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Village of Sherburne plans upgrades to the Waste-Water Treatment Plant

BY JESSICA BENSON
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SHERBURNE – The Village of Sherburne was among the first municipalities in the Chenango Valley to offer a waste-water treatment facility.

The system, built in 1971, has had some upgrades over the years, but the last one took place in 2000. After 55 years of operation, the system now needs to be replaced to meet new requirements.

The village has been



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Cornell Cooperative Extension presents Black Bear Program, May 7

BY KELLI MILLER
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NORWICH – The Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) will present a program on the biology and management of black bears from 6 to 8 p.m., May 7, at the CCE building, located at 99 North Broad Street in Norwich.

Broome County CCE Nature Based Educator Tom Tasber will give the black bear presentation with assistance from CCE’s Chenango Agriculture and Natural Resource Educator, and graduate of SUNY-ESF, Rich Taber.

There is no cost to attend but pre-registration is encouraged. Reservations can be made by calling 607-334-5841, ext 1025 or email rbt44@cornell.edu.

Taber said it was found that most people would like to see a black bear but do not necessarily want them



The Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) will present a program on the biology and management of black bears from 6 to 8 p.m., May 7, at the CCE building, located at 99 North Broad Street in Norwich. (Submitted photos)

living near their homes. “With the black bear population increasing and spreading across our area since the 1980’s, sightings and encounters are more frequent,” said Taber. “We will examine the bear’s natural history in addition to discussing ways to safely co-exist with

this popular species.” He noted the program will be very educational with Tasber’s 39 years experience as a naturalist, including 27+ years with Broome County Parks and Recreation Department at Finch Hollow and a lifelong passion for wildlife. Tasber has been with

CCE for 11 years and also has a background in Wildlife Biology-Fish and Game Management from SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry at Syracuse. According to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), black bears are rarely

seen, yet are valued by hunters, photographers, and wildlife watchers and found in semi-rural environments, agricultural areas, and occasionally in urban centers. The DEC website noted most male black bears weigh about 300 pounds, while females

are smaller at about 170 pounds and they eat just about anything, including berries, seeds, corn, honey, pet food and trash.

In most instances, encounters with humans are mostly due to their exploration for food. They are quite intelligent and learn from experience, returning to areas where food is available.

Deliberate and intentional feeding of bears is illegal in New York. Residents are advised to remove bird feeders, and secure trash, to avoid conflicts.

For more information on CCE programs, visit their Facebook page at Cornell Cooperative Extension of Chenango County or their website at ccechenango.org.

Additional wildlife and outdoor topics can be found at dec.ny.gov.

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Chenango County Senior Council welcomes new leadership to board

REBECCA LAIBOWITZ
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C H E N A N G O COUNTY – At the latest senior council meeting on Friday, April 24, the Chenango County Senior Council successfully elected its executive committee including president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer. The council will begin meeting every two weeks.

“We want to help senior citizens enjoy the later parts of their life. Through entertainment, through shows, dances, but also just as important is we want to start getting better services for them in the county,” said newly elected Senior Council President, Richard Given. “We’re just in the starting stages, and you know, we will grow,” he added.

He explained that a priority for him is helping improve access to dental care, and housing, as well as increasing public awareness of the programs available to seniors.

“I just want to see, what I wanted for my



The Chenango County Senior Council successfully reformed with a full board and elected its executive committee. They will meet every two weeks at the Norwich American Legion, the next meeting is May 8 at noon. Pictured from left to right are Ellen Loughren, Erin Confer, Gladys Branagan, Richard Given, and Donna Given. (Photo by Rebecca Laibowitz).

parents,” said Given.

Serving alongside Given as vice president is Patty Murray, Secretary Donna Given, Treasurer David Beardsley, as well as a board of dedicat-

ed volunteers and one representative from the Area Agency on Aging, Erin Confer, the agency’s nutrition coordinator. There were eight members in attendance

during the vote, no contests.

“It’s a whole new experience for a lot of us, but we saw what was capable of doing from what the people prior to

us did, and we’re going to try to add to that and bring our own ideas,” said Mr. Given

While the council has limited funding right now, once they take care of certain tax paperwork, they’ll be able to apply for grants and pay for the programs they want to offer seniors in the community. Something that was brought up, was a fall foliage trip which they’ll begin researching the costs of so they can potentially sponsor one in the future.

At the meeting, their initial plans to get the council back up and running were discussed. While they figure out what seniors in the area want, and what they can offer them, the next thing that they’ll be doing is setting up a table at the Chenango County Fair on Senior Day alongside the Area Agency on Aging.

Importantly, the council will begin gathering information on resources available in the county for seniors. Confer from the Area Agency on Aging said she would try to arrange guest speakers for future

meetings from the agency and related organizations that offer services/resources for seniors, so that the council is well informed and can better serve senior citizens throughout the county.

When asked what he was most looking forward to Given replied “Just increasing the lifestyle of the elderly,” adding, “the main thing is to get the information out to the people that need it. If you sit in a back office and wait for them to come, you can’t be as effective as if you go there. It’s in the plans, the executive committee want to visit different housings, and have community meetings to get the word out.”

At Friday’s meeting, the council members decided to meet every two weeks going forward, to make progress on the initiatives they want to explore. Their next meeting will be on Friday May 8, at noon, at the Norwich American Legion. Those interested in joining are welcome to attend.

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working with Delaware Engineering to design a new system. Planning for the upgraded waste-water facility began in 2021. The current system is a trickling filter process system. “The trickling filter is a passive process. There’s not a lot of human involvement,” explained Village DPW and Electricity Supervisor Travis

DuBois. “There aren’t a lot of levers to pull and buttons to push.”

Six years ago, the village had to begin adding poly aluminum chloride to help with phosphorus removal. “Sherburne is in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed. We have dead zones where algae growth prevents sunlight from getting in. We were asked to limit phosphorous.” New limits for phosphorous content went into effect in 2025.

