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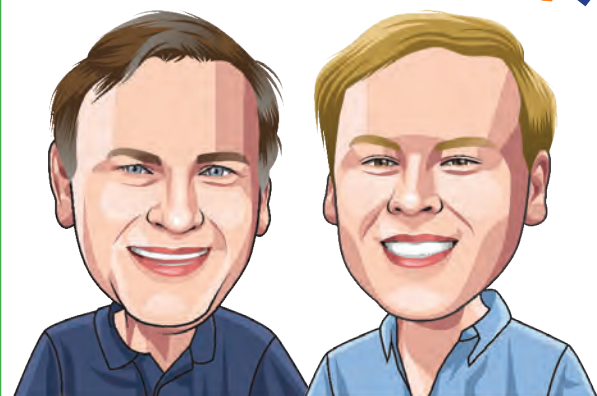
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One short story in the collection was written by Webster himself and takes place at the legendary haunted Barkeater Chocolates. A haunted chocolatier that sits in the shadows of Gore Mountain.

Webster is a New Hartford-based writer, editor, and paranormal investigator with the Ghost Seekers of Central New York. Adirondack Ghost Stories can be purchased in print or digital format through Amazon and is also available through the Oneida County History Center and Barnes & Noble.



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Camp Bravehearts is a free one-day camp for children ages 6 to 12, offering a safe and nurturing environment to explore their grief alongside peers who have experienced similar losses. Their loved one did not need to be a Hospice patient to attend the camp. Through a thoughtful blend of grief education, emotional support, and creative expression, the camp helps children begin to heal in a meaningful and healthy way.

Participants will engage in a variety of therapeutic and fun activities, including:

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- Team-building exercises to foster connection and mutual support
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Camp Bravehearts is facilitated by trained hospice bereavement staff and volunteers, in partnership with the compassionate team at The Root Farm. A free T-shirt, snacks, and lunch will be provided for all participants.

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7:00am Depart Utica – DOT Commuter Park & Ride, 10 Harbor Lock Rd. West
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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*
7:30pm Approximate return to Herkimer
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Kountry Mike Album Release Party To Benefit Anita's Stevens Swan Humane Society

Saturday May 10, from 1-4pm

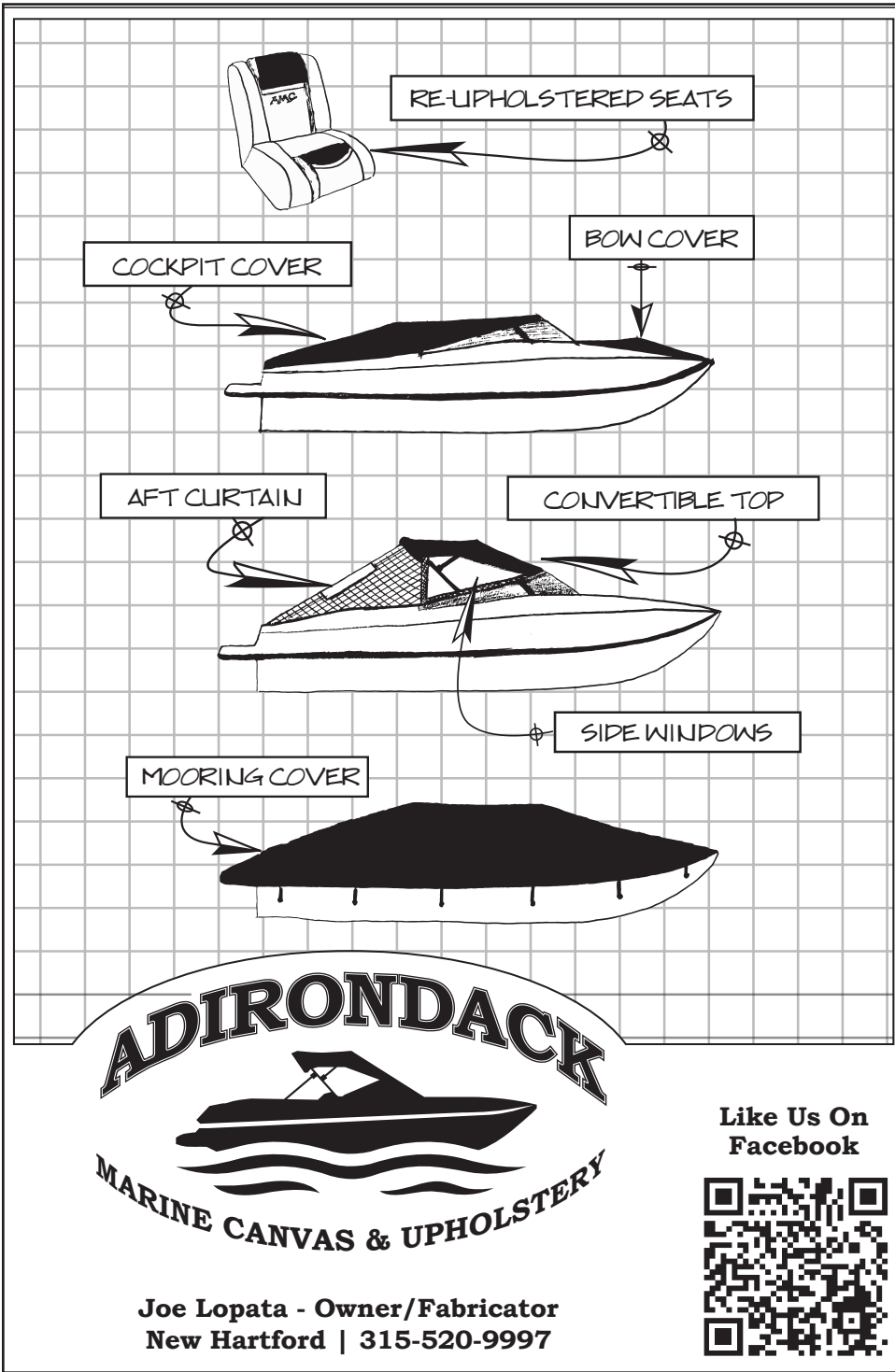
Big Apple Music, 8441 Seneca Turnpike, New Hartford

Greater Utica area resident and nationally touring comedian Mike Bova, a.k.a. Kountry Mike, officially released (digitally) his debut country music album on March 7 entitled Country Music. Since many of Kountry Mike's fans requested something tangible, Kountry Mike will have compact discs for sale and available for autographs. Mike will also have his Veterans Are Superheroes tee shirts and hats for sale. One of Mike's songs entitled Superheroes, was written to honor America's armed forces and veterans.

Normally, twenty percent from Kountry Mike's merchandise sales goes to the organization Stop Solider Suicide, but Mike wanted twenty percent from his local album launch party merch sales to benefit a local charity. "I want people to know that I not only love and support America's military and veterans, I also love and support animals," said Bova. "Anita's Stevens Swan Humane Society does such amazing work in our area, and I want to support them."

“We are deeply grateful for the generous support from Kountry Mike and the incredible community support around this release party,” said Trisha Barone, Executive Director for Anita’s Stevens Swan Humane Society. “These proceeds will make a meaningful impact in the lives of the animals we serve every day. Together, we’re not only raising funds – we’re raising hope,”

The album release party will be held at Big Apple Music in New Hartford on Saturday May 10, from 1-4pm. There will be a listening party, a meet and greet with Kountry Mike, an autograph signing session and all of Mike's merchandise will be for sale. "I chose Big Apple Music for the location of the listening party because they've been such a huge support through the years, as they have for pretty much all of the local musicians," said Bova.



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Local Young Performers Reimagine a Classic: New Generation Breathes Fresh Life into Hair's Iconic "Aquarius"

A group of talented local youth, teens and young adults are making waves in the music and performing arts scene with the release of a powerful, fresh take on the classic song "Aquarius" from the legendary musical Hair. Their new single drops May 5, 2025 celebrating the spirit of a new era with a modern twist on the 1960s anthem of hope, unity, and change.

The remake, a vibrant blend of contemporary pop, R&B, and subtle nods to the original psychedelic rock sound, captures the essence of youth empowerment and collective optimism. Produced and recorded locally, the single is not only a celebration of timeless music, but also a tribute to community, collaboration, and creative expression.

"We wanted to honor the message of 'Aquarius' while also making it our own," said Jovita Bernard, co-director of this project. "This is more than just a song — it's a reminder that this generation has a voice, and we are paving the way for them to be heard."

The project, spearheaded by Rome Learning Center, Inc. brought together diverse young artists, singers and musicians from across this locality. Many of them are students, aspiring performers, and passionate creatives eager to explore the transformative power of music and storytelling.

"Seeing these young people take ownership of such a legendary song has been incredibly inspiring," said Kelly Yacco, co-director. "They've not only captured its spirit, but they've reimaged it in a way that feels urgent and completely of this moment."

The single will be available on all major streaming platforms including Spotify, Apple Music, and YouTube Music. A vibrant music video, featuring choreography,

original visuals, and celebrity cameos, will premiere on May 5, 2025 on YouTube.

The remake of "Aquarius" is just the beginning for this group, who plan to release more classic remakes and original music throughout the year.

ABOUT THE PROJECT

This initiative is part of "PULSE" a youth-driven creative program designed to empower emerging artists through music, performance, and storytelling. The program is created by Jovita Bernard, owner of the Academy Of Performing & Creative Arts (www.APCAMusic.org) with the rhythm section directed by Kelly Yacco of Kelly's Drum Lab (315-272-FUNK). Sponsored by Rome Learning Center, Inc a 501 C3, the program offers hands-on opportunities for talented youth, teens and young adults to develop their artistic voice and connect with the broader community.

Community and local businesses that have supported PULSE projects and performances include, Core Life, Mastrovito Hyundai, First Baptist Church of New Hartford, Mohawk Valley Church, ABC-NYS and anonymous private donors.



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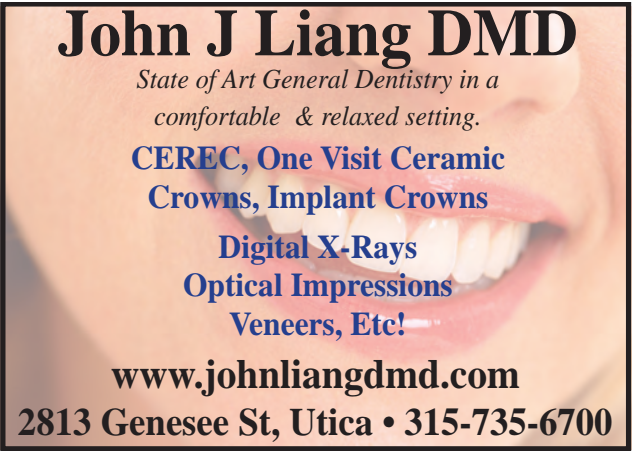
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Malio Cardarelli


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.

