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Signs of Fall

submitted by Shelley Corey of The Mum Farm

Fall is approaching. I see the signs of it daily. The first brisk morning in the 50's, actually quite a relief from the stress of the heat of the summer and lack of rain in July. My annual plantings are almost at peak and I can tell I should start doing some pinching to make them tidier. Watering my pots is becoming a chore because the roots have filled the pots and sometimes once a day watering is not even enough. The days are getting shorter, signaling the mum buds to start swelling!

Here comes mum season. Time to replant those pots with fall annuals and mums to give

everything a fresh new autumn feel. The popularity of mums has exploded over the years. When The Mum Farm started growing mums, 56 years ago, they were not all that popular. Now they are synonymous with fall!

I'll remind you that it is important to not buy your mums too early in the season, or with a lot of color. Mums only bloom once and it's the cool autumn temperatures that make them last and last! I know how hard it is to pick out a mum with only a blossom or two open, but that's the correct way to enjoy the full length of their bloom season. No need to dead-head them. They rarely need fertilizer... simply keep them evenly moist and stand back and enjoy their beauty. The transformation from just buds to a full blossoming plant still fascinates me. They are about as easy a plant as you can get, with such a WOW factor as the fall season progresses.

Customers often ask me how often to water them. First off, we don't want them to wilt. If that happens repeatedly you will end up with much smaller flowers than the plant should have. You have stressed them out! Keeping them evenly moist without having them sit in water is the key. Here's what I often tell them. If you are wearing summer clothes, water your mums daily. If you start putting on a coat, you might be able to get away with every other day watering. If it rains, remember that we have to have a good soaker in order to get through all that foliage to water the soil, so I suggest testing the soil, or just continue to water as regular. Mums all have drainage holes, so rarely can you over water them!

The fun of fall decorating begins soon. Remember to smile, mums help brighten our autumn days!



Pictured LtoR: Natalie Ballesteros, Neve Galiulo, Mya Russo, Sofia Circelli, Natalie LaLonde, Cara Luley, Olivia Sinacore, Sophia Winegard, Molly McElhinney, Remy Leist, Evelyn Taylor, Lauren Prichard

Not pictured: Kinsley Green, Ava Green, and Eissen Gooldy

New Hartford 12u Softball All Stars Named 2025 League Champions!

The New Hartford Girls Softball 12u All Stars recently finished their summer league as champions! Throughout the summer, the girls competed against local teams from Central Valley, Frankfort, Whitesboro, and other surrounding areas. All games were held in Ilion during July and August. The girls entered the final playoff week as the number one seed and won both playoff games to take home the championship! This year's team successfully defended their 12u title from last summer.

Congratulations on a fantastic summer softball season to an AMAZING group of girls. Go, Spartans!



*Team members include: Back row (left to right): Jaina Circelli, Jordyn Willis, Madalynn Brown, Nora Ryan, Gioia Fontaine, Karina Coffay, Joslyn Bansner
Front row: Avery LaLonde, Lyla Godfrey, Shae Cornish, Paige Falk, Hadley Klausner*

Congrats to NH Girls Softball 10u

The New Hartford Girls Softball 10u All Stars also competed in the same league this summer. In the final week of playoffs, the girls ended their summer season by finishing second in the 10u division. Congratulations on an awesome season, girls!



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Pickleball At The Park
Sherrill Brook Park Pickleball Tournament Results

Sherrill Brook Park hosted a pickleball tournament on July 19th. Thank you to all the competitors and fans who attended the beginner clinic and the tournaments! The event was organized by The Pickleball Peoples Club and featured over 20 teams competing in Women's, Men's, and Mixed Doubles competition.

The Pickleball Peoples Club, founded and directed by Dan Miller, is a local group with the goal of bringing players together to improve, compete, and have fun playing one of the fastest growing sports in the country! Offering coaching, clinics, events, and tournaments, you can find more info and join the club by visiting: linktree.com/pickleballpeoplesclub

Congratulations to our tournament winners! Women's Doubles: Leslie Cohen and Darleen Philpotts.
Men's Doubles: Michael Sieffert and John Vanderhoof. Mixed Doubles: Michael Sieffert and Lori Sieffert.

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Adirondack Mountain Club

The public is invited to *Wild Edible Plants*, a presentation by local wild edible expert Natalie Levin.

Join us at 6:30pm on October 7th at the First Baptist Church, 7 Oxford Road, New Hartford.



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Mohawk Valley Gives: September 19th

We're so excited to be a part of Mohawk Valley Gives and we are counting down the days! You can support our campaign by visiting <https://www.givemv.org/organizations/friends-of-the-new-hartford-public-library> and donating on September 19th to donate, keep an eye out for social media posts and emails from the NHPL Friends and help us grow our network by sharing with your network, or become a fundraising champion! Stop by the library for more information on how you can support the library during MV Gives!

We are Open on Sundays!

Sunday hours will resume on September 7th. The library will be open from 1pm to 5pm.

New Park Pass Coming to NHPL!

The Friends of the New Hartford Public Library continue to support 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:

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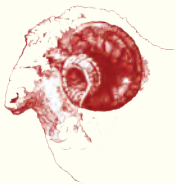
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Charge Up While You Check Out!

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, 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

Observing the Erie Canal's 200th birthday

Celebrate the 200th anniversary of the Erie Canal with an exhibit at the New Hartford Public Library during the month of September. This transformative waterway opened on October 26, 1825. A traveling exhibit by Oneida County History Center showcases artifacts and documents to share the history and enduring legacy of this iconic waterway. The exhibit will be located in the display case at the library's main entrance.

AARP Smart Driving Class

The next course will take place on Tuesday, September 30th from 9:00am – 3:30pm. Please contact Rom Merritt to register at 315-724-0096

Memento Morrie Author Talk

It's been 30 years since Professor Morrie Schwartz shared his wisdom with former student Mitch Albom, author of the bestselling memoir to date: Tuesdays with Morrie. Simultaneously, photographer Heather Pillar collaborated with Morrie as he came to terms with his ALS diagnosis. They created a show pairing Heather's photographs with Morrie's aphorisms to show tenderness and that death doesn't end a loving relationship. 'Memento Morrie: Images of Love and Loss' by Heather Pillar (Daylight Books, 2024) illustrates Morrie's philosophies beautifully.

Join us on Sunday, November 9th at 3pm for 'Memento Morrie' Author Talk, exhibition and conversation about how Morrie's wisdom has shaped the lives of so many, including Heather Pillar's life.

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.

In Person Story Time: Resumes Sept. 8th

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.

PreK Playdate

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. Stop in Monday, Tuesday or Thursday at 10am before Story Time to partake.

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.

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.

Back for another Session!! Meditation Class

12:30-1:30 Mondays 9/15 to 10/27

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.

The 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.

Lego Club: From Book to Block

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, September 6th

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

>Mystery Book Club:They meet on the second Saturday of the month at 11am. For more information, please contact the library. NO MYSTERY BOOK CLUB IN SEPTEMBER. NEXT MEETING 10/11

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

>TBR Book Group: Are you on Facebook? Are you always looking for your next book? We have the perfect group for you. We have created a group called the To Be Read (TBR) Book Group where readers can comment on what they're reading and look for suggestions for their next book. With over 100 members, you will never wonder what you should read next! Join here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1532390520153487/>

The After Breast Cancer (ABC) Group

Next meeting: Saturday, September 6th from 10:30am to 12:30pm in the Sammon Room

September -- Tips from Sheila Hosler to share about Mammography-- You're Going to Flatten--What to Expect at your Imaging Appointment. Sheila is a Mammography Technologist at The Imaging Center, Mohawk Valley Health System.

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.

Heritage Doll Club

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

From the Friends of the New Hartford Public Library

Help Us Make History Mohawk Valley Gives

Have you dreamed of making history? Of course, we all have. This fall you will have an opportunity to be a part of our community's Day of Giving - a moment to unite our community around generous causes to help nonprofit organizations connect to the larger community.

We need your help! Please join our campaign to help the Friends of New Hartford Public Library! We need you to tell your friends and family members about the important work we do and ask them to join us in helping to make a difference.

Get ready to give! On September 19th, visit www.givemv.org and make a donation to the Friends of the New Hartford Public Library and/or to any of the great participating nonprofit organizations in our community. All giving will end at 9:00PM on September 19, so make sure to get your gift in on time!

Questions? If you have any questions or would like more information, let us know.

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Remsen Arts Center Presents Insolent Willies in Concert

The Remsen Arts Center presents the Insolent Willies live concert on Saturday, September 6th at 7:30pm at 9627 Main Street, Remsen, NY. At the door cash prices: \$10 General Admission; \$8 Members; \$5 Students. Advance online tickets available at remsenartscenter.org.

The Insolent Willies are an upstate New York roots-rock band known for their hip-shaking mix of quirky, clever original music and unpredictable covers. Their sound blends acoustic rock, vintage country and blues, seasoned with punk, reggae and soul. Performers are multi-instrumentalists, so a typical show features acoustic and electric guitars, upright bass, accordion, fiddle, banjo, fiddle and harmonica. Always playing a mix of original material and unusual covers.

The band was formed in 2017 by singer-songwriters Bill Ackerbauer (acoustic guitar, harmonica, fiddle, vocals) and Frank DeVer Pullen (bass, mandolin, banjo, vocals), and now includes Paul Gavry (accordion, fiddle, vocals) and Evan Gavry (guitars, percussion, vocals), with occasional appearances by friends such as Mike Gowans, Jenny Harder, Dusty Elmer, David Wong and others.

The Insolent Willies have been nominated for 2025 "Americana Artist of the Year" in the Capital Region Eddies Music Awards. and "Folk/Bluegrass Band of the Year" in the ListenUp! Awards.

More event info at remsenartscenter.org or facebook.com/RemsenArtsCenter. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Remsen Arts Center programs.

This project is made possible through the CNY Arts Grants for Regional Arts and Cultural Engagement regrant program thanks to a New York State Senate Initiative supported by the NYS Legislature, the Office of the Governor and administered by the New York State Council on the Arts. Plus members, community support, and the Community Foundation of Herkimer and Oneida Counties.

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Traditional Irish Singing Workshop & Concert - Tim Ball & Kevin Elam

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Rome Art and Community Center, 308 W Bloomfield St, Rome

Craobh Dugan-O'Looney is proud to announce a singing workshop with 2019 All-Ireland Men's Singing Champion Kevin Elam, from Washington, DC. Later in the evening he will be accompanied by well-known Upstate Traditional Musician Tim Ball for an unforgettable night of traditional Irish and American music.

Advance Sale Tickets - Workshop only \$10, Concert only \$20, Concert & Workshop \$25 available through Venmo @MichaelTHoke or by calling/texting 315-225-6292.

Kevin Elam is a multi-instrumentalist and 2019 All-Ireland Champion in Men's Singing, only the second American ever to win the coveted "Dalaigh Shield" in its 65-year history. In 2020, Kevin was awarded a grant from George Mason University's Young Artist Commissioning Project, and consequently recorded his debut album of traditional ballads, *If I Were A Small Bird*, released in September 2021. Most recently Kevin was honored to be selected as one of six Artists in Residence at Strathmore Music Hall in Bethesda, MD for the 2023 season.