With the current system, it is difficult to meet those standards. “We are barely able to meet the limits set for 2025.” DuBois explained. As new guidelines and limits are established, maintaining those levels could prove even more difficult.

The new waste-water treatment plant is already in process. The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation received

the village’s design in September of 2025. Since that time, the design has been under review. The design calls for a membrane bio-reactor. The system will involve an activated sludge process combined with a porous semi-permeable membrane. “The pores are small enough for the membrane to capture many viruses. It creates drinkable water,” DuBois said.

The new system

comes with a budgeted cost of \$35 million. Of that total, \$31 million has been obtained in grant funding. Leaving just \$3.5 million to be financed. The new system could increase costs for village residents. “While sewer rates are expected to increase, the Village’s ability to secure over 89 percent of the project cost in grant money will keep the burden on the rate payer as low as possible,” DuBois

said.

The project is expected to be completed by the fourth quarter of 2027. The new system is being built parallel to the current system, so there will be no interruption of service.

“This is a necessary project. We haven’t had any upgrades to the system in 26 years,” DuBois said.

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Vision takes shape: Principle Hotel project aims to increase local offerings with downtown rooftop event lounge

REBECCA LAIBOWITZ

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NORWICH – The construction of the Principle Hotel in downtown Norwich is on track to be completed in the fall.

According to Michael O'Reilly, managing member of the hotel company, Principle Holding Group, everything is going smoothly despite recent wet weather disrupting roof work and the building did get water going through the floors but it was minimal.

O'Reilly explained that the work being done currently, "It's a lot of HVAC and electric. Plumbing is very far along. They'll probably start framing the inside of the fourth floor soon, and then right now it's drywall and insulation primarily. Nothing too eventful."

Plans for the hotel include a coffee shop on the first floor, fitness center, and rooftop lounge space. According to O'Reilly the rooftop space will have an occupancy of 100-125 between the outdoor and indoor spaces combined.

"So we do think there's



On March 20, Principle Design and Engineering shared this created image of how the finished roof at the Principle Hotel may appear upon completion. (Image from Principle Design and Engineering)

an opportunity to rent that for different events. I mean, our long-term goal is to obviously have it open to the general public," said O'Reilly, who explained that they will probably begin by having it open to the public a couple of nights a week in the beginning.

At this time, the largest hurdle they are experiencing is sourcing the goods that make a hotel, a hotel.

"The hotel industry is interesting because you buy materials in bulk because you're buying so much of them.

So the bulk of the furniture is not made in the United States," O'Reilly explained. "not building materials, it's furniture goods, stuff like that. Windows, doors, things that we're buying in big quantities. That stuff has typically been a little bit of a challenge," he added.

Not every community member is convinced that a boutique hotel is needed in Norwich and the endeavor has received mixed opinions on social media, with some thrilled about the prospect while others

remain pessimistic.

O'Reilly had this to say about the critics, "We definitely do believe the hotel will be a catalyst for downtown. I really do. I don't know how anybody sees that differently. When we had the groundbreaking, we estimate that the hotel will drive somewhere around about 45,000 people a year at 68% occupancy. That's a lot of people to Norwich."

He explained that the hotel is being built to satisfy a gap in the area so that travelers are drawn to stay in Norwich and not other places nearby.

"There's really nothing here, you go to Oneonta, you go to Cortland, or

you go to Hamilton.

We're trying to build an upscale premium product," said O'Reilly, who added, "because there's a premium product in Cortland, there's obviously premium products in Oneonta. We're trying to build something right in the middle."

The construction itself is also stimulating local businesses by hiring all local contractors. The general contractor is Upstate Companies out of Mt. Upton, the plumber is S&H Plumbing & HVAC out of Cincinnatus, the HVAC company is C&H Cooling & Heating out of Bainbridge, framing and drywall by

Striker Contracting out of Cincinnatus, fire sprinklers by ABM Fire Protection out of Cooperstown, and the electrical by J&A Electric out of Barneveld. The construction brings about 30 to 40 workers to Norwich each day for the next several months. They will be working to build the hotel and likely spend money locally, eating and shopping at places nearby. Once open, the hotel will likely bring around 30 regular jobs to the area for its operations, according to O'Reilly.

With the Construction on track, Norwich should expect to welcome the Principle Hotel some time this fall. Expect a boutique hotel with around 60 rooms, a coffee shop, fitness center, and rooftop lounge providing a new gathering space to hold small events like bridal showers, Christmas parties, and even weddings. They will likely hold some sort of opening ceremony to celebrate its completion and anticipated impact on the downtown revitalization initiative.

Bainbridge-Guilford School District asks for 1.59% tax increase

BY JESSICA BENSON

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BAINBRIDGE – On Monday night, the Bainbridge-Guilford Board of Education adopted their proposed budget for the 2026-27 school year, with an overall increase of 5.38 percent. They are asking for a tax increase of 1.59 percent.

The district faced some difficult budget decisions this year. Forced to tackle a \$1 million budget gap, the district worked to close the gap without disrupting student services. "We haven't faced a situation like this in a number of years," said Superintendent Tim Ryan. He explained that health insurance costs and spending on special education services both increased this year, contributing to the gap.

Ryan explained that health insurance costs

increased by \$750,000, while special education costs were up \$400,000 this year.

"We try to be fiscally responsible. But the increase in special education combined with health insurance and our low tax cap created the gap."

"With a tax cap of 1.59 percent, we're only able to raise \$118,000 in new money with the tax levy." Knowing that they would not be able to simply raise taxes to alleviate this situation, Ryan said the district had to dig in to find ways to close the budget. "Ultimately, we cut three positions, mainly through attrition. We also took \$675,000 from the fund balance. With that we were able to close the gap."

The board of education is proposing a budget of \$26,936,072 for the 2026-27 school year.

