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Local Children Raise Money for Children's Hospital

Three years ago, a group of neighborhood children decided that they would sell lemonade annually and donate the proceeds to a charity of their choice.

This year, they decided that they wanted Boston Children's Hospital to benefit in honor of Francesca, who underwent a 6 hour surgery at 4 years old that saved her life. Francesca was born with a birth defect called esophageal atresia also known as EA. Without her brilliant Doctors, her story may not have had a good ending. Today she is thriving at 8 years old thanks to this wonderful facility.

These children worked so hard and earned \$592 at a lemonade stand, which is pretty impressive!

GE Ski Club Meeting

The GE Ski Club will be having their next meeting on October 21st at the New Hartford American Legion at 7pm.

They are more than just a ski club! Members enjoy downhill, cross country skiing and snowboarding. The club offers great rates on ski week, weekend, and day trips and a lesson program for the never-ever to expert skier. During the summer months bicycling, camping, canoeing, kayaking, golfing, volleyball, roller blading, hiking and wine tasting are offered. We also have many parties and events year-round. Membership is open to the general public.

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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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NH Safe & Lock Holds a Ribbon Cutting

On September 17th, New Hartford Safe & Lock held a ribbon cutting at their 45 Clinton Road, New Hartford location.

Since June of 2016, the New Hartford Safe & Lock Company has been located at 52 Campion Road. They grew their business into a full service locksmith company offering commercial, residential, and automotive locksmith services as well as safe technician services to upwards of 5 counties.

They specialize in all sorts of mechanical and electromechanical locking solutions, car keys & remote fobs, safe sales, service, openings, and installation, and so much more.

The new shop features an expanded showroom with a waiting area, a paved parking lot, automotive service bay, and increased work space for quicker, smoother operations and faster service to our customers.

Mobile service will still be available by appointment and for emergencies.

“We are thrilled to be open at this new location and continue serving our customers with the most reliable solutions available. Our goal has always been to provide top-tier, trustworthy locksmith services and a welcoming, professional experience for the community. We would like to thank Town Supervisor, Paul Miscioni for his dedication in making this move happen seamlessly.” States owner, Mike Galligano.



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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.

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.

Social Security Information
Program

Tuesday, October 7th, 6:00pm to 7:00pm

The New Hartford Public Library is offering a free Social Security information program on Tuesday, October 7th at 6:00 pm for pre-retirees ages 55-70. This financial education program is designed to help attendees make an informed retirement decision before claiming Social Security benefits.

Get answers to frequently asked questions
Discover how to maximize benefits
Learn the one key mistake that most claimants make
Understand how Social Security benefits can improve your retirement lifestyle

The event has been a longstanding library program and is being presented as a community service by Retirement Solutions, LLC. To reserve your seat, please contact the library directly at: 315-733-1535.

Since 2015, this event has been presented as a community service by John Kalil, a Financial Advisor and the Founder & President of Retirement Solutions, LLC.

“Basketball is for Everyone”
Initiative

Thanks to Red & Blue Girls Hoops and their Basketball is for Everyone initiative, our library now has basketballs and pickleball racquets with balls available for checkout! Red & Blue, founded by New Hartford Girls’ Basketball alumna Elizabeth Cavic, is all about building skills, teamwork, and community for young athletes. Their generosity helps ensure every child has access to the joy of active play both on and off the court.

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Pumpkin Painting

Join us October 10th from 10:00am to 11:00am or from 11:00am to 12:00pm to paint pumpkins. Fun for all ages. Space is limited and registration is required. Please call us at 315 733 1535 to reserve your pumpkin and time. One pumpkin per person. While supplies last.

Drop in Lego Building

No school? Come and build legos with us. October 13th from 11:00am to 7:00pm.

This is a drop in program. Stay and play as long as you wish.

Save The Date!

Pocket Vinyl class and performance 12/21

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.

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

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

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The After Breast Cancer
(ABC) Group

Next meeting: Saturday, October 4th from 10:30am to 12:30pm in the Sammon Room

October--Mindy Robinson, from The Cancer Research Dept. at Bassett Hospital in Cooperstown. will be speaking about Breast cancer. She may also bring other good information to us. Come and hear what she has to say.

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.

Thursday Yoga Class

Join us Thursday mornings at 10:30am for a free slow flow yoga class beginning October 2nd. The class is intended for all levels and is a combination of stretching, vinyasa flow and meditation. The class is led by Jenny Meislin, a certified yoga instructor in Ashtanga and Vinyasa yoga. Looking forward to seeing you all there!

Halloween Themed Sugar
Cookie Decorating Class

Foxtree Bakery invites you to come and enjoy the art of sugar cookie decorating at the New Hartford Library! On Sunday, October 19th at 1:30 join us in a sweet afternoon where you’ll create tasty pieces of art. In this class you will not only get to learn different royal icing techniques, but get to bring home 4 of your very own decorated & delicious cookies. Class size is limited and registration is required. Class is open to participants 10 years old and older. Please call 315-733-1535 to register.

From the Friends of the New
Hartford Public Library

On Saturday, August 23rd, the Friends of the New Hartford Public Library hosted their Ice Cream Social. This event was a community favorite for many years. Though this year’s event looked different from their ice cream socials in the past, the goal was the same; to raise money for the Joshua Turner Fund. This fund was created by the Turner family when Joshua Turner, a local New Hartford child, passed away, as a means to honor his memory. The sole purpose of this fund is to purchase books and materials and provide programming for the Children’s area of the library.

This event wouldn’t have been successful without the support of the many volunteers who helped us by donating their time to bake, assist us the day of the event or by providing baskets to raffle off.

The Friends would like to recognize the following local businesses that donated to their event. We appreciate their generosity!

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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.

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COMMITMENT

As Town Highway Superintendent, Rick has been:

- Directing the paving and continued resurfacing of more than 50 miles of Town roads while originating a salt-water brine program for streets saving Town taxpayers thousands annually
- Administering the popular annual curbside pick-up and green waste program
- Assisting the Town Supervisor with the creation of the new Town Hall at the Orchards, renovation of the Town's Recreation Center, and significant upgrades at both Sherrill Brook and Donovan Parks
- Developing and installing the new premier street signage throughout the Town including new stop signs
- Instrumental in helping residents by developing storm-water solutions from recent flooding
- Partnering with Oneida County to establish storm-water detention ponds and drainage solutions for Mud Creek, Sauquoit Creek and the neighborhoods of Grange Hill, Woodberry, Beechwood and on Oneida Street at the City/Town line among others

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Marykate Edmunds is a 2010 New Hartford graduate.
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NH Grad Marykate Edmunds Returns to St. John Fisher as Lacrosse Coach

New Hartford’s Marykate Edmunds is returning to her college alma mater as head coach of the women’s lacrosse team.

Edmunds is a 2010 New Hartford graduate. She also coached New Hartford in 2015 and began her college coaching career at Utica’s SUNY Poly in 2016.

Edmunds returns back to Pittsford after four successful seasons (2022 to 2025) as SUNY Geneseo’s head coach.

She played and coached at St. John Fisher under Linda Michele, who retired in May as the winningest head coach in Empire 8 Conference history and one of the most successful in NCAA history.

Edmunds is the fifth head women’s lacrosse coach in Fisher history.

“I am truly humbled to be the next head women’s lacrosse coach at St. John Fisher,” Edmunds said in a news release. “This program has not only achieved extraordinary success but has also cultivated a spirit of excellence that resonates throughout our community. As a former Fisher player and assistant coach, I am committed to honoring that legacy while striving to build on the incredible foundation laid by Linda, the athletes, alumni and all those who support this program.”

Edmunds compiled a 56-20 (.737) record at SUNY

Geneseo, leading the Knights to at least 12 wins in each of her four seasons in charge of the program.

Under Edmunds, Geneseo had 24 All-SUNYAC selections (10 first team), 13 Intercollegiate Women’s Lacrosse Coaches Association (IWLCA) All-Region selections (7 first team) and one IWLCA All-American (Hanna Marafioti, 2022 second team). The Knights had the 2022 SUNYAC Rookie of the Year (Maddie Brown), the 2022 SUNYAC Offensive Player of the Year (Marafioti) and the 2023 and 2024 SUNYAC Defensive Player of the Year (Tricia Curran).

In their inaugural season in the Empire 8, the Knights had nine all-conference selections, including three first-team honorees, the second most in the conference behind St. John Fisher, which had 10 All-E8 players.

“I am thrilled that Marykate, a Fisher alumnus, will lead the women’s lacrosse program after coach Michele’s retirement,” Granger said. “She brings a unique blend of passion, familiarity and a deep understanding of the program’s history and values. Her ability to inspire and motivate players creates a special connection for our athletes, knowing they are being guided by someone who has walked in their shoes. I am excited for the future of the program.”

Before her stop at Geneseo, Edmunds spent three seasons (2019-21) as SUNY Fredonia’s head coach and two seasons (2017-18) as an assistant at St. John Fisher. The Cardinals went 32-8, won two Empire 8 championships, appeared in the NCAA Tournament twice and had 12 All-E8 selections (five first team) with Edmunds on staff.

Edmunds began her collegiate coaching career as an assistant at SUNY Poly in 2016, where she helped guide the Wildcats to their first-ever SUNYAC championship and NCAA Tournament berth. She served as the head coach of the New Hartford High School (NY) girls lacrosse team in 2015.

As a Fisher player from 2011-14, Edmunds caused 73 turnovers over 74 games and earned second-team All-Empire 8 honors as a defender in 2012, 2013 and 2014. The Cardinals won the Empire 8 in each of those three seasons, beginning a streak of conference titles that reached 13 in 2025.

Edmunds earned her Bachelor of Arts in sport management at St. John Fisher and her Master of Arts in athletic administration at Concordia University-Irvine in Irvine, California.

Pinktober Pumpkin Party

It’s time to celebrate Breast Cancer Awareness Month. This is when we remind women to get their yearly screenings and checkups in order to catch cancer early.

Join the team Penguin Platoon on Tuesday, October 7 at the Remsen VFW Post 982 for a fun pumpkin decorating party. Each participant will receive a pumpkin to decorate, along with a beverage ticket and refreshments. A variety of materials will be provided to help you create something fun or meaningful. There will also be raffles and merchandise to purchase to celebrate Pinktober. The cost is \$15.00 per person and all proceeds go to Making Strides Against Breast Cancer. The event starts at 6pm but you can arrive early for Taco Tuesday if you’d like to support the Post. The VFW is located at 10526 Steuben Street.

Pre-registration and payment is required for the Pumpkin Party. Contact Carol at 315-831-3052 (leave a message) or email carol@toursbydesign.org

The Penguin Platoon has been raising money for Making Strides since 2016. Funds raised support the American Cancer Society’s research programs, and free patient services including a 24/7 Help Line (1-800-227-2345), overnight stays at Hope Lodge, and rides to treatment.

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Notice from the Town of New Hartford
Assessors Office

Changes to the STAR program and STAR forms for 2026

The 2025-2026 Enacted State Budget included several provisions to simplify the STAR program for NYS homeowners, including no longer requiring homeowners to apply to their assessor for the Enhanced STAR exemption. (65 and older and 2024 adjusted gross income less than \$110,750 – ex: Form 1040 line 11 minus 4B)

Because of this, the following forms have been removed from the state website and will no longer be accepted in the assessor office.

- Form RP-425-B, Application for Basic STAR Exemption
- Form RP-425-E, Application for Enhanced STAR Exemption
- Form RP-425-IVP, Supplement to Form RP-425-E

You can let the homeowner know the state will notify them, and the assessors’ office, if they qualify for an Enhanced STAR exemption. If we need more information to determine eligibility, such as in cases of someone who does not file an income tax return, then the state will send a letter to them requesting information.

There is an additional Senior Citizens Exemption for lower incomes. To qualify, your 2024 complete household income minus 2024 out of pocket medical would need to be less than \$37,900. You would apply for this exemption with the Assessors office with your 2024 tax return and any proof of 2024 medical out of pocket expenses. Exemptions are due by March 1st. (This exemption will need to be applied for every year)

** If you already have the Senior Citizens exemption, renewals will be mailed to you by the Assessors’ office.

** If you are a new owner you need to contact the state to file for Star Credit 518-457-2036 or www.tax.ny.gov/star

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Chadwicks Downtown Revitalization Project Moves Forward

submitted by Paul Miscione, New Hartford Town Supervisor

Exciting changes are on the horizon for the Hamlet of Chadwicks. Our downtown revitalization project has taken a major step forward with Oneida County awarding the Town of New Hartford a \$500,000 grant for critical infrastructure improvements. This investment will allow us to strengthen the backbone of our downtown updating water, sewer, and utility systems while laying the foundation for future growth.

I want to extend my sincere thanks to the Oneida County Planning Department for the incredible work they did in preparing this proposal. Their professionalism and vision have helped position Chadwicks for success, and this grant is proof of the positive impact that comes when local governments work hand-in-hand with county partners.

