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2025 Best of Chenango County Winter Sports

From the Evening Sun Sports Editor:

Thank you for supporting these outstanding local athletes who went above and beyond for their teams this winter season. A big congratulations goes out to everyone.

As much as we wanted to include every team and every athlete in this special section, each athlete included reached either a major milestone, a state-level achievement, or a conference first team recognition.

‘The Best of Chenango County Winter Sports’ is not to take away from the efforts of athletes who put in extra hours of dedicated work for their teams, but to recognize this year’s successes.

We, at the Evening Sun, share appreciation and gratitude for all athletes and their coaches.

If we missed an athlete or team that achieved a title or milestone, we want to hear about it. At the Evening Sun, we always appreciate the positive feedback from our readers and look for ways to improve for the future.

This would not be possible without the cooperation and dedication of the student-athletes and coaches who helped us put this special section together. We cannot thank you enough!

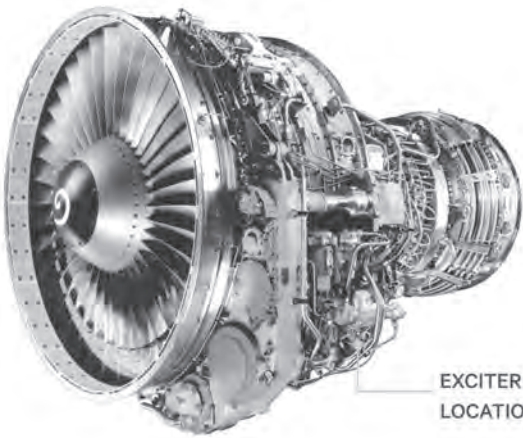
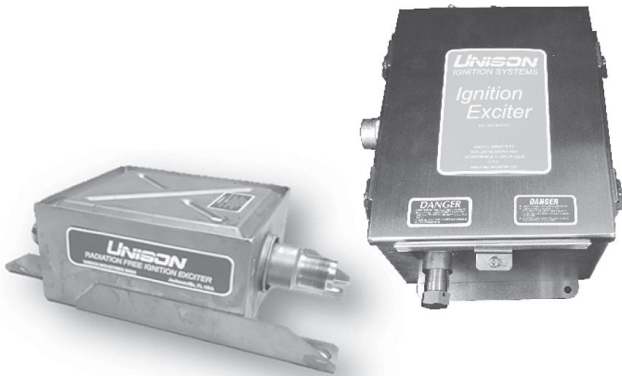
With the 2024-2025 winter sports season in the books, we wish the student-athletes much success for the rest of the school year and beyond.

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Sherburne-Earlville Wrestling coach, Greg DuVall, pictured with assistant coach and father, Paul DuVall, wins the Section III, Division II Coach of the Year award for the 2024-25 season. (Photo from Friends of Section III Wrestling)

S-E’s Greg DuVall named Section III, Division II Wrestling Coach of the Year

SHERBURNE – Following the conclusion of the 2024-25 Section III Wrestling season, the coaches and staff voted and selected Sherburne-Earlville’s Greg DuVall as the division II coach of the year.

“It definitely means a lot,” DuVall said about receiving the award and recognition. “ As a coach, I coach for the love of my athletes and wanting them to achieve their personal goals and our team goals. At the same time, it is nice to be recognized for the dedication and time I have given to the kids. It’s all about the kids, but it is nice to be recognized.”

This season, DuVall and the Sherburne-Earlville Timberwolves finished with an impressive 15-1 record, which included winning six tournaments and securing the Center States League title. The team finished second in the Section III, Class C tournament but went on to win the Section III, Division II championship. Additionally, they reached the state quarterfinals in the NYSPHSAA Division II dual meet championship. These accomplishments highlight a remarkable season for DuVall and his team. These achievements are just the latest milestones in DuVall’s successful coaching tenure with the Timberwolves.

“I feel I have always had intensity and pride for our sport and our wrestling program,” DuVall said after completing his fourth year as Varsity head coach. “ Our program puts a lot of time and effort into our off-seasons. I am a true believer, that regardless of where you are at in the sport, you can always learn from others. I take our

wrestlers to a lot of top-notch clinicians in the Spring, Summer, and Fall and I learn as much as they do at these events. Each year, I look to incorporate various techniques into our practice plans.”

DuVall also emphasized the importance of focus and perspective within the program: “Focus and discipline are cornerstones of our program. This year, we took a lot of time to focus on perspective – the difference between ‘having to’ and ‘getting to.’ There is a big difference between having to perform, having to rise, and having to compete at our best. As a team, we strive to have the mentality where we get to perform, get to rise, and get to compete at our best.”

DuVall also expresses his gratitude to his wife, April, and the coaching staff, including his father, Paul DuVall, for their unwavering support and dedication, allowing him to continue to do what he loves.

“ My wife, April, as I spend a lot of time away from our family to help other people’s kids. She is understanding and fully supportive of my coaching responsibilities and beyond,” DuVall said. “ I’d also like to give credit to my coaching staff for being one of the best in the state. We set a tremendous atmosphere in our practice room day in and day out. We all lead by example.”

Congratulations to Greg DuVall and the Sherburne-Earlville Timberwolves Wrestling team.

