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Chenango County warns derelict property ordinances by villages could trigger tax hit

BY SHAWN MAGRATH
GAZETTE STAFF WRITER

EARLVILLE – A newly invoked ordinance in the Village of Earlville is facing criticism from Chenango County officials who argue that the village’s local law could have a countywide tax impact.

In July, the Village Board of Trustees adopted a local law penalizing property owners for neglected and abandoned buildings.

The law allows village officials to repair or demolish buildings deemed unsafe by code enforcement, then levy the cost against the property owner’s taxes.

Village leaders say the objective is to hold absentee proprietors accountable for derelict properties.

Earlville currently has



Chenango County officials are warning of the possible countywide tax impact of a newly adopted local law in the Village of Earlville. (Photo from Village of Earlville on Facebook)

one house that village officials are eyeing for demolition, located on the Madison County side of the village, just north of the Chenango County line.

“The greater issue is

that houses like this are a public safety issue and a fire hazard, and what it does to neighboring properties because of how closely they’re located,” said Earlville Mayor Tom Taylor.

Although Earlville’s ordinance has good intent, the problem arises when unpaid delinquent taxes are returned to the county to settle, said Chenango County Attorney Zachary

Wentworth.

By state law, the county is the tax enforcer for the 21 towns within its borders. But through a local law passed in 1978, the county elects to be the delinquent tax enforcer for villages in Chenango County as well, meaning county taxpayers bear the financial loss when a foreclosed property in a village goes to a tax sale and sells for less than the taxes owed.

The same goes for homes situated on the Chenango County side of the Village of Earlville.

When demolition expenses are levied against property taxes and the property owner fails to pay, those costs are then shouldered by the county. And there’s very little chance of selling a tiny parcel of land in a village for the roughly \$10,000 to \$20,000 it

could cost to demolish a home, likely resulting in a financial hit for the county.

“Other than the neighbor who might want to expand their lawn parcel, it’s unlikely that we would be able to sell a property that size for \$20,000 at a tax sale, so we lose money,” said Wentworth. “We know these village properties are probably going to take a loss, and a good-size loss. The problem is we’re going to pay out money for these houses to be torn down while having very little control over how many houses get torn down and re-levied.”

The prospect of financial loss is driving some county supervisors to reexamine the county’s option to enforce delin-

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4-H Livestock Auction at the Chenango County Fair on Friday, August 14

BY KELLI MILLER
GAZETTE STAFF WRITER

NORWICH — The 2026 Chenango County Fair and 4-H Livestock Auction welcomes the community to attend and bid at 6:30 p.m., August 14, in the Follet Show Ring, on the fairgrounds, located at 168 East Main Street in Norwich.

4-H youth vested in the auction program have raised and cared for their animals, while preparing them for auction day. The animals include pigs, chickens, goats, rabbits, ducks, lambs, beef steer, and processed chickens and turkeys.

“Chenango County 4-H Livestock pro-



The 2026 Chenango County 4-H Livestock Auction welcomes the community to attend and bid at 6:30 p.m., August 14, in the Follet Show Ring, on the Chenango County Fairgrounds, located at 168 East Main Street in Norwich. 4-H youth and their auction animals will include pigs, chickens, goats, rabbits, ducks, lambs, beef steer, and processed chickens and turkeys. (Submitted photos)

gram provides much more than just raising animals,” said Cornell

Cooperative Extension Brown. (CCE) Association Executive Director Craig



“The youth are developing profound charac-

ter through learning science of animal husbandry, the economics of

budgeting for feed and supplies, and the heavy responsibility of caring for a life dependent on them,” Brown said.

He cited the support of the livestock auction is a direct reward to the perseverance and work ethic of the next generation of agricultural leaders.

CCE Association Team Lead Whitney Kmetz said the 4-H Market Animal Auction is much more than a livestock sale.

“It serves as the culmination of months of hard work by local youth who have raised and cared for their animals while learning valuable life and agricultural skills,”

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Baby crawl and toddler walk held at Otsego County Fair

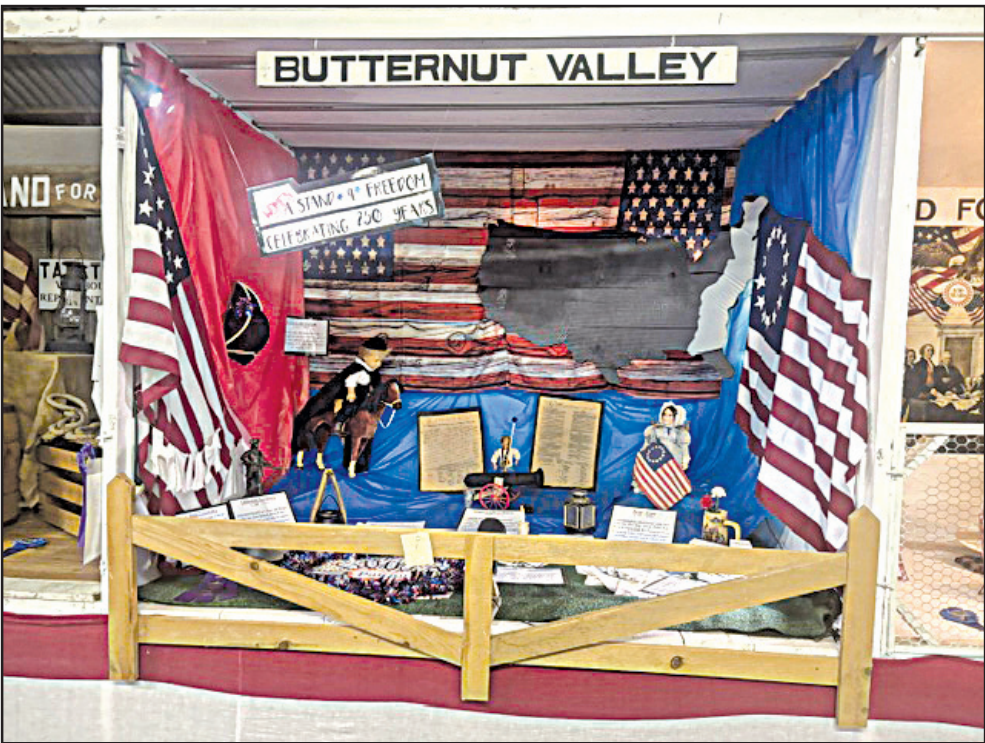


MORRIS — The second annual baby crawl and toddler walk was held at the Otsego County Fair in the Grange Building.

Best of show in the baby crawl was presented to 7-month-old Ellie Schowe. The toddler walk best of show winners were 1 1/2-year-old Runa Cukeman, 2-year-old Daxton Baldwin and 3-year-old Clair Ester Hartman.

The event is expected to return to the Otsego County Fair next year, with registration the day of the show and no entry fee.

