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Wreath Sale

The Irish Cultural Center of the Mohawk Valley is hosting its 4th Annual Christmas Wreath sale to benefit our Irish cultural programs and events. We will be selling hand-made and traditionally decorated 24-inch Balsam-mixed wreaths with either a red or Irish Plaid bow. The cost is \$35 each or 2 for \$65.

Order deadline is Nov. 24, 2024.

22 Genesee Street

Wreaths can be picked up at the Irish Cultural Center at 623 Columbia Street, Utica on Friday, Nov. 29 from 4:30-7pm.

Please call or text 315-525-6618 to place your order.



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Grand Opening of the New Location of So Sweet **Candy Shoppe**

On Wednesday, October 9, The Greater Utica Chamber of Commerce celebrated the Grand Opening of the new location of So Sweet Candy Shoppe, now located at 16 College Street in Clinton.

Margaret Rienzo, and her husband, Roy, started this business out of her home in 2005. In 2016, they opened their first brick and mortar shop on Varick Street in Utica, and now due to growth, they have moved their candy store to the beautiful backdrop of Clinton.

So Sweet is an old-fashioned candy store, with penny candy, fresh fudge, cinnamon roasted nuts, and so much more! Fine chocolates from around the United States, fresh baked cookies, and all of your favorite confections from your childhood to now that will be sure to satisfy any sweet tooth



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New Hartford Safe & Lock Co., LLC. Relocates

Since June of 2016, the New Hartford Safe & Lock Company has been located at 52 Campion Road. We've grown our business into a full service locksmith company offering commercial, residential, and automotive locksmith services as well as safe technician services to upwards of 5 counties. We specialize in all sorts of mechanical and electromechanical locking solutions, car keys & remote fobs, safe sales, service, openings, and installation, and so much more. Since the beginning of COVID, we've been working hard to open a new and permanent storefront location at 45 Clinton Road. We are proud to announce that we will be opening our new store on Monday, November 4th. The new shop will feature an expanded showroom with a waiting area, a paved parking lot, automotive service bay, and increased work space for quicker, smoother operations and faster service to our customers. We will be closed for the last week of the month while we move. Mobile service will still be available by appointment and for emergencies.



Angels Among Us **Food Pantry** Nov 9 & 23 • Dec 7 & 21

Hours of Operation: 10am - Noon

The food pantry is located at: St. John The Evangelist Church, 66 Oxford Rd, New Hartford, NY. Follow the signs to the driveway in the back during open hours. In the event of food emergency issues, please contact the St. John's rectory from 9AM to 2 PM Monday through Thursday at 315-732-8521.

Our pantry provides services to all residents of New Hartford (btw Rt 8 and Rt 12), Washington Mills, Chadwicks, Sauquoit, Cassville and Clayville.

If this is your first visit, please bring proof of address. If you do not have a permanent address, just come in. We will assist. If you are unsure of eligibility, just come in. We will assist.

We Are Looking For Volunteers! 2024 TEFAP Eligibility Income Guidelines*

Based on Annual Incomes		
Household Size	Income	
1	\$33,885	
2	\$45,990	
3	\$58,095	
4	\$70,200	
5	\$82,305	
6	\$94,410	
7	\$106,515	
For Each Additional Person Add:	\$12,105	



NYS Approved Defensive Driving Course Offered

New York State approved defensive drivers course for insurance and point reduction programs to be given by AARP on Tues. Nov. 26th and also on Tues. Dec. 17th at the New Hartford Public library from 9am to 3:30pm. For registration and other information please

contact Mary Merritt at (315)724-0096.

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September 2024 – New Hartford Police Activity:

1046-Incidents / Calls for Police Service 68 Arrests 387 Vehicle and Traffic Law Stops 50 Motor Vehicle Collisions Investigated 264 Vehicle and Traffic Law Violation Tickets Issued

193 Supplemental Neighborhood Patrols

5- Community Policing Details

Emergency Alert Program

We were approached by some residents in our community asking for an emergency alert platform.

We recently tested our Nixle Alert System which sent a text message or email to users that opt in to the system, in some instances messages may be pushed out based on the Geo location of your device.

If you receive a message and choose to reply with a friend's number it would simply forward the emergency message (in the recent test case the test message) to that number you replied with. You do not have to do that, it's just an option. If you try to do that after a long period of time has passed you will be notified that the message has expired because too much time has passed. That is a system setting.

To be sure you receive emergency alerts you can choose to opt in to receive emergency alerts from us by texting 13413 to 888777.

Please see our Facebook page or visit Nixle.com for more information.

General media information will still be posted to our Facebook page and our X feed (formally known as Twitter). That can be found @newhartfordpd.



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gift-giving and opt for unique,

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FINE ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW Sauquoit Valley Fine Arts & Crafts Show

The 44th Annual Sauquoit Valley Fine Arts & Crafts Show will take place Saturday, November 23, 2024 and Sunday, November 24, 2024.

The Fine Arts & Crafts Show is an elegant, juried, fine art and high quality craft show with nearly 100 local and regional vendors selling hand-crafted items, artwork and artisan foods. This year there are several new exhibitors, along with many returning favorites.

The Sauquoit Valley Fine Arts & Crafts Show is organized by volunteers from the Sauquoit Valley Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) and is the school district's largest fundraiser. The craft show proceeds help support beneficial arts, educational programs and special events for all Sauquoit Valley school district students, in addition to contributing to field trips for students of all grade levels. The Sauquoit Valley Fine Arts & Crafts Show proceeds also fund scholarships for Sauquoit seniors, which are awarded at graduation.

Admission is \$5 and children under 12 are free. Food is available from local artisans along with home baked desserts. The craft show is held at the Sauquoit Valley Middle School. Parking is free and frequent shuttle buses will transport show goers to and from their vehicles.

For more information, including a list of vendors, visit www.svcraftshow.com.





November 2024

Holiday **CRAFT FAIR**

Clark Mills American Legion Post #26 Hosting Annual Holiday Craft Fair Sat. November 16th 11am-4pm

Two floors of unique one of a kind Christmas, sports fans, babies, birthday or just because gifts under one roof. Shop & support your local crafters & vendors.

Featuring: Nancy Rouillier's Artwork, Together Crafts, My Sister's Jam, Joanne's House of Hip, Labvalley Upcycled Creations, Lilypad Earrings & Mary Kay.

Plus many crafters from 3D printed art & anime collectibles, handmade jewelry, rustic picture frames, woodworks, all kinds of home & holiday decor, tumblers & mugs, homemade baked goods & fudge to doggie paw wipes, knitting & crochet items and so much more for everyone.

Food will be available for purchase. Many basket raffles & 50/50. This fundraiser is for helping military families & our community events.





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- The Jewish Community Center 2310 Oneida St. Utica, NY 13501 Www.jccutica.net
- * we are open to children of all races, religions and nationalities
- Self Esteem Self Discipline • Classes are held from 9 a.m.-12 noon. Monday through Friday for children ages 2 to 5. • Lunch program is available from 12 – 2 p.m.

•Achievement

- Before Care starts at 8 a.m. and After Care ends at 4 p.m.
- The school follows the local public school schedule, September - June

* now accepting fall registration applications

Sunday, Nov. 3, 2024

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New Hartford Little League's 10-12 year old all-stars (left) and 8-10 year old all-stars (right) pose with their New York District 10 championship banners. The scoreboard is lit up with 'twos' to commemorate the sweep of both district tournaments.



New Hartford Little League's 8-10 year old all-stars reached the New York State Championship Tournament for the second year in a row. They ended up finishing 6th in New York State.

To the People of New Hartford,

submitted by: Salvatore Paladino, Commissioner of New Hartford Little League

On behalf of our players, coaches, volunteers, our President John Randall and Vice President Dave Thornley, and all of our board members, I would like to thank our entire community for their ongoing support of our Little League ballplayers. The 2024 season was a historic one for our league. Our all-star teams won the New York District 10 Championship in both the 10-12 year old tournament and the 8-10 year old tournament (photo #1). We won a Section 2 championship in the 8-10 year old division, and we returned to the New York State Championship Tournament for the second year in a row and the third time in nine seasons (photo #2). At the minor league level, we defeated Whitesboro's all-stars in the annual Red, White, & Blue Series.

Our recent success includes ten District 10 championships and three Section 2 championships in the past eight seasons, seven minor league championships in the past eleven seasons, and a total of 24 District 10 championships in our league's history.

In short, New Hartford Little League has quietly emerged as the premier program in Central New York. At a time when many leagues and communities are experiencing dwindling numbers and lukewarm interest in the game of baseball, our league continues to thrive, and that does not happen by mistake, rather it happens because...

We have generous sponsors, who provide us with a healthy operating budget to fund capital improvements and better baseball facilities.

We have gracious neighbors who have sacrificed quiet summer evenings so that our players can host tournament games and celebrate their achievements loudly and proudly on their home field.

We have dedicated volunteers and coaches who are not just baseball-minded, but also leaders in the community and in their respective fields.

We have committed parents who come through with the time and resources necessary for things like travel baseball, winter workouts, private lessons, and equipment.