Kevin enjoys a busy performance schedule in the U.S. and abroad, appearing at many of the top Irish and Scottish festivals, venues and concert series as a soloist, alongside Scottish National Fiddle Champion Sean Heely, and with many other groups.

Tim Ball is an accomplished American fiddler, singer, and guitarist whose playing is deeply rooted in the rich traditions of Ireland, New England, Canada, and Appalachia, tied together by the distinct musical heritage of his native upstate New York. With over two decades of experience performing in Celtic and contra dance ensembles, Tim has built a reputation for his expressive style and deep musical knowledge. His latest album, *Upstate Crossroads*, marked a major milestone in his career, earning the No. 1 spot on the January 2023 Folk Alliance International music chart.

Tim is well-known to upstate New York audiences as the guitarist for the acclaimed Celtic trio *Arise & Go*, appears frequently with Pennsylvania-based Irish band *Poor Man's Gambit*, and has performed with popular Renaissance festival acts *Empty Hats* and *Cantiga*. When he is not on stage, Tim directs the Finger Lakes Fiddle Orchestra, leads Irish sessions, serves as a visiting lecturer in violin at Cornell University, and maintains a private violin and fiddle studio in Ithaca, NY.



Eyewitness to the "Troubles" in Derry, Northern Ireland – 1970-1972

Please join us at the H.A.R.P. Museum as it continues its popular "Lunch and Learn" series on Wednesday, September 10 at 11 AM, where Steven Smits recounts witnessing the events of Ireland's "Bloody Sunday" while serving in the United States Navy in Derry, Ireland.

The onset of conflict in Northern Ireland began in Derry in 1969 with the "Battle of the Bogside". The bloody war between nationalists and unionists continued until the "Good Friday" agreement in 1998. As the events transitioned from a civil rights protest to sectarian violence across the province, 3,720 civilians, police, and soldiers lost their lives, and 47,500 people were injured in the tens of thousands of shootings and bombings.

Steve Smits will discuss the experiences and observations of he and his wife in Derry during the early years of the conflict. As an American service man stationed at the U.S. Naval Communication Station in Derry, he had the opportunity to hear from Catholics and Protestants and to visit their enclaves in the segregated neighborhoods of the city. He will recall the daily riots, the bombings, and the perspectives of the people of Derry.

Steve will recount the evening when a bomb detonated outside their flat on the Strand Road near the city center. He will describe the shock of "Bloody Sunday", on January 30, 1972, when 14 civilians on a protest march were shot by soldiers of the First Parachute Regiment. The "whitewash" report on the event of the Widgery Commission in 1972 and the revised report of the Saville Commission will be covered.

After his departure from Derry in 1972, by 1977, the violence increased to the point where the U.S. Navy, on orders from the White House, vacated the Naval Station, a presence in the community since 1942.

Steve Smits is a retired director of Central New York Developmental Disabilities Services Offices and is active in the Town of Western Historical Society.

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 <http://bit.ly/45nfjJX> 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.



Geordy Austin - Twenty-Six plus Six - A United Ireland

Bigi linn! Join us on Wed Sept 17 7 PM at the Irish Cultural Center of the Mohawk Valley when we pay tribute to Geordy Austin, a staunch supporter of Irish freedom and unification.

To say Geordy was passionate about all things Irish and especially Irish unification would be an understatement of massive proportions. Born in Belfast, Northern Ireland,

Geordy left school at the age of 14 to help support his family of 13. As a union dock worker in Northern Ireland, Geordy saw first hand the struggles imposed by the British majority against the Catholic minority Irish longing for a peaceful united Ireland. He had a passion for Ireland's culture especially its language which was derided and often suppressed by British authorities.

Geordy emigrated to the states in 1981 and settled in Syracuse in 2000. Sadly he passed away September 21, 2024. Family and friends of Geordy will be on hand to tell us how they knew this man and his impact on Central New York's Irish community.

You can attend this presentation at the H.A.R.P. Museum located on the second floor of the Irish Cultural Center of the Mohawk Valley, 623 Columbia St, Utica. All are welcome to attend this program and the museum is wheelchair accessible. There is no charge for this event, however donations are most appreciated. Please register at this link <http://bit.ly/45KTuFr> or leave a message at 315-733-4338 ext. 6.

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This fall, you can also take a class with Munson's 2025-26 Artist-in-Residence, Quincey Spagnoletti, whose work explores themes of identity, environment, and the passage of time through analog and experimental photographic processes. Her work has been featured in "Boston Art Review," "Der Greif," "Photoworks UK," and the Leica Gallery, Boston. Recognized as a rising talent in contemporary photography, she was named a Top 25 Photographer to Watch by the Lenscratch Student Prize (2024), a Top 200 Critical Mass Finalist, and a Top 30 Finalist in the KLPA Autoportrait Awards.

Scholarships for one class each semester are available to anyone who demonstrates significant financial need. Awards are limited and the amounts vary based on the number of qualified applications received. Scholarship forms, available on the Munson website, may be submitted online, by calling 315-797-8260, or email at communityclasses@munson.art. Applications are reviewed every few weeks and in the order they are received.

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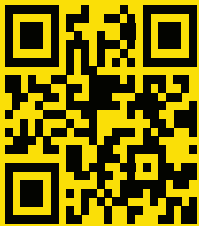
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Malio Cardarelli
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Born James Francis Durante, the son of a barber, in Manhattan on February 10, 1893. He left school in the 7th grade. But because he loved the piano, James did continue his lessons on that instrument, a move that helped him begin a musical career at the age 17 at a saloon in Coney Island. He later played ragtime piano for a living, taking jobs wherever he could, including bars, cabarets, etc.. He became known for a time as "Ragtime Jimmy". In 1916, still in his early 20s, he organized a five-piece band. Durante, known chiefly as a Vaudeville entertainer with a gravelly voice and a very large nose earning him the nickname The Schnoz, developed a musical career that included movies, radio, and later TV, the latter the media for which he was best and most widely known. His closing of every show, both radio and TV, "Goodnight Mrs. Calabash" kept audience wondering who she was and why he never failed to elsewhere mention her, a mystery still perplexing this writer. Durante's role in the movie "It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World, is one for which he might be much remembered along with a cast consisting of Milton Berle, Ethel Merman, Sid Caesar, Mickey Rooney, and other notables. Musically, Durante's list of prominent songs includes "Make Someone Happy, I'll See You In My Dreams, Inka Dinka Doo, I'll Be Seeing You, As Time Goes By, Frosty the Snowman," and many others. His piano playing and singing appearance at the Stanley Theater happened in March of 1942, certainly a memorable happening for Stanley audiences. Durante died of pneumonia in Santa Monica California on January 29, 1980 at age of 86.





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Weights, Machines, Tubing, What’s Best?

submitted by Jim LaFountain, All American Fitness Center

I have had the good fortune of training outstanding Little Leaguers, Pop Warner Football players, High School, Collegiate and Professional athletes. In our initial meeting I listen intensely to their expectations. Almost always, their primary goal is to use resistance training and cardio to become better in their sport. My response goes like this, “I cannot make you better in your specific sport, but I can “give you a bigger engine,” enabling you to practice and play at a higher level. Nothing will replace hard work devoted your specific sport”

Next question: what’s best, weights, machines or tubing?

Resistance work, using barbells and dumbbells has been around for centuries. Resistance Training, as legend has it, was founded by six time Olympic Champion Wrestler Milo of Groton, Greece, between 540-511 B.C. His legend goes like this-He lifted a baby cow daily in preparation for his Olympic Wrestling Competition. Each day, the cow grew heavier and Milo participated in what is now called “Progressive Resistance Training” for several weeks.

Weight Training is still the choice of many serious bodybuilders and athletes. It’s convenient and in my opinion, there’s something rewarding about watching a weight move through a range of motion. It’s also popular because it’s a measured outcome, i.e., What’s

your one rep max in the Squat, Bench Press etc?

One drawback, Weight Training does not vary the resistance to match a joints anatomical advantages and disadvantages. For example, initiating a biceps curl begins with elbow extension, placing the biceps in an anatomical disadvantage. Completing the move with the elbow contracted and the joint at an anatomical advantage, yet the weight remains the same as when the movement started, compromising the effectiveness of the exercise.

Variable Resistance Machines vary resistance through the joints full range of motion. Most machines address the joints anatomical advantages and disadvantages. This intensifies muscular contraction and the results associated with variable resistance exercise. Most variable resistance equipment addresses this issue using a cam or a angled movement arm.

Machine training has a difficult time adjusting for a trainee’s body type, i.e., height, arm and leg length etc. Machine training lacks the glamour of weights. Watching a stack of weights traveling along a guide rod is not as rewarding as moving a weight attached to a barbell or dumbbell. A major goal of lifting weights is to increase the amount of weight lifted for a number of repetitions. Seldom does a trainee brag about the weight they move on a machine.

Tubing a few years ago was used primarily in injury rehabilitation. It’s “joint friendly,” convenient and can be done anywhere. When I travel, tubing is my chosen mode of training. It’s light and fits neatly in any suitcase.

Although somewhat primitive, tubing varies resistance according to any anatomical advantage or disadvantage. Resistance is minimal at the beginning of the movement and increases when you push or pull to full extension or flexion. I would suggest using a system that offers separate chords, in lieu of one single chord feathered through one strap. A single chord would require resetting before each movement.

To answer the question as to what’s better, weights, machines or tubing? Understanding the pluses and minuses for each mode is a prudent guide to making training choices. I do my best to incorporate some of each mode in each workout. Using one mode exclusively, is probably not a good idea, as it may lead to boredom and dropout. Using a variety of modes in each workout tends to keep things fresh and boredom at bay. The **ideal** mode is the one you enjoy and can maintain for 6-8 weeks. After that period of time, referred to as a “mesocycle,” a change is definitely in order. All the best on your journey to “get a bigger engine.”



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The American Cancer Society is teaming up with Hannaford Supermarkets again and the Utica Blue Sox baseball club to raise funds and show support for local breast cancer survivors during their ‘Pink the Park’

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Pictured above, from the Mohawk Valley stores, are from left to right: Mike Rondenelli, Cheryl Rondenelli, Brandon Smith, Rich Thomas, Dan Hines, Jenn Smith, Chuck Wentrack, Kevin King, Gina Cosamano, Danielle Ferro, Shana King, and Robert Elinskas from the American Cancer Society

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Carol Crooms Wings & Roots campers surround Phoenix Radio owner and Phoenix media editor, Cassandra Harris Lockwood at media workshop

Carol Crooms Roots & Wings Summer Program Delivers Real-World STEM and Life Skills to Utica Youth

The Carol Crooms Roots & Wings Summer Youth Program, held at the Carol L. Crooms BECA Center in Utica, provided more than 25 students with an enriching experience grounded in real-world learning, STEM exploration, vocational training, and community engagement. Entirely free of charge, the program operated solely on in-kind donations and volunteer support, a testament to the strength and generosity of the local community.

Founded by Teoka Muhammad in memory of her late mother-in-law and long-time community activist Carol Crooms, the program aimed to equip the next generation with practical knowledge and life skills. “I wanted to honor her legacy by providing real-world experiences centered in STEM and vocational training for future generations,” said Muhammad. Judging by the enthusiastic response from both students and parents, the program was a powerful match for the needs of the community.