- By Anna Ritchey, the Gazette



Butternut Valley Grange earns best of show at Otsego County Fair

MORRIS — Butternut Valley Grange of Gilbertsville earned best of show in the Grange Building at the Otsego County Fair, held Aug. 4-9.

The award was presented in the Community Grange exhibits competition. This year's exhibit theme was "A Stand for Freedom: Celebrating 250 Years."

Hinman Hollow, Westville and Colonel Harper granges also received blue awards, while Pierstown Grange received a red award.

Pomona Grange exhibits also received awards, with the Lecturer exhibit earning a blue award and best of show. The Family Activities Committee received a blue award, and the Pomona exhibit

received a red award.

Throughout the week, Grange members greeted visitors with milk, ice cream sandwiches, frozen bananas and water. The Grange Building also featured a variety of entertainment for fairgoers.

- By Anna Ritchey, the Gazette



Unadilla youth earns blue ribbon for nutcracker collection

Finn Butler of Unadilla received a blue ribbon for his nutcracker collection display at the Otsego County Fair. The display was featured in the Canham Building during fair week. (Photo by Anna Ritchey, the Gazette)

Butternut Valley Grange new and updates

GILBERTSVILLE—In reports given at the last meeting of Butternut Valley Grange, it was noted that The Empire House, Evans Auction Service, Gordon Hughes, Gale Sorenson and Louis Kellas renewed their individual Associate Membership with the Grange. April Tiffany of New Berlin is a new Associate Member. Associate Membership is for individuals or businesses who support the goals and principles of the Grange in this unique way. Others who wish to support the Grange without being a regular member may pursue such interest by contacting Roger Halbert 607-783-2691.

Anna Ritchey reported that home delivered meals once a month are made to about forty homes as a community service project. The Grange voted to make a contribution to the Nate Lull Golf Tournament which has raised over \$65,000 during the past four years that awards

annual scholarships to graduating seniors of area schools.

The Grange will have a team assembled for their pie-making day on August 21. Pre-orders can now be made by calling Roberta Halbert 607-783-2445 prior to August 18. Another pie assembly day will be held prior to the Harvest Festival in Cooperstown which is held on September 12.

Members are reminded to bring a "C" notes dollar bills to the August meeting as they must be turned into State Grange in September for the statewide cancer project when a donation will be presented to a Waterloo area cancer facility during the State Grange Convention in Waterloo, in October.

The last gathering of the Garden to Table Project, a collaborative effort of the Grange and the Gilbertsville Baptist Church, will be held on Saturday, August 22 with a luncheon at the Baptist Church Fellowship Hall in Gilbertsville starting

at 11:30 to 1:30 p.m. The first session started with pepper and tomato plants with extra plants available to attendees. The session covered soils and pH, container gardening, seed sourcing and plant selection. The second workshop covered garden management, pruning plants, harvesting and processing vegetables for freezing, canning and dehydrating. The session on August 22 will use vegetables and fruits of the season. Reservations can be made by contacting Lynne Porter at 607-764-8720, even first timers are welcomed. The project was in response to the Rural Life Initiative sponsored by the National Grange.

President, Lynne Porter will be announcing committees for the new Grange year which starts September 2026.

- Information from Roger Halbert

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said Kmetz.

“The auction also connects the community with young people who are investing in the future of agriculture,” she added.

Kmetz explained the auction allows you to earn income from their livestock projects while gaining real-world experience in animal care, business management, marketing, record keeping, and responsibility.

Many of the participants use auction proceeds to support future projects, educational goals, or college expenses.

Participants learn: Animal care and management; Proper nutrition and health practices; Responsibility and time management; Financial record keeping; Marketing and communication skills; Leadership an professionalism; Agricultural knowledge and animal husbandry; Decision-making and teamwork.

“These skills are developed through daily care, feeding, grooming, health management, and preparing animals for the fair and auction,” said Kmetz.

The 4-H Youth

This year’s participants include 4-H youth from varying age ranges and clubs. They are Macie Vincent, Beth Wilcox, Jake Beers, Aubree Beckert, John Beers, Alexis Stemke, EmmaJane Beers, Maranda Schmidt, and Trevor Hess.

Macie Vincent is in her sixth year of 4-H and second year of selling at auction. She will be auctioning off her market lambs Buck Shot Roberts and Billy the Kid.

She said her favorite part of livestock projects has been working with her lambs and learning patience in sheep care, especially in getting their

wool ready for the show ring.

This year’s project holds a deep meaning to her heart as the proceeds from the livestock action will help her purchase a new western pleasure horse, replacing the one she recently lost.

Beth Wilcox is in her fourth year of 4-H and second year selling at auction. She will be auctioning off her market lamb, Junior and her Beef Steer, Tom.

Beth enjoys working around their farm and all of the opportunities to work with livestock. She said her favorite part of her market project is spending time with the animals every day. She said she loves every aspect of taking care of her animals and is pleased with the results from her hard work and dedication.

Living on a farm has provided Beth with the opportunity to hand pick her projects. Tom was born right on the family farm and Junior is her third project animal raised from the same ewe.

Her plan is to invest her earnings from the auction for future goals.

Jake Beers is in his eighth year of 4-H and third year selling at auction. He will auction off his market lamb, Fred, as well as Processed Turkeys.

Jake brings a wide range of animal interests and at twelve years old, his goals are to establish his own breeding trio of turkeys to produce poult for future markets.

He is also working to build a registered Southdown sheep flock and hopes to grow it into a production herd and said this year’s auction will continue helping him invest in future goals.

Aubree Beckert has been with 4-H for four years and has two years selling in the auction.

She will auction off her market goat, Spongebob, market lamb Wooley, and stew-er rabbit, Ralph.

Aubree is a member of the Ribbon Wranglers 4-H Club and loves working with animals. One of her favorite parts of the project has been watching her animals grow and said “Ralph has become really sweet along the way.”

This year, she learned how to shear sheep, clip goats, and properly care for rabbits.

She said her proceeds from the auction will be put in savings to help her work toward future goals.

John Beers is trying his first year at the auction and has been in 4-H four years. He will auction off his market goat, Gary and two ducks, Curly and Moe.

John is a member of the Jolly Green Giants 4-H Club and has big goals set for this year including learning all about feeding, conditioning, training, clipping and showing. Caring for his goat helped him discover what it takes to raise quality market animals.

Living on a farm has provided many opportunities to care for animals, especially this spring when John helped deliver baby goats.

One of Johns favorite things about 4-H is learning by doing. He said he hopes to save his auction money for a future purchase of a registered Belted Galloway Cow.

Alexis Stemke has enjoyed five years in 4-H and has four years selling at auction. She will auction off her market goats, Rose and Betsy, and lamb, “Ewe” Niece.

Alexis has an extensive background working with animals and said through this project she learned sheep and goats can coexist quite well.

