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## New Berlin and Sherburne to host Easter egg hunts

BY JESSICA BENSON  
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NEW BERLIN – New Berlin’s Community Events Committee is ready for a fun-filled Easter weekend. On Saturday, April 4, the committee will host their annual Easter Egg Hunt in Hyde park at 12:30.

Rain or shine, the community is invited to come out and celebrate Easter with candy, prizes and photos with the Easter Bunny.

According to New Berlin Youth Commissioner Kelly Banks, the event will

begin at 12:30 when the Easter Bunny will arrive at Hyde Park on a fire truck from the New Berlin Fire Department. “He will arrive just in time to kick off the event.”

Approximately 1,500 eggs have been filled with treats for the kids. “All the eggs have candy. Some have prizes as well,” Banks said. If children find an egg with a number in it, they should bring it to the booth to claim their prize. All the prizes have been provided by local businesses and volunteers.

This year, there will be separate areas for chil-



New Berlin’s annual Easter egg hunt will be on at 12:30 on Saturday, April 4 in Hyde park. The Sherburne Rotary will also be hosting Easter Festivities on April 4 with the Sherburne United Church of Christ holding a breakfast with the Easter Bunny at 10 a.m. (Photo by Jessica Benson)

dren of different ages to make the event more fun for all. Children from 0-3 will be in the basketball court area. While children 4-8 and 9 and older will have two separate areas to search for eggs.

“As soon as all the eggs are picked up, pictures with the Easter Bunny will begin,” Banks said. Banks anticipated the pictures would begin by 1 p.m.

In the past few years, New Berlin has seen approximately 300 children in attendance for the event.

The Sherburne Rotary will also be hosting

Easter Festivities on April 4. The Sherburne United Church of Christ will be holding Breakfast with the Easter Bunny at 10 a.m. The event is free and open to the public. Families are invited to come eat and enjoy a visit from the Easter Bunny himself.

Following breakfast, the Easter festivities will continue with an Easter Egg hunt sponsored by the Sherburne Rotary. Pictures with the Easter Bunny will also be available. The Sherburne United Church of Christ is located at 1 South Main Street in Sherburne.

## Golden Foundation’s ‘Made in Paint Exhibit’ to showcase professional artwork at public reception on April 18

NEW BERLIN – The Sam and Adele Golden Foundation for the Arts, is opening the thirteenth Made in Paint Exhibition, featuring artwork from the Golden Foundation’s 2025 Artists in Residence.

The opening reception will take place on Saturday, April 18, 2026 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Sam and Adele Golden Gallery, 188 Bell Road, New Berlin, NY. There will be free food, drinks, and live music at the reception.

Visitors can expect to see various forms of mixed-media art not only paintings. This year’s exhibit will feature a digital artist for the first time along with sculpture and even some fiber art. While Golden Artist is a paint manufacturer the exploratory residency with the foundation is open to all types of artists not solely painters.

Each resident from the year prior submit three to five pieces they made or worked on while at the residency, from which the gallery director

chooses which to display. It’s not a requirement at all that the finished pieces include Golden materials, the only criteria is that the artist were residents the year prior and explored materials while there.

Emma Golden, Executive Director of the Sam & Adele Golden Foundation for the Arts Inc., said, “Yes, we make paint here at Golden Artist Colors, but this show when you walk in, it’s not just about seeing a typical painting on the wall you see sculpture, you see hanging pieces that are made of fabric, a digital work. It just really spans the material usage that artists are exploring while they’re here.”

She described the program as, “a residency for artists who use paint, not for painters.”

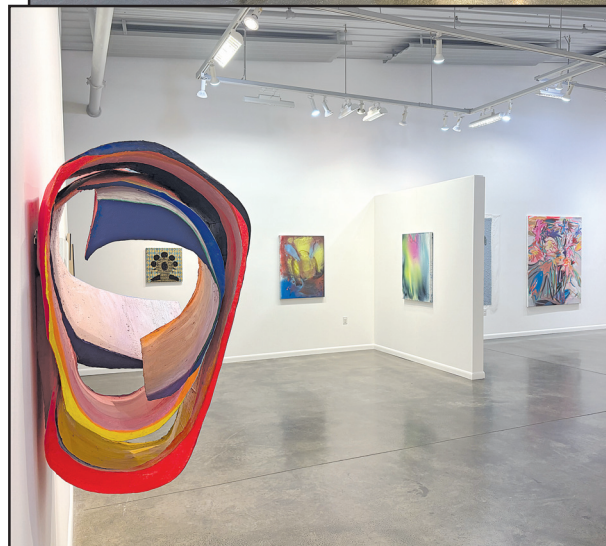
In 2025 over 425 artist vied for a spot in the residency program, but only 18 spots are available and they are chosen by an independent panel of art professionals that changes each year; it could be

curators, gallery directors, museum directors, other residency executive directors, or art professors. The selection process is first and foremost about the quality of the work. After selection the artists in residence get a chance to live at the foundation’s hybrid studio in New Berlin, in groups of three, for a month at a time. The studio and living space is housed in a converted barn nearby Golden Artist’s operations.

While in residence the artists get access to the full range of supplies made by Golden Artist to use as they care to. The residency is designed to grant the artists freedom to experiment and explore a wide array of materials and technology.

“The biggest piece of the program is that it’s really geared toward experimentation and play in materials. So now you have unlimited access to these materials in a way

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The thirteenth Made in Paint exhibition by the Sam & Adele Golden Foundation will have a public opening reception Saturday, April 18, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Sam & Adele Golden Gallery at 188 Bell Road, New Berlin, NY. The show features the artwork of the foundation’s 2025 residency artists. There will be live music, free food, and drinks to celebrate the opening. (Top photo by Emma Golden, bottom photo by Rebecca Laibowitz)

# Community Memorial Hospital celebrates completion of construction project

BY JESSICA BENSON  
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HAMILTON — Community Memorial Hospital of Hamilton, New York has been undergoing a massive construction project aimed at increasing staff efficiency, enhancing patient care and modernizing the facility. On Sunday, March 22, hospital staff, donors, community members and local leaders gathered at the hospital to celebrate the completion of the project with a ribbon cutting ceremony.

According to Community Memorial President and CEO Jeff Coakley, the project started in 2018 with a \$10 million grant. As time passed, the scope and extent of the project changed. “This project began with one question in mind. How can we better serve patients who come to us for care?”

The completed construction includes a new medical-surgical wing with all private patient rooms, a new emergency department, including a waiting and registration area, a new main entrance and expanded spaces for radiology, rehabilitation and the laboratory.

“This project strengthens our ability to care for our community today while preparing us for the healthcare needs of tomorrow,” Coakley said. “It’s a powerful reminder of what can be accomplished when a community comes together around a shared mission.”

Guests at Sunday’s event included Congressman John Manion, Assemblyman Joe Angelino, and New York State Senator Joe Griffo. Mannion spoke at the event, explaining the importance of supporting rural health care.

“We don’t want ser-



Recently, Community Memorial Hospital of Hamilton held a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the completion of a major building project. (Photo by Jessica Benson)

VICES to be lost in rural communities,” Mannion said. “We don’t want people to have to drive miles to get the care they need.”

Community Memorial’s capital project was supported by a campaign led by the hospital’s foundation volunteers. “This moment represents far more

than the completion of a building,” said Ellen Percy Kraly, Hospital Board of Directors Chair. “It represents the dedication, generosity, and shared vision of our employees, donors, partners, and community members who believed in what this project could accomplish. This state-of-the-art beauti-

ful facility is an expression of our respect for the communities, and families served by CMH. We extend our deep appreciation to all those that were a part of this success.”

According to a press release, sent out by the hospital, the campaign exceeded expectations thanks to donors at

every level. “This project was truly a community effort,” said Coakley. “From the generosity of donors to the dedication of all our staff and the expertise of our construction partners, this new facility stands as a symbol of what can be accomplished when people come together for a shared purpose.”

