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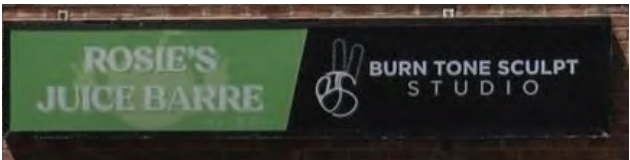
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### Rosie's Juice Barre

Rosie's Juice Barre, located at 3987 Oneida Street in New Hartford, will be opening on June 1st.

Stop in to visit our bold new juice bar concept focused on fresh, functional, and feel-good fuel. Some things you'll find at Rosie's includes: Cold Pressed Juices made with fresh nutrient packed ingredients; Protein Shakes made to energize and recover; Fruit Smoothies made with real fruits and superfoods - crafted to taste like a treat; Plant Based Energy Drinks made with natural caffeine sources - energize without the crash.

"We're so excited to open our doors and serve the New Hartford Community," says Rosie's Founder, Francesca Scorzafava. "Our mission is to provide clean, energizing options for anyone looking to make healthy choices, whether you're all-in on fitness or just need something quick and nourishing to get you through the day." And right next door...an elevated studio experience. The opening of Rosie's Juice Barre coincides with the expansion of BurnToneSculpt Fitness Studio, which now includes a brand new reformer pilates studio and expanded class space. Though separate brands, the synergy between Rosie's and BurnToneSculpt offers a complete wellness ecosystem - movement, nourishment, and community all under one roof. Rosie's Juice Barre will officially open its doors June 1st, but beginning May 10th, will be open select hours for an extended soft-opening. Join the celebration on June 1st and be among the first to experience Rosie's.

Follow their pages on Instagram, [@rosiesjuicebarre](https://www.instagram.com/rosiesjuicebarre) & [@burntonesculpt](https://www.instagram.com/burntonesculpt), for updates, sneak peeks, and specials.



### New Hartford Resident Publishes Second Book

Sara Monroe recently published her second book, 'Amidst the Boulevard.'

The following is a brief summary of this Augusta Willows Bed and Breakfast Story.

*'Nestled on Augusta Willows Boulevard, Milahn Kovalenko's bed and breakfast is more than just a place to stay. Breakfast is served at 8 a.m. sharp—with warm scones, golden syrniki, and the kind of welcome that lingers long after the last bite. Her guests arrive with stories of their own—some tangled, some tender, each carrying its own quiet surrender.*

*But outside those dining room walls, something heavier than syrniki batter has been stirring. Since the full-scale invasion in Ukraine began, Milahn has endured sleepless nights and aching silence from the parents she left behind. When the weight of not knowing becomes unbearable, she makes the painful decision to close her doors and journey across a nation bearing the quiet weight of war in search of the past that shaped her.*

*Through crowded cities marked by resilience and sorrow, Milahn witnesses a homeland forever changed. In the quiet stretches between destinations, a local bus driver offers companionship—and begins to cross lines without invitation. Meanwhile, Gino, the heart she left in Poland, waited for her at the edge of the border that she had to cross alone, watches from afar as jealousy grows and trust strains under the weight of uncertainty.*

*As Milahn embraces the rhythms of the Ukrainian bed and breakfast community, one question lingers through the chaos and quiet:*

*Can you ever truly return home when part of you is still searching?*

*Amidst the Boulevard is a cozy, romantic novel about the moments that bring us together, the weight of what we leave behind, and the places—and people—that call us back.'*

It is available to purchase on Amazon: <https://a.co/d/5k5BY8F>



### \$100,000 Tails of Fortune Raffle Benefiting Anita's Stevens Swan Humane Society

Anita's Stevens Swan Humane Society (A-SSHS) is kicking off its first \$100,000 Raffle: Tails of Fortune, on May 13th. Ticket sales are expected to go quickly.

In addition to the grand prize of \$100,000 there are also three cash prizes available:

Second prize \$10,000 - Third prize \$5,000 - Fourth prize \$2,500.

Tickets may be purchased for \$100 each via cash, check, or credit card. You must be 18 years or older to purchase and reside in (or be visiting) New York State at the time of purchase. You do not need to be present to win.

The Tails of Fortune Raffle represents one of the most significant fundraising efforts for Anita's Stevens Swan Humane Society. With an annual operating budget of just \$1.2M, the funds raised through this raffle are critical to providing essential care for more than 1,000 companion animals served by the shelter each year.

A maximum of 3,500 tickets will be sold. Raffle tickets can be purchased at Anita's Stevens Swan Humane Society at 5664 Horatio St, Utica NY or can be requested online by visiting: [www.anitas-sshs.org/raffle](http://www.anitas-sshs.org/raffle). The Tails of Fortune Raffle is sponsored by Mastrovito Hyundai.

The drawing takes place at 3 p.m. on Thursday, November 6th at Anita's Stevens Swan Humane Society in Utica NY and will be aired on NewsChannel 2 WKTV during the 6 p.m. news hour.

For more information or to reserve a ticket, please go to [raffle@anitas-sshs.org](mailto:raffle@anitas-sshs.org) or call (315) 738-4357.

About Anita's Stevens Swan Humane Society:

Established in 1911, Anita's Stevens Swan Humane Society is the largest animal care facility in Oneida County. Dedicated to providing shelter, care, and advocacy for at-risk companion animals, A-SSHS strives to create a humane community and inspire a world where every animal is valued and loved.



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### Piano Discoveries

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Hamilton College is an all-Steinway school, providing excellent instruments and facilities for this program. Piano Discoveries Institute is co-directed by Colleen Roberts Pellman, Lecturer in Music Emerita, and Dr. Tina Toggia, Lecturer in Music. Other faculty include Dr. Elena Nezhdanova, Lecturer in Music; Monk Rowe, Lecturer in Music; and Sar-Shalom Strong, Lecturer in Music. For more information and to apply visit: [pianodiscoveriesinstitute.org](http://pianodiscoveriesinstitute.org)



### NYS Approved Defensive Driving Course Offered

New York State approved defensive drivers course for insurance and point reduction programs will be provided by AARP on  
Tuesdays June 24, July 29  
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from 9am to 3:30pm.  
For registration and other information please contact Mary Merritt at (315)724-0096.  
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### April 2025 New Hartford Police Department Activity:

- 1112 Incidents / Calls for Police Service
- 48 Arrests
- 425 Vehicle and Traffic Law Stops
- 58 Motor Vehicle Collisions Investigated
- 423 Vehicle and Traffic Law Tickets Issued
- 410 Supplemental Neighborhood patrols
- 7 Community Policing Details Completed



## SUMMER TIME

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The Board of Trustees of the New Hartford Public Library is Seeking One New Member

The Board of Trustees meets the third Wednesday of each month. Trustees must also sit on a Board committee.

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

The deadline for applications is Friday, June 20, 2025.

Charge Up While You Check Out!

The New Hartford Public Library now offers an electric vehicle (EV) charging station for public use! Conveniently located in our lower level parking lot, you can power up your car while enjoying our books, events, and community spaces.

Stop by, plug in, and stay a while!

NHPL Board of Trustees 2025 Meeting

All meetings are held at 4:30 in the Sammon Room at the Library on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, unless otherwise designated.

Wednesday, June 18th  
\*Wednesday, August 6th 1st Wednesday of the month, no July meeting  
Wednesday, September 17th  
Wednesday, October 15th  
\*Wednesday, December 3rd 1st Wednesday of the month, no November meeting.

Mid York Library System App

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

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

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

Community Outreach

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

Interested In Using Our Window Display?

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

Batter up!

The nation's pastime takes center stage in June in an exhibit at the New Hartford Public Library. The New Hartford Historical Society will celebrate baseball, with a collection of baseball memorabilia from the society's collection. Also featured will be photos of New Hartford High School baseball teams and special recognition of New Hartford native Andy Van Slyke, who played baseball with the St. Louis Cardinals and Pittsburgh Pirates. The exhibit will be in the display case at the library's main entrance.

Touch the Trucks

Saturday, June 7, 10:00-12:00. Join us as The New Hartford Highway Department brings some of their best big trucks to the library lower-level parking lot for the children to see and explore! We are so excited to be able to bring back one of our most popular programs!

Literacy CNY

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

Beyond Who — A Children's Book Read Aloud

Beyond Who is a new children's book written by local authors Christine and Micaela Honsinger and local illustrator Bernie Freytag. The story follows a young, curious owl who journeys through the forest to ponder life's bigger, sometimes silly, questions.

To celebrate the book's release, the authors and illustrator invite you to their reading of Beyond Who on June 14th at 11:00 AM at the New Hartford Public Library. All are welcome for a morning of reading, curiosity, and discovery of the wonder that exists Beyond Who!

In Person Story Time

Mondays (group A), Tuesdays (group B) and Thursdays (group C) 10:30-11:00 for preschool aged children. Join us for stories and crafts. Aimed towards preschoolers – but all are welcome. An adult must

accompany the child. All story times are held in the Children's Area/Corasanti room.

Story Time will pause after June 19th as we prepare for summer.