We have an ideal field location, which promotes high attendance and participation, and is easily accessible via a walk or bike ride for many in our community.

We also have a community of teachers, government officials in the town and village, public safety workers, parks and recreation staff, and others who support our ballplayers and athletic programs.



Thomas Goodelle poses for a photo after winning the Boys
14-15 age division during the 2024 Drive, Chip and Putt
Regional Qualifier at Ridgewood Country Club
on September 21, 2024 in Paramus, New Jersey.
(Photo by Sarah Stier/Getty Images for Drive, Chip & Putt)

Goodelle Wins Drive, Chip and Putt Qualifier

Thomas Goodelle, a ninth grader at Perry Junior High, recently won the Drive, Chip and Putt Regional Qualifier at Ridgewood Country Club in Paramus, NJ. This win advances Tommy to the Drive, Chip and Putt National Championship at Augusta National on April 6, 2025, the weekend before the Masters Championship in Augusta, GA.

Tommy competed against 11 other 14-15 year olds and won following a solid all-around performance. Tommy won the chipping discipline but said his hot start with the driver was the key to his victory. "I knew the best part of my game was chipping, so when I started off with three drives inside the scoring zone, it really boosted my confidence," he said.

Goodelle will lean on a good friend from upstate New York to help get him ready for the National Finals in April. "My friend Jacob Olearczyk made it to Augusta two years ago," Goodelle said. "He's already told me I have to hit my drives in play and hope I get lucky on the green."

2024 was truly a great year for baseball and a great year to be a Spartan. We wholeheartedly thank you New Hartford, for your unwavering support.



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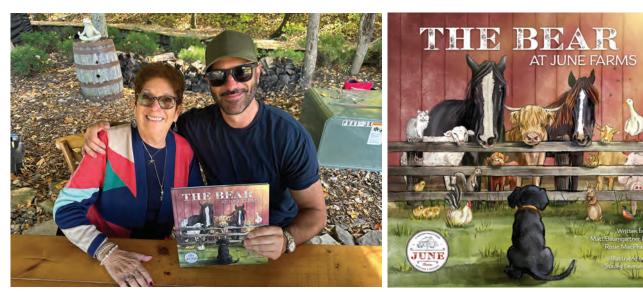


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Rosanne MacPhail and her Son, Matthew Baumgartner, Wrote a Children's Book!

It's called The Bear at June Farms and is a heartwarming tale that captures the magic of new beginnings and the joy of friendship. When Bear, a lively and curious puppy, arrives at June Farms, he is welcomed with open paws by Frank, the wise and gentle farm dog. Together, they embark on a delightful adventure across the farm, where Bear meets all the happy animals who call June Farms home.

Through this charming introduction, Bear learns about the beauty of farm life and the importance of friendship, making this a perfect story for readers of all ages.

Each animal in the story is inspired by the real-life animals you can meet when you visit June Farms, nestled in the picturesque Hudson Valley region of New York State.

You can purchase the book here:

https://junefarmsgeneralstore.com/.../the-bear-at-june-farms

www.homecareyourwayllc.com

Holiday Paint and Sip

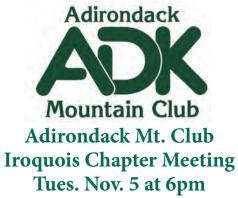
Join us Thursday November 14 at 6 PM at the Irish Cultural Center of the Mohawk Valley for another fun-filled holiday themed Paint & Sip class led by Jill Rae Vennara.

Get ready to celebrate the holidays with your own festive hand-painted bottle decorated with fairy lights inside. Jill Rae Vennara will deftly guide you through the process of creating your own personalized bottle designed to celebrate the season. There will be a couple of design choices. The \$45 fee includes paints, glass bottle, fairy lights, instruction, adult beverage, and light snacks.

Our instructor, Jill Rae Vennera, is the owner of Easels on the Gogh, a full service mobile painting studio, and Jill Rae Signs. She has a degree in Fine Arts and Art Therapy. Easels on the Gogh hosts parties for adults, children, schools, colleges, and nursing homes. Everything you will need for your creation will be supplied. Everyone is an Artist! Please reserve your spot by registering at this link https://bit.ly/4eBgEQH or call and leave a message at 315-733-4228 Ext 6.

You can attend this presentation at the H.A.R.P. Museum located on the second floor of the Irish Cultural Center of the Mohawk Valley, 623 Columbia St, Utica. All are welcome to attend this program and the museum is wheelchair accessible.





Jewelry

NH Public Library in the Sammon Room

Guest Speakers will be Carolyn Eastman and David Rockwood on their recent trip to Scotland - Hiking the West Highland Way. Public is welcome. Refreshments served.



First Source Experience Truck Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

The purpose of the truck is to meet our members and our community where they are, connecting through the creation of valuable experiences. Whether we are delivering financial education or popsicles, playing a game of corn hole, or talking about money management, giving away prizes and so much more! You'll see us at community events such as parades, golf tournaments, and wellness/job fairs. We'll also be at locations such as museums, sports complexes, and libraries.

We look forward to a new level of community engagement with you.

If you are interested in requesting our community truck for an event, please see our Donation Request Information. The truck is generally reserved for enhancing sponsorships and partnerships, as well as delivering financial education.





NH Public Library 2 Library Lane 315-733-1535

Monday and Tuesday 10am-8pm Closed on Wednesdays Thursday and Friday 10am-6pm Saturday 10am-2pm Sunday 1-5pm Curbside Pickup Remains an Option

Library Closures

We will be closed on Thursday, November 28th and Friday, November 29th in observance of Thanksgiving. We will be open on Saturday, November 30th at 10 am.

Weather Closures

Should the New Hartford Central School District close due to inclement weather, the Library will close as well. Notifications will be posted on WKTV, as well as on our website and social media platforms (Facebook and Instagram).

Stay Connected With Us!

The most up to date information regarding closings, reopening, programs and crafts can be found on our website and on our Facebook and Instagram pages.

Website: www.newhartfordpubliclibrary.org

Facebook:

www.facebook.com/newhartfordpubliclibrary Instagram: new_hartford_public_library

NHPL Board of Trustees 2024 Meeting

The New Hartford Public Library Board of Trustees will not be meeting in November. The December meeting will take place on Wednesday, December 4th at 4:30 in the Sammon Room.

New Hartford Public Library Board of Trustees seeking new Board Members.

The Board of Trustees of the New Hartford Public Library is seeking new members. The Board of Trustees meets the third Wednesday of each month. Trustees must also sit on a Board committee.

Residents of the Town of New Hartford interested in applying should mail or drop off a cover letter and resume to Anne DuRoss at the New Hartford Public Library, 2 Library Lane, New Hartford, NY 13413 or email them to her at aduross@midyork.org.

The deadline for applications is November 22, 2024.

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The app is available in the Apple App Store as well as the Google Play Store.

Book Locker

Did you know you can now pick your reserved items up at a time that is convenient for you, regardless of our hours? When placing a hold online, please choose NHLOCKER as your pick up location. Picking up your items is easy! All you will need to do is scan your library card or manually enter your library card number.

Our outdoor book locker is made possible through the Mid York Library System and a grant through the Central New York Resources Library Council (CLRC).

Community Outreach

We are hitting the road and would love to come to your organization! Are you involved with a preschool, daycare, summer program or assisted living center? We would love to come to your organization and share more about our upcoming programs, issue library cards and provide programming to your facility. For more information, please contact our Library Director, Anne 315-733-1535.

Literacy CNY

New Hartford Library and Literacy CNY have decided to switch back to a drop in format for our free Tech Help on Tuesdays. Community members are welcome to drop in and visit our Digital Literacy Volunteer for any tech related questions.

Interested In Using Our Window Display?

The display case at the Library's main entrance is available without charge for community groups or individuals to display works of art, collections or educational displays. Exhibits must be in keeping with the Library's mission to meet the educational, cultural and recreational needs of the community. Exhibits may not be for entrepreneurial or commercial purposes, for the solicitation of business for profit or for fundraising. Religious proselytizing and partisan political recruitment are similarly prohibited. Applications for the case are on a first come, first served basis and are limited to one month, with displays also limited to one per year per individual, group or organization. Exhibits will be reviewed in advance before being displayed. Applications for use of the case are available at the Library's front desk. If you have any questions or are interested in using the display, please call the Library and ask to speak to our Display Case Coordinator, John. 315-733-1535

In Person Story Time

Mondays (group A), Tuesdays (group B) and Thursdays (group C) 10:30-11:00 for preschool aged children. Join us for stories and crafts. Aimed towards preschoolers – but all are welcome. An adult must accompany the child. All story times are held in the Children's Area/Corasanti room.

Attention: There will be no regular Story Time the last week of November.

are asked to build what they see when visualizing that scene. This club meets on the 1st Saturday of the month at 11:00am.

The next meeting is November 2nd in the Corasanti Room. (Geared for 7-12yrs)

Red, White and Blue Hat Painting Event

Join us Veteran's Day, November 11th at 11:00am in the Sammon Room to paint hats. Limited hats will be provided for free. Registration is required due to limited hats. You may bring your own hat, shirt, bag or other cotton item to paint.