I would also like to personally thank County Executive Tony Picente and Oneida County Legislator Mary Pratt for their strong support of this great community project in Chadwicks. Their leadership and commitment to our towns and hamlets make these opportunities possible.

But this is just the beginning. This year, the Town of New Hartford will be applying for the Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) through New York State, which offers the opportunity to secure up to \$10 million in funding for major downtown improvements. In addition, we will also be pursuing the New York State TAP (Transportation Alternatives Program) grant with DOT, which could bring in up to \$5 million for new sidewalks. Our vision is to create a walkable, family-friendly community by connecting downtown Chadwicks with the Chapman Road sidewalks, ensuring safe and convenient access for residents and visitors alike.

These projects will not only strengthen our infrastructure, but also enhance the beauty and character of downtown Chadwicks. Improved sidewalks, lighting, and streetscapes will make the area safer for pedestrians, especially families with children, while creating a more vibrant and welcoming destination.

Community engagement will be a vital part of this process. In the coming weeks, we will be inviting residents, business owners, and stakeholders to share their outlook and provide input on the vision for Chadwicks' future. This is your downtown, and your voice matters in shaping the improvements that will serve generations to come.

With the support of our county leaders, state programs, and most importantly, our community, Chadwicks is on its way to becoming safer, stronger, and more beautiful than ever before.

The Highway Superintendent and Town Supervisor overseeing paving operations in the Town of New Hartford

New Hartford Highway News

submitted by Highway Superintendent, Richard Sherman

October is here and as a reminder, the Town Highway Department will start picking up leaves shortly. Please don't put leaves in plastic bags or containers. Place the leaves at the curb, so that our leaf vac trucks can pick them up. There is a leaf truck in each town ward, so that they can be picked up in a timely manner. Once the leaves start falling, the trucks will be out every single day. Please don't mix the leaf piles with other debris like sticks, dirt, rocks, brush, and pumpkins.

The Brush Collection is finished for the 2025 season. We will not be picking up any trees or brush until next season. The compactor trucks will still be out to pick up the green waste of flowers and grass clippings.

The town is still working diligently on Roman Rd detention ponds to finish pond number 1, then work will begin on the second pond. The town highway crew has worked on storm water detention ponds in the last two decades. Ten detention ponds have been built with one huge concrete dam. The dam along with the ponds hold back storm water going to the Sauquoit Creek, helping Whitestown, and the village of Whitesboro. The new concrete dam has stopped the flooding at the JK Lumber/Rt 5 intersection which goes to Sauquoit Creek.

The salt brine that the Town of New Hartford uses along with many other Municipalities like New York DOT and New York State Thruway Authority, is less corrosive than pure salt as the brine is mixed with water and works immediately. The brine is sprayed with tankers prior to a snow storm and works up in the hills to burn off the hard pack snow that may adhere to the road. New Hartford has 10 plow routes and each truck has its own brine saddle tank that sprays the material being spread.

The Highway trucks are being checked and plows, wings and hoppers will be installed for the 2025-2026 winter season. The salt hoppers needed some repairs with grates and frames as they are about 20 years old.

The Highway department is still working with FEMA for reimbursement on our projects. The Town's Engineer is still working on the Rayhill Trail repair with DEC, Army Corp, FEMA and the State and is going out to bid within the next few weeks.

The Town Highway Department has several full-time openings. You can apply on the Oneida County website under Town of New Hartford. The openings are MEO positions and must have either a Class A or B CDL license.

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Paul Miscione for Town Supervisor

submitted by Rick Sherman

It has truly been a pleasure working alongside Town Supervisor Paul Miscione over the past seven years. His innovation, vision, and deep knowledge of construction and engineering have made him an incredible asset to New Hartford and to our Highway Department.

When Paul first took office, we were working without the modern equipment we needed to serve residents efficiently and safely. Through his leadership and willingness to roll up his sleeves, we’ve been able to transform the way we operate. Together we’ve upgraded our entire fleet with new trucks, introduced a town-wide sign improvement program, and replaced an outdated leaf collection system with one that works faster, safer, and delivers real results for residents.

What makes Paul stand out is that he isn’t just a supervisor who gives direction he’s the person you can go to when you need answers. He understands the work on the ground and takes part in the details that matter every day. His ability to find solutions, stretch resources, and always keep residents first has made a real difference for our team and for our town.

As Highway Superintendent, I can say without hesitation that Paul Miscione has been a driving force behind the progress New Hartford has made. His leadership is hard to replace, and his knowledge continues to guide us toward even greater success. I look forward to continuing this partnership and encourage our community to support him as he works for the future of New Hartford.

Paid for by Rick Sherman

Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc.

Highlights the Benefits and Rewards of Being a Hospice Social Worker

When families turn to hospice care, they find not only compassionate nurses and caregivers, but also the quiet strength of hospice social workers—professionals who provide guidance, support, and advocacy during life’s most difficult journey.

Hospice social workers are a vital part of the care team. They help patients and families manage emotional and practical challenges, provide counseling, connect them with community resources, and walk alongside loved ones through end-of-life and into bereavement.

“Social workers bring a unique kind of comfort,” said Stephanie Robinson, LCSW, Lead Social Worker at Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc. “They help families navigate difficult conversations while providing a steady source of support. Their work truly honors the dignity of patients and the needs of families.

A Career with Meaning. Unlike many fast-paced clinical environments, hospice social work allows for deep, one-on-one connections. For many, the role is more than a career, it is a calling.

“It’s profoundly rewarding to know you’ve helped someone feel less alone,” said Stephanie Robinson, LCSW. “That’s the heart of hospice.”

Balance and Benefits Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc. is equally committed to supporting its team. Social workers enjoy:

- Generous Paid Time Off
- 100% employer-paid health insurance
- Retirement plan with company match
- Mileage reimbursement

Join the Team Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc. is currently seeking LMSWs, or MSWs eligible for licensure, who want to combine compassion with purpose.

“Here, your work is more than a job—it’s a calling,” said Joanne Moskal, Chief Operating Officer. “You’ll have the opportunity to make a lasting impact in the lives of patients and families every single day.” For more information or to apply contact HR@hospicecareinc.org or call 315-735-6484.

Because at hospice, it is not only about the end of life, but also about honoring life, every step of the way.

NYS Approved Defensive Driving Course Offered

New York State approved defensive drivers course for insurance and point reduction program will be provided by AARP on Tuesday, Sept. 30 & Thurs Oct. 30 New Hartford Public Library from 9am to 3:30pm.

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1-Oct	4:15 PM	Soccer (Girls)	7th/8th	Hughes Soccer Field	CVA
1-Oct	4:30 PM	Field Hockey (Girls)	7th/8th	Myles Elementary FH/LAX Field	CVA
1-Oct	5:30 PM	Field Hockey (Girls)	Varsity	NH HS Turf Field	CVA
3-Oct	4:15 PM	Soccer (Boys)	JV	Perry JH Soccer Field	Whitesboro
3-Oct	5:00 PM	Soccer (Boys)	7th/8th	Hughes Soccer Field	Oneida
3-Oct	5:30 PM	Soccer (Boys)	Varsity	NH HS Turf Field	Whitesboro
6-Oct	4:15 PM	Soccer (Girls)	7th/8th	Hughes Soccer Field	Whitesboro
6-Oct	4:30 PM	Football (Boys)	JV	Perry JH Football/Lacrosse Field	Homer
6-Oct	4:30 PM	Field Hockey (Girls)	7th/8th	Myles Elementary FH/LAX Field	Holland Patent
6-Oct	5:30 PM	Field Hockey (Girls)	Varsity	NH HS Turf Field	Oneida
7-Oct	4:15 PM	Soccer (Girls)	JV	Perry JH Soccer Field	CVA
7-Oct	5:30 PM	Soccer (Girls)	Varsity	NH HS Turf Field	CVA
8-Oct	4:00 PM	Football (Boys)	7th/8th	Perry JH Football/Lacrosse Field	Whitesboro
8-Oct	4:15 PM	Soccer (Boys)	7th/8th	Hughes Soccer Field	Utica Proctor (JFK)
8-Oct	4:30 PM	Field Hockey (Girls)	7th/8th	Myles Elementary FH/LAX Field	Camden
9-Oct	4:15 PM	Soccer (Girls)	JV	Perry JH Soccer Field	Utica Proctor
9-Oct	5:30 PM	Soccer (Girls)	Varsity	NH HS Turf Field	Utica Proctor
13-Oct	10:00 AM	Football (Boys)	JV	NH HS Turf Field	Chittenango
14-Oct	4:15 PM	Soccer (Girls)	JV	Perry JH Soccer Field	VVS
14-Oct	5:30 PM	Soccer (Girls)	Varsity	NH HS Turf Field	VVS
15-Oct	4:15 PM	Soccer (Girls)	7th/8th	Hughes Soccer Field	CVA
15-Oct	5:00 PM	Field Hockey (Girls)	Varsity	NH HS Turf Field	RFA
15-Oct	6:30 PM	Field Hockey (Girls)	JV	NH HS Turf Field	RFA
16-Oct	4:15 PM	Soccer (Boys)	JV	Perry JH Soccer Field	RFA
16-Oct	5:00 PM	Swimming/Diving (Girls)	Varsity	NH HS Pool	Utica Proctor
16-Oct	5:30 PM	Soccer (Boys)	Varsity	NH HS Turf Field	RFA
17-Oct	4:15 PM	Soccer (Boys)	7th/8th	Hughes Soccer Field	RFA
17-Oct	4:30 PM	Field Hockey (Girls)	7th/8th	Myles Elementary FH/LAX Field	VVS
17-Oct	6:00 PM	Football (Boys)	Varsity	NH HS Turf Field	VVS
17-Oct	6:00 PM	Cheerleading (Girls)	Varsity (Fall)	NH HS Turf Field	VVS (Dance Team)
20-Oct	4:15 PM	Soccer (Boys)	7th/8th	Hughes Soccer Field	Whitesboro
21-Oct	5:00 PM	Swimming/Diving (Girls)	Varsity	NH HS Pool	Jamesville-Dewitt
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27-Oct	5:00 PM	Football (Boys)	JV	Perry JH Football/Lacrosse Field	Camden
31-Oct	6:00 PM	Football (Boys)	Varsity	NH HS Turf Field	
31-Oct	6:00 PM	Cheerleading (Girls)	Varsity (Fall)	NH HS Turf Field	



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2025

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When: Saturday, October 4th, 2025
Time: 1:00-4:00 p.m.
Where: Hope Alliance Church
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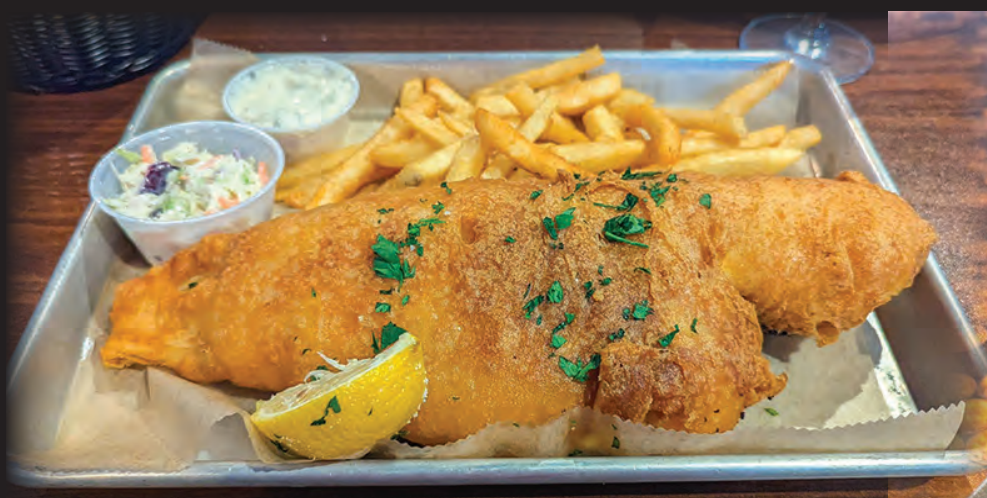
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2025 CURBSIDE JUNK COLLECTION GUIDELINES

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For more detailed information, refer to your Village Garbage Collection flyer or
call the Village DPW at 315-724-0379 or the Village office at 315-732-1147.

The Village of New Hartford will have a curbside junk pick up on **Monday, October 13, 2025**. Materials must be at the curb by
5:00 am on October 13th.

Materials must be sorted into separate piles as listed below:

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

§ **Only one pickup of each category listed per street.**
§ **Nothing longer than 8 feet long will be collected.**
§ **Collection limits for categories #1 (Household Junk) and #2 (Sanitary Waste) are each limited to a pile not to exceed 4’ wide, 8’ long, and 3’ high.**

The DPW will not accept:

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

Thank you for your cooperation with sorting materials and observing these guidelines.
It helps reduce costs and insures the continuation of this program.

GREEN WASTE AND LEAF COLLECTION INFORMATION

Leaves, grass clippings, and brush will be collected every Wednesday through the end of September. Brush must be bundled and leaves, grass, and trimmings must be contained in reusable cans. Limbs must be less than 12” in diameter and less than 6’ long for collection.

