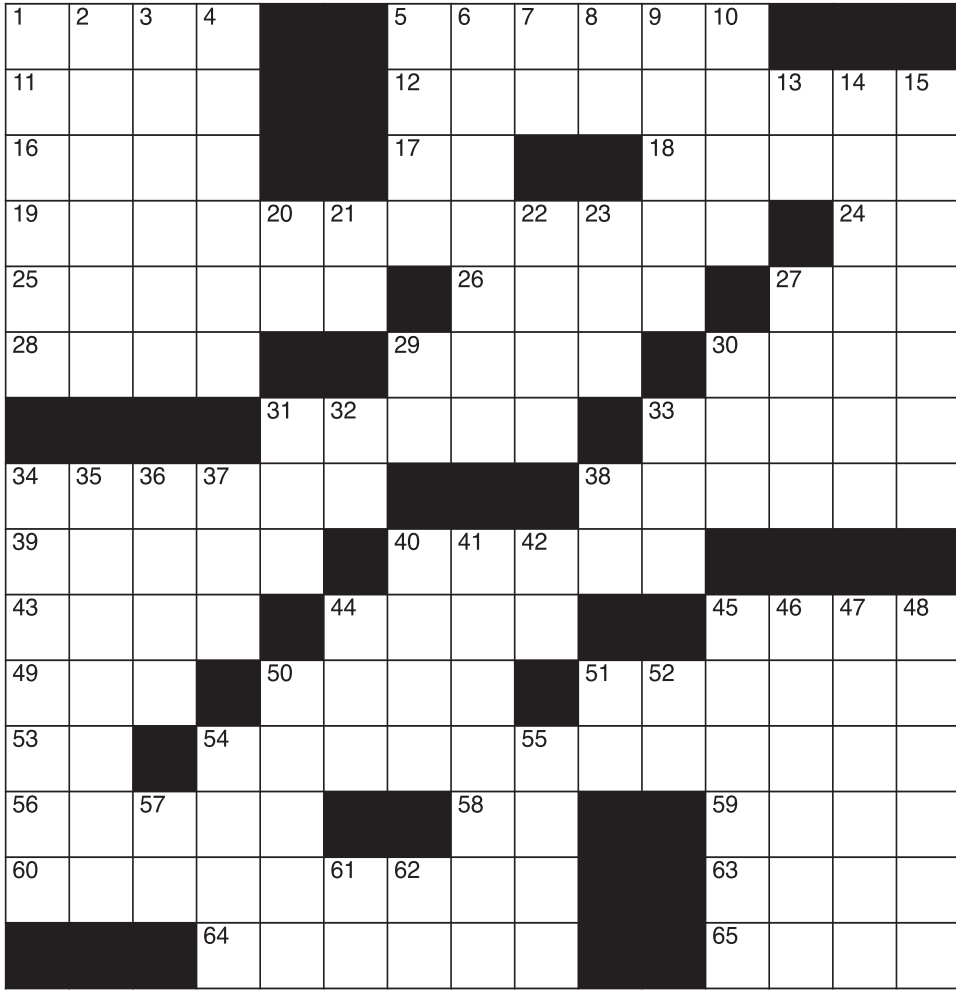
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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. "Bird of Paradise" constellation
- 5. Red Sox WS winner Bronson
- 11. Whirl
- 12. The State Dept. has a notable one
- 16. Energy, style and enthusiasm
- 17. Part of the mind
- 18. Mountainous country
- 19. Type of beverage
- 24. Atomic #109
- 25. Opposite of falsities
- 26. Female sheep
- 27. Rocky peak
- 28. Sensitive information sharing environment
- 29. Ethnic group of Thailand
- 30. Patron saint of Rome Philip
- 31. Psychedelics
- 33. Japanese pine
- 34. Have an impact on
- 38. Violent disorder
- 39. A French river
- 40. Early Mesoamerican civilization
- 43. Messenger ribonucleic acid
- 44. Musician Clapton
- 45. Ancient Greek sophist
- 49. Largest English dictionary (abbr.)
- 50. Valley
- 51. A way to unwind
- 53. Atomic #93
- 54. Recommending
- 56. Indigo bush
- 58. Larry and Curly's pal
- 59. Off-Broadway theater award
- 60. Fencers
- 63. Small Eurasian deer (pl.)
- 64. Relating to songbirds
- 65. A way to assign

