



FEBRUARY 6, 2025

# Earlville Conservation Club hosts annual Big Buck Contest

EARLVILLE - The Earlville Conservation Club hosted its Annual Big Buck Contest and Chicken-n-Biscuit Dinner on January 18 at the Sherburne Legion. The event featured a catered chicken and biscuits meal, followed by a presentation by DEC Aquatics Biologist Scott Prindle. Prindle discussed the shift in DEC's aquatic programs from maintaining waterways to enhancing them, with a focus on improving fish populations.

Current projects in Tioga, Chenango, and at SUNY Oswego aim to address dams and culverts, creating better environments for native fish. Efforts such as installing stainless-steel lipped culverts and building new rock structures and creek beds allow species like lamprey, trout, and salmon to thrive. Prindle noted the success of stair-step

culverts, highlighting the return of Chinook salmon to areas where they had not been seen in 150 years.

The club also elected officers for the year. Sam Walrod will serve as president, Art Fleming as vice president, Dave Whorrall as treasurer, and Betsy Campbell as secretary. The meeting included a review of annual events, such as the Youth Turkey Hunt, Member Turkey Hunt, and Labor Day Youth Fishing Derby, which broke three previous records. Other activities included the Youth Deer Hunt during Columbus Day weekend and the annual gun raffle. The club also inducted new lifetime members, including Andy Migonis, Dick Lee, Tim Evans, Sydney Evans, Harold Coleman, Skip Deiss, James Shimer, and Pete Walrod.

Winners of the Big



The Earlville Conservation Club hosted its Annual Big Buck Contest and Chicken-n-Biscuit Dinner earlier in January and recognized hunters: Art Fleming, Billy Orth, Ricardo Grisolini, Buzz Slentz, Bob Smith [holding Luis DeSousa's rack] and Lance Bridge. (Submitted photo)

Buck Contest were announced, and special thanks were extended to Andy Migonis and Jim Dowd for scoring the racks, as well as to Many Maples for hosting the scoring location.

The next meeting of the Earlville Conservation Club is scheduled for Wednesday, March 6, at Many Maples Sugar House, located at 697 Route 26 in Georgetown, NY. Membership costs

\$10 per year for adults and \$5 for youth under 16. To become a lifetime member, individuals must be 70 years or older and maintain membership for three consecutive years. For

more information, contact the club through their Facebook page or Betsy Campbell at 607-226-1673.

- Information from the Earlville Conservation Club

## Rogers Winter Living Celebration showcases outdoor activities, community and 4-H crafts

SHERBURNE - The 47th annual Winter Living Celebration took place Saturday at the Friends of Rogers Environmental Education Center, offering a variety of outdoor activities and educational demonstrations.

The event featured horse-drawn sleigh rides, cross-country skiing, and ice fishing. Forest Rangers from the Department of Environmental Conservation per-

formed ice rescue demonstrations, showcasing water rescues and ice safety measures. Trout Unlimited demonstrated fly-tying, while visitors also participated in cross-cut sawing and live music entertainment.

A new addition to this year's event was the opening of the Sugar Shack, a project completed in collaboration with Friends of Rogers, the Chenango County Historical Society, Clear Path for Veterans,

and the DCMO BOCES Carpentry program.

Inside the Bird Cabin, 4-H teens from Cornell Cooperative Extension led a craft activity, helping children create stick people. 4-H organizers expressed appreciation for the 4-H participants and families who attended.

Friends of Rogers thanked attendees, volunteers, and partner organizations for contributing to the success of the event.



4-H volunteer assisted children with crafts at the Winter Living Celebration at Friends of Rogers Environmental Education Center on Saturday. (Photo from <https://www.facebook.com/Chenango4H>)

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## New Berlin Library Corner



Participants in the New Berlin Library's adult art program on January 27 painted vibrant sunflower scenes using acrylics on canvas in the library's community room. (Submitted photos)

### Sunflower adult art class

NEW BERLIN - The New Berlin Library held an adult art program on Monday, January 27, in the library's community room. This program was for adults and teens, and participants created a field of paint-stroke sunflowers.

Participants that attended the event created their very own works of art. Participants were given an 8x10 stretched canvas, paintbrushes, and their choice of acrylic paint colors. The class lesson was to create sunflowers and blue sky

using a series of overlapping small brushstrokes.

Participants started by sketching the sunflowers' locations and a horizon line, then block-painted the sky and field. Using haphazard brushstrokes, they created the sky using three shades of blue. Then, a slow buildup of brushstrokes created the sunflower petals, stems, and leaves. Participants were allowed to work on their paintings for up to three hours.

"The New Berlin Library's next seasonal

art classes will take place at the end of March and the beginning of April. The adult class will be yarn-wrapped eggs decorated with cherry blossoms. The children's class will be 3-D bunny portraits. Examples of each project are on display in the library circulation room and will be posted on the library's website and social media soon," stated New Berlin Library Director Michelle Priola. "Eggs, cherry blossoms, and bunnies are great images of spring, and we are

looking forward to the classes. Registration for these classes will begin approximately one month prior to class dates. The library will keep the public updated. And as always, classes are free and open to the public."

On Wednesday, February 12, at 5 p.m., the New Berlin Art Forum is sponsoring a Valentine's Day concert, Valentine's Day with Elvis, at the New Berlin Library Community Room. Elvis Tribute Artist Aric McKown will

perform. Snacks and refreshments will be served, and there will be a free in-person raffle. This is a free concert and open to the public.

Some great new additions to the library include Presumed Guilty by Scott Turow, Tidal Treasures (Magnolia Key #4) by Kay Correll, The Big Empty (An Elvis Cole and Joe Pike Novel) by Robert Crais, Witchcraft for Wayward Girls by Grady Hendrix, and The Substance (DVD).

The New Berlin

Library is located at 15 South Main Street, New Berlin. The Library is open Monday and Wednesday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; and Saturday, 10 a.m.-noon. The web address is [libraries.4cls.org/newberlin/](http://libraries.4cls.org/newberlin/). Please contact us at 607-847-8564 or message our Facebook page with any questions

- Information from the New Berlin Library

## New Berlin Police respond to tractor trailer rollover on Highway 8

SOUTH NEW BERLIN - The New Berlin Police and fire departments responded to a rollover accident on NYS Highway 8 in South New Berlin involving a US Express tractor-trailer on Tuesday.

According to police, the northbound vehicle, operated by 23-year-old Tony Mayfield of Chester, Virginia, lost control on a curve, left the roadway, and overturned. Police said Mayfield, the sole occupant, was treat-

ed on-site by South New Berlin FD/EMS and transported to Chenango Memorial Hospital with minor injuries.

Police said the investigation determined adverse weather-related road conditions contributed to the crash. No citations were issued. NYS DOT and the South New Berlin Fire Department assisted with traffic control.

- Information provided by the New Berlin Police Department



On Tuesday the New Berlin Police and South New Berlin Fire Department responded to a rollover accident on NYS Highway 8 in South New Berlin involving a tractor-trailer. (Photo from New Berlin PD)

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# Chenango County Public Health offering free vaccines to farmers

BY KELLI MILLER  
GAZETTE STAFF WRITER

CHENANGO COUNTY - Chenango County Public Health is offering free flu vaccines to poultry and dairy farm workers and their families. The program will support farm owners, labor, bulk tank milk drivers, individuals with backyard poultry, hunters, milk testers and more.

The free vaccine is available through the local health department by calling Chenango County Health Department at 607-337-1660 or visit [www.chenangocountyny.gov/206/Public-Health](http://www.chenangocountyny.gov/206/Public-Health).

"Farm workers and many other agriculture laborers work seven days a week, so this program provides an onsite benefit to make the vaccine more accessible to anyone who would like to receive it," said Cooperative Extension (CCE) Chenango County Executive Director Craig Brown

According to the Health Department, the flu is a serious disease that kills thousands of people each year and at times, can lead to death



**Chenango County Public Health is offering free flu vaccines to poultry and dairy farm workers and their families. The program supports farm owners, labor, bulk tank milk drivers, individuals with backyard poultry, hunters, milk testers and more. (Photo by Kelli Miller)**

and is very contagious. The flu is caused by a virus which spreads mainly by coughing, sneezing, or close contact. The flu season lasts from fall through winter and into early spring.

Some of the symptoms of the flu include fever, chills, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, muscle or body aches, headache, and tiredness. Serious com-

plications can occur.

Health advisors state the flu vaccine is the best defense against the seasonal flu and noted the vaccine does not inject the virus into the body. They said the Flu vaccine is needed every year because the flu virus changes and protection can decline over time.

Avian influenza A(H5N1) is a type of flu virus known as "bird

flu." The virus mainly affects birds, but farm-workers might be at risk if it's found in chickens, cows or other animals. It can spread from infected animals to people who work with them.

The flu vaccine doesn't prevent avian flu but getting your flu vaccine can help avoid getting sick or lessen the symptoms if stricken with both the seasonal flu and bird flu at the same time.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends anyone over six months old should get the flu vaccine by the end of October, but you can get the vaccine anytime during flu season.

According to New York State Ag and Markets (AGM), New York State continues to take proactive measures through monitoring and encouraging testing to prevent highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) and facilitate early detection, particularly as the state continues to see HPAI in the wild bird population.

"These detections are always going to be concerning, but we will continue to do all we can to safeguard our state's flocks and livestock," said New York

State Department of Agriculture and Markets Commissioner Richard Ball.

"The protocols we have in place, and continue to update for early detection in poultry and livestock are working, helping us identify cases and deploy resources to help," said Ball.

He said they encourage everyone that works with poultry or has backyard poultry, to practice good biosecurity measures by minimizing their bird's exposure to the virus, and to wild bird populations.

The State is also reminding commercial and hobby poultry farmers to increase their biosecurity measures to help prevent the spread of the disease and reminds the public the risk for humans to catch HPAI, is low.