Coakley praised the work of the hospital board of directors, the staff, employees and donors who serve as a testament to the dedication of those who call the hospital home. “Most of all this project is for our patients,” he said.

The ribbon cutting marked one of Coakley’s last acts as President and CEO of Community Memorial Hospital. Coakley announced his retirement in the fall of last year. His replacement, Kathryn Willbarger will take over on May 26, 2026.

## Golden Foundation’s ‘Made in Paint Exhibit’ public reception on April 18 -

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that can really shift the studio time, because that resource, you don’t have to think about paying for this stuff anymore. You can just squeeze a blob and say, oh, that didn’t work, and let me move on to the next thing and not be so precious about it. And we find that a lot more things can be discovered if you open up in that way and if the resources are available in that way. The other piece of the program is that the artists meet with material and applications specialist here at the company,” said Golden.

Throughout the residency, Golden Artist material and application specialists meet with the artists. These specialist help to answer any questions about certain materials, different techniques that can be used, and introduce them to new technology.

In President Mark Golden’s opening essay for this year’s Made in Paint catalog he writes, “The Residency is not simply a retreat; it is a gathering of premiere artists who choose to immerse themselves in discovery. Central to that discovery is the extraordinary engagement with the Materials and Research



It is tradition for the foundation to ask attendees to wear the color of the year’s catalog. This year that color is Alizarin Crimson Hue, a reddish-maroon-like color with historical arguments behind it. The Made in Paint 13 exhibit by the Sam & Adele Golden Foundation will have artwork by the foundation’s 2025 artists in residence, it is not just paintings, it includes an array of art forms including sculpture, weaving, and for the first time ever a digital artist. (Photo by Rebecca Laibowitz)

& Development teams at Golden Artist Colors. These are individuals with decades of materials knowledge — chemists, educators, innovators, artists themselves — who meet the artists with equal curiosity. What unfolds is more than instruction, but rather an exchange. Artists test ideas; the staff responds; questions deepen; assumptions are challenged; everyone learns.”

The gallery and studio’s location in New Berlin provides another element to the residency. These artists travel from far and wide to a small town in the hills of central New

York for the opportunity to experiment and create. Mark’s essay describes the quietness of the rural valley as a condition for seeing differently, he writes, “In this stillness, distractions fall away. What remains is the work.”

As Emma puts it, “Here in Central New York, it offers a rare opportunity for residents, students, and educators to engage directly with working artists, making contemporary art feel accessible and alive. Beyond the region, it provides artists with the time, space, and support to take risks and explore new directions in

their work—often leading to breakthroughs that wouldn’t happen elsewhere. In the broader art world, the Foundation quietly plays an important role in sustaining experimental, material-based practices, helping artists grow in ways that ripple outward into exhibitions, classrooms, and communities far beyond New Berlin, NY.”

This year’s Made in Paint opening will see the most returning residents they have had come back yet with 16 of the 18 planning to be there. The returning residents will be wearing corsages

to signal that they are one of the artists on display, and attendees are invited to speak with them. Most of the art is for sale. The Golden Foundations strays from the traditional 50:50 gallery artist split by having 30:70 split. This means the artist gets 70% and the foundation gets 30%, so purchasing a piece from the exhibit supports both the artists and the foundation at the same time.

“We have sold at least a piece out of every show, which I think, is pretty remarkable, being up here in New Berlin that we’re selling, and it’s exciting to have these pieces go to homes, potentially around here,” said Golden.

Catalogs will be available for free at the event and throughout the exhibit’s display at the gallery. In the catalog you’ll be able to read the full essay by Mark Golden and get more information about the artwork on display.

When asked about what she wants the community to know this was her heartfelt response, “The first thing that comes to mind is to just thank our community because this show has always been something that so many people turn out for. And I mean, just personally, that feels really good to have the support of

our community and the excitement that happens when people start gathering and being together and talking to people from different parts of the world. It’s just the energy that happens during something like that is what excites me.”

The artwork of the 2025 cohort of residents will stay on display at the gallery until August 28. The Made in Paint 13 public opening will feature live music, local cheese, and brews. A tradition they’ve started a few years ago is to ask everyone to wear the color of the catalog. This year that color is Alizarin Crimson Hue.

“It’s like a reddish maroon. Alizarin Crimson has a long history in the art world. The original color has terrible light-fastness actually and fades very dramatically, and so it’s compared a lot in the art world when talking about pigments and color. And so celebrating that color is just fun,” explained Golden.

Everyone is invited to celebrate the Made in Paint 13 exhibition on Saturday, April 18, 2026 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Sam and Adele Golden Gallery, 188 Bell Road, New Berlin, NY. Expect to see an array of unique artwork and many of the artists who made it.

# Norwich Jewish Center to host special ceremony in honor of Holocaust Remembrance Day

**BY TYLER MURPHY**  
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**NORWICH** – In April, the Jewish Center of Norwich will host an afternoon of guest speakers impacted by the Holocaust, in honor of Holocaust Remembrance Day. The event takes place from 2 to 4 p.m. on April 26 and will be presented in partnership with another charitable organization, 3GNY,

The event will bring together the grandchildren of Holocaust survivors who will share their family histories, offering a powerful, personal

connection to the past.

For more information or to register for the event at [sites.google.com/view/norwich-jewish-center/home](https://sites.google.com/view/norwich-jewish-center/home).

The grandchildren, known as the 3Gs, serve as the living link between past and future, preserving the legacies of those who endured the Holocaust and ensuring their stories are passed on to the next generations. Through their testimonies, attendees will gain insight into the human face of the Holocaust, its significance in history, and the lessons it continues to teach about the dangers of intolerance.



**From 2 to 4 p.m. on April 26 the Jewish Center of Norwich will host an afternoon of guest speakers impacted by the Holocaust, in honor of Holocaust Remembrance Day, in partnership with another charitable organization, 3GNY. (Submitted photo)**

Founded in 2005, 3GNY is a nonprofit

organization dedicated to preserving the memories and legacies of Holocaust survivors. Their mission is to educate the community on the lessons of the Holocaust, while also combating antisemitism, hate, and intolerance. The organization offers a variety of educational programs, including museum tours, film screenings, discussion groups, and intergenerational gatherings.

The event at the Jewish Center will be a chance for local residents to learn and connect with their neighbors.

Attendees will hear firsthand accounts of

survival and feel the emotional impact of these family stories. The experience hopes to leave listeners with a deeper understanding of the Holocaust's lasting impact on future generations.

This gathering serves as an essential reminder that, as the last living generation of direct descendants of survivors, it is the responsibility of the 3Gs to keep these histories alive.

The Jewish Center of Norwich encourages everyone to join them in honoring the memory of those lost and the resilience of those who survived.

## Local libraries have success with special programs

**C H E N A N G O COUNTY** - The Four County Library System is pleased to share that several local libraries have had success with programs supported by special funding.

Each year, 4CLS offers an Outreach Mini-Grant opportunity to the member libraries within its service area of Broome, Chenango, Delaware

and Otsego Counties.

The following libraries recently reported success with the funds they received in 2025:

George F. Johnson Memorial Library (Endicott) offered a six-week job preparation program and job fair, presented in conjunction with Broome Tioga Workforce.

New Berlin Library

is providing seasonal art classes to residents of the Chase Nursing Home.

Nineveh Public Library hosts a monthly Art Club for older adults in the community.

Richfield Springs Public Library introduced Makerspace Programming with specialized equipment that has also allowed them

to create materials for take-home kits.

Roxbury Library coordinated a free Summer in the Park event with live animals, music, and local organizations, including the school district's CROP program participants.

Stamford Library offered a free, eight-week, all-ages guitar workshop series, culmi-

nating in a recital for the community.

Vestal Public Library hosted a series of inclusive fitness classes and created "Be Fit Kits" for patrons to practice fitness activities at home.

Your Home Public Library (Johnson City), in conjunction with Binghamton University, provided free STEM Kits designed to spark

curiosity and hands-on learning for children and families.