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The 2024-25 Sherburne-Earlville Timberwolves wrestling team, coached by Greg DuVall, Paul DuVall, and Matt Telesky. Roster: Drew Telesky, Jackson Moore, Aiden Shreve, Josh Camp, Landen Prosser, Gabbi Naylor, Pasley French, Eli Hartman, Trenton Anderson, Manny Hollins, John Conklin, Cameron Mason, Justin Race, Gibson Sherwood, Dylan Winton, Cody Clarkson, Nick Miller, Richie Fuller, Aiden Kiehn, Caden Ray, Alex Campbell, Andrew Menard, JJ Fischer, Landon Andrade, Noah Ackermann. (Photo from Sherburne-Earlville Wrestling)

Sherburne-Earlville Timberwolves Wrestling

- Finished 15-1
- Won the CSC League Tournament and the Section III, Division II dual meet championship.
- Reached the NYSPHSAA Division II Dual Meet Championship quarterfinals.
- Had two individuals qualify for states: Drew Telesky and Landon Andrade.

"A huge focus was placed on perspective and how to look at competition and wrestling events this season," Greg DuVall said. "We also focused a lot on controlling the controllables. Not stressing about the things outside of our

control. Not focusing on the results, rather focusing on the process and on our wrestling. Focusing on the one percent, small improvements each day. "From a practice stand point, my Dad, Paul DuVall, and assistant coach, Matt Telesky, added valuable technical and mental adjustments. It was a total team effort getting these athletes ready for competition."

"I felt the total willingness to buy into this system from everyone. All wrestlers. All coaches. You could sense it in the air, the kids knew we were champions. We practiced like it, we focused on it, and we became it. This team had the belief that we could beat any team across the state."

"Although we lose seven seniors this season, we bring back a good amount of juniors," DuVall said on the outlook of next season. "Those coming back next year carry the perspective and mindset that we formed this season."

"It's not the will to win that matters - everyone has that. It's the will to prepare to win that matters."

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The 2024-25 Unatego-UV-Franklin Wrestling team, coached by Mike Hamilton. Roster: Edward Aldycki, Nolan Boyles, Levi Brazee, Calvin Butts, Trent Deboer, Yanni Drapaniotis, Alex Harkins, Shon Klintchev, Brogan LeFever, Wyatt Meade, Gavin Nordberg, Bryden Sheldon, Zack Sousa, Caleb Wildenstein, Scott Yost, Abdeen Zaggout, Abdul-Jamil Zaggout, Ahmet Zaggout (Photo from Unatego Spartans Athletics)

Unatego-UV-Franklin Spartans Wrestling

- Won the Section IV, Division II Dual Meet Championship
- Reached the NYSPHSAA Dual Meet Semi-finals-
“It was a lot of fun. We did well, lost to the champion in a tight match,” Coach Mike Hamilton said.
- Finished regular season with a 24-7 team record, 2-0 in the MAC Division I league.
- Had four individual wrestlers place at NYSPHSAA Wrestling Championships: Wyatt Meade, Yanni Drapaniotis, Abdeen Zaggout, and Abdul-Jamil Zaggout.

“With a core veteran-led group, we continued to show good team chemistry, where everyone gets along well,” Coach Mike Hamilton said. “We work hard every time in the wrestling room and treat everyone as a part of this team, no matter how many matches they win, sometimes it’s the little things that make a difference.”

“With Wyatt Meade being our only senior, we still have talent and experience coming back for next season, where everyone knows what it takes. There are a lot of guys that wrestle in the offseason and all come in hungry and ready to work hard when it comes to time to wrestle on our mat again,” Coach Mike Hamilton said on the outlook of next season.



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The UV/GMU/Norwich girls' bowling team, coached by Matt Bleyle, Rob Catena, and James Mucha. Roster: Shelby Rose, Lee Clipston, Natalie Smith, Layla Stevens, Kylie Menard, Amelia Beckwith, Sarina Bell, Zoe James, Marianna Chetroni. (Submitted Photo)

UV/GMU/Norwich Girls' Bowling

- Co-MAC league girls' champions (shared with Oxford-Greene) with a 42-6 record
- Finished second in Section IV, Class B.
- Finished third at state qualifiers with a final score of a 7693.
- Had Shelby Rose qualify for the Section IV girls' all-star bowling team that went to states.

"It was our fifth consecutive MAC championship," Coach Matt Bleyle said.

"It was an impressive accomplishment since we graduated a lot of kids last year and talked about just having a goal of getting better and improving throughout the year one day at a time. It was just cool to watch all the improvement from the first to the last day. The girls just all worked hard and overachieved the goals we had each time."

"We had one of the best scores at the state qualifiers and throughout, our scores did not drop and the girls never got down. They just kept plugging away," Bleyle added. "It'll be another recruiting process in the fall but we have a lot of experience coming back with only losing one senior. We've come along way since Rob and I started the program nine years ago."

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The Oxford/Greene Girls' Bowling team, following winning the 2024-25 MAC league title, which they shared with UV/GMU/Norwich. Coached by Frank Ross. Roster: Lily Baxter, Danica Fowlston, Cassidy Johns, Abby Roth, Brenda Allgaier, Haylee Erceg, and Danny Badger. (Submitted Photo)

Oxford-Greene Girls Bowling

- Co-MAC Girls' Champions with UV/GMU/Norwich with a 42-6 record.
- Finished second in Section IV, Class C
- Bowled their best series in sectionals with a 2639
- Finished fourth at state qualifiers with a final score of a 7632.

"As defending Section IV, Class C champions, I wasn't sure what I was going to get as we were a young team with only one senior, two ninth graders, an eighth grader, and two seventh graders," Coach Frank Ross said. " My goal was for us to finish second in the league and no worse and with sharing the league, we automatically qualified for state qualifiers."