One of her favorite parts about raising livestock is watching the animals interact with one another and become part of the herd.

She looks to one day own her own farm and veterinary service and said proceeds from the auction will go toward savings and reinvesting in future livestock projects.

EmmaJane Beers is counting six years with 4-H and looks forward to her first year selling at auction. She will auction her pigs, Dill and Pickles, as well as Processed Chickens.

Although this is EmmaJane’s first time participating in the auction, she has years of experience with livestock and has dedicated many hours to caring for her animals.

EmmaJane is a member of the Jolly Green Giants 4-H Club and she’s committed to helping her pigs reach full potential. She hope to continue improving her pig herd with proceeds from the auction.

Maranda Schmidt has been in 4-H for nine years and is preparing to sell in her first auction. She will auction off her market lambs, Karen and Bubba.

Maranda has learned some valuable lessons along the way and said one lesson was in shearing sheep and said it is much easier to shear sheep after they’ve had a bath and it’s always important to make sure the gate is latched.

Her favorite moments during the project have been learning her animals’ personalities, especially Karen, who Maranda said is “A very funny sheep.”

Along her journey, Maranda has also shown Brown Swiss dairy cattle and has earned recognition as the second-place Future Farmers of America

Ex t e m p o r a n e o u s Speaker in New York State.

Proceeds from this year’s auction will help fund future livestock projects and savings toward truck or college.

Rinoa Brown is in her fifth year with 4-H and second year selling in the auction. She will be selling her market hog, Erza.

In all of the fun and muddy adventures that come from raising her hog, she said her favorite part of the project has been learning about swine growth and development, plus spending quality time with Erza during training.

Rinoa has plenty of experience raising market hogs and shared her last pig, Inosuke, weighed 263 pounds. She has some long term goals set and hopes to raise and breed pigs of her own, eventually to purchase a dairy calf to expand her livestock experience.

The proceeds from this auction will help her work toward that goal, setting some savings aside for her future calf project.

Trevor Hess has three years under his belt with 4-H and has joined the auction for his first time. He will auction off his market lambs, Tank and Maple.

Through the project, Trevor gained valuable skills in animal care and responsibility, working daily with his lambs. His favorite part has been watching them grow and improve on the halter.

He said he learned how to train them to walk, set up properly for the show ring, and develop into strong market animals.

Trevor hopes to become an APA and ABA poultry judge and someday serve as a DEC officer and said his auction proceeds will be reinvested in the family farm and help him continue

his agricultural journey.

Market Animal Auction Program

Kmetz noted youth must be enrolled in the Chenango County 4-H Program and be at least eight years old to participate in the Market Animal Auction Program. Eligible participants are generally eight to 18. She said Cloverbud members ages five to seven are not eligible to auction animals.

She said auction buyers can register for a bidder number before the auction begins. Winning bidders will receive assistance from 4-H leaders once they win a bid. Leaders will help fill out the cut sheet to order desired cuts of meat from the animal.

Kmetz mentioned the processing fee is not included in the bid price for the animal but processing fees are paid separately and directly to the processor.

Processing costs vary depending on the species, carcass weight, cutting instructions, and processor, “so, there is not one standard fee,” she said. “Buyers can obtain current pricing from the processor handling the animal.”

U S D A - i n s p e c t e d processing facilities have reserved dates for the auction. The timeline from start to finished packaging varies depending on processor, species, and cutting and packaging requests.

“By participating in the 4-H Market Animal Auction, buyers are not only purchasing high-quality local meat, they are investing in youth development, agricultural education, and the future of our community,” said Kmetz.

For additional agricultural information, visit the Cornell Cooperative Extension website at ccechenango.org.

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quent village taxes.

The county saw a \$65,000 loss last year when the Village of Oxford, which passed an ordinance similar to Earlville’s, razed two tax-delinquent properties and levied the cost against the tax bills. When the property owner failed to pay, the county was on the hook.

As more villages adopt

similar ordinances, Wentworth said there have been discussions between county board committees about possibly repealing the county’s self-imposed local law to enforce village taxes.

“In the Village of Earlville, a single demolition would most certainly triple the amount the county has traditionally paid to make the village whole,” Wentworth wrote in a letter to the vil-

lage’s Board of Trustees. “Enforcing village taxes is an option for the county. We are not required to enforce them, and we only do so by our 1978 local law pursuant to Real Property Tax Law, Section 1442.”

Wentworth said repealing the county’s local law would spare county taxpayers the added expense of demolition should villages pursue that course of action.

“In that instance, the villages would become responsible for their own tax enforcement. The county would not be making the villages whole, and village residents would then be on the hook for any loss should a property not sell for the amount of back taxes,” Wentworth said.

“Our hope is never to pass that bill on to the county,” Taylor said. “Our hope is that

through working with property owners, we will be able to resolve the situation before it ever gets to that point.”

In a written statement, the Earlville Board of Trustees said it is aware of the challenges Chenango County is facing as it seeks a solution for abandoned buildings that pose a safety risk.

“After careful consideration, the Village Board voted to adopt this amendment to our

local law,” the statement reads. “We would appreciate the opportunity to meet with the members of the County Board to discuss this issue further. The Village Board is committed to addressing this challenge in a collaborative manner and believes that working together will help us find effective solutions that benefit both the village and the county.”

SNB HORSESHOE CLUB:
Kelly's Flowers stays
hot after week 13

BY MORGAN GOLLIVER
GAZETTE SPORTS EDITOR

SOUTH NEW BERLIN— The South New Berlin Horseshoe Club finished its 13th week of play on July 29. Lee Coon and Jess Sherwood sit atop of the standings with a record of 44-12 with The Stadium behind them at 42.5-13.5 and Potter's Tires in third after leading for several weeks at 40-12.

Webster Paving and Fun Lovers remain in the fourth and fifth spots.

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

Coon finished with a high singles game of a 77 and a high series of a 170.

Kelly's Flowers swept all the team leaderboards to round out the week.

