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Weaver's Farm Market Customer Appreciation Day welcomed local food vendors and new garden center

BY TYLER MURPHY
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MORRIS - Weaver's Farm Market welcomed the community this past Saturday for its annual Customer Appreciation Day, bringing together local farmers, bakers, crafters and other vendors for a day of food, demonstrations and an opportunity for customers to meet many of the people behind the products sold at the market.

The event was held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 29, at Weaver's Farm Market, 1272 East Side Road in Morris.

Visitors enjoyed free tastings and demonstrations, store specials and drawings for several gift certificates, including a \$250 grand prize. The market accepts cash or checks, but does not accept credit cards.

Weaver's Farm Market owner Daniel Weaver said Customer Appreciation Day is meant to recognize the people who have supported the family business.

"We appreciate our customers," Weaver said. "If it wouldn't be for them, we couldn't do it."

The event has drawn about 2,600 people in recent years and gives the market an opportunity to bring customers, vendors and members of the community together. This year's event will include numerous product samples along with a pulled pork meal, ice cream and local Stagecoach coffee.

A free-will donation got visitors a pulled pork meal including baked beans, coleslaw, brownies, apple crisp, ice cream and a drink. The



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donations will benefit the Morris Amish School New Building Fund and Church Hospital Fund.

Vendors and demonstrations were set up

around the market including a blacksmith and potter, along with craft vendors, a local emergency squad, and a highway safety presen-

tation focused in part on sharing the road with horse-and-buggy traffic.

Jason Weaver, Weaver's Farm Market deli and grocery buyer

and manager, said planning for Customer Appreciation Day begins well before the event. Organizers begin making notes about changes from the previous year and start serious planning around July 1, with vendors typically contacted by the middle of July.

"There's a lot of planning, and we've got to plan ahead a lot," he said.

Jason Weaver said the market currently buys from at least 50 farmers, bakers and crafters, with much of the produce purchased locally when in season. He said customers frequently comment on the market's service, quality and cleanliness.

Customer Appreciation Day gave shoppers a chance to meet some of the farm-

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Earlville firefighter recognized for 50 years of service



Local volunteer firefighter Diane Bensley was honored Sunday, Aug. 30, for 50 years of dedicated service to her community by Paul Rieben, Director of the Firefighters Association of the State of New York. (Submitted photo)

EARLVILLE — Local volunteer firefighter Diane Bensley was honored Sunday, Aug. 30, for 50 years of dedicated service to her community.

Paul Rieben, a director of the Firefighters Association of the State of New York, presented Bensley with a 50-year service certificate. Bensley said she became the first active female member of the Earlville Fire Department in 1975, paving the way for future generations of women in the fire service.

During her service, Bensley held many positions. She served simultaneously in the fire department, fire company and ladies auxiliary, holding leadership roles

as president and secretary for both the auxiliary and the company. Her service also included roles as a fire police officer, EMT and department photographer.

Reflecting on her early years, Bensley said serving as the first woman in the department was challenging. She balanced her volunteer duties with a full-time job and raising two children. Because her husband was also a volunteer firefighter, Bensley recalled the regular sacrifices they made, often having to decide which parent would respond to an emergency call and who would stay home.

Bensley also addressed recruitment and retention challenges facing

volunteer departments across New York state. She said younger generations are increasingly hesitant to volunteer without compensation and that rigorous modern training requirements can discourage younger community members already juggling outside responsibilities.

Despite the obstacles, Bensley said putting others first made her service rewarding, knowing she was making her community a safer place.

"Sacrifice and honor were a large part of my service over the last 50 years," Bensley said.

Bensley acknowledged that the stresses of the job affected her mental health during her

service, as they can for many first responders. In her early years, she relied on a trained chaplain to process difficult calls. She stressed that talking openly about trauma rather than ignoring it is crucial for the fire service.

To protect the next generation of first responders, Bensley advocates for early mental health training that prepares new volunteers for what they may experience on the job and ensures resources are available when members ask for help.

More than 50 years after her historic start, Bensley continues to serve as an example for future generations of female firefighters.

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State report shows surge in planned tax cap overrides as Chenango County maps 2027 budget

BY SHAWN MAGRATH
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ALBANY – A new report from the state comptroller suggests a surging number of New York municipalities are weighing property tax cap overrides for the coming fiscal year, a sign of intensifying financial strain on local budgets statewide.

The Office of the New York State Comptroller (OSC) reports a sharp rise in municipalities, fire districts, and a slight increase in school districts planning to override the cap, driven largely by local officials seeking revenue to balance budgets.

Enacted in 2011, New York State’s tax cap limits local property tax levy growth to the lesser of 2% or inflation, excluding New York City, which is exempt. Municipalities can override the cap through local law, provided it receives the approval of at least 60% of the governing board before filing annual tax forms with the OSC.



Enacted in 2011, New York State’s tax cap limits local property tax levy growth to the lesser of 2% or inflation, excluding New York City, which is exempt. Municipalities can override the cap through local law, (Photo by Shawn Magrath)

According to the comptroller’s report, cities show the highest rate of planned tax cap overrides at 45%, followed by villages (35.5%), towns (28.6%), and counties (24.6%).

A sudden spike in planned tax cap overrides was last seen during the COVID-19 pandemic, when a shaky economy led to financial pressure for municipalities in 2021. Override plans gradually fell across all local governments as billions in federal aid arrived and inflation drove a surge in local sales tax revenues.

Planned overrides began rising again as federal relief aid tapered, inflation stayed above the 2% cap limit, and sales tax growth slowed down. Cities hit a record high in planned overrides for 2025 (49.2%), according to the OSC report. Counties saw a major jump in planned overrides for 2025, while town and village overrides rose more slowly.

“Planning to override the property tax cap is not necessarily an indicator of fiscal stress and, in fact, overriding may help local governments avoid the type of struc-

tural imbalance that leads to serious budgetary issues,” the OSC report states. “That said, the fact that many more entities are expressing an intent to override in recent years may be a sign that local officials are concerned about mounting fiscal pressures.”

