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Chenango County Community Cleanup Day: How it works and how to get involved

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CHENANGOCOUNTY – The Chenango County Environmental Management Council is sponsoring Community Cleanup Days.

They're inviting community members, who would act as cleanup stewards, from across the county, to organize local cleanup events. They will provide reimbursement for supplies and trash disposal fees from funding through their partnership with Chenango County Soil and Water Conservation District.

The Community Cleanup Day event started with the Chenango County Environmental Management Council (EMC) hosting a spring cleanup focused on the Chenango River Trail in

2022, of which they've removed thousands of pounds of trash each year since. It's now expanding to other sites and dates with cleanup stewards across the county planning local cleanup events. Since its inception the initiative has removed over 10,000 pounds of garbage from the environment.

Anyone interested in organizing a cleanup event is eligible to be a cleanup steward. The event must take place before May 2 to be eligible for reimbursement through the EMC initiative. To register, interested parties can visit the Chenango County EMC's website under the Planning Department page, their Facebook page, or reach out to the Chenango County Planning Department



The Chenango County Environmental Management Council (EMC) is sponsoring Community Cleanup Day(s) across the county. They are looking for various community members who would act as cleanup stewards to help organize local events at locations near them. The EMC is able to reimburse certain costs for cleanup events registered and held before May 2nd. (Submitted photos)

directly and inquire. There is also a QR code to scan on their fliers if you see one.

Cleanup stewards are responsible for organizing a cleanup event in their local area. They will need to decide on a date and location, register with the EMC, get others involved, and gather any needed supplies.

Allison Yacano, Senior Planner at the Chenango County Planning Department said, "We can provide trash removal, gloves, bags, any kind of stuff that you need for your cleanup. All we ask is that you reach out to us beforehand, so we can get that all set, and the event has to be held before May 2."

Funding for the events is on a reimbursement basis and after the orga-

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As the weather warms, here's what to know about ticks, what you can do to protect yourself

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CHENANGO COUNTY - TICKS! Everyone has heard of them. Little bugs that latch on to you and your pets carrying diseases. Ticks start to become active as soon as the weather gets above freezing, but that doesn't mean you need to stop exploring the outdoors.

Here's what you need to know about preventing tick bites, and disease risks according to the Department of Health.

Prepare before you go outside

While you can't 100% stop a tick from attaching to you, you can



The Chenango County DOH creates a few thousand of these "Tick Kits" each year to provide to residents. They contain instructions on tick removal, metal pointed tweezers, alcohol swabs, a bandage, and a ziplock bag to put the tick into. The kits are available for free on a first come first serve basis. (Photo by Rebecca Laibowitz)

take multiple steps to prevent bites and spot them before they do. Primarily you should try

and "Dress to Repel" as the NYS Department of Health puts it. This means: wear

light-colored clothing so it's easier to spot ticks on your body; wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants to cover your body where they're likely to jump on you; tuck your pants into your socks and your shirt into your pants, this stops the ticks from getting in your clothes and finding crevices to hide; keep long hair tied back; if using a repellent spray make sure to follow the directions and only spray it outdoors, you should also wash off repellent when going back inside.

"Wear light clothes, So you can see them. The nymphs are pretty hard to see, They're very tiny. Tuck your pants into your socks, your shirt

into your pants, and that way they have to climb all the way up to get to you, and hopefully you find them like on your face, in your hair, behind your ears. They like any crevices, armpits, groin, behind the knee. They love it. So if you can prevent them from doing any of that. I personally will spray my pants with some kind of deterrent," said David Gorman, Director of Environmental Health at the Chenango County DOH.

Repellents can be effective to reduce tick bite occurrences but they need to be used correctly to avoid adverse effects, like eye and skin irritation. Repellent

products registered by the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) have been tested for toxicity and effectiveness, so look for labels with an EPA registration number. You can reduce the need for repellents by dressing with tick bite prevention in mind.

The most common active ingredients in tick repellents are Deet (label may say N,N-diethyl-m-toluamide), Picaridin (label may say KBR 3023), and permethrin which kills ticks on contact and should only be applied to clothing.

When deciding on a repellent, consider what type of pest you are concerned about, what time

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Teen Camp Scholarships Awarded

CHENANGO COUNTY - The Susquehanna Chapter of ADK, representing Otsego, Delaware and Chenango Counties, is pleased to announce the 2026 teen camp scholarship awardees, Hazel and Willow Landry.

Both teens will be attending the All Girls Teen Crew: Mt. Jo Trail Maintenance camp in August. The campers will make a presentation to the chapter members in January 2027 at its regular monthly meeting.

The annual scholarships are funded by donations received from the chapter membership.

Let Hazel Landry and Willow Landry introduce themselves. The following are a few of the responses these young women provided as part of their applications:

Hazel Landry

Outdoor Experience: I have plenty of experience outdoors! Our family often goes camping and hiking in the summer and snowshoeing paths on our property in the winter. I completed the Catskill Fire Tower Challenge and a few Catskill High Peaks as well! Along with my brother and my sister, I also go geocaching—there's some awesome caches in Wilbur Park! I also enjoy building stick shelters in the woods.

Description of Self: I'd like to say I am a creative, outdoorsy kid. I love painting, crafting, and lots of doodling and drawing. I think I am a good fit for the scholarship because I hope to gain knowledge of the Adirondacks and of fixing up trails! It would be awesome to meet other nature loving people as



Hazel Landry (top) and Willow Landry (bottom) have been awarded the Susquehanna Chapter of ADK's camp scholarships for 2026. (Submitted photos)

well.

Willow Landry

Outdoor Experience: I have some experience in the outdoors. Many hikes including The Catskill Fire Tower Challenge, Kaaterskill High Peak, Balsam Lake (and in the winter), and Hunter Mountain. Plus I enjoy lots of camping! A few of them are Letchworth State Park, Robert Treman State Park, Rollins Pond, and North South Lake. There's a fun geocache there that you have to kayak to an island in the lake to find! Besides that, I enjoy snowshoeing, and various adventures in the wild! I enjoy fort-building with friends and exploring the woods behind my

house. I like learning about wild plants and edibles I can find out in nature as well.

Description of Self: I'm more of an outdoorsy type and would very much enjoy tenting out in the campground; a whole glorious three days out in the woods! Plus getting to know a few other like-minded folk would be great too! I hope to gain some experience with trail repair and such, as I do enjoy walking on trails myself.

Congratulations Hazel and Willow.

For more information about the Susquehanna Chapter of ADK, visit their website at susqadk.org.

— *Susquehanna Chapter of ADK*



Aiden Howland, a Senior in The DCMO BOCES Welding program from Sherburne-Earlville Central School talks with Earl Kennedy and Nettie Roberts, HR Specialists from Alvogen/Norwich Pharmaceuticals at the Applications Day event. (Submitted photo)



Mike Beamer, Southern Tier Apprentice Coordinator, and Justin Summerfield, both from the Bricklayer's and Allied Craftworker's Union (BAC3), speak with Cody Wright, a senior in the DCMO BOCES Carpentry program from Greene Central School at the Applications Day event. (Submitted photo)

Connecting students with career opportunities at applications day

NORWICH - The DCMO BOCES Alan D. Pole Campus in Norwich hosted its annual Applications Day on Tuesday, March 31, giving Career and Technical Education students and adult learners the opportunity to meet with local employers and industry representatives.

Throughout the afternoon, businesses were stationed in program classrooms while students rotated through to meet with employers, share resumes, and complete applications for full-time, part-time, and summer employment. The event gave students the opportunity to have meaningful conversations with industry professionals and take important steps toward entering the workforce.

Participating businesses and organizations included: The Place; Greater Opportunities Head Start; Ironworkers Union Local 60; KTooling LLC; Alvogen/Norwich Pharmaceuticals; DCMO BOCES Print Shop; DCMO BOCES, Norwich and Sidney Center campuses; Broome-Tioga BOCES; Laborers Local 785; Carpenters Local 287; Bricklayers/Masons Local 3; Intelligent Green Solutions; LW Morse & Son Plumbing, Heating & AC; Chenango County Office of Emergency Services; NYS Department of Corrections; Chenango County; Chase Memorial Nursing Home & Rehab; The ARC Otsego; Valley View Manor Nursing Home and

Rehabilitation Center; Norwich Rehabilitation & Nursing Center; Studio 11 Barbershop; HRS Forestry LLC; and IBEW Local 1249.

Students gained valuable experience speaking with employers and exploring career pathways, while businesses had the opportunity to connect with motivated future employees.

DCMO BOCES is a regional provider of educational services to students and schools, and operates school campuses in Sidney Center and Norwich. To find out more about DCMO BOCES services and programs, visit www.dcmoboces.com.

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of day you will be outside, where you will be, and how long you plan to be outdoors. Read your chosen repellent's label carefully to make sure it is effective against ticks, not just mosquitos, and how long it lasts so you know when to reapply. The EPA has an online tool to assist with finding the right skin-safe repellent for your needs, you can find it at www.epa.gov/insect-repellents/find-repellent-right-you

In addition to dressing to repel, and using repellents, the NY Department of Health (DOH) recommends staying on cleared, well-traveled trails, walking in the center of the trails, and avoiding dense woods and bushy areas.

Gorman said, "Ticks typically quest, that's when they've got their arms out and wait to grab onto something, about 18-20 inches off the ground. So they're usually not right on the ground unless they're in some leaf litter, but they're usually hanging out on branches or overhang trails. So if you brush up against them, they grab onto you. So stay in the center of trails if you can."

It's very important that when you're done being in the outdoors, to conduct a thorough full-body tick check of yourself, your children, and pets. That way it's easier to find and remove a tick on the body especially before it has had time to bite. It's also helpful to bathe or shower once back inside to wash any off of you and more eas-

ily find ticks that might be on you.