Despite the loss of three teachers, Ryan

said the district will see no significant change in class size. "The cuts don't effect programs or students," he explained. A smaller incoming kindergarten class means that the district can have less sections of kindergarten next year. Ryan was confident the district could move people into the necessary roles to make up for the three lost positions. He added that there will be no cuts to programs for students as a result of the budget.

"I think the board of education and the staff feel good about the proposed budget," Ryan said. The district will hold a public hearing at 7 p.m. on May 7th to present the budget to the community. Ryan will also be presenting the budget to the Chamber of Commerce, the Roary and to the staff. District voters will go to the polls on May 19th to vote on the proposed budget.



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Making the most of your turkey season



Eric Davis

Outdoor Chenango

The “regular” spring turkey season is just over a week away, with the Youth Turkey Weekend happening this weekend, April 25 and 26.

If you are like me and your work schedule only allows for limited hunting opportunities, there are some things you can do to improve your chances of success this season.

Knowing where the

birds are saves you from going out only to hear nothing and come home disappointed. Evening drives can help you pinpoint roosting areas when you see birds out just before dark. If possible, try to roost turkeys the night before your hunt.

Go out at sunset or a little after and listen for birds to gobble after they fly up to their roost for the night. If the birds won't gobble on their own, use an owl hoot or crow call to get a shock gobble. If those calls don't work, try giving a simple series of yelps or a fly-up cackle. Don't go too crazy with the turkey sounds though, save them for the morning!

Turkeys rely heavily on their sight and their vision to alive. Modern

decoys have ultra-realistic paint schemes and body poses that will keep a tom's attention. A jake decoy paired with a hen can cause a tom to come in and look for an easy fight. A tom decoy can be effective on toms that hang out together or on a dominant bird, but can cause sub-dominant toms to keep their distance. If you use a jake or a tom decoy, have the decoy facing you and approaching toms will come in to square up for a fight face-to-face.

With the bird facing away from you and focused on the decoy you can get your firearm (or bow) ready for a shot. Also, be extremely careful when using these decoys and be alert to the possibility of another hunter mistaking it

for a real turkey. If this happens, don't wave or make any movement. Speak up in a loud voice to let them know you are there.

Another way to minimize detection is to use a ground blind. These allow you to sit inside and look out small openings to see around you. These can be crucial for rainy day hunts so you can stay somewhat dry and hunt longer.

They also excel on hunts with new hunters, young or old, as they help hide fidgeting and other movement. The downside to using a ground blind is that they are typically heavy and noisy to set up. This is where roosting birds the night before is handy because then you can put the blind up, stake

it down for the night, and just get inside in the morning.

Understanding the turkey's simple thought processes can help put you in the right place at the right time. Going back to a turkey's main survival instincts using sight and sound, you can plan where to hunt based on certain weather.

When it gets windy or it's raining, it is difficult to hear anything in the woods. This would allow predators to sneak up on a turkey without it hearing them. Therefore, turkeys will head for open areas where they can see farther, such as agricultural fields, to make up for the decrease in their hearing ability. These large areas are ideal for using decoys as the turkeys would be skeptical

to approach the sound of another turkey when they know they should be able to see it.

Midmorning can be a difficult time to find ambition after getting up so early but hens will leave their toms so they can go sit on their nests a few hours after flying down. The toms then begin looking for any additional hens that are still around. Their desperation to breed can cause them to come in fired up without realizing it is too good to be true. Some hunters will sleep in and start their hunting after 9 am later in the season. Not only are they looking for the freed-up toms, they also tend to have less competition from other hunters who call it a day and go get breakfast by then.

B-G baseball picks up third straight win

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BAINBRIDGE— On Monday, the Bainbridge-Guilford Bobcats baseball team hosted Harpursville/Afton in a MAC league matchup. Both teams had met in late March in a non-league matchup the first time.

B-G swept the two game set with a 12-2 victory to improve to 7-2 on the season.

The Bobcats got start with three runs in the bottom of the

first inning as Parker Buttice led off with a single to left field and scored on Connor Davy's RBI triple. Davy came in to score on Anthony Cafasso's RBI double to center. Cafasso scored on an error.

B-G added on in the third, fourth, and fifth innings. Key plays included another RBI for Cafasso in the bottom of the third, a bases-clearing double by Cafasso in the bottom of the fourth,

an RBI single for Troy Cannistra in the bottom of the fifth, two bases-loaded walks, and a bases-loaded hit by pitch.

Harpursville/Afton scored its two runs in the top of the fifth on Jacob Rueffer's two-run triple.

Brayden Swartwout pitched a five-inning complete game for the Bobcats, where he allowed two earned runs on six hits, two walks, and struck out eight batters.

Davin Warren and Paul Shelton combined for 12 runs (seven earned) on seven hits, six walks, and Warren

struck out eight batters for the Crimson Hornets.

B-G (7-2) head to Sidney on Thursday

at 4:30 p.m. while Harpursville/Afton (2-6) heads to Walton/Downsville on Friday at 4:30 p.m.

S-E flag football falls to Westmoreland/Oriskany

MORGAN GOLLIVER
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WESTMORELAND— The Sherburne-Earlville Timberwolves flag football team traveled to take on the Westmoreland/Oriskany Skyhawks on Thursday night. S-E fell 19-7.

Emma Webb went 19-for-29 for 135 yards, a touchdown, and two

interceptions.

Olivia Parker caught the team's lone touchdown and went four for 48 yards.

Abbie Green led S-E in receptions with 10 for 71 yards and ran in the team's successful extra point.

Sadie Davis caught two passes for 12 yards as Cassie Slater finished with three passes for six yards.

Parker also led the team with five carries

for 15 yards as Slater had three carries for nine yards.

Abbie Green also intercepted the ball on defense while Sadie Davis led the team with six flag pulls as Kadyn Babcock and Ava Flanagan both had five flag pulls.