From October 1st through November 15th, leaves will be collected loose at the curb once weekly. Please keep leaves separate from brush pile. Plastic bags used for leaves and green waste are not permitted and will not be collected. Please do not pile leaves in the roadway.

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Re-Elect Miscione for Town Supervisor

submitted by Jim Donofrio

We ask all New Hartford Voters to join with us and **Re-Elect** our Town Supervisor **Paul Miscione**. This is an important election and Paul needs the votes of you, your family and friends. Let’s not forget what Paul has done for us over the past 7 years. He has worked tirelessly and virtually full time to include;

- Purchasing and renovating the former Gander Mountain into a Town Hall consolidating the Police, Codes, Assessor, Clerk and Highway Superintendent in one building saving thousands in rent.
- Acting as Director of the Parks, saving the salary and benefits in excess of \$100,000 per year that would be paid.
- Working “hands on” to assist in the renovation of Gander Mountain and the Recreation Center.
- Preparing a conservative budget, keeping property taxes low.
- Bringing back the yearly trash pick up.
- Assisting in reviewing appraisals in Tax Grievance proceedings.
- Working on renovations at the parks including new equipment at Sherrill Brook, expanding pickle-ball courts and the dog park.
- Championing the “Downtown Chadwicks” program.
- Arranging for Senior Citizens to join “50 Forward” at no cost.
- Negotiating a lease with the New Hartford Central School for a rental portion of the Gander Mountain Building.
- Helping coordinate improvements to the Veterans Park.
- Assisting in efforts to create the Town Animal Shelter.
- Working to be designated a “Purple Heart Town”.
- Negotiating contracts with the Police, Highway and Parks for which the Town previously paid many thousands of dollars for a negotiator.

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Andrew Donovan Promoted to Lead Altius Sports Partners

Altius Sports Partners (Altius), a leading strategic partner for college athletics departments and brands, announced today a series of leadership changes and executive hires that build on the company’s momentum and continued growth, driving innovation for universities, brands, and athletes. Altius CEO Tommy Gray has been hired as Senior Vice President, College at Fanatics, where he will oversee the global sports commerce giant’s relationships with college programs nationwide and help refine the company’s strategy in the college space. With Gray’s transition, Andrew Donovan, currently President of Altius’ college division, will replace Gray as Altius’ top executive, guiding the company through its next phase of success.

“Altius has momentum,” said Donovan, who originally joined Altius in July 2021. “From the very beginning, I’ve seen us evolve into a leading organization in this space. We’ve assembled a dynamic team of experienced, successful, and connected leaders, and I’m honored to guide them into the future. Our vision is clear: to be the trusted partner schools and brands rely on to navigate this turning point in college sports while delivering real value and opportunities across the landscape.”

“I’m extremely proud of all that Altius has accomplished, and I know the company will continue to thrive under Andrew’s leadership,” said Gray, who joined Altius in 2023 as Chief Strategy Officer before being promoted to CEO in 2024. “The talented, hard-working people at Altius have always been the company’s differentiator, and the team has continued to grow even stronger with the outstanding additions to the roster over the past year, including two new executive-level additions in the past few weeks and another one coming soon.”

Altius has strengthened its leadership team and the expertise it delivers to schools and brands through additional changes that were finalized recently:

Former Buffalo Bills EVP/COO Ron Raccuia has taken on an expanded role with Altius after joining the company as Senior Advisor in 2024.

Tyler Reichwein, formerly Vice President at Learfield Amplify, joined Altius as Senior Vice President, College.

John Durbin, formerly Chief Commercial Officer at FC Cincinnati, joined as Vice President, College.

With Kim DeCarolis, who previously ran Altius’ brands division, now at Georgia as Executive Director of Athlete Commercial Strategy and Terése Whitehead, former Vice President, Consumer Products & Strategy at the NFLPA, at Michigan as Executive General Manager for NIL, Altius has embedded senior leaders inside two of the nation’s most prominent athletic programs. Both will also serve on the Altius executive team.

Brent Swartz, Vice President, Brands since he joined Altius after eight years as Vice President, Brands at Wasserman, now leads Altius’ brands division.

Bob Keyser, Vice President, Client Strategy & Insights since he joined Altius after a decade of leadership at the Pac-12, is leading Altius’ recently formed Client strategy & Insights team that is developing customized strategies and insights to help schools and brands avigate the dynamic college sports landscape with onfidence.

Former Pittsburgh Steelers General Manager Kevin

Colbert is serving as a consultant to Altius, contributing his expertise to elevate the football programs at select partner schools.

Since its inception in 2020, Altius – now backed by underdog & company, an innovative marketing services firm in sports, media, entertainment, and nonprofits – has become a trusted advisor to more than 40 Division I athletics programs, including nearly half of the Power 4. Through data-driven, creative, and practical strategic guidance, the company’s college division equips campus leaders to navigate the evolving landscape of collegiate athletics with confidence and precision. Additionally, its brands division partners with leading companies such as Verizon and Powerade, helping them develop and execute impactful college sports strategies and campaigns.

“Altius is at an exciting moment of change within the collegiate space and is well positioned to create new solutions for our clients,” said Dan Mannix, Co-Founder and Managing Partner, underdog & company. “Combining Andrew’s track record, relevant experience and new leadership role with our investment in new Altius teammates who bring a mix of college and pro sports experience, as well as the resources of underdog & company, our goal is to be the go-to trusted partner in the college ecosystem.”

Altius has evolved from a consultancy guiding programs through the early NIL era into the premier strategic partner for athletics departments and brands. Today, the firm supports clients across NIL, integrated revenue strategy, and operational efficiency. Its leadership group includes Chairman Oliver Luck, Dan Mannix (Co-Founder & Managing Director, underdog & company), Senior Advisor Ron Raccuia, and Sports Law Consultant Gabe Feldman, alongside a team of executives serving brands and college relationships.

Recycling Drop-Off Event

Sen. Griffo hosting electronics recycling drop-off Event also will feature document shredding and prescription drug disposal; cellphones will be collected for Cell Phones for Soldiers

New York State Sen. Joseph Griffo, R-C-Rome, announced today that he is partnering with the Oneida-Herkimer Solid Waste Authority, Confidata and the state Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to hold an electronics recycling event on Saturday, Oct. 4.

The free event will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Oneida-Herkimer Recycling Center at 824 Sewage Plant Road in Utica. The public may drop off electronics such as TVs, computers and other devices. For a full list of acceptable items, visit www.ohswa.org.

Confidata will also be on hand to shred up to three boxes, per car, of confidential documents (no commercial shredding will be accepted). The DEC will be collecting unused or unwanted prescription medications (no sharps or needles).

Additionally, unused and/or unwanted cellphones will also be collected for donation to Cell Phones for Soldiers to help military members and veterans connect with their families and loved ones.

"This is an important opportunity to safely and properly dispose of unwanted electronics, medications and paper," Sen. Griffo said. "I thank the Oneida-Herkimer Solid Waste Authority, Confidata and DEC for again partnering with me for this upcoming event."

Previous recycling events hosted by Sen. Griffo have resulted in more than 600,000 lbs. of electronics being recycled.

Here are the details for Sen. Griffo’s latest e-waste recycling event:

WHO: State Sen. Joseph Griffo, Oneida-Herkimer Solid Waste Authority, Confidata and DEC.

WHAT: The public is invited to drop off electronics like TVs, computers, and other devices for free and safe disposal; confidential documents to be shredded (no commercial shredding will be accepted); old or expired prescription drugs (no sharps or needles); and unwanted and/or unused cell phones will be collected for Cell Phones For Soldiers.

WHEN: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 4.

WHERE: Oneida-Herkimer Recycling Center, 824 Sewage Plant Road, Utica.

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Let me tell you about an Enchanted Evening in Utica with Santa and His North Pole Pals

Once upon a snow-kissed time, far beyond the twinkling lights of the tallest Christmas trees and deeper than the jingle of any bell, preparations were underway at the heart of the North Pole. The red-coated jolly one himself—yes, Santa Claus—was bursting with excitement, for the grandest parade of the year was just around the corner: **The Thanksgiving Day Spectacular** in New York City.

But oh, dear reader, this wasn't just any preparation. You see, Santa had chosen not to travel by sleigh this time. The sleigh was getting a gleaming new upgrade at the North Pole Auto Shop—fitted with all sorts of shiny new gadgets, peppermint-fueled boosters, and extra cozy quilted seats.

Instead, Santa opted for a more relaxed voyage aboard his enchanted icebreaker ship, a frosted vessel that gently carved its way southward through sparkling arctic waters. On board? His loyal reindeer (*who only fly when it's sleigh time, mind you*), his merry band of elves, and a sleigh-full of excitement.

But why the detour through New York City? Because behind every magical toy and techy trinket is a bit of good old-fashioned business. Since the 1980s, Santa's elves have partnered with human inventors to craft the most brilliant toys. While the elves still focus on dollhouses, wooden trains and candy-cane scooters, the high tech toys require a team effort.

Once the parade confetti settles and the last float rolls away, Santa and his beloved Mrs. Claus sneak away for a little secret tradition. Each year, they slip quietly up the thruway to a place close to their hearts: Utica, New York.

However this year, something extraordinary is happening!

For the first time ever, Santa and Mrs. Claus aren't just visiting Utica—they're bringing the North Pole with them! That's right, this season kicks off with a magical holiday celebration like no other: **Santa's Kickoff to Christmas Party**, held at the enchanting and historic Hotel Utica—one of Santa's most beloved hotels in the whole wide world.

The glittering halls of the hotel will be transformed into a winter wonderland, and every twinkle-light will glisten with holiday cheer. Santa's also bringing along some of his most special guests:

- ✴ His personal horse-drawn carriage, straight from the cobblestone lanes of Candy Cane Village, ready to whisk guests through snowy streets on fanciful rides.
- ✴ A couple of his magnificent reindeer will be greeting children with gentle snorts.
- ✴ His North Pole Singing Princesses will serenade you with songs of snowflakes and starlight.
- ✴ A North Pole magician, whose tricks are powered by snow-magic, will amaze and dazzle even the grown-ups!
- ✴ Santa's even bringing his personal photographer to capture every hug, every giggle, every precious moment of joy.
- ✴ **But wait—there's more! A holiday mystery awaits.**

It seems "Wannabe" the Christmas Moose has misplaced his most prized possession: his Magic Flyer Scarf, the one he uses to polish his antlers to achieve maximum aerodynamics! Without it, he won't be able to fly on Christmas Eve! **Santa needs your help.** You're invited to join the Search for the Lost Scarf, solving clues and unlocking magic as you explore the party!

- ✴ **Plus**, every child who attends this once-in-a-lifetime evening will receive magical keepsakes to treasure forever—including their very own enchanted Elf Hat, specially charmed by the Head Toymaker himself! This adorable hat also unlocks access to Santa's exclusive Elf Workshop, where imagination runs wild and dreams come to life.
- ✴ For those who choose the **VIP Experience**, the magic grows even more marvelous! **VIP** guests will:
- ✴ Enjoy a private horse-drawn carriage ride with their favorite characters,
- ✴ Receive a holiday autograph book to collect signatures from every North Pole friend,
- ✴ Be treated to even more surprises which are still hidden under wraps (*Santa loves a good secret!*).

There will be hot cocoa, mountains of sweet treats, music, laughter, and the kind of magic that only happens when the stars align, the snowflakes dance, and the holiday spirit is unleashed.

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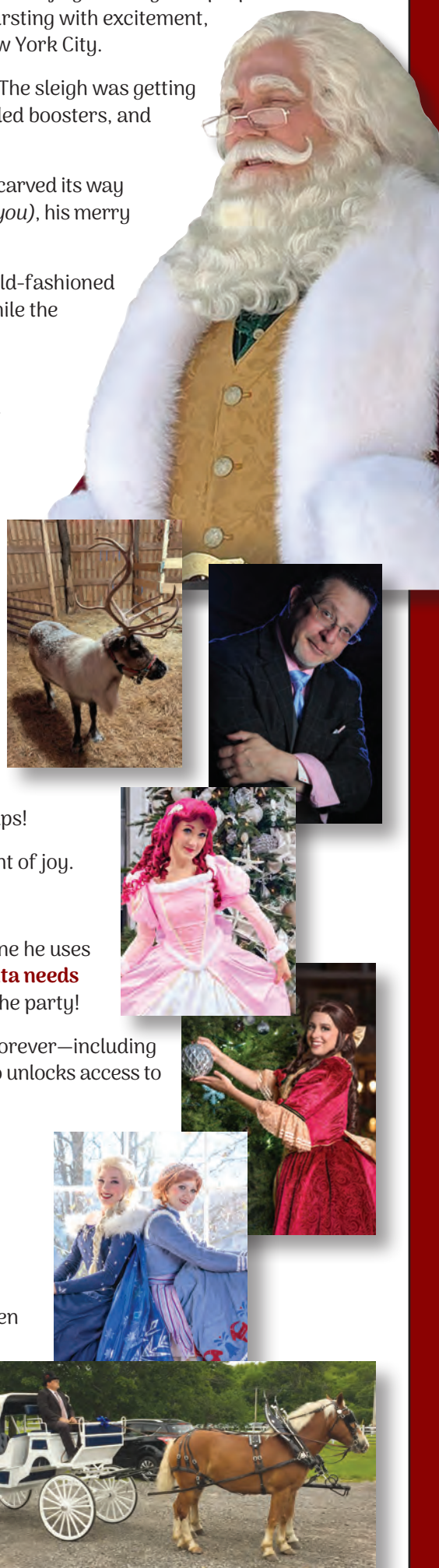


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Collecting Ephemera

Ephemera, by definition, refers to printed or written material that was intended to be temporary in nature, yet has survived as a record of everyday life. Items such as postcards, trade cards, tickets, theater programs, posters, and advertising brochures fall under this category. Originally created for practical or promotional use, ephemera was never meant to be preserved for posterity. However, it is precisely this fleeting quality that makes such items so appealing to collectors today.

