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## Gilligan's of Sherburne named 2026 Entrepreneur of the Year

BY SOPHIA ROOT  
COMMERCE CHENANGO

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Gilligan's Island has been part of the Sherburne community since the 1960s, when it opened as an ice cream shop with a drive-through window, an uncommon feature for local restaurants at the time. Current owner Michael Lagoe, who grew up nearby and returned to the area after college, purchased the business in 2007 with his twin brother, Andy.

The restaurant's menu has grown over the decades and now



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includes homemade ice cream, burgers, sandwiches, wraps, sides, and salads. Annually, the business sells roughly 100,000 ice cream cones and sundaes and 35,000 burgers.

In 2018, the brothers brought on longtime

friend Gilbert Hodges, who had been Andy's college roommate and had worked at Gilligan's Island when he was younger. Hodges now leads the wholesale ice cream side of the business. The partnership has allowed the business

to expand its reach while managing the demands of a growing operation.

That expansion took a significant step forward in February 2026, when the partners opened Gilligan's Fresh Market, a grocery storefront designed to fill the void

left by the closure of the Sherburne Big M. This loss was felt broadly, according to Andy Lagoe, "It's crazy to think that just twenty years ago, Sherburne had three supermarkets."

Today, access to basic grocery staples has

become a challenge in many Chenango County municipalities, and Andy Lagoe noted that local mayors have reached out seeking guidance on how to address similar gaps in their own com-

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## Join CCE with their evening pasture walk and facilities tour

BY KELLI MILLER  
GAZETTE STAFF WRITER

GUILFORD — Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) of Chenango County is sponsoring the Evening Pasture Walk and Facilities Tour of the Alan Troyer Family Farm from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., June 25, located at 583 County Road 36 in Guilford.

The Alan Troyer Farm is a 40 plus cow organic, A2/A2 grass fed dairy herd that is rotationally grazed for half the year. They recently completed a new free stall barn and milking facility.

"We will be touring the new facilities, as well as looking at the holistically managed pastures," said CCE Grazing, Forestry, Ag Economic Development Specialist

Rich Taber.

Admission is free but reservations are required and must be made by June 24. Call 607-334-5841, extension 1000.

Taber also said refreshments will be served.

"Rotationally grazed refers to cows grazed for six months of the year from about early May to the end of October, when green grass is photosynthesizing and growing," Taber continued, "Then they're fed hay crops of one form or another, the other six months."

A free stall barn is the type of barn where the cows are not tethered, but allowed to walk freely around the barn, eating whenever they would like to, Taber explained.

"They are then milked in a 'milking parlor,'" he



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said. "This type system is a direct opposite of cows that are tied up in barns and milked in their stalls."

Taber said A2/A2 refers to the types of beta casein protein in

the cow's milk. Many cows are A1/A2, instead of A2/A2, adding, "Supposedly, A2/A2 is better for human digestion."

He also noted holistic refers to managing ani-

mals in an ecologically oriented manner which takes the long-term health of the land into consideration.

About ten years ago, Taber said he assisted a few Amish farmers

moving to the area. One of the families was the Troyer family, who he got to know very well through visits to the farm, teaching them about agriculture.

The Troyer's eventually wanted to turn their hoop barn, otherwise known as a stanchion barn, into a free stall barn and called CCE for information.

Taber said he reached out to a few Cornell experts to assist the project. Farm Strategic Planning Specialist PRO-DAIRY Tim Terry and Central New York Dairy Specialist Daniella Gonzalez Carransa aided in the restructure.

For more information, contact Rich Taber at rbt44@cornell.edu or phone 607-334-5841, extension 1025.

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# Oliver's Campers to be recognized as the 2026 Small Business of the Year

**SOPHIA ROOT**

**COMMERCE CHENANGO**

**CHENANGO COUNTY** - Commerce Chenango is proud to name Oliver's Campers the 2026 Small Business of the Year.

This award specifically recognizes this local business for six decades of service, deep roots in the Chenango County community, and continued evolution across three generations of family leadership.

Oliver's Campers has been part of the Norwich community since 1966, when Bob and Shirley Oliver launched the business as a side venture from their yard. Bob was a manager at Norwich Pharmaceuticals with a modest vision: a fun retirement project built around a shared love of the outdoors.

Today, Oliver's is a multi-location sales and service dealership specializing in towable RVs and campers. The business sells and services new and used trailers from a range of manufacturers and, since 2014, has operated a secondary venture renting RVs to large events and music festivals. From a side yard on West Hill to a dealership with a



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presence in the Syracuse market, the dealership's growth has been steady and deliberate.

Ownership passed to Bob and Shirley's middle son, Jim Oliver, in 1991. Jim moved the business to a standalone location and spent decades building it into the operation it is today. His wife, Marilyn Oliver, has been a constant presence inside and outside the office.

Their oldest son, Andrew Oliver, now manages day-to-day operations, representing the third generation

of family leadership. Other family members, Jordan Oliver, who was integral in the expansion to the Lafayette and Syracuse markets, and Tyler Oliver, who helped shape the business's employment structure and workplace culture, have each left a lasting mark on the company.

Andrew Oliver states, "What has kept customers returning to us across generations is our business model built on honesty and integrity. Rather than chasing monthly sales quotas, we focus on building lasting

relationships."

Oliver's offers the same price to every customer, with no hidden fees and no haggling. According to Andrew, customers who bought their first camper from Bob on West Hill, then from Jim on Route 12, now return to purchase from him. That line across three generations of the same family, offering the same values that defined the business at its founding, is something the Oliver family considers its greatest compliment.

In 2001, the family

lost both the patriarch Bob, and Jim's brother, David, within nine months of each other, to cancer. The loss of two key figures in the business, in the same year, was a blow that hit on every level. Then, in 2005 and again in 2006, the Chenango River flooded the dealership. First with ten inches of water throughout the building, and the following year with four feet many trailers were lost to the flood as well as parts and office equipment. Months of clean-up followed while the business continued to operate. The dealership persisted through each of these periods, speaking to the resilience that has defined the Oliver family's approach from the beginning.

The rise of big-box dealers and internet-based competition has also required adaptation. Oliver's shifted its advertising from word-of-mouth to a broader digital presence to reach customers beyond the immediate region. The RV industry saw significant downturns in 2008 and 2009. Recent market trends have presented fresh challenges, but the business has maintained its footing through their

customer-focused business model.

Behind the operation is a team that extends well beyond the Oliver family. In earlier decades, James Dillenback and Cathy Martin were pillars of the business. Today, a dedicated group of employees keeps the dealership running daily. Andrew states, "Oliver's would not be where it is today without each one of our employees: Karlie, Jason, Cory, Mike, Chelsea, Josh, Billy, Art, Skip, Evan, Nick, Cabrarah and Wayne."

Community investment has been a consistent part of the dealership's identity as well. Oliver's donates trailers for local events, contributes to children's programs, and makes a range of charitable gifts each year. Oliver's philosophy is straightforward: the more the business can do to strengthen the community around it, the better a business it becomes.

