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Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Central School District announces top students for Class of 2025

GILBERTSVILLE - The Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Central School District has announced the top five academic students in its Class of 2025.

GMU will formally recognize Valedictorian Alyssa Sorochinsky, Salutatorian Emma Alexis Peck and fellow seniors Dannaka Rasmussen, Quinn Covington and Avriel Correll for their academic excellence during its 2025 Graduation Ceremony in June.

Valedictorian

Alyssa Sorochinsky
We are thrilled to recognize Alyssa Sorochinsky as Valedictorian of GMU's Class of 2025! Alyssa has demonstrated exceptional academic achievement, consistently earning top grades and displaying a strong passion for leadership. Outside of the classroom, she has been an outstanding leader in the Catskill Area Student Study Council, making a lasting impact on our school community.

Alyssa has received

numerous awards, including the Hugh O'Brian Leadership Award and the Section IV Character Counts Award. She also has the honor of serving as our National Honor Society President and as a Rotary Youth Leadership Representative. Alyssa is an New York State Public High School Athletic Association Scholar-Athlete who has excelled in soccer, basketball, softball, and track and field. We look forward to the continued success that undoubtedly

awaits Alyssa, who is the daughter of Kimberly (Jesse) Boldt and Matt (Melissa) Sorochinsky.

Salutatorian

Emma Alexis Peck

We are equally pleased to announce Emma Alexis Peck as Salutatorian of GMU's Class of 2025! Emma has earned this distinction through dedication, hard work, and a genuine love for learning. A standout student, she also has made significant contributions to our school community,

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\$5.8 million grant renovation project underway in New Berlin

BY KELLI MILLER
GAZETTE STAFF WRITER

NEW BERLIN— Last week a kick-off meeting was held to discuss the renovations and rehabilitations to five historic buildings in New Berlin. Building officials, engineers and construction workers met to review work phases and move forward with the almost \$6 million grant funded projects.

"We received two grants, one in the amount of approximately \$ 4.3 million from the New York State Office of Temporary Disability Assistance through the Homeless Housing Assistance Program (HHAP)," said Greater Opportunities for Broome and Chenango, Inc. Chief Operating Officer Kelly Robertson.

"And the second grant was an additional \$1.5 million from the New York State Homes and Community Renewal HOME ARP (American Rescue Plan), for low

income population," she said.

"The projects located at 26, 28, 30 and 34 Genesee Street and 8 Green Street will be completed in two phases," said Robertson. "Currently there are twelve units total to be rehabilitated into 17 units, also including new construction as well."

She said trades are coming in now to begin interior work and will start with Phase One at 8 GreenStreet and 26 and 30 Genesee Street. Phase Two will include renovations of 28 and 34 Genesee Street.

"We believe the community will be very happy as the houses have been in poor shape for some time," said Robertson. "We knew the shape they were in when we took them over from the New Berlin Housing and Preservation Company."

The Village of New Berlin Mayor Peter Lennon said he is very thankful for the funding and rehabilitation of the



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village homes.

"Congratulations to the team at Greater opportunities for Broome and Chenango," said Lennon. "We are confident this project will be in keeping with the pattern of quality witnessed at the Red Mill Apartments north of the Village of New Berlin."

Robertson expressed her gratitude for the

grant funding and to the Village of New Berlin and Mayor Peter Lennon.

"We're extremely happy and thankful to have received the HHP Grant," she said. "It's a really big deal for Chenango County and we're super excited about this project, it's been a labor of love and we're getting there."

"Previously, The Red Mill Apartment project

and team were great to work with and we're thankful for their assistance and the support from Mayor Lennon," she said. "Who we're very fortunate to have as a partner."

Robertson explained all of the buildings have historic value so they will be following the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) who are guiding the construction to emulate the original appearance of the original 1930's buildings, including the marble stairs at 34 Genesee.

She also noted because they are a supportive housing organization, they already have grant funding through the New York State Supportive Housing Program which supplies supportive case management to their tenants and provides transportation with agency vehicles.

"If someone needs a ride to the grocery store or a ride to work, we can provide that transportation with our own vehi-

cles," said Robertson.

Robertson said she has high aspirations for additional communities to get on board and search supportive funding to create this type of safe and affordable housing for all.

"We're very fortunate the Village of New Berlin was helpful in getting these grants and I hope other communities in Chenango County will see the renovations of these historic buildings and look to say, 'Hey, that's something I want in my town too'." she said.

Nonprofits can apply for similar grant funding for renovations by contacting New York State Homes and Community Renewal, The Office of temporary and Disability Assistance, or contact Kelly Robertson at Greater Opportunities for Broome and Chenango, Inc. at 607-723-6493.

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Sherburne Big M announces closure in heartfelt letter to residents

SHERBURNE – The owners of the Sherburne Big M grocery store announced the business' closure this week:

It is with great sadness that my family and I announce that the Sherburne Big M will be closing in the near future.

My parents Rogers and Gloria bought Records IGA in May of 1973. In the beginning my mom, my brothers, and I all worked for the store. My parents retired in 1994 and spent the next 20 years traveling. My wife and I raised our family next door, and our children grew up with the store as a large part of their lives.

Of the past 52 years,



The Sherburne Big M, a key grocery store for Village of Sherburne residents, has announced it will eventually be closing. (Photo by Colleen Murphy)

I have spent close to 50 of them working in the family business. My son Zachary has worked along side me for the past 25 years.

My emotions run deep

now, not only for my family but for all our staff and their families. We shared good times and bad including weddings, births, graduations, and deaths. We hired high

school kids along with retirees. We prided ourselves on aiding the disabled, people without transportation, churches, school organizations, sports, and community

fund raisers. We delivered to shut-in's, elderly and with open arms supported our community during the exceedingly challenging time of Covid.

Our dedicated staff worked tirelessly to support us and you. We treated all our customers with respect and kindness. We were lucky enough to meet many friends and we will deeply miss you all.

We understand the economic times and did our absolute best to provide the community with the dedicated service you cannot find in large box stores. This will be a loss for our community and leaves us with a heavy heart.

For all who have supported us for all these years we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Sincerely,
the Fowler Family

Regional Spelling Bee held; local winner to advance to national competition



Margot Fieni, an 8th grade student from Oneonta City Schools, receives her Regional Championship trophy from DCMO BOCES Director of Services Robert Avery. (Photo from DCMO BOCES)

ONEONTA – The 23rd Annual Regional Spelling Bee was held on Saturday in the Goodrich Theater, SUNY Oneonta. 25 students from 13 school districts competed in this year's regional event, having won earlier at their school's local spelling bee.

Margot Fieni, an 8th grade student from Oneonta City Schools, correctly spelled "Burmese" in the 16th round and was declared the winner of this year's regional competition. The victory earns Margot the chance to travel to National Harbor, Maryland in late May to compete against more than 200 other spellers from around the country and the world at the

100th Annual Scripps National Spelling Bee.

"Bee Week," as it's called, is a week-long experience for the students and their families that includes special events, educational workshops, excursions into Washington, D.C. and three days of nationally-televised spelling competition.

Mary Dugan, a former competitor in the spelling bee competitions, was the master of ceremonies for Saturday's event. Robert Avery, Director of Services at DCMO BOCES, gave remarks and presented the students with their awards.

Paul French was the pronouncer, carefully enunciating, defining and demonstrating usage of the word for

each student. Judges were Julia Suarez Hayes and Robert Avery, and Frank Oliver served as word recorder.

Many teachers and families of the spellers attended the event at the Goodrich Theater, and it was also livestreamed by DCMO BOCES. Afterwards, students posed for pictures with each other and with "Sprout," the mascot of Sidney Federal Credit Union, one of the event sponsors. According to Martha Ryan, DCMO BOCES Enrichment Coordinator and Regional Spelling Bee Coordinator, "It was very exciting—the words were very rigorous. These remarkable students expanded their vocabulary

and tested their public speaking skills. They were so supportive of each other."