We hope to see you there! All ages welcome.

Moos-ing Around at the New Hartford Public Library – Coming Soon

Back by popular demand. The Society of Physics Students at Utica University will be taking over our Children's Area with aweing physics and fun demonstrations. Date to come soon. Stay up to date on the library's website, socials and the Mid York App.

Park Passes Are Back!

Once again, the Friends of the New Hartford Public Library are supporting our Park Pass

Program. Through their generosity, we will be allowing our patrons to check out the following park passes which will allow our patrons a discounted entry rate:

The Wild Center

Fort Rickey Children's Discovery Zoo

Adirondack Experience

Munson

Utica Zoo

Empire

Passes must be placed on adult library cards and must be returned to the New Hartford Public

Library Circulation Desk. Please call 315-733-1535 for more information.

Community Rooms

Community Rooms will be available for groups and organizations to use. You can find more information on our website (https://www.newhartfordpubliclibrary. org/reserve-a-room/), by calling 315-733-1535, or by visiting our Circulation Desk at the Library.

Book Clubs

Are you interested in joining a book club, currently in a book club, or looking to start one? If your club needs to order books or if you are interested in starting a book club, please call the Library and ask to speak to our Book Club Coordinator, Danielle. 315-733-1535 >Ruth Anne Mystery Book Club reads mystery novels. They meet on the second Saturday of the month at

>Wanderlust Book Club reads novels, ranging from current to historical. They meet on the first Thursday of the month. For more information, please contact the library.

11am. For more information, please contact the library.

New Technology

We are happy to announce that we have updated the patron and staff computers at the Library. We have also purchased smart screen displays for community organizations to use for the meetings they host at the Library. These upgrades were made possible through a grant designated to benefit the New Hartford Public Library.

Mid York Library System App

Did you know there's a NEW app for all your library needs? Download the Mid York Library System App from your app store to search our catalog, place holds, view your account, and even see what's happening at any Mid York library!

The new app allows you to log in with one or more Mid York library cards, search for items, place holds, see library locations, check out OverDrive books, read OverDrive books, check out OverDrive magazines, read OverDrive magazines, search and filter library programming, bring up a digital library card, and much

Turkey Time - Story & Craft

Monday, November 25th, join us at 10:30am for a special Turkey Story and Craft.

No Bake - Just Make : Pie Making (for kids)

Get ready for the holidays with this simple no-bake pie making class for kids. Class takes place November 26th in the Corasanti Room at 10:30am. Registration is strongly encouraged to secure your ingredients. Call the library at 315 733 1535 to register.

Lego Club : From Book to Block

Back by popular demand...Lego Club! Each month a passage from a book is read aloud from a pre-selected book. Using their imagination, children

Anxious Generation Discussion

Join us and New Hartford Central School District teachers and staff for a timely and meaningful discussion of one of the most talked about books of the year, The Anxious Generation by Jonathan Haidt. We will meet on Monday, November 4th at 6:00 pm in the Sammon Room at the New Hartford Public Library.

The Anxious Generation examines how the transition from a play-based childhood to a phone/technology based childhood has affected children and adolescents.

New Hartford Public Library has purchased multiple copies of the Anxious Generation and has them set aside for those attending the event. Please call 315-733-1535 to register for the event and to reserve a copy of the book.

For more information regarding Jonathan Haidt and The Anxious Generation, please visit https://jonathanhaidt.com/.





TBR Book Group

Are you on Facebook? Are you always looking for your next book? We have the perfect group for you. We have created a group called the To Be Read (TBR) Book Group where readers can comment what they're reading and look for suggestions for their next book. With over 100 members, you will never wonder what you should read next!

Join here:

https://www.facebook.com/groups/1532390520153487/

Yoga for Seniors

Join Bill Skinner every Monday at 3:00pm for a Yoga program geared towards seniors!

Chair Yoga Class

Join us each Monday and Friday mornings for a Chair Yoga class taught by Donna Reale. Classes start at 11 and will last until noon.

After Breast Cancer Group

Join us for our November 2nd meeting which will start at 11:00 am in the Sammon Room.

Mindy Robinson will be speaking, regarding cancer research affiliated with Basset health care in Cooperstown.

The Upstate University Hospital's Mammography Van is returning to the New Hartford Public Library on November 7th.

Upstate University Hospital's Mammography Van will return to the New Hartford Public Library at 2 Library Lane in New Hartford, on Thursday, November 7, 2024. The screenings will be available between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Appointments are recommended for women who want to get a mammogram, to ensure they will be seen reading and signing. that day.

the van, women should call 315-464-2588.

Appointments can also be requested online at: www. upstate.edu/noexcuses.

To be eligible for a mammogram on the van, women should be 40 years and older, not have had a mammogram in the past 12 months, and not be experiencing breast problems.

The mobile mammography program was started through New York State's "Get Screened, No Excuses" Breast Cancer Initiative, and continues with the support of Upstate University Hospital.

The program aim is to get rid of obstacles to breast cancer screening for women in New York. The average rate for screening mammography in New York is 81 percent. The mammography van is equipped with a state-of-the art 3D digital mammogram system, private exam room, dressing rooms and a waiting room.

Breast cancer is one of the most common cancers in women, effecting one in 8 women. It is also one of the most treatable cancers when detected early. Mammograms-x-rays of the breasts-are the most effective screening procedure for the early signs of breast cancer. For information, contact: Wendy Hunt at 315-492-3353.

Flag Raising at NHPL Monday, November 11th, 2024

The New Hartford Public Library has a stately addition to the front of its building, located at 2 Library Lane, New Hartford, NY. Richard Sherman, Town of New Hartford Highway Superintendent, recently installed a 20-foot-tall structure that adorns subtle lighting at dusk to add to the ambiance of the beautiful library landscape. Susan Fountain, President of the Friends of the New Hartford Public Library for over 20 years said, "We, The Friends of the Library, are proud to sponsor the new flag pole and American flag. It was made possible through various donations by our patrons and loyal members of our community. Thank you for making this addition possible." The Library Board of Trustees will host a formal Flag Raising at 10:00 am on Monday, November 11th, at the NHPL, as part of their Veteran's Day activities. Honorable Brian D. Miller, New York State Assemblyman District 122, will have the honor of commemorating the raising of the flag. Students for NH Central High School Music Department, under the direction of Joanne Goodemote, will provide patriotic music for the event. Cider and Donuts will be served. The New Hartford Public Library's Flag Raising Ceremony is opened to the general public.

Reflections From Utica Book Signing

Join us on Monday, December 2nd at 6:30 as Tim Flihan, author of Reflections from Utica, will do a book

Tim was born and raised in Utica, where he attended To schedule an appointment for a mammogram with Proctor High School graduating in 1978. He then attended Mercy College in Dobbs Ferry, NY where he graduated with a BS in Behavioral Science.

> More importantly is the book, which is 26 short stories about growing up in Utica and the surrounding Mohawk Valley. They are an eclectic group of stories providing the reader a snapshot of life in the 1960's ,70's and 80's. The stories are meant to spark memories not by the writer but by the reader who instills their own memories awoken by the shared experience.

> The book was released on Amazon Kindle Direct or Amazon books.com on June 27th 2024. It was the number one new release for the month of July on the US regional Biography category and was number one nationally for two weeks of the month. The book sold best in the Southern part of the country as well as Mid-Atlantic region, which we are a part of.

Support the New Hartford Public Library

November 2024 7 The book is available in Hardcover and paperback as

well as an e-book. They are available at Romas Sausage and Deli in Washington Mills or in Utica on Bleecker Street. Also, it is available at Chanatry's Hometown Market in Utica as well as Amazon Books.com. The cost is \$7.99 for the e-book, \$15.00 for paperback, and \$25 for Hardcover.

From the Friends of the New Hartford Public Library

CANCELLED: "Murder by the Book".

We are very disappointed to have to cancel the drama but we haven't given up yet. Watch for future information.

Decorate the Library:

December 6. 10:00am, Friday. Come decorate the library with the Friends for the holidays. Look forward to meeting you and help is always needed!!!

Mitten Tree:

Roll your skeins, get those needles clacking. Mitten tree time is coming!!!! Bring your mittens any time and we will set them aside until the tree is up or put them on the tree yourself. Everybody needs a mitten especially cold little hands. (children's mittens especially needed).

Save the Date: **Bill Bonsted Indoor Miniature** Golf Tournament. April 5, 2025

The 2024 tournament raised \$3,440 from donations and golfers. Our course has shrunk to 9 holes due to a shortage of hours the library is open on Saturdays but that didn't stop 80 enthusiastic golfers. Put on your thinking "visors" and come and create a hole or show your putting skills. Look forward to seeing you.

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Stanley Theatre Series

Dolly Parton



Malio Cardarelli Over the next several months, we would like to share some of Malio Cardarelli's descriptions of artists who have appeared at the Stanley Theater.