Story Time Pause

Regular Monday, Tuesday, Thursday Story Times will be put on pause for July and August. Please check our Summer Reading Calendar for summer Story Times and Programming. We hope to see you there!

YA Summer Activities

Join the Teen Art Club at the New Hartford Public Library this summer, running Tuesdays from July 8 to August 12, 2025, from 6:30 to 7:00 PM in the YA section. Teens can drop in to explore a variety of creative projects like DIY pinhole cameras, book making, interior design, portrait printmaking, and more. No registration is needed, and all materials are provided for free. Whether you're a seasoned artist or just looking to try something new, this is a fun and welcoming space to get creative and connect with others. Give us a call if you have any questions!

This summer, the Teen Book Club at New Hartford Public Library is going virtual! We'll be hanging out on the free Fable app during July and August to chat about our monthly reads, share thoughts, and connect over great books. Want to see what it's all about? Come to our interest meeting on July 1st at 11am in the YA Section of the library. We'll go over how to join the club, get you set up on the app, and talk about what we'll be reading. It's super chill and a great way to stay connected this summer.

Back for Another Session!! Meditation Class

12:30-1:30 Monday, June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30  
Ages 18+ Class is limited to 20 people.

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

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

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

No prior experience is required. Registration is suggested.

Cane & Umbrella for Self-Defense Class

Join the New Hartford Public Library for a free, fun, and practical Cane & Umbrella Self-Defense class led by Master Instructor Eric Stalloch of the American Martial Arts Institute. Open to adults—especially those 50 and older—this 45-minute class runs Sundays, June 1, 8, 22, and 29 from 1:00 to 1:45 p.m. and teaches how to use a cane or umbrella for fitness and personal safety. Participants will learn blocks, strikes, self-defense techniques, and basic kata forms, all while using provided equipment in a relaxed, supportive setting. Comfortable clothing is recommended, and pre-registration is required.

Fiction Writing Intensive

Act on some of essential ideas about creative writing from Richard Weems, author of three books and US Presidential Scholars Distinguished Teacher. Fun and engaging prompts offered in an inspiring and supportive environment! Also, learn about creative writing contests for high school students. Registration required. Go to [www.WeemsInk.com](http://www.WeemsInk.com) or text 201-286-2030 for information.

AARP Smart Driving Course

Tuesday, June 24th from 9am to 3:30pm  
Call Ron Merrit at 315-724-0096 to register.





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### Chair Yoga Class

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

### Senior Yoga Class

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

### Lego Club : From Book to Block

New time for Lego Club!!  
Each month a passage from a book is read aloud from a pre-selected book. Using their imagination, children are asked to build what they see when visualizing that scene. This club meets on the 1st Saturday of the month at 10:30am.  
Next meeting: Saturday, June 7th

### Summer Fun is Heading to the Library!

During the months of July and August be sure to stop in the library for a wide array of activities. There is something for everyone this summer! From Tunes for Tots to Teen Art Club Tuesdays.  
Check out our Summer Calendars or stop in today to learn more.

### NHPL Summer Reading Kickoff Party : July 1st 2-4pm

Featuring the Utica Children's Museum - Mobile Museum.

To kickoff our Summer Reading Program we are hosting the Utica Children’s Museum to take over the library! There will be fun for all ages to do. Don’t forget while you’re here to grab your NHPL Summer Calendar, reading logs, book bingo cards, bookmarks and other fun goodies along the way.

### Upstate Mammography Van Returns to New Hartford Library on June 10

Upstate University Hospital’s Mammography Van will be at the New Hartford Public Library (2 Library Lane) on Tuesday, June 10, 2025, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Women ages 40+ who haven’t had a mammogram in the past year and have no current breast issues are eligible. Appointments are recommended—call 315-464-2588 or visit [www.upstate.edu/noexcuses](http://www.upstate.edu/noexcuses).  
The state-of-the-art mobile unit is part of New York’s “Get Screened, No Excuses” initiative, aimed at removing barriers to breast cancer screening. Mammograms are the best tool for early breast cancer detection, which affects 1 in 8 women but is highly treatable when caught early.

### Park Passes Are Back!

Once again, the Friends of the New Hartford Public Library are supporting our Park Pass Program. Through their generosity, we will be allowing our patrons to check out the following park passes which will allow our patrons a discounted entry rate:  
The Wild Center, Fort Rickey Children's Discovery Zoo, Adirondack Experience, Munson, Utica Zoo  
Empire Passes must be placed on adult library cards

and must be returned to the New Hartford Public Library Circulation Desk. Please call 315-733-1535 for more information.

### Community Rooms

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

### Book Clubs

Are you interested in joining a book club, currently in a book club, or looking to start one? If your club needs to order books or if you are interested in starting a book club, please call the Library and ask to speak to our Book Club Coordinator, Danielle. 315-733-1535  
>Ruth Anne Mystery Book Club reads mystery novels. They meet on the second Saturday of the month at 11am. For more information, please contact the library.  
The April Meeting will be on April 19th from 1-2pm  
>Wanderlust Book Club reads novels, ranging from current to historical. They meet on the first Thursday of the month. For more information, please contact the library.  
>TBR Book Group: Are you on Facebook? Are you always looking for your next book? We have the perfect group for you. We have created a group called the To Be Read (TBR) Book Group where readers can comment on what they're reading and look for suggestions for their next book. With over 100 members, you will never wonder what you should read next!  
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### The After Breast Cancer (ABC) Group will be NOT be Meeting in June!

### Heritage Doll Club

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



### Support the New Hartford Public Library

Thanks to your generosity, fundraisers like The Bill Bonsted Indoor Miniature Golf Tournament, The Annette Barber Used Book Room, the Joshua Turner Fund, Hannaford Bloomin’ 4 Good Program, and donations and membership, we were able to purchase new toys and furniture for the children’s area, update computer hardware, sponsor performers for the children’s summer reading program, park passes and raise our nation’s flag with the addition of a new flagpole and flag. Thank you for your continued support.

### From the Friends of the New Hartford Public Library

### Friends of the NHPL Meeting

Friends Meeting - Thursday, June 5th at 3pm in the Corasanti Room. All are welcome.

### Annette Barber Used Book Room

ACCEPT: hardbound and paperback books, magazines as well as records, DVDs, children’s books, puzzles  
DO NOT ACCEPT: moldy/damaged books (WE have to throw them out!!!), textbooks, medical books, National Geographic Magazine, Reader’s Digest, multi-volume book sets. No longer accepting audio cassettes, VHS tapes and computer games/books or CDs.  
The library and community greatly appreciate your "gently" used books but please limit your donations to one box/bag at a time and drop them off at the circulation desk.  
DO NOT drop them off in the hallway, at drop boxes, or outside the door when the library is closed. Thank you.



### Did you Know that God has a Name?

Did you know that there was not a "j" in the Hebrew, Greek, or Latin language, nor was there a letter "j" in the English language until some 1400 years AFTER the Messiah's death? So what was his name? There is also a pattern for everything hidden within the Bible.  
Join us for free lectures.  
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### How to Shop for Quality Furniture: A Sophisticated Guide for the Discerning Buyer

In a world increasingly dominated by fast fashion and disposable goods, furniture remains one of the last frontiers where quality still matters. For those seeking to invest in enduring, beautiful pieces, shopping for furniture is not just about function—it’s about craftsmanship, materials, and design that stands the test of time. But in a saturated market full of glossy showrooms and too-good-to-be-true online deals, how can the average consumer discern what’s genuinely worth buying? The answer lies in understanding what defines quality and how to identify it, both visually and structurally.

**Start with Structure: The Foundation of Quality**

A piece of furniture, no matter how stylish, is only as good as its bones. When evaluating structural integrity, solid wood is often superior to engineered alternatives like particleboard or MDF. Hardwood varieties—such as oak, walnut, maple, and cherry—are prized for their strength and longevity. Joints should be constructed using techniques like dovetailing or mortise-and-tenon, rather than staples, nails, or glue alone. When shopping in person, don’t be afraid to test the stability of the piece. For a chair or table, apply gentle pressure and listen for creaks or wobbles. Drawers should open smoothly and fully without sticking, and they should not slide off their tracks when pulled.

For upholstered furniture, such as sofas and armchairs, quality is a three-part equation: fabric, fill, and feel. High-quality upholstery fabric doesn’t just look better—it lasts longer. Natural fibers like cotton, linen, and wool tend to wear better than synthetic ones, though performance fabrics that blend natural and manmade materials are now designed to resist stains and fading without sacrificing texture or style.

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**Research the Maker, Not Just the Price Tag**

One of the biggest misconceptions about furniture is that high cost automatically means high quality. While price often correlates with craftsmanship, it's not a guarantee. Some brands invest more in marketing than in materials. Others, particularly boutique or regional makers, may offer better value without the prestige markup. Do your homework. Ask about where and how the piece was made. Is it bench-made, meaning built by a single craftsman from start to finish? Are sustainable practices used? Is there a warranty or repair service? A company willing to stand by its product is usually one worth trusting.