The Four County Library System enthusiastically supports these efforts by member libraries to create innovative programming that responds to local needs and offers opportunities for enrichment.

- *Information from the Four County Library System*

## Chenango County Planning and NY Environmental Management Council announce partnership with Colgate University to promote Climate Smart Communities program

**CHENANGOCOUNTY** - The Chenango County Department of Planning and Development and the Environmental Management Council (EMC) is pleased to announce a new partnership with Colgate University to support Chenango County's ongoing participation in the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's Climate Smart Communities (CSC) Program.

As part of this collaboration, students from Colgate University are assisting the County and its EMC with completing PE9 Action: Climate Change Education & Engagement, an action within the CSC certification framework. This effort focuses on strengthening community awareness and

engagement around climate-related initiatives and sustainability efforts in Chenango County.

Through the project, Colgate students are developing a comprehensive outreach and engagement plan designed to help Chenango County better connect with residents, community groups, and local organizations. The plan will outline strategies for community engagement, identify key partners, and include an analysis of the audiences the County aims to reach through climate education and sustainability initiatives.

A central component of the project is a community survey currently being conducted by Colgate students. To complete the survey, please visit <https://docs.google.com/>

[forms/d/e/1FAIpQLS-d1608gykaqfX-PSct7eGvN6\\_YN8Llb5L6q3OospT9wEFb-4Cw/viewform](https://forms/d/e/1FAIpQLS-d1608gykaqfX-PSct7eGvN6_YN8Llb5L6q3OospT9wEFb-4Cw/viewform). The information gathered will help inform the development of an outreach program that is responsive to community interests and participation patterns.

The partnership reflects a shared commitment to strengthening local engagement around climate initiatives while providing students with hands-on experience in public sector planning and community-based research.

Colgate Students, Lulu, Sara, and Mary Thomas are current Seniors at Colgate University studying Environmental Studies. "We are interested in hearing from the community about what types

of events they would like to see, so we can best tailor our recommendations. We would appreciate it if you would take a couple minutes out of your day to answer a few questions. Your participation is a critical aspect of our project and will have direct benefits for our learning and the

success of the report", Colgate students added.

Chenango County encourages residents to participate in the survey and contribute their perspectives on how the County can best engage the community in future initiatives.

For more information about current Chenango

County climate initiatives, please visit: <https://www.chenangocountyny.gov/398/Environmental-Management-Council-EMC>.

- *From the Chenango County Planning Department*

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# Outdoor Chenango: Less bugs, more hunting



**Eric Davis**

## Outdoor Chenango

Nothing is quite as annoying as the constant buzzing of mosquitoes around your ears while sitting in the stand during bow season.

In the spring you deal with mosquitoes and black flies while trying

to listen for gobbling turkeys and then while trying to stay still while waiting for a tom to come into your calling. On top of flying insects, you also must be on the lookout for crawling pests, like ticks. To make your time outdoors more enjoyable, finding a way to keep these literal blood-suckers at bay should be a high priority.

The first option to help alleviate the issue is to pre-treat your clothing and equipment. This is my preferred way to combat ticks. Spray your clothing with a 0.5% permethrin treatment and let it dry for 24 hours before wearing it. This treatment even lasts for

a few trips through the laundry before needing to be reapplied. This treatment also repels mosquitoes. There is even a company that you can send your clothing to and they treat it with permethrin and it is supposed to last up to six months of regular wear and washing.

The next option for treatment would be a repellent actively applied while afield. This can be a chemical treatment such as DEET or a natural treatment such as essential oils. This treatment option can work in some situations but might not be ideal in others. These treatments, especial-

ly natural ones, can be greasy.

A greasy feeling on your hands can make handling equipment difficult especially fishing rods and reels. It also can transfer onto your lures and/or bait, which could be detected by fish making them not bite. Additionally, these treatments do wear off and need to be re-applied every so often. When working in the Adirondacks in 2013, I endured the black fly swarms that are famous up there. The main problem that I had was keeping them from biting my hands as I was trying to write notes into my field journal. After trying out

a handful of products, I found a product that worked at a gas station. It was a thick gel that had citronella in it.

A second option for in the field treatment would come in the form of heated chemicals, such as candles and torches. This can be a good option when fishing from a boat that is not moving fast, as the chemical that is heated makes a zone of chemical around the heat source. Another popular form of this is the Thermacell. This is a small butane powered device that heats up a chemically treated pad to make a zone of repellent. It gets great reviews for repelling black flies from spring bear hunters in Canada. I have used one for a couple of years and am happy with it. The only thing to remember with these treatments is that it takes time for the zone of repellent to become established and heavy winds can make the repellent useless.

A third option that my wife and I are trying after talking with a few people that use them are magnetic repellents. These little cards get placed in a sock or on a necklace with the magnetic strip facing your skin. The card creates a repellent zone after 24 to 36 hours that lasts for 3 months.

After spending time afield, particularly if you went through tall grass or low brush, you should check yourself for ticks. They will head towards pockets on the body. Look at armpits, the groin, behind your knees, and along your hairline. If you do find a tick that is attached, it is recommended that you remove it by grabbing it as far forward on the body with tweezers and pulling it straight up. DO NOT smother the tick with oils or Vaseline. This will cause the tick to regurgitate as it tries to detach, which is when it can pass the bacteria that causes Lyme disease.

If you are not able to fully keep the other biting insects at bay, you may find yourself itching and scratching irritated bites. Excessive scratching at bites can lead to infection. To battle this, you can use antihistamine creams applied directly to the bite area or antihistamine pills. Black fly bites can swell so ice can be useful to combat this.

Whether going afield to hunt, fish, shoot, or just to go for a hike, hopefully this article can help you be able to stay in out longer by dealing with the biting insects that can cause you to stop early.

## Best of Chenango County WINTER SPORTS

**2025-26**

Many of our Chenango County high school sports teams and athletes have once again performed to an exceptional level during the 2025-2026 season.

A season ago The Evening Sun published a four-section special insert that promoted our star athletes and teams who either reached a major milestone, won a championship or broke a school record within that respective sport.

In April, we will once again profile the best athletes and teams our County has to offer with our 2025-2026 Best of Chenango County Winter Sports!

The special section will include large color photos of our star athletes and teams as well as detailed summaries explaining extraordinary achievements along with quotes from our athletes and coaches.

This type of sports coverage can only be found at The Evening Sun and we take great pride in presenting this once-a-year publication that summarizes the best our winter sports has to offer.

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## S-E flag football open second official season at home vs Oneida

**BY MORGAN GOLLIVER**

GAZETTE SPORTS EDITOR

SHERBURNE— The Sherburne-Earlville Lady Timberwolves flag football team opened its second season as a program at home on Thursday night against the defending Class C Section Champion Oneida Express.

S-E, despite a 34-19 loss, racked up good yardage offensively to compete with a fierce opponent.

S-E scored all its points in the final quarter with a 69 yard rushing touchdown for Olivia Parker, who then had an 11 yard run and the pass to Abbie Green for the extra point was good.

S-E also had a trick play in their final drive with Bella Whorrall throwing a seven-yard

pass to Green, who then lateraled it to Parker for a 55-yard touchdown.

The Lady Timberwolves finished with 325 yards of offense, accounting for 194 passing yards.

Emma Webb completed 15 passes for 139 yards with Green catching nine passes for 69 yards and Parker with two receptions for 88 yards.

Parker finished with 97 rushing yards while Kayden Edwards had three carries for 16 yards.

Green led the way defensively with seven flag pulls and Parker, Sadie Davis, and Kadyn Babcock each had five pulls.

S-E (0-1) hosts OnTech Charter on Tuesday at 6 p.m. to continue a four-game home stand.

## The Early Files *by Peggy Finnegan*

### WEEK #15

#### TWENTY YEARS AGO

#### THIRTY YEARS AGO

April 11, 1996

Stewart's Is Coming – Now Hiring!

Mrs. Gordon Brannick had the misfortune to fall in her home and is recuperating from a broken foot.