The OSC report was released in the midst of the 2027 budgeting season for Chenango County officials. While Chenango County did not need to override the state’s property tax cap for its 2026 budget, the Board of Supervisors

braced for the possibility with a contingency resolution passed in July 2025.

Although lawmakers held a public hearing in August 2025 to consider exceeding the limit, Chenango County Treasurer Bill Craine said the override was not ultimately used.

The 2026, \$121.4 million spending plan for Chenango County represents a 6.9 percent increase over appropriations in 2025 and stays under the state’s 3.74 percent tax cap for 2026.

The Board of Supervisors has not

indicated plans for a cap override for the 2027 budget.

The Board of Supervisors has established six self-imposed financial precepts for budgeting. They include staying under the state-mandated tax cap (notwithstanding exigent circumstances), having a balanced budget using reasonable revenue and expenses, maintaining a NYS Comptroller’s rating of “not in fiscal stress,” staying debt free, and maintaining a minimum of two months worth of operational expenses.

Chenango County approves \$2.5 million contract for landfill closure project

BY SHAWN MAGRATH
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NORWICH – Chenango County has taken another step toward closing two cells at its countywide landfill, recently awarding a \$2.5 million contract to complete the fourth phase of the project.

The County Board of Supervisors passed a resolution at its August meeting authorizing the \$2,533,500 agreement with Byler Excavating LLC, based in

Harpursville.

Byler Excavating submitted the lowest of three responsive bids received for the project. Engineering firm Barton & Loguidice P.C. worked alongside the county’s director of public works and the county’s Public Works Committee to draft specifications and solicit bids.

Funding for the contract comes directly from the county’s Solid Waste Management Facility Reserve capital project account.

The agreement with Byler Excavating is the latest move in an ongoing effort to close cells 1 and 2 at the county landfill, located in the town of Pharsalia. The project also includes relocating waste from cells 3 and 4, following strict state environmental guidelines.

In May, Chenango County officials authorized nearly \$476,000 in professional engineering agreements for the landfill closure project and to comply with tightening state environmental regu-

lations. At the same time, board members rescinded an August 2024 resolution that had previously directed funds toward the development of cell 6, pivoting those resources toward closure efforts and regulatory compliance.

Under the May resolution, the chairman of the board was authorized to execute three separate agreements with Syracuse-based Barton & Loguidice, including:

- \$411,607 for design, permitting, bidding, and construction oversight for the Stage 4 landfill closure project. The scope includes relocating

waste from cells 3 and 4, finalizing the closure of cells 1 and 2, and placing intermediate cover over finished slopes to limit leachate generation.

- \$46,660 to prepare a preliminary engineering report on leachate pretreatment in response to updated regulations from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation governing landfill runoff.

- \$17,500 for general ongoing engineering support across county facilities.

ChenangoCountyBoard of Supervisors Chairman

Jeffrey Blanchard said the scale and timeline of the project require specialized outside contractors beyond the capacity of the local Department of Public Works, necessitating expenditures from county reserves.

Blanchard noted that local highway resources are directed toward road work, which would fall behind schedule if coupled with the landfill project. Landfill closures demand specialized equipment, technical expertise, and time that county staff cannot provide alone, he said.

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Boil-water order for the Village of South Otselic water system is lifted

SOUTH OTSELIC - The boil-water order for the Village of South Otselic Water System has been lifted, and residents may resume normal water use. As of Aug. 30, emergency water-quality monitoring indicated the system meets applicable New York state drinking water standards.

Residents may experience discolored water or changes in taste or odor. If that occurs, officials recommend flushing water lines for 15 to 20 minutes or until the water runs clear.

Questions may be directed to the South Otselic Village Office at 315-653-7201 or the Chenango County Health Department at 607-337-1673.

Chenango County launches bus tracking app, survey to improve public transit system

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NORWICH – Local bus riders can now track routes and plan trips from their phones, thanks to the release of a new app by Chenango County Public Transit and Cathay Express Transportation.

Transit organizers recently unveiled TripShot, a real-time bus tracking app that streamlines the local busing system for riders, making trips easier, more convenient, and more reliable.

“Providing riders with accurate, accessible information is an important part of improving public transportation in Chenango County,” said Sheri Howe, Chenango County Clerk of the Board. “TripShot gives our residents another tool to confidently plan their trip using public transportation and know when their bus is expected to arrive.”



With a newly launched app, bus riders can check the location of their bus in real time, check routes and stops, see estimated arrival times, and get service alerts. (Submitted photo)

With the app, riders can check the location of their bus in real time, check routes and stops, see estimated arrival times, and get service alerts. The goal, said Howe, is to make public transportation easier and more accessible for all riders.

Chenango County

sees consistent use of its public transit system, which covers Greene, Bainbridge, South Otselic, Sherburne, New Berlin, and the City of Norwich. Nevertheless, ridership remains lower than county officials would like to see, said Howe. Total ridership

in the City of Norwich averaged 18 people per day since March. In the same timeframe, it averaged six people per day in Greene, three per day in Bainbridge, three in South Otselic, two in Sherburne, and one in New Berlin.

“I sincerely hope we will continue to see

our numbers increase,” Howe said.

The Chenango County Planning Department has launched a public transportation survey to understand ridership trends and improve the busing service. The survey, available on the Chenango County Planning Department Facebook page, seeks feedback on traveler habits, which transportation services are most important to the community, and where improvements are needed.

The Planning Department says survey responses will “help inform future transportation planning and efforts to make public transportation in Chenango County more accessible, convenient, reliable, and responsive to the needs of the community.”

“We want to hear from the public; what’s working and what’s not working so we can make sure we are meeting our communi-

ty’s needs,” Howe said.

Chenango County re-launched its public busing system in March 2026, after going nearly 15 months without a provider. The 20-plus bus fleet is owned by Chenango County; however, busing operations are managed by Cathay Express Transportation, the county’s premier public transportation provider that initiated a contract with the county earlier this year.