S-E (1-4) heads to Central Square on Saturday at 10:30 a.m.

S-E baseball earns fourth straight win; defeats Hamilton on the road

MORGAN GOLLIVER
GAZETTE SPORTS WRITER

HAMILTON— The Sherburne-Earlville Timberwolves are on a roll. After starting the season 0-4, S-E picked themselves up and are now 4-4 on the season. The Timberwolves earned their fourth straight win in a 9-1 contest against

Hamilton.

S-E went up 2-0 in the top of the first before adding six runs in the third inning. Both teams scored a run in the fifth.

S-E scored nine runs on seven hits with Jay Tackabury leading the way with three hits, including a double.

JJ Fischer had a hit and an RBI while Parker McCracken and Tomek

Jusianiec also drove in runs.

Deagan Knochenmus, Ty Reihl, and Jack Bohnert each had a hit in the win.

Allie Whaley worked a complete game, allowing one earned run on seven hits, two walks, and struck out eight batters.

S-E (4-4) hosts Mount Markham on Friday at 4:30 p.m.

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May 5, 2006

A beautiful day today. Sunny & warm at 75 degrees. Yesterday was gorgeous too.

A Clifton Park teen was involved in a hunting accident in which he sustained "bird shot" wounds to his face, chest and arms.

According to Terry Koslow, bluebirds have returned, a sure sign of spring.

FORTY YEARS AGO

May 7, 1986

Another glorious morning with cloudless sky and brisk breezes. May 2nd we had flurries and a cold wind.

Harold Cadwell was conductor for 30 years on the UVRR and worked 17 years at the Dairymen's League plant.

Jean Dewey returned from an exciting 8-day visit to Tucson.

Mrs. Albert Balcom reports her peas and onions are up in spite of the weather.

The passing of the Duchess of Windsor brings to a close an era.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

May 7, 1976

Rainfall for April was 5.89" with only a trace of snow.

Herbert Miller served the community in the practice of dentistry for over 50 years.

NBCS closed Monday due to a telephoned bomb scare.

Steven Sebeck was injured in a lawn mower accident.

Debra Jean Clark and Shawnee brought home five ribbons from the horse races at So. New Berlin.

Phillip, Stewart, Marjorie and Douglas Card took a boat ride down the Unadilla which they enjoyed very much.

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SIXTY YEARS AGO

May 13, 1966

All who were hoping for an early spring were keenly disappointed by temperatures in the low 20's.

The dazzling so-called meteorite which swept this hill the night of the 25th attracted attention from Canada to the Carolinas This was only a week after a UFO was seen over Norwich.

\$6,000 buys a nice remodeled house in the residential section of Brookfield; \$2,000 down. Chas. Manner

SEVENTY YEARS AGO

May 11, 1956

A new law changed qualifications of voters at school elections to include the spouse of an owner of real property.

The building used as a Nazarene church in New Berlin will become a Catholic church.

Lester Mayne is working at the home of Azalene Parker.

Fred Blanchard injured his knee in a fall from his motorcycle.

Women wear out pillowcases faster than men because of the abrasive quality of bobby pins and curlers.

WATERMELONS: 8c a lb.; Green peppers, 6 for 29c; Celery 25c a bunch. A&P

EIGHTY YEARS AGO

May 8, 1946

A demand for "well over 85 cwt for milk" was formulated by representatives of over 40,000 dairy farmers.

We are sorry to learn that Otis Ashley was hurt by his horses.

Louis Perkins purchased the Fred Whitmore barn of H. Lee Matteson, owned until recently by Stanley Fish.

Miss Alice Clarke Pope passed away following a fall the day before in which she fractured her skull.

George Caldine and family are moving from Hoboken into Mrs. Chas. Gray's house on Green street.

FOR SALE: Clubhouse & restaurant, Silver Lake park, 1/2 acre land, drilled well, electric lights. W.H. Davis

NINETY YEARS AGO

May 7, 1936

Creeks rose rapidly after our hard shower Sunday. Some hail fell.

The community is saddened by the death of Helen Ann McCord Backus due to complications from a fall.

Francis Mudge and family moved into the upper Page farm, formerly the Nelson place.

The youngest son of Harold Barker had both feet burned by boiling water which fell off the stove while he was putting on his shoes. It will be six weeks before he can walk much.

Flood waters uncovered a large number of early Indian relics near Elmira.

William, known as Bill, the large orange cat at R.J. Olive's, passed from this life at 17 years of age. He was a brave warrior and game found no quarter in his presence. He was

never known to pick a fight but if other felines came near, then he was all there and, at 15 lbs., not many came a second time. He is buried on the claim. There are no relatives.

BARGAIN: 22 acre farm, 9 rm. house, barn, 1 cow, 1 horse, 15 bu. seed potatoes, 30 chickens, horse rake, mowing machine, double sulky plow. \$1,300

HUNDRED YEARS AGO

May 8, 1926

Village trustees announce that next week will be Clean Up Week in New Berlin.

Emma E. Dale passed into the life beyond at the home of her daughter, Mrs. H.L. Palmiter. Carl Horstman purchased a Hudson brougham.

Only a few were present at the May party in the Brown house but a pleasant time was enjoyed by all.

Fred Patrick is driving a Franklin car.

John Gregory installed a phone at Joe Hanbury's.

There was no school in Ketchum Tuesday as the teacher was entertaining his brother from Binghamton.

4,000 trees were set out on Fish Field this past week.

A Mack fire truck came here for a demonstration. Drawing water from the creek, they forced two streams high in the air, but gravel from the creekbed was drawn into the pump and the demo came to a sudden end.

120 YEARS AGO

May 12, 1906

Landlord S.J. Tuttle issued invitations for a social party to be held at his hall.

Daniel Dyer, proprietor of the hotel at Burlington Flats, died there Sunday.

Conductor George Daggett resumed work on the UV after an extended illness.