Stanley Theatre Series

Jerry Seinfeld

Comedian, TV Producer, Actor

Appearing at the Stanley Theater several times between 2001 and 2018 was one of the most successful stage and television entertainers of all times. Jerome Allen Seinfeld was born in Brooklyn, New York April 29, 1964, and attended college nearby at SUNY Oswego, but his eye was always on entertaining and always as a comedian. Surely his most successful jump start was on Johnny Carson's "The Tonight Show" in 1981, catapulting him to a highly successful national career as a stand-up comedian. Subsequently, his TV sitcom "Seinfeld" which premiered in 1988, and in which he played himself, supported by three oddball every-episode performers-Michael Richards (Kramer), Jason Alexander (George), and Julia Louis-Dreyfus (Elaine)-endured for nine years and ended at Seinfeld's own initiative reportedly turning down more than \$100 million for a 10th year of 22 episodes. And even today Seinfeld is rerun on a daily basis. In the 1990s he returned to stand-up comedy and the Stanley Theater, as above noted, was on his list of entertainment venues. Hopefully, this enormously successful entertainer will one day return to the Stanley stage.



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Four Easy Steps to Spring Cleaning Your Furniture: Out with the Dust, In with the Luxe

Spring has long been the season of rebirth, renewal, best time to declutter. But while closets and kitchens tend to steal the spotlight during spring cleaning frenzies, our faithful furniture is often left in the dust. Sometimes quite literally. If your sofa cushions are hiding a time capsule of popcorn kernels, loose change, and long-forgotten remote controls, or if your once-pristine armchair is looking more “vintage” than “vintage chic,” it may be time to give your furniture the spring revival it deserves.

Think about it. Our furniture carries us through Netflix marathons, holiday dinners, rainy day reading sessions, and impromptu toddler trampoline routines. And yet, they rarely get the thorough attention we lavish on countertops and floors. Furniture is the emotional anchor of a home. It holds our memories and sometimes quite literally in the cushions.



Step One: The Great Reveal

Start with a thorough inspection. Pull out the cushions, check the crevices, and brace yourself. What you find may range from amusing (a missing sock from 2022) to alarming (a fossilized fruit snack). Use a vacuum with a crevice attachment to excavate the debris. For wooden furniture, a microfiber cloth and a gentle wood cleaner like our best-selling “Bee’s Wax” will lift away months of grime without damaging the finish. Pay close attention to legs and undersides—spider webs and dust bunnies love a good hideout.

Step Two: Fabric TLC

Upholstery can be tricky, but it’s nothing a little know-how and elbow grease can’t fix. Always check manufacturer tags for cleaning codes:

- W means you can use water-based cleaners.
- S calls for solvent-based cleaning only.
- WS allows both.
- X means vacuum only—proceed with caution.

Steam cleaning can rejuvenate fabric and remove odors, but spot testing is essential. For leather, opt for a pH-balanced cleaner and follow with a conditioner to prevent cracking. Stop in to visit our recommended leather cleaning products.

Step Three: Deodorize and Revitalize

Furniture, especially in homes with pets or smokers, can retain lingering odors. Baking soda is a classic, non-toxic deodorizer—sprinkle it on fabric, let it sit for 15 minutes, and vacuum it up. You can also make a DIY fabric spray with water, a splash of rubbing alcohol, and a few drops of your favorite essential oil. Don’t forget the inside of drawers and cabinets. Line them with scented drawer liners or a sachet of lavender to keep things feeling fresh long after spring has sprung.

Step Four: Rotate, Repair, Reimagine

Rotating cushions and rearranging furniture can extend its life and breathe new energy into your space. Look at your layout with fresh eyes. Could that reading chair work better by the window? Would a small table in the entryway create a new focal point? Consider minor repairs like tightening screws, oiling hinges, or touching up scratches. You’ll be surprised how a little maintenance can make old pieces feel brand new.

Spring Forward with Style

Furniture spring cleaning isn’t just about tidying up—it’s about rekindling your appreciation for the pieces that support your daily life. With a bit of care, creativity, and maybe a lint roller or two, your home can feel lighter, brighter, and ready for the season ahead. So this spring, as the wildflowers bloom and the air turns warm, show your furniture some love.

Shop us for something fresh during our Spring Home Sale. Open seven days a week. 9785 River Road, Marcy. Call us 315.735.0732.

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

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1-May	3:30 PM	Tennis (Boys)	Varsity	NH HS Tennis Courts	VVS
1-May	4:00 PM	Basketball (Boys)	Unified	NH HS Gym	Oneida
1-May	4:00 PM	Basketball (Girls)	Unified	NH HS Gym	Oneida
1-May	4:15 PM	Lacrosse (Girls)	Varsity	NH HS Turf Field	Clinton
1-May	4:30 PM	Softball (Girls)	Varsity	Accelerate Sports	RFA
1-May	4:30 PM	Softball (Girls)	JV	Sherrill Brook Park	RFA
1-May	4:30 PM	Baseball (Boys)	Varsity	Joe Corr Field	RFA
2-May	3:30 PM	Tennis (Boys)	Varsity	NH HS Tennis Courts	Utica Proctor
2-May	3:30 PM	Golf (Boys)	Varsity	Yahnundasis Golf Club	CVA
2-May	5:00 PM	Baseball (Boys)	JV	Joe Corr Field	Cortland
3-May	9:30 AM	Softball (Girls)	Varsity	Camden HS Turf Softball Field 2	Saratoga Springs HS
3-May	12:00 PM	Lacrosse (Boys)	JV	NH HS Turf Field	Whitesboro
3-May	12:00 PM	Baseball (Boys)	Varsity	Joe Corr Field	South Jefferson
3-May	1:30 PM	Softball (Girls)	Varsity	Camden HS Turf Softball Field 2	South Glens Falls
5-May	3:30 PM	Golf (Boys)	Varsity	Yahnundasis Golf Club	RFA
5-May	3:30 PM	Golf (Girls)	Varsity	Yahnundasis Golf Club	RFA
5-May	3:30 PM	Tennis (Boys)	Varsity	NH HS Tennis Courts	Whitesboro
5-May	4:30 PM	Baseball (Boys)	7th/8th	Perry JH Baseball Field	Utica Proctor (DMS)
6-May	3:30 PM	Tennis (Boys)	Varsity	NH HS Tennis Courts	CVA
6-May	4:00 PM	Outdoor Track (Girls)	7th/8th	NH HS Track	RFA
6-May	4:15 PM	Lacrosse (Boys)	7th/8th	Perry JH Football/Lacrosse Field	Liverpool
6-May	4:30 PM	Softball (Girls)	JV	Sherrill Brook Park	VVS
6-May	4:30 PM	Baseball (Boys)	Varsity	Joe Corr Field	VVS
7-May	3:30 PM	Golf (Girls)	Varsity	Yahnundasis Golf Club	Utica Proctor, Oneida
7-May	4:15 PM	Softball (Girls)	7th/8th	Perry JH Softball Field	RFA
7-May	4:30 PM	Outdoor Track (Boys)	Varsity	NH HS Track	Whitesboro
7-May	4:30 PM	Outdoor Track (Girls)	Varsity	NH HS Track	Whitesboro
7-May	4:45 PM	Lacrosse (Girls)	7th/8th	Myles Elementary FH/LAX Field	Chittenango
8-May	4:15 PM	Lacrosse (Girls)	Varsity	NH HS Turf Field	Whitesboro
8-May	4:30 PM	Softball (Girls)	Varsity	Accelerate Sports	Whitesboro
8-May	4:30 PM	Softball (Girls)	JV	Sherrill Brook Park	Whitesboro
8-May	4:30 PM	Baseball (Boys)	JV	Joe Corr Field	Whitesboro
8-May	6:00 PM	Lacrosse (Girls)	JV	NH HS Turf Field	Whitesboro
9-May	3:30 PM	Golf (Boys)	Varsity	Yahnundasis Golf Club	VVS
9-May	4:00 PM	Outdoor Track (Boys)	7th/8th	NH HS Track	CVA
9-May	4:15 PM	Softball (Girls)	7th/8th	Perry JH Softball Field	Whitesboro
9-May	4:30 PM	Softball (Girls)	Varsity	Accelerate Sports	Fayetteville-Manlius
9-May	4:30 PM	Softball (Girls)	JV	Sherrill Brook Park	Fayetteville-Manlius
9-May	6:30 PM	Lacrosse (Girls)	Varsity	NH HS Turf Field	VVS
10-May	11:00 AM	Baseball (Boys)	Varsity	Joe Corr Field	Central Square
12-May	3:30 PM	Golf (Boys)	Varsity	Yahnundasis Golf Club	Whitesboro
12-May	4:30 PM	Softball (Girls)	Varsity	Accelerate Sports	Notre Dame, Utica
12-May	4:30 PM	Baseball (Boys)	JV	Joe Corr Field	Notre Dame, Utica
12-May	4:30 PM	Baseball (Boys)	7th/8th	Perry JH Baseball Field	Notre Dame, Utica
13-May	4:00 PM	Basketball (Boys)	Unified	NH HS Gym	VVS
13-May	4:00 PM	Basketball (Girls)	Unified	NH HS Gym	VVS
13-May	4:15 PM	Softball (Girls)	7th/8th	Perry JH Softball Field	Notre Dame, Utica
13-May	4:30 PM	Softball (Girls)	JV	Accelerate Sports	Jamesville-Dewitt
13-May	5:00 PM	Lacrosse (Boys)	7th/8th	Perry JH Football/Lacrosse Field	Baldwinsville (RED)
13-May	5:00 PM	Lacrosse (Boys)	Varsity	Perry JH Soccer Field	Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake HS
13-May	5:00 PM	Softball (Girls)	Varsity	Accelerate Sports	Jamesville-Dewitt
15-May	4:00 PM	Basketball (Boys)	Unified	NH HS Gym	Whitesboro
15-May	4:00 PM	Basketball (Girls)	Unified	NH HS Gym	Whitesboro
15-May	4:15 PM	Lacrosse (Boys)	Varsity	Perry JH Soccer Field	RFA
15-May	4:15 PM	Lacrosse (Boys)	JV	Perry JH Football/Lacrosse Field	RFA
15-May	4:30 PM	Softball (Girls)	JV	Sherrill Brook Park	Utica Proctor
15-May	4:30 PM	Baseball (Boys)	JV	Joe Corr Field	Utica Proctor
16-May	4:15 PM	Lacrosse (Girls)	7th/8th	Myles Elementary FH/LAX Field	Whitesboro
16-May	4:30 PM	Softball (Girls)	Varsity	Hamilton College	VVS
16-May	5:00 PM	Lacrosse (Boys)	7th/8th	Perry JH Football/Lacrosse Field	East Syracuse Minoa
17-May	11:00 AM	Baseball (Boys)	JV	Joe Corr Field	CVA
19-May	4:30 PM	Baseball (Boys)	Varsity	Joe Corr Field	Utica Proctor
20-May	4:30 PM	Baseball (Boys)	JV	Joe Corr Field	VVS
21-May	4:15 PM	Lacrosse (Boys)	Varsity	Perry JH Soccer Field	Homer
21-May	4:15 PM	Lacrosse (Boys)	JV	Perry JH Football/Lacrosse Field	Homer
21-May	4:15 PM	Lacrosse (Girls)	7th/8th	Myles Elementary FH/LAX Field	RFA
22-May	4:30 PM	Baseball (Boys)	Varsity	Joe Corr Field	Whitesboro
23-May	TBD	Softball (Girls)	Varsity	TBD	
24-May	TBD	Softball (Girls)	Varsity	TBD	
27-May	TBD	Softball (Girls)	Varsity	TBD	
28-May	4:15 PM	Lacrosse (Boys)	7th/8th	Perry JH Football/Lacrosse Field	Fayetteville-Manlius (Green-EH)
28-May	4:30 PM	Baseball (Boys)	7th/8th	Perry JH Baseball Field	RFA (Orange Team)
28-May	TBD	Lacrosse (Boys)	Varsity	TBD	
30-May	4:15 PM	Lacrosse (Girls)	7th/8th	Myles Elementary FH/LAX Field	VVS
30-May	5:00 PM	Softball (Girls)	Varsity	Carrier Park	
31-May	TBD	Lacrosse (Boys)	Varsity	Fayetteville Manlius HS	