Throughout the summer, students participated in a comprehensive financial literacy curriculum. They learned to build and manage household budgets, distinguish between wants and needs, and make sound spending decisions. This financial foundation was reinforced during hands-on entrepreneurship sessions, where students created and sold crafts and products to community members during two marketplace weekends leading up to graduation.

STEM education came to life when students met local contractor Ty Lewis, who demonstrated how math and planning are essential to his work in construction. This real-world application of classroom skills helped students make direct connections between academic learning and career opportunities.

Students also received grooming instruction and vocational exposure from a local barber, learning both hair braiding and barbering techniques. These lessons emphasized not only skill development but also self-confidence, hygiene, and potential career paths in the personal care industry.

The program featured an engaging media and communications component led by Cassandra Harris-Lockwood, CEO of Phoenix Radio. She offered students a behind-the-scenes look at running a radio station and producing a community newspaper, sparking interest in broadcasting, journalism, and storytelling.

Students also had the opportunity to engage with Dr. Shyqual Lewis, an emergency physician at Mohawk Valley Health System (MVHS). Dr. Lewis introduced them to the basics of emergency medical care and shared insights into the critical and rewarding role of medical professionals, inspiring curiosity about healthcare careers.

Another key component of the program was agricultural education. Students planted leafy vegetables in the Cornhill neighborhood, designated as a food desert, learning about sustainability, food justice, and the importance of healthy eating habits. This hands-on experience connected them with the land and their local environment in a meaningful way.

A special highlight of the program was a visit from Hunter Willis, a national yo-yo champion, who spoke to students about the power of discipline, focus, and perseverance. His story inspired the children to pursue their goals with dedication and passion.

The program concluded with a joyful graduation ceremony, where each student was awarded a certificate of participation. Parents and community members cheered as the students celebrated their accomplishments, many of them squealing with delight as they accepted their recognition.

The Carol Crooms Roots & Wings Summer Youth Program proved to be a transformative experience—one that blended education with empowerment, and structure with creativity. With no matching funds and no tuition, the program succeeded in delivering impactful, life-changing lessons to the youth of Utica, planting seeds for a stronger, more self-sufficient future generation.



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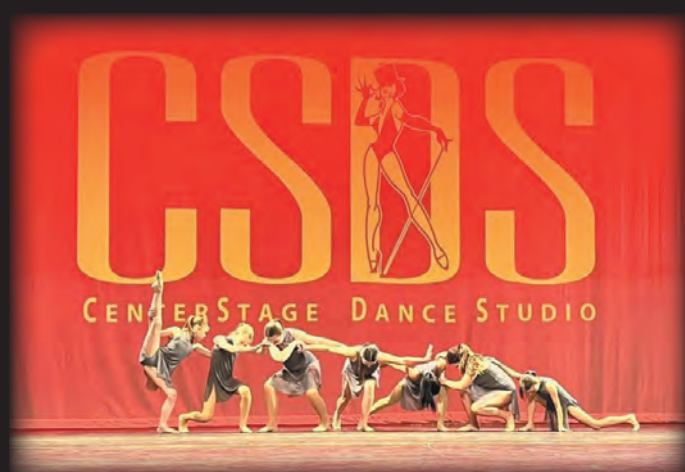
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2-Sep	5:30 PM	Regular Season	Soccer (Girls)	Varsity	NH HS Turf Field	Marcellus
3-Sep	3:30 PM	Regular Season	Tennis (Girls)	Varsity	NH HS Tennis Courts	RFA
3-Sep	6:30 PM	Regular Season	Field Hockey (Girls)	Varsity	NH HS Turf Field	Canastota
4-Sep	4:15 PM	Regular Season	Soccer (Girls)	JV	Perry JH Soccer Field	Camden
5-Sep	4:30 PM	Regular Season (Finger Lakes Cup)	Soccer (Boys)	Varsity	TBD	Aquinas Institute
5-Sep	4:30 PM	Regular Season (Finger Lakes Cup)	Soccer (Boys)	JV	TBD	Aquinas Institute
5-Sep	5:30 PM	Regular Season	Gymnastics (Girls)	Varsity	Valley Gymnastics	Utica Proctor
5-Sep	6:00 PM	Regular Season	Football (Boys)	Varsity	NH HS Turf Field	Indian River
5-Sep	6:00 PM	Regular Season	Cheerleading (Girls)	Varsity (Fall	NH HS Turf Field	Indian River (Fall)
9-Sep	4:15 PM	Regular Season	Soccer (Boys)	JV	Perry JH Soccer Field	Holland Patent
9-Sep	5:30 PM	Regular Season	Soccer (Boys)	Varsity	NH HS Turf Field	Holland Patent
10-Sep	3:30 PM	Regular Season	Tennis (Girls)	Varsity	NH HS Tennis Courts	Whitesboro
10-Sep	5:00 PM	Regular Season	Field Hockey (Girls)	Varsity	NH HS Turf Field	Morrisville-Eaton (Morrisville Eaton)
11-Sep	4:15 PM	Regular Season	Soccer (Girls)	JV	Perry JH Soccer Field	Whitesboro
11-Sep	5:00 PM	Regular Season	Swimming/Diving (Girls)	Varsity	NH HS Pool	Adirondack
11-Sep	5:30 PM	Regular Season	Soccer (Girls)	Varsity	NH HS Turf Field	Whitesboro
12-Sep	3:30 PM	Regular Season	Tennis (Girls)	Varsity	NH HS Tennis Courts	Oneida
12-Sep	5:30 PM	Regular Season	Gymnastics (Girls)	Varsity	Valley Gymnastics	RFA, ESM (ESM/Lpool)
13-Sep	9:00 AM	Regular Season (NH INVITATIONAL	Cross Country (Boys)	Varsity	Cross Country Course (Perry JH)	Clinton, RFA
13-Sep	9:00 AM	Regular Season (NH INVITATIONAL	Cross Country (Girls)	Varsity	Cross Country Course (Perry JH)	Clinton, RFA
13-Sep	9:00 AM	Regular Season	Football (Boys)	JV	NH HS Turf Field	Henninger
13-Sep	9:00 AM	Regular Season (NH INVITATIONAL	Cross Country (Boys)	7th/8th	Cross Country Course (Perry JH)	RFA, Clinton
13-Sep	9:00 AM	Regular Season (NH INVITATIONAL	Cross Country (Girls)	7th/8th	Cross Country Course (Perry JH)	RFA, Clinton
13-Sep	12:30 PM	Regular Season	Soccer (Boys)	JV	NH HS Turf Field	Guilderland HS
13-Sep	2:30 PM	Regular Season	Soccer (Boys)	Varsity	NH HS Turf Field	Guilderland HS
15-Sep	4:15 PM	Regular Season	Soccer (Boys)	JV	Perry JH Soccer Field	Oneida
15-Sep	5:30 PM	Regular Season	Soccer (Boys)	Varsity	NH HS Turf Field	Oneida
16-Sep	5:00 PM	Regular Season	Swimming/Diving (Girls)	Varsity	NH HS Pool	Baldwinsville
16-Sep	5:30 PM	Regular Season	Soccer (Girls)	Varsity	NH HS Turf Field	Camden
18-Sep	4:15 PM	Regular Season	Soccer (Boys)	JV	Perry JH Soccer Field	Utica Proctor
18-Sep	5:00 PM	Regular Season	Swimming/Diving (Girls)	Varsity	NH HS Pool	Cooperstown (Cooperstown/Milford)
18-Sep	5:30 PM	Regular Season	Soccer (Boys)	Varsity	NH HS Turf Field	Utica Proctor
19-Sep	4:15 PM	Regular Season	Soccer (Boys)	7th/8th	Hughes Soccer Field	Utica Proctor (DMS)
19-Sep	6:00 PM	Regular Season	Football (Boys)	Varsity	NH HS Turf Field	Institute of Technology, Syracuse
19-Sep	6:00 PM	Regular Season	Cheerleading (Girls)	Varsity (Fall	NH HS Turf Field	Institute of Technology, Syracuse (Cheer Fall)
22-Sep	3:30 PM	Regular Season	Tennis (Girls)	Varsity	NH HS Tennis Courts	Holland Patent
22-Sep	4:15 PM	Regular Season	Soccer (Girls)	7th/8th	Hughes Soccer Field	RFA
22-Sep	5:00 PM	Regular Season	Field Hockey (Girls)	Varsity	NH HS Turf Field	Whitesboro
22-Sep	6:30 PM	Regular Season	Field Hockey (Girls)	JV	NH HS Turf Field	Whitesboro
24-Sep	4:00 PM	Regular Season	Cross Country (Boys)	Varsity	Cross Country Course (Perry JH)	RFA, Notre Dame, Utica, Camden
24-Sep	4:00 PM	Regular Season	Cross Country (Girls)	Varsity	Cross Country Course (Perry JH)	Camden, Notre Dame, Utica, RFA
24-Sep	4:00 PM	Regular Season	Cross Country (Boys)	7th/8th	Cross Country Course (Perry JH)	Camden, RFA, Notre Dame, Utica
24-Sep	4:00 PM	Regular Season	Cross Country (Girls)	7th/8th	Cross Country Course (Perry JH)	Camden, RFA, Notre Dame, Utica
24-Sep	4:30 PM	Regular Season	Field Hockey (Girls)	7th/8th	Myles Elementary FH/LAX Field	Oneida
24-Sep	5:00 PM	Regular Season	Swimming/Diving (Girls)	7th/8th	NH HS Pool	RFA, HP, Adirondack, WCV, Utica Proctor (JFK/DMS)
25-Sep	4:15 PM	Regular Season	Soccer (Girls)	JV	Perry JH Soccer Field	RFA
25-Sep	5:30 PM	Regular Season	Soccer (Girls)	Varsity	NH HS Turf Field	RFA
25-Sep	5:30 PM	Regular Season	Gymnastics (Girls)	Varsity	Valley Gymnastics	Baldwinsville
26-Sep	4:30 PM	Regular Season	Field Hockey (Girls)	7th/8th	Myles Elementary FH/LAX Field	Whitesboro
26-Sep	6:00 PM	Regular Season (Homecoming)	Football (Boys)	Varsity	NH HS Turf Field	Central Valley Academy (Thunder)
26-Sep	6:00 PM	Regular Season (Homecoming)	Cheerleading (Girls)	Varsity (Fall	NH HS Turf Field	Central Valley Academy (Fall)
29-Sep	4:15 PM	Regular Season	Soccer (Girls)	7th/8th	Hughes Soccer Field	Vernon-Verona-Sherrill
29-Sep	5:00 PM	Regular Season	Field Hockey (Girls)	Varsity	NH HS Turf Field	Camden
29-Sep	6:30 PM	Regular Season	Field Hockey (Girls)	JV	NH HS Turf Field	Camden
30-Sep	5:00 PM	Regular Season	Swimming/Diving (Girls)	Varsity	NH HS Pool	RFA
30-Sep	5:30 PM	Regular Season	Gymnastics (Girls)	Varsity	Valley Gymnastics	Whitesboro

What the History (WTH)!