Under the current contract with Cathay Express, the transit system is funded through Federal and State transportation grants without the use of local taxpayer dollars. Officials warn that could change when the \$2 million contract expires in 2028. The county will then have an option of continuing the program through one-year renewals.

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ers directly. Most of the vendors attending this year’s event were local.

Jason Weaver said a normal summer Saturday can bring 300 to 400 transactions through the market, often representing more than one customer per purchase. Sales have continued to grow since the business opened in 2019, he said.

The market experienced a significant increase in business during the COVID-19 pandemic as shoppers sought alternatives to larger stores. Growth has continued since then, although at a slower pace.

“Our sales have gone up every year,” Jason Weaver said, adding that the number of customers and the amount spent per transaction have

grown over the years.

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Houston said Woodland Garden Center’s current focus is flowers and fall gardening, with mums already arriving and pumpkins, gourds and other seasonal decorations planned as fall approaches.

The business is beginning relatively small this year, but Houston said major additions are planned for next spring, including two greenhouses, bedding plants, hanging baskets, vegetable seeds and a larger selection of gardening supplies.

“We’ll have a lot more to offer in the spring,” Houston said.

Houston said he wanted to establish a home business that he and his wife could build over time. Much of the fall merchandise, including pumpkins and decorations, will come from local producers.

He believes the garden center is a natural fit beside the established farm market.

“Flowers go with the market. It’s kind of hand in hand,” Houston said.

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Before You Change the Constitution, Think Twice



Assemblyman Joseph Angelino
District 121 (R,C Norwich)

New Yorkers will once again be asked to decide whether to amend our state constitution. In the last week of the 2026 session, a resolution was passed to give more power to elected officials. This proposal would change how congressional and possibly state district lines are drawn and increase the Legislature’s authority in that process. This must pass the Assembly again in 2027, and then it will appear on the ballot in November of 2027. A related measure that passed would also allow the Legislature to determine the wording voters read on the ballot when deciding the constitutional amendment. (A.11553 & A.11557)

It will be just over a year before you vote on this amendment, and

before casting your vote, I urge you to ask one simple question: Is this truly the kind of change that belongs in our constitution? I intentionally offer you time to read about this with plenty of time to spare.

The New York State Constitution is not just another document. It is the foundation of our government. It establishes the structure of our state, protects our rights and creates the checks and balances that prevent any one branch of government from accumulating too much power.

That is why changing the constitution should never become routine. Unlike ordinary legislation, constitutional amendments are meant to be difficult. They require approval by two separately elected Legislatures before they can even be presented to the voters. Our founders understood that laws may change with the times, but constitutions should endure through generations. New Yorkers have demonstrated that they understand this responsibility.

Since I was elected to the Assembly in 2020, voters have considered six proposed constitutional amendments. They approved only two

and rejected four. That record tells us something important: New Yorkers do not amend their constitution easily. They evaluate each proposal carefully and expect compelling reasons before altering our state’s highest bedrock law. This recent proposal deserves that same careful scrutiny.

It is also important to remember that New Yorkers already voted on this same topic in 2014. After years of criticism that legislators were effectively choosing their own voters by drawing district lines favorable to incumbents and political parties, the people of New York approved a constitutional amendment creating an Independent Redistricting Commission. That decision was not made by Albany politicians. It was made by New York voters themselves.

The purpose then was straightforward: To place greater distance between elected officials and the drawing of the very districts in which they seek election. Now those same elected officials want to change that constitutional amendment.

But before reversing a constitutional decision made by the people, we

should ask whether the current system has truly been given enough time to mature. The commission has completed only one redistricting cycle since voters approved it. That is a very short period upon which to judge a constitutional reform intended to last for generations. The answer to a difficult process is not always another constitutional amendment. Sometimes the answer is improving the process itself, being patient and respecting the will of the people.

The proposal before voters next year would shift greater authority back to the Legislature in circumstances where the commission cannot agree on district maps. Supporters argue this restores accountability to elected officials. I respectfully disagree.

When a constitutional amendment increases the authority of the very institution whose members benefit from the outcome, citizens should proceed with caution. This is not a Republican issue. It is not a Democrat issue. Political majorities change. The constitution remains.

Every constitutional amendment should be judged by one question: Would I support this

same change if the opposite political party controlled the Legislature? If the answer is no, that proves the proposal serves today’s politics more than tomorrow’s constitution.

I am also concerned about a related proposal that would allow the Legislature to determine the wording of the ballot question and summary presented to voters for constitutional amendments. Most citizens will never read the full legal text. They will rely on the language printed on the ballot. Those words should inspire confidence that they are neutral, accurate and written solely to inform—not persuade.

Regardless of which party holds the majority, I believe the same institution proposing a constitutional amendment should not also control how that amendment is described to the voters who must approve or reject it. Our constitution belongs to the people—not to the Legislature, not to the governor and not to whichever political party happens to hold power today. It exists to protect future generations as much as the present one.

Constitutions are designed to provide stability. They should

not be rewritten simply because a process proved frustrating or because one side is dissatisfied with a recent outcome. I am not convinced that this amendment strengthens our constitution or increases public confidence in our elections.

I encourage every New Yorker to read the legislation for yourself. Don’t rely on campaign slogans, political advertisements or social media. Read both sides. Consider not just today’s debate, but the long-term effect on the balance of power in our state government.

If, after doing so, you conclude—as I have—that these changes move too much authority back to the Legislature and reverse a decision the people themselves made only a decade ago, then I respectfully urge you to vote No. Our state constitution is deliberately difficult to change because it is meant to protect the people from the passions and politics of the moment.

Assemblyman Angelino represents the 121st Assembly District, which includes parts of Broome County, Delaware County, Madison County, Chenango County and Otsego County. Follow Assemblyman Angelino on Facebook [here](#).