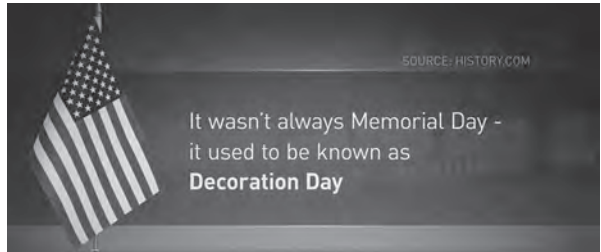
Dennis Webster



What the History (WTH)!
Submitted by Dennis Webster, a New Hartford resident, and author of regional books on true crime, ghosts, local history, and asylums.

The Creeping Death

Someone hands you a pint of a homemade whiskey produced in a tin clapt trap, backyard still. Would you drink it? No? The answer was yes to many people who did drink it back during post- prohibition across the Mohawk Valley. They unknowingly delivered the Creeping Death to their alcohol-joyed body. Once they poured the illegal whiskey down their gullets, the clock was ticking on their life libation to a sacrifice to the god of hedonism. There was no cure and only the slow and painful demise would end the suffering. The poisoned alcohol was deemed, “The Creeping Death,” by local law officials, and would kill 33 people in January of 1935 from Gloversville through to Utica. Although prohibition had ended in 1933, many illegal operations still existed throughout the United States as the manufacture of alcohol in a backyard still was lucrative and profitable outside the legalities of manufacturing of spirits. Upon the deaths, Gloversville Detective Harry Hart would go to the hospital bed of Mrs. Lena Snyder, who only had moments to live, yet was lucid enough to speak to the lawman. Lena told the detective where she purchased the deadly alcohol for \$1 for a bottle from a Mary Derrico. Mrs. Derrico had purchased 5 gallons of the Creeping Death from John DiPedro and Salvatore DiDominick of Little Falls. The United States Treasury Department of Alcohol Tax Unit came to Utica, NY, and assisted in the investigation. They were led to Salvatore DiBenedetto of Utica and when they raided his home found alcohol-making accoutrements to include stills, vats, and bottling items. The investigation found bottles of the death alcohol in 28 local stores. It was discovered that the deadly recipe was a chemical creative mistake as Salvatore DiBenedetto had purchased a large drum of antifreeze compound from a local garage and used it as the alcoholic base for his recipe. Unbeknownst, the Creeping Death had been bottled and distributed waiting for victims to purchase the cheap grim reaper pints. Most of the involved would get fines for selling and distributing illegal alcohol; however, DiBenedetto would be charged with 1st degree murder. He’d plead guilty to 1st degree manslaughter and ended up doing 10 years hard labor in a NYS prison. Even though he had innocently made the wrong batch of alcohol, DiBenedetto paid with a decade of his life behind bars and 33 people died from drinking the Creeping Death. The coroner at that time referred to the result of drinking the poison as “wet brain” because the victims would be conscious, aware of their impending demise, suffer terrible pain, and their brains would emit leaking fluids. The law enforcement team at the time put forth a warning as not all the bottles of the Creeping Death had been found and destroyed. So, dear reader, be careful, for your dusty root cellar may have nestled on a cob-webbed musty shelf, a pint of liquid that if consumed, will lead you to a quick meeting with our maker.



Hometown Heros Banner Program
submitted by Cheryl Jassak-Huther, Town Clerk, Town of New Hartford

Each year, it is my great honor to help bring one of the most heartfelt and patriotic traditions to life here in New Hartford—the Hometown Heroes Banner Program.

Although the program is administered independently by the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), I am incredibly proud to coordinate the Town of New Hartford’s participation, following the Town Board’s enthusiastic approval. Working closely with our Highway Department, I help ensure that every banner—each a tribute to a brave man or woman who has served our nation—is displayed with the dignity, respect, and visibility that our heroes so deeply deserve.

This program is very close to my heart. It’s not just about banners; it’s about honoring the sacrifices, courage, and legacy of those who have served. Every detail matters because every veteran matters. It is my privilege to work alongside the families to make sure their loved ones are recognized, remembered, and celebrated throughout our community.

My commitment to our veterans extends beyond this program. For many years, I have had the honor of organizing various initiatives in New Hartford that support, uplift, and recognize the incredible men and women who wore the uniform. Serving our veteran community is one of the most meaningful parts of my role, and I am truly blessed to do this work in a town that shares this same deep respect and gratitude.

Thank you to everyone who supports the Hometown Heroes Banner Program, to the DAR for their partnership, to the Town Board for their steadfast support, and especially to the veterans and their families—your sacrifices will never be forgotten.

It is my privilege to serve this community and to help ensure that New Hartford remains a place where patriotism lives proudly, and heroes are always honored. God bless our veterans, and God bless America.

FACTS ABOUT

MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day is a federal holiday in the United States for remembering the people who died while serving in the country's armed forces.

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39.3M Estimated Holiday Travelers

A Letter to NH Residents
submitted by Paul Miscione

Dear Residents of New Hartford,

I am honored to address you as your Town Supervisor and to reflect on the great progress we have made together over the past year. Our town continues to grow, thrive, and improve, thanks to the dedication of our residents, town employees, and community leaders. I want to take a moment to highlight our accomplishments and share exciting projects on the horizon.

This past year, we have focused on infrastructure improvements, community development, and public safety. Our road paving and drainage projects have significantly enhanced our streets, making them safer and more efficient for all. We have invested in upgrading our parks and recreational facilities, providing families and residents with improved spaces to gather, exercise, and enjoy the outdoors.

Economic development has also been a priority. We have worked closely with local businesses to foster growth and bring new opportunities to our town. Our commercial district efforts are making New Hartford a more vibrant place to live, shop, and work. With new businesses opening and existing ones expanding, we are seeing positive momentum that benefits our entire community.

Public safety remains at the forefront of our efforts. We have strengthened our police and emergency services, ensuring they have the resources needed to keep our town safe. Additionally, we have enhanced community engagement programs, reinforcing the strong relationship between law enforcement and our residents.

Looking ahead to the coming year, we have several major projects in the works. We will continue investing in infrastructure, including road improvements, services, and the enhancement of public spaces. Plans for new community events and recreational programs are also underway, offering more opportunities for residents of all ages to engage and connect.

None of these achievements would be possible without your support and involvement. I encourage everyone to stay engaged, attend town meetings, and share your thoughts and ideas as we move forward. Together, we will continue building a stronger, more prosperous New Hartford for future generations.

Thank you for your trust, commitment, and dedication to our town. I look forward to another year of progress and success.



Cinco de Mayo

Cinco de Mayo celebrates the date of the Mexican army's May 5, 1862 victory over France at the Battle of Puebla during the Franco-Mexican War. While it is a relatively minor holiday in Mexico, in the United States, Cinco de Mayo has evolved into a commemoration of Mexican culture and heritage.

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Forgotten Components of Physical Fitness

submitted by Jim LaFountain, All American Fitness Center

Flashy exercise equipment, fad diets and other “quick fix” con jobs dominate the world of physical fitness. Even the most dedicated fitness buffs lose touch or are not aware of the basic physiology necessary for success.

Lactic Acid: muscle soreness, hours after exercise is not due to a Lactic Acid buildup, because that essential substance clears in about three hours or less. Microfiber muscle damage is the cause of soreness that lasts 36-48 hours after exercise. In order to minimize or eliminate continued soreness, perform the exercise that caused it, at a lower intensity a couple days later. Allowing oxygenated blood to be delivered into the damaged area is an outstanding healer.

DOMS: DOMS is an acronym for Delayed Onset Muscle Soreness and is the soreness following “novel” exercise. Novel may be defined as “a mode of exercise you have not done recently or ever before.” My favorite example is someone who wants to begin distance running. The day or two after a short distance run, they report, “I will never run again, due to the shin splints it caused me the next day.” They made the mistake of not knowing the discomfort as DOMS, mistakenly identifying it as shin splints.

Recovery is the Most Critical Component: the term “Super Compensation” is used to describe how muscle fibers, when allowed to heal between workouts, becomes microscopically thicker and stronger. Exercise does nothing to “produce” muscular strength or endurance,

only recovery does. Exercise turns the “development switch” on.

ATP: Adenosine triphosphate is the source of energy, at the cellular level, during exercise. ATP is the primary energy substrate for muscular contraction and requires about three minutes to replenish between sets of an individual exercise. Beginners tend to hurry through sets, never allowing for the replenishment of ATP. During my personal training sessions, I do NOT allow clients to sit idle in order to replenish ATP. A typical sequence looks like this, Bench Press-Lat Pulldown-followed by an Abdominal Crunch. ATP is allowed to be replenished to the Chest, Shoulders and Triceps, (Bench Press) while performing the Lat Pulldown, that stimulates the upper back and biceps, followed by abdominal work. There is, however, a minor compromise, but the workout’s efficiency overrides this minor compromise. Simply sitting idle for three minutes is a waste of time.

Intensity versus Volume: several years ago I had the opportunity to meet Arthur Jones, the inventor of Nautilus Equipment. I asked him, what’s more important, intensity or volume?

Intensity was his enthusiastic response. A couple years later, while training three hours a day, six days a week, I contracted mononucleosis. It prompted me to adopt Mr. Jones’ high intensity workouts. Two months later I placed 2nd in the Mr. Kentucky and won the Mr. Southeast USA. I was sold!

Maintaining Motivation: a sports psychology term that explains motivation is “Locus of Control.” Most high level, successful, athletes’ locus of control is “internal.” They have a fire within to succeed. Loud music, screaming coaches and teammates (external locus of control) are not needed. External Locus of Control as a motivator is short lived. These athletes, eventually learn to be internally motivated or simply dropout.

