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Baked Potato Bar from 11:00 - 1:00 with a variety of toppings. A brownie and drink are included with the purchase of a baked potato.

Annual Holocaust Program

The annual Helen and Leon Sperling Holocaust Program will be held April 23 at the Jewish Community Center, (2310 Oneida St. Utica,) at 7:30 PM. Our guest speaker will be Arielle Beth Klein, a writer and actress as well as the granddaughter of a Holocaust survivor.

She will present a screening of her award winning short film “The Red Shoe”, a drama based on her grandmother’s story. Afterward Arielle will talk about her reasons for making the gripping film and the process she took to complete it.

The award-winning drama had its world premiere at the Oscar-Qualifying FLICKER’S Rhode Island International Film Festival and is currently in the film festival circuit. There is no charge for the program and is suitable for adults and high school students. All are welcome.

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It is a sports themed bar and grill with great cocktails, ice cold beer and delicious food, including wings, Utica greens, steak sandwiches and so much more! It is a popular spot to gather with family and friends, whether it's to watch a big game or just relax and enjoy an evening out.

The kitchen is open every day 11am-10pm, with Friday Fish Fry, Saturday Prime Rib, and a mouthwatering list of specials each day. Make sure to check facebook (or call 315-316-0352) for a listing of daily specials, and also to see who will be playing on Wednesday nights for live music!

Happy Hour specials are every Monday - Saturday from 3-6 and Sundays ALL Day! Well drinks are 2 for \$5 and domestics are 2 for \$6.



February 2025 – New Hartford Police Activity :

903 Incidents / Calls for Police Service
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11th Annual “Best Ball” Golf Scramble with Prizes Saturday, June 14th, 2025

A benefit for the Make-A-Wish foundation in honor of the memory of John D. Lloyd, a sophomore at New Hartford High School when his wish was granted. The Make-A-Wish foundation granted John's wish to meet Buffalo Bills Players CJ Spiller and Fred Jackson in December of 2013. Please help us to help them keep granting wishes.

The Golf tournament will be at Twin Ponds Country Club, New York Mills. June 14th, 2025. T-Off at 9 AM. Ticket Price- includes 18 holes of golf, cart, breakfast, lunch at the turn, and dinner to-go, \$100 dollars each player. There will be no in-person Dinner/Banquet. Call to reserve your spot or make a donation!

For questions or more info contact Kathy Lloyd at 315-723-6545 or Sue Lloyd at 315-723-7865.

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Creating a Personal Sanctuary: Transforming Your Home into a Haven

In a world that moves at an unrelenting pace, home should be more than just a place where we sleep—it should be a sanctuary. A retreat from the chaos, a space that nurtures our well-being, and a reflection of who we are at our core. As the art of slow living gains momentum, more people are seeking ways to transform their homes into places of peace, warmth, and personal expression. The essence of a sanctuary is rooted in intentionality. Every detail—color, texture, scent, and sound—contributes to an atmosphere of comfort and calm. It is not about following trends but rather about curating a space that resonates with your soul.

Creating a sanctuary begins with thoughtful design. This does not mean a costly renovation but rather a careful selection of elements that bring tranquility. Start with color—soft, muted tones such as warm whites, earthy beiges, and soothing greens have a grounding effect. Layer in natural textures like linen, wool, and wood to evoke a sense of warmth and authenticity. Lighting, too, plays a pivotal role. Harsh overhead lights can feel sterile, while layered lighting—soft table lamps, warm candlelight, and gentle sconces—infuse a room with a cozy ambiance. Lighting can transform the mood of a space instantly. Aim for dimmable fixtures and natural light wherever possible to create an adaptable and inviting atmosphere.

At the heart of a sanctuary lies comfort. Plush seating, soft throws, and a bed dressed in luxurious linens invite relaxation. Consider scent as well—essential oils, fresh flowers, and subtly fragrant candles can elevate the sensory experience of your home. Lavender, chamomile, and sandalwood, for example, are known to promote calm and restfulness. Decluttering is another crucial step. A sanctuary should not feel chaotic or overwhelming. This does not mean minimalism in its starkest form, but rather a mindful approach to possessions. Keep only what brings you joy and serves a purpose. Storage solutions such as sleek cabinets or a beautiful armoire will help maintain order while adding to the aesthetic appeal.

A true sanctuary is deeply personal. Fill your space with objects that tell your story—travel mementos, heirlooms, or art that moves you. Books stacked by the bedside, a cherished record collection, or handwritten notes pinned to a board

add soul to a home. Surround yourself with things that bring you comfort and inspiration. Your home should reflect your journey. Nature, too, has a profound effect on well-being. Indoor plants not only purify the air but also bring a sense of vitality and connection to the natural world. Even a simple vase of fresh flowers on the dining table can breathe life into a room.

As the seasons shift, so too can the energy of your home. Cozy textures and warm hues in winter, light linens and fresh scents in summer—these subtle changes keep a space feeling in harmony with nature and with yourself. In the end, creating a personal sanctuary is not about perfection, but about presence. It is about crafting a home that embraces you at the end of a long day, a place where you can exhale deeply and feel utterly at ease. In an often chaotic world, a sanctuary is more than a luxury—it is a necessity.

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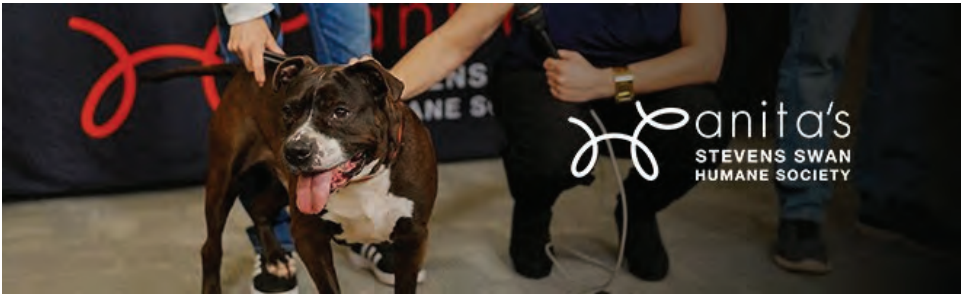
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For over two decades, the Anita’s Stevens Swan Humane Society Telethon has helped us carry out this mission. It has united volunteers, animals, donors, and broadcasters in a shared purpose—highlighting heartwarming stories, live animal spotlights, exciting news, and urgent fundraising efforts. While we may be marking the end of this incredible chapter, this is also an opportunity for you to help us pave the way for our FUTURE.

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Event information can be found at <https://stevens-swan.kindful.com/?campaign=1355964>

45th Annual Sauquoit Valley Fine Arts & Crafts Show Now Accepting Applications

The Sauquoit Valley Fine Arts and Crafts Show is now accepting applications for its 45th annual show that will take place November 22 through November 23, 2025.

This annual event attracts more than 2,000 visitors to the Sauquoit Valley Middle School with approximately 90 vendors filling the school’s classrooms and gymnasium, offering a vibrant marketplace brimming with creativity and unique offerings.

This event is the Sauquoit Valley School District’s largest fundraiser, helping to 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.

If you are a crafter, artisan or vendor who would like to apply to the 45th Annual Sauquoit Valley Fine Arts and Crafts Show, please visit <https://www.svcraftshow.com/application/>.



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New York State approved defensive drivers course for insurance and point reduction program will be provided by AARP on Tues. April 29th

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The Arc, Oneida-Lewis Chapter, is thrilled to introduce the Blue Jean Ball, an exciting new fundraising event happening Friday, May 9th, from 6-9 p.m. at the Yahnundasis Golf and Country Club in New Hartford. No formal attire, no long speeches—just games, raffles, and nonstop fun! Guests will enjoy delicious food stations, drinks, and a chance to win \$25,000—just by attending!

The Blue Jean Ball features live entertainment by Shaun Robison, the Charming Deceptionist, who will dazzle and amaze guests with roaming magic, all while they take in the acoustic sounds of local musician Max Scialdone. The event will offer plenty of prizes, including basket raffles, mystery boxes, and an indoor putting challenge. A dice rolling contest with a grand prize of \$25,000 is open to all who attend. Guests are encouraged to wear their favorite denim—casual dress is welcome.

“This elevated happy hour style event is designed for fun, and we hope guests enjoy the excitement in store,” said Arc CEO Karen Korotzer. What won’t change is that every dollar raised directly contributes to enhancing our programs and services.”

Tickets are \$75 per person and can be purchased online at thearcolc.org. For inquiries about sponsorships, donations, or event details, please contact arcpr@thearcolc.org or call 315-927-0142.



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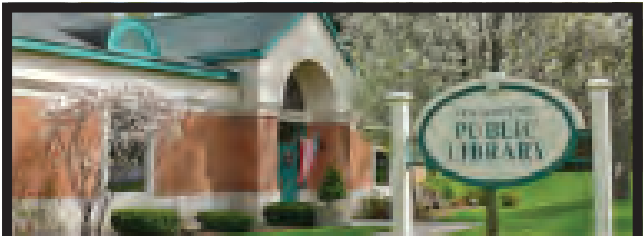
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**NHPL By The Numbers:
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3,061 Children's Books Circulated
4,039 Adult Books Circulated
2,785 ebooks, audiobooks, and magazines checked out on Libby
9,885 total materials circulated
That's like checking out one book every 4.5 minutes for the entire month!

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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
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**NHPL Board of Trustees
2025 Meeting**

All meetings are held at 4:30 in the Sammon Room at the Library on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, unless otherwise designated.
Wednesday, April 16th
Wednesday, May 21st
Wednesday, June 18th
*Wednesday, August 6th 1st Wednesday of the month, no July meeting
Wednesday, September 17th
Wednesday, October 15th
*Wednesday, December 3rd 1st Wednesday of the month, no November meeting.

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

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

We have a volunteer at the Library each Tuesday from 11:00am-2:00pm. Literacy CNY provides trained individuals to assist patrons on a one-on-one basis. They look forward to helping our community. We greatly appreciate this service they are offering our patrons.

American Cross Blood Drive

4/3 12:00-4:00 Walk-ins welcome, register here: <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=NHPLibrary>

AARP Smart Driving Course

4/29 9-3:30 Registration required. Please call Ron Merrit 315-724-0096.

April Pinwheels Campaign

Bring greater awareness to Child Abuse Prevention Month: We provide, plant and remove the pinwheels and sign(s).
In Peace and Partnership, Louis LaBella, Sr. Co-founder and Chairperson of the Peace Together Project, 315.790.7178.

**Learn the Art of Palm Weaving
with Michelle!**

Join us for a hands-on palm weaving class at the library! Choose from two dates:
Monday 4/7 from 6:00pm to 7:45pm or Friday 4/11 from 1:00pm to 3:00pm.
Registration is required, and space is limited to 20 participants per class (teens and adults). Don't miss this chance to create something beautiful!
Call or visit the library to sign up today!

**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

La Banda Rossa Exhibit

An exhibit by La Banda Rossa, also known as the Red Band, will be featured during the month of April at the New Hartford Public Library. The exhibit will be in the display case at the main entrance of the library. The band originated in 1905 and has continued to entertain audiences with a combination of unique and traditional Italian music, along with other popular songs and marches. The band came into existence at the turn of the 20th Century, when many Italians came to the United States and brought many parts of their culture with them. A group of musicians would regularly meet at the Sons of Italy in Utica. When a band was needed to perform at religious feasts and processions to honor their patron saints La Banda Rossa was formed.
As a concert band they perform at church festivals and feasts, special events, and traditional summer concerts in the park, with an emphasis on Italian compositions. As a marching band they perform in Italian street processions, community parades and patriotic events. The group has performed at numerous Italian festivals

across New York state, at the New York State Fair, in Boston's North End and in Toronto. The band has recorded two CDs. Arlene Iagnocco has conducted the band for more than 30 years and is the first woman to have that honor.