The Hot Dog Chronicles



Dennis Webster

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Now that summer is getting close to wrapping up, one must ask upon backyard barbeque reflections, “what is a hot dog and where did this undisputed treat come from?” Is there anything more American than a grilled hot dog on a bun? There is no doubt that the USA takes the crown in kings and queens of the consumption and adoration of these meat-filled skins that we grill with delight; however, the beginning of this delicious and popular food began in the royal court of a fiddle playing narcissistic and clueless Roman Emperor named Nero. Most, your writer included, had always been under the assumption that hot dogs had been invented in Germany. The 15th century is the furthest date back that the Frankfurter of German Sausage is mentioned as being created. It was Gaius, the royal chef of the Roman Emperor Nero, who wrote in his recipe chronicles of 64CE (common era), of coming up with the idea of taking the intestines of a pig and stuffing it with venison, ground beef, wheat, and spices. Upon his cooked invention being eaten to great delight by Nero, Gaius stated, “I have discovered something of great importance.” He sure did! As you can’t imagine a ball game, a backyard BBQ, or Coney Island without his hot dog. The Germans may not have invented the sausage, but they are credited with bringing them to the United States upon their immigration. They soon were adopted as the #1 street food in New York City where the residents claimed they looked like the German breed of dog named Dachshund. The long skinny body of this cute puppy had city residents now calling the German sausage as “Dachshund Dog” which evolved into being called “Hot Dog.” Our country adopted the hot dog and placed it on our Mount Rushmore of foods along with apple pie, popcorn, hamburgers, and French fries. Coney Island would become the epicenter of the hot dog religion in the United States with Charles Feltman inventing the bun in 1867 and the white skinned hot dog that is still referred to this day as a “Coney.” As a matter of fact, Nathan’s became the worlds most famous maker of hot dogs, were based in Coney Island, and host an annual “all-you-can-eat” hot dog contest. Joey Chestnut of the United States holds the world record with having downed 83 hot dogs and buns in ten minutes. The hot dog continues to evolve with varieties now stuffed with jalapeno peppers, cheddar cheese, and even plant-based beauties for those who wish a little bit of health with their snack. Our warm sunny days of cooking hot dogs are coming to an end in 2025 but the next time you eat one of these char-grilled slivers of pork, beef, spiced delicious backyard alchemy just remember that a Roman chef of the emperor started us down this road of endless bun-filled delight. For all we know, Nero did not play a fiddle while Rome burned, but took out a long stick, inserted it into his hot dog and had a most glorious Rome sizzled delight.

NHFD News

Need Updated Alarms

Your New Hartford Volunteer Fire Department responded to 105 alarms during the month of July 2025 as indicated by the monthly call report listed below by category:

- Fires = 2
- EMS = 44
- Hazardous = 6
- Service Type = 8
- Good Intent = 10
- False Alarms = 34
- Overpressure = 1
- Weather Related = 0
- Other = 0
- Total Calls for the Month of July = 105.



Of the 105 alarms, 85 were in the town and 19 were in the village. The above alarms include 1 mutual aid alarm for the month of July.

Total alarms year-to-date through July 31, 2025 = 687.

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

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

New Hartford Volunteer Fire Department Schedules Memorial 9/11 Village Walk

On Sunday, September 7, 2025, the members of the New Hartford Fire Department will hold our 9/11 Memorial Walk through the Village of New Hartford to commemorate the 24th anniversary of the September 11th, 2001, terrorist attacks. We will be walking in memory of all of those that lost their lives and for the people still suffering from the effects of that day. Please take a moment to remember all those that were lost and their families who miss them still today.

This year we have invited the following fire departments to join us, The Clayville Fire Department, Clinton Fire Department, Sauquoit Fire Department and Willowvale Fire Company, The New Hartford Police Department and Edwards Ambulance, along with any member of the community that would like to walk with the first responders in honoring the memory of the nearly 3,000 people lost on September 11, 2001. We will meet at the New Hartford Fire Station, 4 Oxford Road, at 08:00 a.m. The walk will start promptly at 08:46.

The route for the 9/11 Memorial Walk is as follows:

- NHFD Station to Genesee St.
- Genesee St. to Paris Road
- Paris Road to Overbrook Cres
- Overbrook Cres to Sanger Ave
- Sanger Ave to Pearl St.
- Pearl St. to Park St.
- Park St. to Oxford Rd.
- Oxford Rd. to Graham Ave
- Graham Ave to Bonnie Ln.
- Bonnie Ln. to Bohling Rd.
- Bohling Rd. to Oxford Rd.
- Oxford Rd. to Hoffman Rd.
- Hoffman Rd. to Hartford Terr.
- Hartford Terr. To Sherman St.
- Sherman St. to Oxford Rd.
- Oxford Rd. to Station

This will total 3.43 miles, which will honor the 343 FDNY members lives lost on 9-11-2001.

*08:46 a.m. - American Airlines Flight 11 crashed into the North Tower.

*09:03 a.m. - United Airlines Flight 175 crashed into the South Tower,

*09:37 a.m. - American Airlines Flight 77 crashed into the Pentagon.

*10:03 a.m. - United Airlines Flight 93 crashed near Shanksville, Pennsylvania after passengers and crew stormed the cockpit. Forty people on board lost their lives.

All the members walking will be carrying the name of a first responder that was lost on 9/11 with them during the walk and will read their name as they ring a bell in front of the New Hartford fire station in remembrance.

Every volunteer walking in remembrance of 9/11 appreciates the support of our community.

“No Day Shall Erase You from The Memory of Time”

Assistant Chief

Richard Alexander Jr.

9/11 Committee Chairperson

The New Hartford Volunteer Fire Department’s 21st Annual Fire Truck Spectacular Results

The 21st annual New Hartford Volunteer Fire Department’s Fire Truck Spectacular proved to be another great success that featured 38 departments and over 60 pieces of both new and antique equipment last year.

The event held on the third Thursday in July drew an estimated crowd of over 5,000.

The event continues to bring individuals and families from all over Central New York. Fire Departments from Oneida, Herkimer, and Montgomery counties attended.

During the evening the public had the opportunity to vote for its favorite department in several categories. This year’s winners are:

Best Appearing Pump/ Engine: Vernon FD;

Best Appearing Ladder Truck/ Tower: Utica FD;

Best Appearing Tanker: Willowvale FD;

Best Appearing Rescue: Clark MillsFD;

Best Appearing Squad: Sauquoit FD;

Best Appearing Ambulance:
Central Oneida County;

Best Appearing Antique:
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The Department traveling the farthest distance:
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This event is made possible thanks to our sponsors that include: A&P Master Images; Amicable Lodge # 664 F. & A.M.; Clifford Fuel; Excellus BC/BS; Express Employment Service; First Source Federal Credit Union; Gates-Cole Insurance Agency; GPO Federal Credit Union; New Hartford Safe and Lock; Nicky Doodles; PJ Green; Scharf Plumbing and Drain Service; Steet-Ponte Auto Group; and The Travelers.

Mark, your calendar now for next year’s event which is scheduled for Thursday, July 16, 2025.

For additional information please visit www.nhfd.com

MVILR Announces Fall 2025 Semester, Senior Showcase, and Free Public Events

The Mohawk Valley Institute for Learning in Retirement (MVILR) invites the community to engage in a vibrant season of learning, connection, and celebration as part of its Fall 2025 Semester, running from September 22 through November 14.

To kick off the semester, MVILR will host a Fall Open House and Senior Services Showcase on Wednesday, September 11, from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the MVCC Rome Campus (PC 150). This combined event will feature over 20 senior-focused organizations offering information on local services and resources. Attendees can also register for MVILR memberships and Fall 2025 classes on-site.

In addition, MVILR presents a lineup of free public special events, held on Wednesdays from 10:45 AM to 11:45 AM in Festine Auditorium at MVCC Rome. These talks are open to the entire community and organized in partnership with MVCC Campus Events. Speakers and topics include:

Sept. 24 – Uptown Theatre for Creative Arts:

Devin Mahoney

Oct. 1 – Full Circle: Bridging Generations Through Theater: Danielle Padula

Oct. 8 – Services from the Office for the Aging:

Kathy Fox

Oct. 15 – Compassion Coalition: Roseanne Swift

Oct. 22 – The Cornhill Project: Tyler Hutchinson

Oct. 29 – A General MVCC Update:

Randy VanWagoner

Nov. 5 – Erie Canal Museum: Derrick Pratt

Nov. 12 – Joy Through the Magic of Dance:

The Happy Haggis

Whether you're a returning member or a curious newcomer, MVILR welcomes you to explore educational and cultural opportunities this fall.

For more information or to register, visit mvcc.edu/mvilr or contact Shawn Essafi at 315-334-7761 or ssessafi@mvcc.edu.

The Mohawk Valley Institute for Learning in Retirement (MVILR) is Hosting its Fall Open House and Senior Showcase

When: Thursday, September 11
from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Where: the MVCC Rome Campus,
1101 Floyd Ave in Rome, NY

This is the 3rd Senior Showcase that MVILR has sponsored, featuring more than 35 local organizations that provide services for the local senior population. The simultaneous Open House will provide information about MVILR’s 28th year, and the upcoming Fall Semester, with opportunities to meet the Board and class facilitators and to register for classes.

For more information, contact MVILR Program Coordinator Shawn Essafi at 315-334-7761 or email mvilr@mvcc.edu



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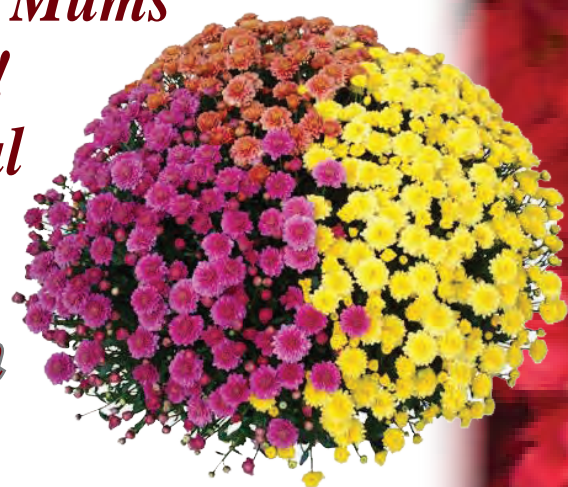


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New Hartford Highway News
submitted by Highway Superintendent, Richard Sherman

As summer draws to a conclusion, I want to thank the many residents who helped us with their brush pick-up by placing it at the curb. It has been a busy summer and our brush piles have been overwhelming at times, causing our schedule to be off. The LAST brush pickup for 2025 season will be:

Ward 1 - Sept 15th, Ward 2 - Sept 17th, Ward 3 - Sept 22nd, Ward 4 - Sept 24th

Please plan to get your brush to the curb for the set dates. We will not pick up any brush after these dates, unless we have storm damage that brings tree limbs etc. down. The brush crew will be working on other projects this fall.

Any tag items - please purchase your tags by Aug 29th for a September 2nd pickup. The last drop off at the Highway garage will be Monday, Sept 22th.