Over Eating: Americans are blessed with an abundance of food. We can consume 3,000 calories within a city block, in just a few minutes, ingesting fast foods alone. Portion control has lost the attention of most people in our country. I gave a talk a few months ago and posed the question, “how many of you know what a portion is?” Out of 75 attendees, only 6 could prove they knew. That’s a primary reason why we are faced with the nation wide obesity epidemic.

I advise my over weight clients that “awareness” is the key. After a few bites, ask yourself “have I had enough food?” If the honest answer is yes, it’s time to put your

fork down, pack up the leftovers and stop eating. Companies have made millions of dollars promoting “fad,” non-sustainable diet plans. No one engages in this nonsense with long term, lifelong aspirations.

Simply ask yourself the key question, “can I do this for the rest of my life?” We, as a member of the billions of people living on this planet, should learn to eat responsibly for a lifetime.

Awareness of this information should position you for long term fitness success.

Thrasher Strikes Gold on YouTube

Rob Thrasher, a native of Oriskany and born in Utica, has reached a major milestone on YouTube - surpassing 25,000 subscribers and generating over 1 million views every two months - all within just six months of launching his channel.

According to ChatGPT, this achievement places Thrasher in the top 2% of YouTube creators worldwide.

"I applied the same strategies I developed back in 1996 when The New York Times recognized my work, Secrets of the Search Engines, which helped me rank in the top 1% of the internet during the early days of the web," said Thrasher.

Thrasher currently employs three team members in the Philippines and leverages artificial intelligence to help produce content for his channel. “I’m monetizing through affiliate marketing, which has already generated 70 leads for the Go High Level SaaS platform,” he added.

For media inquiries or collaboration opportunities, contact Rob Thrasher through his YouTube channel: youtube.com/c/robthrasher





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New Hartford Historical Society Currently Running Annual Membership Drive

Spring.... a time for rejuvenation and new beginnings. We have recently mailed our Spring “Tally Ho” and a “2025 Dues reminder”. The response so far has been a positive one. For that we are extremely grateful!

This year, we have both a “rejuvenation” and a “new beginning”. Our “rejuvenation” is in the return of our

quarterly “Tally Ho”. The Tally Ho is four pages filled with short stories and articles on New Hartford businesses, buildings, landmarks and/or people of days gone by. Nearly two years ago our editor stepped down and it has been a long, difficult road towards finding a replacement. Happily, that long search has ended. We are so pleased to introduce Jordan Hallak as our new Editor. Jordan is a New Hartford native, born and raised, whose love of history has evolved into a second career as an author on regional history. After a much too long hiatus, we are very happy to have the Tally Ho back. And, in our humble opinion, Jordan knocked her 1st Edition out of the Park! The only way to get a Tally Ho is by being a member.

As for a “new beginning”, this year we are introducing a “commemorative” magnet series. The inaugural magnet for 2025 has an image of the Village “Business Block” on it. Again, the only way to obtain one of these is by being an “active” member of the Historical Society.

Joining is easy and just a click away.

You can join on-line. Simply go on our website www.newhartfordhistory.com. Don’t have computer access? No worries, we still take applications the old-fashioned way:

By check through the U.S. Mail. Just fill out the form below.



June 1st Historical Society Program at New Hartford Library History of the Eames Mansion with Portrait Unveiling

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We are pleased to announce that Jordan Hallak has been appointed as the new editor of our Tally Ho.

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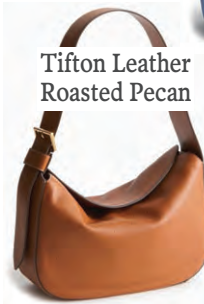


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Lunch & Learn – “On This Hallowed Ground”

The H.A.R.P. Museum continues its popular “Lunch and Learn” series on Wednesday, May 14th, as museum director Alex Sisti presents “On This Hallowed Ground;” tracing the history of the property that is now home to the Irish Cultural Center.

Many Uticans fondly recall the site as being the location of St. Patrick’s Church, which was built in 1851 and continued to serve local parishioners for the next 115 years. For others, all they’d ever known was the vacant lot that stood for nearly 40 years until it was purchased for the purpose of constructing an Irish cultural center. But very few know the full ownership history of the property; that since the 1700s, ownership has passed through the hands of a king, a colonial governor, a Revolutionary War general and a disgraced Congressman. All this and more will be recounted, starting at 11 AM in the Museum’s presentation space on the second floor of the Center, followed by a delicious lunch from the Five Points Pub.

A \$20 registration fee will cover the program and lunch (tax and gratuity are included). All those interested in attending are asked to register at <https://bit.ly/3Re3Gyn> or leave a message at (315) 733-4228, Ext 6. The H.A.R.P. Museum is 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



From Boston’s Dynamic Irish Music Scene – Gourley, Feddersen, and Murray

Craobh Dugan-O’Looney proudly presents from Boston - Laura Feddersen and Nathan Gourley, and Alan Murray hailing from Glasgow, Scotland in a special evening of traditional Irish music.

On Thursday May 22 - 7pm at the Irish Cultural Center of the Mohawk Valley - 623 Columbia St, Utica. Tickets \$20 in Advance available through Venmo @ MichaelTHoke or by calling/texting 315-225-6292. Tickets will be \$25 at the door.

Nathan Gourley and Laura Feddersen are an Irish fiddle duo hailing from Boston, Massachusetts. Their playing is steeped in lifelong study of the Irish musical tradition and is at the same time colored by their American roots. The pair have developed a unique style of twin fiddling, sometimes playing in taut unison, sometimes exploring chordal harmonies and rhythmic and melodic variations. They’ve produced a number of recording projects together, including Life is all Checkered, Ship in the Clouds, and most recently Brightly or Darkly.

Guitarist, bouzouki player and singer Alan Murray hails from Glasgow, Scotland. Eventually moving to the United States, he has established himself as an in-demand performer and teacher on the traditional music scene. He has recorded and performed around the world with many of the finest traditional musicians and acts today, including Solas, Lunasa, Eileen Ivers, Battlefield Band, We Banjo 3, Four Winds, and many more.

Nathan, Laura, and Alan each perform and teach regularly both at home and at festivals throughout the US and Ireland.

This concert is sponsored by Craobh Dugan-O’Looney with the grateful support from the Government of Ireland Emigrant Support Program and Meitheal North America.



Sraith Scannán Eireannach Irish Film Series “The Commitments”

The Irish Cultural Center of the Mohawk Valley finishes its Spring Irish Film series on Thursday May 29 at 7 PM with The Commitments. (1991, Ireland, dir. Alan Parker, 118 minutes)

This iconic Irish musical comedy-drama, based on the 1987 novel by Roddy Doyle, tells the story of the tumultuous rise and fall of "The Worlds Hardest Working Band," a working-class Soul band in Dublin called The Commitments.

Commentary will be provided by Jeffrey A. Miller, PhD. Utica University Professor of Communication and Media prior to the film.

We will follow-up with more films Fall 2025.

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. The venue is wheelchair accessible. Our films are free to attend but we ask that you register at <https://bit.ly/42vD4hk> or call and leave a message at 315-733-4228 Ext 6.

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.



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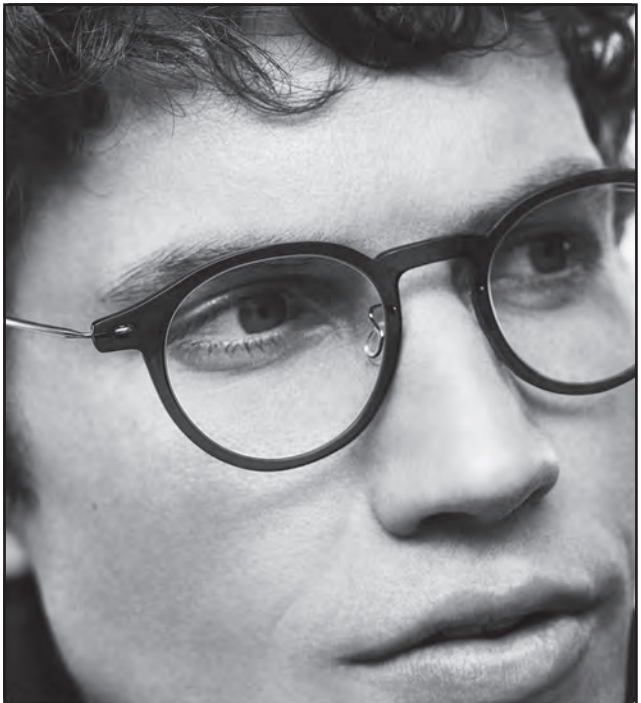
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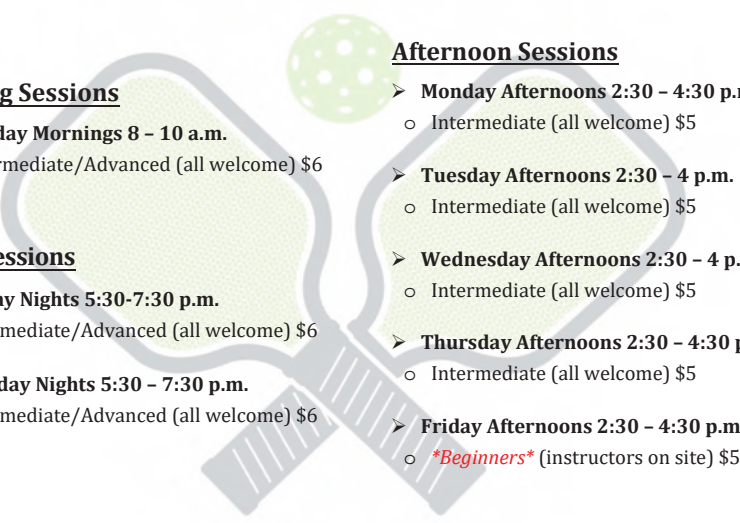
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Fires	=	3
EMS	=	41
Hazardous	=	8
Service Type	=	9
Good Intent	=	7
Special Incident	=	0
Other Alarms	=	20
Over pressure	=	1
Weather Related	=	0
Other	=	0



Total Calls for the Month of March 2025 = 89.
Of the 89 alarms, 79 were in the town, 9 were in the village, and 1 mutual aid calls.
This brings the total alarms for 2025 to 290..

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.

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We will once again celebrate Memorial Day with the annual Memorial Day Parade and Open House at the fire station on Monday evening, May 26, 2025, with the parade starting at 7pm.

We again express an enormous “Thank you” not only to our front-line workers who have endured tremendous obstacles over the past year but to all the first responders and the members of the New Hartford Volunteer Fire Department who we remember in a special way for their dedication and service to our community.

As is our custom to acknowledge and honor our fallen brothers and sisters during the department’s Open House, we take this opportunity to recognize these outstanding individuals who served our community with pride and distinction.

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NHFD Schedules Annual Memorial Day Parade and Open House

Stephen Moran and Fred Darling Named Co-Grand Marshalls

The New Hartford Volunteer Fire Department, in conjunction with the Village of New Hartford, the New Hartford Chamber of Commerce and Richard Sherman, Town Highway Superintendent, will hold its Annual Seven-Division Memorial Day Parade and Open House on Monday evening, May 26, 2025.