It was a delightful evening when in March of 1993, the very popular Dolly Parton performed on the Stanley Theater Stage. Dolly Rebecca Parton, one of twelve children, was born in Sevier County Tennessee. Although she performed as a child, her true musical career began in the 1960s with her first album *'Hello, I'm Dolly'*, and she kept it going full speed. Dolly has had 25 of her songs reach #1 on Billboard Country Music Charts. In 1999, she was inducted in the Country Music Hall of Fame. Her career ventured into movies at which she was equally successful with perhaps the most noted being *'9 to 5'* and *'Best Little Whorehouse in Texas'*. Her musical and acting awards are numerous with Academy Awards, Grammy, and other nominations. And she prides herself in being a successful businessperson with the Dollywood Company, a theme park in Tennessee. There is much more than this brief space can accommodate.



Most commendable is the reality that via her Dollywood Foundation, and in the name of her Imagination Library, Dolly Parton, convinced that learning begins at birth, has orchestrated the donation of some 200 million books for pre-school children from birth to age 5 in the United States and elsewhere in the world. Musically, now well into her 70s, she has altered her appearances to eliminating tours and performing occasionally at various venues. In a nutshell, Dolly Parton is indeed a most successful musical performer and a most generous and meaningful American.



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MVCC to Host Fall Open House Friday, Nov. 15

Mohawk Valley Community College will host its annual Fall Open House for prospective students and families from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Nov. 15, at its Utica Campus, 1101 Sherman Drive.

"Open House is a great way for students to get to know MVCC," said Dan Ianno, Director of Admissions at MVCC. "They can see classrooms, labs, and studios, and get a feeling for being on campus. It's also a fantastic opportunity to meet faculty in their areas of interest and staff who are dedicated to student success, whether it is in career exploration, job readiness, or transfer to a four-year college or university."

Visitors will have the chance to explore academic programs, see demonstrations, learn about student support services and clubs, and connect with MVCC faculty and staff, athletic coaches, and students. Information sessions on MVCC's Residence Life program will be offered for those interested in living on campus, and tours of the Utica Campus, including the residence halls, will be provided. MVCC's Center for Corporate and Community Education also will be on hand to talk about noncredit courses for professional development, personal wellness, and leisure learning.

Registration is strongly encouraged, but walk-ins are also welcome. To register, go to www.mvcc.edu/openhouse.

For more information or to set up an appointment at a different time, contact the MVCC Admissions Office by emailing admissions@mvcc.edu, texting 315-888-5602, or calling 315-792-5354.



Check presentation held at the Feed Our Vets location on Broad Street in Utica. *L-R:* Joe Ancona (Feed Our Vets), Linda Iannone (Utica Rotary Past-President), Rich Synek (Director-Feed Our Vets), Jerry Kraus (Utica Rotary Golf Chair) and Travis Rabbers (Utica Rotary President)

Rotary Club of Utica Raises \$2,928 For Feed Our Vets

The Rotary Club of Utica recently held their annual golf outing at Hidden Valley in Whitesboro. This event raised \$2,928 for Feed Our Vets in Utica, an organization that provides groceries and support for our area's Veterans. Special thanks to the golfers, sponsors and volunteers who made this event successful.



Chamber Music Society of Utica presents Castalian String Quartet Sunday, November 17, 2024, 2:30 PM, Munson Auditorium, Downtown Utica. Phone 315-794-9741 for info.



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Irish Fiddler Gerry O'Connor Workshop & Concert

Craobh Dugan-O'Looney, the local chapter of Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann, an international cultural organization based in Dublin, Ireland, is proud to be hosting Irish fiddler Gerry O'Connor for a workshop and concert on Saturday November 16, 2024. The 90-minute workshop will begin at 2:30 PM and a concert featuring Gerry and accompanist Kevin McElroy begins at 7:00 PM. Workshop and concert will take place at the H.A.R.P. Museum on the 2nd floor of the Irish Cultural Center of the Mohawk Valley.

From an early age Gerry was involved in Irish music and dance, winning numerous All Ireland titles between 1967 and 1973 in a range of formations including duet, trio and four Céili Band titles. Playing with Michael Coleman's contemporary John Joe Gardiner in the 1970's formed Gerry's style of music, focusing on the fluid and ornamented lyrical fiddle playing of the great Sligo masters. His own background in step dancing translates into vibrant pulsating dance music for which he is noted; today he is regarded as one of the great fiddle players of his generation.

Gerry is steeped in the rich history of Irish culture and dance music having been recognized by awards including 4-time Fiddler of Oriel winner and recipient of a 2018 Bardic Award for significant contribution to the promotion of traditional Irish culture from the major Irish cultural group Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann. He was co-founder and first Artistic Director of Ceol Chairlinn, an annual teaching festival in Carlingford, Co Louth. He is also the Traditional Arts coordinator at the newly established Creative-Connexions Irish/ Catalan Arts festival in Sitges. He teaches fiddle at the Willie Clancy Summer school and at master-classes throughout Europe. When at home Gerry works as a violin maker/restorer.

Tickets are \$40 for Workshop and Concert, \$25 Workshop Only, \$25 Concert only advance sale, and \$30 at the door. Call or text Michael Hoke 315-225-6292 for tickets and information or email hoke84@gmail.com.

Having the opportunity to learn from and hear such a master musician performing and sharing the history of his musical heritage with the community is a very special treat, and we look forward to welcoming Gerry's appearance with us this November!

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There are so many things to do around the holiday season- shopping, traveling, cooking, decorating, visiting with loved ones and so much more! But if you're in physical therapy over the holidays, there's a reason! Even though keeping up with your PT this time of year is tough, it's important. That's why we're going to give you the best tips to help you through the holidays!

Some of what makes the holidays challenging is everyone's crazy schedules. To survive this, try your best to plan ahead. Schedule your appointments in advance and you'll be more likely to get days and times that work best for you. Your health should be a priority in your schedule, so put concrete appointments in your schedule first and build your days from there.

With the holiday mania about to shake up your routine, think about when you're going to exercise ahead of time to stay consistent. After consulting with your PT, your home exercise program may be able to be modified. You might even be able to do everything in the kitchen during downtime when you're cooking up your holiday feast!

Healthy eating often gets derailed during the holidays. Putting low quality fuel into your body won't help you feel better. Think about planning what you're going to eat ahead of time. We're not saying to skip every holiday treat offered to you, but everything in moderation.

The holidays are a special time of year, keeping up with your health and your physical therapy can be challenging during this time. With some planning and flexibility, you can stay healthy, survive the holidays and head into next year with good momentum!





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Potted Succulents with Grey Fox Felting Saturday, November 9, 2024, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Part 1: Create your own Succulent Pot Saturday, November 23, 2024, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Part 2: Create your own Wool Felted Succulent

Class Description: In this beginner-friendly workshop, azure arts and Grey Fox Felting invite you to learn both ceramic and wool felting techniques. Each workshop will take place separately, but the two projects will culminate into a final "potted succulent!"

In Part 1 of the workshop, Christina Milliman of azure arts will guide you in creating, decorating, and glazing a beautiful pot from flat slabs of clay. Decorating techniques including carving, stamping, and hand painting will be introduced. Each process whether used on its own or in combination will result in a pot that expresses your personality. Pots will be glazed in the workshop, fired twice, and ready when you arrive for the felting portion of this two-part workshop.

Join Erin Gardner of Grey Fox Felting for Part 2 of the Potted Succulents Workshop, where you will learn to needle felt your own unique succulent to "plant" in your handmade ceramic pot.

No felting experience is needed, and you will be guided step by step through the process and techniques of needle felting to create your wool succulent. All materials are included, and you will be provided with a colorful selection of wool to choose from, so you can make your succulent uniquely yours!

This is the perfect opportunity to learn two new artistic skills in a creative, collaborative, and beautiful atmosphere! Skill Level: Beginner-friendly. Previous experience is not required. Ages 12+*

*Just a note to parents and guardians that this workshop requires the use of very sharp felting needles and the ability to concentrate for several hours."

Workshop Fee: \$120 for the 2-part workshop. The fee includes all materials and kiln firings.

Location: Azure Arts Pottery Studio, 1149 Allen Lake Road, Richfield Springs, NY 13439

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Incorporating Sustainable Fall Decorations into Your Home: Eco-Friendly, Stylish, and Memorable

As the air turns crisp and the leaves begin to fall, many of us look forward to adorning our homes with the warm, inviting decor of autumn. However, the seasonal appeal of fall decorations can often come at a cost — both environmentally and aesthetically. From disposable plastics to items that clutter landfills, it's easy to end up with wasteful, tacky decor that doesn't align with the values of sustainability. Fortunately, there's a more elegant, eco-conscious way to welcome fall into your home. By incorporating natural materials, embracing craft-making traditions, and shopping locally, you can create beautiful fall displays that not only enhance your space but also respect the planet.

Nature's Bounty: Bring the Outdoors In

One of the simplest and most effective ways to incorporate sustainable fall decor is by using what nature already provides. Leaves, pinecones, acorns, gourds, and pumpkins are all abundant during the autumn season and can be used to create stunning, biodegradable displays.

Start by collecting colorful leaves and pinecones on a nature walk with your family. These can be used to fill clear glass vases, make garlands, or even as part of a table centerpiece. The beauty of these natural materials lies in their simplicity and versatility. They bring the season indoors without adding to waste, and when the season ends, they can easily return to the earth, composted or left in nature.