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Some are "secret"
- 2. Intestinal openings
- 3. Distant planet
- 4. Assembly possessing high legislative powers
- 5. Genus of typical owls
- 6. One with distinctively colored hair
- 7. Red cross
- 8. An alternative
- 9. Abominable snowmen
- 10. About ear
- 13. The opening letters
- 14. Feeling of regret
- 15. Atomic #39
- 20. Luteinizing hormone
- 21. Atomic #55
- 22. Carries a debt
- 23. Albanian monetary unit
- 27. Semitic abjad letter
- 29. Yes
- 30. Negative
- 31. Earn a perfect score
- 32. Connecticut
- 33. Partner to cheese
- 34. Snack nuts
- 35. Quadruped's body part
- 36. Locate
- 37. Pitching statistic
- 38. "__ , myself and I"
- 40. Utah city northwest of Provo
- 41. Football players in the trenches
- 42. One who runs the show
- 44. Wood
- 45. Performing artists
- 46. Slang for a cut
- 47. More breathable
- 48. Most crafty
- 50. Provokes into action
- 51. University of Dayton
- 52. Sodium
- 54. Large fish of the mackerel family
- 55. Not one
- 57. __ and behold
- 61. Sports highlight show
- 62. "The Great Lakes State"

WORD SEARCH

BRAIN POWER WORD SEARCH



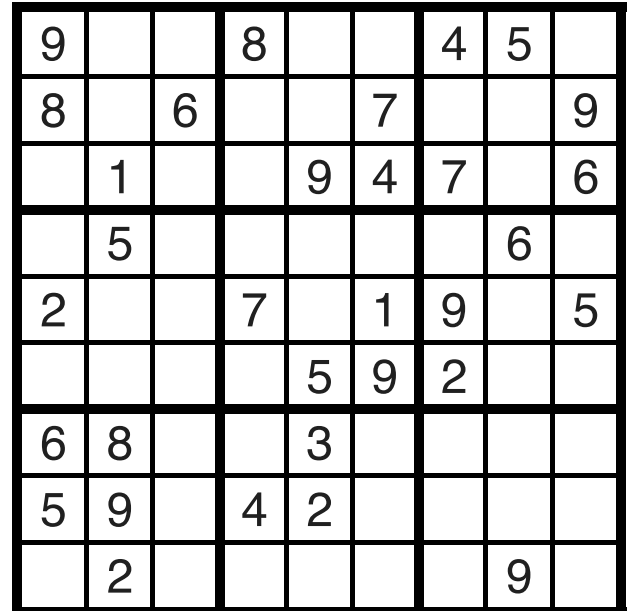
Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

- ATTENTION
- BRAIN
- CLARITY
- COGNITION
- EMOTIONS
- EXECUTIVE
- FLEXIBILITY
- FOCUS
- FUNCTION
- INFORMATION
- LEARNING
- MEMORY
- MINDFULNESS
- NEURAL
- NEUROPLASTICITY
- PERCEPTION
- PROBLEM SOLVING
- PROCESSING
- REACTION
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- RESILIENCE
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- STRESS
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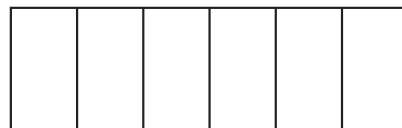


Level: Beginner

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to the brain.

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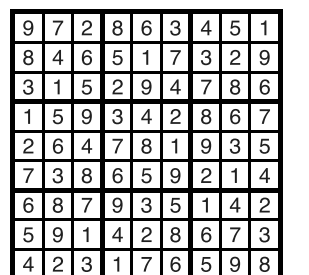
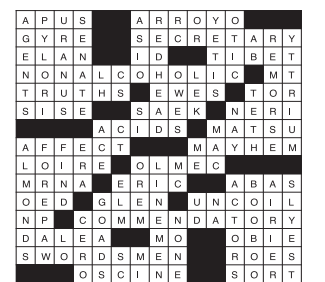
Answer: Mental

GUESS WHO ?

I am a singer born in New York on March 28, 1986. I attended school at the Convent of the Sacred Heart. Since releasing my debut album in 2008, I have won multiple Grammy Awards and have been known for my fashion stunts and army of "little monsters." My stage name is a nod to a Queen song.

Answer: Lady Gaga

Solutions:



Area Agency on Aging seeking members to join relaunch of Senior Council

REBECCA LAIBOWITZ
GAZETTE STAFF WRITER

C H E N A N G O COUNTY – On Friday, March 27, at noon, the Chenango County Area Agency on Aging will be hosting a Q&A information session for those interested in joining and restarting the Senior Council. It will be held at the Senior Center in the Norwich American Legion.