The Chenango County Department of Health posts signage in areas where the state has found higher concentrations of ticks so people exploring the outdoors can prepare themselves. They are also there for citizens who have questions about prevention and insect ID. If you suspect that a bug you found might be a tick (or even a bedbug) you can bring it to them and they'll let you know what it is.

What to do if you find a tick, and disease risk

If you find a tick latched on to your body stay calm, what matters most is figuring out how long it's been attached.

Generally, people are able to detect and remove a tick before it can transmit pathogens, which depending on tick species and pathogen presence, can take up to 48 hours. Lyme disease is the most prevalent tick-borne disease in New York and the risk of Lyme disease is greatly reduced when the tick is removed within the first 36 hours. If you catch it before that, the chance of getting a tick-borne disease is minimal.

To safely remove a tick NYDOH gives the following instructions:

Use a pair of pointed tweezers to grasp the tick by the head or mouth parts right where they enter the skin. DO NOT grasp the tick by the body.

Pull firmly and steadily outward. DO NOT jerk or twist the tick.

Place the tick in a small container of rub-

bing alcohol to kill it.

Clean the bite wound with rubbing alcohol or hydrogen peroxide.

Monitor the site of the bite for the next 30 days for the appearance of a rash. If you develop a rash or flu-like symptoms, contact your health care provider immediately.

The Chenango County Department of Health provides free "Tick Kits" consisting of directions on how to remove a tick, pointed metal tweezers, alcohol swabs, a bandage, and a small ziploc bag to put the removed tick into. They give out these kits at their regular Rabies clinics, and provide some to every town in the county to give out to residents who request them. They make between 2000-3000 of these kits each year and they're available on a first come first serve basis.

"What we recommend when somebody calls us and the tick's been on them is we will inform them that they should contact their healthcare provider and let them make the decision as to what happens. And we let them know that if you get the rash, a bullseye rash, that they definitely want to contact their healthcare provider, but not everybody who gets bit by a tick develops that rash. So our other piece of advice is usually if you feel like you have the flu within 30 days of finding that on you, you want to have a conversation with your healthcare provider," said Gorman.

The NYS DOH conducts regular annual

surveillance efforts collecting and testing ticks from locations across NYS to monitor tick-borne pathogens. You can find the latest report here https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/lyme/docs/tbd_report_2025.pdf

They also keep track of infection incidences for the common tick borne illnesses anaplasmosis, ehrlichiosis, babesiosis, and lyme disease, which are reported to the DOH by healthcare providers. In 2025 there were 231 cases of lyme disease, 111 cases of anaplasmosis, 16 cases of babesiosis, and zero cases of ehrlichiosis reported by healthcare providers in Chenango County.

"Out here, every year the state drags different areas around the county, and they collect ticks and they analyze them for what tick-borne viruses they have. And about, usually every year it's between 50 and 52 percent of the ticks collected had Lyme. So basically it's coin toss. If you get bit and it's on you long enough, there's a 50-50 chance you're going to end up with Lyme, or something else, but you can see from the numbers I gave you, everything else is really low," said Gorman.

It also matters what stage the tick is at in its lifecycle. Ticks hatch from an egg, become larvae, followed by the nymph stage and then become an adult. Adult ticks are more likely to have pathogens than the nymphs and larvae typically don't carry any tick-borne diseases. Adults are typically

more active in the fall while nymphs are active in the spring. However there is some crossover as more adult ticks have been found earlier in the year recently.

"They come out as larvae, typically the larvae don't have any diseases, no tick-borne disease. That happens once the nymph feeds. So if they feed on an animal that has it, say a squirrel, and then they live to become an adult, they carry that on with them. And then when they bite the next person and they establish the gut-blood barrier, they transmit it," explained Gorman.

Keeping grass short helps

If you're worried about ticks on your own property in your lawn, the NYS DOH makes the following recommendations:

Keep lawns mowed and edges trimmed.

Clear brush, leaf litter and tall grass around the house, and at the edges of gardens and stone walls.

Stack woodpiles neatly away from the house and preferably off the ground.

In the fall, clear all leaf and garden litter, where ticks can live in the winter, out of your yard.

Keep the ground under bird feeders clean so as not to attract small animals that can carry ticks into your yard.

Locate children's swing sets and other play equipment in sunny, dry areas of the yard, away from the woods where ticks can be abundant.

Using an approved insecticide once a year, in June, can significantly reduce tick numbers on

a residential property.

Keeping your grass cut short does a great job at preventing ticks from being in your lawn according to Gorman who said, "if your grass is cut short and ticks come out there, they're either going to desiccate or they're not going to move out there because of the sun. And if they are getting into your lawn, it's more or less because they're riding on a mouse or a squirrel or some other animal."

The most common tick species found on humans and capable of transmitting pathogens in New York State, are the black legged tick also known as the deer tick, the American dog tick, and the lone star tick which is rare to find in Chenango County.

According to the DOH tick populations have been rising over the last few years and we shouldn't expect it to slow so don't let the fear of a tick bite stop you from enjoying the abundance of nature around us. Keep exploring the outdoors just be sure to take the appropriate steps to minimize your risk of tick-borne disease.

"Protect yourself. Be aware of your environment, if you're in the woods where you're walking, dress appropriately. Check yourself when you're done. It's pretty easy. It's tough if you've got five kids and you have to check on them, especially every day if they're out playing in the yard. I can see where that can become exhausting. But that's the protection we have," said Gorman.

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nizer's event is registered, they can provide funding for any event that takes place up until May 2.

Yacano explained that they are looking to expand their reach across the various communities inside Chenango County, which is why these volunteer cleanup stewards are being sought out. Community members

acting as a cleanup steward can seek to target specific public locations for their community's cleanup day(s).

"It's just got to be a public space. It could be a park. It could be a public sidewalk. It could be anything, just to get that trash out of our community and not let it get into our waterways," said Yacano.

If participating in one of these cleanup events be sure to maintain your

personal safety especially in public spaces near traffic. Yacano also suggests that you always wear gloves and take caution if you suspect a hazardous material or something sharp.

The EMC is currently made up of seven members who come from various backgrounds with the common drive to keep our county clean and sustainable. In addition to sponsoring community cleanup days

they will still be hosting their annual Chenango River Trail Cleanup which is planned to take place on May 2.

"When we first started it four years ago, we were doing research into the events that were being held in the past, and this was actually a very large event hosted by the EMC back in the early 90's," said Yacano.

While a lot has changed with how these cleanup events are host-

ed and the community overall, the EMC plans to continue the initiative.

"It's really cool to see how long environmental stewardship has been going on in our community, and we're just trying to build upon it and get it bigger for the future," said Yacano.

Find the Chenango County Environmental Management Council's site at this link <https://www.chenango-countyny.gov/398/Environmental-Management-Council-EMC>

county.gov/398/Environmental-Management-Council-EMC

Their Facebook page can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/ChenangoCountyEMC>

Find the Chenango County Planning and Development Department site at this link <https://www.chenangocountyny.gov/200/Planning-Development>

Outdoor Chenango: Getting the dust off the fishing reel



Eric Davis

Outdoor Chenango

As I begin to think about the nice, consistent warm weather and spending the day on the water fishing, I start to look through my gear.

Not only does this let

me continue in my fantasy of hot sun with no snow or rain, but it also lets me inspect everything so that I can make any repairs now during the crumbly weather so it's all set when it's time to hit the lake in the near future.

Usually after looking at one of two reels, I decide it's time to replace the line on some or all of them. After dealing with tangled messes caused by me or those brought in by customers when I worked in retail, I have come up with a system that minimizes issues later from respooling.

If your reel is on a rod

that is multiple pieces, remove any piece other than the one the rod is mounted on. If your rod is one piece, just find a place where you can handle the rod without damaging the tip.

Remove all the old line on the spool of the reel. You can buy a tool that helps remove the line, but I just pull it by hand. DO NOT set the drag light and pull the line off this way. That is a great way to ruin the drag on the reel.

Run the new line through the guide above the reel (or all the guides if a one-piece rod). Use an arbor knot to attach

the end of the line to the spool. When using non-braided line, always lubricate your knots with either saliva or oil. The friction from tightening the knot melts the line and severely weakens it.

With the line pulled tight on the reel, slowly start winding it to make sure it starts wrapping around the spool properly. If you're using braided line and it keeps letting the spool spin without wrapping around the spool, try placing a small piece of tape on the line and spool to force it to wrap around the spool.

Slowly use the reel to add more line to the

spool. The entire time, you want there to be slight pressure on the line as it goes onto the reel. You can use your fingers to do this (be careful, as the line can burn/cut into your skin) or use the rod to keep it slightly bent as you are reeling with a one-piece rod.

If you have a spinning reel, stop spooling the line on when the spool gets to be two-thirds full. The line won't come off the spool on its own in large amounts like it does when the spool is filled to the maximum. Once the reel is filled, tape the line to the end

of the rod section or to the rod and just the line above the tape.

While you have your reel empty, now is the time to clean and lubricate the internal gears and other moving parts. Carefully disassemble the reel as much as you feel comfortable doing. Clean the moving parts with a soft cloth and remove as much old grease/oil and dirt as possible. Use a grease or oil designed for fishing reels. Apply it moderately. You don't want to get it everywhere, but you want to make sure everything gets lubricated that needs it.

Chenango County Health: Knowledge is protection; staying informed during STD Awareness Month

C H E N A N G O COUNTY - April is STD awareness month, and an opportunity for Chenango County Public Health to spread awareness of sexually transmitted diseases (STDs), also known as sexually transmitted infections (STIs).

During this time, we are focusing on providing our community with the tools, education, and resources needed for prevention, testing, and knowledge about STDs.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates that "1 in 5 peo-

ple have an STD on any given day, this is about 20 percent of the population."

Chlamydia is the most prevalent STD in Chenango County. It is an infection that can spread through sex or sexual activity or through any intimate

skin-to-skin contact.