Four young ladies will constitute the Class of 1906 at NBHS.

GARRATTSVILLE PAST

May, 1884

Sylvanus Ladd set fire to a pile of brush in his pasture which burned over 30 acres of timber.

A prohibition amendment is defeated a second time. Mr. Nelson voted in the affirmative on both occasions and is entitled to the respect of all good people who believe it is wise to let the people decide all matters by the ballot.

Our Hon. Senator introduced a bill fixing the size of boxes used in hop picking. Are there no other interests to be looked after in our district, and more needed?

The GAR boys met at the home of B.F. Bell, had one of Mrs. Bell's suppers, a good smoke and a good time.

Herbert Gregory found on the farm formerly owned by Lemain Cummings, a gold coin dated 1765; its value about \$5.

It is reported that the Texas district school has no scholars yet, the teacher goes to the school house each day.

S-E softball defeats Clinton in extras

MORGAN GOLLIVER
GAZETTE SPORTS WRITER

CLINTON—Coming off a big win against Dolgeville on the road, the Sherburne-Earlville Timberwolves softball team traveled to take on the Clinton Comets.

Clinton took an early

1-0 lead in the bottom of the first before S-E took a 2-1 lead in the second inning.

Both teams continued to go back-and-forth with Clinton holding a 6-5 lead before S-E tied it in the top of the seventh inning to send the game to extras.

S-E's Kendall Hill and Kamrynn Hill (double)

led the team with two hits as Grace Tackabury had a hit and an RBI.

Tatum Babcock and Bailey Hackett also had hits.

S-E also drew 14 walks in the win.

Julia Lein pitched a complete game, allowing six runs (five earned) on 10 hits, nine walks, and struck out 12 batters.

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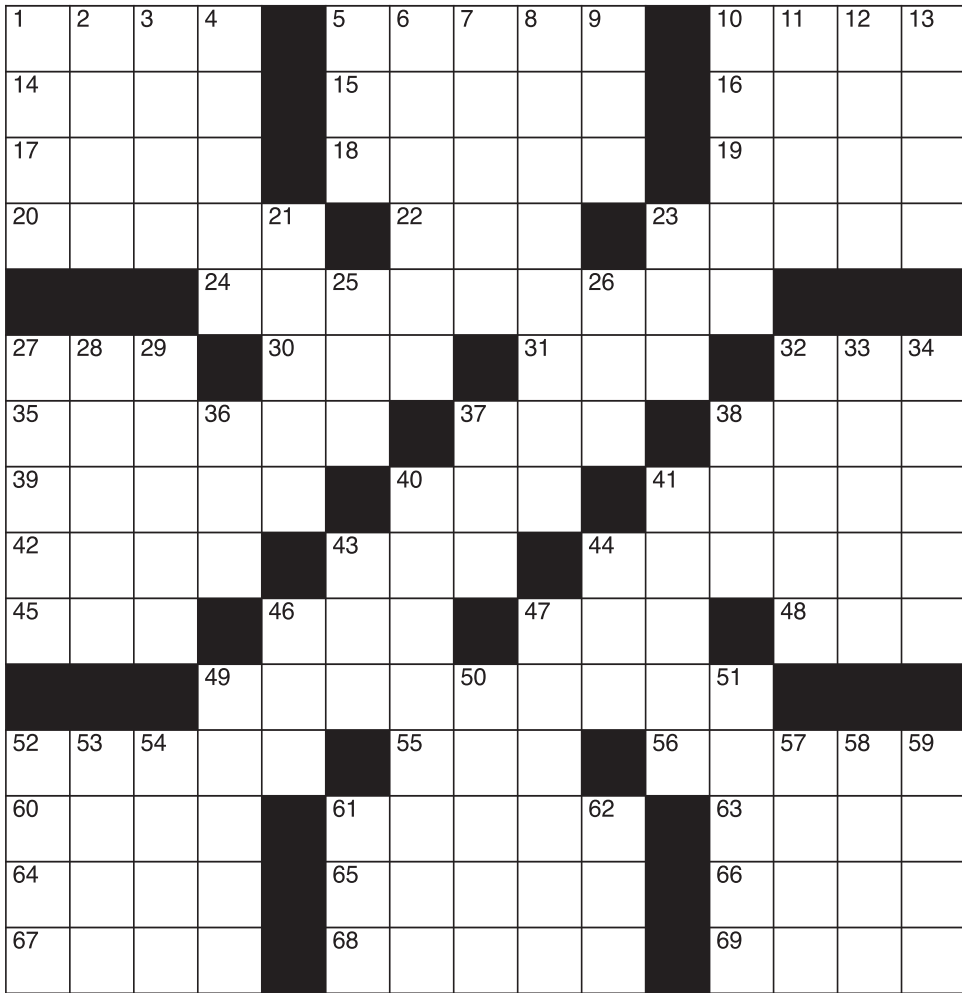
The 2026 theme is "Compost! Feed the Soil that Feeds Us". Composting helps reduce high quality essential nutrients from being put into landfills. It helps improve soil health increases water-holding capacity. Compost plays an important role in green spaces, community gardens and recreational opportunities for the community. The Otsego County Solid Waste Department urges the public to compost in backyards if applicable or work with a commercial collection company. The department currently has a limited supply of compost collection bins, if members of the public are interested in one please call 607-547-4256.