In addition to practicing good biosecurity, poultry owners should keep their birds away from wild ducks and geese and their droppings. Outdoor access for poultry should be limited at this time, particularly as the State continues to see HPAI detections in wild bird populations.

The New York State

Department of Health Commissioner James McDonald said there is no immediate threat to public health and no known cases of HPAI in humans in New York State. Yet, he does urge anyone with regular contact with livestock and wild birds to remain aware and take precautions and to wear personal protective equipment.

"We will continue to work closely with the Department of Agriculture and Markets, the Department of Environmental Conservation and our local county health departments to monitor these detections in livestock and poultry as we continue to prepare for any potential risks to public health safety," said McDonald.

Poultry biosecurity materials and checklists can be found on the USDA's Defend the Flock website at [USDA.gov](http://USDA.gov).

To report sick birds, unexplained high number of deaths, or sudden drop in egg production, contact AGM's Division of Animal Industry at 518-457-3502 or the USDA at 866-536-7593.

## The Place offering free Babysitter Training Class in Afton

BY SARAH GENTER  
GAZETTE STAFF WRITER

AFTON — The Place is offering a free American Red Cross Babysitter Training Class for Chenango County youth aged 11 to 16 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, February 21 at the Afton Public Library, located at 105A Main Street in Afton.

The class will teach youth who are planning to babysit how to safely and responsibly care for children.

"I am teaching the kids how to start a babysitting business, how to continue running it, how to branch out,

how to safely get clients, and then we go over the skills, what you'll need to be a babysitter. Then we do the first aid and CPR piece," explained The Place EPIC Program Coordinator Elizabeth Hathaway.

She said youth will learn how to start and run a babysitting business, how to safely find clients, how to network with other babysitters, how to handle emergencies, first aid and CPR, how to write a resume, and etiquette for job interviews. They'll also learn about behavior management and how to care for children of varying ages.

"We do go over behavior management, how to control the normal behaviors you're going to see, which could be like, 'I don't want to go to bed,' 'you're not my mom, I don't have to listen to you,' that kind of thing," said Hathaway. "We touch on different ages and how you would handle each age. We go over developmental milestones a little bit just so they can kind of know what to expect, like an infant is not going to be drawing a picture, but a toddler will be, so that they can plan appropriate activities."

"We have used the mannequins, infant

mannequins. So participants would learn how to hold a baby and you know bottle feed the baby and burp the baby, and then hands-on for diapering," added The Place Executive Director Sharon Vesely.

Registration is required as class size is limited. For more information and to register, contact The Place at 607-336-9696 ext. 107. Breakfast and lunch will be provided for participating youth.

In the event the

upcoming class in Afton is full, Hathaway said they have a waiting list for youth so they can sign up for the next class. Vesely said they try to host the free classes four times per year.

As a county-wide organization, Vesely said The Place is working to offer programs across Chenango County, to reach youth in areas outside of Norwich.

"We wanted to make sure that we were branching out and providing some services into

areas that we're not typically in, because they're part of the county, too," she said.

So far, they've been able to hold Babysitter Training Classes in Norwich, Greene, and Sherburne.

The free Babysitter Training Class is made possible by a generous donation from an anonymous donor.

For more information on The Place, visit [ThePlaceNorwich.com](http://ThePlaceNorwich.com) or The Place Facebook page.

## Gilbertsville Baptist Church hosting lunch and BINGO

GILBERTSVILLE - Come enjoy BINGO and fellowship Saturday, February 8, at the Gilbertsville Baptist Church, New Life Fellowship Hall.

Everyone is welcome. Board games and cards at 10 a.m. Bring a dish to pass and own table service for lunch at noon. Beverage and dessert furnished. BINGO

following lunch. Special Grange BINGO with money prizes. Bring a grab bag prize worth \$3 to \$5. Sponsored by Butternut Valley Grange.

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# Blue Tonic to perform at the Bainbridge Town Hall Theatre Saturday

BAINBRIDGE – Blues band, Blue Tonic will perform February 8 at Bainbridge Town Hall Theater.

Blue Tonic plays blues and blues-inspired music from a variety of genres – traditional blues, rock, folk, country, jazz and honkytonk. The common element is music that expresses human emotions that we can all relate to – love, sorrow, joy, good times, bad times – and makes us feel better upon hearing it. Thus, their name and tagline – Blue Tonic – music for what ails you.

For the performance at the Bainbridge Town Hall Theatre, Blue Tonic has assembled a song list that reflects the history and variety of the blues – from early Delta blues to Chicago blues and Texas blues – created and performed by artists such as Robert Johnson, Willie Dixon, Louis Armstrong, Hoagy Carmichael and Bob Dylan.

The band has been playing together for about five years. They



**Blue Tonic band members, Tom Biller, Chris Ritter, Steve Eisenberg, Earl Arnette. The group will perform February 8 at Bainbridge Town Hall Theater.(Submitted photo)**

connected with a common purpose – they all wanted to play blues and blues-inspired music that is fun to play and listen to, and that would make audiences want to tap their toes. They also aim for a volume that enables audience members to listen enjoyably and chat with their friends.

They found each other from playing in bands with each other before forming Blue Tonic. It

has been a fortuitous collaboration, with each musician bringing their own sensibility to the band and naturally melding it into their own sound. Blue Tonic is best known for its diverse repertoire of both familiar and surprising songs, and for the fun they have playing together which rubs off on the audience. They are also known for their unique instrumentation and way of approach-

ing their instruments, including guitars and slide guitar, harmonica, flutes, unique percussion and bass.

The name Blue Tonic is inspired by a B.B. King quote, “Blues is a tonic for whatever ails you.” Blues can be happy, sad, calming, exhilarating... but it all helps us emerge feeling better.

Band members are Steve Eisenberg, harmonica, flutes, percussion and vocals; Tom

Biller, guitar and vocals; Earl Arnette, bass and vocals; and Chris Ritter, drums and percussion.

Steve Eisenberg (vocals, harmonica and flutes) began his music career playing traditional Irish music, but with his whistle, flute, harmonica, jaw harp, bodhran, bongos, ocarina and voice has spent the past 15 years telling half-truths and playing blues, old time music, country, bluegrass, old show tunes, and songs for the kiddies.

Tom Biller (guitars and vocals) employs picks, fingers, reverb, echo, slides, bends, rhythms, tremolo, feedback, vocal cords, and imagination to contribute accompaniments and melodies that complement the bluesy, country and jazzy sounds of Blue Tonic.

Earl Arnette (bass guitar and vocals) lays the solid foundation for Blue Tonic and brings a rocking spirit to the band. Long ago, Earl graduated from roadie to fill-in bass player for a southern rock band until

everyone realized he had become more accomplished than the bassist he was filling in for. He never looked back, and the band is glad he did not.

Chris Ritter (drums and percussion) has played in a variety of blues, rock and roll, jam band, country, and jazz bands since he was 14. That’s more years than he cares to admit publicly. Chris draws on all these influences for the band’s eclectic repertoire.

For more information, visit <https://www.facebook.com/bluetonicbluesband>

On Feb. 8, the doors open at 6 p.m. Tickets are available at the door or you may reserve ahead by calling 607-288-3882. In the gallery that evening, Scott Higby will be featured. The gallery is open at 6 p.m. before shows through intermission and is free to the public.

- Information from the Bainbridge Town Hall Theater

## UHS Spine Surgery Program earns Joint Commission’s Gold Seal of Approval

BINGHAMTON – UHS is the first program in Upstate New York to earn the Joint Commission’s Gold Seal of Approval® for Core Certification in Spine Surgery by demonstrating continuous compliance with Joint Commission performance standards, placing the program among a select group of hospitals nationwide to achieve excellence in spine care.

The Joint Commission – an independent, non-profit organization that accredits and certifies healthcare organizations and programs in the United States –

offers this certification in collaboration with the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons.

UHS has worked rigorously to achieve this certification. Last year, a multidisciplinary team was formed under the leadership of Simone Betchen, MD, Chief of Neurosciences at UHS. The team includes representatives from various patient care areas, including Nursing, Quality Management and Neurosurgery, along with other integral members of the UHS Spine Surgery Program. Their efforts concentrated on several key initia-

tives aimed at providing evidenced-based care and treatment plans, enhancing patient satisfaction, and improving patient education programs.

“Earning the Joint Commission’s Gold Seal of Approval for Core Certification in Spine Surgery underscores the commitment of the UHS Spine Surgery Program to deliver high-quality, compassionate care to our community,” according to Simone Betchen, MD, Chief of Neurosciences, UHS Neurosurgery. “At UHS, we offer comprehensive operative and non-opera-

ative spine care that is evidence-based and tailored to each patient’s needs. We pursued this certification to externally validate the quality of our care and enhance our ability to provide the level of care our community deserves.”

The UHS Spine Surgery Program is part of the Neurosciences service line, featuring the UHS Neurosurgery team, advanced practice providers, healthcare providers, therapists, and nurses. This program assists patients in identifying the most suitable treatment options, including non-opera-

tive spine care and pain management, physical medicine, rehabilitation, and surgical care. Patients benefit from access to cutting-edge surgical technologies and imaging equipment at UHS.

To learn more about the UHS Spine Surgery Program and the UHS Neurosurgery team, visit [nyuhs.org/care-treatment/neurosciences/neurosurgery/spine-care-pain-relief](http://nyuhs.org/care-treatment/neurosciences/neurosurgery/spine-care-pain-relief).

The Gold Seal, provided to UHS and the Spine Surgery Program, is a symbol of quality that reflects the healthcare organization’s commitment to providing safe, quality patient care and recognizes organizations that provide consistent communication and collaboration among all providers throughout the patient care process. Joint Commission standards are developed in consultation with healthcare experts and providers, measurement experts, and patients.

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## The Early Files *by Peggy Finnegan*

### WEEK #6

#### TEN YEARS AGO February 9, 2015

The first official day of spring is only 42 days away. Not a bad winter so far.

Peet Hook Players present "Sing On."