Knowledge about STDs can help spread awareness and stop stigmas and fears about STDs. Many times, there are no symptoms, and people do not know they are infected. STDs can be spread with or without symptoms. Family Planning of South Central New York lists painful urination, irregular discharge, and itching as symptoms that a person may have an STD. Although preventable, STDs can still be contracted if you participate in sexual activities.

All STDs are treatable, and most are curable.

The population most at risk for STDs are those ages 15-23.

According to CDC, this age group accounts for nearly half of all STD diagnoses. Open communication between parents and their children regarding safe sex practices is recommended. This can have a positive influence on a child's mental health and well-being when it comes to sexual activities.

There are now medications available to help prevent certain STDs. An example of this is Pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP), which is a preventative medication taken by people who are at higher risk of HIV infection, including those who are not in monogamous relationships and people who inject drugs. Post exposure prophylaxis (PEP) is an emergency medi-

cation that is taken after a potential exposure to HIV to reduce the risk of infection. Talk with your provider to see if this would be beneficial to you. In New York State, there is a program called Expedited Partner Treatment (EPT). This program allows some healthcare providers to give medication or a prescription to the sexual partners of someone diagnosed with chlamydia or gonorrhea. The goal is to treat partners quickly and help prevent the spread of infection.

Choosing to abstain from sexual activity is the only certain way to avoid exposure to STDs. For those who are sexually active, using protection consistently and correctly greatly reduces risk. Health professionals recommend using condoms during vaginal and anal sex and dental dams during oral sex. These barrier methods help prevent the spread of infections. Public Health has condoms, lubricants, and dental dams available to the community.

Open and honest communication with sexual partner(s) about sexual health and testing history is another important part of prevention. Regular testing is also recommended—at least once a year, or more often depending on individual risk factors. Testing is available locally through Family Planning of South-Central New York, primary care providers, Women's Health

services, and walk-in clinics. Pregnant individuals are encouraged to be tested, as some infections can harm a developing baby if left untreated.

Vaccination is another important prevention tool. Vaccines are available to protect against Human Papillomavirus (HPV) and Hepatitis B, both of which can be spread through sexual contact. Finally, reducing the number of sexual partners, particularly outside of mutually monogamous relationships, can lower the risk of exposure.

For more information about prevention, testing, or available resources, contact your local health department. Knowing the facts can make a big difference in protecting your health and the health of our community. To read more please visit:

<https://fpscny.org/medical-care/sti-testing/>

<https://www.cdc.gov/sti/about/index.html>

<https://www.cdc.gov/sti/prevention/index.html>

https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/std/sti_information.htm

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

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The Early Files *by Peggy Finnegan*

WEEK #16 TWENTY YEARS AGO

April 21, 2006

James Powers said he's ready to make his voice be heard on the state level.

Walter J. Smalakis, beloved husband of Laura Himovitch Smalakis... left this plane of existence on Easter Sunday, April 16, 2006 to reside with the spirit.

THIRTY YEARS AGO April 25, 1996

Golden Artist Colors has come a long way since June of 1980 when business was conducted in a 900 sq. ft. dairy barn. Mark Golden, President, was selected as the 1996 Small Business Person of the Year for New York.

FORTY YEARS AGO April 16, 1986

All admired the snowy Christmas tree on Lorraine Cort's back deck.

Gilbertsville's Upton Park, "The Castle," was built in 1814 as a wedding present for Frances Upton when she married Richard Morris, descendent of Lewis Morris, a signer of the Declaration of Independence.

Mr. and Mrs. David Galley are parents of a daughter, Sonja Mae, 7 lbs. 11 oz.

Becky Pugh, Jennifer Wheeldon, Marjorie Tophoven and Betsy Smith helped Susie DeForest celebrate her 13th birthday.

FIFTY YEARS AGO April 16, 1976

Brian Webb found the Mason's Easter egg hidden in the root of a tree near the creek in the gorge this side of Phil Greco's.

"Duke" Hoag purchased the brick home of Dr. Nielsen on North Main.

Helen Marshman and Dorothy Fredrickson saw the first Canadian Jay ever seen on this hill. Maybe he is on a spring excursion.

Lou Malhenzie celebrated his 12th birthday with David Potwin, Terry Greco, Paul Ray and Mark Andrews.

SIXTY YEARS AGO April 15, 1966

The honk, honk of wild geese was not heard until mid-April, a month later than usual.

Firemen were busy with grass fires at Warren Camp's, James Moran's and Moss street; car fires at Rood's Garage and at Roy Miller's, and a barn fire at Harold Rowes'.

Laurie Hotaling is out of the cast she has worn for the past 10-1/2 months.

Judge and Mrs. Frederick Loomis returned from Florida.

A rubber band will keep soft bait on a hook when all else fails.

SEVENTY YEARS AGO April 20, 1956

We ought to quit trying to make bigger H-bombs and we ought to quit right now without waiting for international agreements.

George Payne worked as an express messenger on the O&W, then as rural mail carrier for over 40 years.

U.S. population increased nearly 40% since 1950.

Robert Page has been transferred from Germany to Tehran, Iran.

Brownie Troop 65: April 11 was our birth-

day meeting for Diane Walkden and Pam Porter. We played games and had cake. We sang taps in Spanish.

The young of an armadillo are always of the same gender.

EIGHTY YEARS AGO April 17, 1946

Fifty-two acres of Brookfield state land burned in a forest fire blamed on careless sportsmen.

The Ackerman mill is sold to William Talbot and Horace Bente. Worthy Chase will assist them for a time.

Little Judy Lloyd is ill with measles.

David Atkins, age 4, fell through a hay chute and suffered a concussion.

Joseph and Anthony Novak finished laying linoleum at Chase Memorial for Parker's Store.

Mrs. Philo Hunt is enjoying a fine new electric range.

Donald Elliott is valedictorian and Betty Warner, salutatorian at NBCS.

Workmen from the Farmers' Museum are taking down the blacksmith shop.

WANTED: Male labor. Kraft Foods

FOR SALE: Outside toilet in first class condition. Benj. Davis

NINETY YEARS AGO April 16, 1936

Easter Sunday was rather dark and disagreeable.

Reports of the poorest maple syrup crop in ten years.

Mrs. Lucille Stillmen treated the third and fourth grades to Easter candies for good deportment.

Sugar makers had a

good run of sap from the snow storm and, although buds have started, the syrup is just as sweet.

While working in the hay mow, VT. Foster found a pocketbook he lost in a meadow four years ago.

Marcello Tuttle is home after spending the winter in Florida. He says New York is still the best state he has seen.

Egotism and mumps are much alike except the swelling shows in different places

ROAST GOOSE Dinner, Sunday 50c. Shirley's Restaurant, West Edmeston

HUNDRED YEARS AGO April 16, 1926

The thermometer dropped 36 degrees overnight but a south wind may bring back milder weather.

George J. Matteson joined the forces of the north at age 18 and was wounded in action at Port Winchester. He took part in many of the bloodiest battles of the war.

Last year New Berlin came in possession of the old fairgrounds and maple grove. C.L. Banks had the grove cleared of timber and brush, making it an ideal place for picnic parties.

C. Lester Walling has been granted a patent on a vacuum machine for handling snow that can be mounted on a truck or tractor and connected with the motor engine.

A "shoveling bee" was held to open the road.

Charles Larkin is ill with the prevailing grippe and heart trouble.

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Residents of the village owning poultry are to keep same confined from May 1 to October 1.

Eggs sold in Norwich last week for 15 and 16 cents.

GARRATTSVILLE PAST

April, 1883

There ought to be a post office near Ketchum meeting house. No new stage route need be established, simply have the New Berlin stage go that way. A large number of people could then get their mail every day who now get it but once a week.

NYSP investigates fatal crash in town of Richfield

RICHFIELD - On April 10, 2026, around 9:30 p.m., members of the New York State Police at Richfield Springs responded to a one-vehicle crash on County Highway 22, just south of Butternut Road in the town of Richfield.

An investigation at the scene determined that a 29-year-old female from Iliion was traveling south on County Road 22 when

she left the roadway and struck a tree.

Residents in the area who heard the crash, attempted to assist the driver. One neighbor who is also an EMT (Emergency Medical Technician) initiated CPR (Cardiopulmonary resuscitation). Life saving measures were continued by members of Otsego County EMS.

The operator, Ashley

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The investigation into the crash is ongoing.