Oliver's Campers will be recognized as Small Business of the Year at the Annual Commerce Chenango Awards Gala at the Canasawacta Country Club on Thursday, June 18th at 5 p.m.

## Otselic Valley Public Library wins Innovation in Library Programming award from Four County Library System

**CHENANGO COUNTY** — The Four County Library System, which serves 43 public libraries in Broome, Chenango, Delaware and Otsego counties, had a wonderful evening celebrating with staff and trustees from our member libraries at the Annual Dinner on June 1st.

A highlight of the evening was celebrating the

third annual Innovation in Library Programming Award. This year's winner was the Otselic Valley Public Library in Chenango County. They won for their outstanding Lit Cookbook Club, which pairs a literary selection with a themed cookbook, inviting participants to read, cook, and share a meal together. Members pre-

pare recipes at home inspired by the featured cookbook, then gather to discuss the book, explore cultural connections, and enjoy trivia related to the theme. From gothic flavors inspired by Edgar Allan Poe to Korean dishes connected to Crying in H Mart, the program blends literacy, cultural exploration, and community building in a deli-

ciously engaging way.

Other nominees this year included the Cannon Free Library in Delhi's Stuffy Sleepover, the Memory Lab: Photo Digitization Day program from the George F. Johnson Memorial Library in Endicott, Franklin Free Library's Storytime Share, the Geek Out Gaming Con from the Your Home Public Library in Johnson City, New Berlin Library's Art Camp, the Roxbury Library Association's partnership with Roxbury Central School Library and Summer in the Park programs, Vestal Public Library's Crafty Cinema, and the William B. Ogden Free Library in Walton's Annual Tiny Art Show, Pieces of Our Past mosaic workshop series, and passive summer reading program for adults.

Selecting a winner amidst such remarkable nominees was no easy task for the award selec-



**The third annual Four County Library Innovation in Library Programming Award went to the Otselic Valley Public Library for their Lit Cookbook Club. The award was presented by Four County Library System Executive Director Steve Bachman and accepted by Otselic Valley Public Library Director Katy Charles. (Submitted photo)**

tion committee, as each program showcased a strong dedication to creativity, inclusivity, and community engagement. The Four County Library System applauds the efforts of these librar-

ies and congratulates each of them for contributing uniquely to the enrichment of their communities.

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# Colorscape Chenango Arts Festival expands to a three-day celebration with a Friday night main stage kick-off

**NORWICH** – Colorscape Chenango Arts Festival returns to downtown Norwich September 11–13, 2026, with an exciting lineup of nationally and regionally acclaimed musicians, poets, and performers.

Now entering its 32nd year, the festival continues its tradition of bringing together exceptional visual arts, live music, literary arts, family activities, and community experiences in the heart of Chenango County.

This year marks a significant milestone in Colorscape’s history: for the first time ever, the festival will feature a dedicated Friday night Main Stage performance, officially launching Colorscape Weekend with a special concert by beloved Hudson Valley roots-rock favorites The Slambovian Circus of Dreams. Longtime festival audiences will recognize the band as a perennial crowd favorite, making their Friday evening appearance a fitting and highly anticipated way to open the weekend’s festivities.

“We wanted to create something special that signals the beginning of Colorscape Weekend and gives visitors a reason to come to Norwich a little earlier and stay a little



**NC-based YARN will headline Saturday night’s Main Stage line-up. (Submitted photo)**

longer,” said Nate Gross, who is curating his first Main Stage lineup as Colorscape’s Main Stage Music Coordinator. “The Slambovian Circus of Dreams felt like the perfect artist to launch this new tradition. Curating this year’s Main Stage has been an opportunity to bring together artists who embody the creativity, connection, and musical excellence that make Colorscape unique. I’m thrilled to share this lineup with our audience and to help create memorable experiences that will resonate long after the festival weekend ends.”

Throughout the weekend, the NBT Main Stage in East Park will show-

case an eclectic mix of Americana, roots rock, brass, reggae, folk, poetry, and singer-songwriter performances. Featured artists include NC-based YARN, Jamie McLean Band, The Big Takeover, Maddy Walsh & The Blindspots, The Rollin’ Rust, Alpha Brass Band, and a closing Sunday performance by the acclaimed Adam Ezra Group.

The festival will also welcome poet Fanta Ballo, whose appearances throughout Saturday will bring the spoken word to the Main Stage, while Sunday’s FIRE (Females Inspire Rock Empower) Songwriters Round will spotlight the talents of women artists

and songwriters. The weekend will additionally feature the annual Student Art Show Presentation, celebrating the creativity of local youth.

“This year’s lineup reflects exactly what makes Colorscape special,” said Michele Ericksen, Executive Director of Colorscape Chenango Arts Festival. “You’ll hear nationally touring artists alongside regional favorites, experience multiple artistic disciplines, and discover performers you may not have encountered before. We’re especially excited to introduce our first Friday night Main Stage concert, which expands the festival

experience and creates an exciting new tradition for our community and visitors. Nate has assembled a lineup that honors Colorscape’s roots while bringing fresh energy and new voices to the festival.”

Beyond the Main Stage, Colorscape’s additional performance stages will offer entertainment for audiences of all ages throughout the weekend. Peggy’s Stage continues its tradition of showcasing outstanding local and regional talent, with performances by Binghamton’s Angelwood Celtic & Folk, Americana and roots ensemble Simmerin’ Stew, and singer-songwriter George Anderson among others. Families will find plenty to enjoy at the Art Zone Stage, where interactive and family-friendly performances will include the Carle School of Irish Dance, the whimsical puppetry of Paper Heart Puppets, children’s music with Julie Burns, and crowd-pleasing entertainment from The Skinny German Juggle Boy. Together, these stages help create the vibrant, multi-generational atmosphere that has made Colorscape a beloved community tradition for more than three decades.

As always, festivalgoers can also enjoy more than 120 juried visual artists, literary arts programming, children’s activities, interactive art experiences, and more food vendors throughout the weekend.

Performance schedules, artist information, and festival updates are available at colorscape.org.

The Colorscape Chenango Arts Festival was recognized as one of the country’s top 200 fine art and design classic and contemporary craft shows by Sunshine Artist Magazine. Colorscape Chenango has celebrated premier artists in downtown Norwich since 1995.

This free, two-day festival in September features over 100 creators displaying and selling their paintings, sculptures, fabric art, fine crafts, photography, and more. Colorscape also offers nationally renowned musical performers, poetry and literary arts, food, and interactive art activities for all ages. The 2026 festival will be held rain or shine September 11–13 in Norwich’s East and West Parks.

*-Colorscape Chenango Arts Festival*

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munities. The Fresh Market, operating out of their 1,100-square-foot storefront, currently stocks dairy, fresh vegetables, and meat, with the owners open to adding items based on customer requests. Expanding the deli section with sliced meats and premade lunch options is among the changes under consideration.

When building the Fresh Market, the owners hired Jeff Collins, the former manager of the Sherburne Big M, to lead store operations and wholesale purchasing. Collins brings more than 30 years of grocery experience to the role, along with an established network of vendor relationships.