Village Trustee Ted Welch said the \$82,000 left over from the Millbrook Project is needed to repair the walls of the stream and asked that the money be given to the village.

#### FORTY YEARS AGO

April 9, 1986

Most of our late snow is gone.

For every dollar of state and local taxes paid by other Americans, New Yorkers pay \$1.65. It's time for a change. C.D. Rappleyea

All are saddened by the death of George Smith.

Robert Rowe is assisting Dr. Farrell in his daily calls.

HAM DINNER: Adults \$4.50; under 12 \$2.50. OES, Edmeston

#### FIFTY YEARS AGO

April 8, 1976

Rain in March 2.49"; Snow 13.2". Snow for the season was 68.45".

James Brierley was superintendent of the Silk Mill for a number of years and later custodian of NBCS.

A good deal of spring cleanup is abroad. Bluebirds are reported.

A very happy 98th birthday to Miss Leona Bagg.

New York's cheese industry ranks 2nd in the

nation.

Ed Johnson, Gilbertsville's oldest citizen at 93, and wife observed their 70th anniversary in December.

FOR SALE: 1968 Olds Cutlass, 2 dr, 6 cyl, auto, good tires and mileage. \$500

#### SIXTY YEARS AGO

April 8, 1966

Property Transfers: George Page, Columbus, to Hilda Anderson; Herman Strain, New Berlin, to Richard Borst.

Jockeying for position in New York's divided legislature continues.

Diane Kay Erxleben because the bride of Gerald Howard January 15th.

Norman Raastad is recovering at home after being struck by an automobile.

Ernest Weisberg purchased a lot south of the Nelson farm at Five Corners and will build a home there.

Leo Gravesen is recuperating after an accident at his farm which resulted in a skull fracture and meningitis.

NORWICH DRIVE-IN: "What's New Pussycat" and "Return to Peyton Place."

#### SEVENTY YEARS AGO

April 13, 1956

Taxpayers are reminded not to send cash to the IRS.

Barbara Brown spent Easter with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Myron Edmonds.

Robert Smith was a cold-weather angler at Catherine Creek and

returned with a 21", 3-1/2 lb. rainbow trout.

Snow gave the children another day of Easter vacation; 10" Sunday for a total of 114.87" for the season.

Sixty doe were killed illegally in the county during the first week of deer season.

Basil Patrick fell at MIB Hospital while fixing a TV antenna, injuring his back.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Fuller had to leave their trailer during the high water.

STEAKS: T-bone, sirloin & round, 49c lb. Card's Mkt.

#### EIGHTY YEARS AGO

April 10, 1946

Idle for many years, the old mill at Rockwells Mills is being turned into a tea room.

Frederick Loomis arrived in the U.S. after a year in the Pacific war zone and will soon resume his law practice.

Janet Norton has the measles.

Snow fences were taken down but storms and March weather continue.

Sheffield Farms is improving their factory with a new ice machine and smokestack.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Lowe purchased two vacant lots on Cushman St. and will build a bungalow type-house.

A daughter, Jane Marie, born to Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Button at Chase Hospital.

Just 140 years ago, Madison county was born.

A plant to process sauerkraut and pickles is being built north of

Norwich.

FOR SALE: Double house on West street; 1 side rented for \$12/mo. Reasonable for cash.

#### NINETY YEARS AGO

April 9, 1936

The opening of the new Chase Hospital will be publicly observed on Easter with a tea.

Fourteen votes were cast at the primary in Columbus.

A stranger was in Columbus looking at the hotel.

Carl Anderson's house burned. Nothing was saved.

Master Warren Genung is the proud owner of a Shetland pony.

Leroy Jenison had a chimney fire. No damage but it was a real scare.

Herbert Coman delivered a Chevrolet car to V.T. Foster from Marvin Williams.

The marriage of Leon Gray and Thelma Chapin took place March 31st.

Clarence Cronk made a business call to Unadilla with his truck.

Cement is being poured for the foundation of the new central school.

Mrs. Della Breslin has

been in a serious condition the past 8 weeks with a valvular heart condition.

GET OUT with the birds and flowers. Women were never intended for slaves... turn your laundry over to a Savage Wringerless Washer.

#### HUNDRED YEARS AGO

April 9, 1926

Norwich's new hotel will be called The Chenango.

Refrigerators should be varnished annually.

Arthur Metmore was 84 years of age and the last of a large family. He was honest and industrious.

Woman who bobbed their hair seven years ago have 50% less hair now than they had then.

A fine missionary and Easter program is arranged in the Ketchum church.

The first robin arrived March 25th. The first car to venture through this spring was seen Sunday.

C.W. Belden is wiring Fred Adams' house.

Drained land grows bigger crops. Tile now for all time.

The barn on the Orville

Pope farm burned to the ground with a quantity of hay, tools, several cows, a horse and 150 hens.

Fred Wilber saw a deer near the Leslie Day farm while delivering mail.

When possible park near a shiny new car. It will back out without scraping you.

FOR SALE or trade for young stock. A Ford racer in good condition. Joe Lee

#### 110 YEARS AGO

April 8, 1916

L.D. Hoadley and wife and Miss Elizabeth Wilkinson spent a week in the metropolis.

The Maccabees of Edmeston present a comedy with the cast: Wm. Stillwell; Claude & Earl Sherwood; Fred Thayer; Harold Hopkins; Earl Ackerman; Howard Talbot; Roy Humphrey; Floyd Jackson; Chas. Mitchell; Bert Arnold.

Miss Polly Banks has a hen which laid an egg 7x8-1/4 inches. The bird is not a high-toned hen either, just one of the common garden variety.

There is not much travel. The bottom is falling out of the roads.

## B-G baseball opens 2026 season with victory at Schenevus

SCHENEVUS—The Bainbridge-Guilford Bobcats baseball team, under Coach Schmitz and company this season, opened the 2026 season on a high note with a 5-1 road win against Schenevus. The Bobcats bring back many key returners to its lineup and rotation.

The star of the show for the Bobcats in Tuesday's season opener was the pitching staff as well as Anthony Cafasso's four-RBI day at the plate.

Both teams scored all the game's runs in the first few innings.

B-G's first three hitters contributed well as Parker Buttice, the team's lead-off batter,

started off the game with a double before Connor Davy added a double to follow. Cafasso hit a sac fly to drive Buttice home before an error brought Davy home to give B-G an early 2-0 lead.

Schenevus got one in the bottom half of the first inning on a wild pitch, which was the only time they crossed home plate in the contest.

Cafasso helped the Bobcats add on in the top of the second inning, where he cleared the bases with a two out, three-RBI double to finish with four RBIs on the day.

B-G scored five runs on the three hits while

the rest of the magic was defensively.

Mason Acquisto earned the start on the mound, where he allowed just the unearned run, one walk, and struck out six batters through two innings pitched.

Anthony Cafasso also worked a good outing on the mound, where he went two and a third, allowing one walk and struck out seven batters.

Aidan Haynes finished off two and a two thirds, allowing just one hit, a walk, and had five strikeouts, totaling 18 overall for B-G pitching in the win.

B-G (1-0) heads to Harpursville on Friday at 4:30 p.m.

