



JULY 23, 2026

Chenango County reinstates deputy social services post after six-year absence

BY SHAWN MAGRATH
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NORWICH – Despite opposition from certain officials, a resolution to reinstate the position of deputy commissioner of social services has passed the Chenango County Board of Supervisors, effectively putting a job on the county payroll that hasn’t existed in half a decade.

Board members approved reinstatement of the \$98,000 salaried position following a contentious debate at their regular meeting Monday. Advocates said the position will help provide oversight of Department of Social Services (DSS) programming, improve administrative functions, and boost the department’s overall role in the community.

What’s more, the position may perform top administrative duties, including signing off on official DSS documents with hospitals and courts, and carrying out other time-sensitive responsibilities should the DSS commissioner



The Chenango County Board of Supervisors voted Monday to reinstate a \$98,000 salaried position to support administrative functions at the department of social services. (Photo by Shawn Magrath)

be unavailable. It also provides a succession plan for the department after the current commissioner, Daniel Auwarter, retires from the county – something he said he doesn’t plan to do until 2029.

The department will eliminate a caseworker position and the head social welfare examiner position to offset the salary and benefit costs of the reinstated deputy commissioner. The move actually results in a \$24,000 net savings to the county, according to the county’s Finance Committee.

“It’s not a simple department to run,” Auwarter told members of the Personnel Committee earlier this month. He pointed to the complexities of departmental responsibilities, such as overseeing entitlement programs and child welfare services, which are required by state and federal law, and the management of a 100-plus member staff. “Social Services is one of the busiest, most high-risk departments in the entire county.”

“Evaluation is important,” Auwarter added, citing many DSS posi-

tions which are reimbursed by state and federal funds because of their necessity. “This isn’t just local taxpayers supporting a \$100,000 position; this is a position supported by the state to support state responsibilities, state functions, and state programs. Every county is required to run these programs.”

“It’s a significant portion of our county budget that needs to be managed well,” said Greene Town Supervisor Bernard McDermott, who ultimately favored reinstatement of the DSS deputy commissioner position.

Even so, some county officials said the position makes DSS top heavy, arguing that reinstatement of the administrative role now is ill-timed and in line with a plan to grow the department by a recent decision to absorb the county’s Area Agency on Aging.

“It seems to me like it’s being rushed through,” said Smyrna Supervisor Michael Khoury. There

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Sherburne’s Heritage Day will be held on Saturday, July 25th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Come see the 1936 Sherburne Firetruck and the 1930’s Sherburne News Babcock Optimus Printing Press. (Submitted photo)

Sherburne Heritage Day is this Saturday, July 25

SHERBURNE – Sherburne’s Heritage Day will be held on Saturday, July 25th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Historic Park on School Street. Champ Drive Local Scout Troop 66 will be on hand to raise the flag at 10 a.m., followed by a special presentation of banners recognizing local Revolutionary soldiers.

There will be food, crafters, and music by Smyrna Citizens Band from 10:30-11:30 a.m., and a Little House on the Prairie musical performance by campers from Jenni’s Music Studio at noon.

There will be hay rides and children’s games, and the museum, log cabin and school house will be open. Come see the 1936 Sherburne Firetruck and the 1930’s Sherburne

News Babcock Optimus Printing Press.

There will also be tractors, a combine, and agricultural history, including a hay press demonstration and a few animals to visit with.

Local chainsaw artist, Kyle Rapp, will be creating a piece on site. Besides all the things to do there will be lots of food. Gilligan’s Ice Cream, Chobani yogurt, Jeff McDermott with chicken BBQ and other food will be for sale. In addition, the Historic Park Society is hosting a bake sale, and there will be Amish baked goods and maple syrup, just to name a few.

Raffle tickets are still available for purchase, and prizes will be drawn at 1:30 p.m.

— Information from Jenn’s Music Studio

Garden Tour will raise money for Gilbertsville Free Library

GILBERTSVILLE — A self-guided garden tour, organized as a fundraiser for the Gilbertsville Free Library, will take place on Saturday, July 25, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Maps of the tour, which will double as the participant’s ticket, may be purchased at the library beginning at 9:30 a.m. on the day of the tour. The ticket price is \$15. Featured on the tour will be approximately 10 local gardens, all within or in close proximity to the Village of Gilbertsville. All proceeds will benefit the Gilbertsville Free Library. For information or questions, call 607-783-2677. (Submitted photo)



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Flanagan Field rejection puts \$9 million in state housing grants at risk

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NORWICH – After Norwich voters rejected the sale of Flanagan Field for a \$9 million subsidized housing project, local officials say Chenango County and Greater Opportunities for Broome and Chenango may need to return millions in state grants unless they can find a viable path to launch a similar project elsewhere.

According to Chenango County Department of Planning Director Shane Butler, the county will likely lose out on \$1 million awarded by Empire

State Development to fund infrastructure improvements near Flanagan Field in the City of Norwich as part of a larger proposed project in partnership with Greater Opportunities for Broome and Chenango Inc., the City of Norwich, and Commerce Chenango.

Likewise, Greater Opportunities is facing an \$8 million loss in state grants.

The Flanagan Field project would have seen the construction of 20 low-income, supportive apartment units on the Flanagan Field site. However, in a public referendum, Norwich City

School District voters shot down the sale of the school-owned property in May over concerns regarding property values, zoning, and the use of green space.

“The state hasn’t given us a final confirmation yet, but all indications show that we’ll have to give up that grant,” Butler said. “Typically, those grants are tied to a site or a specific project, so even moving it off that site doesn’t work.”