Curbside trash pickup will be the following dates:

Ward 1 Oct 6th - Oct 10th - Place at curb no earlier than Oct 4th and no later than 6:30 a.m. on Oct 6th

Ward 2 Oct 13th - Oct 17th - Place at curb no earlier than Oct 11th and no later than 6:30 a.m. on Oct 13th

Ward 3 Oct 20th - Oct 24th - Place at curb no earlier than Oct 18th and no later than 6:30 a.m. on Oct 20th

Ward 4 Oct 27th - Oct 31st - Place at curb no earlier than Oct 25th and no later than 6:30 a.m. on Oct 27th

Leaf removal will begin as warranted in the month of September if needed and October. So, please get your leaves to the curb early, don't wait. Please do not place leaves in plastic bags or containers such as plastic garbage cans. Our 4 leaf trucks will be out working to pick up the leaves. There will be 1 truck in each ward. PLEASE DO NOT MIX LEAVES WITH ANY OTHER ARTICLE'S. NO STICKS, STONES, PUMPKINS OR GREEN WASTE. JUST LEAVES. MIX DEBRIS WILL CAUSE DAMAGE TO THE MACHINE'S IMPELLER FAN, CAUSING DOWN TIME DURING OUR BUSIEST SEASON. MIXED LOADS WILL NOT BE PICKED UP.

Our paving is near completion for the year and I want to thank everyone for their patience as our crews had roads closed or lanes closed during our paving operations.

We are still placing storm water pipe and catch basins this fall to catch up with our storm water work in various sections of the town. We are continuing to do our yearly maintenance, cleaning all our detention ponds on Will's Drive, Woodberry Rd. Whitetail, and Grange Hill for the upcoming winter season.

The Sherrill Brook Park projects will be finishing up.

Any questions, please call me at 315 534-2998 or e-mail: rsherman@townofnewhartfordny.gov.



**The Stanley Theatre to Host
Premiere of True-Crime
Documentary**
*“Silence and Shame: The Murder
of Kim Simon”*

The long-anticipated true-crime documentary “Silence and Shame: The Murder of Kim Simon” will make its public debut with the premiere of Episode 1 at 7 p.m. on Thursday, September 18, 2025, at The Stanley Theatre in Utica.

Silence and Shame is the work of journalist and producer Nick Sardina, with the support of director of photography Walt Morrissey of Media Partners Group, and editor Allen Williams of Grace-Williams Creative. Together, they have crafted a compelling, meticulously researched account that blends investigative journalism with cinematic storytelling.

The documentary examines the 1985 murder of 16-year-old Kim Simon, whose body was discovered in a wooded area along a rural road in Oneida County. Her tragic death stunned the community and has fueled decades of questions, controversy, and calls for justice. Episode 1 begins to unravel the complexities of the case, presenting new details and perspectives never before explored in depth for the public.

Doors will open at 6 p.m. for the one-hour screening, and will be followed by a short Q&A with Sardina.

General admission tickets are \$5 presale and \$10 at the door. Tickets go on sale beginning Wednesday, August 20, at 11 a.m. and can be purchased in person at The Stanley Theatre Box Office or by phone at 315-724-4000. Tickets will not be available online.



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submitted by Paul Miscione, Town Supervisor

The Town of New Hartford has always stood with those who serve, and in recent weeks we've had the privilege of honoring that commitment in two very meaningful ways.

First, I am proud to share that New Hartford has officially been designated a Purple Heart Town. This recognition, in partnership with the Military Order of the Purple Heart, honors the brave men and women who were wounded or killed while serving our country. We have installed new Purple Heart Town signs at our Veterans Memorial Park and will place them at every entrance to our town as a lasting tribute. These markers are more than signs—they are reminders that sacrifice has a face, a name, and a family, and that New Hartford will never forget its heroes.

Our gratitude extends to every Purple Heart recipient and their families. The courage you showed in defense of our freedoms will always be honored here.

On Sunday, September 28, 2025, at 2:30 p.m., we will gather once again at the New Hartford Veterans Memorial Park for another solemn occasion: the unveiling of the Gold Star Families Monument. Led by Owen Jassak, whose 3,000 flags will once again be on display, this monument will forever stand in memory of the 12 Soldiers from our region who gave their lives in the Iraq and Afghanistan Wars.

September 28th is also Gold Star Families Day—a day set aside to recognize the mothers, fathers, spouses, children, and loved ones of our fallen heroes. Their loss is one that no words can ease, but through this monument we offer a permanent symbol of remembrance, respect, and community support.

This project has been made possible by the generosity of local sponsors including:

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To all who contributed, and to all who continue to keep the memory of our fallen alive, I extend my deepest thanks.

I invite every resident to join us for this special ceremony. When we gather together as a community—in honor, in respect, and in gratitude—we remind one another of what truly makes New Hartford strong: our willingness to stand united for those who stood for us.

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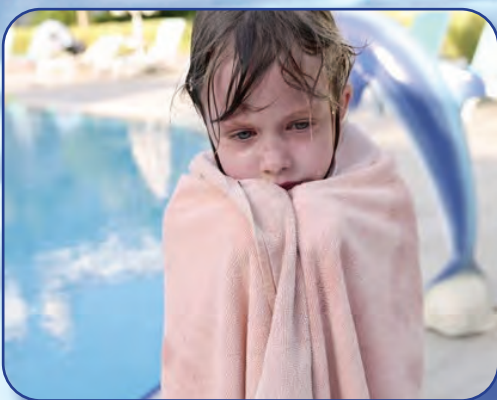
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We are grateful for our *presenting sponsor*, S.M.A.R.T. Fitness, for hosting the event with us. Five *tea sponsorships* are still available for any business or person who would like to sponsor one of the tea stations. Tea sponsorships are \$300 and that includes four (4) tickets to the event. If you or your business are interested in sponsoring one of the teas, please email us at historicalny@yahoo.com.

Tickets are available on-line or by mailing a check with your order form, found on page 10 of the Crier.

Members:	\$35.00 Single	\$65.00 for Couples
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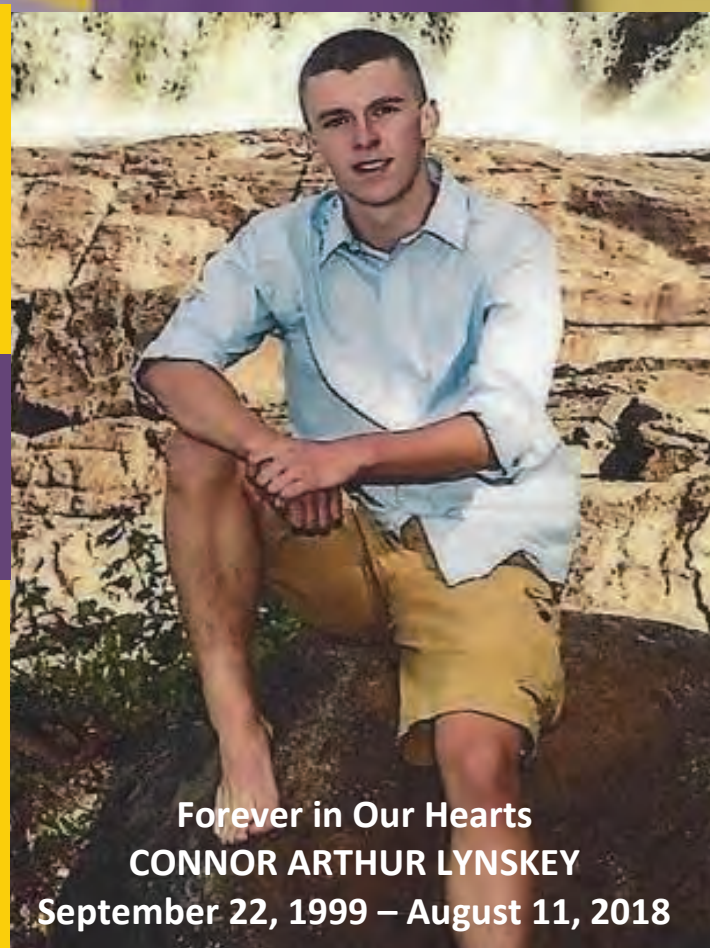
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Munson Announces Exciting 2025-26 Performance Arts Season

Munson has planned a robust lineup of performances and events for the 2025-26 season, and tickets are now available.

The season kicks off with the first of three Keyboard Conversations with acclaimed pianist Jeffrey Siegel. In his signature concert-with-commentary style, he will present “The Romantic Music of Chopin” at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 6, in the Museum of Art’s Sinnott Family–Bank of Utica Auditorium, featuring graceful nocturnes, effervescent waltzes, spirited mazurkas, and a dazzling scherzo. At 2 p.m. Nov. 15, Siegel will perform “Poetic Tone Pictures,” a selection of evocative works by Rachmaninoff, Grieg, Debussy, and Liszt. The third performance, “More Music of Joy and Peace,” will celebrate the life-affirming spirit of music with radiant selections by Bach, Mendelssohn, Schumann, Rossini, and Gershwin at 7:30 p.m. May 14. Tickets are \$30 for Munson Members, \$38 for the general public, and \$16 for students. Funding for Keyboard Conversations is provided by Dr. Lorna Grant, Nancy Horvath, Drs. Douglas Hurd and Cynthia Parlato-Hurd, and Dr. and Mrs. Robert Menotti.

Concerts in the Court this season will showcase brass quartet The Westerlies performing “Paradise” at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 20, which explores the rich tradition of American shape-note music, presenting inventive arrangements of 19th-century hymns alongside works by modern composers like Caroline Shaw and John Prine. Other concerts include Tuba Skinny, channeling the spirit of early New Orleans jazz with an irresistible blend of ragtime, blues, and swing, performing at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 11; and the return of Live from Laurel Canyon with a new set, “James & Joni: Their Stories, Their Songs,” at 7:30 p.m. March 14. All concerts take place in the Museum of Art’s Root Court, and tickets are \$30 for Munson Members, \$38 for the general public, and \$16 for students. Gold Sponsor: Preferred Mutual; Silver Sponsor: PJ Green, Inc.

Free Art Alive! Family Days, which include art-making activities, performances, and workshops, will continue to take place during school breaks. For Veterans Day, Pushcart Players will present Stone Soup and Other Stories. The Super Scientific Circus will blend the excitement of a circus with the wonders of science on Dec. 30 during Winter Break. Milkshake, a Grammy-nominated children’s music band will perform during Mid-Winter break on Feb. 17, and BAM Percussion will present The Blue Barrel Show on April 7 as part of Spring Break. All Art Alive! Family Days take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and are free and open to the public. Funding for Art Alive! is provided by the MetLife Foundation, Preferred Mutual Insurance Company, Sheila and Ron Cuccaro, and Rona Lucas, in memory of Roslyn and Irving Levine.

The local Half Moon Orchestra will return for its third annual holiday classical concert, following two consecutive sold-out performances. This year, the ensemble expands its offering with an added matinee performance, providing more opportunities for audiences to experience the full orchestra’s enchanting seasonal repertoire. The enchanting holiday concert will take place at 7 p.m. Dec 20, and 2 p.m. Dec. 21, in the Museum of Art’s Root Court. Tickets are \$10 for Munson Members, \$15 for the general public, \$5 for children ages 6 to 12, and free for children 5 and under.

The Met: Live in HD begins on Saturday, Oct. 18 with “La Sonnambula” by Bellini. The Metropolitan Opera’s award-winning series of opera performances transmitted live from the stage of the Met into movie theaters worldwide will continue with more thrilling titles including “La Bohème,” “Tristan und Isolde,” and “Eugene Onegin.” Individual opera tickets are \$26 for Munson Members, \$32 for the general public, and \$16 for students. Munson will also continue its celebrated weekly Film Series on Wednesdays and Fridays. The Met: Live in HD is sponsored at Munson by Elizabeth R. Lemieux, Ph.D.