" I was able to put girls in and give everyone experience, especially my seventh graders, who stepped up to the plate and were comfortable," Ross added. " This group of girls were not nervous and are looking forward to next year to develop more. I'm hoping that they all come back and even bowl in the summer, which some do, so we should be fairly strong next year."

Ross on his lone senior, Lily Baxter:

"Lily is an absolute sweetheart," Ross said. " She is never in a bad mood and one of the easiest people that I've ever coached. She is in her own little happy world and can be silly at times, where she does throw gutterballs every now and then. Overall, I wish she could have bowled more for us because she has that natural form that I tell the girls to watch and is a great role model as well."

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Congratulations to the Bainbridge-Guilford Bobcats boys' volleyball team on winning the MAC league and Section IV Championship! Front row L to R: Corbin Germond, Nolan Foster, Ethan Beardslee, Mason Sherwood, Matthew Wombacker, Brian Lynn. Back row L to R: Aiden Vermilyea, Elliott Briggs, Brock Porter, Ryan Larsen, and Coach Kutz. (Submitted Photo)

Bainbridge-Guilford Boys Volleyball

- Won 2025 MAC Championship
- Won 2025 Section IV Championship

Roster:

- #1 Brock Porter - Senior - Captain - Outside/Setter
- #4 Matthew Wombacker - Junior - Libero
- #7 Corbin Germond - Senior - Middle
- #9 Brian Lynn - Junior - Outside
- #11 Ryan Larsen - Junior - Setter
- #13 Aiden Vermilyea - Senior - Outside
- #14 Nolan Foster - Sophomore - Setter/Outside
- #17 Ethan Beardslee - Sophomore - Outside
- #32 Mason Sherwood - 8th grade - Outside
- #65 Elliott Briggs - Senior - Captain - Middle
- Coach Tracy Kutz

Kutz on the strengths of the team this season:
"We had 10 players this year. Eight of them were returners. BG has been in the MAC finals for the last four tournaments since COVID. We were runner ups for three of those years and then champions this year!"

Kutz on the strengths of the team the night of the MAC:
"We took it one point at a time and put the focus on having fun. The games in pool play were all fairly close ones. Their 3-3 pool play record was still enough to put them into the Gold Bracket."

On the day of the Sectional Championship:
"The boys went in feeling confident in themselves, but also humble to know anything could happen."

Kutz on keeping the team motivated:
"We took each set one point at a time and put the focus on having fun and playing their game."

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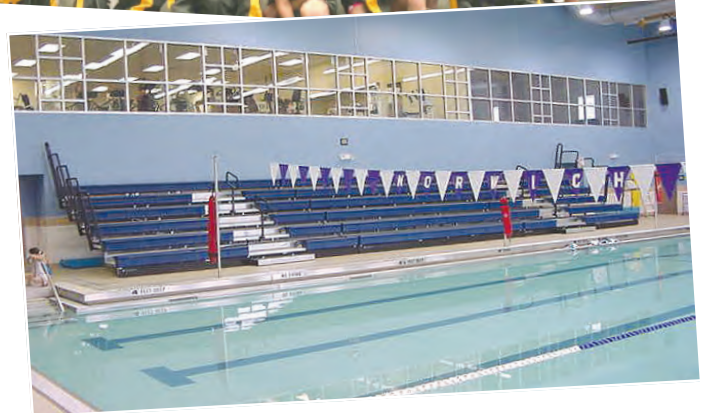
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Our winter season was busy and full of excitement with many of our area teams and competitors achieving significant success. We enjoyed the sports updates, radio broadcasts, and pictures highlighting all of the successes. We are proud of our Chenango County Athletes and we enjoyed cheering for you this past season. Job well done.



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Steven Dowdall

Norwich Purple Tornado

Boys Basketball

Senior

- Became the seventh player in NHS basketball history to hit 1000 pts.
- Fifth all time 1k pts scorer for the boys.
- STAC Central/East All-Conference
- BCANY Section IV 1st Team
- 2024-25 MVP
- Finished 2024-25 season with 447 points, averaging 22.5 pts per game, 121 rebounds (6 per game), and 85 assists (4.25 per game).

“ We always knew he would hit the 1000 point mark, we just didn’t know when it would be,” Coach Joe Alger said. “Steven is special in all different ways on and off the court. He knows how to facilitate the court where we needed him, taking over when asked as well as assisting and being a team leader.”

“What stands Steven apart from others is his competitive edge and his leadership. He hates to lose and do what it takes to win and is always ready to go,” Alger said. “He is a lead by example kind of guy that players look up to and want to associate themselves with. He embraces every role you ask of him and he will be greatly missed.”

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Girls' 4x400 Sprint Medley Relay

- Broke the school record with a time of 4:48.99, previously 4:50 from 2011.

"It was unexpected as the event is not common and not raced often. You only get two chances to race throughout the season," Coach Shaun Horan said. "I told them they could do it and sure enough they achieved it on the second time. Everyone just got better and came away with big performances."

(Photo from Coach Horan)



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Indoor Track

Junior

- Broke the 400 meter school record, previously held by alum Sydney Chaffee (1:05.47), with a new best time of 1:05.19.
- Had broken the 500 meter school record in 2024.

“This is her second school record and she knows the record board in the hallway has been staring her in the face,” Coach Shaun Horan said. “ She has been working really hard, staying active, and pushing herself. She is also working hard on trying to break the 300 meter record and she’ll get it if she stays consistent in her training, which she is always serious about.”