The study and collecting of ephemera provide valuable insight into cultural, social, and economic history. A 19th-century trade card, for example, can reveal much about consumer habits, graphic design trends, and business practices of the time. Likewise, vintage postcards and brochures often capture views of towns, landscapes, and buildings long since altered or demolished. Political flyers, ration books, and war bond posters preserve the emotions and messaging of historic eras.

Collectors are drawn to ephemera not only for its beauty or rarity, but also for the stories it tells about ordinary people and everyday experiences. Unlike fine art or expensive antiques, ephemera often offers an intimate and accessible glimpse into the past. Though fragile and easily lost, these small pieces of paper help us connect with history in a very personal way, ensuring that what was once considered disposable continues to inform and inspire future generations.

Two good books on the subject are: “Collecting Printed Ephemera” by Maurice Rickards and “HowExpert Guide to Ephemera Collectibles” by Charlotte Hopkins. Both are available on Amazon.com.

Happy Collecting!



Antique and vintage postcards are a popular category of ephemera among collectors.



Advertising trade cards, popular in the Victorian era, are a highly collectible category of ephemera.

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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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.

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Physical Fitness

submitted by James LaFountain, All American Fitness Center

I don't usually need a great deal of research for this column, but I decided to find out the latest description of "Physical Fitness." I stumbled into an AI description that closely resembles one I found 20 years ago. I'd like to present it, with some added dialogue, hoping to expound on it and help you understand it more deeply.

Physical Fitness is the ability of your bodily systems to work together efficiently to allow you to be healthy and perform daily physical activities without undue fatigue. It's a state of well-being and a capacity to perform aspects of sports, occupations, and daily activities.

The biggest challenge associated with Physical Fitness is maintaining a balance between Cardiovascular, Muscular Strength, Muscular Endurance, Flexibility, Body Composition and Neuromuscular Fitness. The biggest gap seems to be between Cardiovascular and Muscular Strength. Distance athletes dabble at Strength Training and Weight Trainers minimize time spent on Cardiovascular Exercise.

Cardiovascular Endurance is the ability of the heart and lungs to efficiently deliver oxygen to working muscles.

Dr. Kenneth Cooper's revolutionary book, "Aerobics" made a tremendous impact on the fitness industry. "Aerobics," simply put means "in the presence of oxygen." I had a graduate school professor who adamantly opposed the term "Aerobics," rather chose to use the term "Cardiovascular." He even went so far as to ask a trick question on one of our exams that went like this, "Sitting here taking this exam are you aerobic or anaerobic?" I, fortunately answered, "Aerobic." Although I answered correctly, he grilled me anyway. He clapped his hands repeatedly when I stated "we are always aerobic, because we are breathing 21% oxygen all of the time." I don't think he had anything against Dr. Cooper but was a stickler for the accurate definition.

Muscular Strength is the ability of a muscle to exert force.

Usually associated with Resistance Training in the form of barbells, dumbbells and machines. Maximal Strength is referred to as one's 1RM or one repetition maximum. Beginners can "max-out" once a week, intermediates, once a month and advance trainees every 2-3 months. Beginners exhaust far fewer muscle fibers than those who are advanced.

Muscular Endurance is the ability of a muscle to sustain repeated contractions or to hold a contraction for a period of time.

Push ups and sit-ups are the most recognized and associated with Muscular Endurance. Any movement performed for 15 or more repetitions may be considered a Muscular Endurance activity. The NFL Combine confuses me. Professional Football is hardly a Muscular Endurance activity and athletes are asked to perform a 225 pound Bench Press for 20, 30, 40 or more repetitions.

Flexibility is a range of motion around a joint.

In the 70's, athletes would reach their maximal extension or flexion and bounce several times. In the 1980's until recently, bouncing was considered dangerous and frowned upon. Currently, athletes are instructed to, again, bounce, claiming it activates more of a stretch reflex.

Body Composition is the proportion of fat, muscle and bone and other tissues of the body.

Experts suggest Men should be 10-20% body fat and Women 20-30% body fat. These are fairly liberal estimations, not considering age, fitness level and a variety of additional factors.

Neuromuscular Fitness includes components like balance, coordination, agility and reaction time, reflecting the interplay between the nervous and

muscular systems.

Trained athletes exhibit very efficient levels of Neuromuscular Fitness. Repeated, highly specific (to their sport) drills repeated over extended periods of months and years produces highly skilled, sport specific athletes. In other words, tennis players would do well to practice tennis specific drills for several repetitions, over a long period of time. A common training mistake occurs when athletes mistakenly believe that lifting weights is enough. Resistance Training will definitely make you stronger and allow you to practice and play at a higher level. Hopefully, this gives you a better understanding of every component of physical fitness.

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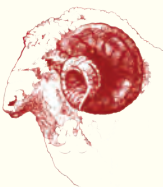
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NHFD News

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AUGUST ALARMS:

Fires = 3

EMS = 39

Hazardous = 2

Service Type = 10

Good Intent = 11

False Alarms = 19

Other Alarms = 0

Weather Related = 0

Total Calls for the Month of August = 84.

Of the 84 alarms, 73 were in the town and 10 were in the village and 1 mutual aid alarm.

This brings the total number of calls year-to-date through August 31, 2025, to 771.

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

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



NHFD Schedules Annual Halloween Parade

The New Hartford Volunteer Fire Department will host its Annual Halloween Parade and Open House on Friday evening, October 31, starting at 6pm at the Fire House on Oxford Road in the Village.

The evening begins with a parade that departs the fire house promptly at 6pm, proceeding on Oxford Road to Sanger Avenue where it will turn right onto Sanger to Pearl Street. The parade will turn right onto Pearl Street to Park Avenue ending at the station.

Costume judging, by age groups, will begin immediately following the parade. The children's costumes will be judged in several age brackets each with four categories. The categories include: the funniest, the scariest, cutest, and most original. There will also be a family category and best group theme. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. Refreshments of cider and donuts will be served.

The parade may be canceled in the event of inclement weather however, the open house and costume judging will take place inside the fire station.

For additional information please visit www.nhfd.com



August 2025 NH Police Department Activity

1178 Incidents / Calls for Police Service

64 Arrests

326 Vehicle Stops

62 Motor Vehicle Collisions Investigated

272 Vehicle and Traffic Law Tickets Issued

383 Supplemental Neighborhood patrols

5 Community Policing Details Completed

LIONS Club News



Kathy Lloyd recently attended our club meeting representing the Make A Wish Foundation in memory of her nephew John. Pictured are Kathy, Club President Geraldine Schisler and treasurer Nick Montesano presenting a donation to the Make a Wish Foundation.



Frank Gillette was recently honored by the New Hartford/NY Mills/Whitestown Lions Club for his dedication and service to the community. Frank exemplifies the principles of Lionism in his support to the club and volunteer service in the community. Pictured are Frank, Lions Club President Gail Hardy and Treasurer Nick Montesano.



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What the History (WTH)!

My Best of 1970's Halloween

The green of the summer has given way to the foliage hues of the fall with the apex of the season of Mother Nature's color pallet of orange, yellow, gold, and red. Halloween season is time for family, fun, tasty candy, scary movies, and misty moons. Everyone has their favorite folkways when dealing with the 31st of October, whether its spooky decorations of witches, zombies, and ghosts to trick-or-treating, or walking haunted houses. We all have memories of childhood Halloween, and the debate will be endless on the best candies, costumes, scary movies, and spooky television shows. The decade of the 1970's was a magical time for me as being in my youth with the excitement and fun of Halloween where we'd don our costumes, remove our pillows from their cases so we could use them to hold the trick or treat items we received from our neighbors as we went door-to-door in the quest for sugar-loaded delights. I have compiled my Halloween favorites from my childhood. My favorite candy in the season has always been Candy Corn. These triangular-shaped yellow/orange/white corn kernels were invented in 1880 by George Renninger when he worked at Wunderle Candy Company. The original name was "Chicken Feed" and today Brach's is the leader with making 7 billion pieces a year. The National Confectioners has deemed October 30th as "National Candy Corn Day". My favorite costume had to be any one of the Ben Cooper designs. He made the plastic masks that came with a vinyl smock where there were superheroes like Superman, Batman, then monsters like Dracula, Frankenstein's monster, and even a Richard Nixon or Davy Crockett mask. Ben Cooper was a costume designer on Broadway in the 1930's and parlayed his talents into the best-selling Halloween masks we all wore from the 1950's through the 1980's. My favorite Halloween television show was "It's the Great Pumpkin Charlie Brown" where I was enthralled by the possibility of the Great Pumpkin and sad for Charlie as he got nothing but rocks in his trick or treat bag. The Great Pumpkin TV special premiered in 1966 and was an instant hit and cost \$76K to make. My favorite Halloween movie way back then was "Abbott and Costello Meet Frankenstein." I was especially enthralled with all the monsters in it that included Dracula, Wolfman, and a cameo by the Invisible Man. This is still, to this day, one of the funniest, best movies ever made and has been a hit since its debut in 1948. Keep in mind that Frankenstein was the creator and the creature was "Frankenstein's monster." The subtitle was, "The Modern Prometheus," with Mary Shelley having written it in 1818 with it being deemed the first ever science fiction novel. As a child, my favorite treats when out on Halloween were candy corn and Snickers with my least favorite being pennies and apples. There's no doubt that the 1970's Halloween season was fun and memorable, especially when I got to partake in all my favorite sundries and experiences. And just in case you're wondering, dear reader, I did indeed write this article while eating Candy Corn, wearing my Ben Cooper Superman mask, with playing in the background, Abbott and Costello stumbling around a creepy castle. I hope you all have a safe and fun trick-or-treat season. Just be sure you eat your share of "Chicken Feed."

**Motor Coach Tour to the
Binghamton Mansions
“We Three Mansions -
Home For The Holidays”
Phelps Mansion Museum
Kilmer Mansion
Robeson Mansion and Museum
Saturday, November 29, 2025
Cost: \$145 per person**

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Include good contact information: phone number, cell phone number & email address

The Binghamton Mansions celebrate “Home for the Holidays” and will be spectacularly decorated in the spirit of the season! The Robeson Mansion Museum features over 150 Christmas trees - a not-to-be-missed experience! The Phelps Mansion Museum features some of the most spectacular woodworking imaginable. The Kilmer Mansion is among the most beloved in the entire Binghamton area. Dinner is included at the Old Union Hotel annex.



Phelps Mansion Museum

Originally owned by Sherman David Phelps, entrepreneur and one-time mayor of Binghamton, the Phelps Mansion was constructed in 1871. Its location on Court Street was once known as “Mansion Row,” but today the museum is the only such structure left.

The mansion was designed by one of New York State’s most famous 19th century architects, Isaac G. Perry, who also designed the Binghamton Inebriate Asylum (1858) and helped complete the New York State Capitol Building (1899). The Second Empire Style home is decorated with Italian marble floors, black walnut staircases, and period lighting fixtures, all housed within its grand 14ft ceilings.

After 1905 the mansion was owned by the Monday Afternoon Club, a private women’s club whose focus was on education, philanthropy, and social causes of the day. The Monday Afternoon Club owned the house for over 100 years.



Robeson Mansion and Museum

The three story, gilded age Mansion was a gift from Alonzo and Margaret Roberson to the community, with hopes of it becoming a nationally renowned center for the arts, history, and science.

Featuring a beautifully restored third-floor ballroom, a stunning grand staircase with an iconic stained-glass window, 26 rooms, 11 fireplaces, and a working, wrought iron elevator – stepping into Roberson Mansion is like stepping into Binghamton’s storied past.

Roberson Mansion is available to rent for weddings and other gatherings. Rental costs support the ongoing

historic preservation of the Mansion and general operations.

In 1904 Alonzo and Margaret Roberson decided to move from their Main Street home to the prestigious Front Street/Riverside Drive area of Binghamton. They hired C. Edward Vosbury, a prominent Binghamton architect, to design the house. Vosbury designed an Italian Renaissance Revival style house with all of the modern conveniences. The plan included an elevator, central heat, combination gas and electric lighting fixtures, a dumb waiter, an intercom system, and a private bath for each bedroom. As in most large homes in the area, there was a billiard room and a ballroom on the third floor. The design also incorporated a three-story servants’ wing in the back of the house.