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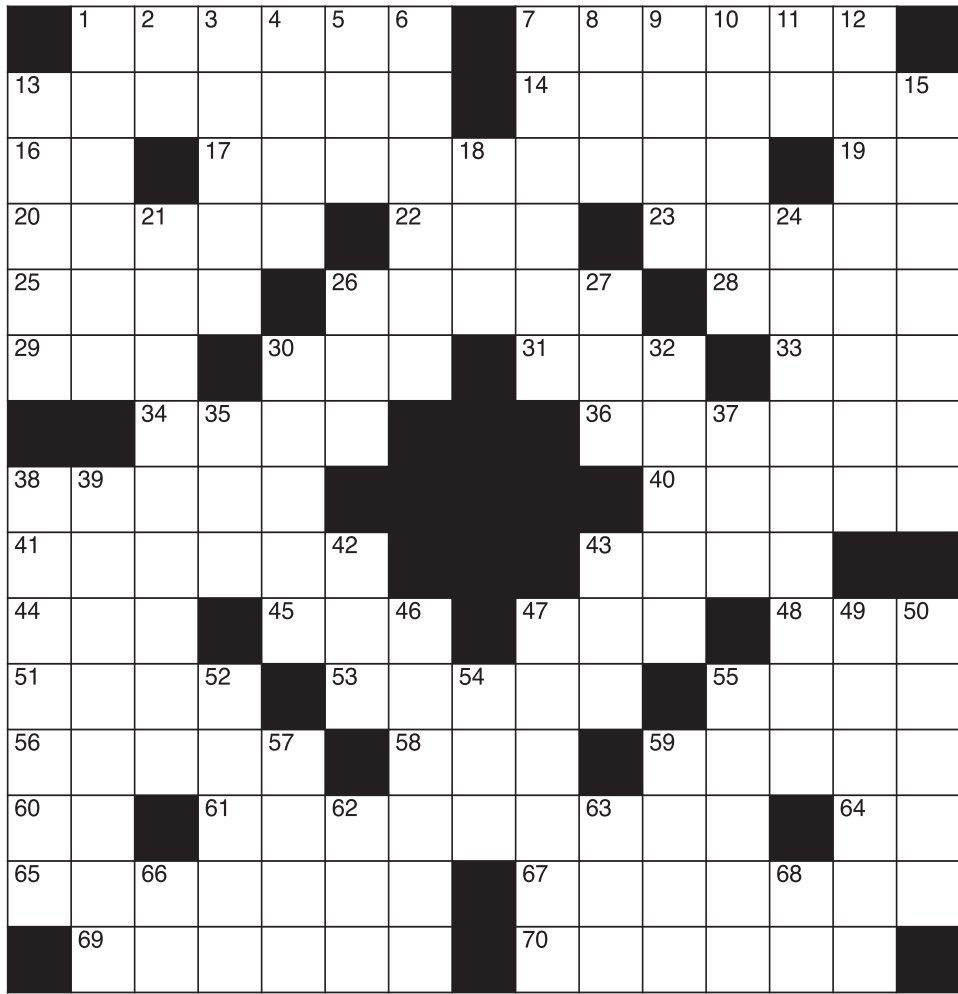
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- 1. Dark blacks
- 7. Construct a wall to confine
- 13. Most inappropriate
- 14. A type of board
- 16. Sacred Hindu syllable
- 17. Flatterer
- 19. The Granite State
- 20. Tears down
- 22. China's Chairman
- 23. Former Houston footballer
- 25. Periods of time
- 26. Expressed pleasure
- 28. World alliance
- 29. A Brit's mother
- 30. Television network
- 31. Brother or sister
- 33. Type of spirit
- 34. ___ Ladd, actor
- 36. A medium oversees it
- 38. One time province of British India
- 40. Wrong
- 41. The highest parts of something
- 43. Insect
- 44. Baseball stat
- 45. A way to use up
- 47. Where wrestlers compete
- 48. It helps elect politicians
- 51. As fast as can be done
- 53. Genus of legumes
- 55. Samoa's capital
- 56. Monument in Jakarta
- 58. Former French coin
- 59. Exploiters
- 60. College sports official
- 61. Uninterrupted in time
- 64. Stephen King story
- 65. Marked by no sound
- 67. Weathers
- 69. Denouncements
- 70. More beloved

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Winged nut
- 2. It cools a home
- 3. Kisses (French)
- 4. Oxford political economist
- 5. Keyboard key
- 6. Leaf pores
- 7. Agrees with publicly
- 8. Not around
- 9. Czech city
- 10. Muscle cell protein
- 11. Greek letter
- 12. Movements
- 13. Ned ___, composer
- 15. Popular series Game of ___
- 18. Exclamation that denotes disgust
- 21. Helper
- 24. Gift
- 26. Up in the air (abbr.)
- 27. Treat without respect
- 28. Trims
- 32. Slang for lovely
- 35. City of Angels hoopster (abbr.)
- 37. Guitarists' tool
- 38. Island nation
- 39. Delivered in installments
- 42. A baglike structure
- 43. Cooking vessel
- 46. Gets in front of
- 47. Wounded by scratching
- 49. More breathable
- 50. Medical dressings
- 52. Indiana hoopster
- 54. Married Marilyn
- 55. An ancient Assyrian city
- 57. Congressmen (abbr.)
- 59. Approves food
- 62. Ventura's first name
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- 66. Atomic #71
- 69. Email designation

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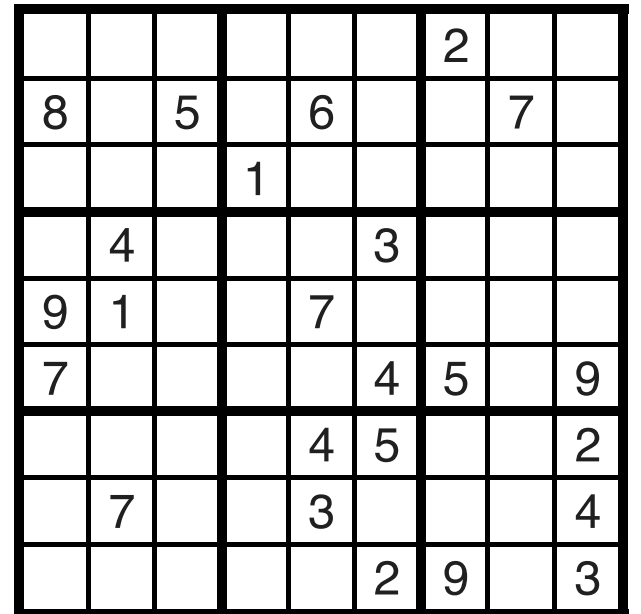
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WORD SCRAMBLE

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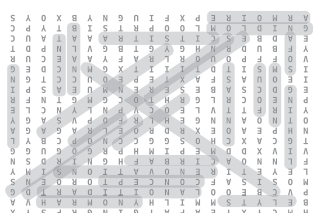
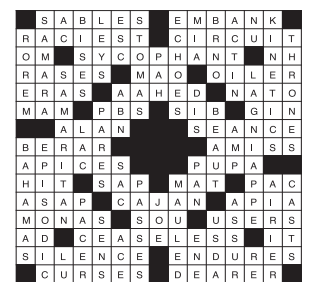
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Answer: Jennifer Garner

Solutions:



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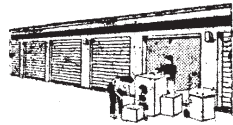


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B-G and O-G track and field compete at Marathon's Spring Fling

BY MORGAN GOLLIVER
GAZETTE SPORTS EDITOR

MARATHON-- The Bainbridge-Guilford and Oxford-Greene outdoor track and field teams traveled to Marathon to compete in the Marathon Spring Fling on Thursday, April 9.

The B-G girls tied for fifth place with Odessa-Montour with 12 points as Oxford-Greene tied for seventh with Lansing with eight points.

The Bobcats boys took third with 20.50 points as O-G finished 11th with 2.50 points.

Full results can be found on ny.milesplit.com.

B-G:

Girls' Track:

Keelan Ammon took third in the 100 meter dash with a time of 13.78 seconds with Elanor Sprow in 25th with a time of 16.20 seconds.

Ammon came in fifth place in the 200 meter dash with a time of 28.60 seconds.

Laila Williams finished 14th in the same event with a time of 31.45 seconds as Breegan George came in 22nd with a time of 32.14 seconds.

Laila Williams finished fourth in the 100 meter hurdles with a time of 18.54 seconds.

Williams also ran in the 400 meter run with a time of 1:11.17 for seventh place with Breegan George in 13th with a time of 1:19.11.

Madalynn Beardslee ran to a 14th place finish in the 1500 meters with a time of 6:48.91.

Jalyn Winans finished sixth in the 800 meter run with a time of 2:58.26.

Macey LaFever finished seventh in the 3000 meter run with a time of 4:57.07.

Field:

Marissa Mayo won the girls' shot put event with a top throw of 31 feet, one inch as Hailey

Maye finished 20th with a throw of 18 feet, 10 and a half inches.

Mayo also won the discus with a throw of 87 feet, eight inches.

Maye came in 17th with a throw of 61 feet, three inches.

Elanor Sprow finished 21st in the long jump with a jump of 11 feet, four inches.

Lalaenia Baldwin took third in the triple jump with a jump of 30 feet, five inches as Sprow came in ninth with a jump of 27 feet, five inches.

Jalyn Winans finished 14th in the high jump as she cleared four feet exactly.

Boys' Track:

Harpo Hardt won the 110 meter hurdles event with a time of 16.23 seconds.

Hardt also came away with the victory in the 400 meter run with the fastest time of 54.47 seconds.

Peter Blance finished 17th with a time of 1:33.17.

My'Kel George took second in the 400 meter hurdles with a time of 1:07.41, behind Newfield's leading 1:05.52.

My'Kel George also earned a 10th place finish in the 200 meter dash with a time of 26.76 seconds with Ben Porter in 19th with a time of 28 seconds and Theo Loya in 20th (28.20 seconds).

Ethan Beardslee took second in the boys' 3000 meter steeplechase with a time of 12:53.28, behind Lansing's leading 12:23.35.

Ethan Beardslee, Keegan Milk, Ben Porter, and Theo Loya all competed in the 100 meter dash. Beardslee finished seventh with a time of 12.80 seconds with Milk in 18th with a time of 13.31 seconds.

Porter came in 22nd place with a time of 13.57 seconds and Loya finished in 24th with a

time of 13.71 seconds.

Rowan Beasinger took fifth in the 1600 meter run with a time of 5:27.24.

Beasinger also ran the 800 meters with a time of 2:30.61 for 11th place.

Loya, Porter, Milk, and Nolan Foster came in sixth place as a team in the boys' 4x100 meter relay with a time of 51.64 seconds.

Field:

Ryan Larsen took fifth in the boys' shot put event with a throw of 38 feet, nine and 3/4 inches.

Caleb Larsen came in 11th place with a throw of 33 feet, four and 3/4 inches.

Brian Lynn finished 27th with a throw of 24 feet, seven inches with Johnathan Monuszko in 28th with 24 feet, three and a half inches.

Ryan Larsen came in fourth place in the discus throw with a throw of 130 feet, nine inches with Caleb Larsen in eighth place with a throw of 103 feet, seven inches.

Brian Lynn finished 15th with a throw of 85 feet, nine inches with Monuszko in 20th with a throw of 72 feet, one inch.