(Photo from Coach Horan)



Gabe Decker

Norwich Purple Tornado

Indoor Track - 300 meter dash

Senior

- Sectional champion
- First place finish at state qualifiers
- Finished 30th in the preliminaries at NYSPHSAA Indoor championships with a time of 36.97 seconds.

“Gabe only lost one race out of the whole section but saw a lot of competition at states. Experience is key at the bigger stage and it was Gabe’s second year at states,” Coach Shaun Horan said. “Gabe has grown in maturity and is able to focus on the big picture and look and see which race will help him out and uses each race to help him for the next one.”

(Photo from Coach Horan)

Lara Tefft

Norwich Purple Tornado

Indoor Track - Weight Throw

Senior

- Broke indoor track weight throw record with a throw of 41-11 at the Section IV Class championships.
- Went to Nike indoor nationals, finished 20th in the Emerging Elite division with a throw of 11.92 m (39-1.50)

“ My senior indoor track season was filled with lots of growth as well as love and support from my teammates and coaches,” Lara Tefft said. “I did not expect to break the record. We thought it was higher and did not know until two days later that I broke it.”

“I started weight throwing my junior year and worked very hard and the work paid off,” Tefft said about her overall indoor track career. “Throwing is a lot of fun.”

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Kaden Downey

Norwich Purple Tornado

Indoor Track - Weight Throw

Junior

- Sectional champion in the weight throw with a throw of 54-11.50.
- Finished first at the state qualifiers in the weight throw with new best throw of 59-4.50
- Finished at states in 26th place with a throw of 52-3.50.

" I made a lot of improvement from last year to this year," Kaden Downey said about his second year on the indoor track team. "I threw a 39 last year and a best 59 this year. I hope to break the Section IV and school record next year."

"I wasn't nervous at states and was prepared, thanks to working with throwing coach, Stoddard at the Y," Downey said about competing in his first states meet. "I also have been talking with current record holder, David Bernstein (65' 9") and he helps out with some tips as well."

(Photo from Coach Horan)

Caden Sutton

Norwich Purple Tornado

Indoor Track - 1000 meter run

Senior

- Section IV, Class B champion
- Finished second at state qualifiers
- Finished 27th at NYSPHSAA Indoor track championships with a time of 2:39.61

"Caden is an athlete that likes to chase records and came close of that this year," Coach Shaun Horan said. "He is extremely motivated and is super focused on what he needs to do and has grown maturity throughout his indoor track career and it will show for outdoor season as well."

(Photo from NHS)



Maverick Beckwith

Norwich Purple Tornado

Boys' Wrestling

Sophomore

- 2024 Clyde Cole Champion
- 2x State champion- gave up 0 points at states.
- 3x Sectional Champion
- 2024-25 Section IV, Division II Wrestler of the Year
- Was only scored on by two opponents this year.
- Earned 100th career win at Clyde Cole in Dec 2024.
- Finished 2024-25 season with a 43-1 record, outscoring opponents 215-3.

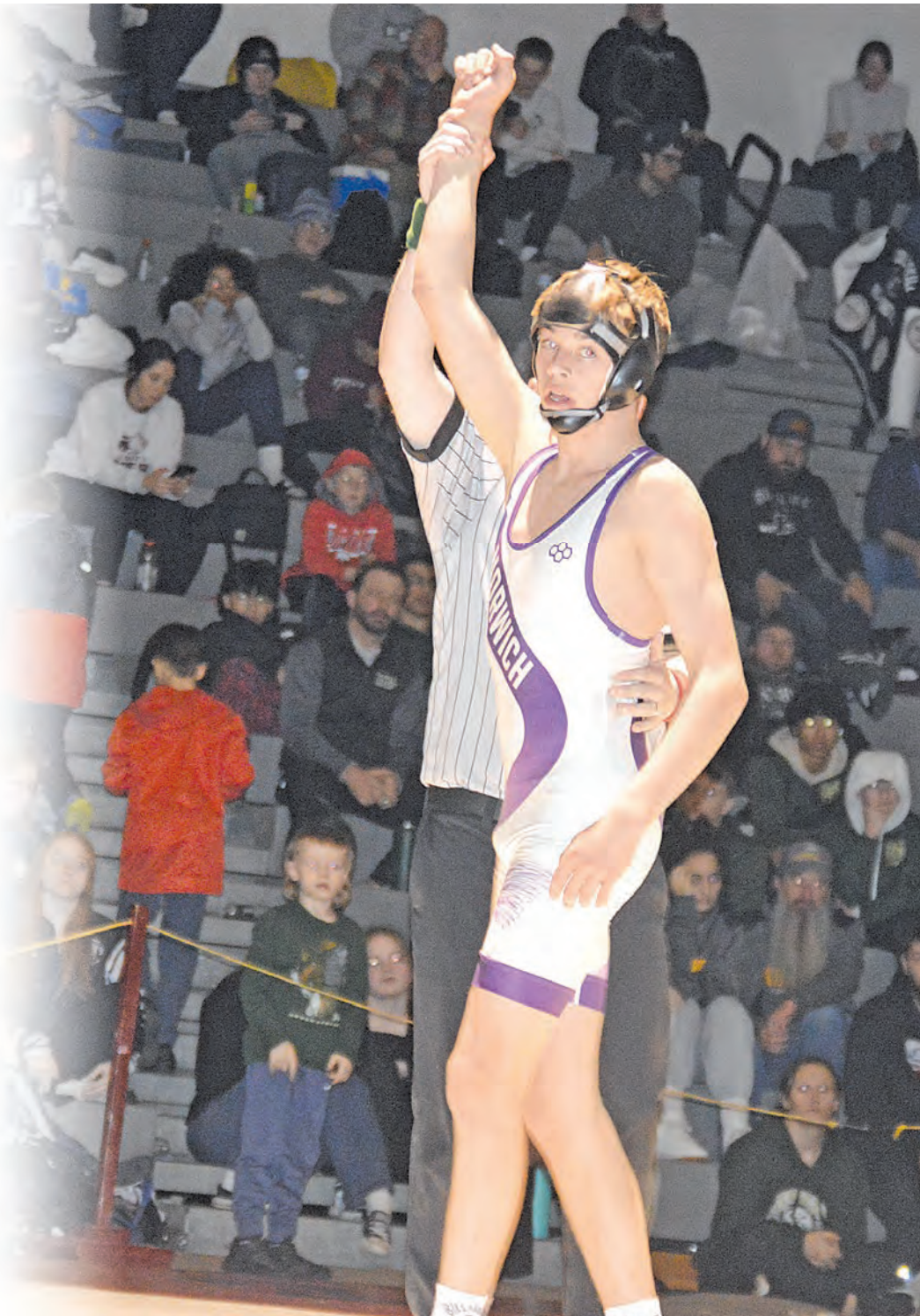
"It was a good season," Maverick Beckwith said. "It was hard at times but it was good to get in the room everyday and work hard. Last year was more hard paced but this year was all about cleaning up and tightening technique."