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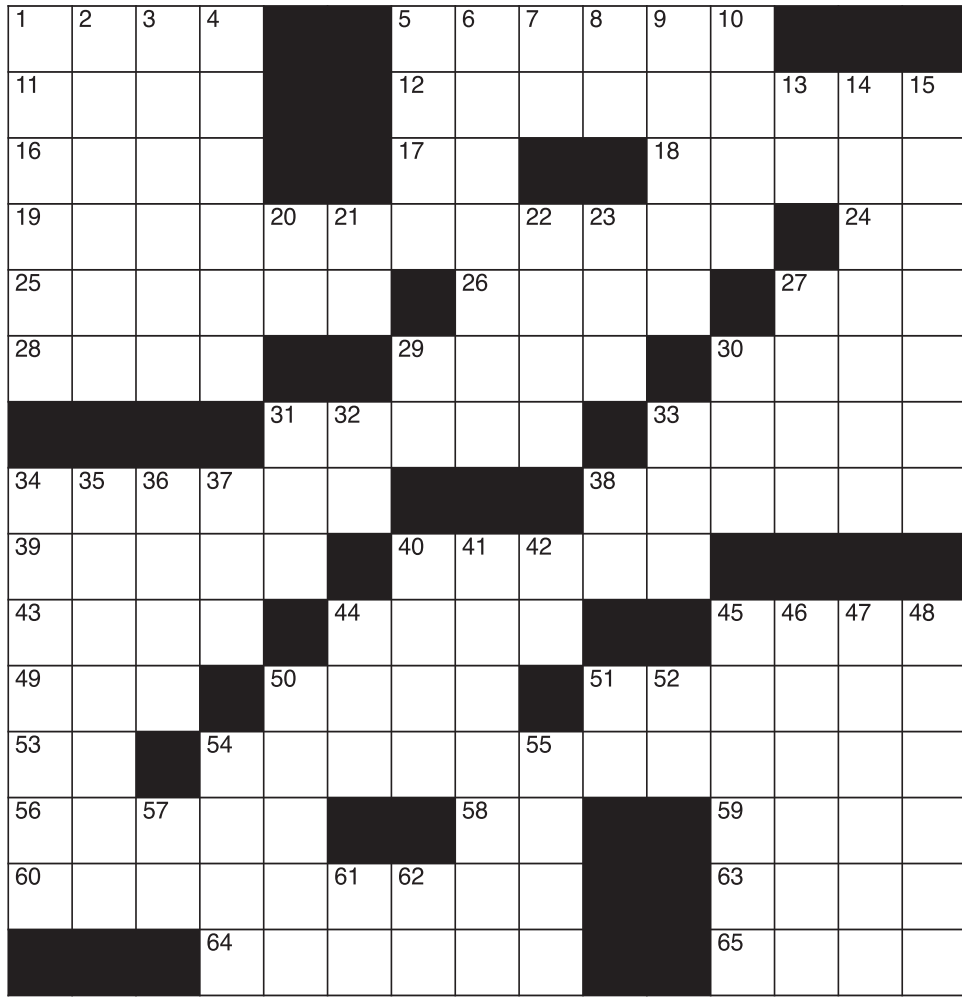
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# CROSSWORD



## CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Narrow piece of wood
- 5. African desert
- 11. Waxy covering on birds' beaks
- 12. Sour
- 16. Infrequent
- 17. Former AL MVP Vaughn
- 18. Policemen wear one
- 19. Out of the question
- 24. Used to chop
- 25. Symptoms
- 26. Not moving
- 27. Folk singer DiFranco
- 28. Comedian Armisen
- 29. Quantitative fact
- 30. Incline from vertical
- 31. Scottish musician
- 33. Rooney and Kate are two
- 34. Positioned
- 38. A very short time
- 39. Tropical American shrubs
- 40. Yemen capital
- 43. Spanish municipality
- 44. Medical professionals
- 45. Fibrous material
- 49. Confined condition (abbr.)
- 50. Without covering
- 51. "Mad Men" honcho Don
- 53. Hockey position
- 54. Taste property
- 56. Fertile spots in a desert
- 58. They precede C
- 59. "Requiem for a Dream" actor Jared
- 60. Try a criminal case
- 63. Liberal rights organization
- 64. Spoke
- 65. Insect repellent

## CLUES DOWN

- 1. Unshaven facial hair
- 2. More thin
- 3. Show up
- 4. Seethed
- 5. Ancient Greek city
- 6. Poisonous plant
- 7. Hello
- 8. College sports official
- 9. Monetary unit of Russia
- 10. Wings
- 13. Take too much of a substance
- 14. A citizen of Uganda
- 15. Most appealing
- 20. Atomic #18
- 21. Global investment bank (abbr.)
- 22. Jewish calendar month
- 23. Popular sandwich
- 27. Swiss river
- 29. Incorrect letters
- 30. Popular entree
- 31. Foot (Latin)
- 32. A driver's license is one form
- 33. Extinct flightless bird
- 34. Appetizer
- 35. After battles
- 36. It neutralizes alkalis
- 37. Beverage container
- 38. Partner to "Pa"
- 40. Gray American rail
- 41. Salt of acetic acid
- 42. Canadian province
- 44. Dish made with lentils
- 45. Narrative poem of popular origin
- 46. For each one
- 47. Come to terms
- 48. Test
- 50. More dishonorable
- 51. Unit of loudness
- 52. The Ocean State
- 54. Monetary unit in Mexico
- 55. Lying down
- 57. Thus
- 61. Where LA is located
- 62. Western State

# WORD SEARCH

## DISTRACTED WORD SEARCH



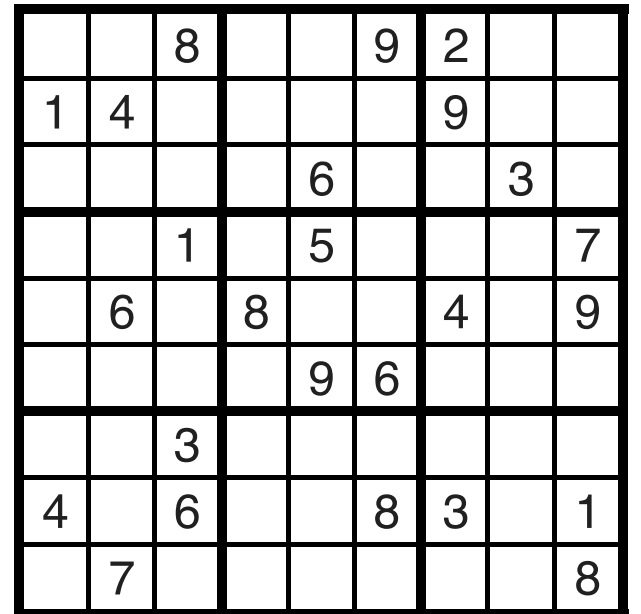
Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

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|------------|-----------|----------|
| ACTIVITY   | EATING    | SAFETY   |
| ATTENTION  | HIGHWAY   | SPEED    |
| COGNITIVE  | INJURY    | TALKING  |
| CRASH      | MANUAL    | TEXTING  |
| DANGEROUS  | NOISY     | VEHICLE  |
| DISTRACTED | PASSENGER | VISUAL   |
| DRIVER     | RADIO     |          |
| DROWSY     | READING   | WS254100 |

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Level: Intermediate

# WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to distracted driving.

**HPNEO**

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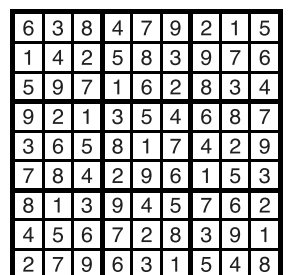
Answer: Phone

# GUESS WHO?

I am a comic/actor born in New York on April 3, 1961. I began performing stand-up comedy as a teenager, which led to a gig on "Saturday Night Live." I am a singer, director, actor, and comedian, and am best known for my comedic roles. I won a Golden Globe for a 2007 film.

Answer: Eddie Murphy

## Solutions:



# The 4-H Hiking Club invites local youth to register for April hike

BY KELLI MILLER  
GAZETTE STAFF WRITER

NORWICH — The 4-H Hiking Club and Chenango County Youth Bureau invite local youth to participate in an upcoming hike with the Bullthistle Hiking Club on April 4.

The hike is scheduled from 9 to 11:00 a.m. but may conclude a bit earlier depending on the pace of the group and trail conditions.

Youth participants must register in advance, and parents or guardians are welcome and encouraged to join.

Registration is also required to receive an email with hike details prior to the event. To register, visit: [reg.cce.cornell.edu/Hiking-Club-April\\_208](http://reg.cce.cornell.edu/Hiking-Club-April_208).