Lyrics to the NBCS alma mater were composed by Julia Slentz to the score "Shipmates Forever" from the movie "Anchors Away," popular in 1938.

#### FORTY YEARS AGO

##### February 7, 1985

The temperature took a dive over the weekend, but everybody survived.

The dark of the moon is considered the best time to plant root plants.

Nearly eight in ten Americans favor birth control; 11% are "completely against it."

\$500 REWARD or information leading to the return of three dairy cows stolen from Roxburghe [Borden] Farm or information leading to arrest.

#### FIFTY YEARS AGO

##### February 6, 1975

Snowfall in January totalled 12.12" with a total for the season of 28.60".

Did the sleepy woodchuck see his shadow?

During the beautiful weather last week a farmer cut his corn at

New Berlin Center.

Gladys and Joe DiLorenzo are serving breakfast, lunch and dinner at the Town Edge.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hoag are renting the Leon Gray home by the Wharton Creek.

#### SIXTY YEARS AGO

##### February 13, 1965

Mild temperatures and bright sunshine have taken much of the snow and brightened everyone's spirits.

Aleta Busch is the NBCS Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow.

Babe, the bay member of the team at Early Sunrise Farm, died last week, leaving a lonely mate and sorrowing hearts.

Oysters are either loved or loathed by most people.

#### SEVENTY YEARS AGO

##### February 10, 1955

Many children are ill with measles, mumps and chicken pox.

Robert Lee Carpenter was a kind neighbor and will be missed in this community.

The fire department was called to the Chris Burke house when a pan of grease caught fire, setting fire to curtains over the stove.

Bonnie Blanchard has

scarlet fever.

Many farmers are drawing water due to frozen pipes.

#### EIGHTY YEARS AGO

##### February 8, 1945

While the library is closed, books will be circulated from the librarian's home.

Ed Sweeny, Duane Morey and Andrew Eddy were thrown from a snow plow being used by the UVRP on the Sidney branch when it derailed and tipped over near Rockdale. No one was seriously injured.

It is believed that Mr. and Mrs. Roy Larchar and family are among those released from the Jap internment camp in Manila.

The Leo Johnson family of West Burlington has five sons in the armed service.

NOTICE: The electric sign on my liquor store will not be turned on during the WPB Brown Out. E.W. Arnst

#### NINETY YEARS AGO

##### February 7, 1935

Farm land acquired by area banks over a period of years sold for an average of \$20.01 per acre last year.

A traveling grist mill was in Columbus grinding grain for feed. Everything now goes by gas, even the smithy who

shoes the farm horses rides in a Rolls Royce or Jitney.

Chubby, a favorite pet chow at the VanWarner home, broke his leg.

The Apex bread truck turned over near the Park School, spilling bread here and there, but proceeded on its own power to Leonardsville.

Judge Mudge's sleigh tipped over with a big load of household goods belonging to Lewis Bellamy, causing some damage and considerable trouble.

Still, if times were booming several million would still need relief if Uncle Sam kept on giving it.

In the recent TB test, the Norton Bros. herd passed clean.

CHEVY TRUCKS: 1/2 ton pickup, \$465; 1/2 ton pickup with canopy, \$495; 1-1/2 ton chassis, \$485; 1-1/2 ton chassis and cab, \$605; 1-1/2 ton stake, \$660. Marvin Williams

#### 100 YEARS AGO

##### February 16, 1925

Another foot of snow. We are trying to appreciate it.

Business traffic has been at a standstill. None of the milk teams were able to make their accustomed trips and farmers are endeavoring to make roads passable.

We are still looking for the "open winter" foretold by the weather prophet in Walton.

Two Norwich garage roofs fell under the weight of the heavy snow, causing considerable damage to many cars.

Wilbur Edwards had the misfortune to have one of his horses severely cut while trying to get through the drifts.

Who feared that the "old bear" would see his shadow? It will take him weeks to burrow out.

The main occupation at present is shoveling and plowing out tunnels. When we travel now we can imagine we are going by subway.

Hot school lunches are now being served for the benefit of children who bring their lunches.

From barbers' chairs to governors' chairs, women are rapidly crowding out men in places always thought to be sacred for men only.

Hubert Vail is driving a new iron-gray horse purchased of Fred Whitmore.

The old-time illustration of a bull in a china shop has given way to a congressman trying to solve our foreign problems.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. George Caldine on February 6, a son,

Harold George.

We should all be proud that Preferred Mutual is a New Berlin institution, organized and managed by our own people.

#### 120 YEARS AGO

##### February 5, 1905

The following pupils have average standings over 90 for the second quarter.

Academic Dept.: Fred Moulton; Warren Brooks; Esther and John Ball; Inez and Lena Traver. 8th Grade: Ely Shippey; Marjorie Banks; Marie Chewning; Elsie Crain; Marjorie Milliken; Frances Peck; Ethel Sprague; Della Sweet. 7th Grade: Edward Tilley; Laura Ball; Christina Neilson; Ethel VanDusen; Elizabeth Wright. 6th Grade: Mildred Adams; Grace Meeker. 5th Grade: Edna Lowe; Mary White. 4th Grade: Gertrude Beers; Viola Burlingame; Florence Reed; Ruth Holdridge. 3rd Grade: Ellen Ackerman; Bessie and Clara Arnold; Robert Deming. 2nd Grade: Ray Willard. 1st Grade: Paul Arnold; Seymour Gibson; Earl Powers; Glen VanDusen; Julian Weeks; Russell White; Julia Chewning; Frances Dopp; Josephine Fish; Julia Holdridge; Anna Lowe.

## Arts Council promoting the arts through workshops and events

BY SARAH GENTER  
GAZETTE STAFF WRITER

NORWICH — The Chenango Arts Council, located at 27 West Main Street in Norwich, is promoting the arts of all kinds in the coming months with workshops, events, and opportunities for teaching artists.

The upcoming events kick off with the "Get Cary-ed Away" double-feature event, which will include a screening of two Cary Grant films in the Martin W. Kappel Theater beginning at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 12.

The evening will begin with a showing of "His Girl Friday," a fast-paced comedy from 1940 starring Cary Grant and Rosilind Russell. The film follows a newspaper editor desperately trying to win back his reporter ex-wife by enticing her

with an interview with a death-row convict.

After a brief intermission, guest can enjoy a screening of "Charade," a 1963 mystery film starring Cary Grant, Audrey Hepburn, and Walter Matthau. This twisting tale in Paris, France involves a mysterious murder, a stolen fortune, and a swarm of goons vying for the pilfered riches.

The films are free to attend, but the Arts Council will be accepting free-will donations from those who would like to give. Beverages, light snacks, and popcorn will be provided for free as well.

On Thursday, February 20 the Arts Council will be hosting a keyhole scarf crochet workshop beginning at 6 p.m. in the Arts Council's classroom.

A keyhole scarf is a unique garment that

features a hole in one end, so the other end of the scarf can be pulled through.

The class is led by local crafter Pat Horton, who has taught crochet classes at the Chenango Arts Council and Guernsey Memorial Library in the past.

"It's led by Pat Horton, she's taught a few crochet classes with us before, and people have a good time," said Chenango Arts Council Administrative Assistant Mary Beth Miller.

All supplies will be provided. Registration is \$12 for Arts Council members and \$15 for non-members. To sign up, visit ChenangoArts.org.

In March, the Arts Council will be providing a month-long Poetry Writing for Self Expression series led by Tina Abraham.

"It is a four-week

course that provides tools and exercises to cultivate self expression, mindfulness, and creativity," said Miller. "[It] involves some writing tips, and some tips on reading to inform your writing, and things like that. It's about authenticity and self expression and creativity."

Classes will be held each Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m., beginning on March 6. The series is \$40 for members and \$45 for non-members, which includes all four classes and all supplies needed.

To register for the series, visit ChenangoArts.org.

Miller said the Arts Council is always looking for new workshops to bring to the community, and are accepting proposals from artists interested in leading a class or series.

"We've got some good

responses that we're excited about, and we're reaching out to people to schedule things, but we are always looking to be able to offer people different kinds of art workshops and create different kinds of opportunities for teaching artists," she said.

Prospective workshops can be in any artistic medium, from drawing or painting to ceramics, pottery, sculpture, writing, photography, and more.

Those interested in teaching a class at the Chenango Arts Council

can send their credentials or resume, lesson proposal, desired fees, and photos of their work, if possible, to info@chenangoarts.org.

Chenango Arts Council's programs are made possible by the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of the Office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature.

For more information on the Chenango Arts Council and their programs, visit ChenangoArts.org or the Chenango Arts Council Facebook page.