Alonzo died May 16, 1934. At the time of his death, he was President of the Roberson & Son Lumber Co. and Chairman of the Board of Marine Midland Bank. His will provided for the establishment of “an education center” in the Front St home after its use by his widow. Margaret died in 1953 and as willed, The Roberson Memorial Center opened to the public in 1954.



Kilmer Mansion

Built in 1898, Kilmer Mansion is part home and part castle. It features turrets and towers, ballrooms and balconies. Visitors will find fine stonework and masterful woodwork. The Mansion is never uninhabited. Lions roar on the exterior. A gargoyle peeks out from beneath the eaves. A dragon guards the entrance, and painted angels dance across the ceiling.

Dr. S. Andral Kilmer was a medical doctor who believed in his heart and soul that his remedies would cure people’s ills. He invited his businessman brother, Jonas, to help build his company. Jonas’ son, Willis, put his marketing degree from Cornell University to work turning swamp root into a household name and making millions.

When the local paper questioned whether the Kilmer remedies really worked, Willis started his own. When the Press building was under construction, he made sure it would tower over all of the others in downtown Binghamton.

The Kilmers were owners and breeders of world-class racehorses. Their stable included Exterminator, the surprise winner of the 1918 Kentucky Derby. This much-beloved horse inspired an entire city with his indomitable spirit. They even sold their private yacht Remlik (read it backwards) to the Navy to serve as an armored patrol vessel during World War I.

Jonas M. Kilmer and his wife, Julia, had one child, Willis Sharpe Kilmer. They built exquisite mansions, side-by-side, at the east end of Riverside Drive. The Willis Sharpe Kilmer Mansion was torn down decades ago, as was its next-door neighbor, the Edward Rose Mansion. The Robert Rose Mansion was demolished in 1980 despite protests.

The Jonas M. Kilmer Mansion is the sole survivor of the four original mansions. It is home to one of the last grand parlors of the Parlor City.

Since 1950, Temple Concord has been the steward to this mansion, saving it from the fate of its three sister mansions. However, the Temple no longer has the financial resources to care for the Mansion the way it requires and deserves. It will take a village to save this local treasure. And leading the way is Friends of Kilmer Mansion. This nonprofit organization is dedicated to sharing the Mansion with the community and raising the money needed to restore and preserve this historic gem.



*Community Wellness Partners and Utica University Launch
Pilot Cycling Program for People with Parkinson’s*

**Community Wellness Partners
Cycling with Parkinson’s**

Community Wellness Partners (CWP) is proud to announce a new partnership with Utica University to launch a pilot program titled Community Wellness Partners Cycling with Parkinson’s. This innovative program is designed to provide therapeutic cycling sessions for individuals living with Parkinson’s disease, and will engage students from Utica University in delivering first-hand experience.

The pilot program will run weekly from Wednesday, October 22, 2025, through Wednesday, November 26, 2025, at the Community Wellness Partners Wellness Center, located on the Presbyterian Campus, 4300 Middle Settlement Road, New Hartford, NY. Each session begins at 10:30 AM and will last one hour.

Twenty-six students enrolled in Utica University’s Fall 2025 course Level 1 Adult Field Work for Psycho-Social Factors will participate in the program. Students will have the opportunity to lead the class and assist participants with balance, gait support, and safe use of stationery spin-style bicycles.

“Two of our current Rock Steady Boxing participants approached us with the idea of launching a cycling program for individuals with Parkinson’s,” said Alison J. Swartz, Parkinson’s Program Director. “Our Rehab Therapy team is highly engaged and enthusiastic about expanding the use of our bicycles. They also maintain strong connections with students and faculty at Utica University, and are confident in the students’ motivation and capability to help bring this initiative to life.”

The program, which has been funded by the generosity of many local donors, will feature structured sessions including a 5-10 minute warm-up, 30-40 minutes of sustained cycling with increased RPMs, followed by a 5-10 minute cool down. Forced exercise, such as cycling, has been shown to help reduce the symptoms of Parkinson’s disease.

CWP is currently seeking nine individuals from the community who are living with Parkinson’s disease to participate in this free program. Depending on demand and interest, the program can be expanded to include a spouse, significant other, or caregiver.

Parkinson’s disease affects approximately 10 people worldwide, with nearly 1 million cases in the U.S. – a number projected to rise to 1.2 million by 2030. In New York state alone, around 65,000 individuals live with Parkinson’s, with a notably high prevalence in the Mohawk Valley region.

Individuals interested in participating in the Cycling with Parkinson’s program are encouraged to contact Alison J. Swartz at (315) 235-7353 or via e-mail at aswartz@cwppinc.org.

Community Wellness Partners (CWP) is a faith-based network of nonprofit organizations dedicated to supporting wellness through community services, housing, and healthcare. With over 150 years of combined service to the community, CWP is one of Central New York’s largest senior living organizations. CWPP serves more than 1,300 older adults each day across a continuum of care that includes Home Care, Adult Daycare, Independent Living, Assisted Living, Rehabilitation, Skilled Nursing, and more. Employing over 800 staff members, CWP is committed to innovation and excellence in service older adults throughout the region.

Grace Furniture Highlights Quality Bedding Made in Upstate New York

When it comes to a good night’s sleep, not all mattresses are created equal. In today’s marketplace—where flashy “bed-in-a-box” companies promise comfort in a cardboard package—it can be hard to know what’s truly worth your money. But for our shoppers, one thing is clear: quality matters, and quality is exactly what Grace Furniture offers with its made-to-order Sealy and Stearns & Foster bedding, crafted right here in Albany, New York.

A Legacy of Comfort and Craftsmanship Stearns & Foster and Sealy are two of the most trusted names in bedding, each with a rich history of innovation and craftsmanship. Sealy, founded in 1881, became famous for introducing the innerspring mattress and setting industry standards for support and comfort. Stearns & Foster, known for its luxury lines, dates back to 1846 and has built a reputation for hand-crafted detail, premium materials, and durability.

Unlike many mass-market mattresses produced overseas or in faceless factories, every mattress carried at Grace Furniture is made to order in Albany, ensuring that when you purchase a bed, it isn’t something that has sat in a warehouse for months. Instead, it’s fresh from production and built with meticulous attention to detail just a couple of hours down the road.



Photos from our recent visit to the Sealy – Stearns & Foster Albany New York Plant

How They Compare to Competitors

In an era when online marketing companies that happen to sell mattresses promise convenience, many consumers have discovered the drawbacks of those models. Shipping a mattress in a tight roll may make delivery simple, but it often sacrifices structure and longevity. Foam-heavy designs can sag prematurely, and without the proper innerspring or hybrid construction, they don’t always provide the support needed for a healthy spine.

Those mattresses can feel comfortable at first, but we hear so many stories from customers who, six months later, are waking up sore and tired. They often end up coming to us to invest in a real mattress that will last.

Stearns & Foster and Sealy stand apart in both design and durability. Their mattresses feature reinforced edge support, breathable fabrics, and layered technologies engineered to adapt to the body. Stearns & Foster’s artisans hand-stitch many of the details, while Sealy’s Posturepedic technology, developed with

orthopedic specialists, ensures proper support across the entire surface of the bed.

Local Advantages, Local Service What also makes purchasing through Grace Furniture different is the personal service that comes with it. The store offers free local delivery and free removal of old bedding—a level of care that online competitors simply can’t match.

“When you buy from us, you’re not just getting a mattress—you’re getting peace of mind,” says owner Bill Grace. “We deliver, set it up for you, and take away your old bed at no charge. You don’t have to wrestle with a rolled-up box on your doorstep.”

Clearance Bedding Sale Happening Now For those looking to upgrade their sleep without breaking the bank, Grace Furniture is currently hosting a clearance sale on in-stock bedding in its warehouse. This is an opportunity to take home a premium-quality mattress at a reduced price, with the same local delivery and removal service included. With supply chain challenges affecting so many industries, having in-stock options available locally is another reason customers are turning to Grace Furniture. Instead of waiting weeks—or even months—for an online order, shoppers can bring home a better mattress almost immediately.



Warehouse Clearance Bedding Sale Happening Now

An Investment in Rest and Health

At the end of the day, a mattress isn’t just another piece of furniture. It’s an investment in health, energy, and quality of life. While cheaper alternatives might seem appealing at first glance, the true test of value is how well a bed performs night after night, year after year.

“Sleep is something you can’t cut corners on,” says Mr. Grace. “That’s why we stand behind Sealy and Stearns & Foster. They’re made locally, built to last, and designed to give our customers the rest they deserve.”

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For our community members seeking both comfort and confidence, Grace Furniture continues to be the place where quality, service, and community care come together. Whether you’re shopping the clearance sale or exploring the latest made-to-order bedding, one thing is certain: you’ll be sleeping better with a mattress that’s built to last. Please visit our showroom October 7th – 21st for our Fall Savings Event to save up \$800 on our new bedding. Visit us 9785 River Road Marcy. Call us (315) 735-0732. Shop us now www.gracefurniture.com

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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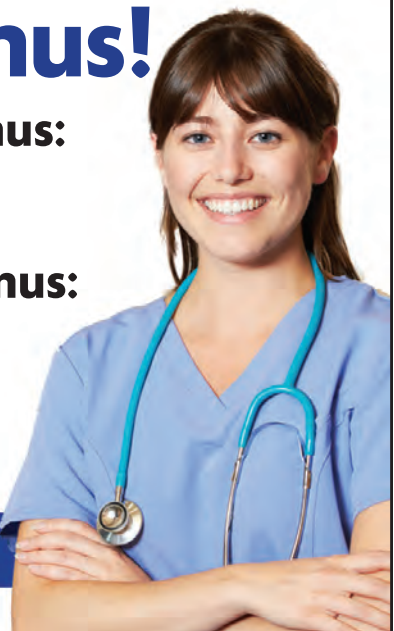
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Flags along the Memorial Parkway last November in honor or memory of local heroes.

Flags for Heroes Event Supports Post-9/11 Veterans

One thousand American flags will once again grace the median of the Memorial Parkway in Utica in early November in remembrance of our veterans, active military, and first responders. This year marks the 11th annual Flags for Heroes sponsored by The Good News Center with money raised from this event benefiting Sitrin’s Military program.

Sitrin’s program specifically helps post-9/11 veterans. Typical therapies such as occupational, physical, and psychological are a part of the treatment, but they also use atypical therapies such as equine therapy and movement therapy. Additionally, they may spend time in nature at Sitrin’s Camp as a part of the intervention. The program continues to evolve as it works to meet the specific needs of each individual veteran. Most of these nontraditional therapies are out-of-pocket expenses for veterans. Funds raised through events such as Flags for Heroes allow Sitrin to provide treatment to veterans at no cost to them. Through the efforts of all those who sponsored a flag, The Good News Center was able to donate \$27,000 last year to Sitrin’s Military program with 860 flags sponsored. The goal this year is to have all one thousand flags sponsored to raise even more funds for this worthwhile cause. We invite you to walk amongst the flags any time from November 4th through the 11th. It is not uncommon to hear the stories of some of the heroes as their family members reminisce.

A Recognition Ceremony will also be held to honor all veterans and active military at The Parkway Recreation Center on Saturday, November 8th at 3:00 pm. This year’s event will recognize the 250th Anniversary of the US Army, Navy and Marines, along with the 75th Anniversary of the start of the Korean War. Additionally, the guest speaker this year will be Major General Peter Lennon, US Army, Retired. During a nearly 40-year Army career, Peter was recognized as a leader in supply-chain operations from the tactical to the national and international levels. To sponsor a flag please visit www.thegoodnewscenter.org or call 315-735-6210. A tag will be placed on an impressive eight-foot flagpole in honor or memory of a loved one who is a hero in some way to its sponsor. Flags can be requested for veterans, active-duty military, fallen servicemen and women, first responders, and all other heroes in our lives. Be a part of the Healing Field experience and sponsor your flag today.



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Sunday, October 19, 2025
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Utica Boo! Play to Benefit the Oneida County History Center

Utica Boo! is a Haunted who done it that features ghosts of Utica's past. It's a fun way to teach about historical figures of the Utica area past. The historian in Utica, and psychic and self-proclaimed, “smartest person in Utica,” Brittany, uses Mary Smith, aka “Lady Vadona” to connect with the ghosts of Utica past. Her mission is to teach them the reality of their historical legacy and introduce them to the finest foods and drink Utica has to offer. Her arrogance and insulting tone result in all the historical ghosts being upset with one murdering her. The killer ghost shall be revealed at the end and all will be happy with the silencing and banishment of Utica’s smartest person. The ghosts and mortals will be portrayed as follows: Charlie Brown as Roscoe Conkling, Linda Cunningham as Lady Vadona, Barbara Granato as Roxalana Druse, Jordan Hallak as Lida Beecher, Mark Hanna as Dr. Amariah Brigham, Debra Harrison as Mary Runkel, Rocco LaDuca as Chester Gillette, Kelly Motyl as Brittany, and Dennis Webster as Erastus Clark. Utica Boo will be performed at the Oneida County History Center on Thursday, October 23rd at 7pm and Saturday, October 25th at 2pm. Tickets are \$20 for OCHC members and \$25 for non-members. All funds will support programs and services at the Oneida County History Center. Visit oneidahistory.org to purchase tickets. Utica Boo is directed by Deborah Martin and written by Dennis Webster.