"While adults do not need to register separately, we appreciate knowing who plans to attend," said 4-H Youth Development Educator Nicole Starkweather.

"These hikes are inten-

tionally paced to allow time for exploration and learning. Participants often practice identifying birds, observing plants, and looking for signs of local wildlife," Starkweather explained.

"We also incorporate conversations about the environment and encourage curiosity about the natural world," she said. "Binoculars are often brought along to help enhance the experience."

Starkweather said hiking is a great way to stay active and build outdoor skills while connecting with nature.

She noted it also supports mental well-being by encouraging people to slow down, unplug, and enjoy their surroundings.

"For youth especially, it fosters curiosity, confidence, and an appreciation for the environment that can last a lifetime," she added.

This event is part of the 4-H Hiking Club series, which is open to the public thanks to

funding support from the Chenango County Youth Bureau.

Starkweather said their support allows accessible outdoor learning opportunities for youth in the community and runs the first Saturday of every month, with locations changing monthly.

She recommends dressing in layers appropriate for the weather and wearing sturdy footwear suitable for hiking, as trails can be muddy or uneven. If snow is present, boots are strongly encouraged.

Participants should also bring a backpack with water and any personal items they may need for a day hike. Binoculars will be available for help with observing birds and wildlife.

For additional information on winter hiking guidance and to be prepared, visit the NYSDEC website at [dec.ny.gov](http://dec.ny.gov) and click on "10 Essentials for Winter Hiking".

More information



Last year, during one of the 4-H Hiking Club Series hikes, youth climbed a tree. This year, local youth are invited to participate in an upcoming hike with the Bullthistle Hiking Club, on April 4. (Submitted photo)

on 4-H programs can be found by visiting their website at [cce.cornell.edu/chenango](http://cce.cornell.edu/chenango) or Facebook page at Chenango County 4-H

Youth Development.

The Bullthistle Hiking Club sports and recreation details can be found at [bullthistlehiking.org](http://bullthistlehiking.org).

Chenango County Youth Bureau information can be found on the Chenango County website at [www.chenango-countyny.gov](http://www.chenango-countyny.gov).

## Chenango Valley Trout Unlimited to host introduction to Fly Fishing Course

OXFORD - Chenango Valley Trout Unlimited will host an Introduction to Fly Fishing course on Sunday, April 12, 2026, from 1 to 5:00 PM at Oxford Middle School, Room 305 (near the Oxford Fire Department).

This course is designed for beginners and anyone looking to refine their skills, offering hands-on instruction from experienced Trout Unlimited members.

"This course is a great opportunity for anyone interested in fly fishing to learn the basics directly from passionate and experienced anglers," said Grady Thompson, Chenango Valley Chapter President.

"With spring weather approaching, it's an ideal time to get on the water as insect activity increases and fishing conditions improve. Learning the fundamentals in a hands-on and welcoming environment helps new anglers build confidence and enjoy the sport for years to come," he said.



Chenango Valley Trout Unlimited will host an Introduction to Fly Fishing course on Sunday, April 12, 2026, from 1 to 5:00 PM at Oxford Middle School, Room 305. (Submitted photo)

Attendees will learn the fundamentals of fly fishing, including casting techniques, understanding tackle and equipment, and an introduction to flies

and how they are used in different fishing conditions. Participants will be provided with all necessary equipment, though those who have their own rod and reel

are welcome to bring them.

The cost of registration is \$45 for adults and \$30 for youth ages 14 to 18, which includes admission to the course,

a one-year membership to Trout Unlimited, and a one-year subscription to Trout Magazine. Class size is limited to 20 participants, and the registration deadline is Monday, April 6, 2026. Half of the registration fee is requested at the time of registration, with the remainder due on the day of the course.

To register or request more information, contact Chapter Treasurer Sam Scafidi at (607) 334-3197 or by email at [sscafidi@roadrunner.com](mailto:sscafidi@roadrunner.com).

In support of the chapter's conservation and education efforts, Gilligan's Restaurant in Sherburne will host a Give Back Night on Monday, March 30, from 4:00 to 8:00 PM, with a portion of proceeds benefiting Chenango Valley Trout Unlimited. Community members are encouraged to stop in for dinner and help support local coldwater conservation and youth education programs.

Chenango Valley Trout Unlimited is

dedicated to the conservation, protection, and restoration of coldwater fisheries and their watersheds. The chapter meets at Taylor's Country House in Norwich on the third Thursday of every month, with dinner at 5:45 PM followed by the meeting at 7:00 PM. Guests are always welcome.

In addition to fly fishing education, the chapter is active in streamside cleanups, habitat restoration, fish stocking, youth education through the Trout in the Classroom Program, fishing classes, fly tying lessons, and more.

For more information about the chapter, visit the Facebook page "Chenango Valley Chapter, Trout Unlimited" or learn more about Trout Unlimited's mission at [tu.org](http://tu.org).

- Information from the Chenango Valley Trout Unlimited

# Chenango Women's Leadership Conference held at DCMO BOCES Norwich Campus



Chenango Women's Leadership Conference Planning Committee (left to right) Mary Branham, Melissa Stagnaro, Laura Parker, Barb Knowles, Jennifer Lawrence, Heather McShane, Jennifer Telesky, Gina Goldman, Sophia Root, Marci Lauren Riddell. (Submitted photo)

By Sophia Root  
Commerce Chenango

NORWICH - Last week, Commerce Chenango hosted the third annual Chenango Women's Leadership Conference.

The event, held at the DCMO BOCES Norwich Campus, boasted 245 attendees of all ages and from all corners of the county.

The third annual conference was sponsored by Women's Fund from the Community Foundation for South and Central New York and New York State Women, Inc. Support was also provided by Unison, a GE Aerospace Company, Preferred Mutual Insurance Company, Raymond Corporation, and Norwich Wealth Management & Partners.

Marci Lauren Riddell, planning committee chair said, "We want this conference to be an event that you want to be part of and keep returning to. Every woman in this room is important. Every woman in this room brings a unique perspective to the discussion." She continued, "Thank you BOCES for letting us use this space. We have students here again with us from local high schools."

"Think about this: no matter where we are now in life, at one point we were a student, a student roaming the halls of their high school with big dreams and big ideas. Schools like BOCES help students achieve those dreams and ideas. I encourage you to absorb that ener-

gy here today as you roam these halls and listen to these amazing women."

The conference consisted of three educational panels, each consisting of speakers who are leaders in: all aspects of life, the community, and mental health. Ruth Mahoney, Executive Vice President and President of Wealth Management at NBT Bank, gave a keynote address regarding the turns in her career, and her top ten guide to create lasting impact.

New to the conference this year were concurrent informational break out sessions. These occurred in different rooms on campus and were led by community leaders. How to Gain Financial Independence was hosted by Hilary Wilcox of Visions Federal Credit Union, How to Build a Network hosted by Amy Sherwood of NBT Bank, and How to Breathe, Balance and Lead was hosted by Melissa Stagnaro of Wildflower Healing Studio. The fourth session, How to Become an Entrepreneur, had two hosts: Melissa Beers of Teasers and Market 607 and Karri Beckwith of Bull Thistle Bridal.

The following businesses were represented by the Leading in All Aspects of Life panelists: Julia Miller (Blueox Energy), Laura Parker (Attorney) and Jerri Webb (Frontier Communications). The panel discussion, moderated by Patti Layton (New York State

Women, Inc), focused on challenges women may face in the different roles they take on, how to maintain a healthy work life balance, and inspiring stories of how each panelist manages their many duties.

Next was the "Leading in the Community panel," moderated by Robin Cotter (Catholic Charities of Chenango County). The panel included Jessica Moquin (Chenango County Historical Society), Kisten Giglio (Zonta Club of Chenango County and Aunt Mary's House), Kendall Johnson (Hospice and Palliative Care of Chenango County) and Elizabeth Monaco (United Way of Mid-Rural New York). Their presentation shed some light on the many non-profit organizations in our county and encouraged every woman in the room to engage with these organizations.