Nolan Foster took third in the boys' long jump with a jump of 18 feet, 10 and a quarter inches.

Keegan Milk finished 13th with a jump of 16 feet, four inches as Aiden Lockwood came in 24th with a jump of 13 feet, nine and a half inches.

Harpo Hardt took second in the triple jump with a jump of 41 feet and a half inch, behind Lansing's leading 42 inches.

Nolan Foster finished seventh with a jump of 37 feet, five and 3/4 inches.

Ethan Beardslee finished fourth in the high jump as he cleared five feet, eight inches with My'Kel George cleared

five feet for 12th place.

Aiden Lockwood cleared seven feet in the boys' pole vault for seventh place.

O-G:

Girls' Track:

The Oxford-Greene girls had two relay teams in the sprint medley, where one placed second with a time of 4:58.42, behind Dryden's leading 4:53.02. The second relay team finished 11th with a time of 6:17.87.

Clara Leach, Talienna Lupinetti, Amelia Moroch, and Elaina Norris competed as a team in the girls' 4x100 meter relay, where they finished 10th with a time of 1:03.75.

Amani Amin, Kayla Swift, Charlotte Hibler, Taylor Holdrege came in 11th in the same event with a time of 1:05.93.

Elaina Norris finished 26th in the girls' 100 meter dash with a time of 16.25 seconds as Isabella McCumber finished 31st with a time of 16.55 seconds and Jenna Toomer in 38th with a time of 20.67 seconds.

Clara Tompkins took second in the 1500 meter run with a time of 5:30.52, behind Dryden's leading 5:08.18.

Lilliana Davalius earned an eighth place finish in the 800 meter run with a time of 2:59.47 with Ellie Beadle in 19th with a time of 3:28.78.

Clara Leach came in 11th place in the 200 meter dash with a time of 30.88 seconds as Amani Amin finished 28th with a time of 33.49 seconds.

Charlotte Hibler and Taylor Holdrege also ran in the same event, where Hibler finished 42nd with a time of 36.82 seconds and Holdrege in 44th with a time of 38.62 seconds.

Field:

Londynn Widrick earned a 10th place finish in the shot put with a throw of 23 feet, eight inches as Kaitlynn Ives

came in 13th place with a throw of 23 feet with Aleecia Lance in 18th with a throw of 19 feet, three and a half inches.

Widrick finished ninth in the discus with a throw of 69 feet, seven inches.

Ives came in 11th with a throw of 68 feet, 10 inches with Lance in 29th with a throw of 44 feet, six inches.

Clara Tompkins finished sixth in the girls' long jump with a jump of 12 feet, eight inches.

Isabella McCumber came in 11th place with a jump of 12 feet, two inches while Kayla Swift finished 17th with a jump of 11 feet, eight inches.

Clara Leach won the girls' triple jump with a jump of 31 feet, eight inches with Moroch in 10th with a jump of 26 feet, nine inches.

Khloe Waltz finished eighth in the high jump as the sophomore cleared four feet, four inches.

Boys' Track:

Eddie Golden, Liam Griffin, Sherman Ludolph, and Lazarus Ludolph took third in the boys' sprint medley relay with a time of 4:16.29.

David Dunckel, Dallyn Camp, Keegan Waltz, and Dawson Viele also took third in the 4x100 meter relay with a time of 48.77 seconds.

The Oxford boys 4x400 meter relay team (unnamed) took fifth with a time of 3:58.37.

Dallyn Camp came in sixth place in the 100 meter dash with a time of 12.74 seconds as David Dunckel finished 12th with a time of 13.17 seconds and Dawson Viele came in 19th with a time of 13.37 seconds.

Haven Bourn earned a seventh place finish in the 1600 meter run with a time of 5:39.56.

Bourn also took third in the 3200 meter run with a time of 11:59.49.

Eddie Golden took

fifth in the 400 meter run with a time of 57.90 seconds with teammate Caleb Tennant in ninth with a time of 1:04.41.

Calvin Moore finished fourth in the 800 meter run with a time of 2:23.84 as Sherman Ludolph came in seventh place with a time of 2:29.45.

Liam Griffin came in sixth in the 200 meter dash with a time of 25.86 seconds with Dallyn Camp in ninth place with a time of 26.84 seconds.

Dawson Viele and Liam Philippone also competed in the same event, where Viele came in 12th place with a time of 26.84 seconds and Philippone in 15th with a time of 27.19 seconds.

Field:

Urijah Dibble took third in the shot put event with a throw of 41 feet, one inch as Isaac Utter finished seventh with a throw of 37 feet, 11 and 3/4 inches.

Aiden Mellem threw for 27 feet, seven and 3/4 inches for 20th place as Fitz Denkers came in 25th with a throw of 25 feet and Max Pecka in 32nd with a throw of 21 feet, two inches.

Utter took third in the discus with a throw of 130 feet, nine inches as Dibble finished sixth with a throw of 108 feet, four inches.

Liam Griffin came in seventh with a throw of 104 feet, six inches with Mellem in 17th with a throw of 85 feet, one inch.

Sherman Ludolph finished 15th in the long jump with a jump of 16 feet, one inch.

Liam Philippone earned a sixth place finish in the triple jump with a jump of 37 feet, 11 and a half inches with Ludolph in 15th with a jump of 29 feet, three and a half inches.

B-G baseball tops Delhi on the road

BY MORGAN GOLLIVER
GAZETTE SPORTS EDITOR

DELHI-- The Bainbridge-Guilford Bobcats returned to action on Thursday afternoon to continue a five-game road trip to start the 2026 season as they faced Delhi. B-G hung on to a 10-6 vic-

tory with the Bulldogs attempting a comeback in the bottom of the seventh.

B-G got on the board in the top of the first as Connor Davy had an infield single to short with one out, stole second and third before scoring on a dropped third strike.

The Bobcats added four more in both the second and third innings and held Delhi to just one run in the bottom of the second during that time.

Davis Barnard had an RBI double in the second and Davy came up clutch again with a two-out RBI single before Anthony

Cafasso brought two runs in on a single to center.

Davy also had an RBI single in the third inning and Cafasso again had a two-run single to left before scoring during Mason Acquisto's at-bat before the final out.

Micah Casey scored on a wild pitch to bring

in the final run for B-G in the top of the sixth inning.

Brayden Swartwout worked four innings and a third for the Bobcats, allowing four runs (two earned) on four hits, three walks, and struck out seven batters.

Anthony Cafasso came in and worked an inning

and two thirds, allowing just one walk and struck out three batters. Connor Davy entered in the top of the seventh, allowing two earned runs on one hit, two walks, and had two strikeouts.

B-G (3-1) heads to Unadilla Valley on April 14 at 4:30 p.m.

S-E track competes in CSC Partner Relays at Clinton

BY MORGAN GOLLIVER
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CLINTON— The Sherburne-Earlville track and field team traveled to Clinton High School to compete in the CSC Partner Relays.

The Timberwolves boys tied for fourth place with Herkimer, totaling 75 points, and the girls finished eighth with a total of 27 points.

Full results can be found on ny.milesplit.com.

Girls:

Track:

Laila Babcock came out victorious in the girls' 400 meter hurdles with the fastest time of 1:18.75. She also took second in the girls' 100 meter hurdles with a time of 18.87, behind Morrisville-Eaton's leading 17.90 seconds. Teammate Marlie Thompson finished ninth with a time of 21.51 seconds.

Isabel MaGrath took second in the 400 meter hurdles, behind Babcock with a time of 1:23.34.

MaGrath also ran in 3000 meters, where she

came in third place with a time of 13:04.85.

Freshman Layla Young competed in the girls' 100 meter dash, where she came in 25th with a time of 18.10 seconds.

Shaelan Ryan ran the 1500 meters, where she finished ninth with a time of 5:47.52.

Field:

Laila Babcock took fifth in the girls' high jump as she cleared four feet, six inches. Shaelan Ryan cleared three feet, nine inches for 13th place.

Marlie Thompson finished fourth in the triple jump with a jump of 28 feet, eight and 3/4 inches.

Layla Young finished 29th in the girls' shot put with a throw of 13 feet exactly. Young also threw in the discus, where she finished 26th with a throw of 21 feet, four inches.

Boys:

Track:

Victor Smith won the boys' 400 meter hurdles with the fastest time of 1:04.09.

Smith, Hadden Price,



Owen Kellog, and Charger Simmons all competed in the boys' 100 meter dash.

Smith came in third place with a time of 11.87 seconds with Price behind him in fourth with a time of 12.17 seconds.

Kellog finished 34th with a time of 14.46 and Simmons in 40th with a time of 15.16 seconds.

Smith took second in the boys' 200 meter dash with a time of 24.56 seconds, behind Canastota's leading 23.35 seconds.

Price finished fourth in the same event with

a time of 25.12 seconds with Clifford Russett in 11th with a time of 27.22 seconds.

Matthew Morgan finished 26th with a time of 29.86 seconds as Charger Simmons came in 29th with a time of 31.06 seconds.

Price came in third place in the boys' 400 meter dash with a time of 54.77 seconds.

Brett Lewis and Aaron Romanowski both ran in the 1600 meters, where Lewis came in sixth with a time of 5:32.83 and Romanowski finished 10th with a time of

5:39.84.

Dominick Hirst finished fourth in the 800 meter run with a time of 2:20.08 as Isaac Larchar earned a seventh place finish with a time of 2:27.33.

Russett ran to a 10th place finish with a time of 2:30.46.

As a team, S-E finished fourth in the boys' 4x100 as Hirst, Russett, Larchar, and Simmons finished with a time of 53.10 seconds.

Larchar, Smith, Russett, and Hirst took second in the 4x400 with a time of 3:58.95, behind Herkimer's leading 3:55.94.

Field:

Dominick Hirst finished fourth in the boys' high jump as he cleared five feet exactly.

Isaac Larchar and Matthew Morgan both competed in the long jump, where Larchar came in 11th with a jump of 15 feet, six and a half inches. Morgan finished 17th with a jump of 14-0.50.