The store has seen steady growth since opening and recently began accepting EBT, a process Andy Lagoe said was facilitated by local legislators through conversations with the USDA. The Fresh Market is open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. seven days a week and is located at 45 South Main Street in Sherburne. The owners are currently evaluating a potential expansion of the storefront to address space constraints as traffic continues to build.

Community investment has been a consistent thread through the business’s history. Between October and March, Gilligan’s Island hosts fundraiser nights on Mondays and Wednesdays, donating 20 percent of that evening’s profits to a dif-

ferent local organization each time. Participating groups typically take home between \$300 and \$600, depending on turnout. The program was born partly out of a desire to support local causes during slower winter months, and partly to encourage residents to continue patronizing small businesses off-season. That commitment to the community is what Commerce Chenango cited in selecting Gilligan’s Island for this year’s honor.

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## SNB HORSESHOE CLUB:

## Potter's Tires remains in control for fourth straight week

BY MORGAN GOLLIVER  
GAZETTE SPORTS EDITOR

**SOUTH NEW BERLIN**—The South New Berlin Horseshoe Club is still going strong after finishing its sixth week of play on June 3. For four straight weeks, it has been Billy Schermerhorn and John Edwards of Potter's Tires that has been in control of the club with a record of 21-3.

The SNB Horseshoe Club top five teams continue to include Kelly's Flowers, Webster Paving, The Stadium in that order with Fun Lovers climbing from seventh to fifth.

Lee Coon swept the men's leaderboards all by himself with a 67 as the highest singles game and a 176 for the high series.

Kate Lloyd took both the women's leader-

boards with a high game of a 69 and a high series of a 149.

Potter's Tires took all four of the team leaderboards to close out the week.

The South New Berlin Horseshoe Club meets every Wednesday night through now until September.

**Full Standings as of June 3:**

1. Potter's Tires (Billy Schermerhorn/John

Edwards) 21-3, 3619 points

2. Kelly's Flowers (Lee Coon/Jess Sherwood) 19-5, 3486 points

3. Webster Paving (Ed Webster/Bob Wells) 17.5-6.5, 3486 points

4. The Stadium (Al Bush/Al Patten) 17.5-6.5, 3481 points

5. Fun Lovers (Tim Lidell/Mike Grant) 15.5-8.5, 3460 points

6. Old Skool Lawnmower Repair & Service

(Larry Shaw/Darla Smith) 14-10, 3461 points

7. Rhino Graphics (Ryan Lund/Bill Wetherbee) 14-10, 3341 points

8. Aptitude Design Co. (Tresta Raymond/Kate Lloyd) 13-11, 3402 points

9. Carpet Protectors (Brian Prentice/Chris Davis) 13-7, 3393 points

10. Pitch Perfect (Lisa Webster/Brynn Grant) 10.5-13.5, 3374 points

11. Rustic Ridge (Ron Anderson/George Hansmaier) 10-14, 3314 points

12. Top Notch Timber (Keith Clark/Jim Bulger) 9.5-10.5, 2751 points

13. Roger's Best Value Tire & Auto (Cindy Miller/Joe Miller) 9-15, 3371 points

14. Upstate Companies (Laura Pegg/Ashley Barrows) 8.5-15.5, 3385 points

15. Rolling M Stables (Jim Moffitt/Melvin Harvey) 5-15, 2772 points

16. The Retirees (Bob Aitken/Denys Meade) 4-20, 3302 points

17. Tuttle's Hot Diggity Dogs (Sam Tuttle/

Trevor May) 4-20, 3278 points

18. RTG (Connie Barnes/Darlene Conkling) 3-17, 2830 points

**Men's High Singles:**

Lee Coon 67  
Al Patten 64  
John Edwards 61

**Women's High Singles:**

Kate Lloyd 69  
Cindy Miller 38  
Lisa Webster 36

**Team High Singles:**

Potter's Tires 117  
The Stadium 106  
Webster Paving 100

**High Singles Handicap:**

Potter's Tires 219  
Carpet Protectors 218  
Aptitude Design Co. 212

**Men's High Series:**

Lee Coon 176  
John Edwards 171  
Ed Webster 167

**Women's High Series:**

Kate Lloyd 149  
Cindy Miller 91  
Lisa Webster 85

**Team High Series:**

Potter's Tires 323  
Webster Paving 296  
Fun Lovers 277

**High Series Handicap:**

Potter's Tires 629  
Carpet Protectors 618  
Pitch Perfect 586

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## UV PONY drops to Schenevus on the road to start summer season

BY MORGAN GOLLIVER  
GAZETTE SPORTS EDITOR

**SCHENEVUS**—The 2026 Otsenango PONY league season kicked off on Thursday, where Unadilla Valley traveled to take on Schenevus. PONY league is for baseball players 16 years of age and younger.

UV fell 11-1 on Thursday in the first game of the summer.

Schenevus got on the board with two runs in the first, added a run in the bottom of the second before a big six-run fifth inning.

UV answered back with a run in the top of the sixth as Kasen Cox led the inning off with a double, stole third, and came in to score the

Storm's lone run before the final out.

Schenevus scored its final two runs in their last at-bats.

Cox and Urijah Drake had UV's only hits as Blake Billbrough, Teagin Eccleston, Paul Ruffles, and Jake Favinger reached base on walks.

Eccleston went four innings on the mound, allowing three unearned runs on two hits, three walks, and struck out six batters.

Johnny Favinger worked two innings in relief, allowing eight runs (three earned) on five hits, three walks, and three strikeouts.

UV (0-1) heads to Norwich on Monday at 6 p.m.

## The Early Files *by Peggy Finnegan*

### WEEK #25

#### TEN YEARS AGO

June 17, 2016

This past weekend, New Berlin celebrated its bicentennial.

Only 71 miles long... the Unadilla drains but a few hundred square miles compared to the 27,500 of the Susquehanna.

#### TWENTY YEARS AGO

June 23, 2006

It's that time of year again, warm sunshine and long days, a perfect excuse to bring families together.

Yeska Dibble will participate in the Walk for Life at the fairgrounds. She is hoping for many sponsors.

#### FORTY YEARS AGO

June 20, 1986

Wells are going dry, including mine. Good neighbor Sanford Jones brought me a can of water for which I am deeply thankful.

Little Justin Stage made his debut around town and was extremely well received.

The ECS baseball team played Herkimer in the state semi-finals. They lost but played a great game.

Paul Tourtelotte, Brooks BBQ employee, is on crutches due to a table falling on his foot.

#### FIFTY YEARS AGO

### June 20, 1976

Dorothy Jones got a treat when she saw a mama turkey and her family.

There will be a So. New Berlin community band again this year.

The Hurricane marching band took 1st place in Sidney and won \$150.

Miss Cindy Bolton entertained several girlfriends in honor of her 13th birthday.

FOR SALE: Two family house, 35 West St. \$2,000 less than new assessed value.

### SIXTY YEARS AGO

June 19, 1966

Chenango Lake is once more filled with water and shows its natural beauty.

Sam Veronesi caught two large mouth bass averaging 3 lbs. each at Silver Lake.