Students from many local districts were present at the event, and current DCMO BOCES Culinary students came in early to prepare breakfast, lunch, and dessert for the attendees to enjoy.

Following lunch was a session of guided movement by Allison O'Neill, PT (UHS Therapies Norwich/SECO). This exercise encouraged all attendees to rise out of their seats, stretch and reenergize before sitting for the rest of the conference. O'Neill gave some examples of simple changes attendees could make to be more active, such as stretches



Recently, Commerce Chenango hosted the third annual Chenango Women's Leadership Conference with more than 245 attendees from across Chenango County taking part. The event was held at DCMO BOCES Norwich Campus. (Photo by Sophia Root)

to do during their day at work.

The final panel, Leading with Mental Health, showcased Linda Palmatier (Therapist), Jamie Hagenbuch (Madison County Rural Health Council) and Amanda Hoover (DCMO BOCES). The discussion, moderated by Dr. Kelly Collins Colosi (Clinical Social Worker), included topics such as hormone fluctuation and its effects on productivity.

The main event closed with remarks from

Marci Lauren Riddell (Norwich Wealth Management). Riddell thanked the sponsors of the day, as well as the organizing committee: Heather McShane (Heather McShane Events & Weddings), Laura Parker (Attorney) Jenifer Telesky (NBT Bank), Jennifer Lawrence (DCMO BOCES), Mary Branham (Pivotel), Melissa Stagnaro (UHS Chenango Memorial Hospital), Gina Goldman (Alvogen),

Sophia Root and Barb Knowles (Commerce Chenango).

After the presentations ended, attendees received free mocktails and dessert and had the opportunity to network among themselves.

Want to stay up to date with the attendees and get the newest information about the 2027 conference? Follow the Chenango Women's Leadership Conference on Facebook.

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## Public Notices

### EDMESTON CENTRAL SCHOOL ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET HEARING AND BUDGET VOTE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual Budget Hearing of the inhabitants of Edmeston Central School District, Towns of Edmeston, et al, Otsego County, will be held at the school in said District on Tuesday, May 5, 2026 at 7:00PM.

AND notice is also given that the Annual School Budget Vote and Election of Members to the Board of Education for those qualified to vote in said District, will be held at the school in said District on Tuesday, May 19, 2026 between the hours of 12:00 Noon and 8:00PM for the transaction of such business as is authorized by the Education Law.

AND notice is also given that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required for the ensuing year for school purposes, may be obtained by any taxpayer in the District during the fourteen (14) days immediately preceding the Budget Vote and on the day of the vote (May 5-May 19), except Saturday, Sunday, or holidays, at the Edmeston Central School Office from 8:30AM to 3:30PM.

AND notice is also given that petitions nominating candidates for office of member of the Board of Education, must be filed with the Clerk of the District not later than 3:00PM on Monday, April 20, 2026. The following vacancy to be filled:

3-Year Full Term- currently held by Jay Lyon

Each petition must be directed to the Clerk, must be signed by at least 25 voters of the District, and must state the name and residence of the candidate.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that applications for early mail and absentee ballots will be obtainable between the hours of 8:00AM and

3:00PM. Monday through Friday, except holidays, from the District Clerk. Completed applications must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. Early mail and absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk not later than 3:00PM on Tuesday, May 19, 2026.

A list of persons to whom absentee ballots are issued will be available for inspection to qualified voters of the District in the office of the District Clerk 5 days before the election between the hours of 8:00AM and 3:00PM, on weekdays and said list will be posted at the polling place at the election AND FURTHER NOTICE is hereby given that Military voters who are qualified voters of the School District may apply for a military ballot by requesting an application from the District Clerk. For a military voter to be issued a military ballot, the District Clerk must have received a valid ballot application no later than 3:00PM on April 23, 2026. In a request for a military ballot application or ballot, the military voter may indicate their preference for receiving the application or ballot by mail, facsimile transmission or electronic mail. The School District will transmit military ballots to military voters on April 24, 2026. Completed military ballots must be received by the School District by 3:00PM on the day of election, May 19, 2026, in order to be counted.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the qualified voters of the School District shall be entitled to vote at said annual vote and election. A qualified voter is one who is (1) a citizen of the United States of America, (2) eighteen years of age or older, and (3) resident within the School District for a period of thirty (30) days next preceding the annual vote and election. The School District may require all persons offering

to vote at the budget vote and election to provide one form of proof of residency pursuant to Education Law Section 2018-c. Such form may include a driver's license, a non-driver identification card, a utility bill or a voter registration card. Upon offer of proof of residency, the School District may also require all persons offering to vote to provide their signature, printed name and address.

AND the following resolutions will be presented:

1. RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Edmeston Central School District be authorized to expend a maximum of \$275,000, paid with \$275,000 from the District's existing Capital Reserve Fund, for the purchase of one (1) 30-passenger school bus and one (1) 45-passenger school bus to be used in the transportation program of the District, and with the use of funds from the Capital Reserve Fund shall have no impact on the tax levy of the District for the 2026-2027 school year.

2. RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Edmeston Central School District is authorized to levy and collect an annual tax, year after year, separate and apart from the Annual School District Budget, in the amount of \$40,000.00, which shall be paid to the Edmeston Free Library for the support and maintenance of the library.

Tracy Plows, District Clerk Edmeston Central School (14 GZ 04/02, 04/16, 04/30, 05/07)

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
 Budget Hearing  
 A budget hearing for the inhabitants of the Unadilla Valley Central School District qualified to vote at School District meetings will be held on Tuesday, May 5, 2026, at the School District Library immediately following the Regular

Meeting scheduled for 6:00 PM, where there shall be presented the proposed school district budget for the following school year.

**Vote Information**  
 The vote upon the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures and for any propositions involving the expenditure of money or the authorizing of levy of taxes, as well as the election of members of the Board of Education (the "Annual Meeting") shall be held on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, from 12:00 PM to 8:00 PM. The Annual Meeting shall be held in the hallway adjacent to the community gym (Entrance Door # 8), located at 4238 State Highway 8, New Berlin, NY 13411.

**Statement of Money Required for Next School Year**  
 A copy of the statement of the amount of money which would be required for the next school year for school purposes may be obtained by any resident of the District at the District Office during the period of 14 days immediately before the annual meeting and election, between the hours of 8:30 AM and 4:00 PM, except Saturday, Sunday, or holidays, and on the date of the election.

**Board of Education Vote**  
 At the annual meeting, voters will elect three (3) candidates to the Board of Education, to fill the following seats:

Three-year term beginning on July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029  
 Three-year term beginning on July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029  
 Three-year term beginning on July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029

Vacancies upon the Board shall not be considered separate specific offices. The three (3) individuals receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected to the vacancies. Petitions nominating candidates for the office of Board of Education member must be filed in the office of the District Clerk between the hours of 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM, not later than 5:00 PM on Monday,

April 20, 2026. Each petition must be directed to the District Clerk, must be signed by at least 25 qualified voters of the district, must state the residence of each qualified voter, and the name and residence of the candidate.

The following propositions shall be voted upon at the same time as the appropriation of monies and for Board members, in substantially the following form, after the budget has been finalized by the Board of Education:

**BUDGET PROPOSITION \- 2026-2027**  
 Shall the following resolution be adopted by the Board of Education? RESOLVED, to adopt the annual budget of the Unadilla Valley Central School District for the fiscal year 2026-2027, as presented by the Board of Education of the District, and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the district.

**PROPOSITION I \- LEASE OF SCHOOL BUSES**  
 Shall the following resolution be adopted by the Board of Education? RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the

Unadilla Valley Central School District be, and hereby is, authorized to enter a five (5) year lease for up to three (3) school buses at a maximum estimated total annual cost not to exceed \$110,000 for each of the five (5) years, beginning in the 2026-2027 school year.