Call for Teens!

Egg Fillers Needed
The New Hartford Public Library is looking for teens to help out with prep for our Egg Hunt. Dates and times are flexible. If you are interested in a more hands on/community involvement approach, consider volunteering to help out during the event on April 12th. If either of these opportunities interest you, sign up by speaking to Anne or Cheryl at the library.

**The Great MID YORK Lego
Library Challenge**

Are you a fan of Lego and looking for a way to show off your skills?
The New Hartford Public Library will be taking part in this year's Great MID YORK Lego Challenge.
We will be hosting Drop In build dates: April 11th,12th,18th and 25th.
All entries are due April 30th. Voting to follow.
First place New Hartford winners will advance in competition to compete against other Library winners.
Please contact our library for more information, rules and conditions.

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.

**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 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 April 5th in the Corasanti Room. (Geared for 7-12yrs)

**Egg Hunt at the Library :
April 12th @ 10am**

Hop on over with your baskets and join us for chalk, bubbles and our EGG-citing Egg hunt in the Library Garden! Don't forget to get a picture taken with the Easter Bunny! Fun takes place at 10am. Space is limited. Please call us at 315-733-1535 to register for this event.

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

The April Meeting will be on April 19th from 1-2pm

>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.

>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 on 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/>

Non-Fiction Book Club

We would love to start a non-fiction book club but would like to gauge interest first! We have some suggested books, such as (but not limited to and not definite) The People's History of the United States, Native Son, Black Reconstruction, and How to Hide and Empire. Please call 315-733-1535 and let us know if you would be interested!

Meditation Class

Fridays April 4, 11, 18 and 25 from 10:00am to 10:45am. Ages 18+ Class is limited to 20 people.

If you've ever wondered about meditation and how people can achieve stillness within, now is the time to take this introductory class.

We will learn breathing techniques and other practices to keep us in the present moment. This assists with anxiety, blood pressure and stress.

Class is led by Lauren Violante, CMT, CYT. She is a certified meditation teacher and has taught yoga and breathing techniques since 1995.

No prior experience is required. Yoga mats and chairs are available for use during the class. Registration is suggested. 315-733-1535

Chair Yoga Class

Join us on Monday and Friday mornings from 11:00 to 12:00 for Chair Yoga in the Sammon Room. There is no charge for this class.

Senior Yoga Class

Senior Yoga takes place every Monday at 3:00 in the Sammon Room with Bill Skinner. For those wishing to participate at home, we do offer a Zoom link for this class. Please call 315-733-1535 to get the link. There is no charge for this class.

The After Breast Cancer (ABC) Group

The After Breast Cancer (ABC) Group will meet on Saturday, March 1st at 11:00 in the Sammon Room. They will have speakers from the Oneida County Health Department discussing nutrition during chemotherapy treatments..

Heritage Doll Club

The Heritage Doll Club meets on the third Saturday of the month at the New Hartford Public Library. Meetings are held every month except May, July, August and December, at the library beginning at 10:30 a.m. Interested guests and new members are welcome to attend.

From the Friends of the New Hartford Public Library

Friends of the NHPL Meeting

May 3rd at 10:00am in the Corasanti Room. All are welcome.

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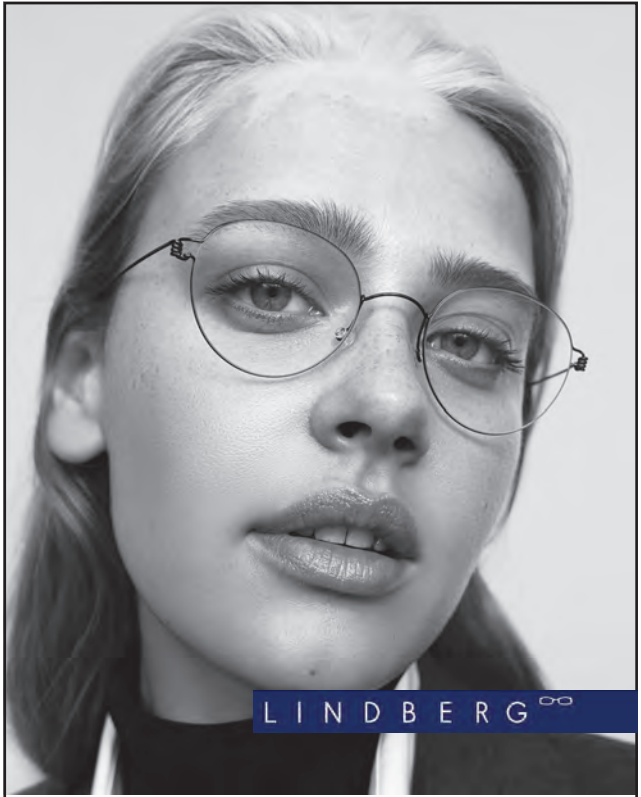
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The new playground and outdoor space at St. John's Nursery School gets rave reviews from students. Completed with NYS grant funding in 2023

“Raise Our Roof” for St. John’s Nursery School

Special things happen in New Hartford for our youngest students at the corner of Oxford Road and Sherman Street.

Adjacent to St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church and just up Sherman Street, you might remember this smaller building on the church campus was once a Catholic Elementary School that taught New Hartford students in grades K-8 from 1954-1986.

Today this building is home to St. John the Evangelist Nursery School, a preschool education center designed to meet the changing education and care needs of New Hartford and surrounding area families and youngest students.

St. John’s Nursery School started soon after the school closed, initially offering limited half-day classes for 3 and 4 year olds. Today’s education program has evolved, continues to grow and is New York State licensed.

Ninety preschoolers joined the fun and learning on campus for the 2024-25 school year, while an additional 15 older Bradley Elementary school students participate in before and after school care programs, designed to help parents better balance work and home life. A brand new Mommy and Me group was formed just this year, to gently introduce the youngest students to a classroom setting, along with their favorite caregiver. In recent years, the Nursery School has expanded its community offerings, by extending the hours classes are offered

during the school week and adding to the summer school break programming to better meet the current needs of students and families.

The preschool education for three and four-year-olds teaches through music, arts, creative and physical activities, as well as other organized student experiences, with a full-time teacher and teacher assistant in each classroom. The atmosphere is comfortable, creative, and non-sexist. Children have the opportunity to increase their physical, intellectual, social, emotional, and spiritual well-being. While the school incorporates a Christian environment, classes are open to families of all races and creeds and the staff is focused on keeping tuition affordable.

“We are a big family!” explains Cristin Heselton, the now full-time Director of St. John the Evangelist Nursery School. “It is a vibrant community that prides itself on providing a loving and enriching learning environment for all of our students.”

Heselton adds, “Our school holds a very special place in my heart. Two of my own children attended years ago, I have taught here for many years, and I’ve had the honor of serving as Director for the past 5 years.” Administrative Assistant Traci Collela taught for 17 years before moving into her current position for the last 5 years. Her two children also graduated from the school, and her daughter returned to St. John’s as a teacher, after earning her degree in Child and Family Studies. Many of the Nursery School teachers have been on staff for many years and can count their own kids among the school’s special alumni.

It’s a happy, busy place. In addition to all that the Nursery School offers the community, the same building is used by the church for its Faith Formation classes, summer camp programs, and the Girl Scouts use the school classrooms as a regular meeting place.

Like many buildings built over 70 years ago, the Nursery School building is starting to show its age. In order to continue to provide the high-quality preschool education and the other family resources our students deserve, the school staff and faculty are finding themselves dealing with more frequent and more costly maintenance issues.

Of utmost concern at all times is the safety and comfort of our young students and their families. In the last few years, the age of the building has brought challenges to the staff as they try to keep the structure functioning,

safe, and warm.

Major projects in the past three years include installing new sinks and toilets in all the school bathrooms. This fall the original 71 year-old boiler had to be replaced with a new efficient heating system. The exterior was upgraded in 2023 with new playground equipment and fenced-in play space funded through a NYS grant.

The biggest need for the school is a new roof. The original roof has been patched more times than it should, and now the roof needs to be replaced. With the Nursery School helping to fund so many recent capital maintenance projects, the expense of the new roof is a huge undertaking.

We have had over thirty years of wonderful families and alumni come to our preschool and religious education classes. Beyond that, so many alumni from the K-8 Catholic elementary school can recall happy school years spent in our building. Many parents and grandparents from the community enter our building and recall fond memories of the time spent here. We would like to be able to continue to welcome new families to do the same.

St. John’s has begun looking for ways to reach a big goal – estimates for our new roof range from \$300,000–\$400,000, and the need is immediate.

The school is asking parents, their extended families, nursery school alumni and St John’s Elementary alumni, and the greater New Hartford community, to consider a gift to support efforts to “raise our roof.” The “Raise Our Roof Campaign” at St. John the Evangelist Nursery School hopes to have the new roof installed by the Spring or Summer of 2025.

Please consider a monetary donation to the campaign, and reach out to those you may know personally or professionally to help in this fundraising effort. Any gift helps protect our future and keeps the doors of this building open, evolving, and serving our community. St. John’s is a nonprofit, tax exempt organization. All donations will receive a receipt for tax purposes. Thank you for helping us “raise our roof” and protect the future of St. John the Evangelist Nursery School.

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Stanley Theatre Series

Charles Albert Schneider, Orchestral Conductor
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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.

As music director of the Utica Symphony Orchestra for more than three decades, along with conducting several operas and even performing at the piano a few times, perhaps none has stepped onto the Stanley Theater stage more often than Maestro Charles A. Schneider. Born in Albert Lea, Minnesota on September 16, 1938, he went to public school there and putting aside his interest and achievements in sports, he began what has become a lifetime devotion to music, studying primarily with renowned conductors, but with no less emphasis on his concert-quality expertise at the piano enhanced at the Julliard School of Music. Schneider studied music extensively and frequently appeared in all sorts of musical presentations--opera, ballet, classical concerts, and Broadway, not the least of which--approved by Leonard Bernstein himself--was to conduct a six-month tour of "West Side Story" starring Anna Maria Alberghetti, Christopher Walken, and Leland Palmer. And it was Bernstein who selected Maestro Schneider to conduct Bernstein's 50th Birthday Production at Lincoln Center. The conductor's list of concert podium stints with an array of all levels of Broadway and classical stars is indeed well beyond inclusion in the limited space herein provided. One of his last podium performances was the everlastingly popular Beethoven's "9th Symphony," a performance of the Clinton Symphony Orchestra, happily in attendance by this writer who proudly developed a personal friendship with the conductor. Maestro Schneider's death on October 9, 2020, is a significant loss to the local community where he made his home with his wife, Rayna, for the past several years.



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April NHFD News

Your New Hartford Volunteer Fire Department responded to 103 alarms during the month of February 2025. The monthly call report is listed below by category.

- Fires = 1
- EMS = 46
- Hazardous = 4
- Service Type = 11
- Good Intent = 14
- False Alarms = 27
- Weather Related = 0
- Other = 0
- Total Calls for the Month of February 2025 = 103.



Of the 103 alarms, 84 were in the town and 15 were in the village with 4 mutual aid alarms. This brings the total number of alarms for 2025 year to date to 201.

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 include 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.