The Senior Council is not run by by the Area Agency on Aging rather it is led by community members across the county.

In recent years the council’s activity had stalled and membership dissipated, so the purpose of this Q&A is to provide information in hopes of drawing new members to fill the board.

Erin Confer, Nutrition Services Coordinator at the Area Agency on Aging and head point of contact for the Senior Council Q&A said, “The Senior Council is so important for the 60-plus population because the voices behind it are community members that are experiencing the day-to-day issues, wants, and needs they are addressing. Not only can they speak to that aspect, but also what programs or opportunities they want to have available to them. The agency certainly is aware of most issues and is a huge advocate for the 60-plus collective, but working alongside the council will only increase our ability to do so.”

Past Senior Councils were able to bring issues to the attention of the agency filling blindspots and providing insight into what community members want. They also had opportunities to be the voice of the people to local representatives and other organizations. Most important to the Office of Aging is that the council would act to disseminate information from the agency to community members, serving a dual function for both parties.

To join the council one does not have to be a senior citizen, anyone

who is passionate about providing the best for those who are, is encouraged to join.

While the council can have up to 25 members, there are currently no active members so the agency is acting as a liaison to help get it back up and running.

To function, the council needs at least five board members, one Area Agency on Aging advisor, and one advisor from the board of supervisors. Coventry Supervisor Cammie Wyckoff has recently joined as the council’s legislative advisor and will most likely be tasked to advocate with local representatives on community needs or areas that seniors have interests in.

The Senior Council will act to advocate for the needs of seniors in the community, fundraise for activities, volunteer with local partners, and fight for quality programs for the seniors in Chenango County. Once members unite they will be able to plan meetings, decide what the council’s goals are, how they will operate, and start administering responsibilities. Since it is not running yet, new council members will have the freedom to decide what they want the council to be and how they will run it. Council membership roles are volunteer positions, and once enough members decide to join they will be able to elect board members.

“They are the ones who are going to be planning all of their meetings, what their fundraisers through the council might look like, and really what their current responsibilities would be, like what does the senior council look like in general. Because it’s not currently up and running, they kind of have the freedom to decide like, how big do we want the council to be? Do we want to just help fundraise? Do we want to be people who are out there advocating for the seniors on a government level. They can really make it what they want,” said Confer.



During last year’s Chenango County Area Agency on Aging Senior Fair Day, many community seniors received supportive information from a variety of vendors. (File photo)

According to Confer, the agency hopes that this informational session will draw interested parties towards a board member position, because core members are needed to continue moving forward.

There are no strict qualifications to join and community members from all corners of the county are wanted for representation. However Confer does suggest that those vying for the treasurer role know a bit about banking.

In the past, Senior Council members have helped with and participated in many community events. Having a tent at Color Scape, holding art showcases, and can drives among other activities. Before it fizzled out there were plans for fundraisers with baked goods, jams, and such.

The primary thing that they would fundraise for was Senior Day at the County Fair. As the agency itself is unable to fundraise, the council’s activities went a long way to put extra funds into it, often going above and beyond what the agency could provide for the day. Confer also mentioned that seniors in the community have been asking for bus trips to be brought back and that the Senior Council would be the main way to accomplish that.

In addition to the Senior Council the Area Agency on Aging works with The Older Americans Act Advisory Council. This council which provides information, guidance, and sup-

port to the Area Agency on Aging is also seeking new members, those interested in joining should attend the next meeting on May 13 at 9 a.m. in the Chenango County Supervisors Chambers.

The council is meant to have a board of no more than 17 individuals, half of which being older individuals, at least one elected official, and up to six members

of the general public.

Where the two councils differ is that The Older Americans Act Advisory Council works more directly with the Area Agency on Aging in an advisory or problem-solving capacity and the Senior Council operates independently collaborating for important events and such. The Advisory Council is made up of more businesses, organizations,

and agency professionals who can provide deeper insight to better the agency’s operations and accomplish specific objectives.

The Chenango County Area Agency on Aging staff have been primarily promoting the Q&A informational session by word of mouth through senior centers and meetings with other councils, committees, and organizations. If you’re interested in joining but can’t attend the meeting the best way to get more information would be to call the Agency and speak with Erin Confer.

Event Details:

When: March 27, 2026 at noon (12 p.m.)

Where: American Legion at 29 Sheldon Street, Norwich, NY

Contact Erin Confer to RSVP (607) 337-1770 | econfer@chenango-countyny.gov

OTSEGO COUNTY RECYCLES!