Angelino joins Blakeman in call for all-of-the-above energy approach

B I N G H A M T O N - Assemblyman Joseph Angelino (R, C - N o r w i c h) and Assemblyman Christopher S. Friend (R,C-Big Flats) attended a press conference in Binghamton on Monday with Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman to highlight rising utility costs and call for an all-of-the-above energy approach.

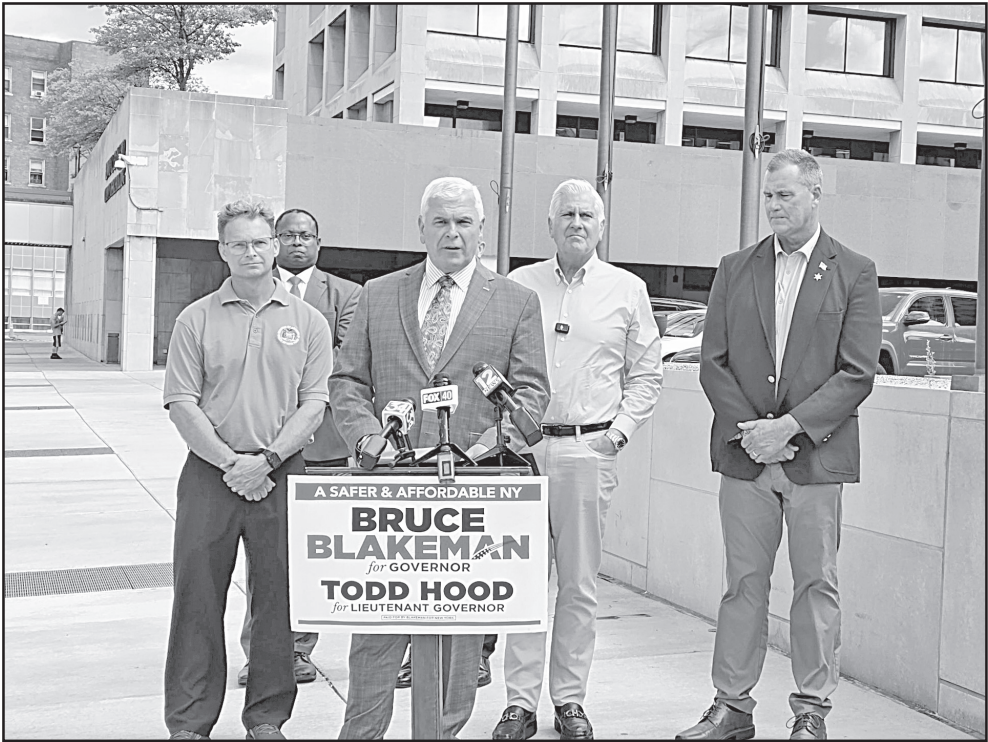
“For years now, policy pushed through in Albany has caused utility bills to rise at an unprecedented level. Delivery charges, renewable-energy programs, clean-energy mandates and other policy changes have driven utility bills through the roof. New York has decided to move away from affordable, reli-

able energy, such as natural gas and nuclear, in favor of expensive and unreliable sources such as wind and solar. We continue to mandate the electrification of vehicles and buildings. Our grid is unable to keep up with the demand. This is supply and demand 101,” said Angelino.

“When the supply side of a utility becomes more expensive and less reliable, it creates a disastrous perfect storm for ratepayers.”

Angelino says to combat this, New York must scrap the current green energy mandates and implement a true all-of-the-above approach to energy.

“The Green New Deal experiment has proven it can’t keep pace with



Assemblyman Joseph Angelino (R,C-Norwich) and Assemblyman Christopher S. Friend (R,C-Big Flats) attended a press conference in Binghamton on Monday with Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman. (Submitted photo)

demand, that much is clear. In order to make sure New Yorkers are able to afford their bills

and keep our energy reliable, we must adopt an all-of-the-above energy approach, which

includes natural gas and nuclear in addition to renewables such as wind and solar. I am

not against renewables, but to mandate them at a time when our grid simply cannot handle it is a recipe for failure. I will continue to fight for affordable and reliable energy in Albany and urge my colleagues to do the same,” concluded Angelino.

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From the Office of
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The Early Files

by Peggy Finnegan

WEEK #36

THIRTY YEARS AGO

September 5, 1996

Colorscape is here again! Over 50 artists will present their wares, eclipsing the number in the show last year.

Teachers Amy Hill and Brenda Peek were busy last week getting their classroom ready for this year’s kids at New Berlin Day Care.

FORTY YEARS AGO

September 2, 1986

Heide Webb, 18 mo., was Tiny Sprout in the North Norwich Sauerkraut Festival.

Brandi Davisson won a blue ribbon at the state fair for her leather chess board.

Although the Library museum is not in the baked goods business, its most recent acquisition is a cookie baked in 1905 by Mrs. Robert Stenson.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

September 5, 1976

After two weeks of sunny weather, for which farmers had been longing all summer, the weather changed until thermometer viewers read 46° and shivered.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. James Lyon was damaged by fire after being struck by lightning.

The severe electrical storm damaged utilities in the John Hill home

FOR SALE: 1969 Chevelle 4 dr, V8, auto. power steering, radio, new tires, some rust, \$350. Len Barnes

SIXTY YEARS AGO

September 8, 1966

Tony Zumbo’s poultry barn was destroyed by fire. Due to heavy fog it was impossible to see the burning building, which had several thousand chickens inside.

Peanuts are vegetables, not nuts, because they grow below ground like potatoes.

Hope the Chris Fosters enjoy their vacation and keep the kids away from the grape juice.

Chicken consumption per person is expected to reach 35.5 lbs. for 1966, up over 4 lbs. from 1964.

SEVENTY YEARS AGO

September 7, 1956

Sometime early Saturday burglars entered George Olds’ gas station on the Morris Turnpike by breaking a rear window.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hile were presented with a blanket and bedspread at a house warming for their new home.

Milton Ward, who was seriously hurt on his farm, is reported very good.

GROUND BEEF: 3 lbs. \$1; Bacon, 3 lbs. \$1; Old Chenango Coffee, 1 lb. 99c.