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NAACP Oneida County Branch to Host Annual Freedom Fund Dinner

On Sunday, November 2, the NAACP Oneida County Branch will hold its annual Freedom Fund Dinner. Founded on the beliefs embodied in the Constitution of the United States of America, the mission of the NAACP is to achieve equity, political rights, and social inclusion by advancing policies and practices that expand human and civil rights, eliminate discrimination, and accelerate the well-being, education, and economic security of Black people and all persons of color. The NAACP Oneida County branch carries out the mission of the NAACP in our local community.

This year’s theme of “The Fierce Urgency of Now” reaffirms the NAACP’s commitment to using our collective ingenuity, creativity and strength to continue the fight for civil rights and social justice. Mrs. Freddie Hamilton, President of the NAACP Oneida County Branch, sees this theme as an opportunity to underscore the need for active engagement in our communities, particularly at times when our democracy is most at stake. As the branch celebrates 64 years of dedicated community service in central New York, they seek to acknowledge individuals and organizations who have taken proactive action to address specific issues affecting our local community.

This year’s keynote speaker is Giovanni Harvey, a native Utican and civic engagement advocate, who has dedicated his life to civic service. A former President of the SUNY Student Assembly and former SUNY Trustee, Mr. Harvey co-founded the SUNY EOP Student Ambassador Program. He currently works as a press assistant for the New York State Executive Chamber.

Recognizing community members has also been an integral part of past Freedom Fund Dinners and provides an opportunity to express our appreciation to those who have taken the initiative and extra step to achieve positive change. In keeping with the theme “The Fierce Urgency of Now”, the branch will take the opportunity to recognize four community members and two community organizations for their willingness to identify issues affecting members of our communities, particularly those who are most vulnerable, and taking the initiative to raise awareness of and proactively address those issues. The work of these honorees encompasses a wide range of actions and behaviors through which they have contributed to the functioning of democracy, the betterment of their community, and/or the advancement of shared goals and values.

Individuals being honored include:

Rev. Jill Farnham-Us – Co-Founder of Interfaith Coalition of Greater Utica, Indivisible Mohawk Valley steering committee member, and Oneida County Pride Alliance volunteer

Kay Klo - Executive Director of Midtown Utica Community Center

James Paul - Executive Director of Blacque Acres, Utica City School District Board of Education member and Co-Director of Junior Frontiers of the Mohawk Valley

Heather Wasielewski, Content Creator of Every Voice Utica and former Chairperson of the South Utica Neighborhood Association

Organizational honorees are:

Mohawk Valley Frontiers Club/Junior Frontiers of the Mohawk Valley Program

Oneida County Democratic Women’s Club

This year’s Freedom Fund Dinner will be held at the Five Points Public House and Events Center in the Irish Community Center at 623 Columbia Street from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. Doors will open at 2:30 p.m. Early bird tickets for adults are \$70 per person for adults (ages 21 and older) and

\$50.00 for youth (ages 20 and younger), which can be purchased through Wednesday, October 1 and include NAACP membership. Tickets purchased after October 1 are \$75.00 per person for adults and \$55.00 for youth and include NAACP membership. Tickets for lifetime members are \$50.00 per person.

Tickets are available via Eventbrite at <https://qrco.de/bgFGa4> through Monday, October 20. Please reserve your seat in advance, as tickets will not be sold at the door. For questions, please contact Dawn Michelle Laguerre at laguerremedia@gmail.com /(315) 266-7548.

Remsen Arts Center Presents Beth and Fritz & Friends in Concert

The Remsen Arts Center presents Beth and Fritz & Friends live concert on Sunday, October 5th at 3pm at 9627 Main Street, Remsen, NY. At the door cash prices: \$10 General Admission; \$8 Members; \$5 Students. Advance online sale is available at remsenartscenter.org.

Beth & Fritz are a musical duo featuring Beth Meeusen (guitar and vocals) and Fritz Meeussen (trumpet, flute, and percussion), known for their acoustic, folk, blues, and jazz blend. This show includes friends: Daniel Stone, Alexis Loomis, and Dave "Dog" Cragnolin.

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.



Yom Kippur October 1-2

Yom Kippur 2025 is from the evening of Wednesday, October 1 to nightfall on Thursday, October 2, and it is the holiest day in the Jewish year, known as the Day of Atonement. It is a solemn, 25-hour period of fasting, intense prayer, and self-reflection, marking the culmination of the 10 Days of Awe that begin with Rosh Hashanah. The meaning is to seek forgiveness for sins committed against both God and other people, culminating the period when one's fate for the coming year is sealed in the Book of Life.

Key Aspects of Yom Kippur

Day of Atonement: Yom Kippur means "Day of Atonement" and is the holiest day in Judaism.

Fasting and Prayer: It is observed with a 25-hour fast from food and drink, along with extensive prayer, often spent in the synagogue.

Repentance and Forgiveness: It is a time for spiritual return and transformation, or teshuvah. Jews seek forgiveness from God for sins committed against God and also ask for forgiveness from people they have wronged.

Sealed in the Book of Life: The day concludes the High Holy Days, a period that began with Rosh Hashanah, when Jewish tradition holds that individuals' fates for the coming year are inscribed and then sealed on Yom Kippur.

How It's Observed

Self-Reflection: It involves deep introspection to examine one's actions and commitments for the year ahead.

Reconciliation: The focus is on making peace with God, oneself, and others.

Synagogue Services: Many Jews spend the day in synagogue, participating in special prayers and services.



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66 Oxford Road - 315-732-8521 Rev. Matthew Rawson
Saturday: Vigil 5:30 p.m. Confessions Tues 6-7pm
Sunday Masses: 8am & 11am
Mon, Wed & Fri Masses: 6:45am
We are handicapped accessible!

CROSSPOINT CHURCH

317 Oriskany Blvd, Whitesboro - 315-797-4520
Senior Pastor, Bobby Allen
Sunday Services:
8:30am – 9:00am Breakfast
9:00am – 10:30am Study Groups
10:30am – 12noon Worship Service
Website: crosspointchurchonline.org
Sunday Morning Services streamed live
Pastor Bobby’s message available at our website
We are handicapped accessible!

HOPE ALLIANCE CHURCH

4291 Middle Settlement Road, New Hartford
General Office: 315-732-1349 Rev. Andy Ward, Pastor
hopealliance4291@gmail.com www.hopealliancecny.com
Morning Worship: 9:30am
Communion First Sunday of the Month.
Wednesdays: Awana - 6pm
Fridays: Christian Service Brigade - 7pm
Hope Alliance Church is handicapped accessible.

ST. STEPHEN’S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

25 Oxford Road - 732-7462 (Parish & Rectory)
ststephensepiscopalnhny@gmail.com
Sunday Service of Holy Communion at 10am followed by fellowship
Al-Anon Meetings: Sun. at 5pm & Thurs. at 5:30pm
AA Meetings: Sundays at 8pm
Yoga by Kristy: Tues. 5:30-7pm & Thurs. at 9:30-11am.
more information can be found at www.rootdownwell.com
EGA Meetings: 1st Friday of the Month
St. Stephen’s is handicapped accessible.

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Pastor Fletcher Matlack
9501 Weston Rd. (Next to Perry Jr. High), (315) 737-5222
www.ibcfamily.com E-mail: info@ibcfamily.com
Sunday Morning Worship Service 10:00 am
Sunday School for all ages at 9am.
Nursery, Preschool and Children’s Worship hour: 10:00 am
See our website for information regarding our Youth Group,
Kids Club and other upcoming events.
Handicapped accessible.

NEW HARTFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. Hannah Ratliff, Pastor
45 Genesee Street, NH 315-732-1139
newhartfordpresbyterian.org
office@newhartfordpresbyterian.org
Morning worship is at 10:30 on Sunday. The service is
livestreamed on Facebook.
Child care and activities for children 5/ under begin at 9am
Children’s Sunday School (Sunday Club) precedes worship
and starts at 9:30. An Adult Study Group meets at that same
time and also on Tuesday mornings at 11:30.
A New Member Class will be begin on Sunday, October 26,
at 11:45 a.m.
The choir rehearses Sunday mornings at 9:10.
A fellowship/coffee hour for everyone follows each Sunday
morning worship service.
The quiet, meditative Taize service held at 7 p.m. the first
Wednesday of each month will be held on October 1.
Except as noted, regular Church Office hours are 8:30am-
3pm Monday- Thursday and 8:30-11:30 a.m. on Friday.
Special activities taking place at NHPC in October include:
• Rummage Sale, Thursday, October 9, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.; Bag
Sale at 1 p.m.
• Gymanfa Ganu (hymn sing) sponsored by

St. David’s Society, Sunday, October 12, 3 p.m.
• Community Pot Luck Supper, Tuesday, October 14, 6 p.m.
• Historic Tea, sponsored by NH Historical Society,
Saturday, October 18, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.
• Half Moon Orchestra Halloween Concert,
Sunday, October 26, 2 p.m.
10/1 — 10 a.m. Sew ’n Sews
10/1 — 7 p.m. Taize Service
10/5 — 9 a.m. Child Care & Activities
10/5 — 9:10 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
10/5 — 9:30 a.m. Soday Club & Adult Study Group
10/5 — 10:30 a.m. Worship, Communion
10/7 — 11:30 a.m. Adult Study Group
10/8 — 10 a.m. Sew ’n Sews
10/8 — 6 p.m. 4-H Mtg
10/9 — 9 a.m. Rummage Sale, Bag Sale at 1 p.m.
10/12 — 9 a.m. Child Care & Activities
10/12 — 9:10 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
10/12 — 9:30 a.m. Soday Club & Adult Study Group
10/12 — 10:30 a.m. Worship
10/12 — 3 p.m. Gymanfa Ganu, light reception follows
10/13 — Columbus Day, NHPC office closed
10/13 — 6:30 p.m. NHP Women’s Mtg
10/14 — 11:30 a.m. Adult Study Group
10/14 — 6 p.m. Community Pot Luck Supper
10/15 — 10 a.m. Sew ’n Sews
10/18 — 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Historic Tea
sponsored by NH Historical Society
10/19 — 9 a.m. Child Care & Activities
10/19 — 9:10 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
10/19 — 9:30 a.m. Soday Club & Adult Study Group
10/19 — 10:30 a.m. Worship
10/21 — 11:30 a.m. Adult Study Group
10/21 — 7 p.m. Session Mtg
10/22 — 10 a.m. Sew ’n Sews
10/22 — 6 p.m. 4-H Mtg
10/25 — 3 p.m. Hope House meal preparation
10/26 — 9 a.m. Child Care & Activities
10/26 — 9:10 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
10/26 — 9:30 a.m. Soday Club & Adult Study Group
10/26 — 10:30 a.m. Worship
10/26 — 11:45 a.m. New Member Class
10/26 — 3 p.m. Half Moon Orchestra Halloween Concert
10/27 — 12 p.m. Oneida County OFA Lunch
10/28 — 11:30 a.m. Adult Study Group
10/29 — 10 a.m. Sew ’n Sews

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
Handicapped Accessible. All are welcome.

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

Worship with us on Sundays at 10am
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(315) 527-6257

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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

Caregiving Support Group | Please call or email for
information, new members welcome!

This 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

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.

Special Events

Zentangle with Ann Hodgins | October 1st at 1:30 PM

Back by popular demand, Ann will be hosting a second
Zentangle workshop - open to new and returning participants.
Learn how to combine doodling, which may have been a
habit borne out of stress, nervousness, or boredom, with a bit
of calming breath, prayer, or meditation, and you have the
Zentangle way. The few supplies needed will be provided and
no artistic talent is required! Please register by September
24th.

Safe Church Training will be provided at St. Margaret’s with
Rev. Deacon Lynne Walton | October 7th from 9 AM to 1 PM
Presentation and Discussion about Mission Work | October
15th from 1:00PM to 3:30PM

How might God be calling us to care for our neighbors
through mission work, whether it is right here at home or
across the globe? Please join us for a presentation by the Rev.
Deacon Dorothy Pierce and Cindy Adamowsky on the many
ways God calls us to serve others in need. Learn how each one
of us can contribute! Come and sample some delicious treats
originating from India!

Greater Utica Sunrise Rotary Pancake Breakfast at Grace
Church to Benefit the Food Insecurity Program | October 19th
from 9 AM to 1 PM

Come enjoy a pancake breakfast and help raise funds to sup-
port community members facing food insecurity. The menu
includes pancakes, sausage, orange juice, coffee, and tea and
the cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children ages 6-12, and free
for all under 6. Please use the 11 Devereux Street entrance
at Grace Church. Tickets can be purchased at St. Margaret’s,
Grace Church, or contact Joyce at 315-723-5597. You are
also welcome to just come on the 19th! Consider making a
donation to help feed our hungry neighbors.