The regional spelling bee is sponsored by The Daily Star, along with ONC BOCES and DCMO BOCES. SFCU and Catskill Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery are Bee Fund Sponsors. Other local sponsors include Benson Agency Real Estate LLC, Cobleskill Stone Products, Community Bank, N.A., L.W. Morse & Sons, Lewis, Hurley & Pietrobono Funeral Home, Reinhardt Corporation, T.S. Pink Corporation, Vanessa Warren and Linda Zaczek.

The students who participated in Saturday's Regional Spelling Bee were Khloe

Wayman and Roman Lucchese from Afton Central School, Julian Anderson and Kimberli Leavitt from Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School, Zoletta Palmer and Fox Gheen from Cooperstown Central School, Solon Staples and Lena Folts from Edmeston Central School, Mike Tubon and Colin Tyree from Gilboa-Conesville Central School, Zachariah Wells and Denzel DePaula from Margaretville Central School, Ariana Sedlar from Milford Central School, Michael Coffyn and Rowan Schoellig from Morris Central School, Margot Fieni and Eli Cotter from Oneonta City Schools, Michaela Tucker and Sophia Carr from

Roxbury Central School, Brooklynn Trimbell from Stamford Central School, Carter Burroughs from South Kortright Central School, Kevin Keegan and Krishna Dutt from Windham-Ashland-Jewett Central School, and Hailey Zabelicky and Annika Penn from Worcester Central School.

For more information about the Scripps National Spelling Bee, visit spellingbee.com. For more information about DCMO BOCES, visit www.dcmoboces.com. The video of the competition can be found on the Spelling Bee Program page of the DCMO BOCES website.

- Information from
DCMO BOCES



25 students competed in Saturday's Regional Spelling Bee at SUNY Oneonta's Goodrich Theater. The 5th-8th graders represented 13 area schools. (Photo from DCMO BOCES)

CCHS presents 'Black Family Connections between Peterboro and Chenango County'

BY KELLI MILLER
GAZETTE STAFF WRITER

NORWICH — To commemorate Black History Month, the Chenango County Historical Society (CCHS) and Museum, along with Madison County Smithfield Town Historian Donna D. Burdick, will present a lecture on the connection of abolition and black heritage between the town of Peterboro and Chenango County.

CCHS invites the community to the presentation from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., February 8, in the James S. Flanagan Research Center located at 43 Rexford Street in Norwich. Admission to the lecture is a free-will donation. In case of inclement weather, the lecture date will move to February 15.

Smithfield Town Historian Burdick said she began reviewing a black family named Baker and wondered what happened to them, to the children and other family members.

"Although the family

lived in Peterboro, I had a clue they had at one time lived in Chenango County," said Burdick.

She said she researched online and located the family name along with Chenango County location, and related information, including the wife's maiden name and additional family members that lived in Norwich.

Burdick continued gathering data and family history of not only the Baker family but extended relatives with connections between Norwich and Peterboro.

"I also found Thomas Randall," she added. "He ran a number of newspapers and his most successful was in Sherburne."

Burdick noted The National Abolition Hall of Fame and Museum and the Gerrit Smith Estate National Historical Landmark is located in Madison County in Peterboro.

She said in 1848, black abolitionists declared "there are two places where slave holders



Guests of the Chenango County Historical Society (CCHS) participate in last year's program commemorating Black History Month. CCHS will host "Black Family Connections Between Peterboro & Chenango County" from 1:30-2:30 p.m. on Feb. 8. at the James S. Flanagan Research Center, located at 43 Rexford St., Norwich. (Photo from CCHS)

cannot come, Heaven and Peterboro," words inspired by Peterboro resident Gerrit Smith.

According to Burdick, Smith was a wealthy landowner and used considerable resources to operate a station on the Underground Railroad, purchase African-Americans from slavery and finance local, state and national abolition activities.

"One of my goals is to try to get descendants

of African American or Black families to "come back to Peterboro" for Emancipation Day, which is always the first Saturday in August," Burdick said.

Burdick is the chief researcher for the Madison County Freedom Trail Commission and has a special commitment to the history of black families of Peterboro and their surrounding connections.

Since childhood, she has been collecting, studying and recording all aspects of the Peterboro community and is the town historian with many answers to many questions for people interested in their ancestry.

For over 60 years, she has organized data and analyzed information to interpret its authenticity and relative significance.

She said she began tracing her own fami-

ly and then continued helping other people find their historical roots but while doing so, she found the black families were almost completely left out of history, especially in the 19th century.

Burdick said she lives near Binghamton in Peterboro and taught at Whitney Point. She has always loved history and over the years became interested in the black families that settled in the town of Smithfield, which is the Township where Peterboro is located.

The Chenango County Historical Society and Museum explores the culture of Chenango County through preserving and presenting local heritage.

For additional lecture information, email the Town of Smithfield Historian at dburdick@stny.rr.com.

For additional Chenango County information, visit the CCHS website at Chenangohistorical.org.

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consistently volunteering her time to support various activities.

Emma's involvement extends to 4-H, serving as a Girls State Representative, participating in GMU Mock Trial, and holding leadership roles as National Honor Society member and S.A.D.D. Treasurer. She is an NYSPHSAA Scholar-Athlete, excelling in soccer, basketball, and track and field, and has been recognized by the New York State School Music Association and All-County for Senior Band. We are confident that Emma, the daughter of Lori and Gary Peck, will continue to excel and inspire those around her as she moves forward.

Dannaka Rasmussen
Congratulations to Dannaka Rasmussen, who has earned the third-highest grade point average for GMU's Class of 2025 after demonstrating unwavering dedication to academic excellence. The winner of the Leveled Up Learner

Award, Dannaka is also a Scholar-Athlete for girls soccer and basketball. In addition to her academic and athletic achievements, she has been recognized as an All-County performer for GMU in both Band and Chorus. The daughter of Rebecca and Joseph Rasmussen, Dannaka has made a number of valuable contributions to our school community. We are excited to see everything Dannaka will accomplish as she pre-

pares for the next phase of her life's journey.

Quinn Covington

We are proud to recognize Quinn Covington as our fourth-ranked student in GMU's Class of 2025. Quinn has consistently displayed academic excellence, earning the Outstanding Participation Award in U.S. History and Government and serving as a key member of our team for the Catskill Area School Study Council's Quiz Bowl. Outside of the classroom, he has

made significant contributions to both our school and local community, such as helping his family run the beloved town bakery, 5 Kids Bakehouse. Quinn is the son of Heather and Coleman Covington, and we look forward to seeing his continued growth and success.

Avriel Correll

Hooray for Avriel Correll, who rounds out the Top 5 seniors in GMU's Class of 2025. Avriel has demonstrated outstanding dedication

to academic achievement and personal growth, excelling in both musical and theatrical endeavors at GMU. Additionally, she has earned numerous honors, including the prestigious University of Rochester Bausch & Lomb Science Award and NYSPHSAA

Scholar-Athlete awards for soccer, basketball, and track and field. Avriel is the daughter of Aja and Oscar Correll, and we are excited to see the positive impact she will continue to make in the future.

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OBITUARY

COLONEL WENDELL HOYT SHAWLER

Colonel Wendell Hoyt Shawler, a beloved husband, father, and grandfather, passed away peacefully in Atlantic Beach, Florida on January 17, 2025, at the age of 96.

Wendell was born to Hoyt Nathaniel and Mildred Lura Carpenter on July 16, 1928, in New Berlin, New York. He received a Bachelor of Science degree from Hartwick College in 1950, where he majored in mathematics and physics with a minor in education.

Wendell also held the record for the 120 High Hurdles for Hartwick College from 1949-1973. In 1970, he received an MBA from Golden State University. His life was a testament to dedication, adventure, and love, and he will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Wendell developed an early passion for aviation, which blossomed into a distinguished career spanning 27 years in the United States Air Force (USAF). His work as a test pilot pushed the boundaries of combat aircraft development and contributed to advances that inspired generations of aviators. Shawler flew the F-94 in the Korean War and served as a Forward Air Controller in the O-1 during the Vietnam War. He also tested the Chinese version of the MiG-17 over Vietnam. He flew a total of 296 combat missions, encompassing 580 hours in combat.