Butler also noted that grant funds were dependent on constructing a certain number of housing units. A project of a similar scale would have to be proposed if state



A Norwich City School District budget proposal for the sale of Flanagan Field, for \$150,000, to be developed into low-income housing units was soundly defeated in May. (Photo by Kelli Miller)

agencies allowed for it in the state is looking to a new location. improve the number of “Having said that, housing options across

the state,” said Butler. “So they’re likely to be more generous in handing out new grants.”

Returning state funds may also impact the county’s ability to secure similar grant funds in the future as certain grant programs become more competitive.

“When you start turning back money, it doesn’t look good for your community,” said Butler. “You hope that it doesn’t impact future grant applications, but at the same time, it wouldn’t surprise me if it does.”

Airport runway project clear for takeoff after county approves local funding

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NORWICH – A proposed refurbishment of the runway at the Lt. Warren E. Eaton Airport in Norwich is moving forward after Chenango County officials authorized local funding on Monday to help foot the bill for the project.

The scope of the \$1.1 million project includes resealing 4,727 feet of existing runway and taxiway at the county-owned airport, which will be funded mostly by federal grants.



The Lt. Warren E. Eaton Airport in Norwich will see upgrades to its runway after county officials approved funds for the project on Monday. (Photo by Lt. Warren E. Eaton Airport)

Officials have been notified of \$1 million in grant funds made available through the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Airport Improvement Program, which will fund 95% of the project. Terms of the

grant require an additional payment of 5% for the remaining costs to be paid through state and local sources, with each pitching in 2.5%.

The Chenango County Board of Supervisors has authorized a \$26,576 payment from the county’s airport trust account to help fund the project, with the same amount expected from state aid through the NYS Department of Transportation.

Chenango County Planning and Development Director Shane Butler submitted the application for the FAA grant in early 2025, with prospects of having work completed by late summer of 2026.

“We’re thankful that the FAA is continuing to invest in the airport,” said Butler. “Hopefully, we can use this project to preserve the runway for a few extra years before we have to do a complete rehabilitation.”

The county has signed an agreement with Syracuse-based engineering firm C&S Engineers, Inc. for the construction.

Earlville Opera House Courtyard Series presents Blues Duo Maximilian Eyle and John Driscoll

Earlville Opera House is honored to present the blues music of Maximilian Eyle and John Driscoll on Saturday, July 25 at 7 p.m. in their newly expanded Courtyard.

Tickets for this special treat are \$24 general admission and \$22 for members, with \$14 youth tickets. Purchase your tickets at: www.earlvilleoperahouse.com or call (315) 691-3550.

EOH is so excited for this duo inspired by Syracuse’s long history of the blues. Max and John carry on the tradition as one of the area’s foremost acts with their talent on guitar, harmonica and piano, with vocals

of mixed traditions from America’s roots. The result is a refreshing blend that takes listeners from early jazz standards through more contemporary funk-driven arrangements. Both are native to the area where they currently live and perform. Learn more by visiting www.eylemusic.com.

As previously stated by Max: “John Driscoll and I will be performing as part of the Earlville Opera House Arts Center’s Courtyard Series! It’s a huge honor to be included alongside other talented acts and at a venue with such a long and important history. If you are not already familiar, EOH has done

an incredible job providing access to the arts and lifting up local history and I have enjoyed visiting as a patron on many occasions. The space holds a special place in my heart as my father was part of the team who renovated and reopened the venue back in the early ‘70s. This was what brought him from Manhattan to CNY, where he met my mom and started a family. In a strange way, I may not have existed were it not for the EOH. We hope you’ll consider grabbing some tickets and spending the evening with us! It’s going to be a special time indeed.”

While on site you can visit the Artisan Gift



Earlville Opera House presents the blues music of Maximilian Eyle and John Driscoll on Saturday, July 25 at 7 p.m. in their newly expanded Courtyard. (Submitted photo)

Shop and the annual Quilt Show where you can vote for your favorite in EOH’s “People’s Choice” contest.

The new concession stand will feature adult beverages including a specialty drink in addition to other beverages.

Earlville Opera House Arts Center is located at 18 East Main Street in the village of Earlville.

At EOH they believe accessibility and inclusion are critical to everything they do. The historic Opera House has been upgraded to ensure accessibility throughout the building, including a hearing loop system in the 1892 theater provided by Hamilton Hearing LLC.

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.

Special thanks to Sidney Federal Credit Union for sponsoring the 2026 Summer Courtyard Series!

Chenango County Public Health Confirms Local Case of Measles

CHENANGO COUNTY — Chenango County Public Health, in collaboration with the NYS Department of Health and local health care providers, has confirmed a case of measles in a Chenango County resident. The previously unvaccinated individual is recovering at home, and at this time, the risk to the general public is considered low.

Public health staff are still investigating and working to identify and notify anyone who may have had close contact with the individual during the infectious period. Any individuals identified as having a potential exposure will be contacted directly with guidance and recommendations.

Measles is a highly contagious viral illness that spreads through the air when an infected person coughs or sneezes. However, the disease is preventable through vaccination. Two doses of the measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccine provide the best protection against measles infection.

Individuals are generally considered protected against measles if they:

- Received two doses of the MMR vaccine;
- Were born before 1957;
- Have laboratory evidence of immunity; or
- Have previously had measles disease.

People who are not vaccinated or otherwise immune are at greater risk of infection if exposed.

Symptoms of measles typically begin 7 to 21 days after exposure and may include:

- Fever
- Cough
- Runny nose
- Red, watery eyes
- A rash that usually begins on the face and spreads to the rest of the body

Anyone who develops symptoms consistent with measles should call their healthcare provider before arriving at a medical office or emergency department. Calling ahead helps healthcare providers take steps to prevent exposing other patients and staff.