Fred Shaver, who has a milk route covering East Hill and Copes Corners, extended it to include New Berlin Center, formerly drawn by Lavern Anderson.

WANTED to stay with elderly lady or children by week. Would like to work right along; like to live in. No telephone. E. Smith

LOBSTERS: Live & fresh from Maine, 1 lb. ave. 99c

### SEVENTY YEARS AGO

June 22, 1956

Chase Hospital was expanded in 1949 with a new wing. Public contribution was \$22,000.

Cora Adelle Jones Holmes was born January 7, 1866.

West Ed students enjoyed a ride on the NY Central.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Whipple purchased the Margaret Royce home on Academy St.

ROAST BEEF: Roast beef, mashed potatoes, string beans, tomatoes, cucumbers, rolls, bread, strawberry shortcake, tea, coffee, milk. Adults \$125; children 50c; under 5 free. Methodist Church Young Adults

### EIGHTY YEARS AGO

June 20, 1946

July 1 the state will return to the pre-war practice of issuing drivers licenses only to persons 18 or older.

Milton Fish caught a 15 lb. lake trout in Otsego Lake.

Glenn Bowers bought the Carl Johnson farm on Butternut Falls road.

John Kazlauskas, 45, died suddenly. He was in excellent health up until his death.

Dennis Crandall was remembered very nicely on his birthday.

Hubert Hume will get lumber for a new barn on the Emily Tophoven farm to replace the one which

was destroyed in the wind storm.

### NINETY YEARS AGO

June 20, 1936

Rain is badly needed but tent caterpillars are plentiful and everyone is busy killing all they can.

Archie Bingham delivered chicks to F.J. Hills.

In 1935 there were 80 miles of rural electrification distribution lines in Chenango county.

Besides the usual run of work, Richard Clark, 81 is hoeing corn at Albert Mayne's. It would take a much younger man to keep up with him.

Most enlightened communities ban the use of fireworks on the 4th of July, realizing that the hazard to life, limb and property is too great to permit the indiscriminate shooting of any form of fireworks.

### HUNDRED YEARS AGO

June 20 1926

Marriages of boys under 16 and girls under 14 are prohibited by domestic relations law.

The jury in the case of Donald Stukey for manslaughter in connection with the death of Ruth Schoemaker following a car accident returned a verdict of acquittal

Lawrence Brett bought a Nash car of Welch & Belden.

L.M. Axtell is sick with kidney and bladder trouble.

The sensible thing for a woman to do when she gives her husband a letter to mail is to date it two weeks ahead.

The Senate shelved farm relief legislation, causing farmers to breathe a sigh of relief.

Uncle Ab says a spell of bad weather is always followed by something else.

### 110 YEARS AGO

June 17, 1916

There are now 600 Americans fighting with the French Foreign Legion.

Thirteen young friends made a pleasant surprise party and supper for Miss Francis Bice.

The Flower Mission Dept. of the WCTU have lately placed banners on the graves of deceased members.

Mrs. Delia Talbot is keeping house for Arthur Palmetter.

Canning eggs is now thoroughly practical and will probably soon be a market article.

William Elliott returned from his year's work at Cornell University.

Dr. and Mrs. E.B. Nash are spending a few days with Dr. and Mary Tuttle.

Dr. Nash was professor of Materia Medica at the New York Homeopathic Medical College and

author of several books, one of which was translated into French, German, Spanish and Bengali.

The second year's work of the Dept. of Agriculture of our high school will cover a larger field and include several new subjects in order to meet the increasing demands made upon it.

Ted Warner of Sidney is in town tuning pianos.

Frank Payne and R.D. Coy are building the foundation for a monument for Robert Pierson.

WANTED: A man to work through haying. Floyd M. Chapin, RD 3

### 120 YEARS AGO

June 23, 1906

This week has been a hard one for the autos in the village, and every one of them is, or has been, out of commission. Dr Fish's mishap was the first chapter, followed by disabling accidents to S.S. Chewning, I.L. Richer and Leroy Fish.

Entertainment for the lower grades was a well-played piano duet by Mary White and Edna Lowe with little Josephine Fish and Russell White's childish voices blending sweetly in "Mind What Your Mamma Says."

Twenty-two copies of the "History of New Berlin" by John Hyde, Esq. have been sold.

## Air conditioning coming to EOH's 1892 landmark theater

EARLVILLE - Earlville Opera House (EOH) has been awarded \$89,872 by the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA) to install air conditioning in the 1892 historic Landmark Theater and re-roof a portion of its building.

This grant is part of a capital project funding announcement by NYSCA, which totals over \$82 million to 132 arts and culture facilities across New York State.

"New York's powerful arts and culture sector is a formidable asset," Governor Hochul said. "Our continued investments in museums, theaters and art centers generate incredible returns - sparking innovation, boosting local economies, driving visitors and making us the global epicenter of arts and culture."

As one of the oldest non-profit cultural organizations in Chenango County, EOH was founded in 1972 as a commu-

nity service organization promoting arts in rural Central New York by offering programs of cultural, educational & historical significance. Programs include a range of diverse visual and performing arts programs and services represented by rotating gallery exhibits; live performances; arts workshops; arts education opportunities; and administering Statewide Community Regrants. EOH's dual mission to enrich the area through the arts includes preserving the architectural and historic integrity of EOH, a unique 2nd story historic Landmark Theater constructed in 1892, for future generational use. EOH was named to the National Register of Historic Places in 1973.

EOH Executive Director, Michelle Connelly says, "It has been a long-time dream to add air conditioning to EOH's historic Main Stage Theater which holds 300

seats on two levels and gets too warm for occupant comfort during the summer months. With this portion of the project, we will install air conditioning to improve audience comfort, performer health, and operational viability by enabling year-round comfortable use. Air conditioning will enhance acoustics, protect artifacts, and will help increase revenue with a modern, non-intrusive system that provides energy efficiency, balancing preservation with modern needs for stable temperature and humidity control. We could not be more thrilled."

In relation to roof repair, EOH Board President Bruce Ward states, "EOH's roof structure is divided into 3 discrete sections, one higher roof over the theater and two lower roofs flanking it on either side. Two of these sections have given us repeated leakage problems in recent years. With

this project, we intend to replace one lower section of the roof which has repeatedly leaked causing major issues so that we can prevent future damage to the historic structure, with intentions to repair/replace damaged ceilings beneath it in the future for longevity and assurance of building stability."

New York State Council on the Arts Executive Director Erika Mallin said, "We know that when the arts flourish, communities follow - bringing energy, creating jobs, expanding accessibility, and increasing tourism. This grant program is a critical investment in our creative sector, empowering our creative community and inspiring innovation. Congratulations to all the grantees, we look forward to seeing these diverse projects develop all throughout the state."

The mission of the New York State Council on the Arts is to foster and

advance the full breadth of New York State's arts, culture, and creativity for all. To support the ongoing recovery of the arts across New York State, the Council on the Arts will award over \$161 million in FY 2027, serving hundreds of arts organizations and artists across all 10 state regions. The Council on the Arts further advances New York's creative culture by convening leaders in the field and providing organizational and professional development opportunities and informational resources.