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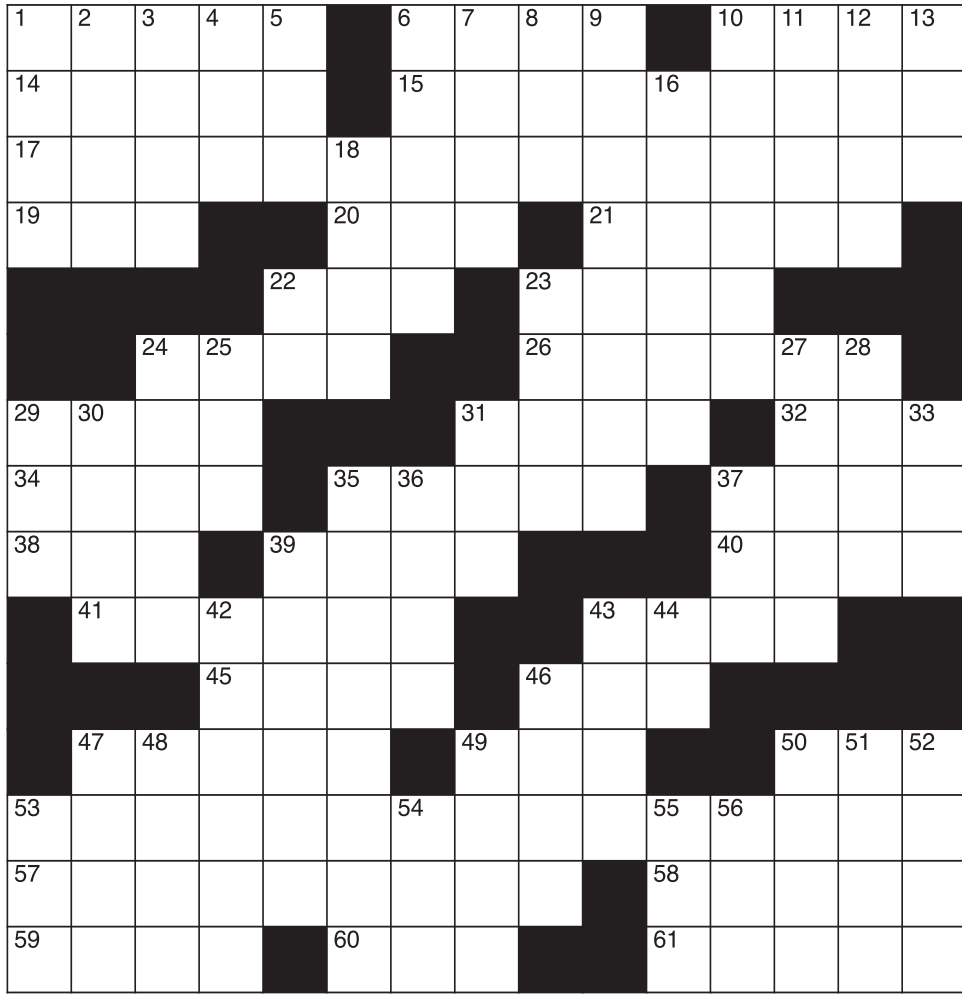
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# CROSSWORD



## CLUES ACROSS

- 1. "The Las Vegas of the East"
- 6. Cook
- 10. Manning and Wallach are two
- 14. Chameleon
- 15. A way to fill up
- 17. What MLBers hope to play in
- 19. Unhappy
- 20. Indefinite period of time
- 21. Excites
- 22. Males
- 23. Mongol leader Genghis
- 24. Turfs
- 26. Soda comes in them
- 29. Not nice
- 31. Professional organization
- 32. Part of a play
- 34. Sea eagle
- 35. Emily Blunt's character in "Sicario"
- 37. Beige
- 38. Mental sharpness
- 39. Valley
- 40. Alcyone's husband
- 41. A place to gamble
- 43. Flightless Australian birds
- 45. Call out somebody's name over a P.A. system
- 46. US spy group
- 47. Pancakes from buckwheat flour
- 49. Swiss river
- 50. Disfigure
- 53. Have surgery
- 57. Formal withdrawal
- 58. Early English council
- 59. Square measures
- 60. 2,000 lbs.
- 61. Siskel and \_\_, critics

## CLUES DOWN

- 1. Mouths
- 2. Buffalo
- 3. You plug it in
- 4. Each
- 5. Largest English dictionary (abbr.)
- 6. King of Thebes
- 7. English name meaning "mythical hunter"
- 8. Indicates near
- 9. More herbaceous
- 10. Gas-powered cars need one
- 11. Dishonest individual
- 12. Systems, doctrines, theories
- 13. The woman
- 16. The whole of one's holdings
- 18. Witnesses
- 22. Doctor
- 23. Paul \_\_, Swiss painter
- 24. Kids look for him on December 24
- 25. Single
- 27. Competitions
- 28. Predict the future
- 29. Cage for trained hawks
- 30. Musician Clapton
- 31. Frozen water
- 33. Semiformal men's evening attire
- 35. Most worn
- 36. Common soap ingredient
- 37. Former EU monetary unit
- 39. Provisions
- 42. Book parts
- 43. Republic of Ireland
- 44. Partner to "Pa"
- 46. Sammy \_\_, songwriter
- 47. Dutch colonist
- 48. Clare Booth \_\_, American writer
- 49. Solar disk in Egyptian mythology
- 50. Minute arachnid
- 51. From a distance
- 52. Monthly apartment cost
- 53. Young women's association
- 54. Tourist destination
- 55. "Woman" in Ojibwe language
- 56. Pointed end of a pen

# WORD SEARCH

## LOW VISION WORD SEARCH



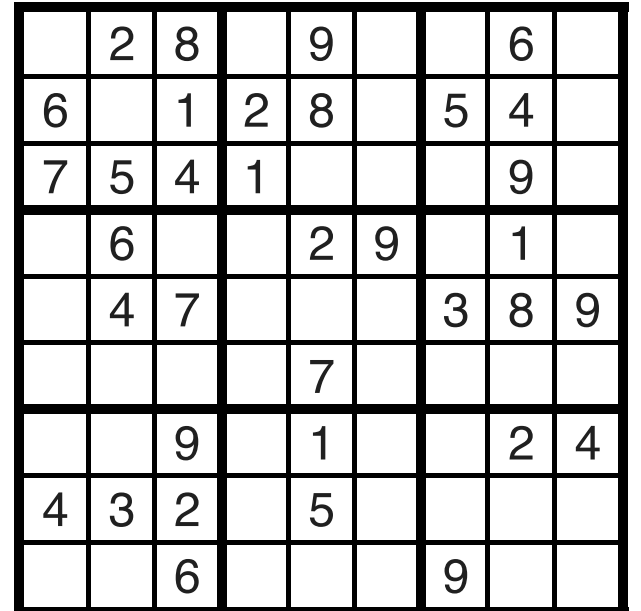
Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

- ALBINISM
- IMPAIRMENT
- OPTOMETRIST
- BLINDNESS
- LOSS
- PERIPHERAL
- BRAILLE
- LUMINANCE
- RETINA
- CATARACTS
- MACULA
- SENSITIVITY
- CONTRAST
- MAGNIFIER
- SPECIALIST
- DIABETES
- NIGHT
- STRABISMUS
- EYES
- NYSTAGMUS
- TECHNOLOGY
- GLAUCOMA
- OPTIC
- VISION

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Level: Beginner

# WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to low vision.

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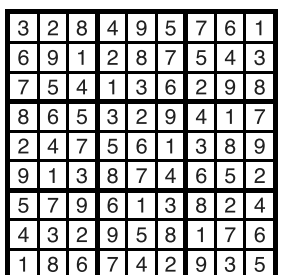
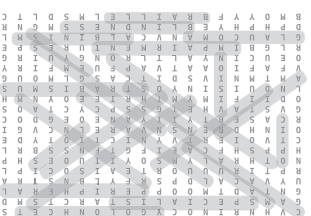
Answer: Pupil

# GUESS WHO ?

I am a singer born in California on February 8, 1961. I was interested in music and various sports in high school. In 1981, I formed the hair metal band I would be in for the majority of my life. We had many hits throughout the 1980s.

Answer: Vince Neil

# Solutions:



# Unatego-UV-Franklin wrestlers reach state semifinals

**BY MORGAN GOLLIVER**  
GAZETTE SPORTS EDITOR

SYRACUSE – After winning the Section IV, Division II dual meet championship, the Unatego-UV-Franklin wrestlers traveled to SRC Arena at Onondaga Community College for the NYSPPSAA state dual meet championship. The Spartans, in the “B” pool, reached the semifinals, but fell to top-seeded John Glenn out of Section XI.

Unatego-UV-Franklin went 2-1 on the day, defeating both Section I’s NS Nanuet and Section VIII’s Seaford 47-26 before falling in the semis.

Congratulations, Spartans. The wrestlers will now prepare for individual sectionals and states.

**Full results from CNYWrestling:**

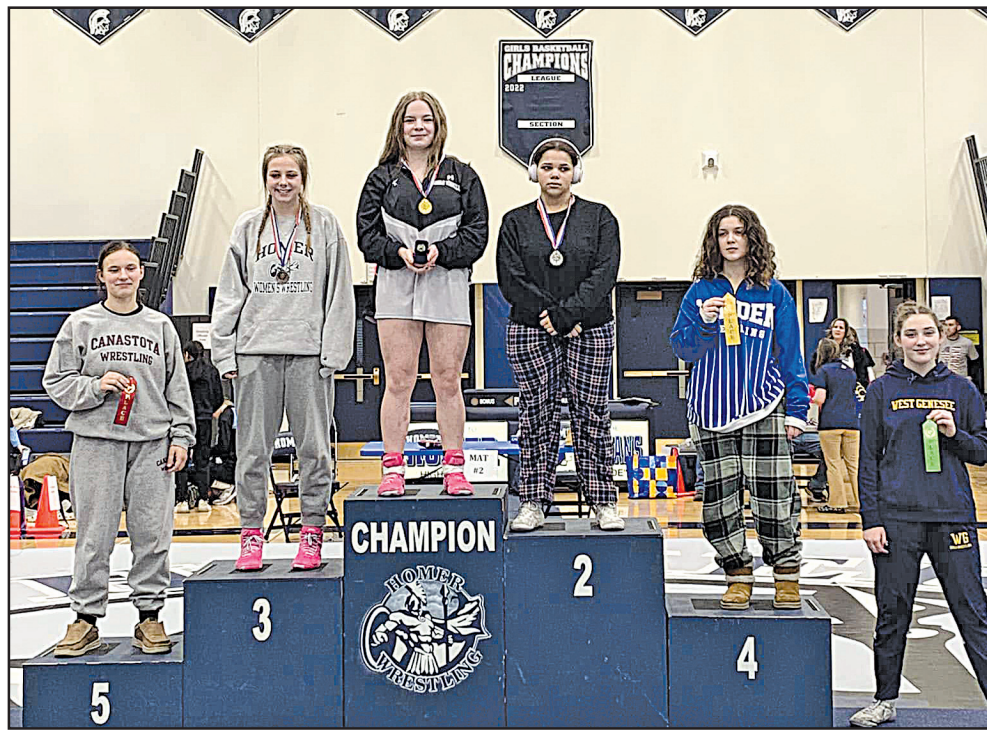
Nolan Boyles 2-1 with two pins (2:12 and 2:37).