The best way to prevent measles is through vaccination. The MMR vaccine is safe, effective,



and widely available through healthcare providers and pharmacies. Anyone who is unsure of their vaccination status should contact their healthcare provider.

Chenango County Public Health continues to monitor the situation and will provide additional information if necessary. At this time, there is no indication of ongoing community transmission.

For more information about measles, visit: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <https://www.cdc.gov/measles> or New York State Department of Health: <https://health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/measles/>

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

— Information from
Chenango County
Health Department

Garden clubs to hold annual flower show at Chenango County Fair

NORWICH — The Chenango County Federated Garden Clubs will hold their annual flower show Aug. 12 to 16 at the Chenango County Fair’s Exhibition Hall.

This year’s theme, “Gardening Reflections, 1776-2026,” weaves together 250 years of gardening heritage, innovative practices and the timeless art of cultivating the land and building a nation.

Passionate gardeners, flower enthusiasts and creative designers are invited to help transform the Exhibition Hall into a vibrant garden oasis. The show will feature a showcase of diverse flower specimens, expertly crafted floral designs, and horticulture arts and crafts submitted by garden club members, as well as the general public.

To participate as an exhibitor, preregister by Aug. 8 at the Main Gate Office. Entry placement for horticulture and design will take place from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 10, and from 7 to 10

Smyrna Citizens Band to perform July 27

SMYRNA — Smyrna Citizens Band will be performing their fourth concert of the summer season from the Bandstand above the library on July 27, 2026 beginning at 7:00 p.m. with the Star-Spangled Banner. Also included in this concert will be: Amparita Roca, Earth, Wind, and Fire In Concert, Feria, Golden, Menuetto and Trio, Evening In The Country, Highlights From Mary Poppins, Make Our Garden Grow, Christmas Finale, and they will be ending with the Smyrna Citizens Band March.

Bring along your lawn chair and sit out with your neighbors and enjoy this Monday night of music.

Thanks to our Town and Village for sponsoring these summer concerts.

-- Information from
Smyrna Citizens Band

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is no urgency for a succession plan if Auwarter has no intention of retiring for three more years, he added, and the county should also consider growing financial pressure from pending state and federal funding cuts to mandated welfare programs.

“For this to get rushed through right before budget season makes no sense ... It’s not an emergency. It’s one more bureaucratic addition to DSS, and it’s going to come at the expense of other departments,” said Khoury.

Khoury motioned to have the matter sent back to committee for further discussion, but he failed to get enough support from the County Board. Only supervisors Delores Nabinger (Bainbridge), Gilda Ward (Guilford), and Darryl Fox (Otselic) backed his proposal.

“The reason for having the (DSS deputy commissioner) position now isn’t just because the director might be retired. There are financial accommodations that have been eliminated to accommodate the salary of this position this year and coming years. The director of social services sees the need, and there are multiple factors underneath that,” said North Norwich Town Supervisor and Personnel Committee Chair Robert Wansor. “Delaying this further will just delay the process of moving forward.”

Hymn sing at Otsego County Fairgrounds August 3

MORRIS — A Hymn Sing will be held on Monday, August 3, (before the fair opens) at 7 p.m. in the Grange Building at the Otsego County Fair. This is free and open to the public to attend. The Women’s Community Chorus of Morris will entertain you with a piece from Sister Act along with other selections for those attending to enjoy. A variety of hymns will be sung by those attending along with other special musical numbers. If you would like to participate with a musical selection contact Laura Palada 607-783-2044.

The Morris United Church will have free water and snacks available during the hymn sing.

— Information from
Anna Ritchey

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The Early Files

by Peggy Finnegan

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TEN YEARS AGO

July 15, 2016

Art Hoag, 71, decided to ride his bike from his current hometown, Twin Falls, ID, to the Chobani plant in Columbus, near his birthplace in New Berlin.

A deer sign on Route 51 in Mt Upton will need to change to BEAR CROSSING. Yes, this week a big bear was sighted crossing by Lauren Hill and Tater Proskine.

July 22, 2016
Great weekend for camping or any other activity that would bring you outdoors.

The Otsego County Fair has a big change and the fair will be more like it used to be. See you at the Fair!

TWENTY YEARS

AGO

July 21, 2006

WHEW, is it HOT out! So hot in fact that I'm having hard time thinking of something to write about.

New Berlin Fire Dept. acknowledges the assistance, and offers of assistance, during the recent flooding.

THIRTY YEARS AGO

July 18, 1996

The Otsego County Fair opens July 30 with a celebration of its 50th anniversary.

Alexa T. Belden, 94, of West Edmeston, died unexpectedly June 20 at her home.

Sunny skies graced the American Motocross Assoc. Pro National at UV Sports Center this weekend.

FORTY YEARS AGO

July 18, 1986

Jason Novak left from JFK Airport for Paarl, So. Africa to spend a year as a Rotary Exchange Student.

Robert and Aileyn Ecob had an unwelcome visitor when a black bear tried to get through their screen door. The bear tore through the screening Robert had just replaced the previous week.

Is your front end loose on your car? Have it checked at Potter's Tire Service At No Cost

July 24, 1986
Miss Lula Camp has been writing for the So. New Berlin Bee and the New Berlin Gazette for at least 70 years.

The family of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Reed will host an open house in honor of their 25th wedding anniversary.

Mildred Aldrich attended a Burger World chicken dinner at Glimmerglass Park.

BEDDING: 50c per bale

FIFTY YEARS AGO

July 18, 1976

Joe Brooks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Brooks, took top honors at the recent NYS FFA Convention.