EIGHTY YEARS AGO

August 29, 1946

Nancy Jane VanWormer, 101, the county’s oldest resident, died of the infirmities of age at her home.

School opened Sept. 3, Miss Emily Howard teacher.

A shower was given at the Pittsfield Town Hall in honor of Miss Ellen Hollister.

10% DISCOUNT: Victor 6-can milk cooler with GE unit \$311.50; Coal hot water heater \$62.59; Hand separators \$49.95. Stanley Fish, general hardware

WANTED TO BUY: Used car in good condition from private party or pair of tires for 19” rims. Clifford Larson

NINETY YEARS AGO

September 4, 1936

A mushroom-hunting expedition resulted in death by poisoning of 4-year old Eldred Ward and the serious illness of his sister, Mary. They ate nearly a dozen toadstools and fed some to their dog.

Mrs. Perkins read “The Princess Doesn’t Smoke or Drink” at the WCTU meeting held with Mrs. C.B. Eldred, also a news item about the use of marijuana in some cigarettes, which if used continually will cause insanity.

Miss Frances Smith

and Francis Beardslee were married in Newport, RI, August 26 at high noon.

Walter Davis was through here with his threshing outfit doing the job of oat threshing at several places.

Henry Lottridge caught a large mouth bass in Silver Lake that weighed 6 lbs. and was 22-1/2” long.

Syracuse will mark completion of its \$17,000,000 grade crossing elimination program with a jubilee which will bring to the city thousands of visitors from all parts of the state.

100 YEARS AGO

September 4, 1926

For many farmers prolonged haying is conflicting with the oat and corn harvest. There is still considerable grass to be cut.

Orvil Edick is having repairs done on his house.

Some men live to a ripe old age and others go hunting and pull the gun through the fence.

Addison Pease has a petrified rattlesnake partially embedded in stone.

The large cow barn on the J.L. Berry farm was destroyed by fire together with the season’s hay and several calves.

Silage corn should be cut when it is in the

dough stage.

Prop. Lippit of the Colonel Inn at Chenango Lake states that he will continue Friday night dances during September.

Greece has changed dictators again.

“Travel light” is the first rule of camping. Don’t try to carry the household furniture if you want to enjoy your outing.

110 YEARS AGO

September 2, 1916

A nice rain to lay the dust and cool the air will be a nice acquisition for the Norwich fair.

Reports Show That Infantile Paralysis Is Not As Contagious As Generally Supposed

Dwight Beardslee was in Albany in attendance at the director’s meeting of the Dairymen’s League.

Norwich has three new cases o infantile paralysis.

Fannie Spurr is assisting in the 5 and 10 cent store.

During the thunder storm last Saturday lightning struck and fired the basement barn on Martin Reese’s farm on the Patrick Hill road.

E.L. Ackerman is designing the new front on the Tew Block.

Starr Angell and bride returned home on Wednesday.

Bert Taylor of

Middletown is installing his new invention in the Borden condensary.

G.E. Warner is now using a tiny Gray engine to drive his air machine.

Every businessman in New Berlin is respectfully requested to meet with the officers of the local branch of the Dairymens League on Friday at 8 o’clock at the engine house for the purpose of discussing means to co-operate with the dairymen in the fight to obtain better prices for milk on October 1st.

Twelve tons of hay in a field on a farm near Cortland caught fire after it had been cut and burned.

There are fewer than 100 acres of hops being raised in Cherry Valley this year, where 35 years ago, there were some 1,500 acres.

Theodore M. Foster and wife are moving today into a part of what was formerly the hotel. [So. Edmeston]

A \$60,000 steel bridge is to be built across the Susquehanna river at Johnson City.

School will begin Sept. 18th with Mrs. Gladys Bingham, teacher.

Sam Medbury surprised a good many of his friends by getting married. They have not returned from the wedding trip as yet.

Outdoor Chenango: Looking for the right hunting gear?



Eric Davis

Outdoor Chenango

When almost anyone starts hunting, they go out and get the various items that they need to have. To deer hunt with a firearm, they need a firearm, ammunition, either a blaze orange vest or hat, and their hunting license.

A similar shopping list for archery hunting of a bow (or crossbow), arrows, broad heads, and archery privilege

added to their hunting license. I would argue these are the bare minimum of required gear.

Probably one of the first “add on” items a hunter should buy is a knife. If they are successful in harvesting a deer, the ability to field dress it will make it lighter for dragging it out and it helps to start cooling the body cavity. I have used folding and fixed blade knives for deer field dressing and have found that I prefer a fixed blade. The knife I currently use has a 4-inch blade and works well for me. When adding a knife to your gear, grab a couple of pairs of latex or nitrile gloves and a 4-foot piece of rope to round out a “kill kit” so you are prepared for the task of getting your harvest out of the woods.

The next gear upgrade would be clothing. You can hunt in about any clothing but being comfortable and concealed can make your odds of success higher. Staying warm and dry will keep you in the woods longer, increasing your time to see and shoot a deer (“You can’t kill them from the couch”). And being hidden when moving, like when drawing your bow, will keep you from spooking the deer. When hunting season weather gets cooler, dress in layers of non-cotton clothing. I have become a big fan of merino wool base layers. They are great at keeping you warm without being too bulky and they retain their insulation properties when wet.

Optics can be one of the greatest game changers when hunt-

ing. Binoculars will let you see things farther away and can let you get prepared for shot opportunities. The common magnifications of binoculars are 8x, 10x and 12x. The larger the magnification, the more zoomed in the binoculars will be. In the woods or areas with brush, less zoom might be better so you can pick out what you are looking for easier, and in open fields the high magnification will let you see farther.