Plastic Film School Challenge

The Otsego County Solid Waste Department is wrapping up the 2025-2026 plastic film recycling in local schools. Schools collect, weigh and recycle plastic films at participating drop off locations. The school that collects the most receives an ice cream social event sponsored by Stewarts Shops. The challenge will conclude on April 17, 2026 with the winners of each division announced on April 22nd, 2026 (Earth Day).

ACCEPTED ITEMS:

- Pallet Wrap & Stretch Film
- Bread Bags
- Produce Bags
- Newspaper Sleeves
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- Product Wrap

DROP OFF LOCATIONS:

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Note: Otsego County Solid Waste also promotes plastic film recycling in local schools. Each year students collect/recycle plastic film through the School Recycling Challenge, the school that collects the most receives an ice cream social.



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Earlville Opera House introduces gallery series now open

EARLVILLE - Earlville Opera House Art Galleries are proud to present the first-round of 2026 visual artist exhibitions opened on Saturday, March 21. This round of exhibits is up through April 25.

This series boasts the work of three incredibly talented artists representing diverse and unique forms of artistic media in the areas of illustration, mixed-media painting, and photography. Come join us in celebrating amazing original artwork, also browse in our Artisan Gift Shop and visit the 1892 historic Landmark Theater. Gallery openings and visits are always free and open to the public.

Highlighted in our East Gallery is Joseph Christiana with his exhibit "Incidence and Emergence...", which uses resins, oils and encaustic wax to create mix-media paintings that explore the space between control and surrender, the possibility of meaning and coherence emerging from chance and chaos. Joseph states "I begin these pieces with a clear intention, using a medium that resists that intention.



Earlville Opera House Art Galleries first-round of 2026 visual artist exhibitions will open until April 25. (Submitted photo)

Resin responds to heat, gravity, and time in ways that can't be fully predicted. I set the conditions and then negotiate with the material as it accepts, resists, and responds to those conditions. Over time, the process begins to suggest form, texture, and composition. Sometimes figures insinuate themselves, and I coax them into emergence—like raising ghosts—with traditional brush-and-oil techniques before returning them to the field from which they emerged." Joseph is an interdisciplinary visual artist working in mixed-media with works

exhibited in galleries and institutions along the East Coast, and his films have screened at independent festivals and received distribution. Joseph earned a BFA in Visual Art and Design from Mason Gross School of the Arts at Rutgers University. He began his career in architectural visualization and currently serves as Creative Director for a New York-based design firm, where he leads spatial and experiential projects. Currently living in Hubbardsville, NY, he is converting a historic barn into Barnstorm Studios, soon to be an open working studio and exhibition

space. For more information, visit <https://josephchristiana.com>

Our West Gallery boasts the talents of Bernie Freytag with his exhibit "Seeing The Voices". As a freelance illustrator and author Bernie "believes creativity can connect us to a world just beyond our everyday one; a space not unlike the space between sleep and awake, or even life and death. Children seem to connect to this place with ease, while adults often long to return. How often do we say, 'Wow, that made me feel like a kid again!?' My illustrations aim to recapture that space, that mystical, dreamy place where we long to revisit. A life-altering event years ago unexpectedly reconnected me with that child within. It took years to see that my art was the silver lining—an invitation back to wonder and a way to give that experience form. In this visual adaptation there is a pause for the viewer, a spark of curiosity, and at times a smile. This place can be playful, reflective, reactive, and carry depth well beyond just a whimsical representation. Through this work, I've always tried to bridge ages and perspectives and create a shared experience within our imagination. Many of these drawings first took shape within my second book, *The Curious Reality in Imagination: A Creative Odyssey*, and a few are for a book yet to be completed."

Bernie is currently Creative Director at Colgate University. His art is hand-drawn on an iPad using a program called Procreate, nothing is AI generated, it is all produced from his hands. Bernie has been drawing for most of his life and his earliest childhood memory of doing so is six years old. For more information, visit <https://berniefreytag.com>

Showing in our Arts Café is "Strange, But Mine", an exhibit by Courtney Ann Riggs, a self-portrait art-

ist originally from rural Pennsylvania, now living in Upstate New York with her family. Courtney holds a Bachelor of Arts in Digital Photography, with her work most deeply shaped by her lived experiences. Courtney uses fine art self-portraiture as a form of emotional expression and storytelling. Her work explores themes of healing, feminism, identity, and personal history. Raised in an environment marked by exposure to addiction, instability, and trauma, Courtney transforms pain into image—creating honest, often raw reflections of inner life. For her, photography is not about being seen, but about saying what words often cannot.