Several paintings of the Carr Farm and Unadilla River by Maxine Manchester are on exhibit in the Library.

The standard work week in 1850 was 70 hours.

Penny Kinch and her horse, Arrow, won seven ribbons at an open junior horse show in Bainbridge.

At a special heifer sale at the Welch Livestock Market, 38 registered heifers from the Golden Harvest Farmers in Connecticut averaged 1,142.76 each.

No phones on Spurr Street worked Sunday and Monday. Electric storm the cause.

FOR SALE: 1967 Rambler American 2 dr., std. transmission, 4 new tires.

July 25, 1976
The NBCS budget was voted down for the second time.

Police are investigating a hit-run at Lamb's Corners after finding the body of a man identified as Frank White of Forest Hills.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Nelson announce the engagement of Susan to Donn Parry.

Deborah Pratt and David Niles married July 10th.

SIXTY YEARS AGO

July 21, 1966

June Farm Milk Price Set At \$4.22. The number of pool producers decreased by 3,321 to 36,479 but average deliveries per dairy up 70 lbs.

Mr. and Mrs. Tim Christian purchased the Johnson place on the east river road between New Berlin and So. Edmeston.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Medbury exhibited some of their antiques at a booth at the Antique Show at Deposit last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Almstead have returned from their vacation.

Solomon Card Jr., who is serving as a chaplain in VietNam has been promoted to Lt. Colonel.

SACRETE: Add water and use mortar, concrete or sand mix, \$1.32 per 80# bag.

July 28, 1966
The electric storm blew the telephone out at the Calhoun and Horton home. They had a new phone installed.

Linda Porter will become the bride of Daniel Morehouse July 30th.

Roy Miller moved

into the former Francis Beardslee home and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Roe moved into the Miller home from the Vermilyea home, now owned by Wm. Riley.

FOR SALE: 2-family house, barn & 2-car garage. Secluded location at 40 Green street. Good roof, foundation & floors. Oil furnace. Priced to sell at \$7,500.

SEVENTY YEARS

AGO

July 20, 1956

John J. Lebenick received a B.S. Degree in civil engineering from Michigan College of Mining & Technology.

OWL FISHING. Frank Wright, local sportsman, spent an evening recently on the banks of the Unadilla trying to catch one of those big pike but to his surprise a "hoot owl" came from somewhere and grabbed the lure. After a good battle, Frank was able to land the owl. He claims this is a true fish story.

The huge elm in front of the home of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Benjamin was felled by tree surgeons Saturday.

Paul VanHosen was lucky to catch a 47-1/2" muskellunge which weighed 29 lbs.

Why do cows drop in milk production when pastures are still green, commonly known as summer slump?

July 26, 1956
Ray Anderson was hurt in a one-car accident near the Benton Bagnall farm.

Miss Lucy Turner began duties as Home Ec teacher at So. New Berlin.

Gazette staff held a picnic at Lake Otsego in honor of Linda Taylor and Wm. Reidenbach, whose wedding will take place August 3rd.

Miss Elsie Hamm became the bride of Carl Belden at the West Edmeston church.

The 4th annual Great Brook Conservation Field Day will be held on Mort Brooks' farm. Hundreds of farmers and others interested in soil and water conservation are expected to attend.

EIGHTY YEARS AGO

July 18, 1946

Pfc. Howard Carson was on of the 25 men killed last week when a Flying Fortress crashed into Mt. Tom at 1,200 ft.

The nine-cow herd of registered Holstein-Friesians of Howard Page recently completed a year of production testing with the average butterfat per cow being more than twice as much as that of the nation's average.

Fred Elnathan Pope, 73, died July 13 in his home on Green street fol-

lowing a critical illness of four days.

FOR SALE: Hog, will dress, 250-300 lbs. Albert Balcom

Potatoes will be cheaper when this goes to press. Potato Bill, Five Corners

July 25, 1946
Billy Denaro was found dead in the road near his car. Last week he sold the Pittsfield store and he was enroute to NYC.

Little is known of him except he was Russian and once a merchant marine and circus performer.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Porter bought the Clarence Walker residence on Cushman street.

Five NYSEG employees, Harold Relyea, U.G. Haztenbuhler, Melvin Stevens and Fred Anderson, narrowly escaped death by electrocution as the dead wire on which they were working came in contact with a 44,000 volt live wire.

The Huggins family has a fine new saddle horse.

James Hume has the mumps.

Two pilots were killed when their plane crashed near the Greene airport.

NINETY YEARS AGO

July 18, 1936

The state will treat the temporary gravel surface of the Oneonta-Morris road as soon as the contractor completes work on its reconstruction.

Floyd Thayer caught two trout in Otsego Lake, weighing 9 and 9-1/2 lbs.

Harry Cohen of New Berlin was through here Monday buying papers and sacks.

Mort Camp was here and bought 800 broilers of Mrs. Adah McIntyre. Prices for poultry and eggs are much better than last year.

Claude Smith found his car, which had been stolen.

Leon Johnson Jr., while at work in the Sheffield Plant, dropped a cake of ice on his foot and hurt it quite badly.

The swimming club is building a bath house at the beach at Silver Lake.

Fred Camp sold his house on West street in this village to Adolph Emhof.

July 23, 1936
Crops have been damaged so badly by drought and baking temps that they are beyond the help of rainfall.

A 7 lb. dynamite explosion brought down the 85 ft. smokestack of the abandoned Agfa Ansco Corp. in Afton, , completing the razing of the plant.

Democracy is a form of government where those who holler the loudest get what they want.

Mike Lyons made snowshoes for the famous Dionne quintuplets.