A 1956 graduate of the USAF Flight Test Pilot School, Shawler flew many of the nation's early military jets. His flight test career spanned 40 years, during which he accumulated over 9,000 hours in 78 types of aircraft, including the U-2, T-39, F-101, F-102, F-104, F-4, A-7, A-37, T-38, F-14, and F-15. He served as Chief of Fighter Flight Test at Edwards Air Force Base and was the first director of the F-15 Joint Test Force, becoming the first USAF pilot to fly the F-15 Eagle on August 12, 1972. Additionally, he became the first USAF pilot to be qualified in the

United States Navy's F-14.

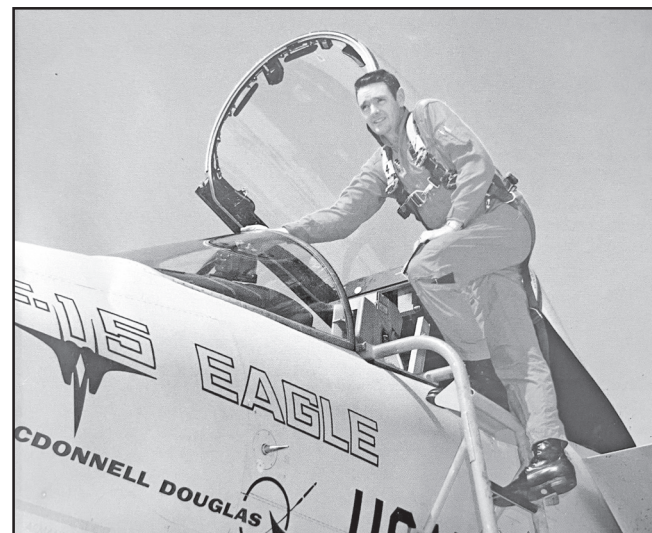
After retiring from the USAF, Shawler became Chief Test Pilot and Edwards Test Site Director for Fairchild Republic Company, overseeing the A-10 and T-46 programs. He conducted the first flight of the YA-10B and initial flight tests of the Night Adverse Weather System, as well as test flights on the T-46. He later served as Executive Director and test pilot instructor at the National Test Pilot School in Mojave, CA.

Colonel Shawler was a Fellow and Past President of the Society of Experimental Test Pilots (SETP). His honors include two Legions of Merit, two Distinguished Flying Crosses, 13 Air Medals, three Air Force Commendation Medals, and recognition on the Aerospace Walk of Honor in Lancaster, CA. Wendell's remarkable career earned him the respect of his peers and left an indelible mark on the aviation community.

Wendell shared a love story for the ages with his wife, Mary Tilley. Married for 69 years, their bond was one of unshakable devotion and mutual admiration. Together, they built a life full of joy, love, and adventure. Their enduring partnership was a source of inspiration to all who knew them, and their connection was a beautiful reminder of the power of true love.

One of Wendell and Mary's greatest joys was traveling the world together. Over the course of their marriage, they visited 93 countries, embracing new cultures, exploring new landscapes, and creating cherished memories that would last a lifetime. Whether wandering the streets of Europe, marveling at the grandeur of the Taj Mahal, or savoring the natural wonders of the Amazon, their shared passion for adventure and discovery was a defining feature of their lives together.

Wendell is survived by his loving family, who



will carry his legacy forward. We take comfort in knowing that he has reunited with his beloved son Kenneth David Shawler (June 11, 1956 - March 14, 1972) and the love of his life Mary Standish Tilley Shawler (March 19, 1930 - July 31, 2023). Wendell is survived by his son Stephen Shawler (Marcia), daughter Patricia Flynn (John), and five grandchildren - Stephanie Flynn (Tyler), Will Flynn (Jordan), Michael Flynn (Maegan), Evan Shawler (Rachel), and Avery Shawler (Jacob).

A celebration of life will be held at Sunrise Community Church at 298 Aquatic Drive in Atlantic Beach, Florida on February 24, at 2 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations be made to the SETP Foundation (<https://www.setp.org/setp-foundation/foundation-donations.html>), a prestigious international society for all test pilots dedicated to advancing the future of aviation. Please visit his online Tribute at www.quinn-shalz.com. Arrangements by Quinn Shalz Funeral Home, Jacksonville Beach, FL.

Next Strong Women self defense class scheduled for February 28

BY SARAH GENTER
GAZETTE STAFF WRITER

NORWICH — The next Strong Women self defense class will be held at 6 p.m. on Friday, February 28 in the Norwich High School Cafeteria, located at 89 Midland Drive in Norwich.

The class is free for Chenango County

women and girls age 14 and older. To register, contact The Place at 607-336-9696.

The monthly classes are taught by Oneonta Jiu Jitsu Academy Instructors Christine Gould and Heather Knapp, who lead participants through self defense exercises that utilize the grappling techniques of jiu jitsu to



The next Strong Women self defense class will be held at 6 p.m. on Friday, February 28 in the Norwich High School Cafeteria. The classes teach Chenango County women and girls self defense techniques utilizing the grappling style of jiu jitsu. (Photo from the Oneonta Jiu Jitsu Academy Facebook page)

avoid harm and escape an assault.

"It's a grappling martial art, so these are things you can do in close range when somebody is grabbing you. What you can do if somebody grabs you from behind, if somebody puts you in a bear hug from the front," said Oneonta Jiu Jitsu Academy Owner Wyatt Green. "If somebody tries to punch you or kick you, how to protect yourself, and in this case you stay close to them, because like I said, jiu jitsu is about grappling."

Individuals can participate in one class, or attend several. Green said attending multiple classes makes participants more comfortable with the techniques and builds confidence.

"When you do the drills that we do and the sort of training that we do, it gets you much more comfortable than you would be ordinarily with physicality, close contact with somebody. You become a lot more comfortable with it, because that's always what we're doing, and I think that by itself, it

makes you much less of an easy target," said Green.

"Mentally, too, it's going to create confidence, which again is going to make you less of a target. I think that's one of the most effective things you can do in the first place to avoid these things," he added. "I think [an attacker] would be looking for somebody who's not going to give them a whole lot of trouble."

The Strong Women self defense classes are provided by The Place, who secured funding from the Community Foundation of South Central New York Women's Fund to offer the classes for free each month until August of this year.

"There is interest, and one of the reasons I decided to put a proposal in for the grant and try to get the funding and make the connection to the group in Oneonta is because there isn't anything offered like that in Chenango County, and it's important. Our world is getting a little less safe," said The Place Executive Director Sharon Vesely.

She also encouraged Chenango County women and girls to attend multiple classes.

"The more practice women get with these techniques, or comfortable, the more likely they are to use them if they're in a certain situation, which is one of the reasons we extended the class for an entire year," said Vesely. "So the classes are once a month, but you can come for just a one time thing, or come every month depending on your schedule. But the more the participants attend, the more confident they're going to be and well-versed in the techniques."

Classes are typically held on the third Friday of the month at 6 p.m. in the Norwich High School Cafeteria.

For more information on The Place, visit ThePlaceNorwich.com or The Place Facebook page.

For more information on the Oneonta Jiu Jitsu Academy, visit OneontaJiuJitsuAcademy.com or the Oneonta Jiu Jitsu Academy Facebook page.

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The Early Files *by Peggy Finnegan*

WEEK #7

TEN YEARS AGO

February 13, 2015

The Gorrell and Fink families lost their homes to fire over the weekend. Community steps up to assist.

UVCS residents to vote on \$12.8 million building improvement in May: No increase to school taxes

THIRTY YEARS AGO

February 14, 1995

How did everyone like the 12-15 inch snowfall?

Village officials rejected an offer of \$45,000 for the Municipal Building from the town.

FORTY YEARS AGO

February 14, 1985

The cost of mailing a letter will go from 20 to 22 cents.

Sheila Randall celebrated her 16th birthday with a party

Our new Columbus correspondent is Marjorie Buys.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

February 13, 1975

Temperatures down to 24 degrees below zero on Monday.

Village caucus is now illegal. One must circulate petitions to be on the ballot.

Lawmakers in Albany have reached a new low. Like a pack of dogs, they are now squabbling over furniture.