Service Project with Deb Skinner | Oct. 20th - 9am to 3pm
Please come and share a joyful day of community sewing
at St. Margaret’s House. We will be making bags for the
women at Emmaus House to carry their personal care prod-
ucts. This project is beginner friendly as Debbie will walk
you through the steps needed. All that is needed is a sewing
machine in good working order and basic sewing supplies.
Everything needed for the bag will be included in a kit. If
you want to participate but don’t wish to sew you can sign up
to cut fabric for kits or iron. Please be sure to sign-up early
to ensure that everyone will receive a kit and instructions.
Please register by October 14th. We will order out for lunch,
please bring \$ or your lunch.

Fundraiser: Friends Helping Friends | Available Now
Stop by St. Margaret’s to pick up your Boscov’s 25% off
coupon with a \$5 donation that helps support the mission of
St. Margaret’s House and Emmaus House, our emergency
shelter for women and children. The coupon is good on Oc-
tober 22nd from 8:00 AM to 11:00 PM.

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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We offer services every Sunday at 10AM!
Three Steeples is a Presbyterian-United Church of Christ
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discern, embrace, and act upon a relevant understanding of
Christ’s message in today’s world.

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350 Higby Road, New Hartford, 315-292-6682
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Wed - 5:30pm Vespers
Bookstore hours: Open Sundays after Services.

ST. JOHN OF KRONSTADT RUSSIAN ORTHODOX MEMORIAL CHURCH

1009 Conkling Ave, Utica, N.Y. 13501
Fr Archpriest Michael Taratuchin, Rector
(315) 723-7475 (frmichaelt@msn.com)
Fr. Priest Ephraim Willmarth, assistant priest
Find us on Facebook www.stjkutica.org
Vigil 5pm Saturdays (6pm for weekday services)
Divine Liturgy Sundays and Feastdays 9:30AM
Potluck lunch following Sunday Divine Liturgy. Our Patro-
nal Feast Day will take place on Saturday November 1st.
The greeting of the Bishop will take place at 9:30 AM, fol-
lowed by the Hierarchal Divine Liturgy (with the Procession
of the Cross, weather permitting).



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

Hospitality hour with coffee and snacks follows each service.
October 5 The roots of morality: How do we know what’s right? UU member Glenn Coin peers into the origins of our sense of right and wrong.
October 12 In the Midst of Darkness, We Stand as Light - Rev. Jill Farnham-US
This weekend represents many cultures and traditions. I will explore the 20th century ability to stand up to oppression, and the lessons we can uncover from less privileged peoples who are still living in the darkness of fear and oppression. DEI has a definite role, and may explain the urgency of some in power to dismiss that strength.
October 19 What We Can Learn from Noetic Sciences (IONS) - Jack Pendrak After his pioneering moonwalk, Apollo 14 astronaut Dr. Edgar Mitchell had the profound experience of feeling interconnected to everything he was observing from the window of his space capsule: the stars, the moon, our blue planet, and the vastness of the cosmos. He founded IONS – The Institute of Noetic Sciences, a field of study that bridges science and spirituality. Our IONS group, which includes Utica and Barneveld UU’s, has been gathering in person and on Zoom, for many years.
October 26 UUUtica 1825-2025: Building Community and Advocating for Social Justice for 200 years – Adirondack Singer/Songwriter Dan Berggren
Dan Berggren is a professor emeritus of SUNY Fredonia, founding member of the Unitarian Universalist fellowship in Fredonia and current member of the UU Congregation of Saratoga Springs. Dan will share his music and his thoughts in celebration of the November Bicentennial of our UUUtica church.



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

TEMPLE BETH-EL
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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Services are held Saturday at 10am, and on holidays. Services may be held at other times if there is a minyan. Visit our website www.zvijacob.org. All are Welcome.



Blessing of the Animals

In celebration of the Feast of St. Francis and Pet Food Drive for the Country Pantry.
Bring your pet to be blessed and some pet food to donate to the Country Pantry to Clinton Village Green on October 5th at 1pm.
If you are able, please leave a pet food donation at the Gazebo.
Sponsored by the Clinton Area Ministerium For more information contact: Pastor Scott Leonard, srleonard@roadrunner.com, 315-723-7420



Angels Among Us Food Pantry
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

“Let the people come and I will bless them.”
- Our Lady of Fatima

43rd Family Rosary Crusade
Sunday, October 5th, 2025 2:45PM
St. Joseph/St. Patrick Church
702 Columbia St. Utica, NY 13501

**Blessed Oil Touched To the Body
Of Saint Carlo Acutis Will be distributed
To all in attendance.**

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY AT 2:45 PM



GUEST SPEAKER:
Rev. Jason Hage
Authentic Missionary Tilma image of Our Lady of Guadalupe from Mexico
Will be here for all of us to venerate.
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With Sincere Gratitude and In Loving Memory of:
Anna Marie Piacentino
To Place an ad in our program booklet or for more information
Family Rosary Crusade: PO Box 4272 Utica, NY 13504 (315)292-2663

Coming in October at

**New Hartford
Presbyterian Church**

09 oct	Rummage Sale 9 AM-3 PM 1 PM Bag Sale
12 oct	Gymanfa Ganu 3 PM Welsh Hymn Sing with reception to follow
14 oct	Community Potluck 6 PM
18 oct	Historical Tea 11 AM-5 PM Sponsored by New Hartford Historical Society
26 oct	Half Moon Orchestra 2 PM Halloween Concert with reception to follow



For more information, contact the church office at 315-732-1139 or check us out at newhartfordpresbyterian.org, Facebook, or Instagram

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WATER DAMAGE
FROZEN AND BURST PIPES, ICE DAMMING,
TOILET OVERFLOW, SUMP PUMP
FAILURE, FLOODED BASEMENTS

That time of the year is quickly approaching. Of all the disasters that can happen in your home, there is none worse and more difficult to deal with than a pipe that has burst in your home or business. The extreme cold of winter often brings extreme problems to North East homeowners and businesses. The worst of these is a frozen pipe that bursts and the water damage clean up that follows. When the cold temperatures don't rise above freezing for weeks on end, broken or frozen pipes lead to severe water damage from flooding. A frozen pipe generally occurs to plumbing that is not in a heated space or in an area that is not supplied with proper heat when winter temperatures fall below freezing. A malfunctioning furnace, while the homeowner is away, is another likely cause of a frozen pipe. When exposed to below freezing temperatures the water turns into ice and the pipe expands until it breaks a small slit into the copper or separates the soldered joint. Pipes that freeze first are usually located near outside walls that are exposed to the colder temperatures rather than pipes located throughout the middle of the structure. Some examples include outdoor hose bibs, pool lines, outdoor and indoor sprinkler systems, and other supply lines located in attics, basements, crawl spaces, garages, etc. Pipes in attics, crawl spaces & unheated rooms are particularly susceptible to freezing. Usually, a frozen pipe is not often obvious because the break can be behind walls, in ceilings or in a crawl space leading into the home. The flooding usually is caught much later after damage has been done. An uncontrolled water leak from a broken pipe creates extensive flooding and water damage of carpeting, drywall, baseboards, and furniture and depending on the location of the break can also damage the heating and electrical systems in your home. Disaster Services can accurately evaluate your homes damage and advise as to the most effective course of action to take. We use the latest technology including thermal imaging to determine the source of the water intrusion and the extent of water damage.

SEWER AND DRAIN BACK UP:

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

BASEMENT AND ATTIC MOLD:

Several factors can influence a mold growth in a basement or attic area. Disaster Services is a NYS licensed mold contractor and can evaluate and thoroughly explain the different removal options available to you and also help guide you after the mold has been removed with suggestions to avoid another occurrence.

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

CHOOSING THE RIGHT COMPANY:

DISASTER SERVICES CHECKS ALL THE BOXES !!!

Choose a Water Damage Restoration Company That Can Do The Following:

Can Offer A Full Line Of Services From Water Damage Mitigation To Mold Remediation So That The Home Owner Will Be Working With A Single Company.

Responsive – Emergency or Non-Emergency Services. Your Call Will Be Answered Immediately.

Has Reputable 5 Star Local References.

Is Fully insured For Water Mitigation And Mold Remediation Services.

Offers A Detailed Plan For Damage Repairs.

Knows How To Navigate The Insurance Claims Process With You.

Uses The Latest State-of-the-Art Equipment And Techniques.

Treats You, Your Home And Its Contents With Respect.

For more information on any concerns, please feel free to call Disaster Services. When in need of emergency or non-emergency services, Disaster Services LLC. offers immediate response to damage caused by water, fire, smoke and mold. We are a locally owned company who will answer your calls when you call. No answering machines, voice prompts etc. We are a N.Y.S. licensed mold removal firm and recognized by all insurance carriers, working closely with both the home owner and insurance carrier. When calling our office, you will always speak to a live voice and not an answering machine. We realize that in your time of need you should be speaking to someone and not a machine.

When your emergency arises, call us at 315-797-1128 day or night.

Open your camera over the SCAN ME below, as a quick access for our contact information.

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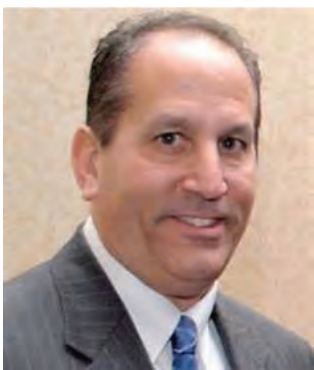


Malio Cardarelli
Over the next several months, we would like to share some of Malio Cardarelli's descriptions of artists who have appeared at the Stanley Theater.

Stanley Theatre Series

The Andrews Sisters America's Wartime Sweethearts

Anyone who remembers the terrible World War II years likely recalls the Andrews Sisters, a trio of singing sisters who were both enormously successful during that time and enormously patriotic, always advocating the sale of war bonds in support of the war effort. Born and raised in Minneapolis, Minnesota, the sisters, Laverne (1911-1967), Maxine (1917-1995), and Patty (1918-2013) formed a singing group sort of imitating the Boswell singers of the time and performing initially in the Midwest. After a radio appearance, the sisters were signed by Decca records which in 1937 resulted in the first million record sales by a female singing group. Known as America's Wartime Sweethearts, the group performed frequently on behalf of military doings. They also appeared in several movies with beloved performers such as Abbot and Costello. Some of their major hits were Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy, Rum and Coca Cola, I'll Be With You in Apple Blossom Time, Don't Sit Under the Apple, The Beer Barrel Polka, Pistol Packing Mamma, and many, many more, resulting in an estimated sale of 80 million records, then the most ever by a female singing group. Stricken with cancer, Laverne retired from the group in 1966 and eventually the group itself disbanded. But it was during their prime, in August of 1942, that the then sensational Andrews Sisters appeared at the Stanley Theater, certainly a night to remember for those in attendance.



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



Rev. Ursula Meier



James W. Wallace, Jr.



Kevin Crosley

Genesis Group Celebrates 25 Years

The Genesis Group began in the year 2000 with a purpose of uniting business and community leaders into working together to advance regional economic, social, and cultural interests. By fostering unity and cooperation, we have seen extraordinary accomplishments over the last 25 years and a stronger community.

Genesis is dedicated to adaptive leadership while serving as a voice in the community. We are a source for news and information, views and opinions and offer regional projects and events across the Mohawk Valley region. Along with our partners, sponsors and volunteers, we will continue to take action, achieve results and help the region to keep moving forward!

Join us: 25th Anniversary Dinner on Thursday, October 9th ~ 5:30pm at Hart's Hill Inn

Cost: \$40 – RSVP to: <https://thegenesisgroup.org/annual-meeting/#register>



Edward P. Welsh



Ben Simons



Dr. Gerard T. Capraro



L: Anthony J. Picente, Jr., Oneida County Executive
R: Joseph R. Carucci Legacy Award ~ Class of 2025



2025 Genesis Volunteers of the Year, David and Dana Olney



Christopher J. Carbone

Selling your Business to a Private Equity Group vs. a Strategic Buyer

If you own a business, it can be overwhelming to think about selling it. One way to gain some control is to learn about your alternatives to help you better understand what is best for you, your family, and your company. While buyers come in all shapes and sizes, two of the most common are private equity groups (PEGs) and strategic buyers.

Private equity group

A PEG is made up of financial professionals who have raised money to buy — and eventually sell — companies.

Key considerations: It is important to consider your financial and timing goals to determine if a PEG sale is a fit. Your continued involvement will be based on your current role in the company. Are you comfortable running the company with another majority owner? Traditionally, PEGs target a three-to-five year holding period, after which they attempt a second sale of the company.

What happens: As a simple example, assume you sell your company for \$1,000. Assume also that the PEG funds the transaction with \$500 debt and \$500 equity and asks you to roll over (or re-invest) \$100 so that you own a 20% equity interest. Your existing management — and perhaps you — will be tasked with growing the business while paying down the debt.