Courtney's work is influenced by artists such as Cindy Sherman, Lindsay Adler, Brooke Shaden, Ben Zank, Annie Leibovitz, Cig Harvey, and Stacy Kranitz. Her photographs are a visual language for the misunderstood and unseen, space for honesty, resilience, and release. Courtney's work has been exhibited internationally at Boomer Gallery (London), Holy Art (Barcelona), Loosen Art (Rome), Chateau Gallery (Louisville), and Treat Gallery (New York City). She is currently working on *Midlife Dawn*, a new series exploring the beauty, challenge, and transformation of midlife. As stated by Courtney, "I create self-portraits because they speak when I cannot. I grew up in chaos—teen parents, addiction, abuse—a childhood marked by silence and survival. For much of my life, I felt misunderstood, unseen, and out of place. Photography became the place where I could finally breathe. A mirror. A canvas. A release. My work isn't about being in front of the camera, it's about finding the courage to exist in full view. Each portrait is a conversation I was never able to have. I explore what it means to heal, to resist, to be a woman with a voice in a world that often prefers you be quiet. Through these self-portraits, I untangle themes of feminism, identity, memory, and the expectations we inherit and outgrow. This is how I process what's inside—when the words aren't enough. I've been shaped by artists who weren't afraid to turn the lens on themselves: Cindy Sherman, Brooke Shaden, Cig Harvey, and others who taught me

that self-portraiture can be a protest, a poem, and a form of survival. Their work gave me permission. Now, I give it to myself. My current project, *Midlife Dawn*, explores the strange beauty of this season—the shedding, the reckoning, the light that returns in unexpected ways. I don't make these portraits to be seen as special, I make them because I have the ability, the will, and the need to show what's real—even if it's tender, even if it's messy. I use my art to say: I'm still here. And this is how it feels." For more information, visit <https://www.instagram.com/whimsy.pulse.soul>

Earlville Opera House annually presents 12-15 solo exhibitions of regional and national contemporary visual artists in all media. Galleries also feature annual group shows highlighting talents of regional artists as well as an annual exhibition of contemporary and traditional quilt artists. Curators may propose group exhibitions. If you would like to submit your proposal, please follow the guidelines on our website. More information on our exhibiting artists can be found at www.earlvilleoperahouse.com or by calling the Opera House.

This current round of exhibits is on display until April 25. Gallery hours are Tuesday – Friday 10-4pm and Saturdays 12-2:30pm.

Earlville Opera House Arts Center is located at 18 East Main Street in the charming Village of Earlville and is wheelchair accessible. The 1892 National Landmark Theater is equipped with a hearing loop provided by Hamilton Hearing LLC. Please check our website for information on our programs and services, also like us on Facebook and Instagram.

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B-G's Matthew Wombacker competes at both USATF and Nationals

BAINBRIDGE— B-G senior Matthew Wombacker is one busy race walker. On Sunday, March 8, Matthew was in Gainesville, Florida, where he competed at the USATF Race Walking World Team Trials. He placed second in the U20 division, walking a 10K in 54:31:00. On Thursday, March 12, he travelled to Boston, Massachusetts for the New Balance Nationals Indoor meet. In a field of competitors that included some of the best high schoolers in the country, his time of 7:15:36 in the Boys' One Mile Race Walk Championship was enough for third place, and earned him All-American status. Congratulations, Matthew! (Submitted photo)

Chenango Arts Council announces winners of this year's Student Art Show

NORWICH — The Chenango Arts Council is pleased to announce the winners of this year's Student Art Showcase. During the opening reception, the Arts Council announced the winning entries in the categories of Drawing, Painting, Sculpture, Mixed Media and Photography.

Chenango Arts Council's 2026 CASA Student Art Showcase will be on display in the Mariea Brown and Raymond Loft Galleries until March 31. The public may view the exhibition during Arts Council hours, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., or by appointment until the end of March.

After the March showcase the winning artworks will be featured on the NBT wall of art in the months of April and May.