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

Full Standings as of July 29:

1. Kelly's Flowers (Lee Coon/Jess Sherwood) 44-12, 8263 points
2. The Stadium (Al Bush/Al Patten) 42.5-13.5, 8368 points
3. Potter's Tires (Billy Schermerhorn/John Edwards) 40-12, 7845 points
4. Webster Paving (Ed Webster/Bob Wells) 39.5-12.5, 7660 points
5. Fun Lovers (Tim Lidell/Mike Grant) 35-21, 8086 points
6. Ryno Graphics (Ryan Lund/Bill Wetherbee) 31.5-24.5, 7922 points
7. Top Notch Timber (Keith Clark/Jim Bulger) 30-22, 7480 points
8. Rustic Ridge (Ron Anderson/George Hanslmaier) 30-22, 7402 points
9. Carpet Protectors (Brian Prentice/Chris Davis) 28-28, 8047 points
10. Old Skool Lawnmower Repair & Service (Larry Shaw/Darla Smith) 28-24,

- 7563 points
11. Aptitude Design Co. (Tresta Raymond/Kate Lloyd) 26-30, 8009 points
 12. Roger's Best Value Tire & Auto (Cindy Miller/Joe Miller) 25.5-26.5, 7423 points
 13. RTG (Connie Barnes/Darlene Conkling) 17.5-34.5, 7455 points
 14. The Retirees (Bob Aitken/Denys Meade) 16-40, 7791 points
 15. Pitch Perfect (Lisa Webster/Brynn Grant) 14.5-37.5, 7244 points
 16. Rolling M Stables (Jim Moffitt/Melvin Harvey) 14-42, 7758 points
 17. Upstate Companies (Laura Pegg/Ashley Barrows) 12-40, 7383 points
 18. Tuttle's Hot Diggity Dogs (Sam Tuttle/Trevor May) 10-42, 7203 points
- Men's High Singles:**
- Lee Coon 77
- Al Patten 71
- Ryan Lund 55
- Women's High Singles:**
- Kate Lloyd 63
- Jess Sherwood 49
- Tresta Raymond 31
- Team High Singles:**
- Kelly's Flowers 126
- The Stadium 118
- Fun Lovers 96
- Team High Singles Handicap:**
- Kelly's Flowers 221
- The Stadium 213
- Carpet Protectors 206
- Men's High Series:**
- Lee Coon 220
- Al Patten 177
- Ryan Lund 156
- Women's High Series:**
- Kate Lloyd 170
- Jess Sherwood 120
- Tresta Raymond 85
- Team High Series:**
- Kelly's Flowers 340
- The Stadium 316
- Fun Lovers 281
- Team High Series Handicap:**
- Kelly's Flowers 625
- The Stadium 601
- Carpet Protectors 595



Eric Davis
Outdoor Chenango

In February 2024, I was a few minutes early to a seminar about R3 and Outreach at the National Wild Turkey Federation convention in Nashville when I picked a seat and sat down.

As more people started to come in and pick seats, a gentleman in a US Forest Service uniform sat down two seats away. I looked over, he read my name badge and asked where in New York I lived.

I first asked if he knew much about upstate and where things were, before explaining where Chenango County is. Then I followed up with the fact that I grew up in by Watkins Glen and I fished with my grandfather for trout that were stocked in the ponds on the Finger Lakes National Forest, the only national forest in NY, when I was young. It sparked a conversation with him as he was from South Carolina and was

familiar with stocking catfish in ponds in the south on national forests and only knew that they would stock trout in northern ponds where trout could survive. We kept talking and I brought up that the NYS Chapter of NWTF has spent a good amount of our Superfund habitat money on projects on the Finger Lakes National Forest since I became a board member in 2016.

As the seminar began, they welcomed the first speaker of the day, the US Forest Service biologist sitting to my left. As he went through his presentation on how NWTF chapters can partner with the Forest Service to hold events, he brought up the conversation we had just had and used me as an example when it came to doing a fishing event.

It was unexpected to be used in the presentation as an example, but it got me to reminisce about those times I went fishing with my grandfather at the national forest as well as many other instances.

One vivid memory from fishing at the national forest was the year my cousin Lauren joined us. We walked to the pond from the parking area and got our lines in the water. We were fishing with Powerbait dough on a hook below a bobber. Lauren and I decided we were hungry and started to snack on the Salt and Vinegar chips our grand-

father had brought with us. As we sat there munching away, our grandfather asked us, "Hey, where's your bobbbers?"

We looked out and realized fish were on both of our lines. So, we quickly put the chips aside and reeled in our fish. We kept fishing and caught our limit of trout. I have a picture of me sitting in my grandpa's kitchen with a pile of trout on newspaper on the kitchen table.

As for fishing at other places, my grandfather had a boat that he kept parked in our yard because we lived closer to the lake. This made it so that he didn't have to drive with it trailered to his SUV for as far. So, I would go out on the boat with him almost every Saturday in the summer. Usually we trolled, but one week the guys at the bait shop said lake trout were up shallow and guys were catching them on live sawbellies (alewives).

So, my grandfather bought some sawbellies before we hit the lake. My dad was not a fisherman, but he enjoyed driving the boat and he was with us that day. We headed out and anchored the boat near Hector Falls. My grandfather rigged up a sawbelly on an English double hook on my rod before letting my send it overboard. After a while, I got a bite, and it was a big one!

I fought the fish for

a few minutes and as it was getting closer to the surface my grandfather told my dad to grab the net. As the fish was only a few feet down, it swam directly under the boat. When it did, my line broke and we all sulked in disappointment at losing the fish. My dad turned around and began walking the net to the back of the boat when my grandfather exclaimed, "Mike, come here quick! It's right here!" My dad whipped around and quickly scooped up an exhausted lake trout from beside the boat. The fish was tired from the fight and was just floating there after the line broke.

When we pulled the fish from the net, the sawbelly was hooked perfectly in its mouth with a couple feet of line still attached. That lake trout was my personal best at that point and might still be. When we were done fishing, we stopped at the bait shop to show off my catch. The owner came out to the parking lot with a Polaroid camera, took my picture, and then hung it on the corkboard inside the door with the other recent trophies.

My grandfather passed away in January 2018. While he's gone, I will always remember those fishing trips we took and how he sparked my love for the outdoors.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT:

Why vaccinating early saves time, stress, and keeps kids healthy

C H E N A N G O COUNTY - As summer flies by, parents are busy preparing for another school year-shopping for supplies, organizing schedules, and making sure their children are ready for the first day of class.

One important task that is often left until the last minute is making sure children are up to date on their required school vaccinations.

By scheduling vaccinations early, families can avoid unnecessary stress, save valuable time, and help ensure children stay healthy and in the classroom all year long.

Every year, healthcare providers experience a surge of appointments in late summer as families rush to meet school vaccination requirements. Waiting until September can make it difficult to find an available appoint-

ment, leading to long wait times and added frustration. By scheduling vaccinations earlier, parents have greater flexibility, more appointment options, and one less thing to worry about as school approaches.

Getting vaccinated early also helps prevent delays in starting school. New York State requires students to receive certain immunizations. Children who are missing required vaccines may be excluded from school until they meet these requirements. That can mean missed classroom instruction, missed opportunities to make new friends, and additional stress for both students and parents. Completing vaccinations well before the first day of school helps ensure children are ready to learn from day one.

Vaccines do more than

meet school requirements—they protect children from serious diseases such as measles, whooping cough, and meningitis. These illnesses can spread quickly in schools where students spend many hours together each day.

Healthy children are also more likely to stay in school. When children avoid vaccine-preventable diseases, they miss fewer days of class, stay on track academically, and can continue participating in sports, extracurricular activities, and time with friends. Parents benefit too, with fewer unexpected absences from work and fewer medical visits caused by preventable illnesses.