**PROPOSITION II \- LIBRARY FUNDING**  
 Shall the appropriation for the South New Berlin Free Library within the Unadilla Valley Central School District be increased by the sum of \$1,090.00 so that the total appropriation to the South New Berlin Free Library shall be \$55,680.00, (which is a \$1,090 increase from the \$54,590 levy currently in existence), which shall be raised by a tax upon the taxable property of the School District in accordance with Education Law section 259 and shall the appropriation for the New Berlin Library Association within the Unadilla Valley Central School District be increased by the sum of \$5,000.00 so that the total appropriation to the New Berlin Library Association shall be \$89,000.00, (which is a \$5,000 increase from the \$84,000 levy currently in existence), which shall be raised by a tax upon the

taxable property of the School District in accordance with Education Law section 259?

**Military Ballots**  
 Military voters who are qualified voters of the School District may apply for a military ballot by requesting an application from the District Clerk at (607) 847-7500, ext. 1131 or vverry@uvstorm.org. For a military voter to be issued a military ballot, the District Clerk must have received a valid ballot application no later than 5:00 PM on April 24, 2026. In a request for a military ballot application or ballot, the military voter may indicate their preference for receiving the application or ballot by mail, facsimile transmission, or email.

**Absentee Ballots**  
 Applications for absentee ballots for the Annual Meeting may be applied for by qualified voters at the District Clerk's Office. Completed applications must be received by the District Clerk at least (7) seven days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election, if the ballot is to be picked up personally by the voter. Absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk no later than

5:00 P.M., prevailing time, on May 19, 2026. A list of all persons to whom absentee and military ballots shall have been issued will be available for inspection in the District Clerk's Office during regular business hours on each of the five (5) days prior to the election except Sunday, and such list will also be posted at the polling place at the election of members of the Board of Education.

**Early Mail Ballots**  
 Early mail ballots may be applied for at the office of the District Clerk. A list of all persons to whom early mail ballots shall have been issued will be available in the office of the District Clerk on each of the five days prior to the day of the vote except Sundays, and such list will also be posted at the polling place or places for the vote.

**Board of Education Adoption Date: March 16, 2026**  
 By: Order of the Unadilla Valley Central School Board of Education  
 By: Valerie L. Verry, District Clerk (14 ES 04/03, 04/17, 05/01, 05/15, GZ 04/02, 04/16, 04/30, 05/14)

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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.

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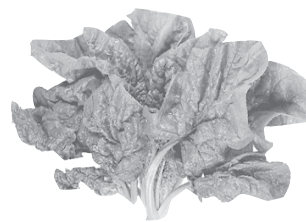
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All Bids will be opened at the Monthly Board Meeting on Tuesday April 14, 2026 at 7:00 PM. If you have any questions, please contact the Town Clerk's Office at (607) 965-9823. **Please write "PROPANE BID" on the envelope.**

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

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**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 mowing, 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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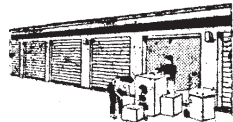
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# New Berlin Library Corner

## New Berlin Library brings art outreach to Chase Nursing Home

**NEW BERLIN** - Residents at Chase Nursing Home enjoyed a creative afternoon on Wednesday, March 25, as the New Berlin Library hosted an outreach art class.

The program, funded through a Four County Library System Outreach Grant, gave participants the opportunity to paint a spring-themed bunny on canvas. To ensure an enjoyable and accessible experience for all skill levels, each canvas was pre-primed with the design outlined in advance.

All materials for the class were provided by the New Berlin Library, allowing residents to fully engage in the artistic process without concern for supplies. The event is part of the library's ongoing commitment to bringing educational and recreational programming beyond its walls and into the community.



Organizers noted the positive response from participants, many of whom appreciated both the creative outlet and the opportunity to socialize.

The library plans to continue its outreach efforts at Chase Nursing Home, with the next program scheduled for May. That session will feature painting small terra cotta flower pots in celebration of spring. Organizers hope to expand the activity by providing soil and flowers as well, pending available funding.

"I want to than the Four County Outreach Grant for giving the library the opportunity to accomplish this outreach program at Chase Nursing Home." Stated director, Michelle Priola. "I also want to thank Chase Nursing Home staff, especially Annette MacLeod, as well as the library staff and volunteers. A lot of behind the scene work goes into each library event and it would be impossible to achieve without with everyone involved."

Through initiatives like these, the New

Berlin Library continues to foster connection, creativity, and community engagement among residents of all ages.

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 at 6 p.m., April 29. These meetings are open to the public. Minutes are posted on the New Berlin Library website.

Some great new additions to the library include: Who Was Cleopatra (Who HQ) by Kathryn Waterfield, Het Bruce! An Interactive Book by Ryan T. Higgins, Goodnight Bruce by Ryan T. Higgins, The Pigeon Won't say the ABCs! by Mo Willems, The Pigeon Won't Count to 10! By Mo Willems, It's Spring! By Renee Kurilla, It's Winter! by Renee Kurilla, It's Fall!

by Renee Kurilla, It's Spring by Kevin Henkes, The Magic of Sleep: A Fascinating Guide to the World of Slumber by Vicky Woodgate, The Magic of Seasons: A Fascinating Guide to Seasons Around the World by Vicky Woodgate, and Hamnet 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 10 a.m. -5 p.m.; and Saturdays 10 a.m.-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. ([www.facebook.com/newberlinlibrary.newberlinny](http://www.facebook.com/newberlinlibrary.newberlinny)) with any questions.

- Information from the New Berlin Library

### Unmasking The Ring-Tailed Lemur

This edition of Shortcuts is sponsored by Lemur Neeson.

I have a very particular set of skills.

Did you hear the story about the ring-tailed lemur? It was a long tale (tail).

All of the females in a troop help to raise the young.

Wild ring-tailed lemurs are found only in Madagascar.

**Smell You Later**

Male ring-tailed lemurs often settle disputes with other males by having "stink fights." They do this by using special glands located on their wrists to wipe a foul-smelling liquid onto their tails. They then wave their tails around to spread the odor.

**Social Security**

Ring-tailed lemurs are very social animals. They spend a lot of time grooming each other and often take naps huddled together in a big pile.

Some of the teeth on a ring-tailed lemur's lower jaw stick straight out. They use these teeth like a comb to groom each other's fur.

**Word Search**

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

FEMALE	LEMUR	TEA	FORD	RINK	IN
LEADER	FRUIT	RDUE	UNDEER	PAL	
LEAVES	CALL	ORDM	OORG	IDPEW	
FOREST	RING	OREAD	RINK	PAGE	
TAILED	BOB	PLOL	JTFIT	VBET	
GROOM	PILE	HULAA	FOREO	WLL	
TROOP	JAW	APOI	WMRS	BUCUPS	
GROUP	NAP	LOLRE	DEUCA	IP	
VOCAL	FUR	PETAG	SSFILOLA		
		DOORE	STAR	THEL	

**Three-Ring Circus**

Can you help these lemurs get to the fruit?

Ring-tailed lemurs feed mainly on leaves and fruit, but they will also eat insects, worms and bird eggs.

What do you get when you cross a ring-tailed lemur with a Beetle? Ringo Starr.

Ring-tailed lemurs live in social groups of about a dozen animals. This group is called a "troop."

A troop of ring-tailed lemurs consists of both male and female adult and juvenile lemurs. The entire troop is led by a dominant female.

Ring-tailed lemurs have more than a dozen different vocal calls that they use to communicate with other lemurs. They even have different calls to distinguish if a threat is coming from the air or from the ground.

How do you call a ring-tailed lemur? Give him a ring.

Ring-tailed lemurs are just as comfortable in the treetops as they are on the forest floor.

What is a ring-tailed lemur's favorite book? "The Lord of the Rings."

An adult ring-tailed lemur is about the size of a house cat.

With their raccoonlike masks, bright orange eyes and long striped tails, ring-tailed lemurs are one of the most recognizable animals in the world. It's no wonder they are the most popular type of lemur, found in zoos everywhere.

This cartoon has a familiar ring to it.