Created by Governor Nelson Rockefeller in 1960 and continued with the support of Governor Kathy Hochul and the New York State Legislature, the Council is an agency that is part of the Executive Branch. For more information on NYSCA, please visit [www.arts.ny.gov](http://www.arts.ny.gov), and follow NYSCA's Facebook page, on X @NYSCArts and Instagram

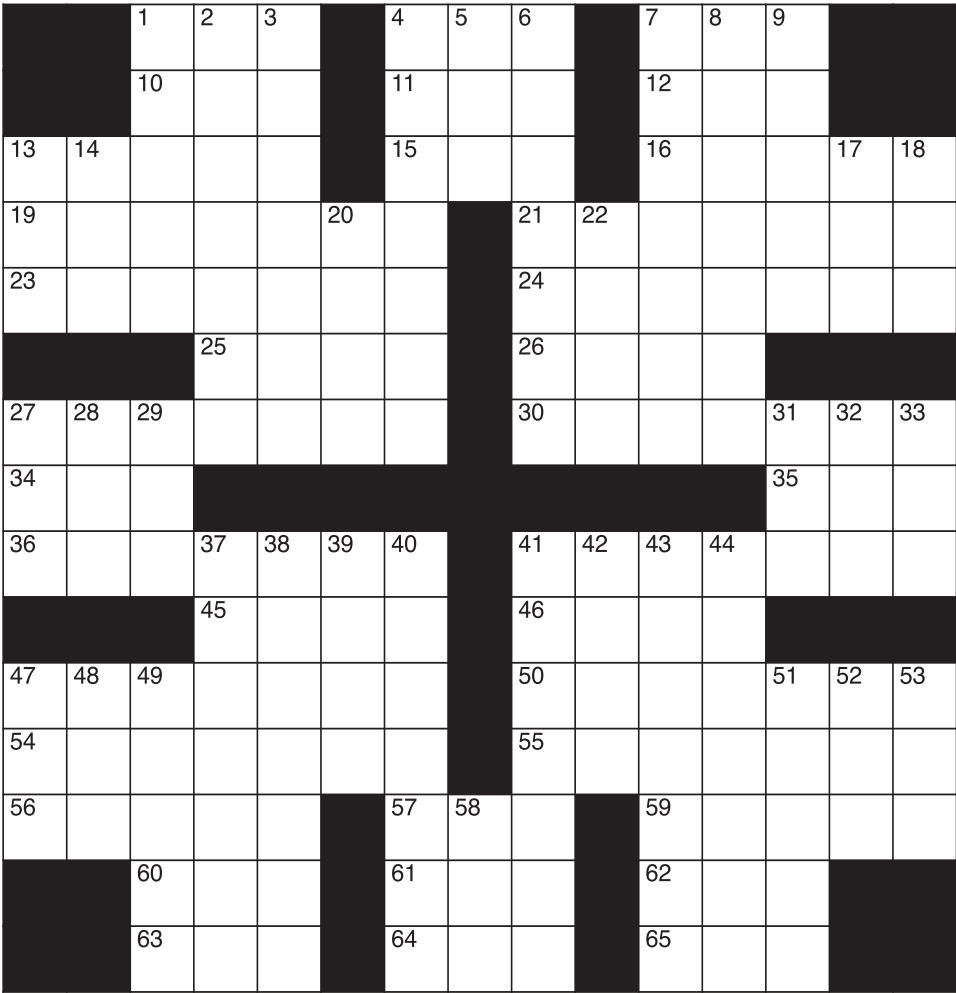
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Earlville Opera House Arts Center is located at 18 East Main Street in the quaint Village of Earlville, NY. At EOH we believe accessibility and inclusion are critical to everything we do. Our historic Opera House has been upgraded to ensure accessibility throughout the building, including a hearing loop system in our 1892 theater provided by Hamilton Hearing LLC. Please join us on Facebook and Instagram, view our website at [www.earlvilleoperahouse.com](http://www.earlvilleoperahouse.com) for the latest programming and services, and stop in for a visit.

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

- Information from EOH

# CROSSWORD



## CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Tire pressure measurement
- 4. Request
- 7. Clairvoyance
- 10. 007's creator
- 11. Adult male
- 12. God of battle (Scandinavian)
- 13. Cloths spread over a coffin
- 15. Breeze through
- 16. Ladyfish genus
- 19. We all take them
- 21. Earl's jurisdiction
- 23. Members of U.S. Navy
- 24. Rummy-like card game
- 25. Affected by injury
- 26. Member of a Semitic people
- 27. Withdrew from a union
- 30. Woman's cloak
- 34. Spanish river

- 35. Prohibit
- 36. Something you can take
- 41. Dish soap brand
- 45. Ottoman military commanders
- 46. Ancient Italian-Greek colony
- 47. Makes somber
- 50. Discuss again
- 54. A tool to inject
- 55. Support
- 56. Informal term for money
- 57. Catch doing something wrong
- 59. Prehistoric people
- 60. Large African antelope
- 61. Vehicle
- 62. Georgia rockers
- 63. High resolution microscope
- 64. Pitching statistic
- 65. Attempt

## CLUES DOWN

- 1. Indoor plant
- 2. Marketable
- 3. Rather
- 4. Collected
- 5. A bag-like structure in a plant or animal
- 6. Irish hip-hop trio
- 7. Ageless
- 8. Course requirements
- 9. Pokes at
- 13. TV channel
- 14. They \_\_
- 17. Cooking material
- 18. Investment account
- 20. Iron-containing compound
- 22. Swiss river
- 27. Small coin (French)
- 28. Electronic countermeasures
- 29. Taxi

- 31. Helps little firms
- 32. Unhappy
- 33. Midway between northeast and east
- 37. Glowing
- 38. Item to be addressed
- 39. An informal body of friends
- 40. Intrinsic nature of something
- 41. Neural structures
- 42. Brews
- 43. A place for ships
- 44. One who sings holiday songs
- 47. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
- 48. Scottish town
- 49. The most worthless parts
- 51. Sticky
- 52. Put to work
- 53. Precursor to the EU
- 58. Retrospective analysis (abbr.)