Fire Police Serve a Valuable Function

To the Department and Our Community

Since the 1950's, The New Hartford Volunteer Fire Department is proud to have a contingent of Fire Police members who answer the call of duty when the need arises. These individuals must attend and pass a specialized 21-hour training course. Upon completion, they must meet all the requirements under the New York State General Municipal Law, Section 209 (C) and Article 41 of the New York State CPL, Section 2.1.0 after which they take an oath of office and become sworn officers of the law - known as Peace Officers. As a Peace Officer, they are empowered with full police powers, including that of arrest, if need be, but just as important, these individuals are responsible to protect fellow firefighters and their equipment while protecting the public from the dangers in and around a fire emergency incident scene. These individuals are listed with the Central Registry of Police and Peace Officers at the New York State, Division of Criminal Justice Services, Office of Public Safety, in Albany.

Currently, ten individuals serve as active Fire Police members although additional department members have completed the course but remain as active firefighters. The public will recognize these individuals by their bright "safety" lime yellow outerwear which maybe a jacket, vest, or raincoat, depending upon the time of year and weather conditions. They are issued strobe hand lights and other traffic safety equipment, such as barricades to assist them in carrying out their responsibilities.

- Their duties are as follows:
- To regulate traffic at emergency scenes - The Fire Police detachment manages traffic at emergency scenes to protect firefighters from external dangers.
 - To protect the general public at the scene of a fire - Residents, owners, occupants, relatives, transients, spectators, and even the news media might inadvertently hamper firefighting operations; therefore, Fire Police use tact and courtesy to prevent them from being harmed or obstructing those operations.
 - To keep fire areas clear for firefighting purpose - Fire Police provide room for apparatus, emergency vehicles, service vehicles, and firefighters' personal vehicles, among other things, park, operate, turn around, perform tanker operations, and lay hose lines.
 - To protect the equipment of a fire company - Fire Police keep all non-firefighters away from- and especially off- department vehicles and equipment in order to prevent damage and possible injury.
 - To enforce the laws of New York State relating to firematic activities and firefighting techniques - The reckless disregard for safe driving within an emergency area, driving over fire hoses, disrespect for fire lines, and non-emergency vehicles

intrusions, comprise just the tip of the iceberg of undesirable situations that Fire Police must prevent.

To cooperate with the NHPD - Owing to their common causes of protection, safety, and order, the Fire Police cooperate regularly with the New Hartford Police Department.

To protect the property - at the scene of a fire until the Chief releases the fire police from duty and turns the responsibility over to other police agencies or to the owner.

To carry out the orders of the Chief - The Chief is in command at all fires and emergencies.

Although, Fire Police prevent unauthorized entry into the scene, they remain alert to the fact that bystanders may possess critical information. In addition, they protect the scene's evidence and report unusual events or happenings.

When the public approaches a scene, Fire Police members may ask you to slow down and, in some cases, - move over. This is to protect the emergency personnel and yourself against potential, and sometimes unfortunate, situations.

For the safety of 1st responders, police officers, tow truck operators and all emergency personnel, New York State enacted the New York State- "Move Over" Traffic Law - VTL 1144-a(a). The law requires motorists to move over and change lanes -when it is safe to do so- to give safe clearance to law enforcement officers, firefighters, ambulance operators, utility works, tow truck operators, and sanitation workers to operate during and including an emergency. In some cases, disabled vehicles are included when their flashers are on. Under VTL 1144 a (a), fines can range up to \$150 for the first offense and up to\$ 300 for the second offense within 18 months with 2 points on your license.

Fire Police units exist in fourteen states including Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Maine, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia. In fact, some texts dating back to the 1850's, list Burlington County, New Jersey, as forming the first Fire Police unit.

Thank you for keeping all 1st responders safe!
For additional NHFD news and happenings please visit www.NHFD.com

NHFD Recruit NY Open House

The New Hartford Volunteer Fire Department will host the annual Recruit NY Open House event on Saturday, April 26, 2025, at the station, 4 Oxford Road from 9:00am to Noon. The Open House features educational opportunities in CPR, AED Training and Fire Extinguisher Training, various displays, and station and apparatus tours. This is a great opportunity to see what the New Hartford Fire Department and the fire service has to offer for volunteer opportunities within the village and town of New Hartford. There are all kinds of different opportunities depending on your interests.

The department has training every Tuesday night on all aspects of the fire service. In addition to the training, there is a variety of community events and committees to be a part of throughout the year.

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Dennis Webster

What the History (WTH)! A Return of the Chicken Roost Gang?

With the recent spike in the cost of eggs, and the scarcity of the delectable trays of chicken-deposited, white glistening beauties, one must ask, “could there be a return of the notorious family crime team the Chicken Roost Gang?” Back in the midst of the Great Depression, the availability of food for everyday families was difficult with many staples being far too expensive. It was not far from New Hartford, and in the midst of Otsego and Schoharie

Counties that 1936 was known as the “Year of the Stolen Chicken” as farmers were having their flocks taken in the middle of the night with the only clue the sound of a motorized car and left behind faint tire tracks. In 1936 the cost of gasoline was an expensive ten cents per gallon so that tells you that chickens were indeed expensive, especially live ones that could hatch eggs to be gently plucked from nests at the break of dawn. The thefts of chicken flocks in these two counties piled up with the local constable awarding the thieves the moniker, “The Chicken Roost Gang.” For the entire year chicken flocks were stolen and all hens clucked with fear as their henhouses were no longer safe havens of hatchability. The Chicken Roost Gang pushed their luck as their success had emboldened them to steal from a farmer that was on ready alert. The thieves were finally apprehended when an eagle-eyed farmer held a stakeout with his hens stolen. The police were dispatched and just up the street from the farm, pulled over a getaway car with feathers flying out the

windows. The officers observed a car full of chickens clucking and bounding around the back seat. Apprehended were the family crime team of the father, Marvin Banks, the mother Anna Banks, and their two sons, Charles and Chancy. The farmer was able to identify his stolen chickens from a lineup and made the statement to the press, “I know my hens like I know my wife and children.” Indeed, a farmer knows all intimate details of all animals within the bounds of their livestock territory. The Chicken Roost Gang would appear on trial in the two counties and were found guilty as charged. The poultry crime spree had been caught and cooked as all chickens were deemed safe from the rolling bandits. History has a way of repeating itself so the call must go out to all who keep, raise, and love their hens. Eggs must be under night surveillance by guards on-the-ready and by the most advanced electronic alarm systems as the price of eggs has reached the level per ounce of gold and silver. All chickens must, and shall be, under lawful protection. After all, criminals motivated by the Chicken Roost Gang may use their “eggspiration” to steal all available nest drops. All must be involved to stop this potential surge, otherwise we will see the decimation of available cookies, cakes, and breads, made with eggs.

Dennis Webster is a New Hartford resident, and author of regional books on true crime, ghosts, local history, and asylums.

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A Fitness “Must”

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I remember weight training in high school as a very competitive affair. Although none of us really had any formal instruction, we were competitive athletes, who were most concerned about the weights we lifted and the number of repetitions we could perform with a particular weight. No one informed us that there was a difference between ‘building’ strength and ‘demonstrating’ strength. We fell prey to far too frequent workouts that found us “demonstrating” strength with maximum attempts in nearly every workout. Sloppy form in my teenage years has contributed to five back, three shoulder and several knee surgeries.

Let’s talk about building strength versus demonstrating strength:

Building Strength is a several week, month and year process, where 3-5 and 6-12 repetitions are performed, 2-3 times a week. Although it’s important to take sets to momentary muscular failure, a general rule is to perform three sets per exercise. Any more and you risk

overtraining and an actual loss of muscularity and strength.

Demonstrating Strength is when a one repetition maximum (1RM) is performed to gauge one’s level of strength. One surprising note: the stronger one becomes, the less frequent should they attempt 1RM’s. Several years ago, there was a national deadlift contest. The top three finishers, when asked, “how often do you max out during the year?” Their answer was 2-3 times in the entire year. An example would be a teenager whose 1RM on the Bench Press is 200 pounds and another whose 1RM is 400 pounds. A 200 1RM athlete may get away with maxing out every 2-3 weeks, while the 400 pound athlete can get away with maxing out every couple months. Hypothetically, the 400 pounder exhausts twice as many muscle fibers as the 200 pounder. Competitive high school athletes make the mistake of maxing out too frequently and the difficult lesson of sustaining an overuse injury.

Let’s discuss another essential component in resistance training, Proper Form.

Throwing a weight through a range of motion is not only a waste of time, but incredibly dangerous. Even a light dumbbell “thrown” through a range of motion creates dangerous momentum. That light dumbbell becomes a heavy weapon that can create torn ligaments, tendons and possible stress fractures. Throwing a weight, reduces the muscle contraction required to build muscle.

A general rule is to move a weight from starting position (arms extended) to contraction (arms flexed) in two seconds, followed by a one second pause to reduce momentum, returning the weight to its starting position in four seconds (2:1:4). Where nearly

everyone errors is in the completion of a prescribed number of repetitions, with little attention paid to correct form. Completing one set of 8-12 repetitions until momentary muscular failure, in good form is far superior to multiple sets of repetitions done with poor form.

Momentary Muscular Failure is a term that describes a set of repetitions where one more repetition is impossible to perform, using good form. A professor of mine said “the initial several repetitions serve as a warmup for the final repetition done to momentary muscular failure, where growth is actually stimulated.” Most trainees want no part of the discomfort associated with this type of training. Although lactic acid is uncomfortable, it is essential for the stimulation of muscular growth. Lactic Acid actually clears in a couple hours. The discomfort that persists after that is due to micro damage to muscle fibers and will heal and grow thicker and stronger in a couple days.

Recovery is the key ingredient in all modes of exercise. I raise a lot of eyebrows when I say “exercise does nothing to produce growth, only adequate recovery produces growth.”