"I felt accomplished at winning states," Beckwith added. "I still wish I could've scored more but I'm focused on getting even better next year, including breaking records, and helping the team get better too."

Coach Garrett Sylstra on Beckwith:

"Maverick is just a natural leader, who is very self-worthy and determined," Sylstra said. "He is someone we can build our program around with his great leadership skills."

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The UV UF Wrestlers at the NYSPHSAA Wrestling tournament: Wyatt Meade, Abdul-Jamil Zaggout, Abdeen Zaggout, and Yanni Drapaniotis. (Photo from Unatego Athletics)

Unatego-UV-Franklin Spartans Wrestling

Wyatt Meade Senior

- Finished high school wrestling career with a 190-43 record with 130 pins, and outscored opponents 1047-183 throughout the last five years.
- Achieved 100th career win in February 2023 and achieved 150th career win in December 2024.
- 2025 Sectional Champion and a 5x Sectional place finisher
- Finished sixth at NYSPHSAA Division II Championships- overall a 2x States place finisher.

“Wyatt was our only senior this season, where I was glad that we were able to host the Section IV State qualifiers at UV and honor him. He has matured a lot since the seventh grade,” Coach Mike Hamilton said. “He was a big team leader, even with handling and battling a lot of injuries and adversity throughout his career. He was big part to our team, where he held people accountable and worked hard.”

Abdul-Jamil Zaggout Sophomore

- Finished 2024-25 season with a 42-13 record with 30 pins and outscored opponents 234-58.
- Achieved 100th career win on January 18 at the Hoosick Falls Duals.
- Finished second at Sectionals.
- Finished eighth at NYSPHSAA Division II Championships.

“Abul-Jamil has a lot of potential and it was his first time placing and punching his ticket to states,” Coach Mike Hamilton said. “He worked hard and wrestled up for us a lot this season to take on tougher guys and really stepped up for the team. I hope he keeps working hard.”

Abdeen Zaggout Junior

- Finished 2024-25 season with a 47-8 record with 26 pins, outscored opponents 244-29.
- Achieved 100th career win in first match wrestled at NYSPHSAA championships.
- Finished second at Sectionals
- Finished seventh at NYSPHSAA Division II Championships.

“It was exciting to watch him hit his 100th career win milestone in the first match at states,” Coach Mike Hamilton said. “He is a great leader to the younger kids. He gave it his all in competition when we needed him, resulting in big wins. Like many of our other guys, I hope that he gets bigger and stronger for his senior year.”

Yanni Drapaniotis Junior

- Finished 2024-25 season with a 45-2 record, 35 pins, and outscored opponents 265-8.
- Undefeated throughout the regular season, only loss to the States champion and in NYSPHSAA Division II Dual Meet Championship against John Glenn’s Carmine Gerbino.
- Sectional Champion- 2x Sectional place finisher.
- Finished third at States in his second appearance.

“It was a pleasure getting to know Yanni this year,” Coach Mike Hamilton said. “He has a laid-back personality and is a nice kid who works hard and is tough on the mat. He was also fun to watch and when we put him in, it was a guarantee that he would get us those six points. He has been the highlight of conversation, going into next year, where he has a strong chance of winning a states title in his senior season.”

Jacob Prentice

Unadilla Valley Indoor Track

Senior

- Broke the boys' 55 meter school record with a time of 6.96 seconds.
- Broke the boys' 300 meter school record with a time of 37.39 seconds.
- Broke the boys' 400 meter school record with a time of 53.56 seconds.
- Broke the boys' 800 meter school record with a time of 2:11.21.

"Jacob has had a tremendously positive impact on the Indoor track program at UV over the years with all that he has accomplished through hard-work and dedication," Coach Steven Pelosi said. "His competitiveness and desire to better himself is contagious amongst his teammates. Jacob's determination was on display daily at practice by showing up early to complete workouts before going to bowling practice or matches. This led him to have great success in the variety of events he competed in throughout the season. It's not every year that you have an athlete to coach that sets school records in four different events in one season (55m, 300m, 400m and 800m)."