The winners are: Drawing

1st Place: Noah Chesebro, Truth. Taught by Joni Eaton in Oxford

2nd Place: Haley Monicciolo, Looking Back at Simpler Times. Taught by Samantha Olbrys in Greene

3rd Place: Ava Romanowski, Song Bird. Taught by Joni Eaton in Oxford

Painting

1st Place: Alaysia Thomas, Pond and Hills. Taught by Scott Higby in Afton

2nd Place: Madison Joslin, Car Crash. Taught by Scott Higby in Afton

3rd Place: Aryanna Keitel, Pyramid of Skulls (after Cezanne). Taught by Scott Higby in Afton

Mixed Media

1st Place: Breanna Rogers, Dancin' In The Rain. Taught by Joni Eaton in Oxford

2nd Place: Natalie Philips, Untitled. Taught by Brenna McCormack in Norwich

3rd Place: Kia Youngs, Untitled. Taught by Brenna McCormack in Norwich

Photography

1st Place: Kyra Smith, Silence. Taught by Kayleigh Olive in Sherburne/Earlville.

2nd Place: Lillian Turnbull, Untitled. Taught by Brenna McCormack in Norwich

3rd Place: Issac Stockhouse, Micro Photography. Taught by Kayleigh Olive in Sherburne/Earlville

Sculpture

1st Place: Kenzie Chase, Dragon Sculpture. Taught by Vanessa Foulke in Sherburne/Earlville

2nd Place: Kyra Smith, Ceramics. Taught by Vanessa Foulke in Sherburne/Earlville

3rd Place: Jaz Smith, Eve's Fruit Bowl. Taught by Samantha Olbrys in Greene

Best In Show: Mckenna Ross

Taking Flight. Taught by Scott Higby in Afton

Also awarded were **The Arts Council's Lucy Funke and Chenango Music Scholarships**



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Lucy Funke has two recipients of \$500 and goes to seniors going on to study the arts in college. This year the winners are Joseph Hall of Norwich and Amelia Casseles of Sherburne/Earlville. Chenango Music Scholarship grants \$1000 to one senior going on the study music in college. This year's winner was Clark

Vischi of Sherburne Earlville. Chenango Arts Council's programming is made possible by the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of the Office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature. Gallery exhibits are always free to attend and open to the public. Live music at open-

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All Bids will be opened at the Monthly Board Meeting on Tuesday April 14, 2026 at 7:00 PM. If you have any questions, please contact the Town Clerk's Office at (607) 965-9823. **Please write "PROPANE BID" on the envelope.**

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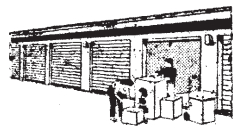


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3. SAND 0 TO 5,000 YARDS MAXIMUM SIZE 0.5" DIAMETER
4. COBBLES- 0 TO 2,000 YARDS
5. CRUSHER RUN

Prices may include a loading fee. Separate quotes are solicited for unloaded materials. Materials must be available by April 13, 2026. Proximity of the materials to the Town Highway Garage will be a factor in determining low bidder.

Bids mail be mailed to: Town of Edmeston, PO Box 5133, Edmeston, NY 13335 or hand deliver to the Town Clerks Office during office hours. **Please write "Gravel Bid" on outside of the envelope.**

All Bids will be opened at the Monthly Board Meeting on Tuesday April 14, 2026 at 7:00 PM. If you have any questions or would like more information or specifications about the areas of moving, please contact Town Clerk at 607-965-9823.

The Town reserves the right to award part or the entire bid. The Town also reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.

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TOWN OF BURLINGTON NOTICE TO BIDDERS SAND BIDS: APRIL 2026 – APRIL 2027

The Town Board of the Town of Burlington will receive sealed bids on the following until 7:00 PM on Tuesday, April 14, 2026. Sealed Sand Bids may be mailed to: 6011 St. Hwy. 51, Burlington Flats, NY 13315 or hand delivered to the Town Clerk's Office in the Burlington Municipal Building or to the Highway Department at 293 Norton Road during business hours or put in our drop box. Bids may also be dropped off in person before the start of the meeting at 7:00 PM.

SAND BID SPECIFICATIONS

- SAND 3/4 IN. MINUS: 0-5,000 YARDS
- CLEAN BLACK SAND 1/4 IN. MINUS: 0-2,000 YARDS
- 3/4 IN. ITEM #4: 0-3,000 YARDS
- 3/4 IN. CRUSHER RUN: 0-5,000 YARDS
- COBBLES: 0-3,000 YARDS
- BANK RUN GRAVEL: 0-3,000 YARDS

All Bids must be submitted in writing in a sealed envelope marked 'SAND BID'. Bids will be opened at the regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 14, 2026.

Questions can be directed to Highway Superintendent Jason Rous at 607-965-8947 M-F 6:00 AM - 2:30 PM. The Town Board reserves the right to reject ANY and ALL BIDS.