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**The Long View: Investment vs. Impulse**

In the end, shopping for quality furniture is about thinking long-term. A \$2,000 sofa that lasts 20 years is a better investment than a \$700 one that starts to fall apart in two years. Consider how each piece fits into your broader lifestyle and space—not just today, but years from now. Quality furniture isn’t just a purchase; it’s a legacy, one that shapes the way we live and the spaces we call home. After all, as the old adage goes: “Buy the best, and you only cry once.”

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*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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Summer Reading Kickoff Party : 2-4

Featuring the Utica Children's Museum - Mobile Museum

To kickoff our Summer Reading Program we are hosting the Utica Children's Museum to take over the library! There will be fun for all ages to do. Don't forget while you're here to grab your NHPL Summer Calendar, reading logs, book bingo cards, book marks and other fun goodies along the way. Registration is recommended.

Utica Zoomobile : 2-3pm : Sammon Room

Join us at 2:00pm in the Sammon Room as the Utica Zoomobile visits our library. This event is always a crowd pleaser. Registration is recommended.

Magic Show : 3-4pm : Sammon Room

Join us at 3:00pm in the Sammon Room as the amazing Jeff the Magic Man performs tricks to dazzle the young and old at heart. Registration is recommended.

Maker Cart : 10-12pm : Children's Area

Explore your creativity this summer with our maker cart. We have paper, glue, stencils, markers, crayons and so much more to use. Each Monday will have a special day media (not typically on the cart) to explore/use if you choose, such as paint, ink stamps, beads, watercolor, clay etc. While supplies last.

Tunes for Tots : 10:30-11am : Corasanti Room

Get ready to sing, dance, and move at Tunes for Tots! Designed for children ages 5 and under (but older kiddos are welcome too), this music class is the perfect way to start the day with fun and laughter. Little ones will explore rhythm, learn about different instruments, and enjoy interactive songs that get everyone moving. Whether you're clapping, jumping, or shaking a tambourine, Tunes for Tots is all about joyful noise, creative play, and making music together!

Garden Club : 10-11am : Children's Garden

Ready, Set, Grow! Garden Club is a fun and educational gardening club for children ages 4-11. This program will run initially for 6 week starting July 7th and concluding August 11. Each Monday children will get their hands dirty planting, watering, weeding, and working together while learning about plants. We hope to see you there!

PreK Playdate : 10-11am : Children's Area

Designed for Preschool age children and under. Join us in the Children's Area for some little library users fun! There are plenty of toys, puzzles, educational tablets and of course friends to play with. While this is a freestyle program, there will be planned mini activities not typically offered in our play area.

Storytime & Craft : 10-11am : Corasanti Room

Designed for Preschool age children and under (all are welcome). Join us in the Corasanti Room for an exciting/silly story followed by a related craft. Don't forget to mark this time on your reading log. Reading alone, together, quiet or out loud all count!

STEM+A Together : 11-12pm : Sammon Room

Designed for school age children, join us outside/in the Sammon Room as we explore the world of science together. Each program we will have different experiments to do and learn along the way. Some might be a little messy (slime/dyes/paints) so make sure to wear appropriate attire.

NHPL Kid Book Club : 3-4pm : Children's Area

Do you like Minecraft? If so, join our Kid Book Club as we read Minecraft : The Island by Max Brooks. Each week we will discuss the chapters read, then do a Minecraft related activity that coincides with the reading. Stop by our library today to pick up your copy! (Copies located at the Circ Desk)

Summer Lego Club : 10-12pm : Corasanti Room

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Funny Friday : All Day

We are looking for THE BEST jokes you have to share. Just fill out a Funny Friday joke card and give it to a staff member to share on our New Joke Board. All jokes will be left up for one (1) week and the favorite staff pick will be shared on NHPL Social Media pages the following Friday. Jokes must be appropriate and family friendly.



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## The Lunatic Asylum Top Ten Placement Maladies

The New York State Lunatic Asylum at Utica, NY opened in 1843 and was the first of its kind in the United States for its building and grounds were part of a wanting of a Utopian experience for people who suffered from mental health issues. The building referred to today as “Old Main” by locals has, to this day, the largest free-standing Greek Doric columns and had once been deemed, “mother of all institutions.” The patients were the first in our country to be treated under “moral treatment,” where patients could be cured and released back into society. Back then, skeptical physicians referred to it as the “cult of curability.” The onset of practical medicine of the mind that was referred

## WHAT THE HISTORY (WTH)!

to as phrenology was sweeping the nation. Phrenology is where certain parts of the human brain were designated to host different emotions like anger or happiness and intelligence designations like proclivity to math or linguistics. When the Lunatic Asylum opened, it was not particularly difficult to be committed. All it took was a single NYS, city, or county judge to have a case of lunacy brought before them. A person only needed the signature of a single physician or law enforcement officer. Back then, some of the reasons to be put away were quite insane within themselves. New York State would release a report every year of statistics of patients admitted, treated, and released. I gathered a lengthy list and some are truly hard to believe that they were enough to be placed in an asylum. I went through and came up with my own top ten list of maladies that resulted in a person being admitted to Old Main in the 19th century:

1. Bad Company: Imagine the people you hang out with are not the best lot of humanity led you to admittance.
2. Kicked in the Head by a Horse: The hoof of a horse to the noggin led to a poor person with brain damage being deemed a lunatic.
3. Uterine Derangement: I wish I knew what the doctor deemed as the exact diagnosis for this insanity declaration.
4. Vicious Vices: Alcohol, tobacco, sugar, and salt may have been enough for your doctor to send you to an Old Main respite.

5. Superstition: Even though the moon was deemed no longer a cause for confinement, having a black cat, or walking under a ladder may have been enough.

6. Egotism: In our world of instant gratification from the medium of social media, one wonders how many of us would fit into this category.

7. Political Excitement: Nothing to get excited about in the politics of this day and age so no worries, dear reader.

8. Overtaxing mental powers: Our gray matter hard drives are taxed with more stresses with each generation so one wonders what it was in the 19th century that overtaxed their day-to-day thinking.

9. Laziness: Imagine this being the rationale you give a judge for the reason to place a loved one into Old Main.

10. Imaginary Female Trouble: I have no clue what this meant for ladies being placed in the asylum; but as a husband, father, and brother to ladies in my life, I will not even pretend to give an answer.

There’s no doubt that the NYS Lunatic Asylum at Utica grew and evolved, as have ailments of the human mind, but there will always be those tender of the heart, and purposeful of the soul, who will devote their lives to improving the environment of mental health services.

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

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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

## Salvatore Alberico - Musician 1929-2012

Sal Alberico appeared on the Stanley stage usually with groups of performers. A clarinetist at age 11, he played his first gig at Palm Grill in East Utica with local musicians Carl Cardarelli and Ray DeFiore. “They had to get special permission from the Liquor Board for us to be there, and we couldn’t go into the barroom,” Sal once said, “and we got paid \$1.50 on Friday and \$2 on Saturday, plus a covered meatball sandwich and a Coke at the end of the night.” Later switching to the saxophone, he joined the then very popular Tony Rogers Band. Eventually, he formed his own band and could be heard at local weddings, graduations and other family events, occasionally appearing on the Stanley Theater stage. But his talents extended beyond the local area, playing backup for a number of musical greats including Sammy Davis Jr., Nat King Cole, Tony Bennett, Danny Thomas and Bob Hope. Certainly there were others. And Sal used his talents to help with local benefits, especially Operation Sunshine, for which he performed many times. In 2009, he was honored as a Living Legend by the Oneida County Historical Society. He died on February 29, 2012 in Altamonte Springs, Florida at the age of 82.



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You may know me already, and if you don't, I hope we'll have a chance to meet soon.

**Let's Talk.** If you have questions, concerns, or just want to introduce yourself, I'd love to hear from you. Shoot me a message on Facebook, I'm here to listen, and I'm ready to get back to work for New Hartford.

Warmly,  
*Michele Moran*  
Michele Moran  
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**Planting Containers**  
*submitted by Shelley Corey, The Mum Farm*

Now that you’ve purchased your quality annuals and many newfound plant treasures, it’s time to design and plant your containers. The fun truly begins now! Determining how many plants to plant into your window box and pots is often very tricky. As a professional, I always tell my customers that in the beginning, less is more. If you pay attention to the information on the tag such as mature height and spread, along with the sun requirements you’ll get a good idea how many plants to plant together and which ones will make good partners! I always remind customers that giving your plants some “shoulder” room in the beginning of the season will reward you with a spectacular show throughout the season. I want you to be able to see the soil for a week or two before they begin to

fill in. When the roots hit the inside of the container, the top growth begins and they start to fill in and grow, it’s so fun to watch!

When planting an 8” diameter container I often go with one 4” pot and maybe one cell of alyssum that will cascade over the edge. As the pot size increases, you can plant more material such as 3 - 4” pots with a few clumps from packs to fill a 14” diameter pot. Remember that less plant material will allow for growth and give the roots adequate room to minimize the need for watering more than once a day once the hot weather hits us!

I also believe in planting into moist potting soil. Those beautiful white roots don’t want to touch dry soil...it will suck the life out of them, so be very kind to them right from the start. Plant into moist potting soil and then gently water to settle everyone into their new growing spot!