Gourds and pumpkins, especially locally sourced or organically grown, are classic fall staples. Rather than opting for plastic versions, real pumpkins can be decorated or simply displayed as-is. Afterward, they can be composted, left for local wildlife to enjoy, or turned into delicious autumn recipes like roasted pumpkin seeds or homemade pies.

Get Crafty: Handmade, Not Store-Bought

One of the best parts of fall decorating is the opportunity to create personalized decor with your loved ones. Craft-making offers a chance to reconnect with family traditions, explore creativity, and avoid mass-produced items that lack character. Moreover, handmade decorations are often more meaningful and durable, designed to be used for years rather than discarded after one season.

For example, you can make wreaths from twigs, berries, and dried flowers. These can be customized to match your home's aesthetic, whether you prefer a more rustic, natural look or something a bit more polished. Consider drying orange slices or apple rings and adding cinnamon sticks for a fragrant, fall-inspired wreath that will fill your home with the scent of the season.

Another craft idea involves repurposing fabric scraps into reusable bunting or banners. Whether you have leftover burlap, plaid flannel, or other fall-toned fabrics, these can be cut into triangle shapes and strung together to create beautiful, reusable garlands. Not only do these projects reduce waste by using materials you already have, but they also provide an opportunity to spend quality time crafting with family.

Shop Local: Support Your Community

When you do need to purchase items for your fall decor, consider shopping locally. Local craft fairs, farmers' markets, antique stores and independent artisans often offer unique, handmade items that you won't find in big-box stores. These pieces, crafted with care, often carry a story with them — a story of your community, your region, and the local economy you're supporting.

Locally made candles, for example, can be a beautiful addition to your fall table or mantle. Look for candles made from beeswax or soy, which are more sustainable and eco-friendly than traditional paraffin wax. You may also find locally made pottery, handwoven baskets, or wooden serving trays, each of which can serve a functional purpose in your decor while also adding warmth and authenticity to your home.

When shopping for fall produce like pumpkins, apples, or squash, choose local farms whenever possible. Many local growers offer heirloom varieties that not only support biodiversity but also bring unique colors and shapes to your seasonal displays. Plus, buying local reduces the carbon footprint associated with transporting goods long distances.





Reuse and Repurpose: Less Waste, More Creativity

Sustainability doesn't mean you have to forgo traditional fall decorations like lanterns or scarecrows. Instead, focus on reusing and repurposing items you already have in new, creative ways. That old mason jar sitting in your cupboard can be transformed into a charming candle holder, or fill it with mini pumpkins for a quick and easy centerpiece.

Old sweaters or flannel shirts that are too worn to wear can be repurposed into cozy pillow covers or fabric pumpkins. Even items like wine corks, leftover yarn, or broken twigs can be transformed into fun, fall-themed projects. The key is to think creatively about how you can give new life to things you already own, rather than purchasing more disposable decor.

Embrace Imperfection: A Fall Aesthetic with Depth

Finally, remember that true sustainability embraces the beauty of imperfection. Handcrafted or natural decorations may not have the glossy, flawless look of massproduced items, but that's what makes them special. The patina of a wooden bowl passed down through generations or the natural texture of a hand-carved pumpkin brings depth and character to your home. These unique, authentic touches speak to a deeper connection with the season and with the values of sustainability and creativity.

In conclusion, fall decorating doesn't have to be wasteful or tasteless. By using natural elements, engaging in craft-making with family, shopping locally, and reusing what you already have, you can create a beautiful, sustainable home this season. Not only will your decor be eco-friendly, but it will also have a personal touch that mass-produced items simply can't replicate. This fall, let your home reflect the values of care, creativity, and sustainability.

Written by; Cassie Grace Miles, 4th generation steward of Grace Furniture, a familyowned business since 1940, on River Road, in Marcy, NY. Cassie received her BFA in Design from The Fashion Institute of Technology in Manhattan and continued her career in design, managing luxury furniture showrooms in the world-renowned Miami Design District, along with additional world class hospitality training at 5-star hotels.



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NEW HARTFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

An 84-Year-Old Scrapbook from a 1940 6th Grade

At the end of September, the New Hartford Historical Society was contacted by members of the Quayle family (formerly 29 Hillside Ave.) who were in possession of an incredible artifact from Miss Mabel Pitkin's 6th Grade Point School Class. Their Aunt, Catharine Ann Ruch (nee Shepard and their mom's sister) was a member of that class. On October 7th, the siblings: William "Tad" (Class of 1969), Thomas (Class of 1971), and Louise (Class of 1979) Quayle and their families came to the Society's rooms in the basement of the very building where the Scrapbook had its humble beginnings.

At the beginning of the 1940-1941 school year, Miss Pitkin split her class into 3 groups and charged each group with a scrapbook project. The non-graded project was devised to encourage her pupils to use their imagination, organizational skills and display examples of research, handwriting skills and proficiency in geography. Remember, although the U.S. was not at war, much of Europe and South East Asia was. Perusing this amazing piece of schoolwork was incredible (and a little sad) as these sixth graders were intuitive enough to see that the country was in an almost "pre-war" state even though the U.S. was officially in a neutral stance.

Catharine Ann Shepard led her group serving as President. Gertrude Partyka was Secretary, Sharon Holden and Louise Horchner were the Artists, and Lois Foster was Historian. The group was rounded out with Joseph (Joe) Abdella, Bernice Haskell, Louis Jones, David Roberts, Josephine Romeo, and Annabel Teesdale. They called their project "Our Friendly Book". Their teacher, Miss Mabel K. Pitkin, taught at New Hartford for nearly half of her fifty-year teaching career. She retired in June 1959. Miss Pitkin passed away January 23, 1979 just 3 months shy of her 90th birthday. Catharine Shepard Ruch passed away April 1st, 2016 in Modesto California where she raised 6 children with her husband, Dr. Wallace Ruch. She was 86.

We are so thankful for Catharine, who spent 7-1/2 decades as guardian of this unique class project and especially thankful for her niece and nephews who saw to it that this treasure has been placed in our care!



Introduction

This year when school started we divided our room in threegroups, Each group made a motto to goon the books that muss Fithin bought for us. We elected a president, secretary, artist and his torian in each group. Each group has ten or eleven pupils. For our motto we chose "Our Friendly Book. The officers are as follows:

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Top Right: Scrapbook Dedication

Bottom: Scrapbook Introduction NHTownCrier.com





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Salt Cellars- A Piece of Americana

Salt cellars, small dishes or containers for holding salt, have a rich history that dates back to ancient civilizations, but their presence in early American homes speaks volumes about social customs and daily life in colonial America. In the 17th and 18th centuries, salt was a valuable commodity, essential not only for flavoring food but also for preserving it. The availability and presentation of salt often reflected the wealth and status of a household, making salt cellars not just utilitarian objects but also symbols of hospitality and sophistication.

In colonial America, salt was often kept in bulk in larger containers, but salt cellars emerged as important dining accessories. Typically made from materials like glass, silver, pewter, or ceramic, these small vessels would often accompany the dining table, allowing diners to access salt easily during meals. The design of salt cellars varied significantly, with some featuring intricate decorations, while others were more utilitarian in appearance. Their form often signified the cultural influences of the time, with English and Dutch designs prominently shaping early American styles.

The utility of salt cellars extended beyond mere function; they became integral to social rituals. During meals, the act of passing the salt cellar was steeped in etiquette, symbolizing generosity and camaraderie among diners. As such, they contributed to the overall dining experience, elevating it from mere sustenance to an occasion for connection and conversation.

In the antiques marketplace today, salt cellars have gained significant collectability among enthusiasts of early American artifacts. Their historical significance and aesthetic appeal make them prized items for collectors. Factors such as age, material, and craftsmanship can significantly affect their value. For instance, silver salt cellars from the colonial period can command high prices, especially those with intricate designs or maker's marks that signify their origin. Collectors often seek out these items not just for their monetary value, but for the stories they tell about the past and the everyday lives of those who used them.

With the introduction of salt shakers around 1858, use of the salt cellar began to wane, however their use well into the Victorian is well documented. Their legacy endures in both historical contexts and as collectible artifacts, serving as a reminder of the vital role salt played in shaping culinary practices and social customs in early American homes. As collectors continue to treasure these unique pieces, salt cellars remain a tangible link to the past and a great antique collectible!



Salt cellars came in many shapes and sizes and a variety of colors.

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Victor J. Fariello Jr. is a lifelong resident of New Hartford and has been a collector and dealer of antiques for many years. He is a past officer and member of the New Hartford Historical Society and is the President of the J. Schoolcraft Sherman Chapter #1519 of The Questers, an International organization for people who love antiques and have a commitment to preservation. Questions on anything related to antiques can be sent to him at PO Box 194, Washington Mills, NY 13479 or by email to vjfariello@gmail.com. Any photos submitted will be returned upon request.