Morgan also jumped in the triple jump, where he earned a top 10 finish

with a jump of 29 feet, seven inches.

Braden Lewis, Blake Smith, and Owen Kellog all competed in the boys' shot put. Lewis led the way with an 11th place finish with a throw of 32 feet, nine inches.

Smith finished 26th with a throw of 28 feet, 10 inches as Kellog came in 36th place with a throw of 24 feet, three inches.

The trio also threw in the discus event. Lewis finished seventh with a throw of 106 feet, two inches as Smith came in 14th place with a throw of 89 feet, two inches and Kellog finished 19th with a throw of 81 feet, six inches.

Lewis finished fourth in the weight throw with a throw of 42 feet, eight inches with Blake Smith in seventh with a throw of 30 feet, nine inches.

Lewis and Kellog both competed in the javelin throw, where Lewis earned an eighth place finish with a throw of 84 feet exactly with Kellog in 12th with a throw of 67 feet, four inches.

UV baseball falls to Schenevus/CV

BY MORGAN GOLLIVER
GAZETTE SPORTS EDITOR

SCHENEVUS—The Unadilla Valley Storm baseball team traveled to take on non-league opponent Schenevus on Friday afternoon. The Storm fell 17-7 to the combined Schenevus/Charlotte Valley team.

UV took an early 3-0 lead with one run in the first off an RBI triple by Zayne Dibbell after

Nolan Roper led off with a single to right field.

The Storm added two more in the top of the second with back-to-back walks to start the inning before a hit by pitch to load the bases with one out.

Roper had another hit, which was a two-run RBI single for his second time up in the contest.

However, Schenevus/CV had a nine-run bottom of the second to take



the overall lead.

UV got four back in the top of the third to cut the deficit to two before their opponent added on late in the game.

Two bases-loaded walks brought in runs before Kasen Cox drove in two on a single to right field.

Reed Osborne got the start on the mound for the Storm, where he went an inning and two-thirds, allowing nine

runs on three hits, five walks, and struck out two batters.

Paul Ruffles went two and a third, allowing seven runs (six earned) on five hits, and four walks.

Kasen Cox went two thirds, allowing two runs, a walk, and struck out one batter.

UV (0-2) hosts B-G on Tuesday at 4:30 p.m.

Harpursville/Afton baseball hangs on to defeat UV

BY MORGAN GOLLIVER
GAZETTE SPORTS EDITOR

AFTON— The Harpursville/Afton and Unadilla Valley baseball teams faced off in a MAC league matchup on Thursday afternoon. The Crimson Hornets had a 9-2 lead late in the contest before UV fought back in their final at-bats, but came up short as Harpursville/Afton hung on to win 9-6.

Harpursville/Afton's Davin Warren struck out the side in the top of the

first and his team got on the board in the bottom half of the inning as Warren reached base on a hit by pitch.

Warren stole second and came in to score on Jacob Rueffer's two-out RBI single to left field.

The Crimson Hornets added six more runs in the bottom of the third as Liem Donahue singled to lead off the inning as Paul Shelton walked. Both came in to score on an error and Rueffer, who reached on the error, stole third, and came in to score on another error.

Easton Bagg brought in a run with an RBI double to right field with one out before scoring on an error.

Donahue, in his second time up in the inning, had an infield single, which brought in a run, while at the same time, everyone advanced on an error.

UV got on the board in the top of the fifth inning on a passed ball before adding another run in the top of the sixth on Kasen Cox's RBI single after Zayne Dibbell doubled to lead off the inning.

Harpursville/Afton's Jacob Rueffer came up big again with an RBI single to center in the bottom of the sixth before scoring on an error to make it 9-2.

UV got closer in their final at-bats in the top of the seventh as Reed Osborne walked to start and advanced to second on a passed ball and advanced to third as Teagin Eccleston reached on an error.

Osborne scored on a RBI ground out by Uriah Drake.

Nolan Roper singled with two outs to bring in

Eccleston before scoring himself on an error. The final run also came on an error before a strikeout ended the attempted comeback.

Davin Warren picked up the win for Harpursville/Afton, going four strong innings, allowing just one hit and had nine strikeouts.

Paul Shelton allowed six runs (two earned) on three hits, five walks, and struck out three batters in two and two thirds. Liem Donahue got the final out in the seventh with the strikeout.

Declan Potter started

for UV, going three and a third innings, allowing seven runs (one earned) on four hits, two walks, and struck out six batters.

Teagin Eccleston pitched in relief, allowing two earned runs on one hit, no walks, and had seven strikeouts through two and two thirds.

Harpursville/Afton (1-2) hosts Deposit-Hancock on April 15 at 4:30 p.m. at Afton while UV (0-1) heads to Schenevus this afternoon at 4:30 p.m.

Golden Foundation welcomes public to 'Made in Paint' art gallery opening in New Berlin on Saturday

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NEW BERLIN – The public is invited to attend the 13th annual Made in Paint free opening at the Sam & Adele Golden Gallery this Saturday, April 18 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Attendees will get to see work by the Golden Foundation's 2025 artists in residence and get a chance to meet those in attendance. The pub-

lic opening will feature live music, free food, and drinks.

As a celebratory tradition, Made in Paint includes a specific color or hue that they use on the cover of the year's catalog, and request attendees to come dressed in. This year that color is Alizarin Crimson Hue, a "reddish maroon," as described by Emma Golden, Executive Director of the Sam & Adele Golden

Foundation for the Arts Inc.

This year's opening will feature the most returning artists that the foundation has seen up to this point, with 16, of the 18, 2025 residents coming in for the event. Each year the foundation chooses only 18 artists out of hundreds of applicants, to live and create art, in New Berlin. During residency they get free access to Golden Artists supplies, studio

space, and chances to meet with material and applications specialists. Each artist submit just a few pieces for the exhibit and the gallery director curated the show of over 20 artworks from them on display in the gallery space.

The returning artists this year are traveling back to New Berlin from all around the globe, from places like Chile, Puerto Rico, and California.



The Sam & Adele Golden Foundation for the Arts is hosting the 13th annual Made in Paint exhibit. There will be a public opening on Saturday April 18 from 4:30 to 6:30pm at the Sam & Adele Golden Gallery at 188 Bell Road, New Berlin, NY. The artwork will continue to be on display until August 28. (Photo by Rebecca Laibowitz)

The Corvettes Doo-Wop Revue to perform at the Bainbridge Town Hall Theatre Saturday

BAINBRIDGE - If you want a rollicking ride through the good old days of rock & roll, don't miss the Corvettes Doo Wop Revue when they perform at the Bainbridge Town Hall Theatre, 15 North Main Street on Saturday, April 18 at 7 p.m.

The Corvettes Doo Wop Revue is dedicated to preserving and performing the greatest music ever made - the music of the 1950's Doo Wop era. From New Hampshire to New Orleans and Virginia to Vegas, The Corvettes perform the great music of the Doo-Wop era with a fresh new energy. Their incredibly entertaining show and comical stage antics have left many a happy audience scream-

ing for more! In the tradition of legendary Doo Wop revivalists Sha Na Na, every Corvettes show is more than a concert - it's an all-out Doo-Wop Celebration!

In addition to performing their own outstanding concerts, the Corvettes tour with many legendary Doo-Wop groups including The Drifters, The Tokens, Danny & The Juniors, The Platters, The Marvelettes, The Shangri Las, The Shirelles, The Belmonts, Gary U.S. Bonds, The DelVikings, The Teenagers and many more.

Some of the great hits you might expect to hear at a Corvettes Doo Wop Revue show: Come Go With Me - Little Darlin'



The Corvettes Doo Wop Revue when they perform at 7 p.m. at the Bainbridge Town Hall Theatre, 15 North Main Street on Saturday, April 18. (Submitted photo)

- Whole Lotta Shakin' Goin' On - At The Hop - The Twist - Earth Angel - Sea Crusie - Rock Around The Clock - In The Still Of The Night - Runaround Sue

- Runaway - Palisades Park - Twistin' The Night Away - Splish Splash - Shake Rattle & Roll And many more!

In addition, there's always a special treat

when you come to musical events at the Town Hall Theatre. Before the show, enjoy music played on the theatre's residence organ built in 1933 and one of only

five Æolian/Skinner residence organs ever built for upstate New York, and the only one known to be intact and in playable condition

On Saturday, April 18 doors open at 6pm. This is a very popular show so to guarantee a seat call 607-288-3882 to reserve a ticket. The evening of the show, the photography of Mark Witcomb and Rod Sutton will be featured in the Gallery. The gallery is open at 6 pm before the show through intermission and is free to the public. For further information on future shows and gallery events, check out the website www.jerichoarts.com.

- Information from JAC

Spring Arts Classes at Earlville Opera House

EARLVILLE - Earlville Opera House (EOH) is excited to present a jam-packed spring filled with amazing arts classes. This series is dedicated to fun engaging activities for people of all ages. With classes in fiber arts, painting, pottery and crafting, you will learn something new while enjoying each event. Plus, you'll make your very own memento to bring home or gift. To register for classes, call our office at 315-691-3550 or visit online at earlvilleoperahouse.com.

For the month of April, paint your own premade clay piece with Village Clay here at EOH. This class is on April 18th at 1 p.m. The fee is \$25 per person and \$22 per EOH member and Earlville resident. The max class



This spring Earlville Opera House is hosting classes in fiber arts, painting, pottery and crafting. To register for classes, call our office at 315-691-3550 or visit online at earlvilleoperahouse.com. (Submitted photo)

size is 12 people, and walk-ins are welcome while supplies last. The clay pieces will be paint-

ed during the class, and Village Clay will take the finished projects back to their studio to glaze and fire in their kiln for a later pickup. Finished pieces will be ready to pick up just in time for Mother's Day.