Michael and Jennifer

were the most popular names for babies in 1974.

The Corps of Engineers is reinvigorating its efforts to build dams on Charlotte Creek, Otego Creek, Butternut Creek and the Unadilla River.

SIXTY YEARS AGO

February 20, 1965

Roger Williams received 89 votes at the caucus to fill the office of mayor.

Murray Benjamin has tapped 4,500 maple trees and boiled 20 gallons of syrup.

John Alois purchased the Thrift Wise Laundry from Harry Pombrio.

Mrs. Murray Benjamin had the misfortune to fall and fracture her arm while starting to answer the telephone.

Though there are over 400 types of cheese, cheddar is the most popular.

SEVENTY YEARS AGO

February 17, 1955

The weather remains near the zero mark with 10-15 inches of snow. Some farmers are having to carry water to their cows.

Firemen were called to Ed Malhenzie's where a short caused damage to a TV set.

Because Aristotle counted fewer teeth in the mouth of his housekeeper than of a male

servant, for hundreds of years it was assumed that men had more teeth than women.

Elbert Reed had the misfortune to get kicked by a cow while doing his chores, breaking his leg.

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EIGHTY YEARS AGO

February 15, 1945

Perfect attendance for a half year, NBCS Grade 4: Leann Wood, Nancy Lyon, Bernice Nightingale, Billy Reidenbach and Clyde Matteson.

Clarence Jenkins was injured in an explosion on an aircraft carrier in the Pacific.

Women of Chenango county can "mine" tin sufficient for 123 Flying Fortresses this year. These figures were compiled by... the American Can Co. on the basis of canned foods consumed by civilians in the county during 1943.

Nina Winton and Victor Mikalunas were married.

Roast Pork Supper, Methodist Church: Roast pork, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, Harvard beets, salad, bread, dolls, pickles, apple or mince pie, coffee, milk. Adults 75c; children 50c.

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NINETY YEARS AGO

February 14, 1935

A group of 175 attended a testimonial program to pay tribute to Miss Alice Pope, New Berlin librarian.

January report of Troop C shows 500 arrests with 438 convictions.

The Calhouns and Hortons are entertaining the flue grippe.

New York did not have one single case of smallpox in 1934.

Lester Brigham had the misfortune to lose a valuable horse by accident.

The husband who is tempted to say his wife can't take a joke will do well to look at himself in a glass and then drop the subject.

Jay Sholes sold his potatoes to a man from Oneonta who came for him in a truck. Prices are very low and potatoes are plentiful.

Mr. and Mrs. R.A. Glenn were in Norwich to see the picture "David Copperfield" and report that they enjoyed it very much.

Radium dust added to the soil will speed up the growth of plants, experiments show.

STRANGE IF TRUE:

Lewis Wilcox was shooting at a weasel on a stone heap. When he would see the animal bob up on another heap a few paces away. So after several trials he shot at the heap where the weasel did not sit and the animal jumped just in time to meet the shot. He died; the weasel, not Lew.

100 YEARS AGO

February 16, 1925

Three cheers for these wonderful spring days! It is surprising to see the sleepers the sun awakens: Millers, flies, wasps, spiders, ants and one caterpillar were in evidence

John L. Fuller, one of our oldest and most respected citizens celebrated his 88th birthday Sunday by attending morning and evening services as is his custom. If you intend to go to work there is no better place to start than right where you are. A. Lincoln

Charles House will break ground in the spring for a gasoline filling station at Five Corners. The station will be conveniently located near the forks in the road with a driveway in from both ways.

The snow plow and operator opened the road from New Berlin Five Corners to the Phenix plant on Tuesday.

The ordinance forbidding the dumping of rubbish and ashes in the brook is being violated. From now on a fine will be imposed.

The silk mill will soon reopen. It has been closed for several months due to the poor market for silk products

George Payne was thrown onto a barbed wire fence on Deming Hill when a snow plow frightened his horse.

District 3 is having a two weeks vacation on account of snow, rain, bad roads and an epidemic of colds.

120 YEARS AGO

February 12, 1905

Miss Celia Medbury is the new "hello" girl at the telephone office.

Emmet Risedoreph is having a phone put in his house at So Edmeston.

Robert Ellsworth took a load of young people for a straw ride to Sage's Crossing.

The CE. Society of the Edmeston Baptist Church gave a Valentine Social. The Post Office and Fortune Telling booths were well patronized. Web Talbot was present with his gramophone. U.G. Welch and Miss Eva Pope won the bean bag contest.

At Reuben Talbot's auction, cows sold as high as \$83 and the price reseeded for the dairy averaged \$55.

Outdoor Chenango:

Shifting information sources and new technology



Eric Davis

Outdoor Chenango

Last year I changed jobs and I find myself with a lot of "windshield time" as I put roughly 2,000 miles on my work truck each month. In the fall, I watched a Youtube video about reloading and noticed that it was a video of guys doing a podcast. So I got my phone out and opened the Podcast app. I spent a few minutes checking it out and started searching for reloading

podcasts, specifically the Hornady podcast. Once I ran the search, I realized there were a lot of episodes. So I scrolled through them and downloaded a handful to my phone. This was because I was driving to Syracuse for almost two weeks straight and knew I would lose phone coverage for parts of my drive. Streaming the podcast would result in cutting out when I lost service.

The next day, when I got in my truck in the morning I plugged my phone into the truck sound system via a USB and opened the Podcast app. The podcast was a little over an hour long and it ended with roughly 15 minutes left in my drive. Not listening to the same radio morning shows and commercials, and having to change

stations as I got closer to Syracuse made the drive more enjoyable. Plus I got to listen to something that I actually wanted to the entire way.

Yesterday, I worked in Syracuse and listened to podcasts on both of my way there and back. The interview with a shooting sports television producer covered a good variety of information. One aspect that was brought up was the shift in the "consumption" of the video materials that they put out. In the 90s and early 2000s, television shows were the juggernauts of disseminating their shows to the public.

I was one of those consumers, as I got into hunting in the mid-2000s. Then as the internet took off and the Youtube platform start-

ed. Now you could watch videos on your computer when you wanted to or had the time, instead of having to wait for a certain day and time for a television show. As social media platforms began to get into videos, the consumer base started to look for the shorter and shorter videos that those platforms use. Now 2-minute videos can get more views in a few hours than some of their company's 15-minute Youtube videos on the same topic.

Hearing this discussion made me think about the change in how people get their hunting, fishing, and shooting information. With my volunteer work with the National Wild Turkey Federation I have learned about the history of the wild turkey in the US. In the 1980s as