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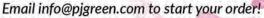
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New Hartford Highway News

submitted by Highway Superintendent, Richard Sherman

As I write this article today October 15, 2024, the leaves have been falling for a few weeks now. It seems like every year the leaves are falling later in the season. All this tells me that the leaves are going to fall late again this year. This gives us a very small window if snow arrives early. So please, once the leaves start to fall don't wait, get them to the street. This year the four vac style leaf pickers will be out in full force. With four trucks out in all wards everyday, there will be no night shifts picking up leaves. Please do not place leaves in plastic bags or containers. PLEASE DO NOT PLACE ARTICLES SUCH AS BRUSH, PUMKINS, AND ROCKS IN WITH THE LEAVES. These articles damage the machines impeller fan, causing down time during our busiest season. I have noticed in my drives around the town that people are placing brush, branches with the leaf piles. Picking up brush piles is over. I am utilizing the employees on the leaf trucks. The rainy season is also upon us, which brings the leaves down and plugs our catch basins, which cause flooding.



Please remove all basketball hoops from the town right of ways so that the plows will not hit them and damage the hoops during the winter season. Also remember no all-night parking on Town of New Hartford Highways starting October 1st.

The Highway department winter shifts will start December 1 2024 this year. The town will continue to have two shifts 4:00am - 4:00pm and 4:00pm - 4:00am for plowing and sanding. The mechanics are working very hard to get the trucks, hoppers and plows ready for these winter months. The salt shed is full with this year's salt and the Bs are being delivered. The salt brine is being made and the tanks are full for the start of this winter season.

The detention pond work continues on the upper side of Roman Rd. The highway crew has been working on the roadside ditch on Roman Rd, cleaning and placing large rocks in the ditch. The ditch has been located, dug and filled with large rip rap stone from where pond #1 is being built to the location of pond #2. The clearing continues where the #1 pond will be located. The road also has been built, so that we can get to the pond location where we will be working.

Work continues on the new street sign installations as they come in for placement on the new sign posts this fall. Work has been started on Oneida Street for the new sidewalk replacement project. Work on this project will continue weather permitting, and will continue in the spring once the bad weather ends. New York Admission Admission and Street for the new set of the new street for the new set of the new

The highway crew will be removing the Veterans banners right after Veterans Day and place them in storage for next year.

Please call Rick Sherman, Highway Superintendent, with any questions at 315-733-7500 or 315-534-2998. E-mail - rsherman@townofnewhartfordny.gov.

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B Sharp Musical Club of Utica Concert

The B Sharp Musical Club of Utica presents its first concert of the 2024-25 series on Sunday afternoon, November 10 at 3:00 pm. The event takes place in the Sinnott Family-Bank of Utica Auditorium at Munson. Featured performers include vocalists Holly McCormack, Ying Wu, John Krause and Peter Costianes and harpist Jessica Wilbee; pianists Greg Unangst and John Krause will accompany the vocalists.

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> The concert is partially made possible through the CNY Arts Grants for Regional Arts and Cultural Engagement regrant program, thanks to a New York State Senate Initiative supported by the NYS Legislature, the Office of the Governor and administered by the New York State Council on the Arts.

> Admission to the concert is free and the public is welcome. Find out more about B Sharp Musical Club by visiting its Facebook page at B Sharp Music Club | Facebook.



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NHFD News

Your New Hartford Volunteer Fire Department responded to 98 alarms during the month of September as indicated by the monthly call report listed below by category:

Fires = 5 EMS = 42 Hazardous = 5 Service Type = 19 False Alarms = 19 Good Intent = 7 Other Alarms = 0 Weather Related = 0

Total Calls for the Month of September 2024 = 98. Of the 98 alarms, 84 were in the town and 11 were in the village and 3 mutual aid alarms.

Total calls year-to-date through September 2024 = 925.

Some of the calls listed above - such as Fires, EMS, and Hazardous - are self- explanatory. Others such as Service, Good Intent and Other Alarms are not. Service Calls includes water or animal problems, public assistance or standbys. Good Intent refers to responding but did not find anything or canceled in route. Other alarms include explosions, carbon monoxide, smoke or sprinkler detector activations.

The figures above do not include other activities by members of the department such as Fire Prevention details, training, parades, Open House and other various department committee meetings that take place throughout the year.

A Magical Time of the Year

The members of New Hartford Volunteer Fire Department and The New Hartford Fireman's Benevolent Association invite you to stop by the fire station and Village Park to see this year's Holiday Lights display. In conjunction with the Village of New Hartford, the fire station has become the focal point for many friends, young and old, at this time of the year, including many of those who have gone away from the area and returned "home" over the holidays.

Members of the department are working tirelessly to make sure the village "glows" during this holiday season. Over 20 elves will spend over 60 hours assembling and installing the various decorations. In addition, many hours were spent planning and working on preparing the displays before they're placed in the park. From the lighting to the Memorial displays, to the arches and candles we take pride in making the most of our display along with the Village display in the park. This year's lights will be turned on prior to the "Believe - A Magical Christmas Festival" on Saturday, November 23, 2024, for all to enjoy. Over the course of many years, with the generous support of our New Hartford Community, we continually update and improve the displays. We thank you all for your support and hope that you enjoy not only the lights but this very special and magical Season! New Hartford Volunteer Fire Department Fire Chief Tom Bolanowski and New Hartford Firemen's Benevolent Association President James Toomey, Jr., along with the officers and members extend their very best wishes for a Happy and Safe Holiday Season.



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Join us in the HARP Museum at the Irish Cultural Center of the Mohawk Valley for "The Job of Songs". A film about a community of musicians from the west coast of Ireland seeking connection and joy through music as they face a modernizing world.

Tourists flock to the west coast of Ireland to take in the breath-taking Cliffs of Moher, but the real treasure lies in the soulful, acoustic sounds wafting out of pubs and living rooms of Doolin, County Clare. The denizens of this unspoiled coastal village of tight-knit neighbours and unlocked doors revel in the passion and history of their traditional folk songs, using music as a thread through generations to create community, connection, and joy. Jeff Miller, PhD, Professor of Communication & Media at Utica University will provide commentary

This movie is FREE to attend. Please reserve your spot by registering at this link https://bit.ly/4ei3Deq or call and leave a message at 315-733-4228 Ext 6.

You can attend this presentation at the H.A.R.P. Museum located on the second floor of the Irish Cultural Center of the Mohawk Valley, 623 Columbia St, Utica. All are welcome to attend this program and the museum is wheelchair accessible.

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Most Uticans are passingly familiar with the name "Devereux," although likely from different frames of reference: the Devereux Block, Devereux Estates, Devereux Street, Devereux Lane... even the legendary Devereux Bar; later the John C. Devereux Tavern. But few – far too few – know the extent to which Utica, and Uticans of 200 years ago, owe thanks to the city's most revered Irish citizen, John C. Devereux.

On Wednesday November 13, 2024, Alex Sisti, director of the H.A.R.P. Museum at the Irish Cultural Center of the Mohawk Valley, will be giving a biographical presentation on John Devereux, beginning with a brief sketch of his French and Irish forebears and immediate family, up to his arrival in Utica in 1802 and his many accomplishments in the years that followed. The presentation closes with a few words on what is being done to recognize his many contributions to the city he called home

Please register at this link, https://bit.ly/3Nm8eAM, or call and leave a message at 315-733-4228 Ext 6. The \$20 cash registration fee will cover the program and lunch, meal tax and gratuity included, will be collected at the door.

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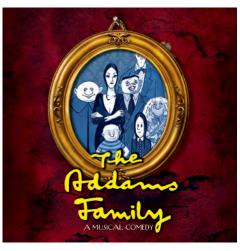


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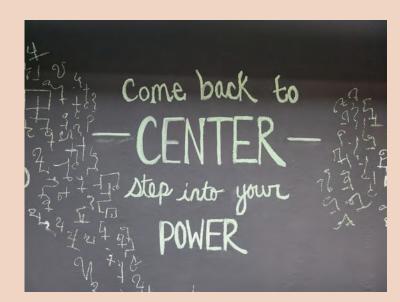




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New Hartford Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting for The Alchemist on Friday October 18th.



The Alchemist

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Originally, Nook and Cranny Reading Room was located in Oneida. We rebranded as The Alchemist to promote the concept of the ever changing self - or transitioning from phases of life that don't serve you, into ways of living that truly express your identity. The new store reflects access to information, tools and community connections that help us to move forward and to create a new sense of self that is bold, daring, courageous, and ready to rise to our own occasion.

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some, it remains a way to express gratitude for the harvest, for family, or to a higher power; for others, it's a holiday built upon being united as a family (in person or virtually) and sharing in a special meal. We have some beautiful dishware that will add elegance to your table this Thanksgiving. Colorful tabletop ceramics are intricately hand painted in bold floral designs, a traditional Palestinian craft. Our Yellow West Bank Bowl is Microsoft safe, but not oven safe. Your purchase of our West Bank Appetizer Plates helps handcrafters in the West Bank develop their social rights and communities through local handcrafting traditions and become active agents in their own livelihoods. These and many, many more uniquely handcrafted gift items from 38 different countries can be found at our Fair Trade Shop, Stone Presbyterian Church, 8 So. Park Row, Clinton. Our regular hours are 10am to 4pm every Thursday and SECOND Saturdays. Purchasing fair trade items ensures artisans and small farmers fair wages and healthy working conditions, providing dignity, sustainable development and hope for marginalized people. Let us be your go-to Gift Shop! Visit us at https://buildingstonesshoppe.square.site or www. facebook.com/buildingstonesfairtradeshoppe.