Pelosi on Prentice's everlasting impact on the UV indoor track program: "Jacob's achievements are an example of what hard-work, dedication and determination can lead to. He is very focused on achieving excellence in all that he does," Pelosi said. "He is a great example for younger team members and athletes to look up to and follow. His competitiveness is contagious in that it drives others on the team to work hard and improve in their events."

(Photo from UV indoor track coaches)



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Jacob Prentice at the NYSPHSAA Bowling Championship alongside his parents, Josh and Audra. (Submitted photo)

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Jacob Prentice

Unadilla Valley
Boys’ Bowling
Senior

- 2025 NYSPHSAA boys’ bowling champion- highest series of a 1477 through six games.
- Finished third overall in division II to make the Section IV boys’ all-star team with a final score of 2049.

“Jacob is such a natural athlete with many talents,” Coach Matt Bleyle said. “He went to states for both bowling and indoor track, which is impressive. He just has that mentality to work hard. He made states for us three years in a row— a huge accomplishment that is unheard of. He finished with a 190 in his first game at states and made the adjustments and a ball change. Then, he just went off the chart and finished with an average of a 246, better than anyone in both Division I and II.”

“When he was just starting out in eighth grade, he said that he wanted to be a two-handed bowler, which comes at a challenge, and had a goal of being the best bowler in NYS,” Bleyle added. “He accomplished just that by working hard and getting the time in, especially with living across the street from the alley.”



UV's Shelby Rose at the NYSPHSAA bowling championships, along with her coaches: Coach Bleyle, Coach Mucha, and Coach Catena. (Submitted Photo)

Shelby Rose

Unadilla Valley Girls' Bowling Senior

- Made the Section IV girls' all-star team, which finished fourth.
- Finished second with a total score of 1959 at state qualifiers, led the Division II girls' with a 696 high series.

"Shelby just killed it for us this year, with great finishes at both sectionals and at state qualifiers," Coach Matt Bleyle said. "I recruited Shelby right off the soccer field, where she did have an injury Freshman year, so she couldn't join us until her Sophomore year but she became one of the most coachable players. She soaked up any advice she was given and wanted to get better and did just that."



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The UV girls' 3200 meter relay team: Addison Marinelli, Madison Dix, Molly Gorrell, and Natalya Schrag. (Photo from UV indoor track coaches)

**Addison Marinelli,
Madison Dix,
Molly Gorrell,
Natalya Schrag,**

**Unadilla Valley
Indoor Track
Girls' 3200 relay**

- Broke school record with a time of 10:56.98 at state qualifiers.
- Finished first in Division II, third overall at state qualifiers.
- Finished 38th at states with a new best time of 10:48.97.

"They all work well together and have fun working to get better by competing almost daily at practice and in meets. This indoor season, the girls were able to improve on their understanding of how to effectively run their best race individually, which in turn, helped their overall time," Coach Steven Pelosi said. "There is such a strong competitive bond and desire to be better for their teammates that there is no question that they leave everything they have on the track every race. It helps that they have a bond from playing other sports together, both in school and out as well as for lowering the school record more."

"Sometimes it's hard to remember that overall, this is a really young relay team with one junior, two sophomores and one freshman," Pelosi added. "The potential for this group is immense and exciting as a coach! I have no doubt they will continue to work hard, improve their time and achieve their season goals."

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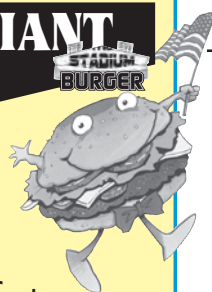
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Jayslin Henderson

Bainbridge-Guilford Girls' Basketball Junior

- MAC first-team all-star

2024-25 stats

- Scored 251 points, averaging 12 PPG.
- Collected 154 rebounds (87 offensive, 67 defensive), averaging 7.3 per game
- Added 93 steals with 4.4 per game.

"I try to play my best and give it my all," Jayslin Henderson said. "I have grown as a player and we have really come together as a team this season, which is something I hope we can grow further on next year."

"Next year, for my senior year, I look to be a great leader and I know my team is fully capable of going to the championship as we have a lot of talent."

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Abby Yahner

Greene Trojans Girls’ Basketball Senior

- MAC first-team all-star
- 2024-25 season stats: 12.5 points per game, 8 rebounds per game, shot 70 % from free-throw line

“I loved being able to play with my two sisters [Payton and Mia] throughout my five years on varsity,” Abby Yahner said. “I have grown so much and have grown my love for basketball, thanks to Mr. Gorton and all my teammates. We had such a good team chemistry, with so many memories that I will remember forever, and every game was truly a team-effort.”

(Photo by Morgan Golliver)



The Greene Trojans girls’ basketball team celebrates another trip to the MAC Championship after defeating Delhi 40-29 in the semifinals.
(Photo by Morgan Golliver)



Donovan Rickard

Oxford Blackhawks Boys’ Basketball Senior

- MAC first-team all-star

“I am grateful for the great guys that I had around me and was really proud of myself for stepping up and helping the team win games. We played good together as a team,” Donovan Rickard said. “ We had a lot of fun and there’s nowhere else I would have rather played.”

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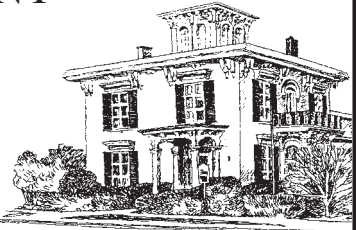
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Lily Karn

Oxford/Greene Girls' Wrestling Freshman

- Section IV Champion, 2x Sectionals place finisher.
- 2x States finisher, finished sixth at first ever NYSPHSAA Girls' Wrestling Tournament
- Finished 2024-25 season with a 28-7 record

"I did a lot better than last year," Lily Karn said about her overall season. "I focused more on my mental health, more on the skill and having fun and less about winning."