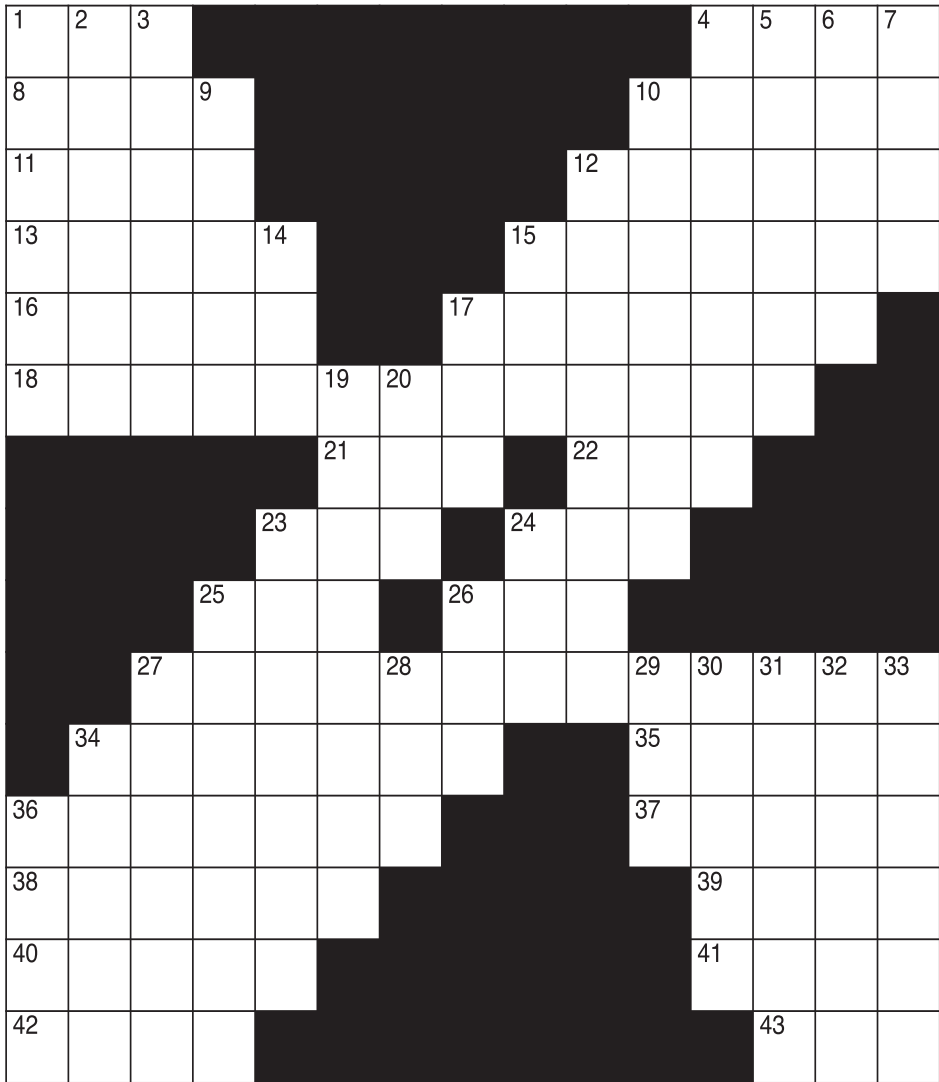
turkeys were rebounding and getting released across the country, turkey seasons began being a thing. Many hunters didn't know what they were doing when it came to calling, so they would often attend calling contests to hear the calls. Then cassette tapes became available so hunters could listen to instructions and what the calls should sound like. Next VHS tapes so they could watch and listen. Now, in a matter of seconds, you can find videos on your phone of how to use a turkey call.

There are examples of this shift in basically every outdoor recreation branch. As I have written a few times, I am getting into reloading rifle ammunition. The change in information dispersion is applicable in this realm as

well. From paper copy reloading manuals with instructions on the different tools and steps to videos on DVDs to Youtube to an app. I recently downloaded the Hornady Reloading app on my phone. It keeps my bench slightly cleaner and I can even make my own notes for the different calibers I reload right in the app that will be there the next time I go to load for easy reference and repeatability. The app also has sections about bullet selection, tips and techniques for the different steps of the reloading process.

So if you get a chance, stop and think about how much things have changed in getting the information out to the end users from the industry. It has been a pretty wild evolution.

CROSSWORD



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Racquet sport group (abbr.)
- 4. Norse god of thunder
- 8. Russian industrial city
- 10. What's good for the ___
- 11. Round-ish shape
- 12. Baltimore MLBer
- 13. French modernist painter
- 15. Burned with water
- 16. Intestinal issue
- 17. Take the lead
- 18. Prove oneself worthy
- 21. None
- 22. Tax collector
- 23. Swiss river
- 24. Gymnast Raisman
- 25. Baby's dining accessory
- 26. Canadian beer distributor
- 27. Iconic American tourist destination
- 34. More expansive
- 35. Alert
- 36. Popular boots Doc ___
- 37. Showings
- 38. Conclusion
- 39. Share a common boundary
- 40. Shooting sport
- 41. Popular side dish
- 42. Global energy firm
- 43. Chronicles (abbr.)

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Type of bomb
- 2. Polynesian island country
- 3. Heavenly body
- 4. Hard workers
- 5. Covered
- 6. Johns Hopkins Hospital founder
- 7. Plant of the grass family
- 9. Island person of the Bering Sea
- 10. Storehouse
- 12. Scarlet-flowered desert shrub
- 14. A pituitary hormone
- 15. Female sibling
- 17. Monetary unit of Afghanistan
- 19. Empowering
- 20. Space station
- 23. Disorder
- 24. State of fuss
- 25. Footwear for babies
- 26. Nuclear reactor (abbr.)
- 27. Drove
- 28. Affirmative
- 29. Male parent
- 30. Utter obscenities
- 31. Type of verse
- 32. Unpleasant person
- 33. One who settles down
- 34. Founder of source-based history
- 36. A way to snarl

WORD SEARCH

LOW VISION WORD SEARCH

C V H N R I N O C Y G O L O N H C E T S
 G A M S P E C I A L I S T A R C T S M D
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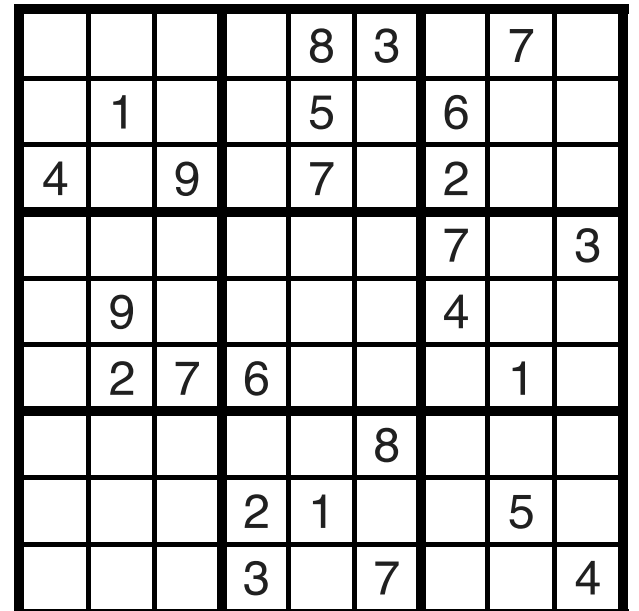
Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

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

SUDOKU

Fun By The Numbers
 Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

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 Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

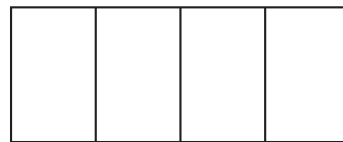


Level: Intermediate

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to Valentine's Day.

OLVE



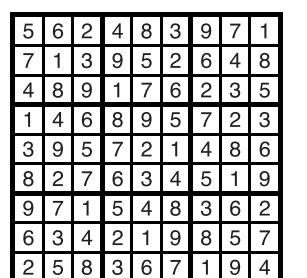
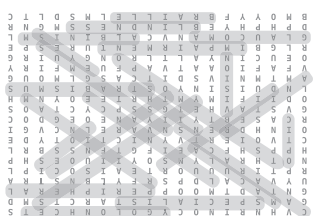
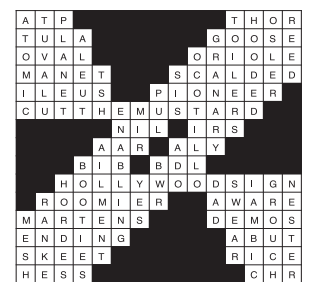
Answer: Love

GUESS WHO ?

I am singer born in England on February 13, 1974. I liked performing while I was in primary school. I went on to join a popular boy band in 1990 that had many hits. My friend Elton John helped me face by substance abuse problems, and I've turned my life around.

Answer: Robbie Williams

Solutions:





Congratulations to UV senior Wyatt Meade, who was honored at the Sectional qualifiers held at Unadilla Valley High School, and won his weight class to advance to the Section IV tournament. (Photo from UVCS D)

Unatego-UV-Franklin wrestlers host the Sectional Qualifiers; finish second

BY MORGAN GOLLIVER
GAZETTE SPORTS EDITOR

NEW BERLIN - The Unatego-UV-Franklin Spartans wrestling team had the honor of hosting the Section IV, Division II "B" qualifiers at Unadilla Valley High School on Saturday. After reaching the state dual meet semi-finals, the Spartans finished second at sectional qualifiers behind Deposit-Hancock.

UV also honored its lone represented senior Wyatt Meade before the festivities.