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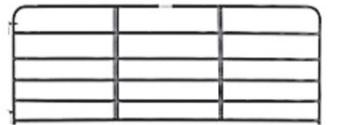
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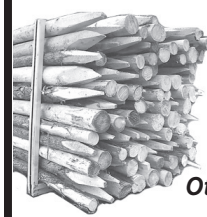
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TOWN OF EDMESTON NOTICE TO BIDDERS - CHLORINE

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Bids may be mailed to Town of Edmeston, PO Box 5133, Edmeston, NY 13335 or hand delivered to the Town Clerk's Office in the Edmeston Municipal Building during office hours. **Please write "Chlorine Bid" on the envelope.**

All bids will be opened at the Monthly Board Meeting on Tuesday, April 14, 2026 at 7:00 PM.

The town reserves the right to award part or the entire bid. The town also reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.

Thank You, Linda Eriksen - Town Clerk

TOWN OF EDMESTON NOTICE TO BIDDERS - MOWING BID

The Town Board of the Town of Edmeston is accepting bids for the following:

Grass mowing and trimming at the Municipal Building, Highway Barn and the Little League Field, the Pavilion, Jennings Cemetery on Robinson Rd, Lower Spring, Fire Reservoir, and Well House. Any person submitting a bid should have the legal capacity to work around the Little League Field. Those persons interested should send bid to: Town of Edmeston, PO Box 5133, Edmeston, NY 13335 or hand deliver to the Town Clerks Office during office hours. **Please write "Mowing Bid" on outside of the envelope.** All bids must be for total amount. No per occurrence bids will be considered

All Bids will be opened at the Monthly Board Meeting on Tuesday April 14 2026 at 7:00 PM. If you have any questions or would like more information or specifications about the areas of moving, please contact Town Clerk at 607-965-9823.

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Linda Eriksen, Town Clerk

CAR CARE

Develop a vehicle maintenance schedule

The oft-sudden expense of vehicle repairs can throw monthly budgets into disarray. Maintaining a routine service schedule is one way for drivers to keep repair costs down.

The online automotive resources Edmunds.com says many car owners do not adequately prepare for scheduled maintenance, and may not give maintenance a thought until it's too late. The first step drivers take upon purchasing a new or preowned vehicle should be to familiarize themselves with the vehicle's owner's manual, which is filled with valuable information and likely includes maintenance interval recommendations.

Next, drivers should learn about their vehicle, which is particularly relevant when buying a preowned vehicle. Getting to know how the car or truck rides, as well as any sounds it may make, can provide drivers with a solid foundation they can then use to keep their cars running strong.

Routine service typically includes tire rotation, oil changes and topping off of fluids. So just how long between service appointments can a car go? Here are some generalized estimates.

- **Oil change:** Oil chemistry and engine technology have improved so much that most cars can go well beyond the once-recommended 3,000 mile interval between oil changes. Now many vehicle manufacturers recommend between 5,000 and 10,000 miles between changes, advises Edmunds. Drivers should err on the side of caution if they do a lot of stop-and-go driving and short trips. Other drivers may want to invest in vehicles that have oil change maintenance minders built in. A light or

countdown will come on the dashboard, indicating when the oil has reached the end of its usefulness.

- **Tire rotation:** Rotating tires helps prolong the life of the tires and alleviates uneven tread and wear. During the rotation, each tire is removed and relocated to a different position to ensure that all the tires will wear evenly. Michelin Tires states that tires should be rotated around every six months, or between 6,000 and 8,000 miles.

- **Vehicle fluids:** Your best bet is to see what the manufacturer recommends in regard to fluids such as transmission fluid, differential oil, brake fluids, coolant, etc. Some transmissions need regular maintenance, while others can go 150,000 miles between changes, according to the vehicle information site The Drive. Coolant typically can last 100,000 miles. For these types of changes, it may be best to go to a mechanic or service center familiar with your make and model rather than a quick-lube center, as knowing when to drain and refill can be more complicated.