This year's parade is honored to have two Grand Marshalls. Mr. Stephen Moran (US Army) and Mr. Fred Darling, (World War II-US Marine Corps).

Stephen J Moran, a US Army Veteran who has served not only his country but his community, is this year's Grand Marshall.

Born in 1946 to Robert and Rosemary (Magee) lifelong Village of New Hartford residents he attended and graduated from St John the Evangelist Catholic grade school. Upon graduating he attended the original Notre Dame High School on Genesee Street and graduated from New Hartford High School class of 1964.

Following graduation, he enlisted in the US Army in November of 1964. He trained as a recruit at Ft Dix, New Jersey after which he attended the US Army Aviation school in Ft Eustis and graduated as an aircraft mechanic specializing in fixed wing aircraft. He was then assigned to duty in Germany in 1965 for 11 months at the US Army Aviation Maintenance Center (USAMAC) in Mannheim, Germany as an aircraft crew chief and attained the ranks of PFC and Specialist 4th class.

In 1966 he was transferred to the Republic of South Vietnam south of Saigon that today is known as Ho Chi Minh City. There he was assigned to the 54th Aviation Company, 255th Transportation Detachment where responsibilities included maintaining the flight availability of 12 fixed wing aircraft. On this tour he was promoted to Specialist 5th Class.

He is the recipient of the United States Army Commendation Medal for meritorious service in a hostile combat environment by maintaining a 98.9% aircraft availability and readiness along with the Good Conduct Medal and Republic of Vietnam service Medal. He was honorably discharged in October 1967.

Moran, a resident of the Village of New Hartford, is a 38- year member of the New Hartford Volunteer Fire Department and a 15 year past member of the Poland Fire Department. Where he obtained the rank and served as Fire Chief. He is also a 53 year member and Past Commander of Adirondack American Legion Post in Coldbrook and a past member of the VFW Post 1554 in Poland, NY.

He has two children, Gary in Australia and Chris in the Town of New Hartford and grandchildren in both countries.

Mr. Frederick Darling was a PFC in the United States Marine Corps, First Marine Division, and served in WWII from 1943-1945. The 99 year old veteran went ashore as a 19 year old on April 1, 1945, on the Island of

Okinawa, and was a machine gunner, during the battle against the Japanese. After the war, Mr. Darling was sent to Beijing, China to guard Japanese prisoners, to be sent back to Japan in boxcars. Fred has been married to his wife Jackie for 77 years. He has three children, and one grandchild. He was employed by Niagara Mohawk for 40 years. Fred will be 100 on July 8, 2025.

This year's seven division parade begins promptly at 7pm from the New Hartford Shopping Center. Again, this year, the 10th Mountain Division Band from Fort Drum has been invited. However, as of press time, there may be a scheduling conflict. The parade will proceed North on Genesee Street, turning right onto Pearl Street, left onto Sanger Ave, and left onto Oxford Road, ending at the Fire Station. There will be no parking permitted along the parade route. This includes Genesee Street, Pearl Street, Sanger Ave and Oxford Road.

The Department's Memorial Room, with many new displays and photographs, will be open to the public following the parade. The parade and open house will be held rain or shine and refreshments will be served.

For more information please visit www.nhfd.com.



Slow and Steady: Kirkland Art Center hosts The Tortoise and the Hare

Tiny Tots Ballet Performance

May 5–6, 2025
Performances at
9:30, 10:30, 12:30

Once again, the Kirkland Art Center partners with Mohawk Valley Performing Arts (MVPA) in bringing a special ballet to the stage designed for young children to enjoy. A new production of The Tortoise and the Hare comes to the Kirkland Art Center (KAC), 9 ½ E. Park Row, on May 5 and 6. Performances are available at 9:30, 10:30 and 12:30.

In the hands of the MVPA students, the classic fable of The Tortoise and the Hare gets an update in the form of additional animal characters, adding humor, charm, and dynamic movement to the story revolving around the well-known moral, “slow and steady wins the race.”

Led by upper-level MVPA students, Tiny Tots is intended for an audience of local kindergarteners, preschoolers and other young children. Area schools have signed up to bring groups of children, including from Utica, Westmoreland, New Hartford, Waterville, Sauquoit, and Clinton. For many young audience members, the program represents an intimate first taste of ballet. The experience of putting on this production is also an educational opportunity for the MVPA students, who gain an understanding of all the stages of development involved in ballet through practical application. The performers, usually in their tweens and early teens, have an opportunity to perform larger roles than they might otherwise have in other MVPA productions.

Priced at very low cost, the half-hour show is designed to be accessible to as large a population of young children as possible. It features an interactive element that will actively engage the young audiences in the production. After the show ends, the dancers will meet and greet the delighted audience.

Any school groups interested in participating can reach out to the Kirkland Art Center for scheduling as room allows; individual parents and children may also sign up. Prior registration is required. Please reach out to the KAC at director@kacny.org for more information.

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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.

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Based on Annual Incomes

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1	\$33,885
2	\$45,990
3	\$58,095
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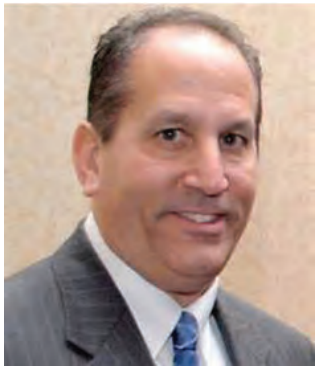


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Genesis Group Focused on the Community’s Agenda
by Raymond J. Durso, President/CEO

The Genesis Group, now in its 25th year of service, continues to focus on the community’s agenda. We continue to organize programs and events that create positive impact. Below is a copy of our upcoming schedule. **To make a reservation or submit a nomination, visit our website:**

www.TheGenesisGroup.org



Career Fair ~ Thursday, May 1 at Vernon-Verona-Sherrill High School



Celebrating Teacher Appreciation Week ~ May 5th - May 9th

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Small Business Week Luncheon ~ May 6 - 12pm at Hart's Hill Inn

The Chamber Alliance will present the **"William K. Guglielmo Legacy Award"** to the following area businesses:

- Nicky Doodles – Verona, Rome and New Hartford
- Madison Bistro - Wampsville
- Canal Side Inn – Little Falls
- Marr-Logg Restaurant – Utica
- Upstate Bar & Grill – Cooperstown
- Georgio’s Café – New Hartford
- Delta Lake Inn – Rome
- Daiker’s – Eagle Bay
- Creekside – Verona
- Symeon’s Greek Restaurant - Yorkville

NYS Assemblywoman Marianne Buttenschon will serve as Keynote Speaker



HEALTHCARE EXCELLENCE AWARDS
May 21 - 12pm at Hart's Hill Inn

OUTSTANDING PROFESSIONALS - The program honors outstanding healthcare professionals for their service. Submit the name of someone who is deserving of this honor. The name of the nominator is kept confidential.

PANEL DISCUSSION - Focusing on the "Mental Health Crisis"



HALL OF DISTINCTION INDUCTEES
We are pleased to announce that **Cassandra Sheets** and **Robert Raffle** will be inducted into the Regional Healthcare Hall of Distinction.



Save The Date: October 9, 2025 - Genesis Group 25th Anniversary Dinner - 5:30pm at Hart’s Hill Inn

The JM Chubbuck Foundation will Hold It’s Annual Golf Tournament on August 2nd
18 Holes of Golf w/Cart
to Benefit Local Cancer Patients in Financial Need

Teams of 4 - Light Breakfast, Snacks, Lunch at Turn & Buffet Dinner. Several Door Prizes, Top 3 Teams Cash Prizes.
Awards for Longest Drive Male/Female, Closest to the Pin, and \$1000 Hole in One Prize. Goodie bag with golf gifts handed out at start of event.

Shot gun start at 8:30AM - Mulligans & Skins optional. Online registration opens June 1st at www.thejmcf.org under Events tab. Or register a team by calling 315-339-5993 M-F (9am to 5pm).

Tee Hole Signs \$100 Gold, \$50 Silver- can be for business advertising or can be personal remembrance sign “In Memory” or “In Honor” with picture. If interested in a sign, please call 315-339-5993 9am to 5pm M-F.

Proceeds from the tournament will benefit cancer patients in active treatment with rent, gas, grocery, needed equipment/supplies, child care, and utility bills. The treatment status of every patient is verified before assistance is allocated. All patients live in or have treatment in Oneida, Herkimer, Madison, or Onondaga Counties in CNY.

The JM Chubbuck Foundation has received grants from Jim & Juli Boenheim Foundation, Walmart DC, and Griffin Charitable Foundation.

The foundation has assisted over 1500 patients for approximately \$500,000 since its start in November 2014. The JMCF works with MVHS, SDMG, Upstate Cancer Center, Golosano Childrens Hospital, AMP, Roswell Park Oneida Health, MSKCC, Dana Faber, Bassett Cancer Institute, U of R Wilmot Cancer Center, HOACNY, Albany Med, & The Hospice AIM Program.



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To Benefit Cancer Patients in Financial Need
Rome Country Club
AUGUST 2, 2025

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\$100 per Golfer - Teams of 4

Day of the Event Registration Begins at 7:30AM
Shot Gun Start at 8:30AM

Cash Prizes for Top 3 Teams

Awards for Longest Drive (male & female) & Closest to the Hole. Hole in One Prize \$1,000!! Several Door Prizes!!

50/50 Raffle, Optional Skins & Mulligans

Registration Fee Includes: Breakfast (muffins, donuts/pastries, juice, coffee), 18 Holes of Golf, Team Golf Carts, Commemorative Shot Glass & Team Photo per Golfer, Snacks, Lunch at the Turn & Buffet Dinner at conclusion

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The event will feature:

- Experience: Massages, Permanent Jewelry by Lennon's WB Wilcox Jewelers, Facials by Luxx Glo Beauty Bar and local vendors
- Food Specials: Chicken Salad on a Croissant, Strawberry Spring Salad with sunflower seeds and blueberry blonde vinaigrette
- Drink Specials: Wild Berry Wheat Beer and hand-craft seltzers

For more information, visit www.saranac.com or follow @1888biergartenandtavern on social media.

About 1888 Biergarten & Tavern

1888 Biergarten & Tavern is a local spot known for its craft beers, food, and casual atmosphere. It's the perfect place for people to relax and enjoy time with friends and family. Opened Wednesday to Saturday from 11 am – 8 pm

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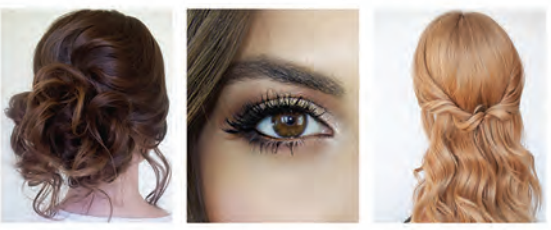
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'From The Mailbag'

Q. I have a 2-piece punch bowl that was handed down to me from a great aunt. It is amethyst in color. There is a mark on the bottom of an underlined N in a circle. Unfortunately there were not any cups given to me. Can you tell me anything about it and what it might be worth?