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Great Expectations *submitted by Jim LaFountain, All American Fitness Center*

No other field has been bastardized like Physical Fitness and Nutrition. Billions of dollars have been spent to dupe the general public. Quick fix gimmicks have replaced sanity and common sense. As early as the 1920's, Charles Atlas claimed that his mode of exercise, "Dynamic Tension," could build a better body in the matter of a few weeks. Joe Weider published magazines and sponsored bodybuilding contests for five decades. As a teenager, I naively believed everything written in his magazines, ordered his nutritional supplements, followed his programs and attended several of his bodybuilding shows. It wasn't until I contracted mononucleosis in graduate school that I began to question his methods. Prior to getting sick, I followed a program he recommended, working out for two hours a day, six days a week.

Contracting mono was one of the best things that happened to me. Exercise Physiology was my field of study and science replaced the exercise hype promoted in the Weider magazines.

Unrealistic exercise expectations include:

*false claims of enormous muscle gains of 20-40 pounds of muscle, naturally and in a short period of time is not a reality. In a lifetime, a male, without pharmacological aids, like anabolic steroids, human growth hormones and currently, stem cell treatments, can realistically gain 12-15 pounds of muscle and a woman 6-8 pounds of lean tissue in a lifetime.



*more is NOT better. Endless sets and reps of low intensity resistance training will not produce muscle gains. Numerous studies identify exercise intensity and ample recovery as the keys to building muscle. Intense exercise turns the "muscle building switch" on, recovery builds muscle.

*there is no panacea as to what mode of exercise produces optimal results. Weights and machines serve to stimulate muscle growth. Whether you run, bicycle, swim or row, they all have the potential to increase cardiovascular efficiency.

Nutrition is no exception. False claims, like "lose 20 pounds in 30 days!" An important number to remember is 3,500, that's the number of calories in a pound of fat. Women in particular, dine out, get on the scale the following morning and report a 3-5 pound scale weight gain. That would equate to ingesting 17,500 calories in one sitting, fairly improbable for a woman, at any age. Restaurants simply cannot store, nor prepare meals without sodium or some derivative of table salt. That's not a knock on restaurants, and we love to dine out. How should dining out be handled?

*have a protein rich, small snack or a protein bar 70% of our lovely planet consists of water. before leaving the house

*make sure you are significantly hydrated before approach to your personal fitness plan. dinner

*request a doggy bag as soon as possible, my wife and actually ask for one when we order

*make the meal as much social as nutritional, put the fork down, chew the food thoroughly and engage in discussion

*limit alcohol intake, as it may increase your hunger

If you want to play it safe, do not weigh in the next morning, but commit to drinking a lot of water through out the day and weigh in the following morning.

Scale Weight Loss vs. Stored Body Fat Loss

*any more than a 1-2 pound weekly weight loss is mostly water and lean tissue

*highly restrictive diets cause the body to rid itself of the water required to metabolize food

*regardless of what diet you choose to follow, smaller portions matter most

*a "diet only" approach, without regular exercise will produce a loss of muscle and mostly water loss.

*hydration is critical for long term fat loss; 70% of each cell in our body is water. Dehydration slows our metabolism and encourages fat storage. Remember,

Hopefully, this dose of reality creates a more realistic



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Pictured is Kian and his brother with Syracuse University Men's Basketball players at the 2024 Sitrin Celebrity Classic Wheelchair Basketball Game.

Kian's Story: Youngest Sitrin STAR Shines Brightly!

Like many 10-year-old boys, Kian Demkowitch loves sports, playing with his friends, and hanging out with his family. His favorite subjects are science, math and art, and he enjoys attending summer programs too.

What's different about Kian is that he's had many obstacles to overcome and continues to do so daily. Born with spina bifida, Kian can walk unassisted and participates in many sports, but he does have other daily challenges, due to being partially paralyzed. Kian approaches life with a smile and knows these challenges and his diagnosis do not define him.

When you first meet Kian, you can't help but to be inspired by his positive attitude and cheerful demeanor. "He faces his challenges gracefully, and he works really hard," Mom Shauna says. "We are really proud of him."

The Demkowitch family hasn't let anything stop them. They've encouraged Kian to try adaptive snowboarding and many other sports, including the Sitrin STARS wheelchair basketball.

At the Sitrin STARS Celebrity Classic Wheelchair Basketball Game this past April, it's safe to say that Kian was everyone's favorite player. When he made a basket from his chair, the entire gymnasium stood up and cheered! "I felt like an NBA player when they introduced us all before the game! It felt amazing to make that basket," Kian says.

"While we are thankful for Kian's mobility, we recognize that he does tire easily, which is why we introduced the wheelchair at an early age," Shauna said. "He took to it right away."



UARDA TEMPLE NO. 24 DAUGHTERS OF THE NILE ANNUAL ROAST PORK DINNER AND HARVEST BAZAAR "It is so nice to be able to have these opportunities," Shauna says. "I think there is more of a need for adaptive sports for all ages than people realize."

According to the Mayo Clinic website, spina bifida is a condition that occurs when the spine and the spinal cord don't form properly. Typically, the neural tube forms early in pregnancy and closes during the first month after conception. In babies with SB, a portion of the neural tube doesn't close all the way, affecting the spinal cord, nerves and bones of the spine.

Shauna describes spina bifida as a "snowflake" condition, meaning that it is different – including degree of severity - in each person who has it.

The youngest of three, Kian's new passion is golf. He admires Tiger Woods, who has faced some physical challenges as well.

"Whatever Kian wants to try, we encourage him to do it," Shauna said. "I think that sports are not only important for your physical health, but for your mental health and overall well-being."

Marc DePerno, vice president of Foundation & Communications at Sitrin and coach of the STARS, said, "Kian exemplifies the purpose of the STARS program. When presented with an opportunity, he will grow and shine every time. His strength, energy and passion are the foundation of a great athlete."

Kian receives both physical and occupational therapy at school, and wears leg braces to help him walk.

"He treats life like everyone else," Shauna says. "We don't see his physical disadvantages. His positive attitude keeps him strong physically and mentally."

"He is the strongest 10-year-old I know," Mom says proudly.

To learn more about the Sitrin STARS program, please visit www.sitrin.com/ adaptivesports.

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by Raymond J. Durso, Jr., President/CEO The Genesis Group Chairman,Chamber Alliance Mohawk Valley

Education is an Economic Engine in the Mohawk Valley and it should be Celebrated!

It's true...Education is a billion dollar industry in our region, employing thousands of people, teaching thousands of students, and positively impacting the economy. These are reasons why the Genesis Group and First Source Federal Credit Union host the "Annual Celebration of Education." This program is held each year during American Education Week in November. This year's event is set for November 21 at Hart's Hill Inn, Whitesboro. The Celebration of Education recognizes outstanding educators who are making a difference in the lives of their students.

We will also honor the following individuals for their lifetime of service to Education in the Mohawk Valley region:

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I believe one of the critical factors in successful community development is a robust educational system. A well-educated community is more likely to be able to capitalize on economic opportunities and create positive change. Education can help to break down barriers within communities and promote understanding and cooperation. In addition, a robust educational system can play an essential role in attracting businesses and creating jobs. Well-educated workers are in high demand, and businesses often look for communities with strong schools and universities when considering relocation or expansion. I also believe Education is an important tool for community development because it helps to create a sense of community identity and shared purpose. It can help build the skills and knowledge needed for people to work together to address common problems. Education also offers opportunities for citizen engagement to those in the community who are committed to making it a better place. I invite you to join us on November 21 – 5:30pm for the 18th Annual Celebration of Education. Visit www.TheGenesisGroup.org to register.

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Christopher J. Carbone

Dividend-paying Stocks: Pros and Cons

A dividend is a portion of a company's profit that's paid to shareholders. That means dividend-paying stocks may provide a source of income. But they can also carry some degree of risk.

So, what do investors need to consider when it comes to dividend-paying stocks? In this Q&A, Austin Pickle, senior wealth investment solutions analyst with Wells Fargo Investment Institute, provides important information for investors to keep in mind.

1. What are the potential benefits of dividend-paying stocks?

"One of the big benefits is that these stocks may provide a more reliable income stream compared to some other investment options," Pickle says.

Companies tend to issue dividends on a routine basis, such as quarterly or semi-annually, which may create a dependable income stream. Another benefit? The stocks can yield some favorable tax treatment.

"It's going to depend on your tax situation," Pickle says, "but in general, you may have a relatively lower tax rate for dividends compared to income gained by selling investments." As long as the dividend-paying stock meets IRS requirements for a qualified dividend, the dividend is taxed at the lower long-term capital gains tax rate instead of being taxed as regular capital gains income. "So an investor could receive income from a dividend-paying stock without selling the stock and have a lower tax bill compared to that of a nondividend-paying stock, which must be sold to receive income," he says.