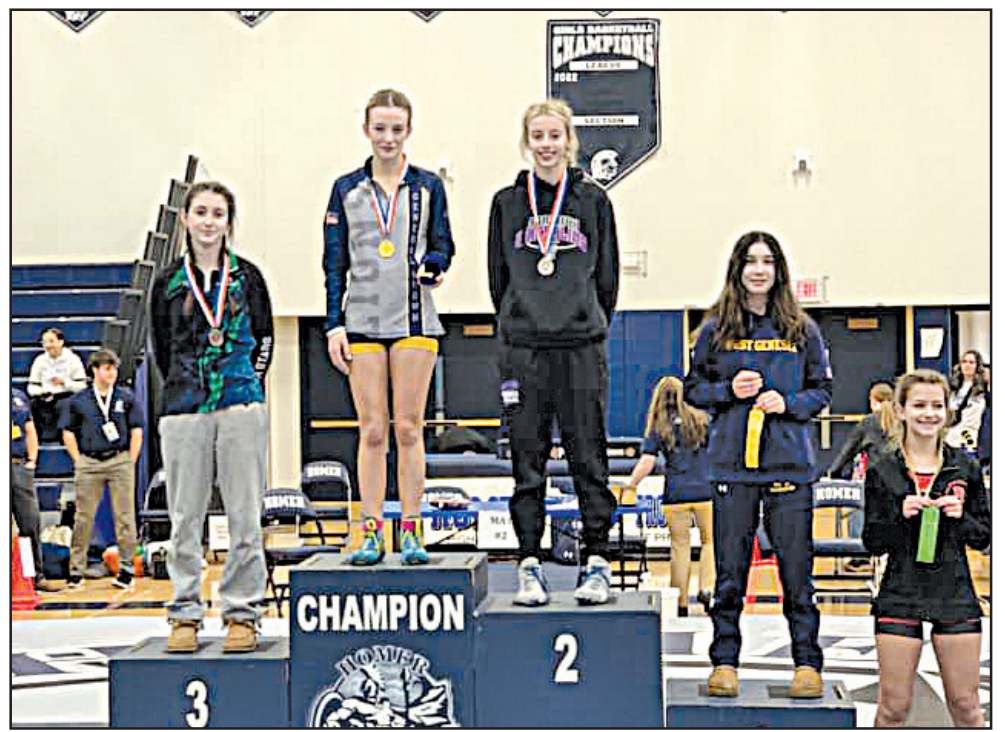
Congratulations to the Unatego-UV-Franklin wrestling team on a great dual meet season, where they reached the state semifinals and won the Section IV, Division II dual meet championship. (Photo from Unatego Athletics)

Calvin Butts 0-1  
Trent Deboer 0-1  
Yanni Drapaniotis 2-1; won by a :52 pin and by a 1:04 pin, lost to John Glenn’s Carmine Gerbino in 7-4 decision, which is his first loss of the season.  
Shon Klintchev 0-3  
Brogan LeFever 2-1; a 2:38 pin and a win by tech fall.  
Wyatt Meade 3-0 with a :49 pin, a :53 pin, and a win by tech fall.  
Gavin Nordberg 3-0 with a 1:22 pin, a 5:50 pin, and win by major decision.  
Bryden Sheldon 0-2  
Zack Sousa 0-3  
Caleb Wildenstein 1-1; defeated Nanuet’s Evan Moran with a 3:52 pin.  
Abdeen Zaggout 3-0 with two pins and a win by tech fall.  
Abdul-Jamil Zaggout 2-1; won by fft, defeated John Glenn’s Karahn King in 4:58 pin.  
Ahmet Zaggout 3-0 with a win by fft, a 11-5 decision, and a 5:23 pin.

## BGH-SID-UN, Oxford-Greene, and Norwich girls wrestle at Homer tournament



Congratulations to Oxford-Greene’s Lily Karn on winning the 152 weight class at the Homer Lady Legacy tournament. (Photo from Crown City Wrestling Club)



Congratulations to Norwich’s Briley Beckwith on finishing second at the Homer Lady Legacy tournament. (Photo from Crown City Wrestling Club)

**BY MORGAN GOLLIVER**  
GAZETTE SPORTS EDITOR

HOMER – The BGH-Sidney-Unatego, Oxford-Greene, and Norwich girls wrestling teams competed at the Homer Lady Legacy Tournament over the weekend. BGH-Sidney-Unatego came in 11th, Oxford-Greene finished 15th and Norwich in 17 out of 31 teams.

BGH-Sidney-Unatego’s Bella Phelps earned most outstand-

ing wrestler at the tournament and won the 114 weight class. Oxford-Greene’s Lily Karn won the 152 weight class as Norwich’s Briley Beckwith took second at 100 pounds.

Congratulations to all wrestlers.

**Full results from CNYWrestling:**

**94:**  
Carly Bagg (BGH) 0-2  
Hannah Giammateo (BGH)- fourth, 1-2, defeated Cortland’s Ceirsten Carrethers in a 2:26 pin.

**100:**  
Briley Beckwith (NOR) 2nd with a 3-1 record; lost to General Brown’s Zoey Jewett by :20 pin in finals; picked up two pins and a win by tech fall.

**107:**  
London Miller (BGH) 1-2, defeated Owego’s Ashlee Crawford-Bauer with :43 pin.

Maggie Braman (OG) 1-2, defeated Johnson City’s Olivia Rodriguez in 1:47 pin.  
**114:**  
Dylan Casey (BGH)-

eighth, 3-3; defeated Norwich’s Mallorie Schuster in 2:51 pin, defeated Norwich’s Bella Shepard in :21 pin.

Bella Phelps (BGH)-1st, 4-0, two pins and two tech falls.

Mallorie Schuster (NOR) 1-2, defeated Midlakes’ Vermya Walker by tech fall.

Bella Shepard (NOR) 0-2

**120:**  
Bella Quinones (BGH) 2-2; a win by medicinal fft and defeated Syracuse’s Zeinab Mohamed in 1:11

pin.  
Emma Hughes (NOR) 0-2

**126:**  
Mira Gaylord (OG)-sixth with a 3-2 record; a 1:33 pin, a 7-4 win by decision, and a win by tech fall.

**132:**  
Leelah Charles (BGH) 0-2

**138:**  
Natalie Debiew (BGH) 0-2

**145:**  
Adrianna Tanner (BGH)- sixth, 3-2; defeated Norwich’s

Brianna Slater in a :35 pin.

Brianna Slater (NOR) 1-2, defeated Cicero-North Syracuse’s Molly Daniels by tech fall.

Kelsey Loiselle (OG) 0-2

**152:**  
Lily Karn (OG)-1st with three wins; two by pin and one by tech fall.

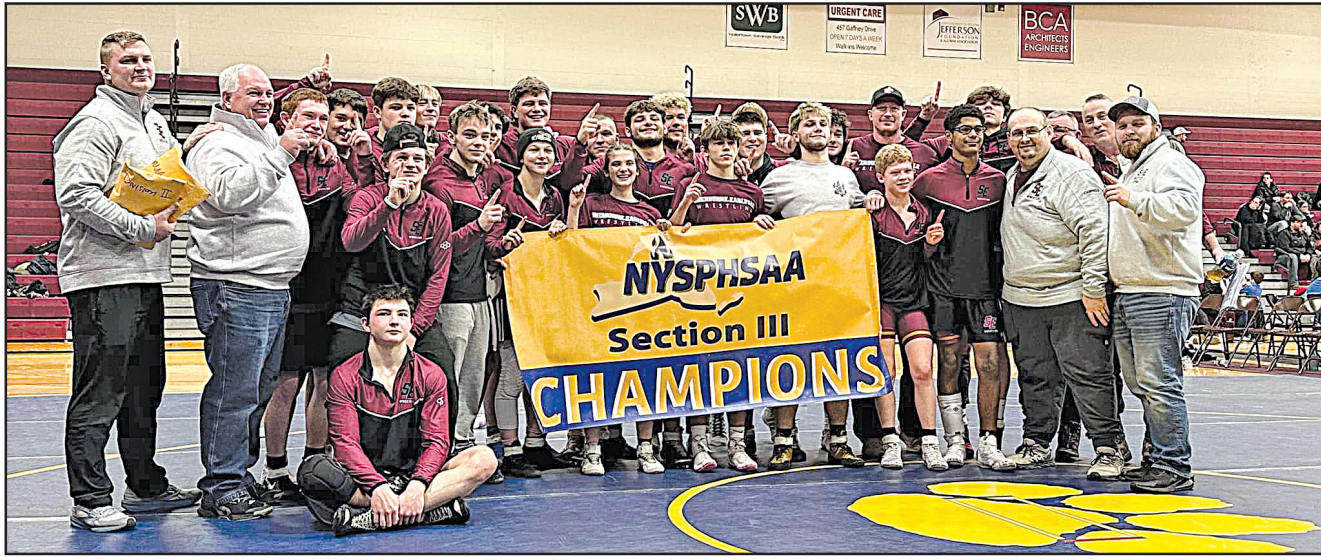
**165:**  
Christina Greene (OG) 0-2

# Sherburne-Earlville wrestlers reach state quarter finals

BY MORGAN GOLLIVER  
GAZETTE SPORTS EDITOR

SYRACUSE – The Sherburne-Earlville Timberwolves wrestling team traveled to the SRC Arena at Onondaga Community College to compete in the NYSPHSAA Division II Team Dual meet championships. This trip came after the team won the Section III, D2 championship.

S-E, who wrestled in Pool C, defeated Section IX's Port Jervis in the opening round by a score of 65-6 to reach the quarter finals. S-E fell 40-22 to Section VIII's Plainedge, who won the championship. S-E concludes its dual



**Congratulations to the Sherburne-Earlville Timberwolves wrestling team on a great dual meet season, where they reached the state quarterfinals and finished 15-1 overall. (Photo from Sherburne-Earlville Wrestling)**

meet season with a 15-1 record as the individual wrestlers prepare for the Class C tournament, sectionals, and states.