For the month of May, "Lily of the Valley: Crochet Art Class" will have participants create cute memorable flowers with art instructor Liza Taylor. This class is on May 30th at noon. The fee is \$15 per person and \$12 per EOH member and Earlville resident. The max class size is 10 people, and you must register by May 28th. Participants should have a preexisting knowledge of crocheting. Art instructor Liza Taylor is an Earlville native who is currently the Assistant Director at the Hamilton

Public Library. With passion for fiber arts, she spends her free time crocheting adorable characters. Liza can be found selling her crochet plushies at the Hamilton Farmers Market.

For the month of June, join Milford St. Textile Mill at EOH in creating a stunning wall hanging piece. This class will have students take photos of their favorite building or house and turn them into masterpieces. All supplies are provided. This class is on June 13th at noon. The fee is \$50 per person and \$45 per EOH member and Earlville resident. The max class size is 10 people, and you must register by June 11th.

Thank you to Village of Earlville for supporting arts education in our

community.

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

EOH events are made possible by the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of the Office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature, and through the generosity of EOH members.

- Information from EOH



Community Spotlight: Sidney Federal Credit Union (sfcu)



SFCU donated \$75,000 to support the Catholic Charities of Chenango County W.R.A.P. Center as part of our \$1Million Reasons initiative. (Submitted photo)

By Sophia Root
Commerce Chenango

SIDNEY - Sidney Federal Credit Union (sfcu) was established in 1949 by employees of Scintilla Magneto Corp. in Sidney.

What began as a financial cooperative serving a single employer's workforce has grown over more than seven decades into one of the region's larger member-owned financial institutions, now serving more than 72,000 members and member-owned businesses across 14 counties throughout upstate New York.

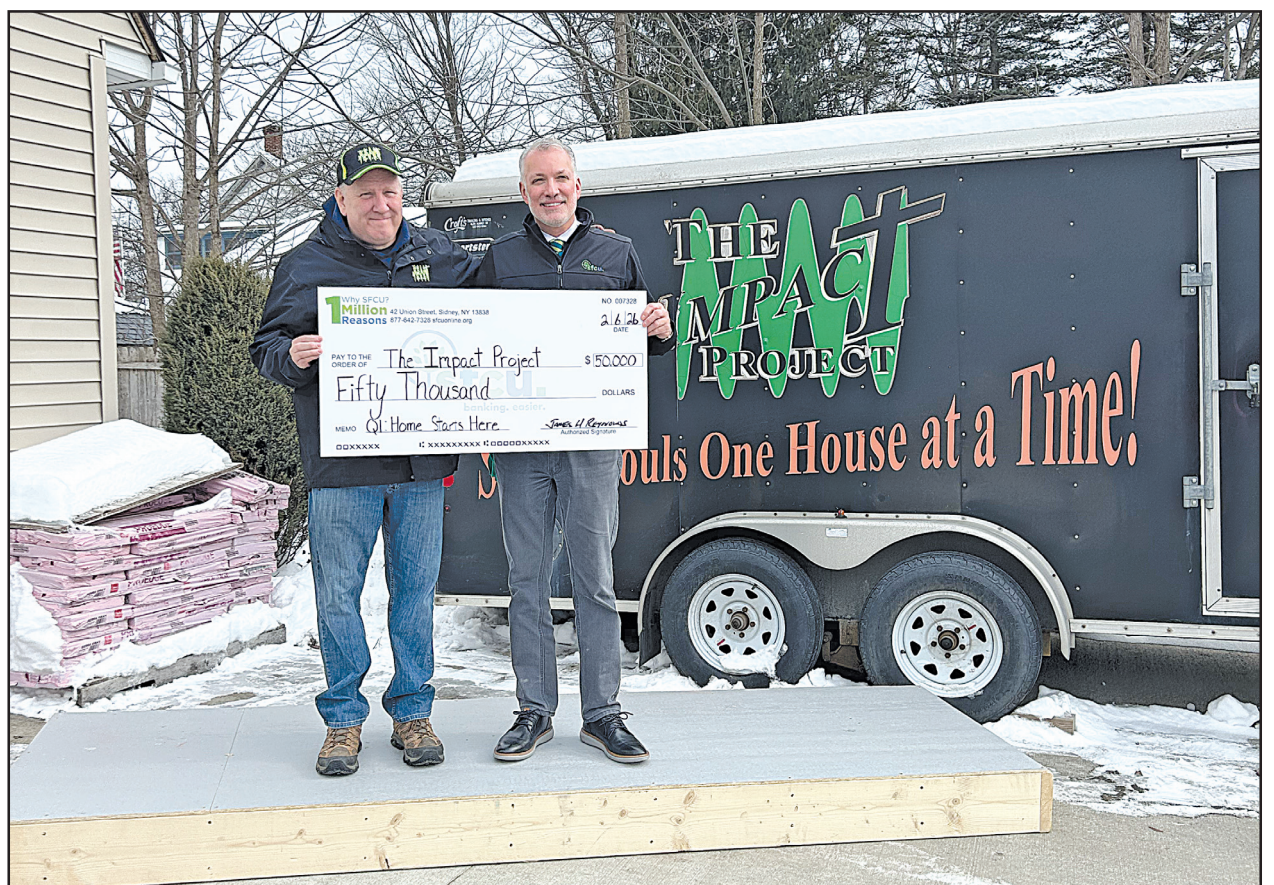
As a not-for-profit credit union, sfcu is owned by its members rather than outside shareholders. Every member holds a vote, and a volunteer board of directors, elected from within the membership, oversees the institution's direction. The credit union generates revenue primarily through interest on loans, including mortgages, auto loans, personal loans and small business lending. Those earnings are reinvested into the institution in the form of better rates, lower fees and expanded services for members.

Sidney Federal Credit Union currently operates 13 branch locations, offering weekday and Saturday hours, and supports 24/7 digital banking for members who prefer to manage accounts online or through a mobile device. The credit union employs more than 200 people across its branch network.

In recent years, the credit union has taken steps to expand access to financial services in areas with limited



SFCU launched our Mobile Branch in early 2026. We will be adding additional locations to the route, including locations in Chenango County to help bring banking services to unbanked or underbanked communities. (Submitted photo)



SFCU donated \$50,000 to support The Impact Project as part of our \$1Million Reasons initiative. The Impact Project helps support the rehabilitation of homes in Chenango county to keep them from becoming abandoned. (Submitted photo)



This is a rendering image of the Principle Hotel that the credit union was proud to finance when their original funding source fell through. (Submitted photo)

Luszi's Legacy raises thousands for quality of life veterinary care at inaugural fundraiser

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NORWICH – On Saturday March 28, Luszi's Legacy held its first ever fundraiser at the Canasawacta Country Club. Over 100 people attended, more than 40 raffle items were awarded, and several vendors attended, with the event raising a total of \$4000 that will go to a fund at Pet Street Station Animal Hospital, to help those struggling to afford quality of life care for their senior pets.

Anett Slater was inspired to start Luszi's Legacy after her almost 17 year old Jack Russell terrier, Luszi, passed away. The last months of Luszi's life were spattered with vet visits, medical treatments, and difficult recovery moments for her humans, trying to keep her always happy self out of the mud after surgery. The Slaters are very grateful for the quality of care and attention that Luszi received towards the end of her life.

Luszi's Legacy has a committee that helped to make the event possible, helping prepare for the event and running it smoothly. Tyler Slater, Melissa Beers, Jen Mazzarella, Kalin Shinebarger, Tara Wheeler, and Bri Curley, all volunteered their time to the committee and helped make the event a success. The



Luszi's Legacy held its inaugural fundraiser event on Saturday March 28. The event held at the Canasawacta Country Club, saw over 100 attendees, live music by Dan Wakefield, several vendors, and over 40 raffle items. In total the event raised \$4000 going towards a fund that will help those struggling to afford quality of life care for their senior pets. The committee is already planning a second event to take place. You can support Luszi's Legacy with a donation or by buying a t shirt or dog bandana, contact (607) 244-3638. (Submitted Photo by LA Photography)

Canasawacta Country Club donated the space so that the event could be held there free of charge, in support of the organization. Among the raffle baskets and vendors, there were also baked goods specially made with Luszi's Legacy logo on them, a full bar, and live music by Dan Wakefield.

Speaking with Slater before the event, she said, "helping others who are unable to afford quality of care or emergency care for their senior pet that's my goal with this, to help those who can't afford it." She continued, "because she had an eye problem, and even though that didn't cause her to pass away,

it was crucial for her quality of life to treat her eye."

At the event Slater brought this up, truly reinforcing her goal to help others maintain their senior pets quality of life as they progress in age. She expressed gratitude for the care that Pet Street Station provided Luszi, and the kind employees, and thanked everyone in attendance for contributing.

Part of their fundraising efforts involved selling t-shirts and dog bandanas with the Luszi's Legacy logo on them. So far, they've sold a total of 75 shirts and bandanas before and during the event. They are still for sale and can be ordered

by messaging Luszi's Legacy on Facebook or texting/calling (607) 244-3638.

Assemblyman Joe Angelino even made it to the event, and posted about it on social media where he wrote, "Tyler and Anett turned their grief into good by raising funds to help other pet owners afford proper, professional care for pets at Pet Street Station Animal Hospital. God bless everyone who generously turned out for a great cause."

"Having Assemblyman Angelino coming to our event was absolutely a wonderful feeling to us and his support meant a lot as well. I am very grateful that he



Luszi's Legacy an organization whose goal is to raise money for those struggling to afford veterinary care for their senior pets, raised \$4000, at their inaugural fundraiser event at the Canasawacta Country Club. Founder Anett Slater and her Husband Tyler, presented the check to Pet Street Station Animal Hospital in Norwich to start the Luszi's Legacy fund. (Submitted Photo)

shared our event on his Facebook and through his post we reached even more people," said Slater

Shortly after the inaugural fundraiser, on March 30, Anett and her husband Tyler Slater presented a large check of \$4000 to Pet Street Station, initiating this life saving fund. While it is going to take a few weeks to figure out logistics, Slater anticipates that the new Luszi's Legacy Fund will be able to help eight animal families with \$500 towards the costs of care for their senior pets.