You’ll often see people on gardening shows pulling and tugging at the roots in an effort to untangle them from their circular pattern in the pot. Would you like to be treated like that? As long as you have purchased a plant with a healthy root system and it was timed correctly for spring planting, success will follow.

Always plant your annuals at the same depth as they were in the growing container. Planting them too deep is often the first reason annuals die in a container. If you plant them too deep, it may take a few days or a week, but they won’t be happy with you! First sign will be wilting, you’ll think that they need water, but that often isn’t the case. Remember drainage holes if you’ve purchased new containers.

Oh, there is so much I want to tell you! I believe if you’ve been reading my articles for a while, you are well-prepared for the planting season.

A great trick is to take a hanging basket and transplant it from its original basket to either a much larger hanging basket or replant into a pot. You will be blown away by what will happen when you give those roots extra room and the ease of keeping it watered will make you wonder why you didn’t do this sooner!

Smile! Get ready for a summer of outdoor entertaining with family and friends who will marvel at your green thumb!



**Garrett Pratt Named Utica University Valedictorian**

Utica University has announced that Garrett Pratt of New Hartford, New York is the Valedictorian for the Class of 2025. Pratt is a 2021 graduate of New Hartford Senior High School and a lifelong resident of the Town of New Hartford. He is the son of Richard and Tracy Pratt.

Pratt has graduated with a Dual Degree in Health Sciences and Psychology from Utica University. He was a member of the Utica University Honors Program and served as a Student Ambassador in the Office of Admissions. Pratt is also a member of Psi Chi, which is the International Honor Society in Psychology.

Pratt will attend Mortuary Science school to become a licensed funeral director in New York State. He currently works at Friedel, Williams and Edmunds in New Hartford, New York and will receive mentorship and training there from Jim Friedel, Don Edmunds, and Juli Palamara.

He looks forward to serving his hometown of New Hartford and the local community in the coming years as a funeral director.



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They produced corrugated packaging in a wide variety of shapes. Each package was custom-made for a particular use and a particular customer. Engineering and design of the package was an important part of the services offered. Over the years the business continually expanded eventually growing to 175,000 square feet of space. Sophisticated machinery was used to form board, core, print, and cutting. On site design, engineering and testing facilities were extensive. In 1958 Virgil Masters acquired full control subsequently becoming President. He would sell the company to Diamond International Corporation ten years later.

Mohawk Containers sold to a wide variety of producers of goods with a need for packaging. Diamond sold its packaging, container, paperboard and graphic arts divisions (which included Mohawk Containers) to a joint venture of Jefferson Smurfit of Dublin, Ireland, and Clark Holdings Inc. of Chicago, in 1982. The sale price was approximately \$80 million. At that time, Mohawk Containers was the sixth-oldest box plant in the country. Jefferson Smurfit operated out of the New Hartford location until 2011.



Aerial view of Mohawk Containers



Mohawk Containers old Plant



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## Honoring a Milestone in Public Service: Cheryl Jassak-Huther Earns Prestigious State Designation

By Paul Miscione, Town Supervisor, Town of New Hartford

It is with great pride that I announce and celebrate a significant professional achievement by our very own Town Clerk, Cheryl Jassak-Huther. Cheryl has officially earned the designation of New York State Registered Municipal Clerk, making her the first Town Clerk in New Hartford’s history to attain this prestigious accreditation.

This accomplishment is not only a personal milestone for Cheryl, but a proud moment for our entire community. The New York State Registered Municipal Clerk (RMC) designation is a mark of excellence, professionalism, and a deep commitment to municipal governance. It reflects rigorous training, continued education, and adherence to the highest standards of public service.

In every aspect of her role, Cheryl exemplifies the values of dedication, accountability, and compassion. Whether assisting residents with vital records, ensuring the accuracy of town documentation, or organizing initiatives that bring our community together, Cheryl goes above and beyond with integrity and purpose.

Her commitment to accuracy and timeliness is unmatched. Cheryl spends countless hours—often well beyond the traditional workday—ensuring that critical filings, reports, and legal documents are submitted both correctly and on schedule. Her meticulous attention to detail plays a vital role in maintaining the town’s compliance with state requirements and preserving the integrity of our public records.

Equally important is Cheryl’s visible presence in the community. She is a strong advocate for open communication, often the first to share news of town projects and events with residents. From overseeing the revitalization of Veterans Park to organizing heartfelt tributes for local heroes and Gold Star families, Cheryl is a leader whose actions reflect a deep love for New Hartford and those who call it home.

This recognition as a Registered Municipal Clerk is a formal acknowledgment of what many of us in New Hartford already know: Cheryl Jassak-Huther is one of the finest public servants our town has ever known. Her work strengthens the foundation of our local government and exemplifies the spirit of service that keeps New Hartford moving forward.

On behalf of the Town Board, town staff, and the entire New Hartford community, I extend my sincere congratulations to Cheryl on this outstanding achievement. We thank her for her tireless service and look forward to her continued leadership in the years to come.

## New Hartford Highway News

By Highway Superintendent, Richard Sherman

June will be a busy month for your Highway crew, with several projects underway. Our work continues with the ongoing Roman Road storm water project detention ponds. The ongoing work in Chadwicks will continue on the sidewalks and street scape.

There are many upgrades happening at Sherrill Brook Park. The crew will continue work on the dog park and dog wash. The playgrounds will see improvements at both Sherrill Brook Park and Washington Mills Park. The new softball field is just about finished. Watch for the grand opening at the Washington Mills Park. The Veterans Memorial Park has been cleaned up and is ready for the Memorial Day observance. Our Highway Crew are again putting up Memorial banners along Oneida Street, Oxford Road and at the Veteran’s Memorial Park to honor our brave Veterans. These banners will fly proudly through Veterans Day.

We are in full swing with our Curbside Brush Collection. We understand that, because of all the rain, people are mowing their lawns more frequently. It is very important that you containerize your loose green waste items (grass, hedge clippings, flowers and small piles of branches). Please follow the guidelines outlined in the brochure that was mailed to each resident. If you didn’t receive a brochure, you can call our office to receive a copy, or you can find it on our website.

We have begun mowing the town and county road shoulders and rights-of-ways. Please use caution when you see the “mowing ahead” signs out.

Your Highway Department will be hosting the very popular “Touch the Truck” event once again this year, on June 7th, at our New Hartford Public Library, with several pieces of highway equipment for kids to see, and sit behind the wheel. Hard hats will be handed out to the kids by Highway Superintendent, Richard Sherman and Foreman, Chris Moran. Hope to see you there – come rain or shine!

The 2025 paving has started. Please be patient when driving around our work zones though out the town.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call me at the Highway office (315) 733-7500, personally at (315) 534-2998 or e-mail me at [rsherman@townofnewhartfordny.gov](mailto:rsherman@townofnewhartfordny.gov).



### Angels Among Us Food Pantry

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Hours of Operation: 10am - Noon

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

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

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### IN HONOR

by Carrie Byrne Putelo  
Editor-in-Chief & Owner  
Mohawk Valley Living

### A Conversation with Cheryl Jassak-Huther

For Cheryl Jassak-Huther, longtime Town Clerk of New Hartford, public service has always been personal. “It’s about making sure our veterans and their families know we haven’t forgotten them,” she tells Mohawk Valley Living. “We owe them that—and so much more.”

#### A Sea of Flags

Each June, Cheryl leads Flag Day at the New Hartford Veterans Memorial Park, where over 3,000 American flags are placed in honor or memory of service members. “Every flag represents a name, a story,” she says. “It’s a powerful moment of community pride and remembrance.”

#### Honoring Gold Star Families

Cheryl also helped design and fundraise for a new Gold Star Families Memorial Monument, set to be unveiled September 28, 2025. The monument will honor the 12 soldiers from Oneida County lost in the Iraq and Afghanistan wars.

#### Service Beyond the Spotlight

In addition to veterans’ initiatives, Cheryl has raised thousands for local causes and helped secure grants to improve town infrastructure.

“I love this town,” she says. “If I can make a difference—for our veterans, our families, or our future—I’m all in.”



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## Coming Out of Retirement: Michele Moran Announces Candidacy for New Hartford Town Clerk

After a fulfilling career in municipal service and several years of retirement, Michele Moran is stepping forward once again—this time with a heartfelt decision to return to public service as a candidate for New Hartford Town Clerk.

A long-time resident of New Hartford and a familiar name and face to many, Michele brings with her more than 30 years of experience serving the town and surrounding communities. For 27 of those years, she was a Records Clerk for the New Hartford Police Department, retiring in 2020. Since 1990, she has also served as the Criminal Court Clerk for the Village of New York Mills—a position she still holds—and previously served two decades as the Associate Village Justice there. Her seasonal work preparing taxes for a local CPA firm rounds out a lifetime dedicated to public trust and responsibility.

Michele’s deep knowledge of local laws, town processes, and court operations makes her uniquely suited for the administrative responsibilities of the Town Clerk’s office. But for her, this decision is about more than professional qualifications—it’s about community.