The objective diameter is also important in how binoculars work. A 10x42mm pair of binoculars have a 42mm diameter on the far lens of the binocular. The larger the objective diameter, the amount of light that gets through to the eyepiece. So larger objective binoculars (and any other optic for

that matter), the better they are in low-light conditions. While on optics, archery hunters will often gain the most benefit from buying a rangefinder. Being able to press a button and have it tell you how far away a deer is, so you can aim properly will make you confident in your shot. I often use my rangefinder to get the distances of noticeable trees near trails I expect the deer to take so I don’t have to use the rangefinder when the deer is in bow range.

Treestands and ground blinds conceal your presence from the deer while allowing you to get your shot off. Hunting from an elevated position gives you a vantage point to see things farther way than if you were standing on the ground. This is very

beneficial in the woods. The downward trajectory of your shot can help produce better blood trails and offers a safe backdrop for a bullet to go into if either you miss or the bullet completely passes through the deer. Ground blinds are popular around open fields. Most have limited window areas that you can see and shoot out of, so having them in open areas gives you a better chance to see deer and prepare to get a shot.

If you are planning to hunt from a treestand or a ground blind, make sure to practice shooting like you would in the field. Drawing a bow while sitting down is much different than standing, and shooting at extreme angles (deer at the base of the tree you are in) changes where you should aim.

WORD SEARCH



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

- Answer: Zəndaya

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New Berlin Library Corner

Dan the Snakeman entertains New Berlin audience with animal show

NEW BERLIN — The 2026 Perkins Memorial Performance Series continued Wednesday, Aug. 26, at 6 p.m. with an entertaining and educational performance by Dan Chase, who presented his “Dan the Snakeman Show” at the New Berlin Library.

The performance was the fourth and final free family entertainment program presented each Wednesday throughout August. Due to ongoing renovations and equipment installation at Hyde Park, this year’s performances were held in the New Berlin Library Community Room.

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

Chase introduced the audience to a variety of animals during his show. The first animals were a giant African millipede and a rose hair tarantula. He then presented an African spurred tortoise named Shelly and a juvenile American alligator named Elvis.

The audience also got a close look at an alligator snapping turtle, which Chase designated as a “look, but don’t touch” animal.

The show continued with a blue-tongued skink and a Russian legless lizard. Chase then introduced two juvenile ball pythons and explained that the snakes get their name from their tendency to curl into a ball when they become nervous.

Two rosy boas, named Rosita and Creamsicle, followed. The showstopper was Boo, a 2-year-

old Burmese python.

The presentation lasted more than an hour and concluded with most of the animals being brought out again. Children and adults gathered around the stage to interact with, pet or hold the animals, providing an opportunity for audience members to experience the creatures up close.

All Perkins Memorial Performance Series programs are free and open to the public. The New Berlin Library is located at 15 S. Main St. in New Berlin. Community members of all ages are invited to attend the library’s family-friendly programs.

Dinosaur Adoption Program continues

The New Berlin Library’s Dinosaur Adoption Program has found homes for more than 60 dinosaur toys. A few dinosaurs remain and are still looking for good homes.

Children age 12 and younger are invited to help the library find homes for the toy dinosaurs.

Some new additions to the library include: “Big Little Truths” by Liane Moriarty; “The Amateur” by Chris Bohjalian; “The

Shadow’s Friends” by Tess Gerritsen; “The Boat House” by Fern Michaels; “You’ll Be Sorry” by Lisa Gardner; “The Wild Beneath” by Kelly Anderson; “The Atonement,” large print, by Beverly Lewis; “The Ebb Tide,” large print, by Beverly Lewis; “The Preacher’s Daughter,” large print, by Beverly Lewis; “The Englisher,” large print, by Beverly Lewis; “The Brethren,” large print, by Beverly Lewis; “Warriors: The Prophecies Begin,” graphic novel, Book 3 of 3, by Erin Hunter and Gibson Twist; “Warriors: The New Prophecy,” graphic novel, Book 1 of 3, by Erin Hunter and Gibson Twist; “Little Blue Truck Lost and Found” by Alice Schertle; “The Adventures of Super

Diaper Baby” by Dav Pilkey; “The Adventures of Super Diaper Baby: The Invasion of the Potty Snatchers” by Dav Pilkey; and “The Pumpkin Thief” by Alice Hemming.

The New Berlin Library is located at 15 S. Main St. The library is open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday and Wednesday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Friday; and 10 a.m. to noon Saturday. The web address is libraries.4cls.org/newberlin. For more information, call 607-847-8564 or visit the New Berlin Library and Museum Facebook page.

- Information from:
New Berlin Library



The Sidney Memorial Public Library plans for September

SIDNEY - The Sidney Memorial Public Library is very pleased to welcome Kim Skellie and Allison Collins on board as our new Library Assistants. Kim and Allison will be focusing on Youth Services.

Saturday, September 19, 2 to 3:30 p.m. historian Scott Payne will be presenting the next program in his series on the American Revolution in New York State. This program is entitled, The Consequences

of Loyalty: Choosing Sides In The American Revolution. This program will be held in the Smart Community Room.

Saturday, September 26 at 1 p.m. we will feature a local history program, The Rise and Fall Of The Chenango Canal by Historian Vicky House. Vicky will present her research on the "Million Dollar Ditch" from construction to completion. This program will also be held

in the Smart Community Room.

Be sure to stop by and check out the beautiful nature photo exhibit by Rick Bunting on display through September 24.

Looking ahead to October our Art Exhibition, "Making Merit" by Roshan Houshmand will be on display. Please join us for the Opening Reception of her solo exhibition, "Making Merit: Tibetan Buddhist Art Lecture, Drawing &

Painting. The reception will be held on Saturday, October 3, from 1 to 3 p.m. in The Smart Community Room.

Roshan Houshmand is an Iranian-American artist and educator whose multicultural background deeply informs her work. Born in the Philippines, she was raised there and in Iran until later moving to the United States. Her heritage blends the Dutch-American maternal and the Iranian

paternal roots, and her art draws on ancient patterns, textures and spiritual traditions.

Please join us for the Opening Reception of her solo exhibition, "Making Merit: Tibetan Buddhist Art Lecture, Drawing & Painting.