Congratulations, S-E.

## Full results from CNYWrestling:

Noah Ackermann 2-0 with a tiebreaker decision win and by a 1:51 pin over Port Jervis'

Justin Harrison.

Trenton Anderson 2-0 with two wins by decision.

Landon Andrade 2-0 with a win by fft and a

1:49 pin over Port Jervis' Nicholas Oosterom.

Cody Clarkson 1-1; defeated Port Jervis' Benjamin Rivera with a 4:33 pin.

Josh Evans 1-1; defeated Port Jervis' Cole Corcoran with 1:41 pin.

Richie Fuller 0-1

Aiden Kiehn 1-0; defeated Port Jervis' Mason Witkowski in a 2:25 pin.

Cameron Mason 1-1; defeated Port Jervis' Dakota Duryea in :31 pin.

Andrew Menard 1-1; won by fft

Nick Miller 1-1; won a 16-14 decision over Port Jervis' Owen Curreri.

Jackson Moore 2-0; a win by tech fall and a :38 pin.

Justin Race 0-2

Aiden Shreve 1-1; defeated Port Jervis' Hunter Frank in 1:08 pin.

Drew Telesky 2-0 with two wins by tech fall.

# S-E Wrestlers honor seniors; defeat Oxford-Greene

BY MORGAN GOLLIVER  
GAZETTE SPORTS EDITOR

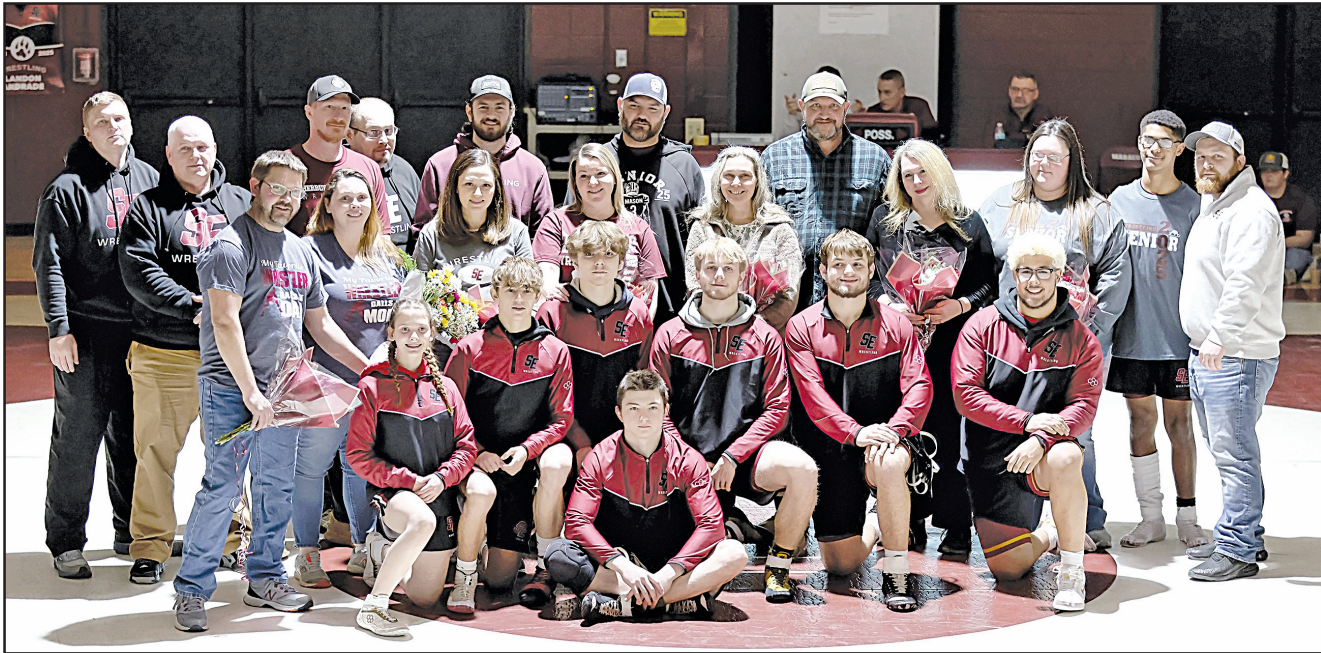
SHERBURNE – The Sherburne-Earlville Timberwolves wrestling team hosted Oxford-Greene for a local county dual meet on Thursday night, where the Timberwolves honored their seven seniors prior to the match. Congratulations to Landon Andrade, Cody Clarkson, Pasley French, Aiden Kiehn, Cameron Mason, Nick Miller, and Jackson Moore.

S-E earned the 59-16 victory.

Pasley French kicked off the meet with a win by forfeit in the 101 weight class. Drew Telesky, Cody Clarkson, and Nick Miller also received forfeits in their respective weight classes.

Jackson Moore pinned Oxford-Greene's Kenny Baucas in 3:22 as Noah Ackermann pinned Anthony Bourn in 1:59.

Cameron Mason earned the pin over



**Congratulations to the Sherburne-Earlville Timberwolves wrestling seniors; Pasley French, Jackson Moore, Cameron Mason, Cody Clarkson, Aiden Kiehn, Landon Andrade, and Nick Miller. (Photo from Dean Russin, SECS)**

Collin Morlando in a 1:21 while Aiden Kiehn pinned Isaiah Sexton in a 1:09. Andrew Menard pinned David Dunkel in 2:52 as Andrade won by tech fall over Urijah Dibble.

Oxford-Greene's Kade Mustin came away with a tech fall against S-E's Josh Evans as well as Troy Braman over

Johnathan Conklin.

Aiden Marcin pinned S-E's Justin Race in 1:01.

S-E (13-0) heads to the States Dual Meet Championship on Saturday, starting at 9 a.m.

Oxford-Greene awaits the Section IV qualifiers while the Girls wrestling team competes at the Homer Lady

Legacy Tournament on Saturday.

## Full Results from CNYWrestling:

101 Pasley French (Sherburne-Earlville) fft

108 Drew Telesky (Sherburne-Earlville) fft

116 Jackson Moore (Sherburne-Earlville)

pin Kendrick Baucas (Oxford-Greene) 3:22

124 Kade Mustin (Oxford-Greene) tf Josh Evans (Sherburne-Earlville) 15-0 2:16

131 Noah Ackermann (Sherburne-Earlville) pin Anthony Bourn (Oxford-Greene) 1:59

138

Troy Braman (Oxford-Greene) tf Johnathan Conklin (Sherburne-Earlville) 17-0 2:55

145

Cameron Mason (Sherburne-Earlville) pin Collin Morlando (Oxford-Greene) 1:21

152

Aiden Marcin (Oxford-Greene) pin Justin Race (Sherburne-Earlville) 1:01

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Cody Clarkson (Sherburne-Earlville) fft

170

Nick Miller (Sherburne-Earlville) fft

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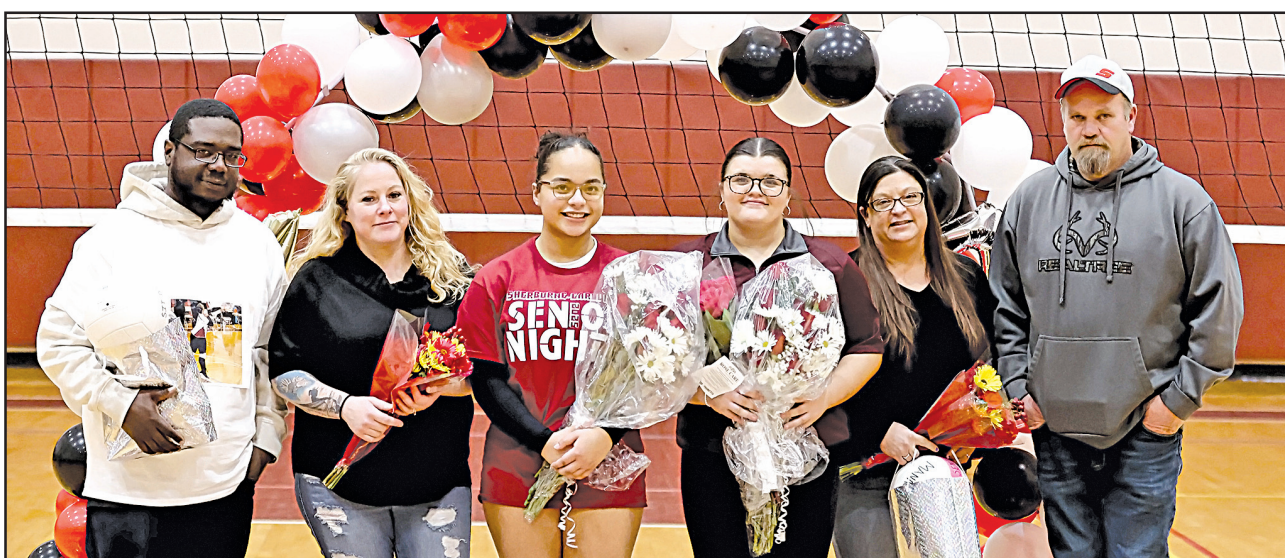
Aiden Kiehn (Sherburne-Earlville) pin Isaiah Sexton (Oxford-Greene) 1:09

215

Andrew Menard (Sherburne-Earlville) pin David Dunkel (Oxford-Greene) 2:52

285

Landon Andrade (Sherburne-Earlville) tf Urijah Dibble (Oxford-Greene) 19-3 4:29



# S-E Volleyball honors seniors vs Stockbridge Valley

SHERBURNE – The Sherburne-Earlville Timberwolves volleyball team honored its two seniors in the match against Stockbridge Valley on Thursday evening. S-E battled against the Cougars but fell 3-0. Congratulations to Adia Graham and team manager Morgan Briggs. (Photo from Dean Russin, SECS)