This season will also feature a Day of the Dead-themed Munson After Dark from 9 p.m. to midnight Nov. 1, with DJ Roscoe Red, a costume contest, dancing, and drinks. The popular Oscar-Nominated Short Film Festival will also return March 7 and 8.

For more information, the full schedule of events, and to purchase tickets, visit munson.art or call 315-797-0055.



by Victor J. Fariello Jr.



Keep Those Cards and Letters Coming!

We enjoy your questions about antiques and collectibles are always welcome. Information on how to send a question is outlined below. If we don’t know the answer, we will find it. Consider dropping us a line!

A Holiday Tradition

The dates for the Salt City Holiday Antiques Show have been announced. This popular event will be held November 22 & 23 in the Horticulture Building at the NYS Fairgrounds. The hours Saturday are 9-5 and Sunday 10-4. This 30 year tradition is worth the trip. You will find antiques, collectibles and vintage Christmas items. Admission is \$8.

NH Historical Society – Join or Renew Now

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

NH Questers-New Members Welcomed

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 or call 315-723-7285. Our next meeting is October 6 at 4:30 p.m. in the Corisanti Room at the NH Library. Come check us out!

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



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‘Service Above Self’ Gala Raises \$18,000 Towards Stanley Theatre’s Red Room Restoration

The Rotary Club of Utica’s annual “Service Above Self” Gala, sponsored by Hage & Hage LLC, raised an impressive \$18,000 for The Stanley Theatre this past June. This marks the largest amount in the event’s four-year history.

The record-breaking total was announced earlier today during a check presentation held in the lobby of the historic theatre.

The Rotary Club’s contribution will support the thoughtful restoration of the Red Room, enhancing the theatre’s ability to host pre-show gatherings and post-show celebrations, explained The Stanley Theatre’s Executive Director, Lisa A. della Santina Wilsey. The project is meant to preserve the theatre’s historic charm while enriching the overall patron experience.

“These funds will help kick off the restoration of the legendary Red Room, which suffered from a flood several years ago and has been out of operation,” Wilsey said. “This is an exciting time for The Stanley Theatre.”

Reflecting on the success of this year’s gala and its impact, Utica Rotary Past President and Gala Chairman Stephen Turnbull expressed his gratitude to all who contributed.

“I want to extend my sincere gratitude to our sponsors, partners and everyone who supported this year’s Gala,” Turnbull said. “Your generosity makes a true impact, not only on our club’s mission, but also on our community’s cultural treasures. The Stanley Theatre is more than just a historic landmark; it’s a place where memories are made and where our Gala has proudly found a home. We are honored to contribute to its restoration and future, ensuring it remains a vibrant gathering place for generations to come.”

Wilsey also shared her appreciation for the Rotary Club of Utica and its commitment to preserving the arts.

“The Stanley Theatre couldn’t be more honored to have been chosen by Rotary Club of Utica to be this year’s gala recipient,” Wilsey said. “It is not often that an outside organization recognizes the needs of its local performing arts theatre and commits to supporting it and for this, we are forever grateful. On behalf of the staff, board of directors, stagehands and volunteers, we are thankful to Utica Rotary and its gala sponsors and attendees.”

Since its inception, the Rotary Club of Utica’s “Service Above Self” Gala has raised more than \$65,000 for the community. Past recipients include the Central Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired (CABVI), the Utica Zoo and the Resource Center for Independent Living (RCIL).

To learn more about the Rotary Club of Utica, visit uticarotary.org.

Good News Luncheon Series with Rev. Rafal Dadello; Our Places of Worship

Join The Good News Center as we welcome Rev. Rafal Dadello for our luncheon on Thursday, September 11th from 11 am-1 pm.

Rev. Dadello will present history of the places of worship within Judeo-Christian tradition, as well as its meaning and purpose. All leading to our modern view on what the church is and what role particular churches play in serving God’s purpose in the world. Rev. Dadello will also discuss how, in these places of worship, we can encounter God. Reverend Rafal Dadello is the current pastor of Sacred Heart of Jesus-Holy Cross Polish-National Catholic Church in New York Mills, NY. Reservations are required by September 8th, please call 315-735-6210. The cost is \$18 per person, \$15 for 1992 Society Members and 300 Club members are free.

Grief Survivors

The only people who think there’s a time limit for grief have never lost a piece of their heart. Please join us for this FREE non-denominational support group for those suffering the loss of a loved one. Meets bi-weekly to help you face the difficulty associated with losing a loved one. For those who prefer to do so, the program is also being offered via Zoom. Meetings are every other Tuesday 2-3:30 pm or 6-7:30 pm. Upcoming meetings are August 19th, September 2nd, 16th and 30th. Please call The Good News Center at 315-735-6210 Monday-Friday 8:30 AM-4:30 PM to register for both in-person or virtual meetings or email us at info@thegoodnewscenter.org.

Caregiver Support Group

Caring... it’s not the hard part of caregiving. The Good News Center is hosting a FREE and open to the public monthly Caregiver Support Group, the third Monday of the month (except holidays) from 6-7:30 PM, facilitated by Mary Bogdan, MHA, BSN, CHPN, CHPCA. This group provides a source of emotional and social support and resources for those caring for a loved one.

Our support group offers self-care strategies and tools to reduce stress and enhance coping. We welcome adults, spouses, family members or friends in the caregiver role to attend.

For those who prefer to do so, the program is also being offered via Zoom. The upcoming meetings are August 18th, September 15th and October 20th. Please call The Good News Center at 315-735-6210 Monday-Friday 8:30 AM-4:30 PM to register for both in-person or virtual meetings or email us at info@thegoodnewscenter.org.

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The Sitrin Riggie Run, Walk & Riggiefest is the major fundraiser for Sitrin’s Military Program.

Sitrin Foundation to Host 3rd Annual Riggie Run, Walk & Riggiefest

The Sitrin Foundation is excited to announce the 3rd Annual Riggie Run, Walk and Riggiefest to support Sitrin’s Military Program. This event will take place on Sunday, October 12, 2025, at the SUNY Polytechnic Institute campus.

The Riggie Run & Walk will feature a 5K run, 5K wheelchair race, 2-mile walk as well as a free 1-mile Kids run. Registrants of the 5K will have the opportunity to partake in a Riggie Challenge in which they will be required to consume one bowl of riggies at the halfway point of the 5K before continuing the race. In addition, both the 5K run and wheelchair race will be chip timed, providing runners and wheelchair racers with accurate times and instantaneous race results! Prizes will also be awarded to the top three female and male runners, wheelchair racers, and age group winners.

Additionally, a Riggiefest will commence at the conclusion of the Run & Walk at 11:00 a.m. in the Field House where seventeen local restaurants will showcase their version of this famous Utica dish. All registrants will be invited to taste the various entries, at no additional cost, and cast a vote to determine the area’s best chicken riggies. Community members are also invited to attend for a \$10 entry fee.

New this year, the Riggie Run is teaming up with the Utica Roadrunners Skeleton Run (10/19/25) for a two-run series that will offer incentives for participants who

register for both events. These include a \$5 discount on both race registrations and additional swag.

The Riggie Run & Walk kicks off with registration at 8:30 a.m., which includes a continental breakfast. The 1-mile Kids run will begin at 9:30 a.m. Following the National Anthem, 5K wheelchair racers will start at 10:05 a.m., 5K runners at 10:10 a.m., and 2-mile walkers at 10:15 a.m.

The registration fee for the 5K Run, 5K Riggie Challenge, 5K Wheelchair Race, and 5K Wheelchair Riggie Challenge is \$30. The 2-Mile Walk is \$30 and free for children 12 and under. Everyone who pre-registers by September 12th will receive a free commemorative t-shirt! (Only applies to paid registrants).

For ten years, the Sitrin Health Care Center’s Annual Stars & Stripes Run & Walk for our Nation’s Heroes served as the primary fundraiser for Sitrin’s Military Program before being rebranded in 2023. This unique program provides comprehensive, complimentary care to local post-9/11 veterans and service members who have post-traumatic stress, suicidal ideations, depression, amputations, spinal cord injuries and other combat-related conditions. The program primarily treats younger veterans, the most at risk of suicide.

“Sitrin’s program is unique in that it combines both traditional (physical and occupational therapies and one-on-one therapy) with equine-assisted therapy, ecotherapy, aquatic therapy, nature outings, and more,” Jackie Warmuth, vice president of clinical development and director of the Sitrin Military Program, said. “Therapy and treatment options are personalized for each veteran based on military, combat, and reintegration experiences.”

In addition to innovative care, Sitrin offers the Military-Civilian Coalition (MCC), enabling veterans and civilians to join forces through social and athletic endeavors. Community building activities include fly fishing, biking, hiking, archery, target shooting, yoga, TRX training, snowshoeing, sculling, therapeutic hand drumming, gardening, specialized seminars, and the annual Warrior Retreat at Camp Sitrin.

“The Riggie Run, Walk & Riggiefest is the major fundraiser for Sitrin’s Military Program, and we are very grateful to our sponsors, event teams, businesses, and veteran organizations for their support,” Marc DePerno, vice president, Sitrin Foundation and Communications, said.

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Grace Furniture Marks 85 Years with Storewide Anniversary Sale

Grace Furniture, a family-owned mainstay in Central New York since 1940, is celebrating its 85th anniversary with a storewide sale—and a heartfelt thank-you to the community that helped it grow from a small garage to a 22,000-square-foot showroom in Marcy, NY. Just minutes from Exit 31 on the New York State Thruway, the store has long been a destination for high-quality home furnishings and personal, attentive service.

Founded by Frank and Estella Grace, the business began on the same property it occupies today. What started as a humble operation quickly developed a reputation for two core promises that still guide the team nearly 85 years later: offer exceptional furniture and deliver superior customer care. Those principles have not only sustained Grace Furniture through changing styles and economic cycles—they’ve set it apart.



Estella Grace – wife, mother, one of the founders of Grace Furniture

Over the past seven decades, leadership has been in the hands of Bill Grace, the family’s second-generation steward, who has continued to shape the store’s identity as Central New York’s furniture and design source. Under his guidance, Grace Furniture has curated on-trend styles from many of the industry’s most respected brands, balancing timeless craftsmanship with the fresh looks today’s customers want. From classic living room suites and heirloom-quality dining sets to modern bedroom collections and functional home office pieces, the selection is designed to meet a range of tastes and budgets without compromising on quality.



William J. Grace (son of Estella and Frank) – current owner of furniture store

Service is equally central to the Grace Furniture experience. The team emphasizes care before, during, and after the sale—helping shoppers choose pieces that suit their spaces, lifestyles, and timelines. Interior decorating assistance is available to simplify complex projects or pull together a single room, and blanket-wrap delivery ensures purchases arrive safely and are placed with respect for customers’ homes.

It’s an approach that reflects decades of listening to local families and standing behind every purchase.

That commitment is also generational. The third generation, represented by June Grace, and the fourth generation, represented by Brand Manager Cassie Grace Miles, are active in the business today. Their involvement underscores a continuity of values—rooted in family, craftsmanship, and community—that customers have come to rely on. With multiple generations engaged, Grace Furniture blends a legacy of trust with forward-looking design and service innovations.