A. Your beautiful punch bowl was made by the Northwood Glass Company, the inventors of carnival glass of which your punch bowl is a fine example. Northwood ceased operations in 1925. While it is unfortunate that you don't have cups to go with it, the base and bowl still have significant value. I think your item would be worth \$300-400 in today's market.

Q. I have a wooden mold with a swan design carved in the bottom. It was in a box of items I purchased at an auction several years ago. Do you know anything about it and if it has any value?

A. Your item is a butter mold that was used to make an impression on a slab of butter, a rather nice Victorian tradition. These were very popular in the late 1800's. They are a very collectible item. I would value your butter mold at \$50.

NH Historical Society Your Support Appreciated!

It's a great time to renew or start your membership in this great community asset. There are new rates for 2025: \$20 Individual; \$25-Family; \$50-Contribute; and \$100-Corporate. You can also now pay for your membership online at the society's website newhartfordhistory.com or you can mail your check payable to 'NH Historical Society' to PO Box 238, New Hartford, NY 13413. All donations are tax deductible. Your support is appreciated.

NH Questers Looking for New Members

The J. Schoolcraft Sherman Chapter #1519 meets monthly at the NH Library except July and August. Our meetings are at 4:30 p.m. on the 1st Monday of the month. We are a chapter of the International Questers, an organization of individuals interested in history, preservation and an appreciation for antiques. We try to have an interesting program each month and members bring items for a Show & Tell. Dues are \$50 per year and includes a subscription to the quarterly Questers magazine. For more information contact me by email at vjfariello@gmail.com or call 315-723-7285. We would love to see you at an upcoming meeting!

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



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Gardening Provides Healing to Sitrin Military Veterans

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Veterans of Sitrin's Military Program use gardening as a therapeutic tool to help decrease symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), anxiety, depression, and more. As one component of Sitrin's program, our 30'x30' garden is home to a dozen different plants; after harvest, all produce is given back to veterans and the community.

“Sitrin’s garden is perfect and peaceful,” says former Sergeant Shawn Guernsey. “It provides a sense of commitment and learning in a nurturing environment. The biggest benefit is receiving the produce we’ve put effort into growing – not many local gardens have that benefit.”

Gardening offers healing through movement and exercise, social engagement, and achievement. The benefits of being outdoors – sometimes called nature therapy or ecotherapy – are widely recognized, and extensive research has been done on the positive effects gardening can have on overall mental health.

Jackie Warmuth, vice president of Clinical Development and director of the Military Program, says that while PTSD is unique to each person, the experience and wounds of combat remain with those who come home to family life and attempt to 'fit in' with society.

“When symptoms of PTSD arise for the individual, deconstructing the experience, followed by reconstructive self-talk that establishes new responses, can be effective in the ongoing treatment,” Warmuth says.

Veterans of the program plan to start the garden after Memorial Day. This year's crops include garlic, cucumbers, tomatoes, zucchini, rhubarb, potatoes, and flowers.

To learn more about Sitrin's Military Program, visit www.sitrin.com/veterancare or contact Jackie Warmuth at 315-737-2435 or jwarmuth@sitrin.com.

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New Hartford Highway News

Submitted by Highway Superintendent Richard Sherman

The Highway Department has a busy schedule in the month of May. Our crews are out sweeping roadways, sweeping town sidewalks, and picking up green waste and brush. When putting out the brush and leftover leaves from last fall, please separate the piles. Don't mix them. If your pile is unusually large, please don't hesitate to call for a special pick-up. The road crew will be cleaning ditches on roads that may be paved this summer.

I want to thank all the homeowners for their patience as your highway employees work diligently to collect branches and brush from the town's 82 miles of streets. Recently you should have received in the mail, your town's annual Trash & Brush Collection Schedule for 2025, outlining curbside brush and garbage schedule and drop-off at the Highway Garage. The schedule is also on the town's website at townofnewhartfordny.gov. Go to Highway Department, click on curbside, and the schedule will pop up. You can also stop by the Town Hall and pick up a schedule, if you didn't receive one.

Again, this year, we will be offering our tag service from April through September, for items that are unable to be brought to the Highway Garage, and need to be picked up at a residence. The tag this year is again \$5.00 per item and can be purchased at the Town Clerk's Office, 8635 Clinton Street, New Hartford. Please pick up tags no later than the Friday before the first Monday of every month. This service will be suspended in the month of October for the annual curbside garbage pickup in front of the residences. On May 10th, there will be a garbage drop off at the Highway Garage from 7:00 a.m. until noon. We will also be offering the CONFIDENTIAL DESTRUCTION SERVICE for shredding of private papers, on-site from 8:00 a.m. until noon for our constituents. Each person is limited to ten boxes of papers to shred.

The picture below is a group picture of the highway team that took care of our roads this past winter. This winter was an old fashion winter with the accumulation of snow that we received was very heavy at times. The crew names are listed underneath the picture.

The milling crew will be in New Hartford to start milling our roads on May 5th weather permitting. The paving crew will follow the milling shortly after. The paving this year is broken down into 6 phases. They will be starting in the Oakwood Dr and Phippen wood Dr. area.

The Highway Department will be displaying our heavy equipment again this year at the New Hartford Public Library on Saturday, June 7th from 10:00 a.m. until noon, for the annual “Touch the Truck” event. Touch the Truck is a huge success every year, which brings children and parents together to see what the Town uses for plowing and sweeping roads, loaders, and the equipment kids see go by their houses every day. Our new equipment will be on display as well. Our Deputy, Chris Moran, and I will be available to answer any questions. We will also be handing out yellow hard hats to the children.

As always, please don't hesitate to contact me at
 rsherman@townofnewhartford.gov, Town Highway Garage 315-733-7500 or my
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*LtOR: Chris Moran - Foreman; Candy Currier; Gerald Gage; Dan Currier; Tom Panzone;
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WATER DAMAGE...
FLOODED BASEMENTS, BURST PIPES,
TOILET OVERFLOW, SUMP PUMP FAILURE

Having to deal with a burst pipe in your home or business can be extremely difficult. Even more problematic is a break when the home or business owner is away and the damage is allowed to worsen. An uncontrolled water leak from a broken pipe creates extensive flooding and water damage of carpeting, drywall, baseboards, and furniture and depending on the location of the break, can also damage the heating and electrical systems in your home. In addition, mold can begin to colonize in as little as 24 - 48 hrs. Disaster Services can accurately evaluate the extension of water damage both visible and hidden using thermal imaging and advise as to the most effective course of action to take. You can be assured that by calling Disaster Services you will be dealing with a company that has over 44 years of experience in our area and has handled hundreds of water losses. You will also have the owner on site while the work is being performed and always available to take your calls. Disaster Services will be with you every step of the way during the process. Along with our attention to detail, this is the reason Disaster Services is so highly recommended by local professionals in our industry. Check out our Google and Facebook reviews and visit our web site @ disasterservices.us for a complete list of our services.

SEWER AND DRAIN BACK UP:

Sewer overflow or drain back-ups can present a more technical approach to the clean- up due to the contaminates involved. Porous, semi-porous building materials and contents will generally involve removal where affected by sewage, followed by proper remediation cleaning and disinfecting procedures. Hard surface areas when properly remediated will bring the space back to a pre loss condition and ready for new material replacement.

BASEMENT AND ATTIC MOLD:

Several factors can influence a mold growth in a basement or attic area.

Attics and basements are one of the most common areas of mold growth in the home. Attics tend to have the perfect conditions for mold growth (hot, humid, and an abundant food source consisting of the wood framing and sheathing). Most homeowners may go up in their attic seldom if ever so the mold problem is allowed to grow undisturbed sometimes for years! Basement mold is a common problem in many homes due to ground water seepage mainly at the base of the walls around the perimeter of the basement.

WHAT ARE THE SIGNS OF AN
ATTIC MOLD PROBLEM:

Dark black staining on wood surfaces, both the underside of the roof sheathing and also the framing lumber itself. If the wood in your attic shows any dark discoloration, a spotty or solid pattern the problem has moved beyond moisture and you may have mold that should be removed.

WHAT ARE THE SIGNS OF A
BASEMENT MOLD PROBLEM:

Several factors can influence a mold growth in a basement area. Basements with finished walls are susceptible to moisture intrusion at the ground level. Trapped

moisture due to lack of air flow between the finished wall and the exterior foundation wall is an ideal environment to facilitate mold growth. A dark appearance showing on the face of the finished wall should be investigated further. Unfinished basement will typically show signs of mold growth at the base of the foundation spreading upwards over time. Although there are a few different reasons this particular area of the structure is problematic, ground water seepage along with lack of air flow and improper dehumidification are generally the cause.

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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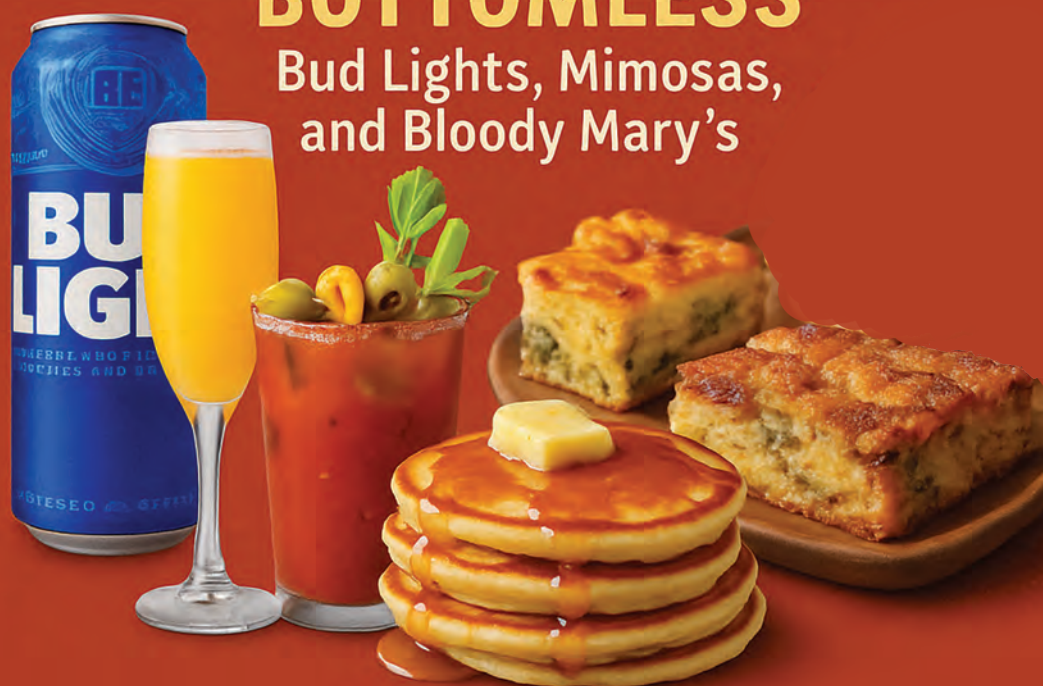
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Financial Wellness Check: Are you Staying Fiscally Fit?