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Apr 1, 2025, Tue	6:00 PM	Regular Season	Lacrosse (Girls)	Junior Varsity	New Hartford HS Turf Field	Homer
Apr 2, 2025, Wed	4:00 PM	Scrimmage	Softball (Girls)	Varsity	Accelerate Sports	Marcellus
Apr 8, 2025, Tue	3:30 PM	Regular Season	Tennis (Boys)	Varsity	New Hartford HS Tennis Courts	Camden
Apr 8, 2025, Tue	4:15 PM	Regular Season	Lacrosse (Girls)	Varsity	New Hartford HS Turf Field	Vernon-Verona-Sherrill
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Apr 15, 2025, Tue	4:15 PM	Regular Season	Lacrosse (Boys)	Varsity	New Hartford HS Turf Field	Skaneateles
Apr 15, 2025, Tue	4:30 PM	Regular Season	Baseball (Boys)	Junior Varsity	Joe Corr Field	Cortland
Apr 15, 2025, Tue	6:15 PM	Regular Season	Lacrosse (Boys)	Junior Varsity	New Hartford HS Turf Field	Skaneateles
Apr 16, 2025, Wed	3:30 PM	Regular Season	Golf (Girls)	Varsity	Stonebridge Golf Club	Utica Proctor
Apr 16, 2025, Wed	3:30 PM	Regular Season	Golf (Boys)	Varsity	Skenandoa Golf Course	Camden
Apr 16, 2025, Wed	4:30 PM	Regular Season	Outdoor Track (Boys)	Varsity	New Hartford HS Track	Camden, Vernon-Verona-Sherrill
Apr 16, 2025, Wed	4:30 PM	Regular Season	Outdoor Track (Girls)	Varsity	New Hartford HS Track	Vernon-Verona-Sherrill, Camden
Apr 17, 2025, Thu	3:30 PM	Regular Season	Golf (Girls)	Varsity	Crestwood Golf Club Inc	Whitesboro, Central Valley Academy
Apr 17, 2025, Thu	4:30 PM	Regular Season	Softball (Girls)	Varsity	Accelerate Sports	Camden
Apr 17, 2025, Thu	4:30 PM	Regular Season	Softball (Girls)	Junior Varsity	Sherrill Brook Park	Camden
Apr 17, 2025, Thu	4:30 PM	Regular Season	Baseball (Boys)	Varsity	Joe Corr Field	Camden
Apr 21, 2025, Mon	4:30 PM	Regular Season	Baseball (Boys)	Junior Varsity	Joe Corr Field	Whitesboro
Apr 22, 2025, Tue	4:15 PM	Regular Season	Lacrosse (Boys)	Varsity	New Hartford HS Turf Field	Whitesboro
Apr 22, 2025, Tue	4:30 PM	Regular Season	Baseball (Boys)	Junior Varsity	Joe Corr Field	Oneida
Apr 22, 2025, Tue	6:15 PM	Regular Season	Lacrosse (Boys)	Junior Varsity	New Hartford HS Turf Field	Whitesboro
Apr 24, 2025, Thu	4:15 PM	Regular Season	Lacrosse (Boys)	Varsity	New Hartford HS Turf Field	Vernon-Verona-Sherrill
Apr 26, 2025, Sat	10:00 AM	Regular Season	Lacrosse (Boys)	Junior Varsity	New Hartford HS Turf Field	Christian Brothers Academy, Dewitt
Apr 26, 2025, Sat	12:00 PM	Regular Season	Lacrosse (Boys)	Varsity	New Hartford HS Turf Field	Christian Brothers Academy, Dewitt
Apr 26, 2025, Sat	12:00 PM	Regular Season	Baseball (Boys)	Varsity	Joe Corr Field	Fayetteville-Manlius
Apr 28, 2025, Mon	3:30 PM	Regular Season	Tennis (Boys)	Varsity	TBD	Rome Free Academy
Apr 28, 2025, Mon	3:30 PM	Regular Season	Golf (Boys)	Varsity	Skenandoa Golf Course	Utica Proctor
Apr 28, 2025, Mon	4:30 PM	Regular Season	Baseball (Boys)	Junior Varsity	Joe Corr Field	Holland Patent
Apr 29, 2025, Tue	4:15 PM	Regular Season	Lacrosse (Girls)	Varsity	New Hartford HS Turf Field	Rome Free Academy
Apr 29, 2025, Tue	4:15 PM	Regular Season	Lacrosse (Boys)	7th/8th	Perry JH Football/Lacrosse Field	West Genesee (WG Blue)
Apr 29, 2025, Tue	4:30 PM	Regular Season	Softball (Girls)	Varsity	Accelerate Sports	Central Valley Academy
Apr 29, 2025, Tue	4:30 PM	Regular Season	Softball (Girls)	Junior Varsity	Sherrill Brook Park	Central Valley Academy
Apr 29, 2025, Tue	4:30 PM	Regular Season	Baseball (Boys)	Varsity	Joe Corr Field	Central Valley Academy
Apr 29, 2025, Tue	6:00 PM	Regular Season	Lacrosse (Girls)	Junior Varsity	New Hartford HS Turf Field	Rome Free Academy
Apr 30, 2025, Wed	3:30 PM	Regular Season	Golf (Girls)	Varsity	Stonebridge Golf Club	Holland Patent
Apr 30, 2025, Wed	4:15 PM	Scrimmage	Softball (Girls)	7th/8th	Perry JH Softball Field	Utica Proctor (JFK)





New Hartford Highway News

submitted by Highway Superintendent Richard Sherman

The 2025 Dumpster Season, Drop-Off Collection Schedule is complete. This year's schedule will be mailed to every constituent and home address. It will not be in the April Town Crier, like in the past. Remember our programs this spring are expected to begin April 7th and end September 24th. For pickup items for the Highway Garage, you need to purchase tags for the Highway Crew to pick up those items at your home. Remember if you want items picked up, you must see the Town Clerk and purchase a tag by the last Friday of the month. The cost will remain the same as last year, \$5.00 per item. The Town Clerk's Office is open Mon-Fri 8:00 am - 4:00 pm. Additionally, we will have the dumpster drop off along with the tag pick up for the months of April, May, June, July, August, and September. The regular drop off is still every Monday 6:30 - 2:00. We will have a Saturday drop off On May 10th, as well as PAPER SHREDDING from 8:00 am - noon. This year's curbside trash pickup will be the month of October, the same as last year.

The Highway Department is asking every residence to PLEASE use containers (garbage cans) for the brush (branches) etc. and green waste so that the container can be dumped in the compactor. The larger tree limbs can be 6" in diameter and 6-8' in length. Place the limbs in a neat pile at the edge of the roadway. If you have a tree come down that is larger, call the Highway Department to schedule an appointment and we will stop by with the chipper and chip the larger limbs. The brush trucks have a boom with a grabble on the end of the boom for picking up brush. Please do not put out any rocks, metal, or any kind of objects in the brush and green waste piles or they will not be picked up.

The Storm water projects are moving forward and as soon as the weather permits, the Highway Department will be continuing the two detention ponds behind Roman Rd and Hughes Lane, that we started last year. The town highway department is looking for possibly two more detention ponds on the Mallory Rd. area down to Oneida Street.

Our winter shifts will end on March 28th and the crew will start the day shift on March 31st. The spring cleaning will begin on April 7th with street sweeping and cleaning of the sidewalks. The brush trucks will start along with the green waste trucks on that same date. The highway department will be in full swing of spring-cleaning, weather permitting.

Last month I talked about how the National Water Main Company has the contract and will be working in the Town of New Hartford this spring and summer. This company is checking the infrastructure by using a robot camera to tv and check the sewer mains and manholes. This crew may be on your property following our right of way of the sewer mains and manholes. Some homeowners are denying this crew on their property. Again, we have a right of way for our sewers, making sure they are in the best working order. Some of the manholes are on front lawns and buried under sod. We need to make these manholes visible in case of an emergency. A residence may have issues with the sewer laterals or mains being plugged and we need to get to these as soon as possible, as the cellar may be flooding.

The highway crews are working on the dog park in the Sherrill Brook Town Park to finish improvements this spring.

Finally, please email anytime with questions or issues at rsherman@townofnewhartfordny.gov or my cell at 315-534-2998.



A Heartfelt Thank You to the Residents of New Hartford

submitted by Paul Miscione

To the wonderful residents of New Hartford, I want to extend my deepest gratitude to each and every one of you who took the time to sign my petitions and support my candidacy for re-election as New Hartford Town Supervisor. Your support means the world to me, and I am truly honored to have the opportunity to run for a third term.

Throughout this process, one of the most rewarding experiences has been visiting you at your homes, hearing your thoughts, and discussing the issues that matter most to our community. Your hospitality, kindness, and willingness to share your concerns and ideas reaffirm why I love serving this town. Every conversation has provided valuable insight into the needs of our residents, and I am excited to continue working on the initiatives that will make New Hartford an even better place to live, work, and raise a family.

Looking ahead, my focus remains on strengthening our town's infrastructure, enhancing public services, maintaining fiscal responsibility, and ensuring that New Hartford continues to thrive. With your continued support, we will build on the progress we've made together and tackle new challenges with the same dedication and determination.

The overwhelming response to my petition drive was both humbling and inspiring. It is because of you—that I am able to stand for re-election, and for that, I am sincerely grateful.

Thank you again for your trust, your support, and your belief in our shared vision for the future of New Hartford. I look forward to another term of serving this great community and working together to make our town the best it can be.

With gratitude,
Paul Miscione,
Candidate for New Hartford Town Supervisor



New Hartford's Registrar of Vital Statistics Leads the Way in Streamlining Services

submitted by Cheryl A. Jassak-Huther, RMC, Registered Municipal Clerk, Town Clerk / Tax Collector / Registrar

I would like to thank the Town Supervisor, Paul A. Miscione, for RE appointing me as New Hartford's Registrar of Vital Statistics. I will be making great strides again this year in improving efficiency and accessibility for residents seeking vital records this year. Through a series of innovative changes, the office will enhance its processes, making it easier and faster for people to obtain birth certificates, marriage licenses, death records, and other essential documents.

Over the past year, the office has implemented several key initiatives aimed at reducing wait times, simplifying applications, and embracing modern technology. This initiative has been particularly beneficial for those with busy schedules and individuals who live out of town but require access to New Hartford's records.

Additionally, the office has optimized internal operations by digitizing older records and improving database integration. This effort allows staff to quickly locate and process documents, reducing turnaround times and ensuring greater accuracy. As a result, residents are experiencing faster service without the frustration of lengthy delays.

This year I will be implementing the introduction of an appointment-based system for in-person visits. This new approach ensures that individuals receive dedicated time with staff, minimizing overcrowding and wait times at the office. Walk-in services are still available, but scheduled appointments allow for better organization and improved customer service.

Furthermore, the office has taken proactive steps to educate the public about vital records procedures. Through community outreach efforts, including informational workshops and an updated website with detailed FAQs, residents can now better understand the process and required documentation before applying.

The success of New Hartford's Registrar of Vital Statistics serves as a model for other municipalities looking to modernize their record-keeping services. By prioritizing efficiency, accessibility, and customer satisfaction, the office continues to make meaningful improvements that benefit the entire community.

With these ongoing efforts, New Hartford residents can rest assured that their vital records are in capable hands—handled with accuracy, efficiency, and a commitment to excellence.

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Pictured (l-r) are Syracuse University Men’s Basketball stars J.J. Starling and Donnie Freeman, who will headline the 21st Annual Sitrin Celebrity Classic Wheelchair Basketball Game.

21st Annual Sitrin Celebrity Wheelchair Basketball Game to be Held April 10th

Game on! Local celebrities will take to the court to face-off in wheelchairs against Sitrin’s STARS athletes in the 21st Annual Celebrity Classic Wheelchair Basketball game on Thursday, April 10, 2025, at 6:30 p.m., in the Utica University Clark Athletic Center.

Joining this year’s game are Syracuse University Men’s Basketball stars J.J. Starling, Donnie Freeman and more. Starling led his team in scoring, averaging 17.8 points per game, and has accumulated more than 1,000 career points. He also ranked seventh in scoring in the ACC. Freeman was the second-leading scorer for the Orange, averaging 13.4 points per game.

The team’s roster continues with Senator Joseph Griffo, Assemblywoman Marianne Buttenschon, Assemblyman Brian Miller, Oneida County Executive Anthony Picente, Oneida County Sheriff Robert Maciol, Mayor of Utica Michael Galime, Vice President & General Manager of WKTV News Channel 2 Steve McMurray, and Producer and Co-Ancor of WKTV News Channel 2 Kristen Copeland. Also representing the celebrity roster are radio personalities “Big Poppa” Gary Spears, MIX 102.5, Polly Wog, Big Frog 104, and Bill Keeler, WIBX AM950.

Returning to defend their 20-year winning streak are STARS athletes Hermin Garic, elite road racer and the first Oneida County resident to win the Boilermaker

15K; Jimmy “Jam” Joseph, three-time Paralympian; Tammy Delano, Paralympian; as well as Devon Henry, Jacob Moore, Oniel Nunes, Abigail VanPatten, Bob Prenoveau, and Kian Demkowitch.

“We are grateful to the community, participants, and event sponsors for their continued support of the Celebrity Classic,” said Marc DePerno, vice president of Foundation and Communications and director of the STARS program. “The STARS athletes look forward to showcasing their amazing abilities and taking on the Celebrity Cruisers for what will surely be an exciting game.”

Proceeds from this event will benefit the Sitrin STARS program, which provides opportunities for individuals with physical disabilities to participate in a variety of adaptive sports including wheelchair curling, road racing, target shooting, paddling, biathlon, and archery, in addition to wheelchair basketball. Sitrin STARS athletes have competed on the international and Paralympic level and have represented the United States throughout the world.