# WORD SEARCH

## FLOWER FRIENDS WORD SEARCH



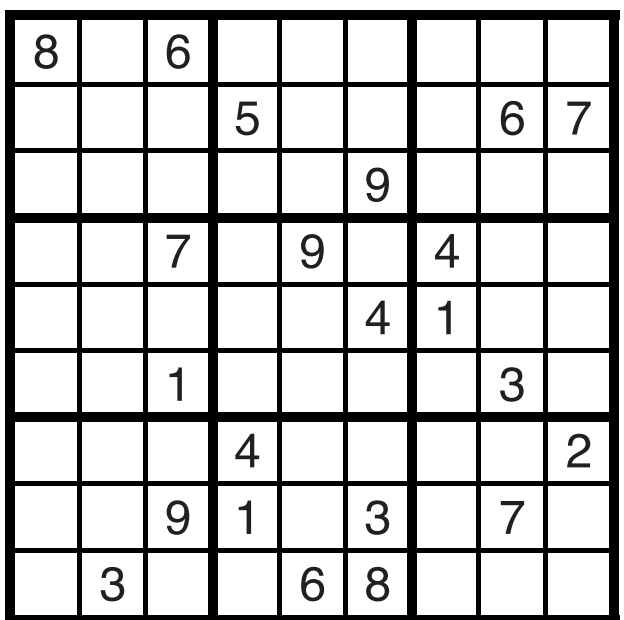
Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

- ANTENNAE
- APIARY
- BEETLE
- BLOSSOM
- BUMBLEBEE
- BUTTERFLY
- CHRYSLIS
- COLONY
- DRONE
- ECOSYSTEM
- FLIGHT
- FORAGING
- HABITAT
- HOVERFLY
- HUMMINGBIRD
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Level: Intermediate

# WORD SCRAMBLE

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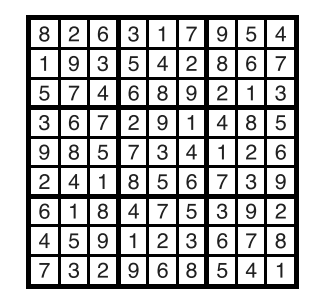
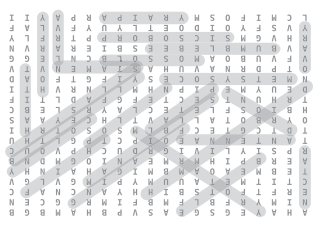
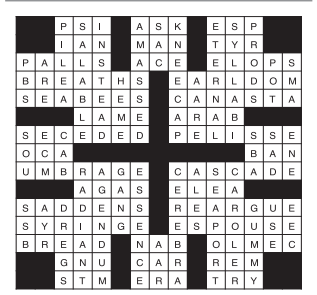
Answer: Bees

# GUESS WHO ?

I am an actor born in South Korea on June 16, 1972. I first rose to fame in a film franchise opposite Kal Penn. I also portrayed a character in the reboot of the "Star Trek" franchise. I made history as the first Asian American actor to star in a mainstream Hollywood thriller.

Answer: John Cho

# Solutions:



# Join the fun and educational programs at Dairy Day and Open Farm Day, July 18

**BY KELLI MILLER**  
GAZETTE STAFF WRITER

CHENANGO COUNTY — June is Dairy Month, but this year, Chenango County Dairy Day will be held on July 18 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., July 18, at the fairgrounds, located at 168 East Main Street. It was moved to coincide with Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) of Chenango County's 2nd annual Open Farm Day.

Dairy Day will provide youth activities, food, dairy products, project displays, contests, the opportunity to meet the official Dairy Ambassadors and engage with local producers.

According to the CCE website, global dairy innovator Chobani and the Chenango County Farm Bureau will also be on hand to highlight the power of large-scale production and regional agriculture in the Upstate New York community.



Last year, Chenango County Dairy Day Ambassadors served ice cream during Dairy Day. Open Farm Day offered hay rides and an abundance of produce. This year, the two events are combined. Dairy Month continues to be in June but Chenango County Dairy Day has been switched to July 18, to coincide with Cornell Cooperative Extension's 2nd annual Open Farm Day. (Submitted photos)

"These events celebrate the storied history and importance of agriculture in Chenango County," said CCE Grazing, Forestry, Ag Economic Development Specialist Rich Taber.

"We are combining events so that we can have a stronger and more effective impact for our agricultural community," Taber said.

Area residents and visitors are also invited to enjoy Open Farm Day, a day of free self-guided tours, interactive demonstrations, and family fun events throughout the county.

Chenango County Open Farm Day participants will be Berry Brae Farm, Ryan's Yak Farm, Hillcrest Lavender Farm, Penwingle Farm,

Fox Trail Farm, and Cook's Maple.

Farms will offer tours of livestock operations, tours of traditional crop and livestock homesteads, U-Pick blueberries, fragrant fields of lavender, a wood-fired sugarhouse, and more.

Generational farmer and previous Chenango County Farm Bureau President Terry Ives said

less than two percent of the area population is growing the state's food and fiber.

"We need to share how it is grown and produced," Ives said. "Dairy Day is an opportunity to learn and have fun."

"Open Farm Day is the opportunity to go to the source and see what is happening," he added.

Additional partici-

pants will be Chenango County Historical Society and Museum, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Chenango, Rogers Center, and Kutiks' Honey Bee's, offering hands-on educational programs.

For a list of locations and interactive maps, visit the official event page online at [ccechenango.org](http://ccechenango.org).

## Penwingle Farm joins Cornell Cooperative Extensions' Open Farm Day

**BY KELLI MILLER**  
GAZETTE STAFF WRITER

GUILFORD — Penwingle Farm is a veteran-run and owned farm. Owners Jennifer and Curtis Caci signed up for Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) Open Farm Day, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., July 18, and look forward to greeting visitors to their farm, located at 167 Joslyn Road in Guilford.

The Caci's established the Guilford farm in 2021 and produce a variety of products, including berries, vegetables and maple syrup. They also produce dry, square bale hay.

During Open Farm Day, Jennifer said they will show off their animals, offer wagon rides and discuss rotational grazing and the establishment of silvopasture on their farm.

Silvopasture is a practice of integrating trees, forage, and the grazing of domesticated animals in a mutually beneficial way.

"We think it is extremely valuable for

the community to experience the farming that's happening locally," she said. "Our family farms should be a great source of pride for the county and we would like to show people why.

"We're very excited about it," said Jennifer. "I think it is a great opportunity to show the community some unique animals as well as some sustainable farming practices."

She said they love being around the animals and also love driving tractors and also enjoy the fulfillment of producing things from the land and giving back to the community.

"We have heritage breed Cayuga ducks, Cotton Patch geese and American Blackbelly hair sheep," Jennifer said. "We also have Painted Desert hair sheep.

She said the hair sheep require a bit less attention because they don't need to be sheared like wool sheep.

Jennifer noted they will have their products for sale and addition-



Visit Penwingle Farm on Cornell Cooperative Extension Open Farm Day, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., July 18 and meet the two registered Painted Desert rams, Peanut and his Uncle Hickory. The Penwingle Farm is a veteran-run and owned farm. Owners Jennifer and Curtis Caci look forward to greeting visitors to their farm, located at 167 Joslyn Road in Guilford. (Photo by Jennifer Caci)

al products from the Oxford farmers market vendors.

She explained every day starts with chores which entail feeding and caring for the animals before turning them out.

During the summer, they make hay whenever the weather permits, as well as working on equipment, tending to

vegetables in the high tunnel and all the berry bushes.

"We are always trying to improve on how we do things as well as finding sustainable practices that help maintain the natural balance on and around the farm," said Jennifer.

When the Caci's aren't busy farming, they show

their animals at several fairs and have several sheep that are leased and shown by 4-H kids. Plus, she said they are vendors at the Oxford and Pharsalia farmers' markets.

Jennifer grew up on a farm in Orange County and started farming in Chenango County in 2021 when she retired from the Army after 29 years of service.