If given the opportunity to return to Town Hall, Michele plans to prioritize the core responsibilities of the Clerk’s office and the people it serves. Her goal is to ensure that all inquiries—whether by phone, email, or in person—are responded to promptly and courteously. She believes that the day-to-day duties of the office and the needs of residents should always come first, with special interests and personal projects taking a backseat to service. Michele also hopes to introduce designated non-traditional office hours to accommodate residents who are unable to visit during regular business hours. She is committed to implementing an online tax payment system that is user-friendly and free from excessive fees. Looking forward, Michele will focus on modernizing and streamlining operations—making forms,

applications, communications, and other services more accessible online. These are just a few of the many improvements she envisions for the future of the Clerk’s Office.

New Hartford is where Michele raised her two sons, Cullen and Tyler, alongside her husband. It’s where she spent years in the stands at hockey rinks and baseball and soccer fields, volunteering, cheering, and connecting with other families. Whether it’s a community fundraiser, a school event, or just a neighborly chat during a morning walk, Michele has always found joy in the small, meaningful moments that build a town’s spirit.

In retirement, she’s found time for gardening, refinishing old furniture, and enjoying the quiet beauty of upstate sunsets at camp—but the call to return to service has grown louder.

“I love this town. It’s not just where I live—it’s who I am. The relationships I’ve made over the years are irreplaceable, and I’m looking forward to continuing to give back in the way I know best.”

With her deep roots, practical experience, and unwavering dedication, Michele Moran is excited about the possibility of once again serving the Town of New Hartford and it’s residents —not just in title, but in spirit.



## Oneida County Pride Alliance Hosts Third Annual Pride Festival at Utica University

In honor of Pride Month, the Oneida County Pride Alliance (OCPA) is bringing back its annual Pride Festival on Saturday, June 7th from 10am - 4pm at the Utica University campus. The free, family-friendly event will have something for everyone, with over 75 vendor booths and informational tables, food trucks, performances, a Pride Walk through campus, and more!

In addition to fun activities and food, the Pride Festival is also an important cultural event. This year marks the 56th anniversary of the Stonewall Uprising, a key turning point in the contemporary LGBTQIA+ rights movement. Utica’s Pride Festival aims to bring the local LGBTQIA+ community and allies together in celebration as well as in solidarity around work that still needs to be done.

Applications for businesses, community organizations, performers, and volunteers interested in participating are open through May 15th at <https://tinyurl.com/pride-signup-2025>. More details about the festival, as well as participating vendors and performers, will be announced later this month. For updates or questions about the event, visit Oneida County Pride Alliance on Facebook or contact us at [info@oneidacountypridealliance.org](mailto:info@oneidacountypridealliance.org).

About OCPA:

The Oneida County Pride Alliance (OCPA) is a local non-profit organization that connects, supports, and empowers the LGBTQIA+ community and their allies in Oneida County by addressing community needs, providing information about and access to resources, and coordinating both an annual Pride Celebration and programs throughout the year.

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The words “Quick and Easy” should never be associated with fitness improvement or fat loss. In spite of the quick fix promises made in those glamorous ads in the media. Improvements in our quest for nutritional and physical progress, even at the microscopic level, are hardly noticeable in a few weeks of regular exercise. Being sedentary or mildly inactive and eating poorly for several years can only be corrected with continuous effort, both physically and mentally. Fat storage and fitness regression took time to position you for an unhealthy life. Fitness progress will also take time.

Step#1: **Get quality information.** Although the internet is available, for the most part, it is not entirely reliable. Check out credible websites like the American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM), the National Strength and Conditioning Association (NSCA), American Council on Exercise (ACE) or medically based websites, i.e. the Mayo Clinic or set up an appointment with a certified personal trainer.

Step #2: **Identify the “why” you’d like to change your lifestyle.** Remember, there are no quick fixes, but a long term commitment to making lifestyle changes. Getting in shape for a wedding or a similar celebration is not sustainable. Severe medical challenges often motivate for the long term. Life becomes precious and exercise and diet become a priority.

Step#3: **Set a similar time each day to exercise.** When you schedule regular exercise on a daily basis, in a few

weeks, a habit is born and eventually sustained. Early mornings are a good time to workout because nothing can get in the way and it’s viewed as a priority.

Step #4: **Awareness of what you choose to put into your body.** Awareness... awareness is the key ingredient in any nutritional success. Understanding the impact each food has on your body, with every fork full, also becomes habitual. It would be a good idea to eliminate or limit sugar, high fructose corn syrup and bleached flour from each meal.

Step #5: **Weigh in every day.** In the past, experts advised not to monitor scale weight every day. Recent data suggests that daily weigh-ins improve compliance. Weighing in at the same time every day makes sense.

Step #6: **Prioritize daily exercise.** Treat your scheduled daily workout like you would a doctor’s appointment or a meeting affiliated with your job. Whether you use a planner or a calendar, simply putting it in writing in your schedule each month prioritizes an important appointment with a very important person, YOU.

Step #7: **Journal.** I have journaled for over 30 years. It’s holds me accountable, makes me aware of mistakes I’ve made and serves as a future reference. I actually enjoy and look forward to recording yesterday’s activities every morning.

Step #8: **Celebrate Small Successes.** Your celebration should not include food. You could suffer a relapse with a glutinous feast. I’d suggest purchasing a piece of clothing that fits your new contoured body. A trip to a clothing store, not only provides you the opportunity to touch, feel and enjoy the shopping experience, but searching and selecting a new garment, leaves a lasting and visual impression in your memory bank.

Step #9: **Beginner’s, Start Slowly.** Few are interested in your starting point, but in a few weeks, people will notice your progress. I start sedentary beginners with a five minute walk, adding a minute with each workout. You’ll be walking 30-60 minutes in no time. Resistance training should also begin with a very light weight and progress with one repetition added in each workout, that should be done on three, non consecutive days a week.

Step #10: **Temporary Failure will happen.** How you handle missed workouts or a dietary lapse is critical to long term success. Regardless of how many workouts you miss or times you misbehave nutritionally, realize it’s a temporary setback. Resume workouts like a beginner. My favorite slogan is “show- and warm-up.” Usually a quality workout is had after a light warm-

up. Dietary mishaps are also temporary. Overeating is expected occasionally and it’s OK. It usually happens while dining out or on special occasions. Overnight, scale weight gains, follow a salty meal. It’s important to remember there are 3,500 calories in a pound of fat. Gaining a large amount of fat following one meal is physically impossible. An increase in water intake the following day will rid your body of the fluid it is retaining.

Again, improving your overall fitness is never “quick and easy.” A gradual lifestyle change is what matters most.



### 11th Annual “Best Ball” Golf Scramble with Prizes

#### Saturday, June 14th, 2025

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

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Dear Town and Village Residents:

As Mayor of the Village of New Hartford I enthusiastically support and endorse Michele Moran for the position of New Hartford Town Clerk.

Michele is uniquely qualified for this position. Her extensive background includes serving 27 years as the records clerk for the New Hartford Police Department, 35 years of service to the village of New York Mills as a criminal court clerk and 20 years as NYM Associate Justice. Her experience and longevity in these positions clearly shows she is highly qualified to hold the position of New Hartford Town Clerk.

I have known Michele for over 30 years and know that she is the most qualified candidate for Town Clerk. Her administrative ability, organizational skills, hard work, and her due diligence have provided the residents of New Hartford with excellent service and commitment. I know she will provide the same dedication to the position of Town Clerk.

I believe it is time for a change. New Hartford needs a Town Clerk that responds to its residents in a prompt and courteous manner and one that provides the best possible services to its residents on a full-time basis. I wholeheartedly encourage New Hartford voters to cast their vote for Michele Moran as our Town Clerk in the upcoming Republican primary on June 24th.

Respectfully,  
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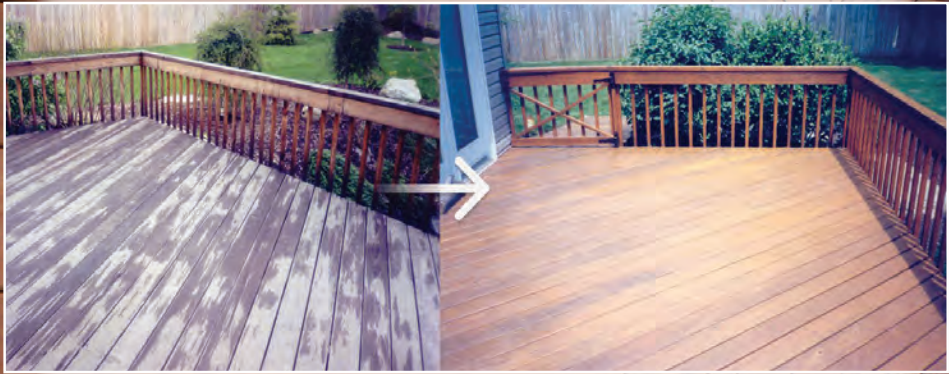
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It was, in fact, the very best kind of memorial – one that brought comfort and healing to others. Hymen, Clara and Florence would be shocked to see what their project, their gift of love and giving back, has grown into today.

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- Service Type = 13
- Good Intent = 3
- False Alarms = 21
- Overpressure = 1
- Mutual Aid = 0
- Weather Related = 0
- Other = 0

Total Calls for the Month of April 2025 = 97.