Now is the perfect time to check your child's immunization records and schedule any needed vaccines. Don't wait until

the back-to-school rush. Contact your healthcare provider or your local health department today to schedule your child's back-to-school vaccinations. A little planning today can make the start of the school year healthier, easier, and stress-free for the whole family.

Supporting websites:

www.health.ny.gov/publications/2370_2026.pdf

www.healthychildren.org/English/safety-prevention/immunizations/Pages/Recommended-Immunization-Schedules.aspx

www.chenangocountyny.gov/474/Clinic-Schedule

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

- From Chenango Co. Health Department

The Early Files

by Peggy Finnegan

WEEK #33

FORTY YEARS AGO

August 12, 1986

The heaviest storm ever known here occurred July 20 with 8.5 inches of rain in less than four hours.

Roger Chase is New Berlin Citizen of the Year.

Electric light workers are running wires from mail line over across.

Sanford Jones had the misfortune to have a cow killed by lightning.

Stay cool and remember this weather next winter when it's zero to the bone.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

August 14, 1976

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Williams purchased the former Cora Holmes home next to Chase Hospital.

Sympathy is extended to Edward Perkins, Jr. for the fire that burned his dairy barn.

The Community Band is really on the go this summer.

NOTICE: The New Berlin taxi will discontinue service effective August 11.

SIXTY YEARS AGO

August 18, 1966

Youth Days begins with a water carnival at Silver Lake.

A hoped-for completion date of April 1967 to set for Rogers Center in Sherburne.

The Bird family moved into the Percy Brownrigg place on Slave street.

Having their troubles and coming in with the high score for the evening were Teresa Chapin and Roger Williams. The score we won't mention.

W A N T E D : Housekeeper in her 50's to 70's for one man. Could have own room.

SEVENTY YEARS AGO

August 17, 1956

The safety mechanism of the Chase Hospital elevator failed, dropping three people from the second floor to the basement. No one was injured. A hydraulic elevator is essential to speed the

delivery of patients to the second floor and to relieve the terrific strain on a nurse as operator of the ropes.

The Town Band will present a concert on the Eagle Hotel porch Saturday.

Robert Curtis moved into the George Pages tenant house on Spurr street.

The Post Office will issue a 3c stamp to commemorate Labor Day.

Watch the convention on the new big screen TV at New Berlin TV & Appliance.

EIGHTY YEARS AGO

August 15, 1946

Chenango county supervisors unanimously voted to demolish the 136-year old courthouse and erect a new courthouse and office building on its present site.

The annual Edmeston firemens' ox roast served over 700 dinners.

Clayton Lottridge was attacked by a red fox as he opened the barn door.

A fox tried to enter Leon Johnson's house.

A new law requires voters to present evidence of literacy.

NINETY YEARS AGO

August 14, 1936

The new 3c stamp will be a Susan B. Anthony commemorative on the 16th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th amendment.

Frank Hodge reports he loaned a setting hen to Charles Whitney. She sat on 13 eggs for three weeks then went home, but the weather was so hot that the eggs hatched anyway and the Whitneys now have 12 chicks alive and strong.

Seven truckloads of sand were brought from Sylvan Beach for the new swimming area at Silver Lake.

Floyd Sholes and men drove 16 cows through Columbus to pasture on the Perkins farm. Quite a sight, cows traveling the roads on their own power. Most are trucked these days.

HUNDRED YEARS AGO

August 15 1926

Work has started on a ball diamond on Fish Field.

Mrs. Will Bell received word that Mr. Bell arrived safely in Ireland on his pilgrimage to the home of his birth.

We see that a Pennsylvanian inherited \$5 million. That ought to be enough to warrant his running for office.

Mrs. Esther Pope died, aged 71. She leave to morn [sic] her loss, one sister and two brothers.

Eighteen cans of rainbow and German brown trout were planted in the Wharton.

Willis Spaulding, who disappeared from his home with a threat to end his life, was found lodged against a log in the Unadilla river just below the Gibson sawmill on lower Genesee street.

The study of veterinary medicine started in France in 1762 for the purpose of training men to save horses injured in battle.

The community was shocked to hear of the horrible death of Harry Shaffer in the Oxford Basket & Mfg. Co. when he fell on a circular saw and was killed instantly.

France is making a holy show of herself by mistreating American tourists because she is angered to think the U.S. will not cancel millions in was debts.

E.A. Mumbulo is having a ballroom installed, purchased of C.W. Hopkins, Son & Co. of Edmeston.

An important new law passed to the effect that when person is arrested for driving car while drunk, he may be taken before any justice of the peace and his case tried at once.

LOST: Brown overnight bag containing Chesterfield cigarettes on North Main.

110 YEARS AGO

August 12, 1916

The Norwich com-

mon council adopted a resolution prohibiting Sunday movies in the city.

B.I. Sherwood was shaking hands with numerous friends here. He also made arrangements for the foundation for a monument on his lot in Union Cemetery.

The Columbus Town Picnic will be held Aug. 16, a basket picnic with free lemonade. Bring a full basket as sometimes children are not all provided for.

Claude Palmer of Edmes ton is haying for Henry Dennison.

Gladys Carpenter and Agnes Chapin have been camping on the hill down the river near Camp's mills.

Orrin Larchar was home from the Banks' farm.

A Chinaman selling cucumbers at \$4 each in New York aroused a detective to action. The cukes contained a tin box filled with opium.

George Judd has an automobile; also Wm. Simmons is the new owner of a Ford.

Can anybody beat this? Linn Skinner had green corn from his garden Aug. 4.

The contract has been placed for 1917 state license plates. They will be olive color with white letters. Approximately 300,000 sets will be required.

Mrs. Louis Todd has been ill with acute indigestion but is better at present.

Andrew Taylor celebrated his 59th birthday by taking a motor trip to Oneida and Oneida Lake with Glenn Carr as chauffeur.

The Hyde Park playground is discontinued for the present.

A letter mailed in 1878 from O.H. Pierce in So. Edmeston to his father at Oneonta just reached its destination.

WANTED: Every housewife to try my Vacuum Washer. Satisfaction is guaranteed. Get my prices and save money. Robert Peck

Obituary

EDITH BLUMBERG

Edith Blumberg, 91, of New Berlin, NY, died peacefully on Friday, July 24, 2026 at the Mercy House in Endicott, NY, where she has resided since February of this year.

Edith was born on January 30, 1935, in Jersey City, NJ, and was a daughter of the late Leo and Ann (Green) Blumberg. Following her high school graduation, Edith attended Radcliffe College and later law school. She practiced in Manhattan from 1963 to 2003 and in Norwich from 2003 to 2018. She was a former member of the New York State Bar and a member of the Norwich Jewish Center.