Brick work has started on the new school. Bricks are buff-colored in six shades to make an attractive exterior.

HUNDRED YEARS

AGO

July 18, 1926

Business has been sky-rocketing in New York State without any 4th of July celebration. A total of 13,878 companies have been incorporated during the past six months.

Guest Almstead is hay-ing on the H.A. Sergeant farm.

Mrs. Dell Davis is ill.
The 1920 census states that of the 106 acres in the average farm in New York, only 68 are improved.

Donald Olive has given up his work at Jamestown and Utica and will manage the O.O Bigelow store at Edmeston.

It begins to look as though a good many family skeletons are kept in the daily paper instead of the closet.

July 25, 1926
As Paul Hickling was driving his Nash sedan, a hay wagon was pushed from a barn into the road at the Burton Sage farm. It gained considerable momentum ere it reached the road and he could not avoid being struck. Luckily he clung with a firm grip to the steering wheel, which was broken in half, and was only cut and bruised.

Lee Elliott caught 3 lb. Pickerel at Silver Lake.

People near the Municipal Building were startled by an explosion. The intense heat of the afternoon caused the pavement in front of Mrs. Cora Fish's to explode and bricks in an area about 10 ft. square were thrown 12-15 in the air.

The big barn at Almanzo Phillips' farm is being reshingled.

The factory west of Columbus Center has been put in order and plenty of water is available.
Ask a housewife who has been married long enough for the novelty to wear off and she'll tell you that one great American art that will never be lost is the art of home canning.

The Five Corners Socony gas station is open in the charge of Charles House.
COLONIA: Can they bust the brain trust behind the crime trust? Edward G. Robinson in "Bullets or Ballots" with Joan Blondell and Geo E. Stone

110 YEARS AGO

July 22, 1916
New quarters, dimes and half dollars have made their appearance. The Secretary of the Treasury may change the designs after 20 years. This is the first time since 1891 that these coins have been changed.

C.D. Ames of Norwich sold over 90 Ford cars this spring and summer.

Mrs. Stuart Talbot lost her balance when coming down the stairs with her little daughter, Margaret, in her arms. She fell, putting her shoulder out of joint, but not injuring the child.

Fred Bancroft had the misfortune to lose his best cow. She was found with a broken leg.

Charles Hinds has been confined to the bed most of the week.

Lee Gibson is building a hop house for Albert Bourne.

Good timbers for sale at the park, 8x8 and 2x4, a few planks and a pair of stairs.

Miss Grace Spurr, who teaches in Brooklyn is home for vacation.

Mrs. Delia Olney, who is in her 85th year, picked and canned 20 quarts of field strawberries.

Farmers are busy hay-ing, there is a very good crop, and corn is looking good.

Harry Adams motored to Utica Sunday.

Fred Whitmore has a new Cadillac 8 with wire wheels.

No Fresh Air children from New York City this year. The epidemic of infantile paralysis there, with about 1,000 cases, has forced a ban on this annual outing.

120 YEARS AGO

July 21, 1906

Born at the house of Charles Axtell and wife, July 19, a son.

At the election next Tuesday none but taxpayers may vote, and there is no distinction made between taxpayers on account of sex. The ladies of the Village Improvement Assoc.. should make a note of this.

Indications are that a few more floods will send the Mill Brook southward from the tannery pond, down through the lands lying west of South Main street and through St. Andrew's Cemetery, if nothing is done to restrain its ravages.

CROSSWORD

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Listen to
5. Presents
10. A type of guitar
14. Actor Idris
15. A citizen of Iran
16. Pretentiously artistic
17. Harness
18. Diamond weight measurement
19. “Better Call __”
20. Fervent support
22. Male cat
23. Jewish spiritual leader
24. Disposed to venture or take risks
27. A way to nail
30. Cool!
31. Women’s __ movement
32. “Losing My Religion” rockers
35. Step-shaped recess
37. A princess can detect it
38. Tractor-trailer
39. Leslie and Leon are two
40. Color at the end of the spectrum

41. Lines where fabrics are sewn
42. Dodgers great Hersher
43. Floor covering
44. Traveled aimlessly
45. Rocker Stewart
46. Body art
47. Congressman (abbr.)
48. No seats available
49. Breaks apart
52. Hand gesture
55. Ballplayer’s tool
56. Sword
60. Baseball team
61. Upper bract of floret of grass
63. Italian Seaport
64. Mars crater
65. Tube on a shoelace
66. U. of Miami mascot
67. South American nation
68. Video game series “Max __”
69. Upper body part

CLUES DOWN

1. German courtesy title
2. Ancient Greek personification of mercy
3. Jewish calendar month
4. Family of long-legged frogs
5. Photo
6. Delivered a speech
7. Lute used in Indian music
8. Decorated
9. Cease to stand
10. The bottom layer
11. Member of a Semitic people
12. Part of a ticket
13. Defunct monetary unit
21. Challenges
23. Body part
25. Tell on
26. By way of
27. Shady green alcove
28. Egyptian city
29. __ and flowed
32. Widens a hole

33. Eurasian wheat
34. Act incorrectly
36. “Be back later”
37. Al Bundy’s wife
38. Ocean
40. Large root eaten as a vegetable
41. Units of subjective loudness
43. Music genre
44. A way to drench
46. Popular hot beverage
47. Silk-like cotton fabric
49. Rumanian city
50. Come back
51. Vaccine developer
52. Canadian law enforcers
53. Wings
54. Observational comedian Bill
57. Small fry
58. __ Clapton, musician
59. Take a chance
61. Semi-liquid food for babies
62. Consumed food

WORD SEARCH

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WORD SEARCH

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

- BACKSTROKE
- BEACH
- BREASTSTROKE
- BREATH
- BUTTERFLY
- CHLORINE
- DEPTH
- DIVING
- ENDURANCE
- FLOATING
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I level: Advanced

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to pets.