She said the farm dates back to the 1840's, but they bought it in 2007 and had a caretaker until 2020, when she retired from the U.S. Army. Curtis retired a year later.

"I grew up on a farm a couple hours south but many of the farms down there are gone now," she added, "So I knew I needed to go farther upstate if I wanted to farm."

Jennifer said her husband Curtis is originally from Georgia and New York winters have been a big change for him but he's embraced the farm life.

She said they are both

combat veterans several times over and the farm is a healing place for them.

Colonel Jennifer Caci's career in the U.S. Army Medical Service Corps, included seven combat deployments to Afghanistan and leadership of the 47th Combat Support Hospital at Joint Base Lewis-McChord.

They are big proponents of the role that agriculture can play for veterans after their service and are members of the NY chapter of the Farmer Veteran Coalition.

She said they will have information about NY-FVC at the farm during Open Farm Day.

CCE Open Farm Day is all about bringing the community together to meet and support local farmers and supplying fresh produce for a healthier lifestyle choice.

To sign up for Open Farm Day, contact CCE Ag Economic Development Specialist Rich Taber at [rbt44@cornell.edu](mailto:rbt44@cornell.edu).



Blake Barrows, a DCMO BOCES CTE student from Oxford Academy Central School, receives a scholarship certificate from Brad and Kara Harrington of T & K Harrington LLC. (Submitted photo)



Calvin Wheelock, a DCMO BOCES CTE student from Greene Central School, receives a scholarship certificate from Brad and Kara Harrington of T & K Harrington LLC. (Submitted photo)

## DCMO BOCES Students Receive Scholarship Awards

NORWICH - Two DCMO BOCES Career & Technical Education students from the Pole Campus were recognized with scholarships on Friday, May 29, receiving the Marlene Klock Memorial Award, also known as the

T&K Harrington, LLC Scholarship.

The scholarship recognizes Chenango County high school seniors who plan to enter the workforce directly after graduation, with special consideration given to students entering the field

of underground utilities. The 2026 scholarship was further supported by an additional contribution from Bruce Elmore in honor of his parents, Mary and Walt Elmore.

Calvin Wheelock, a senior from Greene Central School District,

and Blake Barrows, a senior from Oxford Academy Central School District, are this year's recipients. Wheelock plans to enter the workforce after graduation, joining Cook's Sanitation. He also recently earned his CDL-A Restricted

License, marking an important step toward his career goals. Barrows plans to begin working for L.W. Morse and Sons Plumbing and Heating following graduation.

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dents 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](http://www.dcmoboces.com).

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## 4-H announces winner of the Chenango County Fair t-shirt design contest

BY KELLI MILLER  
GAZETTE STAFF WRITER

CHENANGO COUNTY — Recently, Chenango County 4-H Youth Development held a contest for 4-H youth to create a t-shirt design for the Chenango County Fair.

All enrolled 4-H youth ages five to 18 could enter the theme-based contest by creating an original mythical design inspired by the storybook "Once Upon a Fair."

4-H Youth Development Leader Micaela Meseck said the design included castles, creatures, and all things magical taking center stage.

She said voting took place on their 4-H

Facebook page with the winner, Beth Wilcox, taking first place, as she had the highest number of likes received by the deadline.

Meseck said three youth entered the contest with ages ranging from seven to 14.

"The contestants were Kaye W., Beth Wilcox, and Makayla C.," Meseck continued, "All three did an incredible job and submitted amazing designs."

Beth said she is in the 4-H Jolly Ranchers, and this was her first time entering a contest like this and she was very excited to win.

When Beth first heard about the contest, she just knew she had to enter it and said, "As soon as I found out



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about the contest, I said, 'okay, I have to do this.'" She worked on her design for three days,

creating the castle and cute animals, and added a rainbow to go with the mythical theme.

"I'm homeschooled, so I had a lot of time during those three days to work on it," she said.

Beth said she can't wait to see her design on t-shirts and noted they can be purchased at the fair.

4-H is consistent in Beth's life as she lives with her family on a 600-acre farm. She loves to show their beef cattle and has won a few times.

"I've been in three shows, and I've won a lot of ribbons," Beth added.

She said she will enter more contests in the future and gave thanks to her mom for helping her along the way.

According to the

Chenango County Fair website, the 2026 Chenango County Fair will run from August 6 through 10, located at 168 East Main Street in Norwich. The fair is a beloved tradition for over 100 years, bringing families and friends together to enjoy agriculture, livestock, arts and crafts, carnival rides, games, entertainment, and yummy fair food.

For more Chenango County 4-H and CCE information, visit their website at [ccechenango.org](http://ccechenango.org) or their Facebook pages at Chenango County 4-H Youth Development and Cornell Cooperative Extension of Chenango County.

## Chenango County's "Along the Garden Path" at this year's fair

ELIZABETH JOHNSON  
NORWICH GARDEN CLUB

CHENANGO COUNTY - The yearly flower show, brought by the Chenango County Federated Garden Clubs is asking all flower growers "Along the Garden Path" for the Chenango County Fair,

August 6-10th. Every year a unique decorating theme is selected for the show. The theme of this year's show is "Along the Garden Path."

Certain displays highlighting this theme are to be in the show. We invite you to come enjoy the displays and flowers every day of the fair.

Every year, for more than 50 years, the exhibit hall at the County Fair has become a beautiful garden, with tables topped with flowers grown by gardeners, just like you, from throughout Chenango County.

The entries are judged by Federated Garden club judges and dis-

played for all fair goers to enjoy throughout the week of the fair. These lovely flowers are judged and displayed in several different divisions and classes. Flowers for the show need to be pre-registered for entry by the Friday (8/1) before the show and brought in to the exhibit for judging

and display on either Monday evening (8/4) between 5-7 pm or Tuesday (8/5) between 7-10:30 am for horticulture submissions and 7am-12 pm for design displays.

This enjoyable, stimulating event is brought to you each year by the members of the

Chenango County Federated Garden Clubs. We invite you to bring the flowers from your gardens to the fair. To know more about how to enter your flowers for showing and how to display them at the fair, see the fair website or go to the fair office.



Numerous traffic citations were issued during Operation Hard Hat in Cortland County, including an incident of a vehicle pursuit. As part of Operation Hard Hat, NY State Troopers are embedded within active work zones, often dressed as highway workers, to observe motorists committing violations. (Photo from the NYS)

## Disguised NY State Police work-zone detail on I-81 issues 60 citations and arrests one driver for attempting to flee

**CORTLAND COUNTY** - A New York State Police work-zone enforcement detail on Interstate 81 led to one arrest and 60 citations Tuesday, reported the New York State Police.

Numerous traffic citations were issued during Operation Hard Hat in Cortland County, including an incident of a vehicle pursuit.

The New York State Police Troop C Traffic Incident Management (TIM) Unit along with Troopers assigned to SP Homer conducted an Operation Hard Hat enforcement detail in Cortland County on June 9, 2026.

The detail took place on Interstate 81 northbound, approximately three miles north of Exit 54 (Homer), where highway crews were making pavement and pothole repairs.

During the enforcement, Troopers issued a total of 60 citations and made one arrest.