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CROSSWORD



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. McCarthy acolyte Roy
- 5. Ancient Korean chiefdoms
- 10. Not soft
- 14. Jai __, sport
- 15. Philosophy
- 16. Do what you're told
- 17. Gaffe
- 18. Widely known and esteemed
- 19. Amusement park attraction
- 20. Popular comic strip Viking
- 22. Usually has a lid
- 23. American sportscaster
- 24. Lung fibrosis
- 27. General's assistant (abbr.)
- 30. Pouch
- 31. Upset
- 32. Partner to hem
- 35. Astronomy unit of distance
- 37. Witch
- 38. Gradually disappear
- 39. Regions
- 40. Possesses
- 41. Body parts
- 42. A way to comprehend
- 43. Defraud
- 44. Sandwich type
- 45. Expression of disappointment
- 46. Popular Dodge truck model
- 47. The 17th letter of the Greek alphabet
- 48. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 49. Songs to a beloved
- 52. Custom
- 55. Partner to cheese
- 56. West Indies trees
- 60. Member of a Semitic people
- 61. Plant that originated vegetatively
- 63. Squandered one's money
- 64. Ethiopian river
- 65. Excessive fluid accumulation in tissues
- 66. Acquire by one's efforts
- 67. Irish goddess
- 68. Hungarian village
- 69. Cereal grasses

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Currency
- 2. Ceramic jar
- 3. Reagan's Secretary of State
- 4. God worshipped in Kanesh
- 5. One thousand cubic feet (abbr.)
- 6. Semitic
- 7. About blood
- 8. Benign tumors
- 9. Move one's head
- 10. Hours (Spanish)
- 11. Hebrew calendar month
- 12. Advise someone
- 13. Colors clothes
- 21. The sun does it
- 23. Concealed
- 25. City of Angels hoops team (abbr.)
- 26. Droop
- 27. Away from one another
- 28. Challenges
- 29. A harsh scraping sound
- 32. Attaches to a wall
- 33. Capital of Ethiopia: __ Ababa
- 34. German river
- 36. Disappointed
- 37. Star Wars character Solo
- 38. Supervises flying
- 40. Not mass-produced
- 41. Nonsense
- 43. Automobile
- 44. Hoghead (abbr.)
- 46. Soak in water
- 47. Flower cluster
- 49. Romanian city
- 50. A parent is often one
- 51. Fencing sword
- 52. Body part
- 53. Region
- 54. Farm building
- 57. Ali's surname at birth
- 58. Waxy bird beak covering
- 59. Stiff bristles
- 61. VCR button
- 62. Small amount

WORD SEARCH

HOME DECOR WORD SEARCH



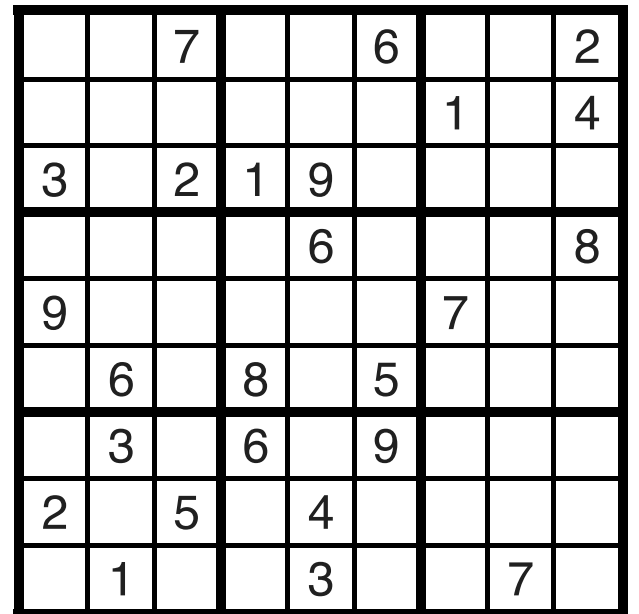
Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

- ACCENT
- ARMOIRE
- ARTISTIC
- ASYMMETRY
- BALANCE
- COLOR
- CONCEPT
- CONTRAST
- DESIGNER
- FABRIC
- FLOORING
- FOCUS
- HARMONY
- LAYERING
- LIGHTING
- MODERN
- MOLDING
- MONOCHROMATIC
- PROPORTIONS
- RENOVATIONS
- SOFA
- STYLE
- TEXTURE
- TRADITIONAL

SUDOKU

Fun By The Numbers
Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Here's How It Works:
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

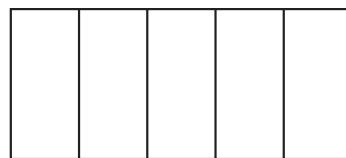


Level: Intermediate

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to decorating.

H M E E T



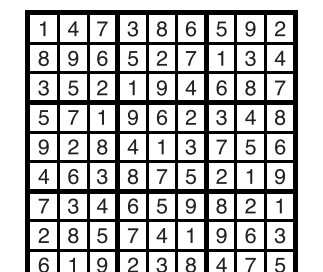
Answer: Theme

GUESS WHO ?

I am a country singer born in Texas on April 29, 1933. I grew up in the aftermath of the Great Depression and played music for money to avoid picking cotton. I wrote my first song at age 7 and had many country hits throughout my long career. I also am an activist and actor.

Answer: Willie Nelson

Solutions:



UV outdoor track and field competes in MAC meet at D-H

DEPOSIT— On Wednesday, the Unadilla Valley Storm track and field teams traveled to Deposit for a MAC meet, featuring host Deposit-Hancock, Delhi and Walton/Downsville.

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

Girls' Track:

UV's 4x800 took first over Delhi with a time of 11:02.75 as the girls' 4x400 won over Walton/Downsville with a time of 4:38.54 as the 4x100 team won with a time of 54.99 seconds.

Sophia Bell took second in the 400 meter hurdles with a time of 1:24.16, behind Delhi's leading 1:14.33.

Bell also finished second in the 100 meter hurdles with a time of 19.85 seconds, behind Delhi's leading 17.73.

Margaret Kemnah and Kathleen Pizzuto both ran the 1500, where Kemnah took third with a time of 5:56.83 as Pizzuto followed in fourth place with a time of 6:11.15.

Natalya Schrag won the 800 meter run with the fastest time of 2:44.45 with Molly Gorrell behind her with a time of 2:45.35.