"Pet Street Station Animal Hospital also came to the event and we are very grateful that they didn't only support

Luszi then, but they still supported her mission," said Slater.

While this event was indoors and pets couldn't attend, Slater is planning a second event around Luszi's birthday. The current idea is to have a corn hole tournament outdoors so people can bring their friendly dogs along, and Luszi's friends can attend.

To keep up with Luszi's Legacy follow their facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61588643574028>

You can donate to the organization on Venmo @Luszi'sLegacy, or with cash/checks by contacting (607) 244-3638.

National Historic Marker Day features unveiling of Norwich's newest heritage sign

NORWICH – The Chenango County Historical Society (CCHS) and the Chenango County Historian's Office will commemorate "National Historic Marker Day" with a plaque unveiling made possible by the William G. Pomeroy Foundation's National Register Signage Grant Program. According to The Historical Marker Database (HMdb.org), this will be the first heritage sign installed in the city of Norwich since 1976.

This historic marker honors a circa 1914 Colonial Revival building which was added to the National Registry of Historic Places in 2009. Originally a residence for the R.D. Eaton family, the structure has served as a synagogue and com-

munity center for the local Jewish community since 1955.

Launched by the William G. Pomeroy Foundation in 2021, National Historic Marker Day brings people together to maintain local markers to celebrate and preserve history. This year's plaque unveiling will be held at 10 a.m. on April 24 on the lawn of 72 South Broad St. Pre-registration is required; please email Historian@ChenangoCountyNY.gov or call (607) 337-1845 for more details.

"National Historic Marker Day is an ideal opportunity to commemorate the preservation of our community landmarks," said Jessica Moquin, CCHS executive director. "We are grateful to Deputy

County Historian John Antonowicz for his diligent coordination with the William G. Pomeroy Foundation which have made the installation and unveiling of this sign possible."

First established in 1939, CCHS is the area's premier heritage museum dedicated to celebrating local culture – its unique traditions and noteworthy stories. CCHS programs are 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. CCHS is also a proud partner of Bloomberg Connects, an app that allows visitors to enhance their exhibit experience through audio clips, videos, and more. Download this free



Pictured is last year's Chenango County celebration of National Historic Marker Day at Rogers Environmental Education Center in Sherburne. The Chenango County Historical Society (CCHS) and the Chenango County Historian's Office will commemorate the sixth annual "National Historic Marker Day" on April 24 with a plaque unveiling made possible by the William G. Pomeroy Foundation's National Register Signage Grant Program. Pre-registration is required; please email Historian@ChenangoCountyNY.gov or call (607) 337-1845 for more details. (Submitted photo)

digital museum guide via Play, and visit www.ChenangoHistorical.org

for more details about this and other museum programs.

The William G. Pomeroy Foundation is committed to supporting the celebration and preservation of community history. Established in 2005, the Pomeroy Foundation is a private, philanthropic organization located in Syracuse. As the nation's leading funder of historical roadside markers, the Pomeroy Foundation has awarded more than 3,000 grants for markers and bronze plaques in 49 states.

The mission of the Chenango County Historical Society and Museum is to explore the culture of Chenango County through preservation and presentation of local heritage.

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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.

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A proactive approach to lawn care can prevent certain problems, including disease, insect infestation and weed growth. When such problems arise, many homeowners opt to combat them with pesticides, which can harm the environment. But a proactive approach to lawn care can reduce the likelihood of developing such problems and protect the planet at the same time.

- **Emphasize healthy soil.** Healthy soil promotes strong roots, which leads to a more robust, lush and aesthetically appealing lawn. While a lawn needs to be fertilized in the spring and at various points throughout the summer, it's important that homeowners avoid overfertilization, which can create thatch that, when allowed to thicken, will prevent nutrients from penetrating the soil. Lawns need more nitrogen, phosphorous and potassium than soil can typically provide, so fertilizing throughout the warm weather seasons and into early fall can promote a healthy lawn. But choose a slow-release fertilizer so it gradually feeds the lawn. Compost and grass clippings can also be spread around the lawn to promote healthy soil. The pH level of the soil should also be checked to ensure the lawn can fully absorb nutrients. Speak with a local lawn care professional to determine what a healthy pH level is for soil in your area.

- **Choose a grass that can thrive in your climate.** Though you might prefer the look of a certain grass, choosing a grass based entirely on appearance is a mistake that could cost you money and prove harmful to the environment. When installing a new lawn, opt for one that's suitable to the local climate. Installing a lawn that needs substantial amounts of water in a region known for drought can rob the lawn of its aesthetic appeal and will cost homeowners a substantial

amount of money to maintain. If an existing lawn struggles to stay green regardless of your best efforts, then consider replacing it with a new type of grass that might be more suited to the local climate.

- **Don't cut too low when mowing.** Homeowners who don't enjoy mowing their lawn might be tempted to simply cut the grass as low as possible to extend the intervals between cuts. But the United States Environmental Protection Agency recommends that grass never be cut more than one-third of the height of the grass blades. Longer grass can take in more sunlight, allowing it to grow in thicker and develop a deeper root system. That deep root system can help a lawn survive drought and prevent disease, two potentially costly problems that often force homeowners to embrace solutions that are not eco-friendly. Ideal lawn height depends on the type of grass, so consult a lawn care professional to ensure you are cutting your grass to a healthy length.

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New Berlin Library Corner



New Berlin Library announces Mother's Day events

NEW BERLIN - The New Berlin Library is celebrating Mother's Day with two special programs designed to honor mothers and bring the community together.

The first event, a Mother's Day Basket Contest, invites participants to share why their mother—or another important maternal figure—deserves to win a thoughtfully curated gift basket. Entries must be submitted in person at the library by filling out an entry form.

Participants are encouraged to get creative with their submissions. Entries can take many forms, including a heartfelt paragraph, a list of descriptive adjectives, a poem, or even an original illustration or drawing.

This contest is free and open to the public. The winner will be announced on May 8.

The Mother's Day basket includes a variety of gifts, such as a \$25 Stewart's gift certificate, a Mother's Day teddy bear, a festive planter, a heart-shaped pillow, and a shea butter hand cream gift set. Additional items include a decorative flower light string, a 24-count Ferrero Collection, and a Stanley Quencher H2.0 tumbler with handle and straw in Hot Coral.

In addition to the contest, the library will host a Mother's Day Family Craft Program on May 4 at 5 p.m. During this event, families can paint decorative flower pots shaped like a bunny, cat, or dog, with flowers pro-

vided to complete the project. Registration is required, and the program is designed to be fun for all ages.

This is a family program meaning that people of all ages are encouraged to come in and design a unique flower pot. For more information or to register, visit the New Berlin Library in person.

New Berlin Library Board will be meeting on April 29 at 6pm. These meetings are open to the public. Minutes are posted on the New Berlin Library website.

Some great new additions to the library include: Yesteryear by Caro Claire Burke, Revenge Prey (A Lucus Davenport Novel) by John Sandford, National Geographic Kids Explore

My World Baby Animals by Marfe Ferguson Delano, Stay Wild, My Child by Mandy Archer, and Lightfall: A Place Between (Lightfall 4 Graphic Novel) by Tim Probert.

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.



SOME LIGHT READING ABOUT LEAD

Lead was one of the first metals used by ancient humans. They found it useful because lead is soft enough to shape by hand and is waterproof. Today, lead continues to be a beneficial material and is used for a variety of purposes in our modern world.

GET THE LEAD OUT

Lead is often used in bullets. In high-caliber weapons, the lead must be wrapped in stronger metals because pure lead would not hold its shape at high speed.

During the Middle Ages, white facial makeup, made using lead, was very popular. People continued to use the makeup even after it was discovered that it made them ill.

HEAVY HITTERS

Lead melts at 327.5 °C (621.5° F). This is a much lower temperature than most other metals.

Pure lead is too soft for most commercial uses. Because of this, lead is often mixed with other elements to create stronger substances called "alloys."

This cartoon weighs heavy on my mind.

What is lead's favorite sport? Softball.

We're actually a soft metal band.

Lead was used as a coating for roofs in many parts of the world.

WORD SEARCH

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

V	E	R	Y	C	H	E	R	S	O	F	T	N
T	O	R	R	O	A	D	E	E	P	E	A	R
N	P	X	E	E	L	O	L	L	T	A	N	G
P	I	T	T	S	L	D	A	D	A	N	C	
M	P	T	N	S	S	A	T	O	I	W	A	
T	E	C	A	T	A	H	D	E	B	A	C	
M	O	M	B	L	L	I	E	M	O	O	N	A
P	O	L	E	E	G	U	A	N	E	B	B	
R	O	L	L	M	I	L	A	P	V	E	N	T
D	E	A	L	E	P	D	A	D	D	Y	E	P

Lead is 11 times heavier than an equal volume of water.

Lead is one of the heaviest metals.

Most of the lead produced in North America is used for making the lead-acid batteries found in most automobiles.

Layers of lead alloys are used as shields in places where X-rays or radioactive materials are used, such as hospitals and nuclear power stations.

The Romans were the first to use lead for water pipes. The Romans preferred lead for pipes because it is waterproof and easy to shape. The word "plumbing" comes from the Latin word for lead.

Why didn't anyone like the lead? He was always throwing his weight around.

Can you help this lead pipe reach the recycling bin?

Lead poisoning is an illness caused by having too much lead in your body. Lead is particularly harmful to children because even small amounts absorbed over time can cause brain damage and learning difficulties.

What is lead's favorite type of music? Heavy metal.

Why did the other metals pick on lead? He was soft.

Lead is 11 times heavier than an equal volume of water.

Lead is one of the heaviest metals.