In addition to this special art exhibit Roshan will also have a two-part workshop. Please contact the library for more information and to register for the workshop by calling 607-563-1200. The Exhibit will be on display through October 24.

The Sidney Memorial

Public Library Board of Trustees will meet on Tuesday, September 8 at 4:30 p.m. The public is always welcome.

Book Club will meet on Tuesday, October 13 at 11:30 a.m. to discuss the book, Calamity Club by Kathryn Stockett.

We are looking forward to our fall line-up of events and programs for kids and adults of all ages at the Sidney Memorial Public Library. For more information check us out at www.sidneylibrary.org.

- Information from the Sidney Library

Bainbridge Community Health Fair set for Sept. 5

BAINBRIDGE - The First Presbyterian Church of Bainbridge, the United Presbyterian Church of East Guilford and St. Peter's Episcopal Church will hold their fourth annual Community Health and Wellness Fair from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sept. 5 in conjunction with Bainbridge Days.

The event will be held on the Bainbridge Village Green, at the corner of state routes 206 and 7 in Bainbridge.

Bainbridge Days will offer vendors, food, music, a golf ball drop and a cornhole tournament.

In the center of the activities, the Community Health and Wellness Fair will fea-

ture exhibitors from a wide variety of health services and professions who will provide health education information, demonstrations, interactive activities and health screenings.

Support organizations will also be on site for veterans, cancer survivors, those experiencing food and housing insecurity, and those who have experienced loss.

The Bainbridge Fire Department and ambulance will also be there featuring a "Touch a Truck" event with information about fire safety and emergency situations.

- Information from Bainbridge Community Health and Wellness Fair

Otsego County Pomona Grange meets September 13

HARPERSFIELD-The Otsego County Pomona Grange will have a meeting on Saturday, September 13 at Colonel Harper Grange, 170 Wilcox Road starting at 11 a.m.

The meeting will start with reports of Pomona officers and Subordinate (Community) Granges reports.

The noon meal will be provided by the host Grange. After the meal the Lecturer, Pat Hornbeck will have a program by Doris Thayer

and AJ Jackson who will be teaching Grangers about birds.

The 2026-2027 Pomona directories will be available for distribution to your delegate attending. Any resolutions from the Community Granges will be considered with all approved resolutions forward to State Grange for action at the Annual meeting held in Waterloo in October.

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Chenango County eyes safety facility site for new office building solar array

BY SHAWN MAGRATH
GAZETTE STAFF WRITER

NORWICH —
Chenango County supervisors may have found a viable location for a solar array required to help power a proposed multi-million-dollar county office building.

Citing state law that requires a solar power source for new building projects, county officials are eyeing county-owned land at the public safety facility on Upper Ravine Road in Norwich as a likely location.

Supervisors say the location is ideal because it satisfies state requirements without the significant additional engineering costs of installing solar panels on the roof of the planned \$35 million office building in downtown Norwich.

Moreover, the location can hold a solar array large enough to power a new DPW facility, which county officials hope to build separately from the new office building. An array that size requires one-quarter to one-half acre of land.

The Chenango County Board of Supervisors passed a resolution in August earmarking up to \$28,000 for costs associated with solar power for the building project. While that does



The Chenango County public safety facility, located on Upper Ravine Road in Norwich, is being considered by county officials as a possible site for a solar array required in a proposed \$35 million office building project. (Photo from Chenango Sheriff on Facebook)

not include the expense of the solar array — expected to add another \$125,000 to \$150,000 to the project — the resolution covers planning and engineering expenses of installing solar panels on the roof of the new office building or on a different parcel of county-owned land.

“If there’s a ground-mounted array, there’s virtually no engineering,” said Chenango County Board of Supervisors Chairman Jeffrey Blanchard, noting that, in contrast, considerable engineering would be required

for roof-mounted solar. “It would certainly be more than covered with this resolution which is not to exceed \$28,000.”

Supervisors appear united in their preference to leave solar panels off the roof of the new building, should the project move forward. They were caught off guard in July upon learning of a relatively new state code that requires a sustainable energy component on new construction. The expense had not been included in original project estimates.

Blanchard told super-

visors last month that he had hoped the project would be exempt from the solar requirement, since engineering plans predated the NYS energy conservation construction code that went into effect in December 2025. Since then, county officials have held talks with project engineers about alternative placements for the solar panels.

“This is \$28,000 to study putting an array on a building. I’m not in favor of putting an array on a building, so why am I spending \$28,000 to study that?” said Norwich Supervisor Jim

McNeil at the August meeting of the Board of Supervisors.

McNeil was among nearly half a dozen supervisors who voted against the resolution, which North Norwich Supervisor Robert Wansor proposed amending to include engineering of a roof-mounted array “or a solar array at a different location.”

Smyrna Supervisor Michael Khoury has been a consistent voice of opposition to the building project, arguing that the solar requirement is just one more expense on a long list of setbacks facing the county.

“You have to admire just how many decisions were made even before we made a final vote for the building,” Khoury said at the Board of Supervisors meeting earlier this month. “Now we’re designing a solar array for a roof that doesn’t even exist. I do admire how this got backdoored and how brilliantly it is being sold to us.”

“This is going to be one of many mandates, many cost overruns that we seem to be getting,” Khoury added.

The proposed building project has been an

uphill battle for the county, drawing public criticism over its necessity as well as the transparency of local officials. The project hit another snag in May when a review put anticipated costs at nearly 7% over budget (totaling \$37.6 million), triggering a contingency plan that allows an overage between 5% and 8%.

The county is working with engineers to revamp some design features for its IT department in order to stay within the initial \$35 million budget.

County officials determined that renovating the 1960s wing of the current office building would cost 70% to 75% as much as building new. Consequently, officials intend to raze the 1960s wing and construct a new facility connected to the 1991 wing on the north side of the building. The plan is to construct the new building in front of the existing one, move departments inside upon completion, and then demolish the old facility.

County officials aim to put the project out to bid in the fall, with hopes of starting construction in 2027 and completing it within two years.