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Answer: Secure

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Answer: Jennifer Lopez

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8	5	4	3	2	1	7	9	6
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Norwich Family YMCA directors Tom Revoir and Jamey Mullen pose for a photo at opening ceremonies with the late Lauren Howell's family. The 2026 Norwich Gus Macker tournament was dedicated in Lauren's memory. (Photo by Morgan Golliver)



60 percent of the Norwich Gus Macker players represented under 14 years old out of the total 313 teams playing at the 2026 Norwich Gus Macker tournament. (Photo by Bobby Mercilliott)

Volunteers, families and players make Norwich Gus Macker a success

BY MORGAN GOLLIVER
& BOBBY MERCILLIOTT
GAZETTE SPORTS EDITOR

More than 1,000 players, 60% of them younger than 14, joined thousands of spectators, hundreds of volunteers and sponsors as the community came together for a weekend celebrating basketball. "Overall, it was a great event and I could gauge by the kids that were playing and the smile on their face, and the high fives, and the amazing competition," YMCA Executive Director Jamey Mullen said. "11 different states players came from, so there was good competition both locally, regionally, and from out of state. On Red Court A, an under-8 court, the team that won was from Maryland, so it was a well attended event from a large geographic footprint."

Friday, July 10 saw the tournament kick off with registration sponsored by UHS Chenango

Memorial Hospital from 4 to 7 p.m. before BlueOx sponsored the special knockout competition. The competition featured two divisions with a 15 and under division, which shot from the free throw line while the 16 and older division shot from the three point line. All contestants received BlueOx fans while first and second place finishers for each division won Threads by Gus gift cards. On Saturday, the games took place on every court but before that, opening ceremonies kicked things off on the top men's court. During opening ceremonies, YMCA Sports Director Tom Revoir made his special mark with dedicating this year's tournament to long-time Gus Macker volunteer and teacher who passed away this past Spring, Lauren Howell. "There are people who quietly make our community whole, who show up year after year,

not for recognition, but simply because they love where they live and the people around them. Lauren Howell was one of those people and Norwich, New York is a better place for every moment that she graced it," Revoir said. "Lauren leaves behind a warmth that cannot be replaced, only remember and honored. The registration table will have an empty chair. The bake sale table will feel her absence. The Classroom she once filled with wisdom will carry her memory in the hearts of those she taught. We will miss her dearly." The Howell family was recognized and honored amongst the festivities before the tournament started. Mayor Robert Jeffrey took the do or die shot before the tournament kicked off. He was also seen warming up with founder Scott "Gus" McNeal and other kids before opening ceremonies. He said prior to the event that he wasn't

going to dunk but surprised everyone with a made dunk for his special moment before he volunteered as an official. Revoir appreciated a good number of officials he had this year, which included Jeffrey. "I thought we had an incredible crew of referees this year," Revoir said. "Referees are a huge part of the whole tournament because they get to say what's

going on with their court and to be honest with you, if we don't have referees, we don't have the tournament, period. We also had a majority of certified officials." Gametookplacefrom then on with a break in the action to watch the Norwich Police and Fire Departments square off for the second annual Battle of the Badges, featuring new Police Chief Matthew Roberts

and New Fire Chief Gerry Perry. Following the excitement between both squads, games continued until 6 p.m. before resuming Sunday morning around 8 a.m. Next year, the Norwich Gus Macker tournament, even though it got its start in 1996, will celebrate 30 years, which everyone is looking forward to in 2027.

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NORWICH — DCMO BOCES celebrated the graduation of 21 students from the Practical Nursing Program on June 24, in a ceremony at the Alan D. Pole Campus in Norwich.

DCMO BOCES District Superintendent Michael Rullo provided welcoming remarks. The students, dressed in traditional nursing uniforms, listened to valedictorian and salutatorian addresses, received their nursing diplomas and completed a pinning ceremony and other traditions celebrating their entry into the profession.

Several students were recognized with awards, including Valedictorian Abigail Closs and Salutatorian David Marcelin; Philip Marschke, who received the Rising Star Award; James Bennett, Outstanding



2026 graduates of the DCMO BOCES Practical Nursing Program pose together following their graduation ceremony at the DCMO BOCES Alan D. Pole Campus in Norwich. (Submitted photo)

Clinical Nurse Award; fellow students. Asehra Rice, Nursing Graduating in the Leadership Award; Class of 2026 are Abigail and Ericka Rose, who M. Beaulieu, James M. received the Nightingale E. Bennett, Zaniya Sade Award for academic and Bradshaw, Abigail Lynn clinical support of her Closs, Dejha Jhanea

Dobson, Jessy Lynn Ericka Ann Rose, April Hadley, Tequila Jarvis, Scharer, Jazmyn Rose Jordan E. Lavergne, Sedleck, Jenna Marie David Marcelin, Philip Sedleck, Michelle Lynn Joseph Marschke, Smith, Brianna Yvette Michelle S. Nibbs, Grace Sonnier, Matthew David Ann Parker, Asehra Rice Spruill and Christine

Patricia Alma Welch. Denise Malone RN BSN, Denise Smith RN and Melissa Foster RN are the instructors for the DCMO BOCES Practical Nursing Program. Clinical sites included United Health Services Norwich, Chase Memorial Nursing Home and Rehab, Norwich Rehabilitation and Nursing, Chestnut Park Rehabilitation, Guthrie Cortland Medical Center and the New York State Veterans Home in Oxford.