In addition to her parents, Edith was predeceased by her siblings Alan Blumberg and Miriam Eisinger. She is survived by her niece, Dina Eisinger and her nephew, Ari Eisinger.

Edith's family would like to express gratitude to the care given to Edith while in the care of both the Mercy House and the Hampshire House.

In keeping with Edith's wishes, she was privately buried in her family plots in Mount Moriah Cemetery in Fairview, NJ.

Memorial contributions in memory of Edith may be made to the Mercy House, 212 North McKinley Avenue, Endicott, NY 13760.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted with Wilson Funeral Home. To leave a message of sympathy, please visit: www.wilsonfh.com.

Chenango County Human Resources explores new rules to curb nepotism in government agencies

BY SHAWN MAGRATH

GAZETTE STAFF WRITER

NORWICH – Citing a growing number of family ties in local government, Chenango County Human Resources is pondering the creation of a policy to curb nepotism across all county governmental agencies.

According to County Personnel Officer Matthew Caldwell, the measure is an attempt to minimize supervisory conflicts, chiefly among married couples who work in the same department.

“This has been a little bit of a concern,” Caldwell told the county's Personnel Committee during a July meeting. “We're trying to be very careful to prevent those things from happening as much as we can, especially in a direct reporting situation. Those things are more present nowadays than they ever have in my experience here.”

Caldwell said he's now looking at a draft policy that has been adopted by local town boards that

does not prohibit nepotism, but does require that the board be made aware of such situations and gives officials the authority to deny hiring or promoting of an individual based on concerns of bias or favoritism.

“It gives the board some control and at least a little bit of insight into what's happening before things get out of control,” said Caldwell, adding that instances of nepotism would likely be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. “It's tougher in some departments than others.”

Unlike a local law, a nepotism policy, if it were enacted, would not require a public hearing before going into effect.

WORD SEARCH

WELLNESS WORD SEARCH

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

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| BALANCED | HEALING | RESILIENCE |
| BREATHE | HOLISTIC | ROUTINE |
| CARE | HYDRATION | SERENITY |
| CLEANSE | MEDITATION | SLUMBER |
| ENERGY | MINDFULNESS | STAMINA |
| FITNESS | NUTRITION | STRENGTH |
| GRATITUDE | RECOVERY | VITALITY |
| HARMONY | RELAXATION | WELL-BEING |

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Level: Intermediate

- # WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to wellness.

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Answer: Breath

- # GUESS WHO ?
- I am an actor born in Massachusetts on August 12, 1975. I attended Columbia University and majored in physics. But I went into acting like my older brother, playing many supporting roles. I went on to win an Academy Award for a starring role.

Solutions:

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Earlville Opera House Courtyard series presents Opus Black

EARLVILLE - Earlville Opera House is thrilled to present Opus Black, a dynamic contemporary string trio blending classical precision with bold, genre-crossing artistry, on Saturday, August 15 at 7pm in our newly expanded Courtyard.

Opus Black features musicians Liz Friedel (Music With Liz), Dan Blumenthal, and Kristen B. Kopf.

Liz Ingersoll is a freelance violinist currently performing with The Ingersolls', Five Families Ensemble, and the Fish Creek Rodeo. An active and versatile musician, she brings energy and artistry to a wide range of performance settings. Liz is the owner and operator of Music With Liz, a private music studio where she works with students of all ages and skill levels, fostering both technical excellence and a lifelong love of music. Liz earned her Associate of Science in Music from Onondaga Community College.

Dan Blumenthal is the Orchestra Teacher at Jamesville-DeWitt High School. He has



Earlville Opera House is presenting Opus Black, a dynamic contemporary string trio at 7 p.m. on Saturday, August 15 in the newly expanded Courtyard.(Submitted photo)

served as an instrumental music teacher in the JD school district since the Fall of 2010. Dan holds a Master of Music Education from Syracuse University and a Bachelor's of Music Education from University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. During his time at Michigan, he studied Violin with Andrew Jennings and Saxophone with Donald Sinta. Outside of the classroom, Dan is an active performer

on saxophone, violin, and a variety of other instruments. He performs with groups including Sundrop Rise, Stringdom, and Salt City Jazz Collective. Dan currently lives in DeWitt with his wife, Kelsie, and their two children, Emerson and Oliver.

Kristen B Kopf now devotes her time to a creative and active performing life after a fulfilling career as a music educator with the North Syracuse Central School

District. As a freelance musician on both cello and baritone saxophone, she performs professionally in a wide range of styles that blend her strong classical roots with a love of jazz and contemporary music. Kristen can be seen performing with Opus Black Strings, Monk Rowe and The Five Families Ensemble, The Diana Jacobs Band, The Ripcords, the Syracuse Chamber Orchestra and she also serves as

conductor of the Oasis Chamber Orchestra. Her education includes a Bachelor's degree in Music Education and Performance, a Master's degree in Music Education, and a Second Master's in Orchestral Conducting, all from Syracuse University.

Join us for a delightful summer evening under the stars with some high-quality musicians in our newly expanded Courtyard! Tickets for this show are \$24 general admission and \$22 for members (become a member!), with \$14 youth tickets. The House opens at 6pm so patrons can visit our Artisan Gift Shop and our annual Quilt Show where you can vote for your favorite quilt in our "People's Choice" contest. Our new outdoor concession stand sells snacks and beverages, including adult beverages with specialty drinks. And... take a chance on our "Family Fun in the Sun" Raffle Basket worth over \$850, for only \$5 a ticket, or 5 for \$20. The drawing is at the show and you can walk away with a YETI

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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 our 2026 Summer Courtyard Series.

- Information from the Earlville Opera House

Chenango County welcomes new "Ice Cream Trail"

REBECCA LAIBOWITZ
GAZETTE STAFF WRITER

CHENANGOCOUNTY – The Chenango County Planning & Development Department, in partnership with the Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) of Chenango County, has launched the county's first Ice Cream Trail. Giving residents and visitors a new reason to explore the county one scoop at a time.

Anyone can join in on the Ice Cream Trail, all it takes is picking up a stamp card at one of the eight participating ice cream shops, and start collecting stamps. Once participants collect stamps from five of the eight locations, they can mail or drop off their completed card to the Chenango County Planning Department. Every completed card submitted by September 23 earns an entry into a raffle featuring prizes donated by local businesses.

"The trail encourages families to explore different parts of the county and discover local

businesses they may not have visited before," said Allison Yacano Senior Planner.

The eight stops include: Gilligans in Sherburne, America's Sweet Spot in New Berlin, Dusty's Dairy Bar in Norwich, Lindy's in Norwich, Hoppie's Cafe in Oxford, Bourdreau's Bistro in Greene, Bob's Diner in Bainbridge, and Country Classics in Bainbridge.