Returning as Presenting Sponsor for the ninth consecutive year is FustCharles LLP. Additional sponsors include Meyda Lighting; WKTV News Channel 2; Paradigm Consulting Incorporated; Allied American Abstract Corporation; Events Forum, Inc.; Empire Recycling Fund of The Community Foundation of Herkimer & Oneida Counties; Poncell Construction Company, Inc.; The Hartford; Mohawk Healthcare; The Fountainhead Group; Human Technologies Corporation; Utica University; Baird Private Wealth Management The Earl Savary Group; OneDigital; Ed and Ed Business Technology; CPP Associates, Inc.; DeNicola Photography; Superior Plus Propane; Mastrovito Hyundai; and Anjolen.

Two fans will have a chance to compete against the SU players in a three-point competition during halftime. There will also be a silent auction of sports memorabilia, a 50/50 raffle, and free autographs during the second half of the game.

Tickets, which can be purchased online or at the door, are \$10 for adults 18 years of age and older, and \$5 for students of any age. Children under five years old are free. For ticket information, visit www.sitrin.com/celebrityclassic.

Snacks and refreshments will be available for purchase. Doors open at 6 p.m.

For more information about the Celebrity Classic Wheelchair Basketball Game, or the Sitrin STARS program, contact DePerno at (315) 737-2416 or mdeperno@sitrin.com.

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VILLAGE OF NEW HARTFORD
CURBSIDE JUNK COLLECTION

The following information pertains to **VILLAGE OF NEW HARTFORD** residents only and **does not** include the Town of New Hartford.

For more detailed information refer to your Village Municipal Collection Flyer or call the DPW at 315-724-0379 or the Village Office at 315-732-1147.

The **VILLAGE** of New Hartford will have a curbside junk pick-up on **May 12, 2025**. Materials must be at the curb by **5:00 a.m. on May 12th** and **sorted into separate piles as listed below**:

- 1) **Household Junk**: Lumber bundled, piled parallel with the roadway, roofing and plaster in containers weighing 60 lbs. or less, furniture without fabric, porcelain sinks and toilets, and storm windows;
- 2) **Sanitary Waste**: clothes, bedding, stuffed furniture, hardcover books, empty paint cans with lids removed, and toys;
- 3) **Metal**: major appliances and metal products;
- 4) **Tires**: tires must be off rims and no larger than 16". No large truck or tractor tires.

Please note anything longer than 8' feet will NOT be collected.

Collection limits for categories #1) Household Junk and #2) Sanitary Waste
are each limited to a pile not to exceed 4' wide 8' long and 3' high.

The DPW will NOT accept:

- 1) Recyclable materials, lumber exceeding the limit stated above, and shingles not contained. For construction and demolition projects, please contact the Village DPW or a private waste hauler to make arrangements for a dumpster.
- 2) Propane cylinders, liquids, such as paints, thinners, waste oil, herbicides, and pesticides may be disposed of at the Oneida Herkimer County drop site per their collection schedule. For more information, call 315-733-1224.
- 3) Automotive Batteries - due to employee and environmental hazards, batteries may be returned to a redemption or recycling facility.

Your cooperation with sorting materials and observing these guidelines helps reduce costs and insures the continuation of this program.

VILLAGE OF NEW HARTFORD

WEEKLY GREEN WASTE AND LEAF COLLECTION SERVICE

Leaves, grass clippings, and brush will be collected every Wednesday from May through September. During this time, brush must be bundled, and leaves, grass, and trimmings must be contained in reusable cans.

Compost is available free of charge while supplies last and can be picked up outside the Village hardfill dump located at the end of Graham Ave. Bring a shovel and containers.



VILLAGE OF NEW HARTFORD
2025 Municipal Waste Collection Guidelines

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Curbside junk on 2nd Monday in May & October. See Option #1 below.	Garbage to curb by 7 am	Summer Green Waste to curb by 7 am	Recyclables to curb by 7 am	Garbage to curb by 7 am	Dumpster for junk at DPW Garage on 2nd Saturday each month excluding May and October. See Option #2 below.

Reminder – please do not put garbage/recyclables to the curb before 5 pm the night prior. We appreciate your cooperation!

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April 12th, 26th
May 10th, 24th • June 14th, 28th
July 12th, 26th • Aug 9th, 23rd
Sept 13th, 27th • Oct 11th, 25th
Nov 8th, 22nd • Dec 6th, 20th

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
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2025 GALA MAIN BENEFICIARY

GIOVANNA DEFAZIO

Please join us Saturday, April 12th at the 2025 East Utica Classic Gala. Let's come together as a community to show Giovanna DeFazio that she's not alone and that the pride of the community is with her!

Things changed abruptly 4 years ago when a series of medical events occurred out of thin air, Giovanna was at work, over worked and under slept, doing a second 12-hour shift in the peak of COVID. Giovanna walked out of a hospital room, and security cam footage showed that she just randomly collapsed. Her head smashed on the hard tile floor, and she immediately began to seize. Her coworkers found her blue and twitching. If this happened anywhere other than inside a hospital, we may have lost her then. A myriad of symptoms have come and gone over the 4 years. At times, Gia was healthy enough to get back to work even though she had lost her permission to drive at 23 years old. The symptoms were confounding and did not necessarily seem entirely related, or logical to any medical professional. She began to experience random paralysis and excruciating debilitating pain. She was forced to step away from work to focus on her own health. When Gia began losing feeling in her hands, feet and face accompanied by extreme nausea, we knew we had no choice but to take action. A top local specialist who was based out of Syracuse/Crouse, recommended she, "Get out of the northeast and leave as soon as possible. There is no expert in the Northeast that can solve this. Gia went through the arduous process of obtaining every single medical record, note, and scan that had ever been done. She sent them with a detailed application, video included, to the Mayo Clinic

in Rochester, Minnesota. The Mayo Clinic decided to interview Gia and as a result invited her to come to Minnesota for testing. They performed a full neurological evaluation in October 2024. The Mayo Clinic, our countries' top medical institute, was unable to diagnose her. After years of searching for answers, Gia was diagnosed with a rare autoimmune disease called Primary Biliary Cholangitis.

Gia needs a Hepatologist, the only specialists that have any knowledge about this disease, but there are no local options. Next month, Gia is returning to Rochester, Minnesota and the Mayo Clinic for further treatment. We know Gia's liver has 2 tumors and 1 cyst. She will be put on the transplant list immediately.

The proceeds from the Gala will be used to help with the costs of treatment and transportation to and from Minnesota.

For more information and to purchase tickets, please visit euclassic.com.

New Hartford Central School District Kindergarten Registration for the 2025-2026 school year

The New Hartford Central School District is still accepting kindergarten registration packets for the 2025-2026 school year.

*** To be eligible for kindergarten, a child must be 5 years old on or before December 1, 2025.

Registration packets may be obtained:

- o At any of the elementary school buildings; **or**
- o Via the Office of Student Services (315-624-1231); **or**
- o By scanning the QR code below, **or** visiting:
www.newhartschools.org/our-district/student-registration

Once the registration packet has been completed, please follow the instructions on page 1 of the packet for submission.

Parents/guardians are encouraged to complete and submit the New Hartford Registration Packet no later than **May 1, 2025**.

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Student Services at 315-624-1231 or email jgifford@nhart.org or mschultheis@nhart.org

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The move to the new, more spacious location on Seneca Turnpike in New Hartford allows Fresco Fish to continue providing top-tier seafood while enhancing the customer experience. The grand opening ribbon cutting was celebrated on March 3, 2025, in conjunction with the Greater Utica and New Hartford Chamber of Commerce's, marking an exciting milestone for the business.

With a commitment to freshness, quality, and exceptional service, Fresco Fish remains a go-to destination for seafood lovers in the area. Stop by their new location and experience the best in fresh seafood!

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- Intermediate/Advanced (all welcome) \$6

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- Intermediate (all welcome) \$5
- Thursday Afternoons 2:30 – 4:30 p.m.
- Intermediate (all welcome) \$5
- Friday Afternoons 2:30 – 4:30 p.m.
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Cult Filmmaker John Waters Brings ‘The Naked Truth’ to Munson on April 10

Tickets are going fast for “John Waters: The Naked Truth,” coming to Munson’s Root Court on Thursday, April 10, at 7:30 p.m. This exclusive upstate New York performance features the legendary filmmaker, author, and counterculture icon in an all-new, fast-moving, part-confessional, part-inquisitional spoken-word show.

Tickets for the performance are \$55 for the general public and \$44 for members. Waters will also host a sold-out post-show intimate Group Therapy discussion during which he will answer burning questions. Autographed copies of Waters’ book, Liarmouth, will be available for purchase from the Museum Shop.

“We’re thrilled to welcome the legendary and provocative filmmaker John Waters this spring,” said Bob Mortis, Munson’s Director of Performing Arts. “His unique voice and fearless approach to storytelling have inspired and challenged audiences

for decades. Bringing him to our stage reflects our commitment to delivering diverse and compelling programming that pushes boundaries and sparks personal and cultural transformations.”

During his show, Waters will share stories from his life in the arts and salute the new gender-guerilla generation of today for doing the impossible – actually making him nervous. Together, he demands, we must form a new rainbow of rancid colors and seize back the sexual revolution from the self-righteousness of the left and the intolerance of the right.

Expect Waters’ signature wit—raw, irreverent, and unapologetically outrageous. This event contains mature content and is recommended for adult audiences only.

Waters is known for his cult epics, including “Pink Flamingos,” “Polyester,” “Serial Mom,” “Pecker,” “Cecil B. Demented,” and “A Dirty Shame.” Two of his more surprisingly commercial films have been adapted for the stage: “Hairspray,” winner of eight Tony Awards and “Cry Baby – The Musical,” nominated for four.

Funding for Waters’ appearance is provided by Deborah and Michael Zahn.

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H.A.R.P. MUSEUM

at the Irish cultural center

The H.A.R.P. Museum at the Irish Cultural Center of the Mohawk Valley 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."

Bigi linn!

Please join us at the Irish Cultural Center of the Mohawk Valley on Thursday April 10 at 6:00 PM to learn the fun, decorative craft of quilling.

Not to be confused with quilting, quilling is a paper art that involves using strips of paper that are rolled, looped, curled, shaped and glued together to form decorative designs. Quilling dates as far back as the 15th century...if not further back. It is believed that it takes its name from paper being rolled on goose quills. Quilling, paper rolling, paper scrolling, filigree, and mosaic are all names given to this art during its long history.

Our instructor is Sandie Craven-Griffiths. who has been quilling for over 30 years, having taken up the hobby as a police officer in England. Sandie is the owner of Cats in the Attic Cards where she custom makes cards, gift boxes, and other items using her quilled creations.

The cost of this workshop is \$20 which includes Sandie's expert instruction, tools, and materials to create your masterpieces as well as snacks and beverages. Please reserve your spot by registering at this link <https://bit.ly/3QRmMKd> 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.



Pat Kane

An Irish Ceili Dance

The Irish Cultural Center of the Mohawk Valley is pleased to announce that we will be hosting our first, of what we hope to be many, Irish Ceili dance on Sat April 12 at 7 PM.

Don't know what a Ceili Dance is? Picture contra-dancing or American square dancing to jigs, reels, and waltzes of old Ireland. Don't know the steps, we've got you covered there too. If dancing is not your thing you can still come along and enjoy the music.

Well known southern-tier New York musician and square dance caller Pat Kane and friends will be on hand to teach the basics and provide the music that will make for a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

Pat is a seasoned showman, being a singer, dancer, actor, and instrumentalist since childhood. On his farm in the hill country of the Canisteo River, he was raised

in the traditions of the Grange and of his Irish family. Pat's cousins still run the family farm in West Clare, Ireland, which Pat visits often. Hence, the name of his company, West o'Clare.