Meade has had a phenomenal senior season, which includes the recent first place finish at sectional qualifiers to advance to the Section IV tournament next weekend. Nolan Boyles and Yanni Drapaniotis will also be joining Meade after winning their respective weight classes.

Abdeen Zaggout and Abdul-Jamil Zaggout both finished second as Ahmet Zaggout and

Zack Sousa took third. Good luck to all wrestlers at sectionals.

Full results by CNYWrestling:

Nolan Boyles: first at 2-0 with two pins, including a :21 pin.

Yanni Drapaniotis: first at 3-0 with three pins, including a :19 pin.

Brogan LeFever: 2-1; a win by tech fall and a 1:23 pin.

Wyatt Meade: first with a 3-0 record with three pins, including a :24 pin.

Gavin Nordberg: 2-1 with a :50 pin and a 1:40 pin.

Bryden Sheldon 0-2.

Zack Sousa: third with a 2-1 record; a win by a 9-5 decision and a 3:45 pin.

Caleb Wildenstein: 0-1.

Abdeen Zaggout: second at 2-1 with a :15 pin and a 5:44 pin.

Abdul-Jamil Zaggout: second at 2-1 with a win by major decision and a 3:40 pin.

Ahmet Zaggout: third at 2-1 with a win in a sudden victory and by major decision.

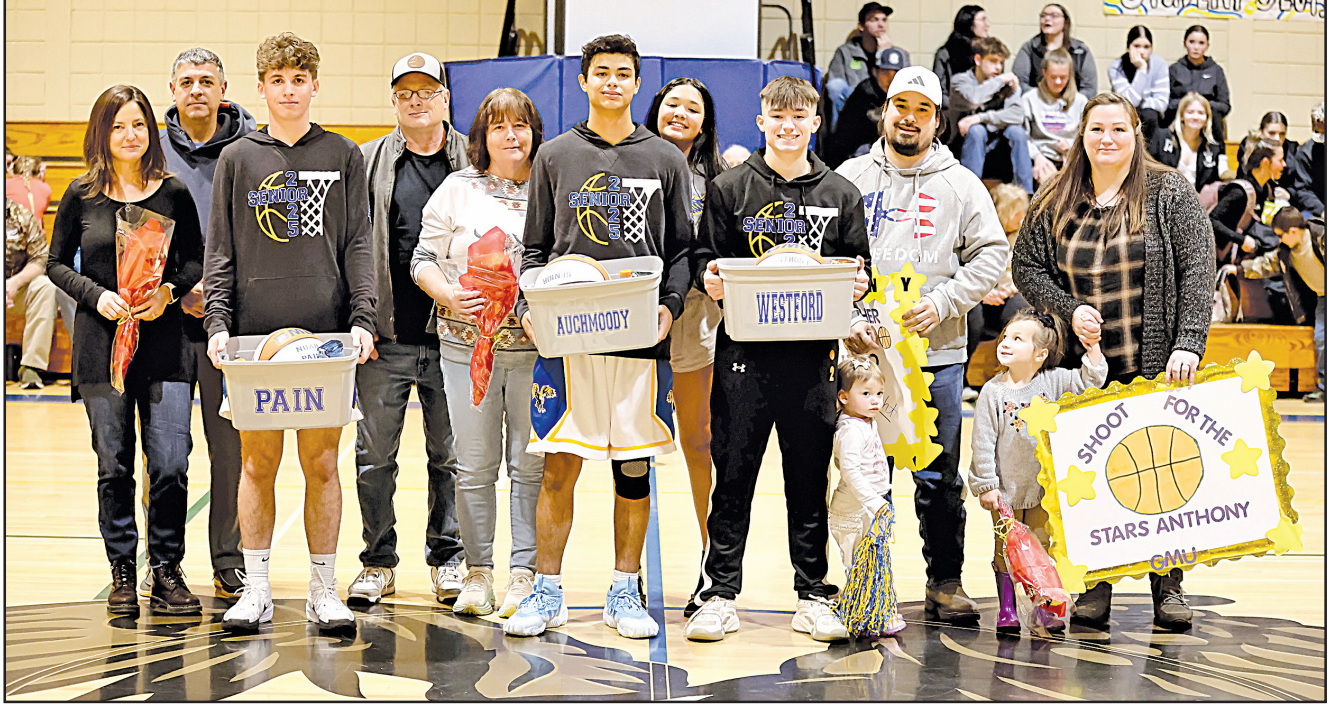
UV boys fall to Walton/Downsville

BY MORGAN GOLLIVER
GAZETTE SPORTS EDITOR

NEW BERLIN - The Unadilla Valley Storm boys basketball team hosted Walton/Downsville on Tuesday, where they fell 70-36.

Preston York led the Storm with nine points as Declan Potter added eight points.

UV (4-11) hosts Sidney for their final regular season home game on Thursday, which is also senior night.



GMU boys honor seniors in close win vs Stamford/Jefferson

GILBERTSVILLE - The Gilbertsville-Mount Upton boys and girls basketball team hosted a doubleheader for senior night on Monday evening. The boys came away with the 40-38 victory, where freshman forward Darren Ruiz scored the final points with 1.6 seconds left and Stamford/Jefferson missed the shot at the buzzer. Congratulations to seniors; Noah Pain, Hunter Auchmoody, and Anthony Westford. (Photo from Dean Russin, GMU)



GMU girls honor seniors with comeback win vs Worcester

GILBERTSVILLE - The Gilbertsville-Mount Upton girls hosted Worcester in Monday's senior night doubleheader. The girls came back from a 23-6 halftime deficit to win 39-37. Junior forward Madison Lockwood made the go-ahead basket with a minute left. Senior Alyssa Sorochinsky scored 19 of her game-high 21 points in the second half. Congratulations to seniors; Dannaka Rasmussen, Emma Alexis Peck, Alyssa Sorochinsky, Ariana Cornell, Avriel Correll and Lindsay Turnbull. (Photo from Dean Russin, GMU)

UV/GMU/Norwich bowlers take on BG

BY MORGAN GOLLIVER
GAZETTE SPORTS EDITOR

NEW BERLIN - The Unadilla Valley/GMU/Norwich bowling teams hosted Bainbridge-Guilford on Tuesday, where the boys split the match and the Storm girls earned the sweep.

The Storm boys had the overall score advantage, 3008-2867 while B-G won the first two games and UV picked up the final game.

Jacob Prentice led the Storm with an outstanding 702 series with a 266 in his final game and a 257 in his first game. Kameran Franklin

added a 665 with a 255 in his second game as Tyler Bates rolled a 565 series.

David Montgomery, Dawson Robinson, Brayden Prentice, and Teagin Eccleston split time on the lanes. Montgomery had a 218 and a 148 to finish with a 366 series as Robinson finished with a 349 series. Prentice and Eccleston bowled just one game each with Prentice bowling a 186 and Eccleston with a 175.

Ethan Beardslee and Ryan Larsen helped BG win the first two games. Beardslee led the Bobcats with a 691

series, which was a career high as well as achieving a career high game of a 266. He also rolled a 237 in the first game. Larsen followed with a 619 series with a 221 in his first game and a 236 in the second game.

John Leizear bowled a 214 in his first game and finished with a 544 series. Jacob Lyle rolled a 508 series as Aayden Ireland had a 505 series to round out the scores.

Shelby Rose led the Storm girls with a 605 series, including a 205 in her first game and a 201 in the second. Amelia Beckwith followed with

a 485 series as Natalie Smith rolled a 451 series.

Layla Stevens, Lee Clipston, and Kylie Menard all split time with Stevens finishing with a 313 series, Clipston a 304 and Menard a 291 series.

Tabitha Doyle led the Lady Bobcats with a career high 554 series, including a career high 204 in her second game. Cassidy Middleton finished with a 429 series as Sophie Gold had a 425 series.

UV/GMU/Norwich hosts Sidney on Friday at 3:45 p.m. while B-G hosts Hancock on the same day.