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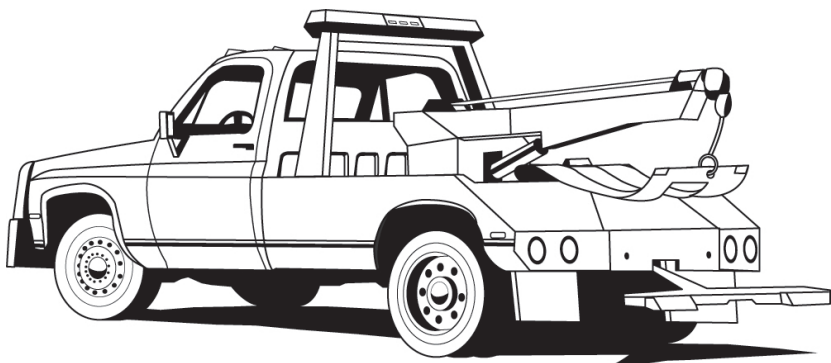
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New Berlin Library Corner

New Berlin Library participates in Unadilla Valley Elementary Family Night

NEW BERLIN - Families were invited to the Unadilla Valley School Elementary cafeteria for a resource-filled Family Night, designed to support parents and guardians in building healthy routines at home. The event was created to bring together educators, the local library, and families for an evening of learning, connection, and fun.

The New Berlin Library was a key participant, offering valuable information and hands-on support to families interested in fostering strong reading habits. Library staff were on hand to meet community members, answer questions, and help families sign up for library cards, making it easier for children to access books and educational materials.

Family Night focused on practical tools that parents and guardians can use at home, including strategies for creating effective bedtime routines, tips for sharing bedtime stories, guid-



ance on helping children brush their teeth properly, and the use of bedtime checklists to encourage consistency. The goal was to provide families with simple, actionable ideas that promote children's health, learning, and overall well-being.

In addition to informational resources, the event featured a book giveaway, allowed families to take home reading materials and reinforcing

the importance of literacy and daily reading habits. Healthy snacks were also provided, emphasizing the role of nutrition in a child's routine.

The evening also created opportunities for families to connect with one another, strengthening community ties and fostering a supportive environment for parents and caregivers. By bringing together local resources like the New

Berlin Library and school personnel, Family Night highlighted the importance of collaboration in supporting student success both in and out of the classroom.

A New Berlin Library staff member stated, "Events like Family Night play a vital role in building partnerships between schools, libraries, and the community."

The New Berlin Library is holding a jellybean

guessing contest. The public is invited to guess how many jellybeans are in a jar. The person who guesses the closest wins the jar of jellybeans and a goodie filled basket. If more than one person guesses correctly, the winner will be randomly drawn between the correct answers. The winner will be announced on Friday, March 27. All items in this prize basket were donated to the New Berlin Library. This contest is free and open to the public.

The Annual Spring Egg Hunt, returning to the library on March 28. Children ages 12 and younger are invited to search for colorful eggs, and special prize eggs hidden throughout the main floor of the library. Games, food and crafts are also part of this event. To register your children, reach out to the library 607.847.8564.

New Berlin Library Board will be meeting on March 25 at 6 p.m. These meetings are open

to the public. Minutes are posted on the New Berlin Library website.

Some great new additions to the library include: The Lost Daughter of Sparta by Felicia Day, The Magic of Forests: A Fascinating Guide to Forests Around the World by Vicky Woodgate, Sinners DVD, One Battle After Another DVD, Blue Moon DVD, and Zootopia 2 DVD.

The New Berlin Library is located at 15 South Main Street, New Berlin. The Library is open Monday and Wednesday 10AM-8PM; Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 10AM-5PM; and Saturdays 10AM-noon. The web address is <http://libraries.4cls.org/newberlin/>. Please contact us at 607-847-8564 or like and message our Facebook page New Berlin Library and Museum (<https://www.facebook.com/newberlinlibrary.newberlinny/>) with any questions.

- From the New Berlin Library

A Light Look At Uranium

Most people associate uranium with radioactivity. Radioactivity is the product of an atom with an unstable nucleus. The unstable nucleus will decay, or break apart, over time, releasing energy and particles. Because of its radioactivity, uranium has become one of the most widely used elements for electrical energy, medical imaging and powerful weapons.

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Depleted uranium is the result of the process of enriching uranium. Depleted uranium has a much lower level of radioactivity than natural uranium. Because of its heavy weight, it is used for a variety of purposes, including radiation shields, aircraft parts and armor plating.

Neutron Dance
An isotope is a variation of an element that has a different number of neutrons in its nucleus. Uranium has three naturally occurring isotopes. Uranium-238 is the most common isotope of uranium. It accounts for nearly 99% of all the uranium found in nature. Uranium-235 is the only isotope found in nature that is capable of sustaining a nuclear fission chain reaction. Nuclear fission is used in nuclear reactors and atomic bombs.

Enriched Uranium
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