The 85th Anniversary Sale is both a celebration and an invitation. Shoppers will find savings across the showroom, with special buys on best-selling collections and new arrivals alike. It’s an ideal moment to refresh a room, furnish a first home, or invest in pieces that will be enjoyed for years. Staff members are ready to guide visitors through finishes, fabrics, and floor plans, making sure every selection fits seamlessly into the home and the household budget.

Grace Furniture’s story is a local one: rooted in hard work, steady growth, and a belief that quality and service are more than slogans—they’re promises. The company’s longevity speaks to that philosophy. While styles and technologies evolve, the essentials remain: real materials, thoughtful design, and a team that knows its customers by name. For generations of Central New Yorkers, Grace Furniture has been a trusted partner in creating comfortable, beautiful homes.

The talented team invites you to step into the Marcy showroom, explore the latest looks, and experience the personal attention that has defined Grace Furniture since 1940. Whether you’re starting a new decorating project or searching for that perfect finishing touch, you’ll find knowledgeable guidance, dependable delivery, and furnishings built to last.



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Grace Furniture’s 85th Anniversary Sale is underway now at the 22,000-square-foot showroom in Marcy. Discover why, for 85 years, the Grace name has been synonymous with quality and service—and why the next generation is proud to carry that promise forward.

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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BASEMENT AND ATTIC MOLD:

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

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

**WHAT ARE THE SIGNS OF AN
ATTIC MOLD PROBLEM:**

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

**WHAT ARE THE SIGNS OF A
BASEMENT MOLD PROBLEM:**

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

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

**DO I NEED A WATER MITIGATION
COMPANY AND WHAT DOES A WATER
MITIGATION COMPANY DO:**

The purpose of a professional water mitigation company is pick up the phone when a clients emergency arises! Respond to the incident, evaluate and get the situation under to prevent further damage and discuss a plan with the homeowner moving forward. Disaster Services will determine the extent of water travel, evaluate and remove, if necessary, any affected structural materials, like drywall and flooring. If left unaddressed, wet flooring and drywall can rapidly lead to major problems, like structural weakening and mold growth. We will also determine the proper type and amount of drying equipment necessary to dry the structure back to a pre loss condition. Disaster Services will make sure you get the help you need when you need it most. Customers should get clear answers to their questions about services and procedures. ... Trusted companies will provide detailed information about the services they provide and how they are performed.

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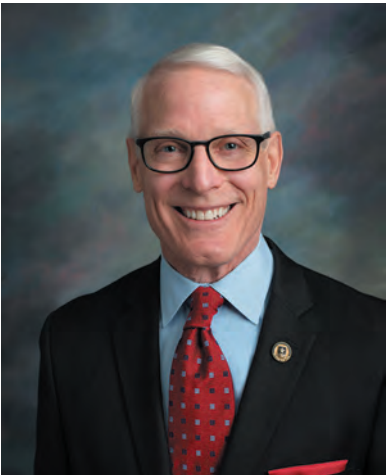
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24th Annual 9/11
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September 11 ~ 7:30am at
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Join us to Honor and Remember:
Those who died or were injured during the attacks on
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Music by Pastor David Ossenfort
The event is open to the public, all are welcome



Opening Remarks:
Peter S. Lennon, Major General (Ret.) US Army and
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Keynote Speaker:
The Most Reverend Douglas J. Lucia, Bishop of the
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Cost: \$25
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~ Ray Durso and Frank Coots, Co-Chairs, The
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September 12th at
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Family reunions can be fun, contentious, or chaotic —
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more — at the Verdeen family reunion in Sweetgum,
Texas, as Players of Utica presents “The Red Velvet
Cake War,” which opens the 2025-2026 subscription
season on September 5.
Written by Jessie Jones, Nicholas Hope, and Jamie
Wooten and directed by Mike Beehm, the comedy
invites us to that reunion, which the Verdeen cousins
have planned for the worst possible time: the hottest
day of July, smack-dab in the middle of Texas tornado
season. Throw in a high-stakes wager about who bakes
the best red velvet cake (and other craziness), and you
have a recipe for a delightfully zany show.
“The play is brimming with hilarious situations and
physical comedy that just lend so well to entertaining
audiences,” says director Beehm. “The characters are
larger than life and the play also has a great message
about family and the ties that we make or break with
them.”
The talented cast includes Eric Almleaf, Hannah
Bangs, Arielle Bennett, Michele Buday, Carl DeFranco,
James Karol, Jr., Michaela Kennedy, Tori Peters, Jessie
Rogan, and Connie Watkins.
Performances for The Red Velvet Cake War:
Friday, September 5 at 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, September 6 at 2:00 p.m.
Sunday, September 7 at 2:00 p.m.
Friday, September 12 at 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, September 13 at 2:00 p.m.
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Tickets can be purchased online at playersofutica.org
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Consider These Three Suggestions if you Inherit a Trust

David “Chico” Esparza, senior fiduciary strategist with Wells Fargo Wealth & Investment Management, remembers meeting two clients, a brother and sister whose parents had passed away. “Unfortunately, their parents had not discussed their estate plans with the adult children. When the siblings learned they were the beneficiaries of a sizable trust,” Esparza recalls, “they had no idea what to do next.”

The brother and sister had many questions. Who handles the estate? What are the terms of the trust? And what should their next steps be? “The bank was appointed as successor trustee, so we explained the timeline and process for settling the trust estate,” Esparza says. “It helped to ease their minds to know that professionals would be handling the numerous tasks required for an orderly estate settlement.”

As Esparza’s clients found, stepping into the role of beneficiary can feel a bit like stepping into the unknown. Here, Esparza offers three suggestions for those in similar situations.

1. Build an advisory team.

A good first step for the beneficiary is to meet with the trustee who is tasked with executing the terms of the trust. It may be an individual, such as a CPA or lawyer, family member, or potentially a corporate trustee such as Wells Fargo Bank.

“There will be a lot of questions, so it’s important to establish a communication plan and outline tasks that need to be accomplished along with a general timeline for how long it will take to settle the estate,” Esparza says.

In some instances, once the estate is settled, a new trust is funded with the beneficiary’s share of the estate; in other cases, assets will be distributed outright to the beneficiary. If the assets will be retained in trust, the trustee collaborates with an investment advisor to help manage the assets according to the terms of the trust.

“The trustee and investment advisor will create a plan that is based on the terms of the trust and considers the needs of the beneficiary,” Esparza says. “A best practice is for beneficiaries to seek the guidance of a tax advisor regarding tax implications related to trust distribution.”

2. Understand the terms of the trust.

One of the first questions a beneficiary might have is, “What benefits do I have under the trust?” Beneficiaries are well served to seek independent counsel for questions regarding interpretation of their interest under the trust.

Esparza explains that a trust can be a useful tool for holding, managing, and distributing property as outlined by the trustor(s) — the creator(s) of the trust — in the trust agreement, but each trust is unique in how assets can be distributed to beneficiaries. Some common areas of discussion include:

Beneficiary or beneficiaries: Is there a sole beneficiary or several beneficiaries of the trust? How do the terms address the rights different beneficiaries have to distributions from the trust?

Age restrictions: Does the beneficiary have to reach a certain age before accessing some or all of the trust?

Distribution restrictions: Can beneficiaries access the principal or just the income from the trust? Does the beneficiary need to provide the trustee with proof of the beneficiary’s own income and expenses to receive distributions? What categories of expenses can the trust cover for the beneficiary? (Typically, trusts with discretionary provisions have ascertainable standards that can cover health, education, maintenance, and support.) Can distributions be adjusted for inflation?

Lifetime of the trust: Does the trust terminate once the beneficiary reaches a certain age, or is it meant to last the beneficiary’s lifetime? Is any portion of the trust designated for future generations?

“Trusts present an opportunity to preserve, accumulate, and transition generational wealth,” Esparza says. “For that reason, the trustee should be prudent and equitable in administering the trust, giving consideration to the current needs of the beneficiary as well as the long-term goals and objectives of the trust.”

3. Ask questions before taking distributions.

“Before taking a trust distribution, some beneficiaries find it useful to inquire about the potential tax consequences. That’s where a tax advisor should provide guidance,” Esparza says. “Beneficiaries also may consider consulting with the trustee and the rest of their advisory team about additional considerations or impacts a trust distribution may have on the investment plan.” In addition, beneficiaries should consult with their own legal counsel if they have specific questions regarding their rights with respect to a trust.

Esparza shares the story of a young beneficiary who wanted to use her trust fund to purchase a luxury car when she turned 16. “I posed this question: ‘Would a less-expensive car meet your transportation goals and help preserve trust assets for the long term?’” he says. “It is important for beneficiaries to stay connected with the trustee and to ask clarifying questions so they understand the goals and objectives established by the grantor.”

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Free Voice Recital - Aug 31st

The public is invited to a free voice recital by soprano Mariah Taylor on Sunday, August 31 at Rome Art and Community Center, 308 W. Bloomfield St., Rome.

Ms Taylor graduated this past May with a bachelor’s degree from SUNY Geneseo, where she majored in math and music. She is a Rome native and member of the RFA class of 2021. Mariah Taylor recently returned from a five-week intensive opera program in Villefranche De Rouergue, France, where she sang and acted in the opera Carmen by Georges Bizet, and performed in local recitals and concerts.

She noted, “my experience in France solidified my love for opera music and my intent to pursue music professionally. I’m so excited to continue this journey and especially to share my upcoming performance, as I plan the next steps in my singing career!”

Mariah Taylor’s opera recital begins at 5:00 PM and includes a variety of selections including those of Italian, French, German and American composers. Mi Sueno, Encantadoro Maria, and La Calle de la Paloma by Edward Kilenyi; Faure’s Notre Amour and Icibas; and Barber’s St. Ita’s Vision, The Crucifixion, and The Monk and His Cat are all scheduled for the program. In addition, music of composers Friedrich Ruckert, Clara Schumann, and Fernando Obradors will be performed, as well as songs from Leonard Bernstein’s West Side Story. Ms Taylor will be assisted on the concert by collaborative pianist Greg Unangst.

Admission is free, but donations will be gratefully accepted at the door, which benefit the artist. Complimentary light refreshments will be offered at intermission.