S-E girls honor seniors vs Mount Markham



Congratulations to the Sherburne-Earlville Timberwolves girls basketball seniors; Claire Barth, Alyse Brown, Abbie Eldred, and Ashley Peila. (Photo from Dean Russin, SECS)

BY MORGAN GOLLIVER
GAZETTE SPORTS EDITOR

SHERBURNE – Coming off two exciting wins, the Sherburne-Earlville Timberwolves girls basketball team hosted Mount Markham for senior night. Congratulations to Claire Barth, Alyse Brown, Ashley Peila, and Abbie Eldred.

S-E trailed 18-7 at halftime before Mount Markham added on to start the third quarter. However, S-E made adjustments and improved significantly to even take a brief 35-33 lead with five minutes left.

The Mustangs got back in control to come away with the 42-39 win.

S-E freshman Morgan Mikalunas led the team

with 11 points with two threes, three rebounds, and three steals. Kendall Hill added eight points as Claire Barth had five points, three rebound, three steals, and even two blocks.

Alyse Brown also finished with five points and added four rebounds while Peyton Darragh chipped in four points and had a team-high six rebounds. Abbie Eldred, Emma Webb, and Cora Franklin all contributed with two points each.

S-E (4-14) has two regular season road games remaining, where they will be at Canastota on Friday and Herkimer on Tuesday. Both games will start around 7 p.m.

Scores by quarter:

MM	12	6	13	11-42
SE	2	5	18	14-39

S-E wrestlers finish second in the Section III, Class C tournament

BY MORGAN GOLLIVER
GAZETTE SPORTS EDITOR

DEXTER - Over the weekend, the Sherburne-Earlville Timberwolves wrestlers traveled to General Brown High School for the Section III, Class C tournament. After reaching the quarterfinals in the state team dual, the Timberwolves finished second at the class tournament behind Marcellus, falling behind by half a point (231 to 230.5).

S-E had 14 of 15 wrestlers place with Trenton Anderson and Landon Andrade picking up first place finishes in their respective weight classes.

Good luck to all wrestlers who advance to the Section III tournament held this coming weekend at OCC.

Full results from CNYWrestling:

Noah Ackermann-third with a 4-1 record with four pins.

Trenton Anderson-first with a tie-breaker decision win, a major decision, and 1:57 pin.

Landon Andrade- first at 2-0 with two pins.

Cody Clarkson- sec-

ond at 2-1 with a 11-8 win by decision and a 5:12 pin.

Josh Evans- sixth with a 1-3; only win by tech fall.

Richie Fuller 0-2.

Manny Hollins- fifth with a 3-2 record; two pins and a 9-3 decision.

Aiden Kiehn-fourth with a 2-2 record; a win by decision and a 5:31 pin.

Cameron Mason-third with a 4-1 record; two wins by tech fall, win by 6-3 decision, a 3:28 pin.

Andrew Menard-fifth with a 2-2 record; two pins, including a :12 pin against Holland Patent's Nathan Benison.

Nick Miller-fifth with a 2-2 record; two wins by decision.

Jackson Moore-third with a 3-1 record; two wins by decision and a win by tech fall.

Justin Race-fifth with a 2-2 record; two pins of :40 seconds and a 1:42.

Aiden Shreve-second with a 2-1 record; two pins of 1:18 and 1:20.

Drew Telesky-second with a 3-1 record; two quick pins of :20 and :22 and a win by tech fall.



Congratulations to the Sherburne-Earlville Bowling seniors; Evan Chesebro and Colton Camenga. (Photo by Morgan Golliver)

S-E bowlers honor seniors in shutout win vs Clinton

BY MORGAN GOLLIVER
GAZETTE SPORTS EDITOR

EARLVILLE – The Sherburne-Earlville Timberwolves bowling team hosted Clinton at Hi-Skor Lanes for the final time this season, where they honored

seniors Colton Camenga and Evan Chesebro. S-E also defeated Clinton 5-0 by a final score of 2528-1756.

Leland Smith led the Timberwolves with a 612 series with a 202 in his first game and an impressive 225 in his second game, before

finishing off with a 185. Colton Camenga followed with a 510 series, including a 201 in his final game.

Evan Chesebro rolled a 484 series as Matthew Morgan finished with a 445 series. Nick Jenkins and Collin Pattee split time with

Jenkins bowling two games to finish with a 325 series as Pattee had a 152 in his only game.

S-E finishes the regular season with a 12-2 record, heading into the Central State Conference tournament on Wednesday.

UV girls fall to Sidney

BY MORGAN GOLLIVER
GAZETTE SPORTS EDITOR

SIDNEY – The Unadilla Valley Storm girls basketball team traveled to Sidney for a

local MAC matchup on Wednesday night, where the Storm fell 62-40.

Shyla Roberts led the team with 10 points as Adrienne Hodge and Myriah Taylor both

contributed with eight points each in the loss.

UV (5-11) concludes the regular season on Tuesday at home against Deposit-Hancock at 7 p.m.



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Public Notices

G-BAR-T Rodeo LLC, Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 02/02/25. Office located in Cortland Co. SSNY designated agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Chelsea Kay Brown: 3303 State Route 26, Cincinnatus, NY 13040, USA. Purpose: any lawful activity. (t6 ES/GZ 02/13, 02/20, 02/27, 03/06, 03/13, 03/20)

Hillside Rentals LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/19/2024. Office: Chenango County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 117 Golf Course Rd New Berlin NY 13411. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. (t6 ES/GZ 01/16, 01/23, 01/30, 02/06, 02/13, 02/20)

LEGAL NOTICE

The Chenango County Public Works Committee and the Chenango County Department of Public Works Director will receive SEALED BIDS until 10:00 am on Thursday February 20, 2025, when they will be publicly opened and read, for (1) USED 2022 or NEWER BULLDOZER Detailed specifications and bid forms may be obtained at the Director's office, 79 Rexford Street, Norwich, NY. The right to accept or reject any and all bids or any exceptions to specifications on any bid is expressly reserved.

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Liberty Rental Properties LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 12/04/2024 Cty: Chenango. SSNY desig. 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)

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 Sher-

burne, 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 CCDFH LLC. The Articles of Organization were filed with the secretary of state of NY(SSNY) February 29, 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)

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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)

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)

NOTICE of FORMATION of a DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Name of LLC: Chenango Rentals 3, LLC; Date of filing of Articles of Organization with the NY Dept of State: 12/21/24; 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 a DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Name of LLC: Chenango

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Notice of Formation of Genny Cottage, LLC.

Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/07/2025. Office location: Chenango County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 113 Hickory Lane, Greene, New York 13778. Purpose: any lawful activities. (t6 ES/GZ 02/13, 02/20, 02/27, 03/6, 03/13, 03/20)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY UNDER THE NEW YORK LIMITED LIABILITY LAW

Name: JDP NORWICH PROPERTIES LLC Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on January 29, 2025. Office Location: Chenango County. SSNY shall mail copy of process to c/o the LLC, c/o Kevin Walsh, 9 Ridge-land Road, Norwich, NY 13815 Purpose: To engage in any and all business for which LLCs may be formed under the New York LLC Law. 6t ES/GZ (2/13, 2/20, 2/27, 3/6, 3/13, 3/20)

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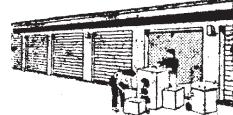
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DCMO BOCES hosted legislative breakfast on Saturday



School administrators and Board of Education members were joined by state lawmakers for the annual Legislative Breakfast, organized by the Chenango County School Boards Association and hosted by DCMO BOCES in Norwich. (Submitted photo)



New York State Assemblyman Joseph Angelino speaks at the annual Legislative Breakfast in Norwich on Saturday. DCMO BOCES Board of Education member John Klockowski looks on. (Submitted photo)



New York State Senator Peter Oberacker speaks at the annual Legislative Breakfast in Norwich on Saturday. DCMO BOCES Board of Education member John Klockowski looks on. (Submitted photo)

NORWICH - DCMO BOCES hosted the annual Legislative Breakfast at the Alan D. Pole Campus on Saturday.

The event, organized by the Chenango County School Boards Association (CCSBA), is intended to facilitate dialogue between local legislators and school board members, and serves as an opportunity for local education leaders to share concerns and ideas with the government representatives.