There is a small charge of \$10 to attend this event. Please visit our Events Calendar at <https://www.iccmv.org/> to register for this event or call and leave a message at 315-733-4228 Ext 6.

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M. Henry, portraying Captain Kelsey

Youth Lunch & Learn - Captain Kelsey & Irish Dancing

The H.A.R.P. Museum at the Irish Cultural Center of the Mohawk Valley will host two Lunch & Learn sessions for area youth on Saturday April 24, 2025.

Our morning session will start at 10:30 AM with an interactive one-person act between Erie Canal boat pilot Captain Kelsey and the audience. The good captain will be recruiting mule drivers, also known as hoggees, to help guide the mules along the Erie Canal Towpath. Captain Kelsey will regale us with tales of adventure or misadventure of times on the grand Erie Canal. This is a show that will be a hit with both adults and children.

Our afternoon session "Introduction to Irish Dance" will be presented by the Butler-Sheehan Academy of Traditional Irish Dance from 12:30 - 2:00 PM, and will teach students about the history and styles of traditional Irish dancing, with demonstrations and performances of many styles of Irish dance. At the conclusion of the class, students will be invited to participate in a dance specifically designed for them. Our instructor is Pattie Sheehan-Malinowski.

There is no charge for these classes, which is being offered to children of all ethnicities aged 8-14. As each class has limited seating, advance registration is required using this link <https://bit.ly/4ilyNng>. Lunch will be included for the students for both sessions at noon. 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 lunch).

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.

Sraith Scannán Eireannach Irish Film Series "Song of the Sea"

The Irish Cultural Center of the Mohawk Valley continues its Spring Irish Film series on Thursday April 24 at 7pm with our second film offering Song of the Sea.

Song of the Sea follows the story of a 10-year-old Irish boy named Ben (David Rawle) who discovers that his mute sister Saoirse—whom he blames for the apparent death of his mother—is a selkie, who has to free faerie creatures from the Celtic goddess Macha.

Our films will be shown in the H.A.R.P. Museum on the second floor of the Irish Cultural Center of the

Mohawk Valley, 623 Columbia St, Utica. Our films are free to attend but we ask that you register by visiting our Events Calendar at <https://www.iccmv.org/> or call and leave a message at 315-733-4228 Ext 6. The venue is wheelchair accessible.

This film series was made possible through a grant secured by Assemblywoman Marianne Buttenschon (D-119, Marcy). This grant, funded by the Legislation Initiative Program and administered out of the state's Office of Child and Family Services, to provide educational and recreational programs and events for youth and adults in the community. The Legislative Initiative Program is funded by the New York State Legislature to support the efforts of the activities of eligible non-profit organizations.



Brien Bouyea

H.A.R.P. Museum John Morrissey Exhibit and Lunch & Learn Lecture

The H.A.R.P. Museum at the Irish Cultural Center of the Mohawk Valley is proud to announce a special April exhibit on the life of John Morrissey.

HOW can you say you're Irish, and from Central New York, if you don't know who John Morrissey is?

Should you find yourself in that unfortunate position, however, fear not! A short trip to the Irish Cultural Center during April to view The Extraordinary John Morrissey Exhibit will complete your education – and you will likely find yourself telling everyone you meet about this amazing Irishman, who did so much but died so young! Morrissey left school at the age of 10 to help support his family in Troy, NY. From his modest beginnings as a bare-knuckle boxer, barroom bouncer and deckhand on a Hudson River steamboat, he rose up and founded Saratoga Race Track, and served in the US Congress and NYS Senate!

Brien Bouyea, the Hall of Fame and Communications Director of the National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame, in Saratoga Springs, and author of the book, "Bare Knuckles & Saratoga Racing: The Remarkable Life of John Morrissey" will be the featured speaker of our Lunch & Learn program on April 16th, beginning at 11:00 a.m.

He will discuss Morrissey's life and accomplishments, followed by a Q & A period and book signing. Lunch will be provided afterwards by Five Points Public House. A \$20 registration fee will cover the program and lunch; meal tax and gratuity are included. Please register at this link, <https://bit.ly/3F7tSYG>, or leave a message at 315-733-4228 Ext 6.

Don't miss this remarkable exhibit, only during the month of April! The exhibit and presentation take place 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 view the exhibit and attend this program. The museum is wheelchair accessible.

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Please join us at the Irish Cultural Center of the Mohawk Valley on Wednesday April 30 at 7:00 PM where we will teach you how to create your own fascinator.

While we're thinking about Saratoga and racing – the Kentucky Derby is coming up on May 3rd, followed by the Belmont Stakes, back at Saratoga on June 7th.

To get into the spirit of the racing world, why not join us to Create Your Own Fascinator – those universally-flattering little hats that perch on the side of the head.

Bring your creativity and have a fun evening, April 30th at 7 pm. Materials will be provided for 3 color palettes: pink/purple, yellow/navy/emerald, and mocha/pale pink/tangerine (trending colors for Spring '25!). If you want to bring your own materials / colors, please contact our instructor Patty Foley (patty.foley@iccmv.org) for a materials list.

This workshop is free to attend but we do ask that a small donation be made to help offset costs of materials, snacks, and refreshments. Please visit our Events Calendar at <https://www.iccmv.org/> to register for this event or call and leave a message at 315-733-4228 Ext 6.

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PO Box 238, New Hartford, NY 13413. All donations are tax deductible. Your support is appreciated.

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 vfariello@gmail.com. Any photos submitted will be returned upon request.

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Do I need a water mitigation company and what does a water mitigation company do?

The purpose of a professional water mitigation company is pick up the phone when a clients emergency arises! Respond to the incident, evaluate and get the situation under to prevent further damage and discuss a plan with the homeowner moving forward. Disaster Services will determine the extent of water travel, evaluate and remove, if necessary, any affected structural materials, like drywall and flooring. If left unaddressed, wet flooring and drywall can rapidly lead to major problems,

like structural weakening and mold growth. We will also determine the proper type and amount of drying equipment necessary to dry the structure back to a pre loss condition. Disaster Services will make sure you get the help you need when you need it most. Customers should get clear answers to their questions about services and procedures. ... Trusted companies will provide detailed information about the services they provide and how they are performed.

CHOOSING THE RIGHT COMPANY:

- Choose a Water Damage Restoration Company That Can Do The Following:
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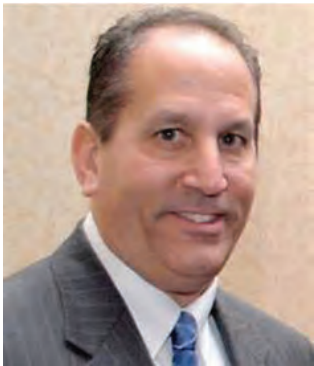
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by Raymond J. Durso, Jr., President/CEO The Genesis Group
Chairman, Chamber Alliance Mohawk Valley

Region Needs to Keep Moving Forward

Indian author Shiv Khera once said that “positive action combined with positive thinking results in success.” Over time, our community has changed its thinking which has yielded more positive results. The Mohawk Valley is moving forward because those in government, economic development, business, academia and community leaders – are all working together with the same goal. Public and private investments are continuing to fuel the local economy and the entire region is benefiting from it.

Our population is diverse. We are known for great food, rich neighborhoods, history and tradition. I often hear people say our quality of life is a huge factor as to why they live here. We are a giving and caring community...let’s not forget that!

The Mohawk Valley region is home to several billion dollar industries. Some of them include: Education, Healthcare, Banking and Finance, Tourism & the Arts, Agri -Business, Insurance, Manufacturing – including several Distribution Centers. These industries employ thousands of workers and also contribute to the local economy.

The region offers a plethora of events and activities throughout the year. The Boilermaker Road Race is the region’s signature event! It attracts people from around the world. We’re also fortunate to have Turning Stone Casino Resort – and its many events and luxuries, Utica University’s Nexus Center, and places like Cooperstown, Old Forge, Rome, Utica and Herkimer County (and many other venues), that all contribute to positively impacting the region. There’s something here for everybody!

I believe it’s important to be transparent. The Mohawk Valley does have its challenges – all communities do. But, just like I said (above) everyone works together to make good things happen – we should work together to get past any crisis or distractions.

Now that Spring has arrived, it’s a time for new opportunities and a new way of thinking. Our region has much to offer for those who live here as well as visitors. We invite you to get involved to help make a difference.

The Genesis Group is celebrating its 25th year of service to the community. Genesis is a nonprofit and regional organization that promotes the Mohawk Valley. We will continue to unite business and community leaders to advance economic, social and cultural interests. We will continue to foster unity and cooperation.

The Genesis Group is your source for news and information, views and opinions, projects and events. We will remain focused on the community’s agenda! Along with our partners, sponsors and volunteers, we will take positive action, achieve results and help the region to keep moving forward!



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Manchester, Vermont



Thursday, June 12, 2025

7:00am Depart Utica – DOT Commuter Park & Ride, 10 Harbor Lock Rd. West
7:30am Depart Herkimer – Walmart, 103 N. Caroline St. – park on the end, opposite Applebee’s

- **A short break stop en route**

10:30am **Hildene, the Lincoln Family Home**
Start at the Welcome Center, a restored turn of the century carriage barn, and experience the Lincoln family legacy through its history as the home of Robert Todd Lincoln, the son of President Abraham Lincoln. Take a self-guided tour of the Home and Carriage Barn, the Formal Garden, Cutting and Kitchen Gardens, a restored 1903 Pullman Parlor Sunbeam railcar, the Goat Dairy and Cheesemaking facility. Docents are available in the Home and at the Pullman railcar to offer background and answer questions. The beautiful Georgian Revival mansion was built in 1905 and occupied only by Lincoln descendants until 1975. The formal garden has more than 1000 fragrant peony blossoms, dating back over 100 years.

12:30pm **Lunch** – A private group luncheon is included: Vegetarian Quiche or Frittata, homemade soup, mixed greens with Maple Balsamic Vinaigrette, cookies and brownies, lemonade and iced tea. ***NOTE:** gratuity is up to the individuals. There is time to visit the Gift Shop before departing.

2:00pm Depart
2:15pm **Manchester** – Explore downtown on your own. Maps will be provided to highlight many shops, cafes, bakeries and restaurants. In addition to some familiar names like Orvis, Brooks Brothers and Talbots, you may want to visit local shops and galleries like Mother Myrick’s Confectionery, Northshire Bookstore, The Mountain Goat, Marketplace on Main Street, and more. Be sure to grab dinner or something for the ride home.

4:30pm Depart for home – **a short break stop en route**
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Christopher J. Carbone

The Risks of Trying to Time The Markets

Timing is everything – whether it’s navigating traffic to get to work on time or getting a table at a popular restaurant. If you miss the window, you might end up stuck in traffic or waiting in line longer than you’d like for dinner. Timing can be tricky for everyday activities, and it’s even more challenging when it comes to the markets. If your timing is off with the markets, research shows it could cost you. It’s a significant risk.

Making the Right Call

For some investors, timing the market is like calling the right play in football: if you do it right, the risk could be worth the reward. However, if your timing is off, you could end up getting sacked. Missing even a handful of the market’s best days can dramatically cut your investment returns. Conversely, missing several of the worst days in the markets can potentially offer higher returns, but the strategy behind trying to miss the bottom of trading can be challenging.