"I love being with my team, so I can't wait to be with them again next season," Karn said. "While states was scary but a good experience for me, I also hope to place higher next year, and continue improving on my mentality and getting better."

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Bella Phelps

BGH-Sidney-Unatego Girls' Wrestling Freshman

- 2x Section IV Champion: won the 114 pound weight class this year.
- Finished sixth in first ever Girls' Wrestling NYSPHSAA States tournament

"This season was a learning curve for me," Bella Phelps said. "It was a big change, where there was a lot more pressure and higher expectations with the first girls' states tournament but it was wonderful to be apart of."

Looking forward to next year:
"I'm looking forward to getting better and helping out with building the program," Phelps said. "I also need to focus on my own growth and put in the effort."

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BGA indoor track at the NYSPHSAA indoor championships: Connor Davy, Thomas Joyce, Maddie Ingham, and Laila Williams (alternate). (Submitted Photo)

BGA indoor track

Connor Davy

Junior

- Made states in 55 meter dash- finished 24th with a time of 6.63 seconds.
- Broke and reset the school record for the 55 meter dash- 6.48 seconds.

“Connor is a standout all-around athlete who excels at whatever he does,” Coach Nick Mayo said. “ It was his first year for us on indoor, which was a great surprise for him to come in and do what he did for us. It’s not something you see. He always comes in with a natural work ethic, ready to work hard and he was a great asset to the team.”

Thomas Joyce

Senior

- Qualified for states and ran on the intersectional relay team that finished eighth in the boys’ 4000m distance medley event.
- Finished fourth at state quals to qualify for states.

“Thomas was a great senior leader of our Afton group and he was really pleased with how his season ended,” Coach Nick Mayo said. “He was starting to come into his athleticism and is hyper-focused on ending his senior year on a positive note, especially as a three-season runner.”

Maddie Ingham

Freshman

- Qualified for states and ran on the girls’ intersectional relay team- Section IV finished 11th in the 4000m distance medley event.
- Finished third at sectionals- hit a huge PR of 3:10.83, .18 off from finishing second in the 1000 meter run.

“She’s excited about her early success, especially with this being her first experience at states,” Coach Nick Mayo said. “She’s also aiming to break the school records in the 400 and 800, but overall, she’s focused on gaining as much experience as possible.”

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Sherburne-Earlville

Indoor Track

Sophomore

- Broke school record in the 600 meter run (1:33.11)
- Broke school record in the weight throw (41-2)

“Braden lifts frequently and does interval training twice a week in order to be in top shape for both throwing and middle-distance events. He diligently practices throwing form and seeks advice from many sources on how to improve his distances,” Coach Wes Macker said.

“During practice he also mentors the other throwers on the team and leads their workouts when he is not training with the distance runners. He rarely takes more than the days off necessary for recovery and I expect to see him in the gym during the off season, including summer. For Indoor, Braden has his sights on the school records for every running event 400 meters and up as well as the Shot Put. He also plans on improving his record in the Weight Throw.”

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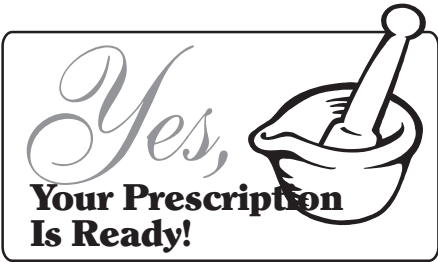
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Leland Smith

Sherburne-Earlville Timberwolves Bowling Sophomore

- Competed at the 2025 Section III Boys' Bowling individual shootout
- 2025 CSC first team all-star
- Finished with an average of 180.35 (increased 12 pins from 2023-24)
- 2024-25 high game of a 228, high series of a 612.

"Leland came in this year and took a leadership of this team," Coach John Fontaine said. "He worked hard and pushed his teammates to work hard by example. I look forward to seeing Leland come into next season improving on every aspect of his game and leading a young team to a division title. It should be fun to watch."

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Sherburne-Earlville
Timberwolves Wrestling
Seventh grader

- Finished 42-6 in first season with S-E with 13 pins and outscored opponents 206-20.
- CSC League Tournament Champion
- Section III Champion
- Went but did not place at NYSPHSAA Division II Championship

"Drew came into our program with a strong skillset. He is lightning fast on his leg attacks and he has a relentless pace that breaks a lot of opponents much older than him. His work ethic in our practice room is second to none and he trains to be the best. His mindset and belief in himself is what makes Drew stand out to me," Coach Greg DuVall said.

"He finished his seventh grade season with a record of 42-6 and came one match shy of placing at the state tournament. Throughout the season, Drew beat three of the state place finishers of his weight class. Both Coach Telesky and my father, Coach DuVall poured a tremendous amount of time into Drew this season looking to make small adjustments as the season progressed."

"Drew already has his goals set for next wrestling season and he is already working towards them. I am looking forward to seeing Drew step up as a leader in the room as he will be another year older and now knows what to expect out of a varsity season," DuVall said about working with Telesky next year and beyond. "Drew is going to continue developing this off-season and making adjustments/improvements towards his craft. Drew is not only a gifted wrestler but he is a special young man. I have loved seeing him come out of his shell as the season progressed. He is loved by his teammates and by his coaches. He has a home at S-E."