New York State Senator Peter Oberacker and Assemblyman Joseph Angelino attended, along with Jordan Fleming from New York State Senator Jeffrey Gallahan's office.

Fifteen school districts were represented at the event, along with DCMO BOCES board members, administrators and District Superintendent Michael Rullo.

A brunch buffet was prepared and served by students from the DCMO BOCES Culinary Arts program at both campuses, supervised by Chef Jeanni Romanowski and Human and Retail Services Instructor Nanette LaTourette.

Speakers included DCMO BOCES Board of Education President Vanessa Warren and member John Klockowski, as well as students Claire Sullivan, Olivia Hall and Brock Purdy from Bainbridge-Guilford Central School,

who were introduced by Bainbridge-Guilford Board of Education member Mia Gray.

The event provided a platform for meaningful discussions about education and student achievements, helping to strengthen relationships among the schools, legislators, and the community.

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Lucas Driscoll, a student in the Culinary Arts program at the Alan D. Pole Campus in Norwich, helps prepare and serve the buffet brunch at the annual Legislative Breakfast. Chef Jeanni Romanowski from the Robert W. Harrold Campus Culinary Arts program supervises. (Submitted photo)

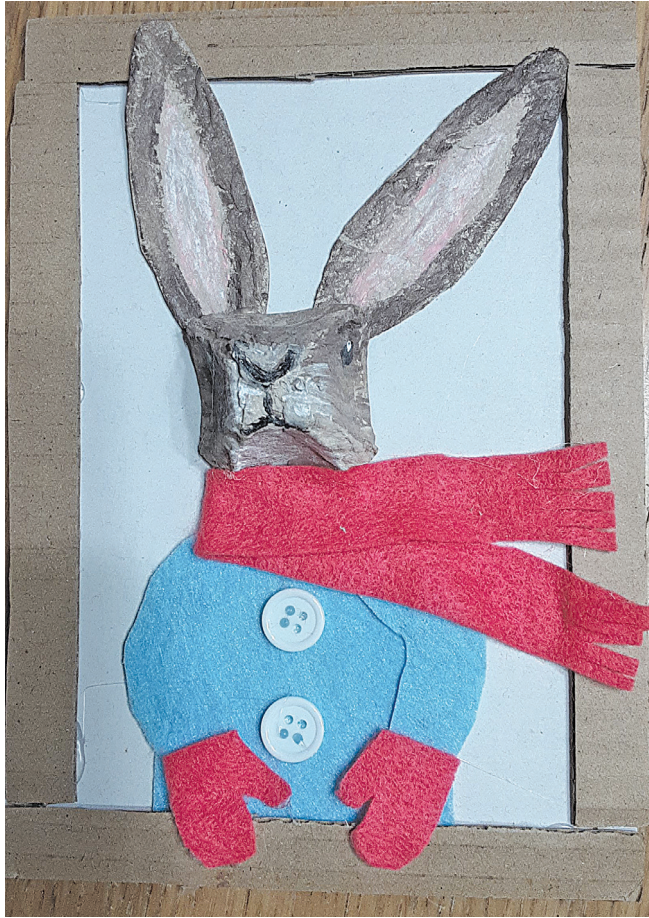
Rogers Center holds 47th annual Winter Living Celebration



SHERBURNE - The 47th annual Winter Living Celebration took place Feb. 1 at the Friends of Rogers Environmental Education Center last week. Organizer thanked participants stating, "What a wonderful time! We're so grateful for our volunteers, sponsors, vendors, partners, and attendees. Thank you for making this event so special." The event featured horse-drawn sleigh rides, cross-country skiing, and ice fishing. Forest Rangers from the Department of Environmental Conservation performed 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. (Photos from <https://www.facebook.com/RogersEEC>)



New Berlin Library Corner



Library Spring art programs

NEW BERLIN - The New Berlin Library will be holding two spring art programs. The first program will be a children's art class held on Monday, March 24 at 5pm. The second winter art program will be an adult art class held on Monday, April 7 at 5pm. Both painting classes are of sunflower paintings, of different skill levels.

The children's spring art program will be for children 12 and younger. Participating children will be taught to make a 3-D Bunny Portraits on 5x7 cardboard. The library will cut and form the bunny faces out of egg cartons before the class. The participating children will cut out the ears, clothing and other items for the portraits as well as paint the bunny faces and ears. The bunny pieces be assembled and glued to 5x7 cardboard sheets.

The adult spring art program will be for adults and teens.

Participants will be taught to create a Sakura Easter Eggs. Sakura are Japanese flowering cherry trees. Participants will wind cream colored yarn around glue covered Styrofoam eggs. After the eggs are covered participants with draw branches using metallic copper markers and finally pink blossoms will be glued to the branches.

All materials will be supplied free of charge. Registration is required for both programs. Please stop in to the library or call the circulation desk at 607-847-8564 to register.

The New Berlin Library is also getting ready to host an indoor Egg Hunt and party on Saturday, April 19 at 2pm. At the library's Egg Hunt and party, the children are given totes and printed instructions prior to the egg hunt. The instructions outlined how many eggs and other items each child was allowed



to find as well as listing the other party activities. In addition to the egg hunt, there will be a balloon twister was on hand to create balloon animals, flowers and swords. There will be games, prizes, snacks, and a craft activity. Registration will be required for this event and will begin in March.

Some great new additions to the library include: Bonded in Death (In Death Series 60) by JD Robb, Sweet Valley Twins Graphic Novel: Sneaking Out by Nicole Andelfinger and Claudia Aguirre, Love from the Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle, Llama, Llama I Love You by Anna Dewdney, The Very Hungry Caterpillar's Peekaboo Valentine by Eric

Carle, Grumpy Monkey Valentine Gross-Out by Suzanne Lang, Little Blue Truck's Valentine by Alice Schertle and Jill McElmurry, and Wicked DVD.

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Getting In Line With Your Spinal Cord

Your spinal cord is a tubelike bundle of nerve tissue that works like a little superhighway to transfer signals to and from your brain to the rest of your body. The spinal cord is located inside a canal that runs through the bones of your spinal column (backbone) from the base of your skull down to the top of your lower back. The bones of your spinal column protect the delicate spinal cord from harm.

In The Zone

Different parts of the spinal cord control the movement and sensations in different areas of your body.

- Nerves from the cervical area of your spinal cord control your neck, shoulders, face, arms and hands.
- Thoracic nerves control your chest, back and some organs.
- Nerves from the lumbar region control your lower back, buttocks, abdomen and parts of your legs.
- Sacral nerves control your thighs, lower legs and feet.

Word Search

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

PROTECT BRAIN YOUR TOP ICHERE
 BUNDLE WRAP BEDUCXRAINULE
 REFLEX BODY AOSNELOOKIDAY
 TISSUE CORD CADLTATOONRAY
 SPINAL BACK KAFYONEIUBOOF
 SIGNAL FEEL BEARRGCBSLCES
 CANAL PAIN RRPSPINALSEVW
 NERVE BOB CHANTSBUNLURE
 SKULL RUN PTIIINKORAAET
 BANANSUBBPLNO

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What did the spinal cord say to the backbone? Thank you for your support.

Even your friends can sometimes get on your nerves.

Your brain and spinal cord work together to form the central nervous system.

Back On Track

The spinal cord of the average adult measures about 45 cm (18 in.) in length. There are more than 1 billion neurons in your spinal cord. Your spinal cord is about 1 cm (.5 in.) in diameter.

Make The Connection

Can you help these neurons communicate with each other?

Why didn't the spinal column like the naughty spinal cord? He was bad to the bone.

Your spinal cord carries the signals from your brain that control your muscles and allow you to feel pain, pressure and temperature. Your spinal cord also controls involuntary movements like your heartbeat and breathing.

Damage to your spinal cord can cause serious problems, including loss of feeling or paralysis.

Unlike other parts of your body, the spinal cord cannot repair itself.

Your spinal cord stops growing when you are about 5 years old.

Your spinal cord sometimes bypasses your brain in order to control certain reflex actions, such as the knee-jerk reflex or when you quickly move your hand away when you touch something hot.