**Arrest:** Unlawfully Fleeing a Police Officer in a Motor Vehicle in the 3rd degree, a misdemeanor.

### Traffic Citations Issued:

Speeding - 25. Seatbelt Compliance - 10. Operating an Electronic Device - 10. Failure to Move Over - 1. Other - 14 (13 violations and one misdemeanor for Aggravated Unlicensed Operation in the 3rd degree).

At approximately 12:48 p.m., Troopers said they attempted to stop a 2016 Audi operated by Rashi L. Brown, 49 of Alsip, Illinois after observing the vehicle traveling 80 mph through the active

work zone.

Brown failed to comply and continued northbound while accelerating, said police. He subsequently entered a U-turn in the town of Preble and began traveling southbound on Interstate 81 toward the town of Homer.

Brown exited the interstate at Exit 54 in Homer and continued to travel through the town of Cortlandville and the city of Cortland before entering a parking lot across from Guthrie Cortland Medical Center near the intersection of Homer Avenue and Alvena Avenue in the city of Cortland where he was taken into custody without further incident said police.

Brown was processed and issued appearance tickets for Unlawfully Fleeing a Police Officer in a Motor Vehicle (misdemeanor) and ten traffic citations (violations).

Operation Hard Hat is designed to reduce dangerous driving behaviors in highway work zones, enhance the safety of highway workers, and improve compliance with traffic laws in active construction zones Throughout New York State.

The work zone involved in the detail was clearly marked with signs warning motorists of an upcoming work zone, advising that fines are doubled in the work zones, reducing the speed limit to 55 mph, and notifying drivers of a right-lane closure. A flashing directional arrow board was also utilized just outside the zone to remind drivers to merge left.

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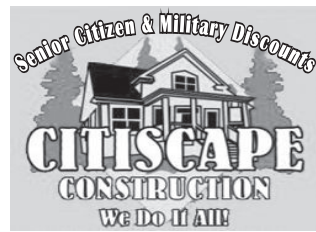
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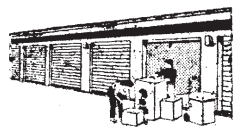


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# New Berlin Library Corner

## The New Berlin Library kicks-off the summer reading program with a coloring contest

NEW BERLIN - The New Berlin Library is holding a summer coloring contest for children 12 and younger. Participants can pick up the official "Unearth a Story" coloring sheet from the library's circulation desk. The design features the library surrounded by dinosaurs, perfect for children to bring to life with crayons, markers, paint, or colored pencils.

As a special incentive there is a chance to win a Dinosaur-themed gift basket, filled with dinosaur Lego sets and other prehistoric surprises. One winner will be selected based on creativity, effort, and overall presentation. The coloring contest will

run June 1st through June 26th and winner will be announced on June 29th.

The Dinosaur Coloring Sheet was designed by New Berlin Library's own Renee Priola. The library expressed how lucky they are to have a staff member with a graphic art degree. "We realize how special that is for a smaller library like ours," said library board president George Anderson. "Renee designed our library's logo as well as quite a few coloring sheets."

The Summer Reading Program officially begins on July 1 and runs through August 31. It will offer participants opportunities to track

their reading, attend special programs, and earn prizes. Activities throughout the summer will focus on exploration, discovery, and the excitement of uncovering new adventures through books.

Families are invited to attend a special art program on Wednesday, June 29 at 5:00 p.m. Participants will create festive Fourth of July door hangers featuring red, white, and blue stars on twine accented with patriotic beads. Registration is required to ensure enough supplies are included. Patriotic cupcakes and drinks will be served during this event.

During the Village of New Berlin Garage

Sale Day on Saturday, June 20, the library will host a free used book giveaway. Visitors are encouraged to stop by the library's front porch and lawn to browse carts filled with free books for all ages.

The library will be closed on June 19, July 3 and July 4 for the Juneteenth and Independence Day holidays.

Some great new additions to the library include: Rocket's Red Glare by James Patterson and Matt Eversmann, Tiny T. Rex and the Very Dark Dark by Jonathan Stutzman, Dig Dig Dinosaur by Professor Anjali Goswami, Dinosaur Day by Edward Miller,



and The Colorful World of Dinosaurs by Matt Sewell.

The New Berlin Library is located at 15 South Main Street, New Berlin.

The Library is open Monday and Wednesday 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 10 a.m. -5 p.m.; and Saturdays 10 a.m. to noon.

The web address is <http://libraries.4cls.org/newberlin/>. Please contact us at 607-847-8564 or like and message our Facebook page New Berlin Library and Museum. ([www.facebook.com/newberlinlibrary.newberlinny](http://www.facebook.com/newberlinlibrary.newberlinny)) with any questions.

- The New Berlin Library

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## GETTING A GRIP ON CLAY

**CLAY** is a type of soil that is composed mainly of fine-grained minerals. Two of the most noticeable properties of clay are its "plasticity" when wet, or the ability to be molded and shaped, and that it hardens when dried. After being dried, dry clay can then be remoistened to become plastic again. In addition, clay can become permanently hardened when heated to high temperatures.

**PAY DIRT**  
There are about 30 different types of clay, and nearly all clays found naturally are a mixture of these different types.

While clay soils are often more fertile than other types of soil, it is generally not well-suited for growing crops because of its poor water drainage.

This cartoon needs to shape up or ship out.

Many animals eat clay as part of their diet.

Clay is a very common substance on our planet.

**CLAYMATION**  
Clay plays an important role in the manufacture of many products, including bricks, cement, paint, paper and tile.

Ceramics made from clay are used as heat shields for modern spacecraft.

What did the kiln say to the clay? You're fired!

Why don't cats like clay? They don't know what to make of it.

I can be fashioned into nearly any shape.

Clay is one of the oldest building materials.

It takes thousands of years for natural clay to form.

**FIRED UP**

Can you help this potter get to her wheel?

**WORD SEARCH**

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

COMMON	CLAY	PRAIRIE	DOG	FUN
POTTERY	HEAT	OLW	WALL	IEPOE
HARDEN	FINE	TEAM	OPIE	EMOD
PLASTIC	SOIL	THESE	EUPM	TRR
TABLET	DIET	ENIFT	LMBO	YEA
OBJECT	BOB	RIDEA	IAC	TEACH
BUILD	OLD	TCEJ	BAL	TBFUN
FIRE	DRY	OUROL	SPEA	ONCE
FORM	WET	SHIPE	HEYR	BOOT
		OFFIT	HAM	YEARS

Different types of clay heated, or "fired," at different temperatures will produce a wide variety of final products, including earthenware, stoneware and porcelain.

Clay has been used for thousands of years as traditional medicine in many cultures around the world.

Archaeologists believe humans began making objects from clay more than 20,000 years ago, and clay pottery more than 14,000 years ago.

More than half of the people on Earth live or work in buildings constructed using materials made from clay.

The Sumerians began keeping written records using tablets made of clay more than 5,000 years ago.

Why did the potter put her face in the clay? She fell asleep at the wheel.

What do you call a Sasquatch that likes to make bowls out of clay? A hairy potter.