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**LEGAL NOTICE**  
 Liberty Rental Properties LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 12/04/2024. Cty: Chenango. SSNY design. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to 431 Davis Rd., Earlville, NY 13332. General Purpose. 6t ES/GZ 2/6, 2/13, 2/20, 2/27, 3/6, 3/13)

**Name of the LLC is 36 Genesee Street, LLC.** The Articles of Organization were filed with the secretary of state of NY(SSNY) October 11, 2024. Office location is Chenango County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any such process to the LLC at PO Box 570, Greene, NY 13778. Purpose is any lawful purpose. (t6 ES/GZ 01/09, 01/16, 01/23, 01/30, 02/06, 02/13, 02/20)

**Name of the LLC is Backus Garbage Removal LLC.** The Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of state of NY(SSNY) January 7, 2024. Office location is Chenango County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any such process to the LLC at PO Box 236 Sherburne, NY 13460. Purpose is any given purpose. (t6 ES/GZ 01/30, 02/06, 02/13, 2/20, 02/27, 03/06)

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**Name of the LLC is NICHOLSRE LLC.** The Articles of Organization were filed with the secretary of state of NY(SSNY) JUNE 11, 2024. Office location is Chenango County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any such process to the LLC at 23 North Chenango Street, Greene, NY 13778. Purpose is any lawful purpose. (t6 ES/GZ 01/16, 01/23, 01/30, 02/06, 02/13, 02/20)

**Name of the LLC is ROOTRE LLC.** The Articles of Organization were filed with the secretary of state of NY(SSNY) June 12, 2024. Office location is Chenango County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any such process to the LLC at 23 North Chenango Street, Greene, NY 13778. Purpose is any lawful purpose. (t6 ES/GZ 01/16, 01/23, 01/30, 02/06, 02/13, 02/20)

**Notice of Annual Meeting**  
 Preferred Mutual Insurance Company

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE of the Annual Meeting of the Policyholders of Preferred Mutual Insurance Company to be held at the office of the Company in New Berlin, New York, on Tuesday, February 25, 2025 at 2 p.m. for the purpose of electing directors and the transaction of any other business which may properly come before said meeting.

John C. Mitchell  
 Chairman of the Board  
 (t2 GZ 02/06, 02/13)

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY:** The name of the limited liability company is: Amour A La Main, LLC (the "Company"). The date of filing of the Articles of Organization of the Company with the Secretary of State was January 9, 2025. The county in which the principal place of business

of the Company shall be located is Chenango County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the Company upon whom process against it may be served. The Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Company to Hinman, Howard & Kattell, LLP, Attn: Christopher L. Roma, Organizer, 80 Exchange Street, Binghamton, NY 13901. The purpose of the business of the Company is any lawful business purpose. (t6 ES/GZ 01/23, 01/30, 02/06, 02/13, 02/20, 02/27)

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 Name of LLC: Chenango Rentals, LLC; Date of filing of Articles of Organization with the NY Dept of State: 12/10/24; Office of the LLC: Chenango County; The NY Secretary of State has been designated as the agent upon whom process may be served. NYSS may mail a copy of any process to the LLC at: PO Box 176, Norwich, NY 13815; Purpose of LLC: Any lawful purpose permitted for LLCs under NY Limited Liability Company Act. (t6 ES/GZ 01/09, 01/16, 01/23, 01/30, 02/06, 02/13)

**Notice of Formation of Farrow & Locke CPA Associates, PLLC,** a Professional Limited Liability Company (PLLC) Articles of Organization filed by the New York Department of State on 12/24/24. Office Location: County of Chenango. The New York Secretary of State is designated as agent for service of process. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the PLLC is: 116 E Main St, Ste 3, Norwich, NY 13815. Purpose: any lawful activity. (t6ES/GZ 01/09, 01/16, 01/23, 01/30, 02/06, 02/13)

**Notice of Violation.** Pursuant to NYS Public Health Law, the public is hereby notified that on December 18, 2024, J&H Express, at 2536 State Highway 206, Greene, NY 13778 was in violation of Public Health Law 1399-cc of 13F, Chapter 162, Law of 2002, sold tobacco products to an individual under twenty-one years of age. All terms of the stipulated enforcement measure have been satisfied. (t5 ES 01/21, 01/22, 01/23, 01/24, 01/27 GZ 01/23, 1/30, 02/06, 2/13, 2/20)

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**Notice of Violation.** Pursuant to NYS Public Health Law, the public is hereby notified that on December 18, 2024, Utica Tobacco Shop, at 11 East State Street, Sherburne NY 13460, was in violation of Public Health Law 1399-cc of 13F, Chapter 162, Law of 2002, sold tobacco products to an individual under twenty-one years of age. All terms of the stipulated enforcement measure have been satisfied. (t5 ES 01/21, 01/22, 01/23, 01/24, 01/27 GZ 01/23, 1/30, 02/06, 2/13, 2/20)

**Pursuant to New York State law,** notice is hereby given that Bondfire Design Company, LLC has been duly formed as a Limited Liability Company under the laws of the State of New York. LLC Name: Bondfire Design Company, LLC Date of Formation: Octo-

ber 18, 2024  
 LLC Address: 2005 State Highway 8, Mount Upton, NY 13809  
 LLC County: Chenango  
 Registered Agent: The registered agent for this LLC is the Secretary of State of New York, located at One Commerce Plaza, 99 Washington Avenue, Albany, NY 12231.  
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 Matthew Ward  
 CEO/Owner  
 6t ES/GZ (2/6, 2/13, 2/20, 2/27, 3/6, 3/13)

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NOTICE  
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OF EXAMINATION PREPARED BY THE OFFICE OF THE STATE COMPTROLLER HAS BEEN FILED IN MY OFFICE WHERE IT IS AVAILABLE AS A PUBLIC RECORD FOR INSPECTION BY ALL INTERESTED PERSONS.

PURSUANT TO SECTION THIRTY-FIVE OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW, THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE EDMESTON FIRE DISTRICT HAS DETERMINED TO PREPARE A WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE REPORT OF EXAMINATION PREPARED BY THE OFFICE OF THE STATE COMPTROLLER AND WILL FILE SUCH RESPONSE, WHEN COMPLETED, IN MY OFFICE AS A PUBLIC RECORD FOR INSPECTION BY ALL INTERESTED PERSONS NOT LATER THAN MARCH 12, 2025.

John Axtell Secretary,  
 Edmeston Fire District  
 (t1 GZ 02/06)

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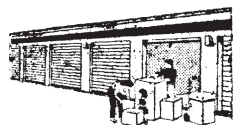
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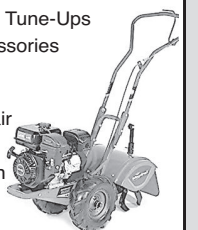
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# NORWICH HIGH SCHOOL HALL OF DISTINCTION

## Warren E. Eaton, Norwich High School Class of 1907

The Norwich High School (NHS) Hall of Distinction Committee has selected the first six NHS alumni to be included in the Hall of Distinction.

Individuals selected have made outstanding contributions to their chosen fields, including community services, the arts, medical professions, military service, and more, with their contributions having a distinctive impact on a local to global level.



## Warren Edwin Eaton: Fighter pilot, commercial aviator, and soaring champion

By Edward J. Erickson  
and Elise B. Eaton

Warren Edwin Eaton has been chosen as an inductee for the 2024 Hall of Distinction.

Third generation New Yorker Warren Edwin Eaton was born on June 10, 1888. Warren was the middle son of Robert Dennison "R.D." and Maria Smith Eaton. Warren graduated from Norwich High school in the Class of 1907. His high school experience is best summarized as disinterested in academics in favor of athletics and social activities. He was popular among his peers, an affable, easy-going, handsome, patriotic, school-spirited young man who was blessed with a performance-quality tenor singing voice he enjoyed sharing at public events.

Warren was class secretary in his freshman year and president his sophomore and junior years. He was elected vice president his junior year and president his senior year of the High School Athletic Association. In his junior year, Warren captained the school's second (new) basketball team and the baseball team his senior year. He was a Y.M.C.A. member and played competitive basketball and bowled on Y teams. He took up hunting, became adept at handling guns, and shot deer in the Adirondacks. Warren followed high school graduation taking courses at the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School.

Young Warren lacked ambition and a seriousness of purpose, but that changed in 1902 when he met and fell hard for the strikingly attractive, intelligent, and independent-minded Genevieve "Vieve" Lydia Jacoby. Vieve graduated from Norwich High School in 1905 and from Janet, and Elise. Today, the house is owned by its next-door neighbor, the UHS Chenango Memorial Hospital. Throughout their lives, Vieve was a quiet and steadfast source of inspiration and support for his endeavors.

In May 1917, Warren applied for and was accepted into the United States Army's flight training program. He attend-

ed ground school at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York and earned his pilot's wings at the army's flight school in Mount Clemens, Michigan. Lieutenant Eaton joined the American Expeditionary Force in France for further training as a fighter pilot. In the late summer of 1918, he was assigned to the famous 103rd Aero Squadron in which he flew SPAD XIII fighter planes during the Meuse-Argonne offensive. He shot down at least one German aircraft and was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross (DSC) before he returned to civilian life.

### Warren E. Eaton's Impact on Soaring in America

Warren Eaton made significant contributions to the emergence of soaring as a robust and competitive sport in New York State and is regarded today as its most active promoter; the George Washington of the sport.

Warren was instrumental in establishing Elmira as a permanent soaring home base for glider and sailplane competitors at what became internationally known as Harris Hill. As a result, Central New York State in the 1930s rapidly became known around the world as the heart of American soaring.

Warren Eaton was a relentless advocate for the new sport of "soaring." Eaton's vision encompassed the emerging fields of atmospheric thermals and geography, instrumentation, and advanced glider and sailplane designs. As the first president of the Soaring Society of America (SSA), Warren Eaton successfully reimagined and promoted soaring as a component of modern aviation in America.