Understanding the current health of your finances starts with having a solid plan in place, but it depends on following the plan to help you stay on track and continue working toward your financial goals. That's where a financial wellness check can be useful. It can help you make sure you're hitting the right milestones in your plan — and help you confirm that your plan is working for you.

Where to start? Here are six questions that can help set up your financial wellness check:

1. Are you adding to your investment accounts on a regular schedule?

Saving often and early is rule No. 1 because of the power of compounding. When you leave any investment gains in your account rather than taking them out, those gains can start earning returns as well.

Taking full advantage of your employer's retirement plan — typically a 401(k) — can be a good place to start. That includes contributing enough to qualify for any potential company match. If the company is going to match you up to a certain percentage, consider putting in at least the percentage that your company will match. Those nearing retirement may want to explore “catch up” contributions that let you add more to certain retirement accounts.

2. Are your estate planning documents up to date?

Estate planning documents should generally include a will, revocable trust, health care power of attorney (POA), durable POA for financial matters, and a list of your accounts and their respective contacts and account access information. You might also consider including a net worth statement, life insurance policies, property deeds, and a list of assets for your children.

Talking to loved ones can be an essential part of estate planning. Having those discussions, writing down your wishes, and then formalizing that through official documents can be key.

3. Do you have an emergency fund?

Unplanned expenses, health events, or loss of income can disrupt the best of plans. A good rule of thumb is to have six months' worth of expenses in an emergency fund.

You might need your emergency fund even when an event is covered by an insurance policy. If a natural disaster such as a hurricane does significant property damage, it takes a while for the

insurance money to become available. And it could take a while for your employer to reopen so you can resume working.

4. Do you have a plan for paying for your child's college education?

If you're thinking about paying for your child's or grandchild's college education, consider starting to save soon after they're born. Think about making college savings a part of your monthly budget just like your retirement savings. 529 plans and other college savings vehicles are worth considering.

Please consider the investment objectives, risks, charges, and expenses carefully before investing in a 529 savings plan. The official statement, which contains this and other information, can be obtained by calling your

financial advisor. Read it carefully before you invest.

5. Are you being smart about taxes?

With accounts such as 401(k)s and traditional IRAs, money has the potential to grow tax-deferred. That means you pay taxes on the funds when you withdraw them during retirement. But with choices such as Roth IRAs or Roth 401(k)s, you pay taxes on the money at the start but then don't pay taxes when you take qualified withdrawals. (Other specialized accounts, such as Health Savings Accounts and Flexible Spending Accounts, may also provide tax advantages.)

It really boils down to not putting all your eggs in one tax basket. Putting most of your wealth in tax-deferred savings accounts means when you withdraw your money, you may potentially incur a large tax bill. Diversification with taxes in mind can give you options to help you manage the tax efficiency of your withdrawals.

6. Are you getting advice from a professional advisor on a regular basis?

Having a financial wellness checkup with a financial advisor and other professionals is like getting health input from a doctor. Your financial professionals can evaluate your situation by taking measurements on a regular basis or whenever a significant life event happens, such as a job change, marriage, or divorce. This can help determine where you stand and what actions to consider. It's like your financial professionals are getting necessary information and then prescribing what may help improve your financial well-being.

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LIONS Club News

The New Hartford/NY Mills/Whitestown recently hosted Rich Synek representing Feed Our Vets and Bill Gagnon representing Sleep in Heavenly Peace at our monthly meetings. Our club is honored to support each of these important organizations. Pictured above are Rich Synek, Lions Club President Geraldine Schisler and treasurer Nick Montesano. Also pictured are Bill Gagnon with Geraldine and Nick. The New Hartford/NY Mills/Whites town Lions Club meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 5:30 pm at Sloppy Joe's Pizza in the New Hartford Shopping Center. Visitors are always welcome.

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General Office: 315-732-1349 Rev. Andy Ward, Pastor
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Morning Worship: 9:30am
Communion First Sunday of the Month.
Wednesdays: Awana - 6pm
Fridays: Christian Service Brigade - 7pm
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Sunday Service of Holy Communion at 10am followed by fellowship
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AA Meetings: Sundays at 8pm
Yoga by Kristy: Tues. 5:30-7pm & Thurs. at 9:30-11am.
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EGA Meetings: 1st Friday of the Month
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Sunday School for all ages at 9am.
Nursery, Preschool and Children’s Worship hour: 10:00 am
See our website for information regarding our Youth Group, Kids Club and other upcoming events.
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Morning worship is at 10:30 Sunday. The service is livestreamed on Facebook.
Child care and activities for children 5 and under begin every Sunday morning at 9 a.m.
Children’s Sunday School (Sonday Club) precedes worship and starts at 9:30.
The choir rehearses Sunday mornings at 9:10.
A fellowship/coffee hour for everyone follows the Sunday worship service.
The quiet, meditative Taize service held the first Wednesday of each month will be held at 7 p.m. on May 7.
NHPC’s Spring Rummage Sale will take place on Thursday, May 1, from 9 a.m. through 3 p.m., with a Bag Sale at 1.
A “Confections & Connections” program with Sarah Marris-Swann of Utica Creative Reuse will be held on Wednesday evening, May 21, getting underway at 6 p.m. Snacks will be provided.

5/1 — Rummage Sale, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. (Bag Sale at 1 p.m.)
5/4 — 9 a.m. Child Care and Activities
5/4 — 9:30 a.m. Sonday Club
5/4 — 10:30 a.m. Worship, Communion, Baptism
5/4 — 6-7:30 p.m. Confirmation Class
5/6 — 7 p.m. Deacons Mtg
5/7 — 10 a.m. Sew ’n Sews
5/7 — 12 p.m. Seniors Luncheon
5/7 — 7 p.m. Taize Service
5/11 — 9 a.m. Child Care and Activities
5/11 — 10:30 a.m. Worship, Mother’s Day
5/12 — 6:30 p.m. NHP Women’s Mtg
5/14 — 10 a.m. Sew ’n Sews
5/14 — 6 p.m. 4-H
5/18 — 9 a.m. Child Care and Activities
5/18 — 9:30 a.m. Sonday Club
5/18 — 10:30 a.m. Worship
5/18 — 6-7:30 p.m. Confirmation Class
5/20 — 7 p.m. Session Mtg
5/21 — 10 a.m. Sew ’n Sews
5/21 — 6 p.m. Confections & Connections, Sarah Marris-Swann - Utica Creative Reuse
5/24 — 3 p.m. Hope House Meal Preparation
5/25 — 9 a.m. Child Care and Activities
5/25 — 9:30 a.m. Sonday Club
5/25 — 10:30 a.m. Worship
5/26 — Memorial Day, NHPC offices closed
5/28 — 10 a.m. Sew ’n Sews
5/28 — 6 p.m. 4-H

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Weekly Activities
Worship Services Wednesdays at Noon
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Wednesday Lunches at 12:30 PM
Includes main, sides, salad, and dessert
Please make a reservation by the Friday before - Suggested donation \$15
Monthly Activities
Men’s Group | 1st & 3rd Wednesdays from 10:30-11:45amM
Meant to be a time of fellowship and exploration, Father Nick Smith will begin each week by asking the question “What is saving your life today?” Is it spiritual 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!
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 support group for anyone experiencing loss - new members are welcome to join.
Conversations and Cool Drinks on the Patio | 4th Wednesdays

at 1:30 PM
Join The Reverend Deacon Jean Skinner for conversations about faith. 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.
Monthly Dinners
3rd Tuesdays - Dine In at 5:30 PM and Take Out at 6 PM - Suggested Donation \$17
Please make your reservation by the preceding Friday.
May 20th | Lasagna, Bread, salad, and dessert
June 17th | London Broil, roasted salt potatoes, corn, salad, and dessert
No dinners in July and August - enjoy your summer!
Community Volunteer & Donation Opportunities
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 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. Many thanks for your continued generosity and to the Episcopal Diocese of Central NY!
Shelf Stable Goods for Grace Church Food Pantry | Ongoing
St. Margaret’s is accepting toiletries, coffee, and shelf stable goods (cereal, pasta, rice, dressing, canned goods, peanut butter, etc.) for the Grace Church Food Pantry that supports our community members who are food insecure. Donations can be dropped off at St. Margaret’s. Thank you!
Your Neighbors Service Project | 2nd Mondays Beginning June 9th, 10-11:30 AM
Help support your neighbors with a group of volunteers who reach out to the homebound in the Greater Utica area, the majority of whom are frail, elderly, and/or disabled and often lack the support of friends and family members. Participants will sign-up by the first Monday of each month and share what they will be bringing: main dish, starch, vegetable, or freezable dessert (like crisp or cobbler). We’ll gather on second Mondays to pack meals for distribution beginning June 9th when we will also learn more about the program from Carol Grove. Please bring enough food for 12 people. Your Neighbors, Inc. is a local non-profit organization. New members are always welcome!
Friends of Emmaus House | 2nd Wednesdays at 10 AM
Our group of volunteers meets monthly to help support the needs of Emmaus House, Utica’s only emergency shelter that serves women with children. Support is provided by holding fundraisers and hosting outreach events including the annual open house, among other manners. We meet monthly on 2nd Wednesdays to determine needs and find solutions to those needs. More information on Emmaus House can be found on page 10. New members are always welcome!
Helping Hands at St. Margaret’s | Ongoing
If you would like to volunteer at St. Margaret’s, we are in need of assistance with projects in our library and gardens, as well as volunteers to assist with events and our Altar Society to assist with our weekly Holy Eucharist, held Wednesdays at noon. Please call or email for more information and to get involved. Thank you!
Special Events
Sacred Site Tours | May - September 2025
We are excited to bring back our popular group tours of local area holy places this summer. We will meet at St. Margaret’s at 9 AM and carpool to our destinations, returning around Noon. Please call or email to register and indicate if you are willing to drive or need a ride. Dates or locations may change due to changes in availability:
May 1st, Sacred Heart Polish National Church, NY Mills
June 5th, Historic Old St. John’s, Utica (meet at 2:00PM this day)
July 3rd, Holy Trinity Church, Utica
August 7th, St. Joseph & St. Patrick Church of Utica
Sept. 4th, Zion Episcopal Church, Rome
Greater Utica Sunrise Rotary Pancake Breakfast at Grace Church to Benefit the Food Insecurity Program | May 11th from 9 AM to 1 PM
Come enjoy a pancake breakfast and help raise funds to support community members facing food insecurity. The menu includes pancakes, sausage, orange juice, coffee, and tea and the cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children ages 6-12, and free for all under 6. Please use the 11 Devereux Street entrance at Grace Church. Tickets can be purchased at St. Margaret’s or contact Joyce at 315-723-5597. Consider making a donation to help feed our hungry neighbors.
Concert & Ice Cream Social with The Licorice Stick | May 12th at 6 PM
Join us for an ice cream social and concert with The Licorice Stick clarinet quartet. The quartet was formed 15 years ago, and current members are Diane Vicik of Whitesboro, Linda DeAmicis of New Hartford, Lynne Cook of Clinton, and Chester Wright of Oneida. The quartet is known for its wide repertoire of music including classical music, ballads, swing, sacred, blues, ragtime, marches and pop music, and has played at area churches, libraries, benefit dinners, and nursing homes. This event is free and open to the public. Donations for the food bank will be greatly appreciated. Sponsored by Stewart’s Holiday Match Grant.
InterSpiritual Wisdom and Practices | May 20th from 9 AM to 3 PM
Join Rev. Dr. John Wilde for this wonderful retreat day!