Kemnah finished fourth with a time of 2:53.09 and Pizzuto came in ninth with a time of 3:11.04.

Madison Dix won the 400 meter dash with the top time of 1:10.44.

Mackenzie Lindholm came away with the victory in the 200 meter dash with a time of 28.04 seconds as Avery Golliver took third with a time of 31.46 seconds.

Molly Sickmond finished ninth with a time of

33.96 seconds.

Lindholm, Golliver, and Sickmond also competed in the 100 meter dash, where Lindholm took third with a time of 15.04 seconds with Golliver behind her with a time of 15.05 seconds and Sickmond in eighth with a time of 15.35 seconds.

Girls' Field:

Freshman Noelle Fernandez-Naughton won the girls' triple jump with a jump of 30 feet, one and 3/4 inches.

Eighth grader Avery Golliver took third in the girls' long jump with a jump of 13 feet, seven and 3/4 inches with Fernandez-Naughton in fourth with a jump of 13-6.75 and Mackenzie Lindholm in fifth with a jump of 13-2.50.

Molly Sickmond finished 17th in the long jump with a jump of 11 feet, one inch as Kathleen Pizzuto came in 20th with a jump of eight feet, five and a quarter inches.

Boys' Track:

The UV boys' 4x800 won over Delhi with a time of 9:26.15 as the 4x400 finished second to Walton/Downsville with a time of 4:02.54.

The Storm took third in the 4x100 with a time of 51.22 seconds.

Jake Favinger won the 1600 meter run with a top time of 4:58.61. The sophomore finished sixth in the 800 meter run with a time of 2:20.69 with Aidan James in seventh with a time of 2:24.27.

Caleb Dix and Braden Golliver competed in the 400 meter dash, where Dix took fifth with a time of 1:01.72 with Golliver behind him in sixth with a time of 1:02.70.



Wade Law took second in the 200 meter dash with a time of 26.57 seconds, behind Walton/Downsville's leading 25.30.

Dominic Berthel finished sixth in the same event with a time of 27.31 seconds as Donovan Ballard followed in seventh place with a time of 27.36 seconds.

Dan Church came in ninth place with a time of 27.84 seconds and Braden Golliver finished 13th with a time of 29.07 seconds.

Denzel Peter won the 100 meter dash with the fastest time of 11.80 seconds with Brayden Prentice behind him in second with a time of 12.69 seconds.

Jayden Edwards took third with a time of 12.77 seconds as Wade Law took fifth with a time of 12.87 seconds.

Dan Church finished seventh with a time of 13.17 seconds as Berthel came in eighth with a time of 13.18 seconds and Killian Wood in ninth

with a time of 13.20 seconds.

Donovan Ballard came in 14th place in the same event with a time of 13.56 seconds as Steven Johnson finished 19th (14.02), Tyler Yerton in 24th (15.19), and Thomas Harrington in 27th (16.01).

Boys' Field:

Brodey Cattanach won the boys' triple jump with a top jump of 38 feet, seven and a quarter inches.

Brayden Prentice took

third with a jump of 33 feet, one and 3/4 inches with Jayden Edwards in fourth with a jump of 31 feet, nine inches.

Tyler Yerton took fifth with a jump of 24 feet, seven and a quarter inches.

Denzel Peter took second in the long jump with a jump of 17 feet, two and a quarter inches, behind Deposit-Hancock's leading 18-5.50.

Killian Wood came in third place with a jump of 15-11 as Prentice followed


in fourth with a jump of 15-10.25.

Cattanach took fifth with a jump of 15-4.50 with Caleb Dix in seventh with a jump of 14-9.25 and Braden Golliver in eighth with a jump of 14-8.50.

Wade Law finished 11th in the long jump as well with a jump of 12 feet, eight and a half inches with Tyler Yerton in 15th with a jump of 11-2.50.

Steven Johnson came in 11th place in the shot put with a throw of 24 feet, 11 and a half inches with teammate Dan Church behind him in 12th with a throw of 24 feet, four inches. Thomas Harrington finished 18th with a throw of 19 feet, six and a half inches.

Johnson took third in the discus with a throw of 87 feet, four inches with Harrington in 14th with a throw of 40-5.



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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
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Vacancies upon the Board shall not be considered separate specific offices. The three (3) individuals receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected to the vacancies. Petitions nominating candidates for the office of Board of Education member must be filed in the office of the District Clerk between the hours of 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM, not later than 5:00 PM on Monday, April 20, 2026. Each petition must be directed to the District Clerk, must be signed by at least 25 qualified voters of the district, must state the residence

of each qualified voter, and the name and residence of the candidate.

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

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

PROPOSITION I \- LEASE OF SCHOOL BUSES
Shall the following resolution be adopted by the Board of Education? RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Unadilla Valley Central School District be, and hereby is, authorized to enter a five (5) year lease for up to three (3) school buses at a maximum estimated total annual cost not to exceed \$110,000 for each of the five (5) years, beginning in the 2026-2027 school year.

PROPOSITION II \- LIBRARY FUNDING
Shall the appropriation for the South New Berlin Free Library within the Unadilla Valley Central School District be increased by the sum of \$1,090.00 so that the total appropriation to the South New Berlin Free Library shall be \$55,680.00, (which is a \$1,090 increase from

the \$54,590 levy currently in existence), which shall be raised by a tax upon the taxable property of the School District in accordance with Education Law section 259 and shall the appropriation for the New Berlin Library Association within the Unadilla Valley Central School District be increased by the sum of \$5,000.00 so that the total appropriation to the New Berlin Library Association shall be \$89,000.00, (which is a \$5,000 increase from the \$84,000 levy currently in existence), which shall be raised by a tax upon the taxable property of the School District in accordance with Education Law section 259?