West Winfield “Art in the Park” to feature local artists on September 6

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Art in the Park is not a craft show but a means for artists from the region represented by the Upper Unadilla Valley Association to showcase and sell one-of-a-kind, two-dimensional pieces of art ranging from drawings and paintings to collage,

printmaking, photography, and notecards.

Artists will be on hand to display and sell their work. The association does not charge artists a fee or commission to participate.

The region represented by the association includes West Winfield,

Bridgewater, Unadilla Forks, Leonardsville, West Edmeston, and other areas that surround or are near those communities. The association was founded in 1969 to preserve, protect, and highlight the Upper Unadilla Valley’s natural and historic

resources.

For more information about the event—including how to participate as

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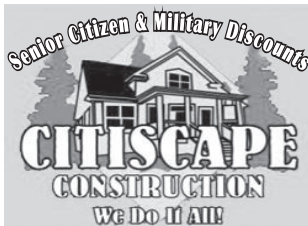
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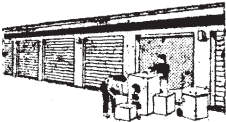


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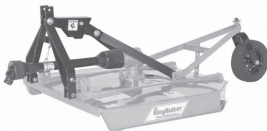
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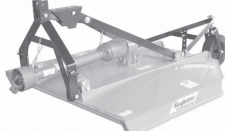
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JAC Gallery Committee's fifth annual photography show

October 2 to 25

BAINBRIDGE - Jericho Arts Council Gallery Committee is excited to announce its Fifth Annual Photography Show for this fall. It will open on Friday, Oct. 2, with the closing reception on Sunday, Oct. 25, at noon.

Artists 18 years and older are welcome to enter one or two framed and ready-to-hang photographs in up to each of the four categories: Monochrome, Seasons, Patterns & Textures, and Waterscapes.

There will be monetary awards, up to four in each category, Best in Show and a People's Choice. The prospectus with further details is now available online

at www.jerichoarts.com and in the Gallery next to the Bainbridge Town Hall Theatre, upstairs at 15 North Main Street. The entry fee for one piece is \$15 and \$12 for each additional entry.

Applications must be received by Sept. 21 to be eligible for the discounted fee of \$12 for one and \$10 for each additional entry. Preregistered and unregistered entries will be accepted at the Gallery on the drop-off days: Sunday, Sept. 27, 1-4 p.m., and Monday, Sept. 28, 4-7 p.m.

The exhibit days and times are as follows:

Come view the exhibit while there is an OWP production, on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 2 and



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3, from 6:30-9 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 4, from 1-4 p.m.

That next week (Oct. 5-9), the gallery will be open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 2-5 p.m. and Wednesday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

The Gallery will also be open during shows in the Theatre, on Saturday, Oct. 10 and 24, from 6-9 p.m.

On Sunday, Oct. 25, the Gallery opens at noon, with the Artists' Reception and Awards Ceremony at 1 p.m. Open by appointment, call/text Elise at 607-222-1839, Email any questions to jacgallery15@gmail.com.

- Information from the Jericho Arts Council

Aqueducts

Aqueducts are used to transport water from natural sources into urban areas for public use. Many ancient civilizations, including the Assyrians, Aztecs, Babylonians, Egyptians, Greeks, Minoans and Nazca, built aqueducts, but it was the ancient Romans who perfected the engineering and building of aqueducts. Over a period of nearly 700 years, the Romans built more than 200 aqueducts throughout France, Italy, Spain, Turkey, the Middle East and North Africa.

WHEN IN ROME

The Aqua Appia, completed in 312 B.C., was the first Roman aqueduct.

Public water for the city of Rome was supplied by 11 aqueducts. They were built over a period of about 500 years.

FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH

The aqueducts for the city of Rome supplied water for nearly 1,200 public fountains, 1,000 bathhouses and two artificial lakes.

The famous Trevi Fountain in Rome is still fed by the Aqua Virgo aqueduct, which was originally built nearly 2,000 years ago.

Specialized workers, called "aquarii," were employed to maintain Roman aqueducts.

How did the spring water's life change after entering the aqueduct? It was all downhill from there.

WATER SLIDE

Can you spot all six differences between these two scenes?

GAME ANSWERS: 1. Mouth is different. 2. Eyebrows are missing. 3. Drop is longer. 4. Water is different. 5. Flower is moved. 6. Leaf is different.

What should you do if you fall into an aqueduct? Just go with the flow.

FEELING THE GRAVITY OF ROMAN AQUEDUCTS

by Jeff Harris

WORD SEARCH

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

AQUEDUCT	SPRING	AQUA
GRAVITY	WATER	BATH
AQUARI	CROSS	ARCH
HEALTH	FRESH	FALL
ARCADE	APPIA	BOB
SOURCE	ROME	ROW
NAME	YOUR	TOPIC
APPLE	ECONOMY	IS
QUAPETUD	IMERE	
UYRHIDFSA	EEAR	
ATOM	EAAIPCRUP	
PIWUSALW	BRRQA	
EVQSBRLA	UIAN	
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ORBASHHE	SONG	
CGOSH	SERFANCY	

Special bridges featuring rows of arches, called "arcades," were used to transport water over wide valleys.

Built more than 1,975 years ago, the Pont du Gard aqueduct crosses the river Gardon in France. Today, it is one of the most popular Roman aqueducts in the world.

Historians believe the fresh water supplied by Rome's aqueduct systems improved public health, helped agricultural advancements and spurred economic growth.

Why did the Roman slap the aqueduct water? It was being fresh.

The construction of large-scale aqueducts in Europe stopped after the fall of the Roman Empire, and did not return until nearly 1,000 years later.

Arched bridges are the most famous sections of Roman aqueducts, but most of a Roman aqueduct system was located underground.

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My acting has taken me into uncharted waters.

What is the difference between an urban New Zealand waterfowl and a water transport system? One is an aqueduct, and the other is an Auckland duck.