"We wanted the trail to represent the entire County to the best of our ability. We are grateful that all eight locations signed on to participate!" Yacano said. "One of our biggest goals is to encourage people to explore more of Chenango County and support the small businesses that make our communities unique."

Beyond ice cream, organizers hope that the trail encourages residents to explore parks, attractions, and other small businesses throughout the county. The trail also pairs naturally with the Explore Chenango Outdoor Challenge, a summer initiative between the County Planning and

Health Departments. Many of the ice cream shops are located nearby outdoor challenge stops, making it convenient to combine a day spent outdoors with a cool something sweet to complete the experience.

"Who doesn't like a nice hike with a sweet treat at the end," said Yacano.

The idea for the Ice Cream Trail came about during meetings between the Planning Department and CCE, who have collaborated on numerous programs over the years. Inspired by other counties in our region who already have similar initiatives, they decided to start reaching out to ice cream shops in Chenango County and put the trail together.

Rather than creating a digital or online check-in system, the organizers opted for a physical stamp card. A nostalgic approach that fits the spirit of the trail. Each shop received 100 cards to start, and one has already run out according to Yacano.

"The stamp cards can be picked up at any of the eight participating locations. This also



The first Chenango County Ice Cream Trail put together by the County's Planning Department and CCE Chenango features eight stops around the county. Pick up a stamp card at any of the eight participating ice cream shops, and once five stamps are received gain entry to a county wide raffle by mailing or dropping off the completed card to the County's Planning Department by September 23. (Photos by Rebeca Laibowitz)

makes it easier for the ice cream shops to simply stamp the card, and the customer is on their way," she said.

The Ice Cream Trail is also designed to celebrate the area's dairy heritage.

"Chenango County has a long and proud agricultural history and dairy has always been an important part," Yacano said, "We chose to highlight that through a sum-

mer initiative because ice cream is something everyone can enjoy."

Once the challenge wraps up on September 23, they will hold a traditional raffle drawing to select winners. "Stay tuned to our Facebook page as we will be announcing the winners there," Yacano said. Find the official Chenango County Planning Department's Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/ChenangoPlanning

"We are still finalizing details on some of the prizes but will announce the great prizes in the near future. It was great to see the support from our local businesses for the raffle prizes," Yacano said.

The department has been tracking participation by the amount of cards given out and they also plan to request feedback from participants for ideas on how to grow the trail in future summers. With the trail already generating engagement, and stamp cards disappearing faster than expected, the Planning Department hopes this first year is just the beginning.

"We hope that this year's event is successful and continues to be an annual event for Chenango County," said Yacano, "The possibilities are endless."

More information about the Ice Cream Trail, a brochure, and digital map, can be found at: www.chenangocountyny.gov/234/Agriculture (be sure to scroll down)

New Berlin Library Corner



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Science heroes perform at New Berlin Library

The 2026 Perkins Memorial Performance Series kicked off on Wednesday, Aug. 5, at 6 p.m., with an exciting performance by Science Heroes. The interactive show launched a month of free family entertainment presented every Wednesday throughout August.

Sponsored by Andrea Miller and Ruso Donald Perkins in memory of their parents, Ruso and Jean Perkins, the series honors a family with deep roots in the New Berlin community. The annual performance series is organized by the New Berlin Library.

Due to ongoing renovations and equipment installation at Hyde Park, this year's performances are being held in the New Berlin Library Community Room.

Science Heroes presented «Digging It,» a high-energy STEM program featuring live science experiments, audience participation, and hands-on demonstrations. Before each experiment, the presenter explained the scientific concept and invited children to make hypoth-

eses about what they thought would happen. Young volunteers eagerly assisted with several demonstrations, making the show both educational and entertaining.

One of the biggest highlights was the Toilet Tornado™, which sent streams of toilet paper flying overhead as children jumped to catch the fluttering rolls. Other crowd favorites included the Disappearing Polymer™ and the Hydro-Cannon™, both of which showcased fascinating scientific principles in fun and memorable ways.

The remainder of the 2026 Perkins Memorial Performance Series includes:

- Aug. 12: Dirt Road Express Band
- Aug. 19: Ron Cain Dino Magic, followed by free ice cream
- Aug. 26: Dan the Snakeman

All performances begin at 6 p.m. and last approximately one hour.

The Perkins Memorial Performance Series is free and open to the public. The New Berlin Library is located at 15 S. Main St., New Berlin.

Community members of all ages are invited to attend these family-friendly performances throughout the month of August.

Some great new additions to the library include: The Perfect Divorce by Jeneva Rose, Something in the Water by Catherine Steadman, Smuggler's Cove (Twin Lights Series) by Fern Michaels, and Getting Away with Murder by Shari Lapena.

The New Berlin Library is located at 15 South Main Street, New Berlin. The Library is open Monday and Wednesday 10AM-8PM; Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 10AM-5PM; and Saturdays 10AM-noon. The web address is <http://libraries.4cls.org/newberlin/>. Please contact us at 607.847.8564 or like and message our Facebook page New Berlin Library and Museum (<https://www.facebook.com/newberlinlibrary.newberlinny>) with any questions.

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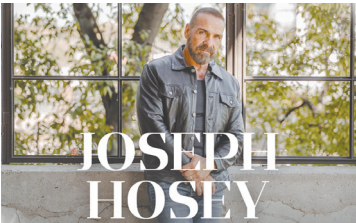
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- Robin's Heavenly Birds & Butterflies, North Road
- Dinosaur Takeover Fossil Tent, South Road
- Dinosaur Takeover Golf Experience, South Road
- Ryans' Yak Farm NYSAAF Ag Awareness Exhibit, North Road
- Party Animals Petting Zoo, North Road
- Blacksmith Shop, South Road

PRE-FAIR TUESDAY AUGUST 11

12:00 PM Harness Racing

WED., AUGUST 12 Children's Day!

12:00 PM October Rose (Entertainment Tent)
3:00 PM Dinosaur Takeover Show, South Road (Sponsored by Steel Sales)
1:00 PM Royal Pageants Chenango County Fair Pageant (Entertainment Tent)
5:00 PM October Rose, South Road
5:15 PM Dinosaur Takeover Show, South Road (Sponsored by Steel Sales)
7:00 PM Firefighter's Parade (East Main Street/Grandstand)
8:00 PM Concert The Revival Featuring Allyssa Crosby Season 25 of The Voice & Matt Beadle (Entertainment Tent)
8:15 PM Dinosaur Takeover Show, South Road (Sponsored by Steel Sales)



THURSDAY, AUGUST 13 Senior Day!