Historically, missing just 10 of the best days in the markets, a very small amount over a 30-year period, would have dropped your annual average rate of return from 8% to 5.26%. Missing 30 days and the drop would have been even more steep to near 1.8%. If you missed 40 days, the drop would have been even more to .44%. Change that to a 50 day miss and your annual return would have hit a negative, -.86% annually. ¹

In The News

Markets fluctuate greatly and interest rates rise and fall, but outside factors like politics and international trade can also affect investment returns monthly, weekly, even daily. Predicting change is really just guessing. Diversification in investments can be a better overall strategy, limiting exposure and risk by building your portfolio to address your short-term and long-term goals. As life changes with marriage or divorce, a new baby, a new job or even retirement, it’s important to review your financial goals.

The Bottom Line

I believe the best strategy to help manage your risk is to avoid trying to time the markets and remain fully invested throughout a complete market cycle, rather than attempting to time the market by buying and

selling to avoid volatility or capture significant gains. It’s also a strong recommendation to consider rebalancing your portfolio, buying asset classes that have fallen below a portfolio’s long-term allocations and selling those that are higher, while staying fully invested. Regular rebalancing can lead to more consistent returns and again manage your risks, something we always want to do. The markets are never a completely smooth ride, but some simple strategies can help reduce losses and help you maintain performance in the long-term.

1 - Source Bloomberg and Wells Fargo Investment Institute data, February 1994 through January 2024 for the S&P 500 Index. Best days are calculated using daily returns. An index is unmanaged and not available for direct investment. A price index is not a total return index and does not include the reinvestment of dividends. Past performance is not guarantee of future results.

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Empowered Pathways is pleased to present Come to the Table (CTTT), a unique fundraising experience and auction, on Friday, May 16th, 5:30 pm to 9:00 pm, at Hart’s Hill Inn. The event includes food stations by Harts Hill Inn and desserts and hors-d’oeuvres by Patrick O’Conner’s Feast & Festivities. Susan Nackley Mojave is the event Emcee and Co-Auctioneer. Ronnie Leigh, Syracuse’s Jazz in the City co-founder and artistic director, will be providing musical entertainment for the evening. CTTT features beautiful, one-of-a-kind tablescapes created by talented local designers, a themed basket drawing, silent auction items, a cocktail hour, and food stations by Hart’s Hill. The evening culminates with a live auction, where bidders compete to take home the best table design of the night. “This event gets bigger and better every year.” said Stephanie Eghigian, Empowered Pathways Executive Director, “The designers always outdo themselves, turning their tablescapes into stunning works of art. It’s a very lively event that’s both unique and visually beautiful.” Proceeds from the event will support Empowered Pathway’s conflict resolution services, job readiness training, youth services, and support services for women and families. All funds raised are invested locally, making a difference and saving taxpayer dollars where our supporters live and work. For more information, please visit <https://ComeToTheTable2025.eventbrite.com> or call 315-724-1718 ext. 201.

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Half Moon Orchestra Presents:
"Buy the Vote" Fundraiser –
A Not-So-Fair Election for a
Great Cause!

The Half Moon Orchestra, a beloved community-based nonprofit dedicated to bringing live orchestral music to all, is thrilled to announce its upcoming fundraiser, the "Buy the Vote" event. This one-of-a-kind, high-energy evening, promises a mix of music, competition, and fun—all in support of an incredible cause.

The Competition: Who Will Be the Best Guest Conductor?

At "Buy the Vote," local guest conductors from across the community will take the stage to lead the orchestra, each vying for the coveted title of "Best Conductor". But in this election, skill behind the baton isn't what determines the winner—it's all about fundraising! Supporters can purchase votes to boost their favorite conductor's chances of winning, making this a contest where money talks!

A Not-So-Fair Election? You Bet!

In this musical battle, fairness takes a backseat to fundraising. Conductors can start the game with votes they've already purchased in advance, meaning some may step onto the podium with a major head start! And for those looking to shake up the competition, there's even an option to sabotage—\$5 will take a vote away from another conductor! It's all in good fun and for a fantastic cause.

Why Does Half Moon Orchestra Need Your Support?

Half Moon Orchestra, conducted by Mike DiMeo, is dedicated to making live orchestral music accessible to everyone in the community, offering inclusive accommodations and family-friendly performances. This fundraiser is particularly focused on raising \$10,000 for much-needed percussion, lighting and sound equipment, ensuring the orchestra can continue to provide high-quality performances without the burden of renting instruments. Every dollar raised helps Half Moon Orchestra sustain its mission of



musical inclusivity and excellence.

How Can You Participate?

Join us on May 3, 2025, at 6:00 PM at the Five Points Irish Center for an unforgettable evening of music and fun. Your \$100 ticket grants you entry to the event, a delicious dinner, and the chance to witness this hilarious and lively competition unfold. Once the conducting begins, it's time to cast your votes—\$10 per vote to support your favorite, or \$5 to sabotage a competitor!

We are also hoping to obtain yearly sponsors as part of this event. For a \$500 donation, businesses can become an official Half Moon sponsor for a period of 1 year. Sponsors will appear as a sponsor on the website, concert programs, and promotional materials. Sponsors also will receive two free tickets for every performance during the year.

Get Involved and Make a Difference

Whether you're a music lover, a supporter of the arts, or just looking for a night of entertainment with a side of good-hearted mischief, the "Buy the Vote" fundraiser is the perfect event. Not only will you enjoy a night of laughter and great music, but you'll also be making a meaningful impact on your local community orchestra.

Secure your ticket, rally your friends, and get ready to vote (or un-vote!) your way to an unforgettable evening. Let the conducting chaos begin! For ticket and sponsorship info please visit our website www.halfmoonorchestra.com

History of April Fools' Day

April Fools' Day spread throughout Britain during the 18th century. In Scotland, the tradition became a two-day event, starting with "hunting the gowk," in which people were sent on phony errands (gowk is a word for cuckoo bird, a symbol for fool) and followed by Tailie Day, which involved pranks played on people's derrieres, such as pinning fake tails or "kick me" signs on them.

Origins of April Fools' Day

Some historians speculate that April Fools' Day dates back to 1582, when France switched from the Julian calendar to the Gregorian calendar, as called for by the Council of Trent in 1563. In the Julian Calendar, as in the Hindu calendar, the new year began with the spring equinox around April 1.

People who were slow to get the news or failed to recognize that the start of the new year had moved to January 1 and continued to celebrate it during the last week of March through April 1 became the butt of jokes and hoaxes and were called "April fools." These pranks included having paper fish placed on their backs and being referred to as "poisson d'avril" (April fish), said to symbolize a young, easily caught fish and a gullible person.

April Fools' Day Pranks

In modern times, people have gone to great lengths to create elaborate April Fools' Day hoaxes. Newspapers, radio and TV stations and websites have participated in the April 1 tradition of reporting outrageous fictional claims that have fooled their audiences.

In 1957, the BBC reported that Swiss farmers were experiencing a record spaghetti crop and showed footage of people harvesting noodles from trees. In 1985, Sports Illustrated writer George Plimpton tricked many readers when he ran a made-up article about a rookie pitcher named Sidd Finch who could throw a fastball over 168 miles per hour.

In 1992, National Public Radio ran a spot with former President Richard Nixon saying he was running for president again... only it was an actor, not Nixon, and the segment was all an April Fools' Day prank that caught the country by surprise.

In 1996, Taco Bell, the fast-food restaurant chain, duped people when it announced it had agreed to purchase Philadelphia's Liberty Bell and intended to rename it the Taco Liberty Bell. In 1998, after Burger King advertised a "Left-Handed Whopper," scores of clueless customers requested the fake sandwich. Google notoriously hosts an annual April Fools' Day prank that has included everything from "telepathic search" to the ability to play Pac Man on Google Maps.

For the average trickster, there is always the classic April Fools' Day prank of covering the toilet with plastic wrap or swapping the contents of sugar and salt containers.

<https://www.history.com/articles/april-fools-day>

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The choir rehearses Sunday mornings at 9:10 and in addition
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Spring Choir Cantata to be presented on Palm Sunday.
A fellowship/coffee hour for everyone follows the Sunday
worship service.
The quiet, meditative Taize service held the first Wednesday
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Self-guided Stations of the Cross will be offered during Holy
Week, Monday through Friday, 4/14 through 4/18, from

8:30 a.m. through 3 p.m. each day, extending to 6 p.m. on
Wednesday the 16th.
A Maundy Thursday fish dinner sponsored by New Hartford
Presbyterian Women will be held at 6 p.m. on Thursday,
April 17, followed by a Tenebrae service at 7 p.m.
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til noon; during business hours 8:30 a.m. through 3 p.m. on
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4/1 — 11:30 a.m. Adult Study Group
4/2 — 10 a.m. Sew ’in Sews
4/2 — 7 p.m. Taize Service
4/2 — 7 p.m. PEO Mtg (conference room)
4/3 — 7 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
4/6 — 9 a.m. Child Care and Activities
4/6 — 9:30-10:15, 11:45-1 p.m., Directory Photo Sessions
4/6 — 9:30 Soday Club, Adult Study Group
4/6 — 10 a.m. Worship, Minute for Mission w/Cindy Moles-
ki, Seeds of Hope
4/6 — 6-7:30 p.m. Confirmation Class
4/8 — 11:30 a.m. Adult Study Group
4/8 — 7 p.m. Session Mtg
4/9 — 10 a.m. Sew ’n Sews
4/9 — 6 p.m. 4-H
4/10 — 7 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
4/12 — 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
4/13 — 9 a.m. Child Care and Activities
4/13 — 9:30-10:15, 11:45-1 p.m. Directory Photo Sessions
4/13 — 9:30 Soday Club
4/13 — Palm Sunday Worship, Choir Cantata
4/13 — 6-7:30 p.m. Confirmation Class
4/14 — 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Self-Guided Stations of the Cross
4/14 — 6:30 p.m. NHP Women’s Mtg
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4/16 — 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Self-Guided Stations of the Cross
4/16 — 10 a.m. Sew ’n Sews
4/17 — 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Self-Guided Stations of the Cross
4/17 — 6 p.m. Fish Dinner sponsored by NHP Women
4/17 — 7 p.m. Tenebrae Service
4/18 — Good Friday, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Self-Guided Stations
of the Cross
4/20 — 9 a.m. Child Care and Activities
4/20 — 9:30-10:15, 11:45-1 p.m. Directory Photo Sessions
4/20 — 10:30 a.m. Easter Worship
4/20 — 11:30 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt
4/23 — 10 a.m. Sew ’n Sews
4/26 — 3 p.m. Hope House Meal Preparation
4/27 — 9 a.m. Child Care and Activities
4/27 — 10:30 a.m. Worship
4/27 — 11:30 a.m. Rummage Sale Setup Begins
4/28 — 8:30 a.m.- 3 p.m. Rummage Sale Setup
4/29 — 8:30 a.m.- 3 p.m. Rummage Sale Setup
4/30 — 8:30 a.m.-Noon Rummage Sale Setup
4/30 — 10 a.m. Sew ’n Sews (conference room)
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www.zionlutheranNy.org
Facebook: Zion Lutheran Church, New Hartford, NY

ST. MARGARET’S ECUMENICAL & RETREAT CTR
47 Jordan Road, New HartfordPlease call (315) 724-2324 or
email info@stmargaretshouseny.org to learn more about any
of our events and to register.
Weekly Activities
Worship Services Wednesdays at Noon