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

— Information from DCMO BOCES

SNB Horseshoe Club: Potter's Tires stays strong after week 11

SOUTH NEW New Berlin Horseshoe week of play on July 8.
BERLIN— The South Club finished its 11th Billy Schermerhorn and

John Edwards of Potter's Tires remain in the top spot, just two games away from Lee Coon and Jess Sherwood of Kelly's Flowers. Potter's Tires stands in at 35-9 while Kelly's Flowers is 33-7.

The Stadium stay at third while Webster Paving and Fun Lovers stay put at fourth and fifth.

Lee Coon and Kate Lloyd swept both the men's and women's leaderboards.

Coon had a high game of a 72 and a high series of a 194.

Lloyd finished with the highest game of a 64 and a high series of a 173.

Webster Paving and The Stadium split 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 July 8:

- 1. Potter's Tires (Billy Schermerhorn/John Edwards) 35-9, 6631 points
- 2. Kelly's Flowers (Lee Coon/Jess Sherwood) 33-7, 6495 points
- 3. The Stadium (Al Bush/Al Patten) 32.5-11.5, 6435 points
- 4. Webster Paving (Ed Webster/Bob Wells) 31.5-12.5, 6461 points
- 5. Fun Lovers (Tim Lidell/Mike Grant) 30-14, 6350 points
- 6. Carpet Protectors (Brian Prentice/Chris Davis) 27-17, 6332 points
- 7. Top Notch Timber (Keith Clark/Jim Bulger) 26-18, 6256 points
- 8. Rustic Ridge (Ron Anderson/George Hansmaier) 23-21, 6235 points
- 9. Old Skool Lawnmower Repair & Service (Larry Shaw/Darla Smith) 22-22, 6398 points
- 10. Aptitude Design Co. (Tresta Raymond/Kate Lloyd) 22-18, 5730 points
- 11. Ryno Graphics (Ryan Lund/Bill Wetherbee) 20.5-23.5, 6169 points
- 12. Roger's Best Value Tire & Auto (Cindy Miller/Joe Miller) 19.5-24.5, 6261 points
- 13. Pitch Perfect (Lisa Webster/Brynn Grant) 14.5-29.5, 6114 points
- 14. RTG (Connie Barnes/Darlene Conkling) 13.5-26.5, 5732 points
- 15. The Retirees (Bob Aitken/Denys Meade) 12-32, 6111 points
- 16. Upstate Companies (Laura Pegg/Ashley Barrows) 11-33, 6255 points

17. Rolling M Stables (Jim Moffitt/Melvin Harvey) 8-36, 6086 points

18. Tuttle's Hot Diggity Dogs (Sam Tuttle/Trevor May) 7-33, 6096 points

Men's High Singles:

Lee Coon 72
Bob Wells 62
Ed Webster 62
Billy Schermerhorn 62

Women's High Singles:

Kate Lloyd 64
Lisa Webster 42
Cindy Miller 41

Team High Singles:

Webster Paving 124
Potter's Tires 212
The Stadium 113

Team High Singles Handicap:

The Stadium 214
Potter's Tires 118
The Stadium 113

Men's High Series:

Lee Coon 194
Bob Wells 172
Ed Webster 162
Billy Schermerhorn 162

Women's High Series:

Kate Lloyd 173
Jess Sherwood 114
Cindy Miller 104

Team High Series:

Webster Paving 334
Kelly's Flowers 308
Potter's Tires 299

Team High Series Handicap:

The Stadium 601
Kelly's Flowers 596
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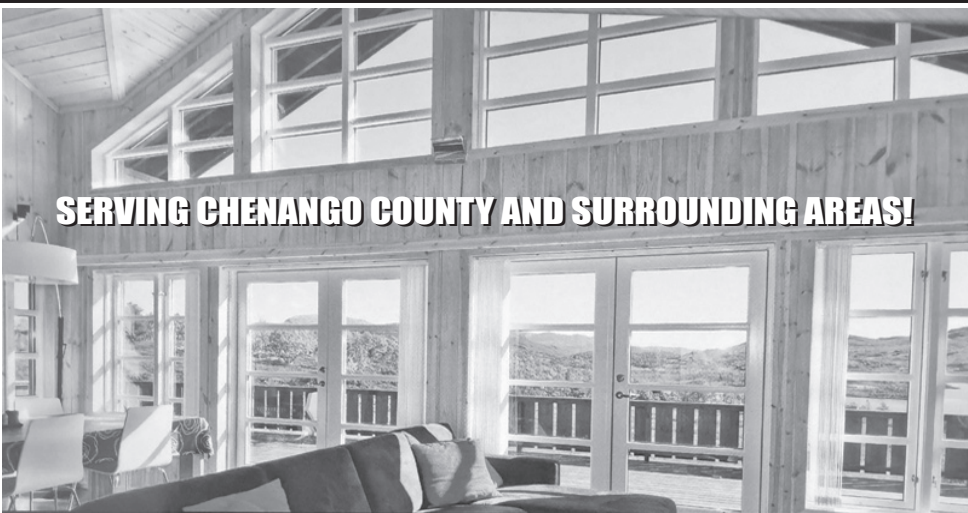
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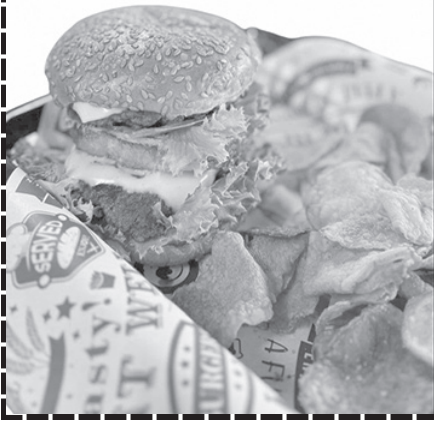
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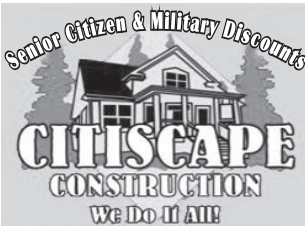
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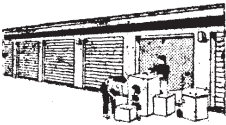