Of the 97 alarms, 73 were in the town and 23 were in the village and 1 mutual aid alarm.

Total alarms year-to-date through April 30, 2025 = 387.

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.



Electrical codes for all outdoor electrical receptacles. And do not allow children's 4-wheeled walkers in the patio or deck area as children may walk them into the pool.

Safe storage of pool chemicals is always a must. Chemicals should be stored in a dry, cool, well ventilated, location and preferably not within the residence. Keep them away from heat or an open flame, especially burning cigarettes. Keep all containers tightly closed. Flush out empty containers with water and do not reuse them. Prohibit children from administering pool chemicals. Do not allow chemicals to contact garbage, dirt, organic matter, other pool chemicals, soap products, household products, paint products, solvents, acids, vinegar, beverages, oil products, pine oil, dirty rags or any foreign matter. Dispose of all empty containers properly.

### Outdoor Grills:

According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) three out of five households own a gas grill. And the latest information shows that an average of 8,800 home fires are caused by grilling and close to half of all injuries involving grills are due to thermal burns. While nearly half of the people grill year-round, July is the peak month followed by May, June and August.

When starting your outdoor grilling there are a few safety tips we would like to pass along to ensure an enjoyable summer for everyone while reducing the risk of injury.

- Propane and charcoal grills should only be used outdoors.
- Keep items that could catch fire away from the grill area.
- Use long handled utensils.
- Placement of the grill should be well away from your home, deck railings, and out from under the eaves and overhanging branches.
- Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill.
- Keep clothing away from the flame.
- Always keep your grill clean. Remove any grease or fat that builds up on grates and trays.
- Never leave your grill unattended.

In addition, regarding gas grills, we recommend that you always check the major connection points between the gas (propane) tank and cylinder, and where the hose connects to the burners and tighten if necessary. To check for any propane leaks:

- Apply a light soap and water solution to the hose using a brush or spray bottle.
  - Turn the tank on and if there is a gas leak, the propane will release bubbles around the hose and large enough to see.
  - If there are no bubbles, your grill is safe to use.
  - If there are bubbles, turn off the tank and check the connections. If the leak continues, have your grill serviced by a professional before using again.
  - If the leak doesn't stop...call the fire department.
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- If the smell continues, move away from the grill and call 911 and do not move the grill.

### Regarding charcoal grills:

- There are several ways to start a charcoal grill. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the grill using newspapers as fuel.
- If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.
- Keep charcoal out of the reach of children and away from any heart source.
- There are electric starters too. Be sure to use an extension cord for outdoor use if you use these devices.
- When you finish grilling, be sure the coals are completely cool before disposing them in a metal container.

We hope these few safety tips will provide you with a great grilling season!

For more information please visit: [www.nhfd.com](http://www.nhfd.com).

## In Other Department News from the Chief's Desk:

### Be safe this summer

Summertime has arrived and presents your New Hartford Volunteer Fire Department with calls for assistance, which are unique to warm weather conditions. Please keep these hazards in mind when enjoying a safe summer.

### Lawn Mower:

Never allow a child to ride with the operator of a garden tractor mower. And, never allow anyone (especially children) to be present in the immediate area of any operating lawn mower. Flying stones or objects can injure or kill bystanders. Always wear substantial footwear when operating any lawn equipment. Never be barefoot!

### Swimming Pools:

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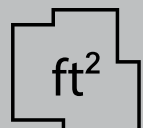
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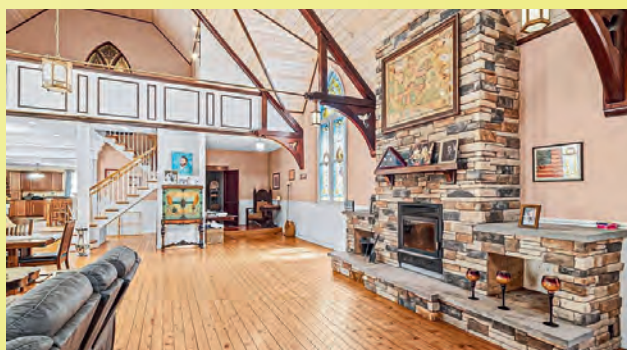
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## H.A.R.P. Museum Patrick Condon Exhibit Opening

The H.A.R.P. Museum at the Irish Cultural Center of the Mohawk Valley in Utica will have a month-long exhibit on the Life of Patrick Condon (Padraig Cundun, in Irish). The exhibit will be available to the public for viewing throughout the month of June. You may wonder ‘Who is Patrick Condon?’

Patrick Condon was a tenant farmer in Ballymacoda, County Cork, Ireland in the late 1700s-early 1800s. Times were tough for Patrick as his farm was in an area that often flooded. He emigrated from County Cork Ireland to Deerfield, NY in 1826 with his wife Margaret and their 6 children. Patrick chose Deerfield as he had 3 cousins living there already. After a few years, Patrick successfully farmed the land and soon owned his farm.

Patrick Condon never learned to speak or write in English; he only knew the Irish language. Beside being a farmer, he was also a poet and writer. He wrote letters home to family and friends back in Ireland, including stories as well as poems. These were written all in Irish.

In more recent times in Ireland, there has been great interest in the writings and poems of Patrick Condon. His letters from America to Ireland in the Irish language during the pre-famine era are a significant body of work mainly for the content and style of his writing.

Tony O’Floinn, a professor of Irish Language and Literature at Mary Immaculate College in Limerick completed his doctoral thesis on Condon’s writing. After Tony made a presentation at the Irish Cultural Center in Utica via Zoom a few years ago, a group of local people have been helping him with research into Patrick Condon’s life here in the Deerfield area, his descendants, the location of his farm etc.

Now, Dr. O’Floinn is coming to Utica to meet his co-researchers and some of Patrick Condon’s living descendants! His visit will coincide with the H.A.R.P. Museum’s exhibit about Patrick Condon’s life in Ireland and here in the Utica area.

All are welcome to stop in at the H.A.R.P. Museum anytime the 5 Points Pub is open to view the exhibit and learn all about Utica’s Irish Poet, Patrick Condon. Who knows, maybe you will be inspired to research your own family’s roots.



## Celebrating James Joyce at the Irish Cultural Center of the Mohawk Valley on Bloomsday, Friday June 13

Join us in Dublin’s fair city inside the Irish Cultural Center of the Mohawk Valley and the HARP Museum for one day on Friday, June 13th at 5 PM, as they host their eighth annual “Bloomsday” event.

In James Joyce’s monumental classic “Ulysses,” June 16 is the date that the book’s protagonist, Leopold Bloom, undertakes his one-day sojourn through the streets of Dublin. Since the first two-man Bloomsday celebration in 1954, that date (or as near as practicable) continues to be celebrated throughout the world, with a range of cultural activities including readings and dramatizations of scenes from the novel, (as well as the responsible partaking of adult beverages.) And this year Utica, NY, will once again play host to its own Bloomsday event.

The event will consist of a presentation of the Dublin sites visited by Bloom at different locations throughout the building, each accompanied by dramatic readings by accomplished local actors and scholars, interspersed with traditional Irish music performed by the Craobh Dugan-O’Looney chapter of Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann. Theme-appropriate refreshments will also be available and don’t worry, none will be from Bloom’s breakfast!

The \$15 registration fee will cover the program and a Bloomsday 2025 glass to ferry your favorite beverage, first one included with the registration, throughout Dublin city. All those interested in attending are asked to register at <https://bit.ly/3Zhq3Hi> 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.



## Lunch & Learn – “Dreams of Freedom”

Please join us at the H.A.R.P. Museum as it continues its popular “Lunch and Learn” series on Wednesday, June 11th at 11am , where local author Marilyn Higgins presents her most recent work of historical fiction, “Dreams of Freedom”.

“Dreams of Freedom” is about the promise of America, and one Irish woman’s determination to see her new nation live up to its creed, despite slavery, Indian removal, anti-Catholicism and her own lack of the right to vote, own property or attend University. In this chaotic setting, twenty-year old Aileen O’Malley came in search of her indentured father and kidnapped younger siblings.

Marilyn Higgins has served as Chief Economic Development Officer for National Grid and Syracuse University as well as a twenty-year volunteer with the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor. Her passion for the area’s rich history and belief in its profound impact on America’s national identity motivated her to write “Dreams of Freedom”.

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/453PnEq> 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.



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“My Thoughts on: Graduation  
Season and Area Small Businesses”

Welcome to June....  
a busy time of year!

It’s graduation season and for those who have already walked across a stage (colleges), and those who will soon do so (high schools), graduation season can’t help but be filled with nostalgia and high hopes for those who are on the cusp of creating brand new lives for themselves. The Class of 2025 graduates into a complicated world, but one with many opportunities to help make a difference. I wish all graduates the best as they decide what comes next. I am also confident they’ll be able to handle whatever they encounter. No one is better prepared for what awaits at the other end of the stage than the bright young men and women who are walking across it. Congratulations, graduates!

As Chairman of the Chamber Alliance of the Mohawk Valley, I have the opportunity to connect with business leaders from across the Mohawk Valley region. It’s important to listen to hear how things are going and to stay in-tune with the local economy.