Eaton set several American national soaring records. In 1930, he set a soaring altitude record and came in second for the time aloft record. Eaton scored his second national altitude record in 1934 flying over Virginia's Blue Ridge. His last record was as a member of the first four-glider tow at Elmira in 1934. He was also a pioneer in the glider-mail movement.

The most visible nation-



Top: Lieutenant Warren E. Eaton, United States Army Air Service, 1917. Above: Warren and Vieve Eaton, Norwich Airport, 1934. (Submitted photos)

al legacy of Warren Eaton is his extraordinary, graceful gull-winged Bowlus-du Pont I-S-2100 Senior Albatross sailplane, which he named the Falcon. Vieve gifted the Falcon to the Smithsonian Institution after Warren died; it is on permanent display in the National Air and Space Museum's Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center in the Boeing Aviation Hangar in Chantilly, Virginia.

Closer to Norwich, Warren's meticulously restored Franklin PS-2 aerobatic glider, in which he made his fatal flight, is on permanent display at the National Soaring Museum at Harris Hill in Elmira, New York.

Vieve continued and expanded Warren's visionary work in the SSA. She was the first woman to be elected a director, sponsored the Eaton Design Contest she conceived to foster innovative and modern designs for sailplanes, and underwrote national soaring competitions. Her financial generosity towards and interest in advancing the sport was a critical factor that enabled the SSA to withstand the economic pressures of the Depression years in America.

In 1939, Vieve donated the Warren E. Eaton Memorial Trophy to the SSA. This trophy is considered the highest achievement service award by the SSA and is awarded annually to an individual who has made a significant contribution to soaring in America.

### Warren E. Eaton's Impact on Aviation in Interwar America

Warren Eaton pioneered commercial aviation in Central New York State. He and a small

group of friends invested in, built, and operated Central New York State's first successful commercial airport as Central New York Airways, Inc., two miles north of Norwich. In 1939 it was officially renamed in Warren Eaton's honor, and after 1986, it has operated as the Chenango County Lt. Warren E. Eaton Airport.

Warren was appointed to a variety of influential positions that improved aviation safety in America during the Interwar era. He was a founding member of the National Aeronautical Association. Warren was appointed to the New York State Navigational Area Marking Committee to persuade communities to establish navigation aids for pilots. By the mid-1930s, New York State had become a much safer place to fly.

The Nazi Luftwaffe seemed to materialize almost out of thin air and Eaton became interested to see for himself how the Germans integrated gliders into military pilot training. Eaton was aware of America's military unpreparedness and, after a trip to study the gliding movement in Germany in 1934, became an ardent advocate of increasing America's population of available pilots through gliders. Before he died, he advanced these ideas in testimony to the Federal Aviation Commission.

While promoting the opening of his new winter soaring school in Miami, Florida, Warren died in a tragic fatal accident flying his glider over Biscayne Bay on December 1, 1934, prematurely ending a promising future in aviation.

Two hugely popular and

widely-read national publications in the 1930s covered Eaton's death: his obituary ran in Time magazine and a story covering the tragedy ran on December 2 in the New York Times. That Central New York aviator Warren Edwin Eaton's unexpected death in 1934 was noted nationally speaks to his reputation and influence.

Ed Erickson and Elise Eaton, Warren's granddaughter, have written a biography about Warren and Vieve Eaton's contributions to American aviation. Their book, "The Emergence of Soaring in America: Warren E. Eaton and Aviation in the Interwar Era," is under contract with Lexington Books (an imprint of Rowman & Littlefield). Publication is scheduled for the second half of 2025.

### The Norwich High School Hall of Distinction

The NHS Hall of Distinction Committee aims to recognize and commemorate alumni of Norwich high schools who have made outstanding in the areas of, but not limited to, profession, community service, commerce, religion, and art. This Hall of Distinction established in 2024 is intended to serve as a vision and source of pride for our community and student body.

To nominate an NHS alum for the Hall of Distinction, complete the nomination form found at [link] and submit to NCS D Event Coordinator Rich Turnbull at rturnbull@norwichcsd.org, or dropped off at the District Office at 89 Midland Drive in Norwich no later than May 1, 2025.



# Community Spotlight: Commerce Chenango adopts new home near city hall

By Sophia Root  
Commerce Chenango

NORWICH - Last week, Commerce Chenango moved their headquarters from 15 South Broad Street to 19 East Main Street in Norwich.

The building, purchased by the Chenango County Industrial Development Agency (CCIDA), is a testament to the growth and sustainability of Commerce Chenango. While Commerce Chenango offices are on the top floor, funding for a child-care center on the bottom floor is being pursued.

Brian Burton, Chairman of the Chenango County IDA, states, "The CCIDA is excited to be able to provide new permanent home to Commerce Chenango and DCC. We feel the space offers opportunities to also fill other community needs in the near future. We look forward to the possibilities that will come from having such a versatile space in a great location."



A new sign marks Commerce Chenango's headquarters at 19 East Main Street in Norwich, designed and installed by Valley Signs of Clayville. (Submitted photo)

The move was made possible by the team at Preferred Mutual Insurance Company, who previously occupied and owned the building. Their team, especially Brian Burchill, former Site Services Manager, have been helpful, knowledgeable and courteous.

"Commerce new location is a significant milestone in our continued commitment,

investment and dedication to the communities and members that we serve" said Luke J. Hess-Murphy, Commerce Chenango Chair. "In addition, this is a great example of how the IDA, Commerce Chenango and Preferred Mutual collaborated to make this possible."

Benedikt Sander, President and CEO of Preferred Mutual Insurance Company said,

"This transition marks a new chapter for a longstanding and important space in the City of Norwich. We're pleased to see it remains a valuable resource for the community."

Rob Murrer, Preferred Mutual Insurance Company Director of Marketing Strategy & Operations agreed, adding, "We're proud to see this space as a hub for economic growth and collabora-

tion. We look forward to the impact Commerce Chenango and Development Chenango Corporation will make from their new home."

Commerce Chenango is planning an open house in the spring, inviting board members, the public and Commerce Chenango members in to see the new location. Details will be shared soon, visit [www.commerce-chenango.com](http://www.commerce-chenango.com) or Commerce Chenango on Facebook for updates.

"Having a permanent home for Commerce Chenango and a potential solution for day-care in our county speaks to the sustainability of this location and the overall health of our county" said Sal Testani, Commerce Chenango President and CEO. "The facility and capacity to care for 45 children under the age of three will entice businesses to relocate and recruit here."

Testani continues, "Commerce Chenango has been serving Chenango County since 1959 and hopes to serve from this location for another 75 years."

The vertical lines drawn on a map are called longitudinal lines. Since the Earth is a sphere, all the lines of longitude eventually meet at the top and bottom of our planet. The point at the top of the Earth where these lines meet is a cold and desolate place called the North Pole.

## Take A Poll

There are actually several "North Poles" located in different places.

The "Geographic North Pole" is the point where all of the man-made longitudinal lines of a map meet at the top of the Earth.

The "North Magnetic Pole" is the place on the Earth's surface where a compass would point straight down.

The point where the Earth's axis (the imaginary line about which the Earth rotates) intersects the surface is called the "Instantaneous North Pole." This point is always moving because the Earth wobbles as it spins.

This cartoon needs to chill.

# Shortcuts®

by jeff harris

## Getting To The Bottom Of The North Pole

This edition of Shortcuts is sponsored by Amy Polar Bear.

All this global warming stuff is no joke.



What would you use to catch an Arctic fish? A north pole.

The South Pole is much colder than the North Pole.

## Word Search

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

LONGITUDE OCEAN AXIS  
MAGNETIC NORTH MAP  
ATTRACT EARTH BOB  
COMPASS SOUTH RISE  
EXPLORE COLD SUN  
ARCTIC POLE TOP  
SUGGEST ATOPIC  
PUNTS DTRAIN OI  
USNFITUCHILLT  
ONSIRSITHDERE  
BOA AOPRIXPUN  
ARCUPAOC PGNOG  
BTTAEMBL SANDA  
SHMOROOMEXMOM  
SHOWEROBCHILDL  
THEREROARSEND

## Pole Position

There is no permanent marker located at the North Pole because the floating, shifting ice would cause any marker to move many kilometers every year.

The North Magnetic Pole is constantly moving because of changes in the Earth's core.

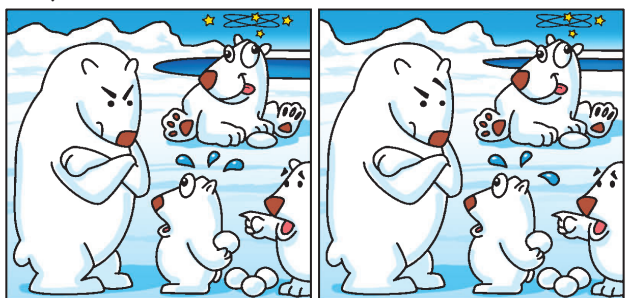
The average winter temperature at the North Pole is -31 °C (-24° F).

What kind of reception does the North Pole give to explorers? Chilly.

What do Arctic explorers eat for lunch? Icebergers.

## Snow Daze

Can you spot all six differences between these two scenes?



GAME ANSWERS: 1. Star is missing. 2. Eyebrow is different. 3. Hill is different. 4. Dog is smaller. 5. Ear is missing. 6. Dog is moved.

Dozens of explorers have died trying to reach the North Pole. In the early 1900s, expeditions led by Richard Peary and Frederick Cook became two of the first to claim successful journeys to the North Pole.

What do you get when you cross a jolly resident of the North Pole with a polar bear? Santa Claws.

If you were standing on the North Pole, every direction would be south.

The sun rises and sets just once a year at the North Pole.

Unlike the South Pole, which is located on land, the North Pole is located in the middle of the Arctic Ocean.

The opposite poles of a magnet attract each other. The north pole of a compass always points toward a south pole. This means the North Pole is actually a south magnetic pole.