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New Berlin Library Corner

Dino Camp at the New Berlin Library

NEW BERLIN - The New Berlin Library is hosting a three-week summer children's Dino Camp. It will be held in the New Berlin Library Community Room. This program is funded through a Community Foundation of South Central New York grant and a New Berlin Art Forum donation.

Dino Camp program will take place July 27 through August 13, Monday through Thursday, 9:00 until 12:30 each day. The program is free to the public. The series is aimed at children 12 and younger but is open to children 18 and younger. The library does require that children 5 and younger to be accompanied by an adult.

The Unadilla Valley School District Summer Feeding Program will be providing breakfast and lunch in conjunction with the library's summer program. Breakfast and lunch will be bal-



anced USDA meals. Breakfast will be served at 9 a.m. and lunch will be served at noon. This feeding program is open to all children aged 18 and younger. Participation in the library's summer program is not a requirement to receive the free breakfast or lunch.

The Dino Camp program will start each day at 9 am with UVCS served breakfast. Activities will run from

9:30-noon. The activities include dinosaur and prehistoric inspired art, science experiments, games, and learning activities. For example, the first day we will be making dinosaur foam feet, Dinosaur footprint cardboard stamps, and dioramas with building block dinosaurs sets (that the children get to keep). There will be a short cleanup/reset time between activities. The children will also

be given dinosaur information sheets and binders to create their own Dinosaur Books. The program will conclude with lunch served from 12-12:30.

"The library staff and board are really excited about this year's summer program. We are hoping to teach the participating children about dinosaurs and other prehistoric creatures," stated library director Michelle Priola. "We will

be making lots of dinosaur themed art, including Triceratops tube sculptures, Pterodactyl puppets, dinosaur necklaces, and paper mâché bones. There will be science experiments including "amber" slime, volcanoes, geodes, and fake snow. There will be games such as the floor is lava and bingo, with prizes. We are going to have so much fun, learn so much, and create so much art."

A complete list of activities and art projects for this program is available at the New Berlin Library. Registration is not required. For more information call the New Berlin Library at 607.847.8564.

Some great new additions to the library include: The Country Road Murders by James Patterson and Mike Lupica, This Changes Everything by Lisa Scottoline, Ransom by Danielle Silva, Story and Song (Adventure

Zone Graphic Novel 4) by Clint McElroy, Griffin McElroy, Justin McElroy, Travis McElroy, and Carey Pietsch, and I Survived the Bombing of Pearl Harbor (I Survived Graphic Novel) by Lauren Tarshis.

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>) or Twitter page @Lib_NewBerlin (https://twitter.com/Lib_NewBerlin) with any questions.

- Information from the New Berlin Library

Alligator gars are large freshwater fish found in the rivers, lakes, reservoirs, estuaries, bayous and bays of the southern United States and northern Mexico. With their broad heads and rows of sharp, cone-shaped teeth, alligator gars are so named because of their resemblance to alligators. They are often called "living fossils" because they have changed little from when they first appeared during the early Cretaceous period more than 100 million years ago.

Tipping The Scales

The extremely tough scales of an alligator gar are called "ganoid scales." They are diamond-shaped, hard plates composed of an inner layer of bone covered with a substance similar to the hard enamel protecting your teeth. These tough, interlocking scales work like a coat of protective armor.

Big Deal

Alligator gars are one of the largest freshwater fishes in North America. They are also the largest of the seven known species of gar. A mature alligator gar measures about 1.8 m (6 ft.) in length and weighs about 45 kg (100 lbs.), but they can grow to be nearly 3 m (10 ft.) in length and weigh more than 150 kg (330 lbs.).

See You Later, Alligator

Can you spot all six differences between these two scenes?

There's something fishy about this cartoon.

Most alligator gars are brown to olive in color.

What do you call a fancy alligator gar? So-fish-ticated.

How would you find out how many alligator gar were in a lake? Take a fishing poll.

GAME ANSWERS: 1. Fin is missing. 2. Back is longer. 3. Fish is missing. 4. Lily pad is moved. 5. Fish is missing. 6. Fin is smaller.

Shortcuts
by Jeff Harris

This edition of Shortcuts is sponsored by Alligator Garfield.

I prefer lasagna over fish.

How did they find extras for the alligator gar movie? A casting call.

How do you communicate with an alligator gar? Drop her a line.

Female alligator gars grow to be larger and older than males. They often live to be more than 50 years old.

Unlike most freshwater fish, alligator gars are able to survive in low-oxygen environments by gulping air at the surface and using their specialized swim bladder as a primitive lung.

The biggest threats to alligator gars are all caused by humans, including disruptions to their habitat, overfishing and pollution.

The eggs of an alligator gar are poisonous to mammals and birds.

Alligator gars have been living on our planet longer than alligators.

Alligator gars have two rows of teeth in their upper jaw.

Alligator gars are ambush predators that feed mainly on fish, but they will also prey on crustaceans, frogs, turtles, birds and small mammals.