10:00 AM Chenango County Fair Tractor Pull (Grandstand)
10:00 AM-4:00 PM Senior Day - Music & Entertainment, Bingo, Vendors, Drawings & Displays (Entertainment Tent)
1PM-2PM October Rose (Senior Tent)
3:00 PM Dinosaur Takeover Show, South Road (Sponsored by Steel Sales)
4:00 PM October Rose (Entertainment Tent)
6:00 PM Dinosaur Takeover Show, South Road (Sponsored by Steel Sales)
6:30 PM October Rose (Entertainment Tent)
7:00 PM NYTPA Tractor Pull/Truck Pull (Grandstand)
7:30 PM The Jessie Kay Band (Entertainment Tent)
8:00 PM Dinosaur Takeover Show, South Road (Sponsored by Steel Sales)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14

12 PM-2 PM Gary Jennings Sr. (Entertainment Tent)
2:00 PM October Rose (Entertainment Tent)
3:00 PM Dinosaur Takeover Show, South Road (Sponsored by Steel Sales)
5:00 PM October Rose (Entertainment Tent)
6:00 PM Dinosaur Takeover Show, South Road (Sponsored by Steel Sales)
7:00 PM East Coast Wrestling Chenango County Fair (Entertainment Tent)
7 PM -12 AM FRIDAY NIGHT MIDNIGHT MADNESS
8:00 PM Dinosaur Takeover Show, South Road (Sponsored by Steel Sales)
Dusk approx. 9:15 FIREWORKS OVER THE FAIRGROUNDS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15 Children's Day!

9:30 AM Gymkhana Fun Show & Jackpots - Horse Show
10:00 AM NYS Talent Contest, (Sign-ups 10 AM) (Entertainment Tent)
1:00 PM The Burned Over Rival (Entertainment Tent)
1:00 PM Dinosaur Takeover Show, South Road (Sponsored by Steel Sales)
2:30 PM Nashville Recording Artist Joseph Hosey (Entertainment Tent)
3:00 PM Dinosaur Takeover Show, South Road (Sponsored by Steel Sales)
4:00 PM Krystal Lee The Country Sweetheart (Entertainment Tent)
6:00 PM Dinosaur Takeover Show, South Road (Sponsored by Steel Sales)
6:30 PM October Rose (Entertainment Tent)
7:00 PM NYTPA Tractor/Truck Pulls (Grandstand)
8:00 PM Dinosaur Takeover Show, South Road (Sponsored by Steel Sales)
8:00 PM ELVIS An Evening with Tribute Artist Don Brown (Entertainment Tent)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

8:30 AM English Horse Show
11:30 AM October Rose (Entertainment Tent)
11:00 AM Dinosaur Takeover Show, South Road (Sponsored by Steel Sales)
12:00 PM The Jessie Kay Duo, (Entertainment Tent)
1:00 PM DEMO DERBY (Grandstand)
1:30 PM October Rose South Road
3:15 PM Jac-N-Cat and Carl Too (Entertainment Tent)
4:00 PM Dinosaur Takeover Show, South Road (Sponsored by Steel Sales)
7:00 PM DEMO DERBY (Grandstand)

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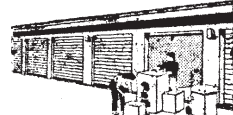


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First Morris Music Festival to debut during Butternut Valley Days

MORRIS — A new tradition is taking center stage in the Butternut Valley this summer. On Sunday, Aug. 23, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., The Gatehouse Coffee Shop & Mercantile will present the inaugural Morris Music Festival, a full day of live music, food, coffee, yoga, and community celebration as part of Butternut Valley Days.

Alliance (BVA) in partnership with local organizations, Butternut Valley Days celebrates the people, places, and creativity that make the region unique. Spanning two weekends, the festival features free live music, family activities, local food and beverages, the Gravel Grinder Bike Race, Hellbender 5K Fun Run, and community gatherings across the valley.

The Morris Music Festival is a natural extension of that spirit, celebrating the musicians, artists, and creative voices that make the Butternut Valley a vibrant place to live and visit. Hosted at The Gatehouse, the festival will transform downtown Morris into a destination where audiences can discover new artists, share memorable musical experiences, and experience the

region's thriving creative culture. The day begins at 9 am with Yoga with Mira upstairs and performances in the cafe, also starting at 9 am, from an exceptional lineup of regional musicians representing folk, Americana, jazz, blues, singer-songwriter, and acoustic traditions. This year's lineup includes: John Houshmand, Blue Stone, Orchard, Liam Herbert, Andrew Carrington, Trio Afinado, Khalil Jade, The Hardy Brothers, Carl & Jack, Jimi Hendrix Trio, Yana King, Shira & Healing Love Water, and Yolanda Bush.

Admission is free with a suggested donation for the performers, inviting visitors of all ages to enjoy outstanding live music, hand-crafted coffee, delicious food, artisan shopping, and the welcoming atmosphere that has made The Gatehouse a community gathering place. "Some of my favorite musical experiences have always happened in small rooms where people come not just to hear music, but to truly listen," said Chris Riffle, co-owner of The Gatehouse Coffee Shop & Mercantile. "That's something we've been fortunate to build at The Gatehouse, and this festival feels like a natural extension of it. We wanted to create a stage that celebrates the incredible artists who live and work in this region and gives people the chance to discover music they may never have encountered otherwise. If someone leaves having found a new favorite artist or feeling a little more connected to this community, then we've accomplished what we set out to do."

Since opening in 2023, The Gatehouse has become a destination for live music, arts, and cultural experiences in Morris. The Franklin Register recently recognized The Gatehouse as "one of the best listening rooms in Otsego County," reflecting the venue's growing role as a home for musicians and audiences across the region.

"The Morris Music Festival represents exactly what Butternut Valley Days is about," said Cassandra Miller, executive director of Butternut Valley Alliance. "It's neighbors coming together, visitors discovering what makes this valley special, local artists sharing their talents, and organizations working together to create experiences that celebrate the character and creativity of our communities."

The Morris Music Festival takes place Sunday, Aug. 23, 9 am - 9 pm at The Gatehouse Coffee Shop & Mercantile, 129 Main St., Morris, NY. Admission is free with a suggested donation for the performers. Visitors are encouraged to spend the day in Morris, experience the Morris Music Festival, and spend the weekend experiencing the many events, activities, and traditions that make up Butternut Valley Days.

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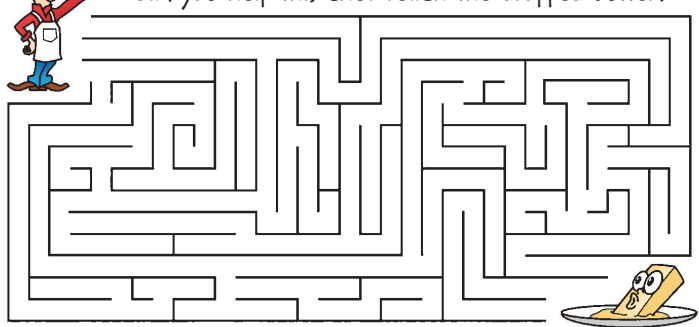
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