Zoom and In-Person Worship Services - All Welcome!
Please contact St. Margaret’s for the information to join by
Zoom
Wednesday Lunches at 12:30 PM
Includes main, sides, salad, and dessert
Please make a reservation by the Friday before - Suggested
donation \$15 per person
Volunteer: It Takes A Village | Tuesdays from 2-5 PM
Call or email St. Margaret’s to sign-up to assist for one or
more Tuesdays
at St. Margaret’s Food Pantry at Grace Church
Monthly Dinners
3rd Tuesdays - Dine In at 5:30 PM and Take Out at 6 PM
Meals served with main, sides, salad, and dessert - Suggest-
ed Donation \$17
Please make your reservation by the preceding Friday.
April 15th Hats, Chicken & Broccoli Alfredo
On-Going & Special Events
It Takes A Village | Tuesdays from 2:00 to 5:00 PM
Our social action-oriented initiative volunteers at the St.
Margaret’s Food Pantry at Grace Church on Tuesdays. Please
contact us if you would like to sign-up. If you would like to
assist, but are unable to help on Tuesdays, perhaps consider
donating toiletries, reusable bags, or shelf stable foods. Gift
cards to Aldi’s or BJ’s are also appreciated. Thank you for
your generosity and to the Episcopal Diocese of Central NY
for supporting this program!
New Men’s Group | 1st & 3rd Wednesdays from 10:30
AM to 11:45 AM
Fr. Nick Smith will lead a new men’s group beginning on
January 15th at 10:30 am. Meant to be a time of fellowship
and exploration, Nick would like to begin each week by ask-
ing the question “What is saving your life today?” Is it spiri-
tual practice? Is it coffee? Is it a random friendly smile? Is
it some deep profound insight? Is it some curious enigma?
Let’s find out and share our conclusions!
Friends of Emmaus House | 2nd Wednesdays at 10 AM
Join our group of volunteers who provide support to help
meet the needs of the house & guests. This is done through
donations, fundraisers, and our annual Open House. We
meet monthly on 2nd Wednesdays to determine needs and
find solutions to those needs. New Members Welcome!
Conversations with Father John LaVoe | 2nd Wednesdays at
1:30 PM
Join us for conversations about faith hosted by Father John
LaVoe.
Grief Support Group | 3rd Fridays at Noon
St. Margaret’s continues to host a peer facilitated grief sup-
port group for anyone experiencing loss - new members are
welcome to join.
Coffee & Conversation | 4th Wednesdays at 1:30 PM
Join The Reverend Deacon Jean Skinner for conversation
and coffee in our library. Please consider bringing a few cans
of food for our food pantry as a donation.
Scrabble Days | 4th Wednesdays at 9:15 AM
Join our Scrabble group for monthly mornings of fun, coffee,
and conversation.
Sacred Sites Tour 2025
We are excited to announce our Sacred Sites tours of 2025.
Details are still being worked out, but we anticipate visit-
ing a host of area churches to learn about their buildings,
history, and mission work. We will meet on first Thursdays
from April 3rd to September 4th at 9:50 AM. Please reach
out to St. Margaret’s for details. Dates/locations may change
if availability alters.
April 3rd: Grace Church, Utica
May 1st: Sacred Heart Polish National Church, NY Mills
June 5: Historic Old St. John’s, Utica
July 3rd: Holy Trinity Church, Utica
August 7th: St. Joseph & St. Patrick Church of Utica
September 4th: Zion Episcopal Church, Rome
Sew Day with Deb Skinner | April 7th, 9:30 AM to 3 PM
Please come and share a joyful day of community sewing
at St. Margaret’s House. We will be making bags for the
women at Emmaus House to carry their personal care prod-
ucts. This project is beginner friendly as Debbie will walk
you through the steps needed. All that is needed is a sewing
machine in good working order and basic sewing supplies.
Everything needed for the bag will be included in a kit. If
you want to participate but don’t wish to sew you can sign up
to cut fabric for kits or iron. Please be sure to sign-up early
to ensure that everyone will receive a kit and instructions.
Please register by March 26th.
Pilgrimage and Mission Fair | April 22nd from 2 to 4 PM
Join us on April 22nd for a Pilgrimage and Mission Fair.
Wander about the Great Room to speak with people who
have taken part in mission trips or pilgrimages around the
States and around the world. If you have taken part in one
and want to be a part of this, we’d love to have you too!
You’ll engage with participants from the comfort of your
table with your display. We’re hoping that this event will
whet your appetite for opportunities to be the hands and feet
of Jesus. Please contact Judy at (315) 724-2324 to sign up
for a table display by April 11th.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
2620 Genesee St., South Utica. (315)732-7869
trinitylutheranutica.com
Pastor Peter Saie
Sunday School 9am. Worship Service10:30am



Holy Communion is celebrated on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month
Trinity Christian Preschool, weekday classes from Sept-May (Registration full until Fall 2025 session)
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THREE STEEPLES UNITED

2817 Old State Route 12, Paris, NY 13456
315-368-3416 threesteeples@gmail.com
We offer services every Sunday at 10AM!
Three Steeples is a Presbyterian-United Church of Christ hybrid that offers a traditional foundation for progressive thinking and growth and is open to engaging with all faiths. Three Steeples United is an inclusive and member-driven faith community of active individuals and families who connect with and care for their neighbors and one another through worship, education, and culture. We challenge ourselves and others to discern, embrace, and act upon a relevant understanding of Christ’s message in today’s world.



UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH of UTICA

10 Higby Road, Utica NY 13501
315-724-3179 www.uuutica.org
Minister: The Reverend Karen Brammer
The Unitarian Universalist Church is an open minded, open hearted spiritual community. Unitarian Universalists come from different faith backgrounds but our shared values bring us together. Whoever you are, whomever you love, whatever your beliefs, you are welcome here. Services are at 10:30 AM on Sundays.

April 6: Journeys in Anti-Oppression – Rev. Karen Brammer. As People of the United States, we live in the belly of culture that has been built on systematically hurting whole groups of people and earth. Where can we go with that understanding? What are some of the ways individuals and organizations move toward healing and restoration?
A Discussion for all interested will follow the service. One resource for that conversation (not required) is Waking Up White by Debbie Irving. The book is available for loan or purchase in the back of the sanctuary.
April 13: Is there life after life? Thoughts and beliefs on what happens when we die. Glenn Coin and other UUU members reflect on whether there might be an afterlife and, if so, whether there will be cake. A Death Café discussion, at which there definitely will be cake, will follow the service.
April 20: Renewal, Regeneration and Rebirth – Rev. Karen Brammer. Renewal, Regeneration, Rebirth are words aligned with one of the Unitarian Universalist understandings of Easter Resurrection. We learn and celebrate the role that embracing deep renewal can play for our bodies, minds and spirits from different cultures.
April 27: Service with Rev. Alia Shinbrough. Rev. Alia is our primary contact from the Central East Region of the Unitarian Universalist Association. This will be their first visit with our congregation. Rev. Alia works towards embodying transformative ministry in this time of political and social crisis, empowering others to build collective resilience and reverence for life from within the realities of living through this wounded world.



TEMPLE EMANU-EL

2710 Genesee St Utica, 315-724-4177
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Rabbi Peter Schaktman
Friday Evening Shabbat Services 6pm.

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1607 Genesee Street, Utica
Rabbi Gustavo Geier
In person and on zoom www.tbeutica.org
Fri night - 5:30pm
Sat morning - 9:30am

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Interim Rabbi Levi Charitonow
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Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc. Receives Grant from the Mother Cabrini Health Foundation to Fund New RN Education & Advocacy Specialist Position

Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc. (HPC) is thrilled to announce that it has received a generous grant from the Mother Cabrini Health Foundation to fund a new RN Education & Advocacy Specialist position. This position would not be possible without the support of the Foundation and is a key part of HPC’s ongoing commitment to improving end-of-life care, particularly for rural patients in Oneida, Herkimer, and Eastern Madison Counties.

The RN Education & Advocacy Specialist, Tina Yelle, RN, a seasoned Registered Nurse with twelve years of nursing experience and eight years’ experience in hospice and palliative care, will focus on improving access to education, advocacy, and care services for patients of all ages and backgrounds, especially those in underserved and rural areas. Tina, who is also an End-Of-Life Doula, will serve as an advocate for patients and families, providing guidance and support while ensuring that the specialized needs of rural residents are met with compassion and dignity.

“We are incredibly grateful to the Mother Cabrini Health Foundation for recognizing the critical need for this position in the communities we serve,” said Mary Bogdan, Chief Executive Officer of HPC . “This grant will allow us to enhance the quality of life for our patients and their families by ensuring that individuals living in rural areas have access to timely, compassionate care. Without this funding, the creation of the RN Education & Advocacy Specialist position would not be possible.”

The grant will enable HPC to address several barriers to care faced by rural communities, such as limited access to healthcare resources and a lack of awareness about hospice and palliative care options. The RN Education & Advocacy Specialist position will help bridge this gap by ensuring that community members are informed, empowered, and supported in navigating the healthcare system. Tina’s expertise will also be integral to ensure the timeliness of quality care for the patient, and the emotional support and education that families need during their journey.

HPC’s Board, staff and volunteers are deeply embedded in the three counties served, reflecting the diverse and unique needs of the local populations. The diversity of staff, volunteers, and board members living

in different communities provides the organization with a firsthand understanding of the challenges and opportunities within the different communities it serves. This position aligns with HPC’s broader mission of providing culturally sensitive and inclusive care, ensuring that the diverse populations within the region have access to high-quality, compassionate end-of-life services.

By embracing a collaborative approach and fostering partnerships among healthcare providers, community organizations, and cultural groups, HPC is committed to ensuring that no one is denied the care and support they deserve, regardless of location, financial means, or background. The RN Education & Advocacy Specialist position will not only serve as a direct point of contact for patients and families but will also play an integral role in educating the community, promoting awareness, and improving care coordination.

“We are deeply honored by the wide-ranging impact of our work and by the dedication of our grantees across New York State. We are inspired by the compassionate legacy of Mother Frances Cabrini, as this year marks a significant milestone in our grantmaking, as we surpassed \$1 billion in grants since our founding. This moment fuels our commitment as a Foundation to look toward the future, where we will continue making bold investments in a healthier, more equitable future for all,” said Msgr. Gregory Mustaciuolo, Chief Executive Officer of the Mother Cabrini Health Foundation.

The RN Education & Advocacy Specialist will also provide invaluable support for the elderly, veterans, low-income individuals, and others facing barriers to care. With an emphasis on holistic care and patient-centered service, the RN Education & Advocacy Specialist initiative will significantly improve the quality of life for hundreds of families, guiding them through the complexities of end-of-life care.

About Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc. Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc. (HPC) provides comprehensive hospice and palliative care services across Oneida, Herkimer, and Eastern Madison Counties. The organization’s commitment to compassionate care is reflected in its strong local roots, with staff, volunteers, and board members who reside and work within the communities they serve. HPC is dedicated to ensuring that patients and their families receive the highest quality care, regardless of financial situation, and offers support to hospice families and the broader community at no cost to them. For more information, visit hospicecareinc.org. Further Information: info@hospicecareinc.org or to speak with Tina Yelle, RN Education and Advocacy Specialist call 315-735-6484, ext. 1014

About The Mother Cabrini Health Foundation The Mother Cabrini Health Foundation is a private, nonprofit organization whose mission is to improve the health and wellbeing of New Yorkers, bolster the health outcomes of vulnerable communities, eliminate barriers to care, and bridge gaps in health services. Named after a tireless advocate for immigrants, children, and the poor, the Mother Cabrini Health Foundation funds programs, and initiatives across New York State that either provide direct healthcare services or address the social determinants of health. For more information, visit cabrinihealth.org.

Further information: communications@cabrinihealth.org



**PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN.
(Never known to Fail) O Most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. O Star of the Sea help me and show me here you are my mother. O Holy Mary Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart, to succor me in my necessity (make request). There are none that can withstand your power. O Mary conceived without sin pray for us who have recourse to thee (three times). Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hands (three times). Say this prayer for three consecutive days and then you must publish and it will be granted to you.**

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