2. Who should include dividend-paying stocks in their portfolio?

Many types of investors have the potential to benefit from dividend-paying stocks. "But these stocks may be more valuable for investors who are a bit older — maybe those in retirement or close to retirement who really value a more reliable income stream," Pickle says. "I think they're typically beneficial from a diversification perspective, especially when interest rates are low. Dividend-paying stocks tend to have an inverse relationship with interest rates: When interest rates go down, you may see some of these dividend-

paying stocks perform better."

3. What are the risks associated with dividend-paying stocks?

"Firms can reduce or cancel their dividends especially during times of economic uncertainty and times of crisis," says Pickle. "And there's still the risk that dividends could be cut periodically, even without the trigger of a crisis event. And if tax rates change, it could mean you'd pay more, as well."

Explore your options with professional advisors

Pickle stresses that investors should discuss the pros and cons of dividend-paying stocks with a financial advisor to help make sure they fill a need within an individual investment portfolio and make sense for a specific financial situation.

"You should also talk to your CPA or tax professional to make sure that you understand what the tax consequences are for your particular situation," he advises.

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HARP Museum Kicks Off Youth Lunch & Learn Series

The H.A.R.P. Museum at the Irish Cultural Center of the Mohawk Valley hosts a November to remember, introducing a "Youth Lunch and Learn" series, with free classes for young people in Irish dance, Irish fiddle, tin whistle, bodhran, and a workshop aimed at helping to build a family tree.

The slate of classes and teachers is as follows:

"Introduction to Irish Dance" - This four-hour class will be presented by the Butler-Sheehan Academy of Traditional Irish Dance on Saturday, November 2nd, from 10 AM-2:30 PM, and will teach students about the history and styles of traditional Irish dancing, with demonstrations and performances of many styles of Irish dance. Instructors will also be bringing a representative selection of dresses, dance shoes and wigs. At the conclusion of the class, students will be invited to participate in a dance specifically designed for them.

"Irish Fiddle Class" – Learn the basics of the fiddle, and how to play some simple tunes. Students can bring their own instrument, but additional instruments will be on hand. Mike Hoke is the instructor. Two identical two-hour classes are offered, at 10 AM on Nov. 9th and Nov. 16th. Each class is capped at 10 students.

"Tin Whistle Class: - Students will be taught the basics of reading music and how to play tunes on a tin whistle. Each student receives a tin whistle and an introductory book to bring home. Mike Carroll is the instructor. Two identical two-hour classes are offered, at noon on Nov. 9th and Nov. 30th. Each class is capped at 10 students.

"Bodhran (Irish drum) Class - Students will be taught the basics of how to play the bodhran (Irish drum). Students can bring their own bodhran, but additional bodhrans will also be on hand. Sue Romero is the instructor. This class, taking place at 11 AM on Nov. 30th, is capped at 10 students.

"Family Stories, Genealogy and the History and Art of Storytelling" - Thanksgiving is all about family (and pie), sitting around the table, sharing stories from the "old days" and making new memories. Armed with the information and tools presented at this workshop, the students will come to the Thanksgiving dinner table primed for conversation, with questions for their aunts, uncles, and grandparents as they start to build their own family tree. The class, facilitated by Patty Foley, is at noon on Nov. 16th, and is capped at 20 students.

There is no charge for these classes, which is being offered to children of all ethnicities aged 10-14. As each class has limited seating, advance registration is required, at https://bit.ly/3Ym1kBP. Lunch will also be included for the students. Parents/guardians are welcome to attend any of the events (they won't count against the cap, but will have to pay for their own

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This youth programming series, aimed at introducing young people of our area to the history and culture of Ireland, is funded through the auspices of a Legislative Initiative Program grant, secured by Assemblywoman Marianne Buttenschon, and is being administered out of the New York State Office of Children and Family Services.

Upcoming classes in the series include "Ogham writing" – the ancient alphabet of Ireland; "Make-and-Take: Create a Christmas Angel," a creative "Children Designing for Children" Challenge Workshop, and more. In an effort to make the workshops easily accessible, they will be held on Saturdays and/or school holidays.

The H.A.R.P. Museum at the Irish Cultural Center of the Mohawk Valley, located at 623 Columbia St. in Utica, NY, is a nonprofit organization that promotes understanding of Irish Culture and the legacy of the Irish people who settled in the Mohawk Valley. H.A.R.P stands for "History, Ancestry, Research, and Programs."

GETTING YOUR MARKETING STRATEGY READY FOR 2025: KEY STEPS TO STAY AHEAD

by Lisa Burline Roser CMO & Vice President of Business Development Professional Media Services, Inc. Iroser@promediaonline.com

As we look toward 2025, now is the perfect time to refresh your marketing strategy and position your business for growth in the coming year. With evolving technologies, shifting consumer behavior, and increased competition, having a proactive approach is essential to stay ahead. Here are a few key steps to get your marketing ready for 2025:

1. Embrace Data-Driven Marketing

The future of marketing lies in understanding and using data effectively. Review your current data analytics tools to ensure you're tracking the right metrics—customer behavior, engagement rates, conversion paths, and ROI. Personalization will remain a significant trend in 2025, so use your data to craft highly targeted and personalized campaigns that resonate with specific customer segments.



2. Explore Emerging Technologies

2025 will see even greater integration of AI, machine learning, and automation in marketing. Consider implementing AI-driven chatbots, automated email sequences, and predictive analytics to enhance your customer engagement and streamline operations. Don't overlook the rise of augmented and virtual reality in offering immersive experiences for your customers, especially if your business can benefit from visual demonstrations.

3. Prioritize Video Content

Video continues to dominate in digital marketing. Whether through short-form videos on social platforms like Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, or YouTube, or live streaming events, the demand for video content is here to stay. Plan to expand your video content strategy with product demos, behind-the-scenes insights, customer testimonials, or interactive live events to create a deeper connection with your audience.

4. Focus on Community Engagement

In 2025, building a loyal community will be more important than ever. Customers are increasingly drawn to brands that prioritize authentic relationships and social responsibility. Engage your audience with meaningful content that fosters interaction, supports causes they care about, and makes them feel connected to your brand. User-generated content, interactive polls, and social responsibility campaigns can all help strengthen this bond.

5. Invest in Omnichannel Marketing

2025 will be the year of seamless, omnichannel experiences. Customers expect to interact with your brand across multiple platforms—social media, email, websites, and even brick-and-mortar locations. Ensure your messaging and branding are consistent and cohesive across all channels, and invest in technologies that allow you to integrate these experiences smoothly. This unified approach will provide customers with a more engaging and seamless journey, no matter where they encounter your brand.



6. Prepare for the Cookieless Future

With increasing privacy regulations and the phaseout of thirdparty cookies, marketers must rethink how they gather and use data. Start building a robust first-party data strategy by collecting information directly from your customers through website interactions, email sign-ups, and loyalty programs. By doing so, you'll be able to continue personalizing your marketing efforts while respecting customer privacy.

7. Stay Agile and Ready to Adapt

If the last few years have taught us anything, it's the importance of staying flexible. As 2025 approaches, expect changes in consumer expectations, technology, and the economy. Ensure your marketing strategy includes the ability to quickly pivot, test new approaches, and respond to new opportunities as they arise.

By taking these steps to fine-tune your marketing strategy, you'll be ready to navigate the dynamic landscape of 2025 and set your business up for continued success. Now is the time to embrace new technologies, foster community, and create

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- 11/23 3 p.m. Hope House Meal Preparation
- 11/24 9:30 Sonday Club, Advent/Happening Prep
- 11/24 10:30 a.m. Worship
- 11/24 11:30 a.m. Confections & Connections: Sam Pendergrast's Year at the USA/Mexico Border
- 11/26 11:30 a.m. Adult Study Group

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- 11/28 & 11/29 NHPC Closed for Thanksgiving

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Advent: that period of restful and thoughtful preparations for the Silent Night of Angelic Peace and Joy, right? (You're kidding, aren't you?) If any mindfulness happens in Advent it's because you planned it; you pushed aside intrusions, and you determined to make it happen. Make it happen!

One opportunity is planned for Monday, December 2nd, when a Quiet Day focused on "A Celtic Advent" invites you into a day of prayer and God's close presence in the beauty of holiness at St Margaret's House in New Hartford.

Father John LaVoe will guide the day through three brief times of prayer, plus three reflections on Celtic ways of living, praying, and seeing the world. Private time for individuals to meditate, read, journal, or walk the grounds (some have been known to nap) will recur through the day, and coffee, lunch, refreshments and spiritual direction time will be available.

Gathering time, lunchtime, and departure time will allow for conversations. Minimal registration for the event and food is set at \$25 per person, and scholarships are also available as needed.

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All services 10:30 – 11:30 AM, followed by coffee hour. Newcomers are always welcome.

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The Taize meditative services have returned where all are welcome to join in a restful, reflective time at 7 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month. In November that will be Wednesday the 6th.

A New Members Class for those interested in learning more about joining NHPC will begin on Sunday, November 3, getting underway at 11:30 a.m.

On Saturday, November 9, the NHPC women will present their annual Christmas Star Bazaar from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The event will feature crafts, used

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