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

Absentee Ballots
Applications for absentee ballots for the Annual Meeting may be applied for by qualified voters at the District Clerk's Office. Completed applications must be received by the District Clerk at least (7) seven days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election, if the ballot is to be picked up personally by the voter. Absentee ballots

must be received by the District Clerk no later than 5:00 P.M., prevailing time, on May 19, 2026. A list of all persons to whom absentee and military ballots shall have been issued will be available for inspection in the District Clerk's Office during regular business hours on each of the five (5) days prior to the election except Sunday, and such list will also be posted at the polling place at the election of members of the Board of Education.

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

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

LEGAL NOTICE
Village of Morris, New York Budget Hearing
The annual Budget hearing will be held at the monthly Board Meeting of Trustees of the Village of Morris, to be held on the 7th day of May 2026 at 6:30 at the Morris Village Office, 118 Main Street, Morris, New York.

Deborah Newell
Village Treasurer / Clerk (11GZ 04/30)

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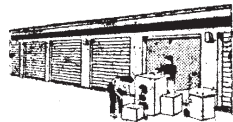
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New Berlin Library Corner

New Berlin Library connects with Chase Nursing Home residents during National Library Week



NEW BERLIN - In celebration of National Library Week, April 19-25, the New Berlin Library took a meaningful step to expand its community outreach by visiting residents at Chase Nursing Home. The visit took place on Wednesday, April 22, National Library Outreach Day.

Library staff delivered a presentation highlighting the history of the New Berlin Library, sharing stories of its long history and its role as a cornerstone of the community. The event created an engaging and welcoming environment, encouraging residents to reflect on their own experiences with libraries and reading.

Beyond the presenta-

tion, the visit focused on listening. Library representatives spoke directly with Chase Nursing Home residents to better understand their interests and needs, asking what services they would most like the library to provide. Residents expressed interest in varied and accessible reading options and opportunities to stay connected with library resources.

As a result of these conversations, the New Berlin Library is planning to expand its outreach efforts. Future initiatives may include issuing library cards on-site using a mobile workstation, as well as monthly delivering large print books and audiobooks to residents.

Library staff emphasized that this visit is another step in a growing partnership. By bringing services directly to the nursing home residents, the New Berlin Library aims to ensure that everyone in the community—regardless of mobility—can continue to enjoy the benefits of reading, learning, and connection.

The outreach event reflects the broader mission of National Library Week: to celebrate libraries as inclusive, forward-thinking spaces that meet people where they are.

The New Berlin Library is celebrating Mother's Day with two special events for the community.

The first is a Mother's

Day Basket Contest, where participants are invited to share why their mother—or another important maternal figure in their life—deserves to win a thoughtfully curated gift basket. Entries must be submitted in person at the library by completing an entry form.

Participants are encouraged to be creative. Submissions may take many forms, including a heartfelt paragraph, a list of descriptive adjectives, a poem, or even an original illustration or drawing. The contest is free and open to the public, and the winner will be announced on May 8.

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

This family-friendly program welcomes participants of all ages to come and design a unique flower pot. For more information or to register, visit the New Berlin Library in person.

Some great new additions to the library include: *A Woman's Place* by Danielle Steel, *Paradox* by Douglas Preston and Aletheia Preston, *Cherry Baby* by Rainbow Rowell, and *Dawn on the Coast*

(*The Baby-Sitters Club Graphic Novel 19*) by Ann M Martin and Arley Nopra.

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.

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Aunt Mary's House to host third annual Hopeful Hearts Brunch, May 3

BY KELLI MILLER
GAZETTE STAFF WRITER

NORWICH — Aunt Mary's House (AMH) will host their third annual Hopeful Hearts Brunch, a family brunch for change, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., May 3, at the Canasawacta Country Club, located at 2234 County Road 44 in Norwich.

AMH is a non-profit organization located in Chenango County that provides emergency and transitional shelter to homeless pregnant and parenting young mothers 18-plus years of age and their babies, from pre-born to two years old.

Kisten Giglio, AMH Executive Director, welcomes the community to an afternoon of good food, champagne, family photos, live entertainment, a silent auction and raffle baskets.

"Come bring your fam-



Last year, during Aunt Mary's House second annual Hopeful Hearts Brunch, props were in place for family photos. This year, family photos will again be offered at the third annual Hopeful Hearts Brunch, a family brunch for change, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., May 3, at the Canasawacta Country Club, located at 2234 County Road 44 in Norwich. (Submitted photo)



Baskets filled with goodies were raffled off at last year's Aunt Mary's House Hopeful Hearts Brunch. This year, AMH will once again have raffles with a silent auction after the brunch from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., located at the Canasawacta Country Club at 2234 County Road 44, Norwich. (Submitted photo)

she added. "We already have a number of sponsors for the brunch and corporations have stepped up."

Funds raised for this event will help Aunt Mary's House young mothers with assistance for medical care, education, transportation, connections to resources, learning life skills such as caring for their children and home, finding a job, and financial independence.

For more information, or to become a sponsor, contact Kisten Giglio at executivedirector@auntmaryshouse.net.

To donate to Aunt Mary's House, visit their website at auntmaryshouse.net and click on the Support Us/Donate tab.

ily out for a great brunch at the country club," said Giglio. "We have online ticketing this year and people are encouraged to donate silent auction or raffle items and we also have four different levels of sponsorship if people are interested in

sponsoring as well."

Tickets can be purchased at <https://www.jeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/hopeful-hearts-brunch>. Checks can be mailed to Aunt Mary's House, P.O. Box 955, Norwich, NY 13815. Include the number of

tickets desired.

Adult ticket price is \$40, children aged eight through 12; ticket price is \$20, and seven and under are free.

Giglio said brunch will consist of muffins, pastries, egg bites, bacon, sausage, fruit, tossed

salad, lemon garlic chicken, pasta, and sautéed vegetables and a silent auction and raffles will be held from 2 to 3 p.m.

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by Jeff Harris

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Inside Story
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What do you call chalk that can break a chalkboard?
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