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Landon Andrade

Sherburne-Earlville Timberwolves Wrestling Senior

- 2x States place finisher: finished fifth this year in the 285 weight class.
- 3x Section III, Class C/D Champion, 2x Sectional champion, 2x CSC League champion.
- Finished high school wrestling career with 130 wins, 94 pins, and 749 points scored vs 111 points scored against.

“Landon has been a consistent hard worker from the start of his high school career,” Coach Greg DuVall said. “On the mat, he has become more dynamic and physical since his freshman year. He transitions better from lower body to upper body attacks.”

“Landon is the most athletic heavyweight that I have seen come through Sherburne-Earlville,” DuVall said about Andrade’s athleticism and legacy. “Landon will not only be cherished and missed by our coaching staff, but with our youth wrestlers as well. When Landon takes the mat at our home dual meets, you can hear our youth wrestlers in attendance get excited. He is a superstar to them and is looked up to by many within our wrestling program.”

“I will also miss Landon’s dedication, dependability, and his consistency in our practice room. I could always count on Landon to not only be there, but if I had to pick a person for a dual meet or tournament score to come down to, it would be him,” DuVall said. “I will miss my spike ball partner. Landon is the best at smack talking our opponents. Landon and Coach DuVall= 2025 Spikeball Champions.”

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Nick Hull

Sherburne-Earlville

Timberwolves

Boys' Basketball

Senior

- CSC Division I all-star; Played in the 2025 Ex-ceptional Senior All-Star Game.
- S-E's Offensive Player of the Year
- 2024-25 season totals: 350 pts, averaging 15.9 pts per game, 40 three-pointers, 56 made free-throws.

"It's been a fun ride," Nick Hull said. "I'm truly grateful to my teammates and coaches for giving me such a great experience at S-E."

Coach Kevin Vibbard Jr. on Hull:
After having Dilen Maceda, our Team MVP, go down with a torn ACL, we really needed to rely on Nick offensively and he delivered," Vibbard Jr said. "He led S-E in scoring, assists, free-throws, free throw percentage, and three-pointers made. He scored in double figures in 19-of-22 games with a career high 29 points against Clinton."
"We will miss having Nick next year as he became the leader of this team," Vibbard Jr. added. "He wouldn't speak out but he always led by exampled with his work ethic."

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Chenango County Spring Sports Schedules for 4/20-4/26:

Afton:

Tuesday, April 22:

- Baseball at Deposit-Hancock (4:30 p.m.)
- Softball vs Deposit-Hancock (4:30 p.m.)

Wednesday, April 23:

- Outdoor Track @ Walton (4:30 p.m.)

Thursday, April 24:

- Softball vs Greene (4:30 p.m.)
- Baseball vs Delhi (4:30 p.m.)

Saturday, April 26:

- Baseball at Livingston Manor Tournament (9 a.m. & 1 p.m.)

Bainbridge-Guilford:

Monday, April 21:

- Baseball at Greene (1 p.m.)

Tuesday, April 22:

- Baseball at Delhi (4:30 p.m.)

Thursday, April 24:

- Softball vs Oneonta (4:30 p.m.)

Friday, April 25:

- Baseball at Schenevus (4:30 p.m.)

Saturday, April 26:

- Baseball at Walton/Downsville (11 a.m.)
- Softball at Marathon (11 a.m.)

Greene:

Monday, April 21:

- Baseball vs Bainbridge-Guilford (1 p.m.)

Tuesday, April 22:

- Baseball at Oxford (4:30 p.m.)

Wednesday, April 23:

- Flag Football at Chenango Valley (7 p.m.)

Thursday, April 24:

- Softball at Afton (4:30 p.m.)

Friday, April 25:

- Softball vs Norwich (5 p.m.)

Saturday, April 26:

- Flag football vs Norwich (10 a.m.)

Norwich:

Monday, April 21:

- Baseball at Oneonta (5 p.m.)
- Softball vs Oneonta (5 p.m.)

Wednesday, April 23:

- Outdoor Track (TBD)
- Baseball vs Oneonta (5 p.m.)
- Tennis at Waverly (5 p.m.)

Thursday, April 24:

- Outdoor Track (TBD)

Friday, April 25:

- Softball at Greene (5 p.m.)
- Baseball at Oneonta (5 p.m.)
- Tennis vs Windsor (5 p.m.)

Saturday, April 26:

- Girls' flag football at Greene (10 a.m.)

Oxford:

Tuesday, April 22:

- Baseball vs Greene (4:30 p.m.)

Wednesday, April 23:

- Outdoor Track at Walton (4:30 p.m.)

Thursday, April 24:

- Baseball at Walton/Downsville (4:30 p.m.)

Sherburne-Earlville:

Monday, April 21:

- Flag football vs Fayetteville-Manlius (6 p.m.)

Friday, April 25:

- Flag football at Henninger (6 p.m.)

Unadilla Valley:

Saturday, April 26:

- Outdoor Track at Cooperstown (10 a.m.)

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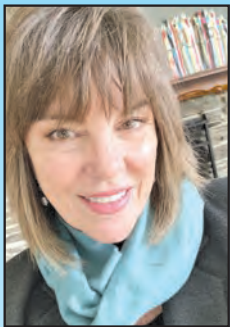
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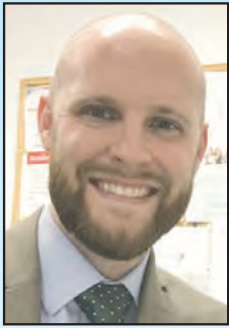
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