It’s also a good time to highlight how small businesses in our area are embracing digital innovation to overcome technical challenges and grow in the competitive marketplace. Whether it’s a local restaurant adopting online ordering or a professional office moving operations to cloud-based collaboration platforms, technology is no longer just about keeping things running, it’s propelling businesses forward. Small businesses repeatedly emphasize how critical constant connectivity is for point-of-sale transactions, cloud-based applications, and virtual meetings. They increasingly request backups or solutions to ensure seamless operations if their primary internet connection falters.

Cybersecurity is equally important as small business owners are keenly aware that proactive protection against breaches is far less costly than responding to one afterward. Managed IT services can provide continuous monitoring and rapid response capabilities to detect and neutralize threats before they escalate. Emerging technologies, particularly artificial intelligence, spark considerable curiosity among entrepreneurs. Many businesses are exploring AI-powered tools like customer service chatbots and analytics software designed to improve efficiency. According

to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, nearly 80% of small business owners nationally are already using AI or considering adopting it this year—a trend mirrored in our community.

Looking ahead, local entrepreneurs see technology as essential for driving growth. Cloud computing, data analytics, and advanced digital marketing platforms top their lists as tools that can dramatically enhance efficiency and customer reach. While new digital innovation is exciting, small business owners tell me simplicity and reliability are what they care about the most. They often say, “I just want it to work.” I’m sure we all agree!



L to R: Broadway Utica Executive Director, Danielle Padula, Jaden Roback,  
& Youth Ambassador Program Director, Kristen Matteson

Broadway Utica Youth Ambassador Receives  
Civic Engagement Award from League of  
Women Voters

The League of Women Voters Utica-Rome Metro Chapter is proud to announce that Jaden Roback, a senior at New York Mills High School and Youth Ambassador for Broadway Utica, has been honored with the Civic Engagement Award through the Students Inside Albany program. This accolade recognizes Jaden’s exemplary leadership and unwavering commitment to community service across the Mohawk Valley.

Jaden’s dedication to advocacy spans multiple critical areas, including disability rights, LGBTQ+ issues, and environmental concerns. His active participation in student government, yearbook committee, drama club, and varsity bowling showcases his multifaceted involvement and leadership within his school community. Since 2021, Jaden has served as a Youth Ambassador for Broadway Utica, contributing significantly to the arts and fostering community engagement through theater.

In recognition of his outstanding contributions, Jaden was honored prior to the performance of “Dear Evan Hansen” at the Stanley Theater. He received a Proclamation from Oneida County Executive Anthony Picente, a citation from Assemblywoman Marianne Buttenschon, a certificate from Senator Joseph Griffo, and recognition from Utica Mayor Michael Galime. These accolades underscore the profound impact of his civic engagement and community service throughout the Mohawk Valley.

“Jaden embodies the spirit of civic engagement and youth leadership that the League of Women Voters seeks to promote through our Students Inside Albany program,” said Dawn Laguerre, Youth Director for the League of Women Voters Utica-Rome Metro Chapter. “His dedication to advocacy and community service serves as an inspiration to us all.”

Set to graduate in June with a Regents diploma, Jaden has accumulated over 42 college credits through dual credit courses. He plans to attend SUNY Brockport, majoring in political science and theater, aiming to further his passion for advocacy and the arts. His experience includes roles as a cast member for the Adirondack Railroad’s Polar Express and as a library page for the New York Mills Library.

The League of Women Voters Utica-Rome Metro Chapter congratulates Jaden Roback on his well-deserved recognition and looks forward to witnessing his continued contributions to society.

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50 Forward Mohawk Valley will once again be hosting our Annual Fall Bazaar. Last year at our inaugural event we hosted over 500 participants! The event is sure to be just as wonderful this year, and we are looking for vendors! If you are a vendor with handmade or personalized items please contact us for a vendor application.

If you have questions you can reach out to our Program Planner Rachael at rwhitman@50forwardmv.org or by calling 315-235-2029. Applications will be vetted by our craft show committee and you will be notified if your application is approved! The deadline for the application is June 16.

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<b>Oneida Health Cancer Care Radiation Oncology Affiliate of Roswell Park Care Network</b> (3:00-6:00 pm) 601 Seneca Street, Oneida, NY	<b>Nunn's Home Medical Equipment</b> (2:00-5:00 pm) 1340 Floyd Ave. Rome, NY
<b>Adirondack Bank Center at the Utica Memorial Auditorium</b> (3:00-6:00 pm) Labatt Blue Entrance Parking Lot 400 Oriskany St W, Utica, NY	<b>Boilermaker Health &amp; Wellness Expo - Presented by MVHS MVCC Utica Campus - Jorgensen Center</b> (3:00-6:00 pm) 1101 Sherman Dr. Utica, NY

To print a butterfly release order form go to [hospicecareinc.org](http://hospicecareinc.org) or for more information call (315) 735-6484.

**\*PLEASE NOTE: All butterflies will need to be released the day of pick up at least 30 minutes before sunset!**

### HOSPICE BUTTERFLY RELEASE CELEBRATION ORDER FORM 2025

To have your loved one’s name in the program, you, must submit your form by Thursday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>

Name (Print) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

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Email \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to reserve \_\_\_\_\_ (# of butterflies) at \$25 each or 5 for \$100. Total enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I or someone else will be picking up my butterfly order and will release somewhere special to me. I will pick up at:

☐ Hospice & Palliative Care, 4277 Middle Settlement Road, New Hartford, NY

☐ Nunn’s Home Medical Equipment, 1340 Floyd Ave, Rome, NY

☐ Herkimer Chamber of Commerce, 420 E. German St. Ext., Herkimer, NY

☐ Oneida Health Care Radiation Oncology Affiliate of Roswell Park Care Network, 601 Seneca Street, Oneida, NY

☐ Adirondack Bank Center at the Utica Memorial Auditorium, Labatt Blue Entrance Parking Lot, 400 Oriskany St W, Utica, NY

☐ Boilermaker Health & Wellness Expo – Presented by MVHS, MVCC Utica Campus, Jorgenson Center, 1101 Sherman Dr. Utica, NY

☐ I will not be picking up my butterfly order and would like Hospice to release them for me.

Name of person(s) being recognized: (if you need additional space, please write on back of sheet)

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

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5. \_\_\_\_\_

Due to limited space, we cannot list special occasions or messages in our program.

(Optional) Please send an acknowledgement of my gift to: (if you need additional space, please write on back of sheet)

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Make checks payable to Hospice & Palliative Care. Please mail form to: Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc; 4277 Middle Settlement Road, New Hartford, NY 13413. For more information, call (315) 735-6484 or visit our website at [www.hospicecareinc.org](http://www.hospicecareinc.org)

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July 24	Little Sunflower
July 31	SoulShine
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Aug 21	Midweek Fridays
Aug 28	Grit N Grace
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NH Questers Want You!

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 an online subscription to the quarterly Questers magazine. For more information contact me by email at [vjfariello@gmail.com](mailto:vjfariello@gmail.com) or call 315-723-7285. We would love to see you at an upcoming meeting this Fall.

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](mailto:vjfariello@gmail.com). Any photos submitted will be returned upon request.



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### 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:

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**The New Hartford Chamber of Commerce Welcomes our Newest Member, Eye Q of CNY LLC**

Eye Q of CNY LLC was formed in 2015 after the closing of Sears Optical. The office is around the corner of Sangertown Square Mall in the Men’s Warehouse Plaza which is home to many other well-known businesses. Diane Engell is the Office Manager and has been a Licensed Optician for over 20 years along with Dr. Joseph A. Carrock who is Licensed Optometrist for over 25 years. They are celebrating their 10-year Anniversary in June. Congratulations & continued good wishes.



**The New Hartford Chamber participated in the Chamber Alliance of Mohawk Valley May meeting at the Alamo Bar & Grill in Poland NY**

The Alliance includes Chambers of Commerce from Boonville, Cazenovia, Clinton, Greater Oneida, Herkimer County, Kuyahoora Valley, New Hartford, Otsego County, Rome Area and Trenton. Affiliate Partners include: Center for Leadership Excellence, Destination Marketing Corp. for Otsego County, Mohawk Valley Association of Realtors, Mohawk Valley Business Women’s Network, Mohawk Valley EDGE, Oneida County Tourism, Waterville Economic Development Corporation, Sylvan Verona Beach Resort Assn., Workforce Development Board, Mohawk Valley Small Business Development Center and The Genesis Group. The purpose of the Alliance is to address regional concerns of the Mohawk Valley business community.