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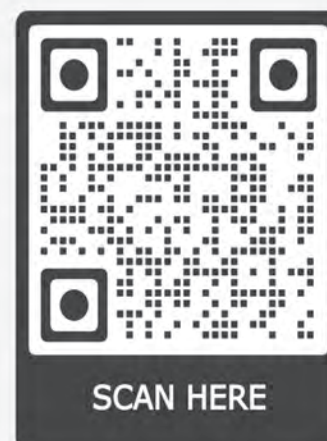
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Morning worship returns to 10:30 on Sunday, September 7.
That will also be Rally Day, marking the resumption of the regular church schedule and activities. The worship service is livestreamed on Facebook.
Child care and activities for children 5 and under begin every Sunday morning at 9 a.m.
Children’s Sunday School (Sunday Club) precedes worship and starts at 9:30. Beginning September 14 an Adult Study Group meets Sunday mornings at the same time. And starting September 16, an Adult Study Group also meets Tuesday mornings at 11:30.
The choir rehearses Sunday mornings at 9:10.
A fellowship/coffee hour for everyone follows each Sunday worship service.
The quiet, meditative Taize services held the first Wednesday of each month resume in September, starting on the 3rd at 7 p.m.
A Game Night for everyone will be held at 4 p.m. on Sunday

afternoon, September 28.
Except as noted, regular Church Office hours are 8:30 a.m.— 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8:30—11:30 a.m. on Friday.
9/1 — NHPC closed in observance of Labor Day
9/3 — 10 a.m. Sew ’n Sews
9/3 — 7 p.m. Taize Service
9/4 — 6 p.m. NHP Nursery School Parents Open House
9/7 — Rally Day
9/7 — 9 a.m. Child Care & Activities
9/7 — 9:10 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
9/7 — 9:30 a.m. Sondag Club
9/7 — 10:30 Worship, Communion
9/8 —NHP Nursery School First Day of School
9/8 — 6:30 p.m. NHP Women’s Mtg
9/10 — 10 a.m. Sew ’n Sews
9/14 — 9 a.m. Child Care & Activities
9/14 — 9:10 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
9/14 — 9:30 a.m. Sondag Club & Adult Study Group
9/14 — 10:30 a.m. Worship
9/16 — 11:30 a.m. Adult Study Group
9/17 — 10 a.m. Sew ’n Sews
9/21 — 9 a.m. Child Care & Activities
9/21 — 9:10 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
9/21 — 9:30 a.m. Sondag Club & Adult Study Group
9/21 — 10:30 a.m. Worship
9/21 — 11:30 a.m. Session Mtg
9/23 — 11:30 a.m. Adult Study Group
9/24 — Church Office open 8:30-11:30 a.m.
9/24 — 10 a.m. Sew ’n Sews
9/25 — Church Office open 8:30-11:30 a.m.
9/26 — Church Office closed
9/27 — 3 p.m. Hope House meal preparation
9/28 — 9 a.m. Child Care & Activities
9/28 — 9:10 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
9/28 — 9:30 a.m. Sondag Club & Adult Study Group
9/28 — 10:30 a.m. Worship
9/28 — 4 p.m. Game Night sponsored by Congregational Care Team
9/29 — Church Office open 8:30-11:30 a.m.
9/29 — 12 p.m. Oneida County OFA lunch
9/30 — Church Office open 8:30-11:30
9/30 — 11:30 a.m. Adult Study Group

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NH
7 Oxford Road - Office phone: 315-733-4570
firstbaptistnh@gmail.com
Rev. James Harriff, Pastor
Sunday Service - 9:30am
Sunday School - 11:00am
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630 French Road, New Hartford
Pastor Rev. Marie Duquette.
Sunday Mornings at 10 AM
Al-Anon Meetings, Wednesdays at 12:30 PM
315-732-4110, office@zionluth.com
www.zionlutheranNy.org
Facebook: Zion Lutheran Church, New Hartford, NY

ST. MARGARET’S ECUMENICAL & RETREAT CTR
47 Jordan Road, New Hartford
Call (315) 724-2324 or email info@stmargaretshouseny.org.
To register for an event or volunteer opportunity, or to schedule a personal or group retreat, please email info@stmargaretshouseny.org or call 315-724-2324. Office hours, Monday-Friday, 8am to 4pm
Weekly Activities
Worship Services Wednesdays at Noon
Wednesday Lunches at 12:30 PM (Please make a reservation by the Friday before)
Monthly Activities
***New* Caregiving Support Group | Sept. 15th at 2 PM**
We will have a new caregiving support group facilitated by the Rev. Deacon Barbara Groves starting this September. The group’s focus will be to provide a place for folks who are caregivers to gain support for themselves, and exchange ideas to help care for loved ones at home. We plan to meet monthly and each session will last approximately one hour. Please call or email if you have questions or would like to register your interest in joining the group.
Men’s Group with Father Nick Smith:
1st & 3rd Wednesdays from 10:30 AM to 11:45 AM
Conversations with Father John LaVoe:
2nd Wednesdays at 1:30 PM
Grief Support Group: 3rd Fridays at Noon
Conversations with Rev. Deacon Jean:
4th Wednesdays at 1:30 PM
Scrabble Days: 4th Wednesdays at 9:15 AM
(Monthly Dinners will resume in January)
Community Volunteer & Donation Opportunities
It Takes A Village: Tuesdays from 2:00 to 5:00 PM
Volunteer at the St. Margaret’s Food Pantry at Grace Church on Tuesdays. Many thanks for your continued generosity and to the Episcopal Diocese of Central NY!
Shelf Stable Goods for Grace Church Food Pantry |

Ongoing
St. Margaret’s is accepting toiletries, coffee, and shelf stable goods for the Grace Church Food Pantry.
Your Neighbors Service Project: First Fridays of the Month Help provide meals for the homebound in the Greater Utica area. Containers and instructions available at St. Margaret’s. Meal drop offs collected 1st Fridays or by arrangement.
Friends of Emmaus House: 2nd Wednesdays at 10 AM
Join our volunteers who meet monthly to help support the needs of Emmaus House, Utica’s only emergency shelter that serves women with children.
Helping Hands at St. Margaret’s | Ongoing
If you would like to volunteer at St. Margaret’s, please call or email for more information.

Special Events
Sacred Site Tours: September 4th, 2025 at 9:15 AM
Our final tour of this year will be at Zion Episcopal Church in Rome. Please call or email to register.
Greater Utica Sunrise Rotary Pasta Dinner:
September 23rd from 4 PM to 7 PM. Come enjoy a pasta dinner and help raise funds to support community members facing food insecurity (\$15 for adults, \$8 for children ages 6-12, and free for all under 6). Contact St. Margaret’s to get on the list or show up on the day.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
2620 Genesee St., South Utica. (315) 732-7869
trinitylutheranutica.com
Sunday School 9am. Worship Service 10:30am
Holy Communion is celebrated on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month.
Trinity Christian Preschool, weekday classes from Sept-May
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THREE STEEPLES UNITED
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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.

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Wed - 5:30pm Vespers
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1009 Conkling Ave, Utica, N.Y. 13501
Fr Archpriest Michael Taratuchin, Rector
(315) 723-7475 (frmichaelt@msn.com)
Fr. Priest Ephraim Willmarth, assistant priest
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Vigil 5pm Saturdays (6pm for weekday services)
Divine Liturgy Sundays and Feastdays 9:30AM
Potluck lunch following Sunday Divine Liturgy.

Angels Among Us Food Pantry

Sept 13th, 27th • Oct 11th, 25th

Nov 8th, 22nd • Dec 6th, 20th

Hours of Operation: 10am - Noon

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

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

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

If you are unsure of eligibility, just come in. We will assist.

We Are Looking For Volunteers!

2024 TEFAP Eligibility Income Guidelines*

Based on Annual Incomes

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



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10 Higby Road, Utica NY 13501
315-724-3179 www.uuutica.org

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Services are at 10:30 AM on Sundays, in person and on Zoom.

Hospitality hour with coffee and snacks follows each service.

September 7 Homecoming - Service with our Lay Associates
A time for reflection, a mingling of water that people have collected over the summer, and a way of reminding ourselves of the home we share, a home we come back to, a home where we welcome all to make their own.

September 14 Be More Tree: Wisdom for Healing and Resilience - Sara Miller
Sara Miller dives into the wild ride of mysterious illness, moving from uncertainty and control toward surrender and trust in the sacred unfolding of life's process. Inspired by the wisdom of trees and lived experience, Sara uncovers important teachings about letting go, tuning into your body's messages, and leaning into the power of community.

September 21 Finding Justice – Paul Hadley
Paul Hadley, who was the Director of the Madison County Public Defender's Office for over 20 years, reflects on his work defending indigent clients. He explores a lawyer's role in compassionately helping clients find justice and equity.

September 28 Community is the Heart of Healing - John Camilieri & Debra Faust
A sense of belonging acts as a foundation for individual well-being. It influences how we view the world and interact with others. Having access to community spaces where we can bring our whole selves and encourage authenticity helps us to process, understand, and navigate the challenges and complexities of societal change. Individual well-being is intertwined with the community's health, making health and healing a collective responsibility.



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

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

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Prayer to the Blessed Virgin,
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O Most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful vine, "Splendor of Heaven", Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin assist me in my necessity. O Star of the Sea, help me, and show me herein you are my mother. O Holy Mary Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to secure me in my necessity. (Make request).

There are none that can withstand your power, Oh Mary conceived without sin pray for us, who have recourse to thee, Holy Mother, I place this prayer in your hands. Say this prayer for three consecutive days. You must publish it, and it will be granted to you.

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Host Memorable Birthday Parties at the Utica Zoo

The Utica Zoo now offers a variety of birthday party packages for families seeking a unique and engaging venue for their child's celebration. With multiple options available, each package is designed to accommodate a range of group sizes and budgets, while providing a safe, educational, and well-organized experience.

Zoo-rific Birthday Party Packages are available on weekends and select evenings and include a private party area, a special gift for the birthday child, and a presentation with two of the Zoo's Ambassador Animals. Packages are priced for up to 20 guests, with the option to add additional guests for an added fee.

Package options include:

Ultimate Safari Party (September only): Includes meals, a bounce session, and more.

Deluxe Safari Party(September only): Includes meals and educational programming.

Safari Party: A standard daytime party experience with animal presentation.

Nocturnal Expedition Party: Held in the evening, ideal for smaller group gatherings.

All party rentals include a private two-hour space at either the Auditorium (indoors) or Zebra View Pavilion (outdoors), with upgrades available to the Eagle View Pavilion or Education Center Classroom. Time slots are available most Saturdays and Sundays from 10:00 AM-12:00 PM or 2:00-4:00 PM, and on select evenings from 5:30-7:30 PM.

Families may also enhance their event with optional add-ons such as additional animal presentations, goodie bags, scavenger hunts, guided exploration experiences, and symbolic animal adoptions in honor of the birthday child.

Zoo members receive a 10% discount on all party packages. Full payment is due at the time of booking. For more information on pricing, availability, and policies, please visit www.uticazoo.org/birthdayparties or contact the Utica Zoo at (315) 738-0472.

Open daily from 10 am - 4:30 pm. For more information and updates about the Utica Zoo please visit www.uticazoo.org or follow Utica Zoo on social media.

Please note: Balloons, confetti, and noise-makers are not permitted on zoo grounds for the safety of the animals. Specific animals for presentations cannot be guaranteed and are subject to availability.



DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE MEET & GREET

WHEN
September 22nd
6 – 7:30pm

WHERE
New Hartford Public Library

5th Judicial District NYS Supreme Court Judge Candidates
Elizabeth Fortino & Candace Randall
Christopher Giruzzi – Candidate for Utica City Court Judge
Frank Meola – Candidate for Utica City Comptroller
Candidates for Oneida County Legislator District 2,7,9,12,14,15,18,19,20,21,22 &23
Richard Duesler, Matthew Downs, Stephen Hampe, Chad Davis, Maria McNiel, Joe Furgol, Tim Julian, Evon Ervin, Lori Washburn, Anthony Leone & Kellyann Mercurio-Bianco
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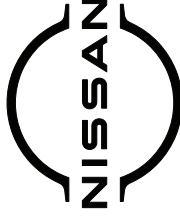
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