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According to many pioneers on the InterSpiritual path, the planet requires a new consciousness where we can overcome centuries of suspicion toward others within our cultures and religions. Let us explore this essential path of the mystic heart, particularly focusing on Thomas Merton (prolific writer who saw how much Christian monks and contemplatives and Buddhist monks and contemplatives had in common), Thomas Keating (popular teacher of Centering Prayer and Lectio Divina), Wayne Teasdale (student of Keating who wrote 3 books introducing the tenets of the InterSpiritual Path), and Edward Bastian (founder of the Spiritual Paths Institute and creator of a seven-step InterSpiritual Meditation). Teasdale coined the term “InterSpiritual” in The Mystic Heart published in 1999. Here is a quote from that book: “Humanity stands at a crossroads between horror and hope. In choosing hope, we must seed a new consciousness, a radically fresh approach to life drawing its inspiration from perennial spiritual and moral insights, intuition and experience. We call this new awareness interspiritual, implying not the homogenization of religion, but the recovering of the shared mystic heart beating in the center of the world’s deepest spiritual traditions.”

Rev. Dr. John Wilde has assembled a team of local InterSpiritual teachers who will offer wisdom and practices associated with the InterSpiritual path: Venerable Myohye Do’an, the guiding teacher of Lotus Heart Zen; Rev. Dr. Naomi Kelly, Presbyterian Pastor, Spiritual Director and the Guiding Teacher of Weaving Home; Rev. Mark Caruana, retired American Baptist pastor; Larry Beasley, Presbytery Leader of Utica Presbytery. You may want to be dressed casually for Qi Gong movements associated with the seven steps of InterSpiritual Meditation. There will be short talks by teachers on InterSpiritual wisdom and practices including Thomas Merton, Thomas Keating, Wayne Teasdale, Edward Bastian, St. Hildegard of Bingen, Cynthia Bourgeault, Mirabai Starr, Joan Halifax, Walter Wink, and John Philip Newell. There will be several opportunities for silent meditation, prayer, and contemplation. The cost is \$15 including lunch. Please register by May 12th.

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May 4 Rev. Karen Brammer – Compassion and Courage
We cannot create peace and justice from acts of violence. Yet nonviolent practice includes great compassion and courage. Rev Karen shares lessons learned from study of and participation in nonviolent direct action.
May 11 Debra Faust – Mother’s Day Reflection
Motherhood is a journey through complicating realms of nurturing. Three generations of motherless mothers will reinforce how a mother’s actions or inactions can shape who we are.
May 18 Rev. Karen Brammer – Sources of Hope
Our UUUtica faith community aspires to work toward a future woven with intention and hope. How do we renew our hope as it falters in the realities around us?
May 25 Bob & Letty Umidi – The Unknown Soldiers
Memorial Day is the day we honor those who have died in war. Many are buried at Arlington National Cemetery, and every year a wreath is laid at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. But so many “known” soldiers remain largely unknown because their stories are neglected, edited, or erased. We will look at 5 of these “unknown” soldiers, honoring their names, their stories, and the impact of their lives.



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Oneida County Democratic Committee Announces Endorsements for 2025 Election Year

The Oneida County Democratic Committee is excited to announce its endorsement of candidates for various electoral races this year. The committee is looking forward to enthusiastically supporting each of the following candidates as they run to serve Oneida County and uphold the rights and interests of its citizens.

Elizabeth Snyder Fortino, Supreme Court Justice for the Fifth Judicial District

Candace Randall, Supreme Court Justice for the Fifth Judicial District

F. Christopher Giruzzi, Utica City Court Judge

Frank Meola, City of Utica Comptroller

Jacob Addington, Oneida County Legislator, District 2

Richard Duesler, Oneida County Legislator, District 7

Matthew Downs, Oneida County Legislator, District 9

Stephen Hampe, Oneida County Legislator, District 12

Chad Davis, Oneida County Legislator, District 14

Maria McNiel, Oneida County Legislator, District 15

Forrest Boshart-Lowe, Oneida County Legislator, District 16

Joe Furgol, Oneida County Legislator, District 18

Timothy Julian, Oneida County Legislator, District 19

Evon Ervin, Oneida County Legislator, District 20

Lori Washburn, Oneida County Legislator, District 21

Kellyann Mercurio-Bianco, Oneida County Legislator, District 22

Tony Leone, Oneida County Legislator, District 23

Katie Aiello, Utica Common Council, Ward 1

Robert Burmaster, Utica Common Council, Ward 2

Joe Betar, Utica Common Council, Ward 3

Hiram Rios, Utica Common Council, Ward 4

Venice Ervin, Utica Common Council, Ward 5

Jack LoMedico, Utica Common Council, At-Large Position

Heather Wasielewski, Utica Common Council, At-Large Position

Sheri Lagreco-Bryant, Rome Common Council, Ward 3

Ramona Smith, Rome Common Council, Ward 4

Michael Brown, Rome Common Council, Ward 5

By endorsing each of these hardworking, decent citizens for office, the Oneida County Democratic Committee recommits to our mission to elect and support qualified candidates who lead with integrity, accountability, and a focus on real issues that matter to the people of Oneida County. From Utica to Rome, and from Sangerfield to Trenton, we work to elect Democratic candidates at every level of government and advocate for policies that improve the lives of all Oneida County residents.

Please consider supporting our candidates and cause by getting involved with the committee!

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FX Matt Brewery Breaks Into Top 10 Craft Breweries and Top 20 Overall Breweries in the U.S.

FX Matt Brewery, home to iconic brands such as Saranac, Utica Club, Flying Dog, Right Coast, and many more, has been recognized in the Brewers Association's annual U.S. Craft Brewing Industry Report, ranking 7th in the Top 10 Craft Breweries and 17th in the Top 20 Overall Breweries nationwide.

This acknowledgment highlights FX Matt Brewery's continued commitment to producing high-quality beer while maintaining a significant presence in the ever-evolving craft beer industry. The recognition comes on the heels of the Brewers Association's 2024 report, which found that craft brewers in the U.S. produced 23.1 million barrels of beer, despite challenges such as rising ingredient costs and increased competition.

"We've always focused on one thing: making great beer. Being ranked among the top breweries in the country is a true testament to the hard work and dedication of our team. We're grateful to our loyal customers who continue to support us, and we're excited for what's to come." – Fred Matt, President, FX Matt Brewery.

The Brewers Association's report highlights the resilience of craft brewers, with the total retail dollar value of craft beer rising to an estimated \$28.9 billion, 24.7% of dollar share, a 3% increase from 2023. As the craft beer industry matures, FX Matt Brewery remains a key player, continuing to grow while adapting to shifting consumer preferences and the evolving market.

With a legacy that spans 4 generations and 137 years, FX Matt Brewery continues to focus on creating a strong connection with customers through their diverse portfolio of beers, including the beloved Saranac, Utica Club, and Flying Dog brands. As a leader in the craft beer community, FX Matt Brewery remains committed to delivering exceptional experiences for beer lovers across the country.

For more information about FX Matt Brewery, please visit www.Saranac.com
About FX Matt Brewery

FX Matt Brewery, established in 1888, is a family-owned brewery based in Utica, New York. Home to brands like Saranac, Utica Club, Flying Dog Right Coast, and more, the brewery has a long history of producing highquality beers. Known for its innovation and commitment to excellence, FX Matt Brewery has become a respected name in the craft brewing industry.

All Aboard for Adirondack Railroad Mother’s Day Trains and Beer & Wine Series in 2025

The Adirondack Railroad is helping celebrate Mom with “An Afternoon with Mom” luncheon and train rides on May 10th or May 11th. This one-of-a-kind experience is a three-hour round-trip ride on board an Adirondack Railroad vintage train from Utica’s Union Station to the historic Remsen Depot.

Upon boarding, complimentary mimosas or sparkling water with berries will be served. During departure, passengers will enjoy Shrimp Cocktail, Treasure Salad with yogurt dressing, and Fresh Bread. Once the train arrives in Remsen, enjoy a sit-down meal. All passengers will enjoy their choice of Chicken Francese with Seasoned Cut Potatoes and Green Beans or Eggplant Parmigiana with Seasoned Cut Potatoes and Green Beans. Beverage options include beer, wine, soda, coffee, tea, hot chocolate, orange, cranberry, or apple Juices. At the conclusion of the meal, all passengers will receive Red Velvet Cream Cheese Swirl for dessert.

Beer and Wine Train Series

Our other popular Adirondack Railroad trains include the Beer and Wine Train Series. Traveling north from Utica’s Union Station to Remsen Station, this round-trip, three-hour train tour is a great way to spend a fun evening enjoying live music and a nostalgic train journey.

Passengers receive a complimentary beer or wine glass (glass only – beverage not included) with each regular adult ticket purchase. This event is for passengers who are 21 or older.

Onboard Live Music Schedule:

- May 30th – Spencer Morgan
- June 20th – Gridley Paige
- July 11th – The Dove Tones
- July 25th– Shawn “Big Sexy” Smith
- August 8th – Spencer Morgan
- August 22nd – Terry Johnson
- September 5th – Shawn “Big Sexy” Smith
- September 12th – Common Roads
- October 17th – Master Thieves
- October 24th – Max Scialdone

Departing: Departs Utica: 6:30 pm - Arrives in Remsen: 7:30 pm

Returning: Departs Remsen: 8:00 pm - Arrives back in Utica: 9:00 pm

The Adirondack Railway Preservation Society, Inc. (ARPS) operates the Adirondack Railroad and the Adirondack Scenic Railbike Adventures. The New York corporation is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) volunteer-based organization with main offices in Utica, New York. Since 1992, it has provided a memorable experience for more than 1.8 million passengers, operating on the former New York Central Adirondack Division located in upstate New York. The website is www.adirondackrr.com.







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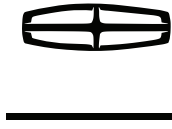
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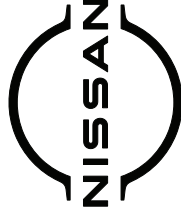
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