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NHPC’s annual congregational picnic will be held on Sun-  
day, June 1, getting underway at approximately 11:45 a.m.  
at Sherrill Brook Park.  
The quiet, meditative Taize service held the first Wednesday  
of each month will take place at 7 p.m. on June 4.  
June is a transition month as regular activities move to sum-  
mer status. Please see the dates below for more specific de-  
tails about these and other summertime events taking place  
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6/1 — Last Sunday for Child Care and Activities at 9 a.m.  
and Children’s Sunday School (Sonday Club) at 9:30 before

summer hiatus  
6/1 — 10:30 a.m. Worship, Handbell Choir, Volunteer &  
Graduate Recognition, First Grade Bibles distributed  
6/1 — 11:45 a.m. Congregational Picnic sponsored by NHP  
Women at Sherrill Brook Park  
6/4 — 10 a.m. Sew ’n Sews  
6/4 — 7 p.m. Taize Service  
6/8 — 10:30 a.m. Worship — Pentecost, Communion, Con-  
firmation  
6/9 — 6:30 p.m. NHP Women’s Mtg  
6/11 — 10 a.m. Sew ’n Sews  
6/11 — 2:30-6:30 p.m. Farmers Market on the Green  
6/11 — 6 p.m. 4-H Mtg  
6/15 — 10:30 Worship — Father’s Day, Choir breaks for the  
summer  
6/17 — NHP Nursery School Last Day for 3-Year-Old Pro-  
gram  
6/18 — 10 a.m. Sew ’n Sews  
6/18 — 11 a.m. NHP Nursery School 4-Year-Old Moving  
Up Ceremony  
6/18 — 2:30-6:30 p.m. Farmers Market on the Green  
6/19 — NHPC Church Office closed for Juneteenth  
6/20 — NHPC Church Office closed  
6/22 — 10:30 a.m. Worship  
6/22 — 11:45 a.m. Session Mtg  
6/25 — 10 a.m. Sew ’n Sews  
6/25 — 2:30-6:30 p.m. Farmers Market on the Green  
6/25 — 7 p.m. New Hartford Citizens Band Concert on the  
Green  
6/28 — 3 p.m. Hope House Meal Preparation  
6/29 — 10:30 a.m. Worship

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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.

**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 un-  
able to help on Tuesdays, perhaps consider donating toilet-  
ries, 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!

**Your Neighbors Service Project | 2nd Mondays Begin-  
ning 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. New members  
are always welcome!

**Special Events**

**Sacred Site Tours | May - September 2025** - We are excited  
to bring back our popular group tours of local area holy plac-  
es 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:

**June 5th**, Historic Old St. John’s, Utica (meet at 2:00PM  
this day)

**Emmaus House Open House | June 13th 2 - 4PM** - Join  
us for Emmaus House’s annual Open House at 1215 Kemble  
Street. Learn more about the house and its mission. There  
will be a raffle basket fundraiser as well.

**Quiet Day w/Father LaVoe | June 16th from 9am-3:30pm**

New seasons invite us along as they come and go. Christmas  
is most blatant, but springtime bids us to put our snow equip-  
ment away and break out the Easter baskets and gardening  
gloves. One thing you can also do is indulge yourself in a  
Quiet Day at St Margaret’s. Father LaVoe’s talks on little  
known spiritual backgrounds of Commandments, Bible, and  
Sacraments are bound to increase and enrich your under-  
standing. Use reflection time between talks in any way you  
choose. It may be just what you need in order to be closer  
with God, Jesus, the Spirit, and God’s grace. A charge of \$15  
will be asked for lunch, but help is available if needed. For  
those who find silence a challenge, conversation rooms will  
be available. Please register by June 9th.

**Zentangle with Ann Hodgins | June 18th at 1:30 PM**

Ann is willing to bet that almost all of us have doodled in  
our lives. Maybe you did it while listening to a class lecture,  
talking on the phone, when feeling stressed, bored or fidgety.  
Nothing artistic may have happened but it was satisfying.  
Add a bit of calming breath, with prayer or meditation, and  
you have Zentangle. On Wednesday, June 18th at 1:30 you  
will have the opportunity to experience Zentangle. The few  
supplies needed will be provided and no artistic talent is re-  
quired! Please register by June 11th.

**Service Project for Purrs & Whiskers | June 23rd1-4pm**

Help make fleece blankets for our adoptable felines to help  
provide them warmth and comfort! Each foster is given a  
special handmade fleece blanket to use in their foster home  
to help obtain familiar scents so when they take it with them  
to their forever homes it will provide them comfort while  
they adjust. This event is free and open to all ages 12 and  
older. The only things you need to bring are your scissors  
and the ability to tie knots. Please register by June 17th.

**Summer Concert with Sherry Anne | June 23rd at 6 PM**

Born with a bilateral hearing and speech impairment, Bill-  
board-charting singer-songwriter Sherry Anne has faced  
many challenges and shares inspiration through uplifting  
messages of faith and hope to encourage others to overcome  
whatever their life obstacles may be. Sherry Anne sings with  
an elegant voice and has appeared as a special guest at Bill  
Gaither and The Gaither Vocal Band events. Her outreach  
encompasses music ministry and inspirational speaking.  
Sherry Anne has authored two children’s books and has  
recently recorded her 9th CD called Hymns. Please visit  
https://www.sherryanne.com for more information. Spon-  
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**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
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Pastor Peter Saie  
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Holy Communion is celebrated on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month  
Trinity Christian Preschool, weekday classes from Sept-May (Registration full until Fall 2025 session)  
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**THREE STEEPLES UNITED**  
2817 Old State Route 12, Paris, NY 13456  
315-368-3416 threesteeples@gmail.com  
We offer services every Sunday at 10AM!  
Three Steeples is a Presbyterian-United Church of Christ hybrid that offers a traditional foundation for progressive thinking and growth and is open to engaging with all faiths. Three Steeples United is an inclusive and member-driven faith community of active individuals and families who connect with and care for their neighbors and one another through worship, education, and culture. We challenge ourselves and others to discern, embrace, and act upon a relevant understanding of Christ’s message in today’s world.



**UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH of UTICA**  
10 Higby Road, Utica NY 13501  
315-724-3179 www.uuutica.org  
Minister: The Reverend Karen Brammer  
The Unitarian Universalist Church is an open minded, open hearted spiritual community. Unitarian Universalists come from different faith backgrounds but our shared values bring us together. Whoever you are, whomever you love, whatever your beliefs, you are welcome here.  
**Services are at 10:30 AM on Sundays** except as otherwise noted.  
**June 1** - UUUtica Inclusion Team – Cultivating Empathy Through Stories: Olaf, a Model of Empathic Love.  
Sharing our stories helps us to see the world from another’s perspective, opening our minds to experiences different from our own, and helping us to grow in understanding and empathy. The story of Olaf reminds us to love others with an open heart, regardless of our differences, and to embrace the world with joy.  
**June 8** - Rev. Karen Brammer –What is Ministry?  
Ministry supports our mission as a faith community. When done with intention and vision, all that we do together is ministry. What might that mean? What might that look like?  
**June 15** - PILGRIMAGE service at Unitarian Church of Barneveld, 100 Park Ave., Barneveld \*UUUtica will not be open, will not hold a service this morning.\*  
10:00 am Reception on the Barneveld Church Lawn –With Monk Rowe & Ann Carey  
11:00 am Barneveld Worship Service –Rev. Ned Wight, Speaker, with Combined Choirs of Mohawk Valley UU Cluster churches.  
Noon Luncheon follows the service at Unity Hall  
**June 22** - 10:30 Service with Rev. Karen, followed at 11:am on our large screen by the annual UUA General Assembly service from Baltimore  
\*Please note – Hospitality and coffee will start at 10:30 am due to the 11 am national streaming service.  
**June 29** - Celebration of Rev. Karen’s Ministry  
This is Rev Karen Brammer’s final service with us at UUUtica. Thresholds are sacred times of transition. This threshold service holds the truth of farewells, the potentials for what’s next, the concerns, and the love.  
Service will be followed by a barbeque on the lawn (outdoors, weather permitting) as we honor Rev. Karen.



**TEMPLE EMANU-EL**  
2710 Genesee St Utica, 315-724-4177  
teuticaoffice@gmail.com  
Rabbi Peter Schaktman  
Friday Evening Shabbat Services 6pm.

**TEMPLE BETH-EL**  
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Rabbi Gustavo Geier  
In person and on zoom www.tbautica.org  
Fri night - 5:30pm  
Sat morning - 9:30am

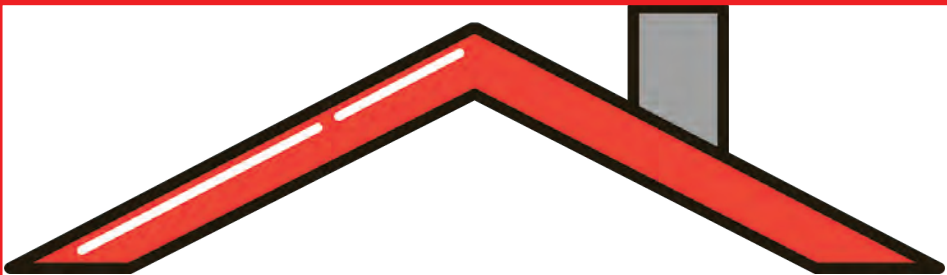
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2310 Oneida Street, Utica - 733-2343  
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**ZVI JACOB**  
Orthodox Synagogue  
110 Memorial Parkway, Utica - 724-8357  
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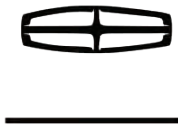
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