Now, let's say you double the profits while completely paying off the debt during the PEG hold period. Assuming the same valuation multiple of profit/cash flow, the business would be valued at \$2,000 and you would get 20%, or \$400, for your \$100 investment assuming all debt was paid off.

Risks: Of course, there's no guarantee the business will grow while paying down the debt or that it will sell on favorable terms. In the meantime, you will have a majority owner that is looking to exit in a few years, so its goals and culture may not align with yours. When considering a PEG, you want to be comfortable with them and their level of involvement in the running of the company and understand how decisions will be made.

Strategic buyer

A strategic buyer is usually a company in the same or related industry that has some overlap or synergy that would result in incremental savings or revenue if it bought your company.

Key considerations: Your company may be absorbed, which is important to consider if you value legacy. There may be a heightened risk for job loss, especially among senior leaders, as your team may overlap with that of the buyer. Each strategic buyer is unique as will be their transition of your company. The flip side is you may find it easier to walk from a strategic sale.

What happens: Unlike a PEG, you will usually not be asked to reinvest in the company, and depending on your current role, you may be involved in a transition period of only a few months. What happens to your management team and the rest of your workforce depends on the overlap with the buyer and its strategic direction.

Risks: If you are paid in the acquiring company's stock, you need to consider the risk of owning that much of one security. If the buyer is a public company, you may be able to sell that stock and diversify over time, but that can be delayed if the stock is restricted. In that case, you can be prohibited from selling until after a vesting period or certain conditions are met.

If the buyer pays with private company stock, you need to know your path to liquidity. Until you do so, you will own shares in a larger company you no longer control, and it likely will represent a large percentage of your personal assets so you need to understand your ownership rights and remedies.

Transitioning your ownership of a company is more complex than a typical retirement, but it can be less daunting if you understand your options.

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Dan Berggren to Perform Live in Utica

Beloved Adirondack folk singer Dan Berggren will perform live at The Unitarian Universalist Church of Utica (UU Utica) on Saturday, October 25, 2025, at 7:00 PM. Known for his heartfelt songs rooted in community, environmental stewardship, and social justice, Berggren invites audiences to an evening of music that uplifts, inspires, and connects.

"There is just something about Dan that creates that space we want to be in — where the air and water are clean and fresh, neighbors know each other, people are kind, and the ancestors are honored," says Sarah Craig, Executive Director of Caffè Lena. A 2025 inductee into the Capital Region Thomas Edison Music Awards Hall of Fame, Berggren draws from deep Adirondack roots and decades of storytelling. His music — featured on PBS, NPR, and stages nationwide — blends tradition and lived experience into performances that resonate deeply with audiences of all ages.

This special concert is the second event in the three month commemoration of The Unitarian Universalist Church of Utica's Bicentennial. UU Utica is an historic congregation founded on November 21, 1825 during the early days of the Erie Canal.

The event is open to all and welcomes everyone, whether you're a long-time fan, new to Berggren's music, or simply looking for an evening of meaning and connection. Dan will also return the following morning to participate in UU Utica's worship service at 10:30 AM.

Event Details:

Who: Dan Berggren – www.berggrenfolk.com

What: An evening of songs about community, environmental stewardship, and social justice

When: Saturday, October 25, 2025, at 7:00 PM

Where: UU Utica – 10 Higby Road, Utica, NY

Tickets: \$15 – Available at the door and online at:

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Preswick Glen Community Donates \$9700 to Rescue Mission

Each year for the past decade, with the exception of the COVID year, the residents of Preswick Glen have made a collection of money to provide a local charity with a significant donation that could provide the basis for a major improvement or new program. Over the years organizations like Hope House, Abraham House, the Center (formerly the Refugee Center), the Veterans Outreach Center and Sleep in Heavenly Peace have been recipients of funds from the Preswick residents.

A group of dedicated residents, the Giving Committee, meets in the spring to choose the designated charity for the year. This year's Giving Committee consisted of Patty Bowen, Larry Calabrese, chair Robin Kinnel, Ann Kirkpatrick, John and

Barbara Klein, Grace Klutchkowski, Ann Meyer, Barbara Monie, Kathy Wyras, and Virginia Van Slyke. Recognizing that homelessness has become a visible and significant issue in Utica, the committee selected the Rescue Mission as the recipient. This organization has a well-run and effective program that is making a dent in the problem. A call for donations is sent to the residents in early summer, with followup reminders, and the campaign concludes in late July.

The donation was presented at a presentation ceremony by the koi pond at the Preswick Glen main building on Wednesday, September 10, to Rescue Mission CEO Wendy Goetz, who was accompanied by Phil King, member of the Board of Directors. Attending were many residents and the guests stayed for a social hour and dinner.

Although many residents support local charities individually, this provides them the opportunity to act as a community to help those who are struggling and in need, and a significant number of them participate in the campaign.

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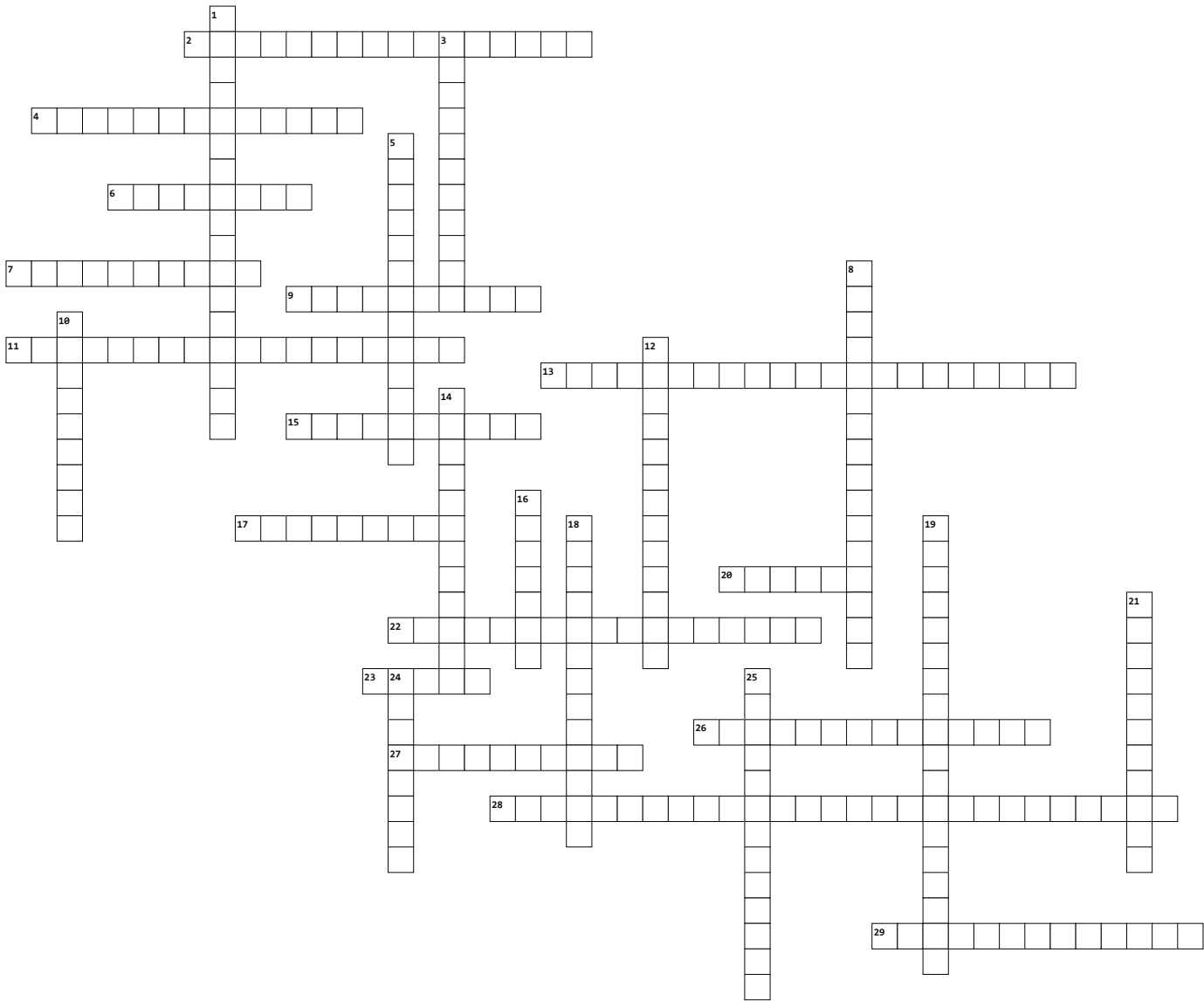
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NEW HARTFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Back by Popular Demand

We have received many compliments on our previous Crosswords and almost as many requests for another edition. Well, who are we to disappoint. Rick Giffune has put together another “head scratcher”. Rick has combed through the advertisers from the 1978 “Founder’s Day Celebration” we recently shared on Facebook. All the answers, with the exception of #25 down, will reflect those businesses that called New Hartford Home in 1978. #25 however, was gone before 1951. It will hopefully be a brain-buster! As before, the 1st three puzzle answer sheets mailed back to us, (with the most correct answers), will win a Historical Society coffee mug. The answer sheet with the most correct answers will also receive a set of Historical Society note cards. Good Luck!

Answers will be published in the November issue.



Across

- 2. A long ime New Hartford Manufacturer of Cardboard.
- 4. A small family owned Print Shop on Campion Road.
- 6. A well known Hotel with restaurant, bar and banquet facilities on New Hartford Street. Later it was a Ramada.
- 7. Long time family florist once located where Calabria Coffee is today.
- 9. The go to place in the Village to buy all your family footwear.
- 11. A former financial institution named after one of New York's native tribes.
- 13. A concrete store specializing in steps and fireplaces once located on Commercial Drive across from the former Kallet Theater.
- 15. The seat of Town and Village Government for decades. It was also the original home to the New Hartford Post Office.
- 17. Longtime Gas and Service Station located at corner of Pearl Street and Paris Road.
- 20. A pub once located where Daylight Donuts is today. Named for the owner's nickname, it also reminds us of one of Popeye's friends in the comics.
- 22. An insurance agency on Genessee Street that went by two names.
- 23. A premium lager beer named after the family and their brewery.
- 26. Everyone's favorite bowling alley on Campion Road.
- 27. Namesake of the Weston Road School building. He was Supervising Principal of the New Hartford School District from 1947 to 1970.
- 28. A service we all need and the tallest building in New Hartford.
- 29. Old banking institution who at one time had a branch in the N.H. Shopping Center. Their name stemmed from their original focus of dealing with businesses on Buffalo's waterfront.

Down

- 1. Family owned Grocery Store located on Clinton Road opposite Francis Road.
- 3. Long time photography located on Old Campion Roads. For years they took all the photos for the New Hartford school yearbook pictures.
- 5. Large village supermarket once next door to Butler Hall. It's name was a nod to the "Windy City".
- 8. Family owned and operated towing and body shop located on "the other side of the tracks" off Old Campion Road.
- 10. One of many "watering holes" dotting Genessee Street. This one located at Genessee and Campion.
- 12. A family owned bank founded in Clinton in 1912. They would establish a branch on Seneca Turnpike in New Hartford.
- 14. Thirsty folk stop on Seneca Turnpike named for an old Abbott and Costello routine.
- 16. Family run funeral business began in 1893. When they started they also repaired furniture.
- 18. This family owned village business began as a Department store but in later years it focused on sewing supplies and materials.
- 19. Long time village manufacturer of concrete block and cement.
- 21. Long time family pharmacy that also had a soda fountain. Located next door to # 9 across.
- 24. A banquet hall and restaurant on Seneca Turnpike later called Danielle's.
- 25. Restaurant that preceded Cavallos on Genessee Street.



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Please stop in to visit us and consider becoming a member. Membership fees are \$20 for Individual, \$25 for families, \$50 for Contributing and \$100 for Corporate members. The Historical Society is a non-profit, tax deductible organization.

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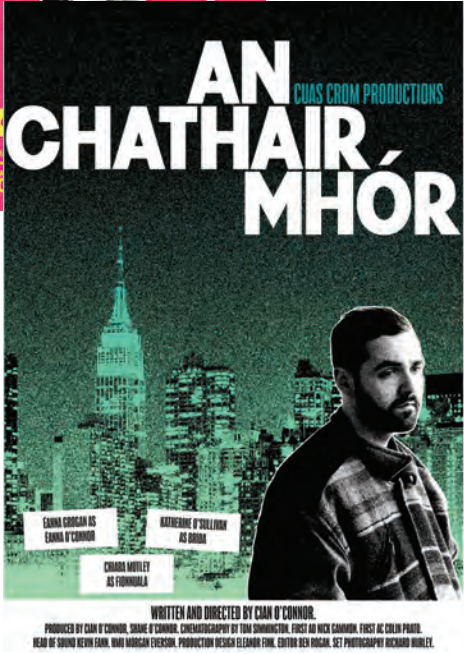
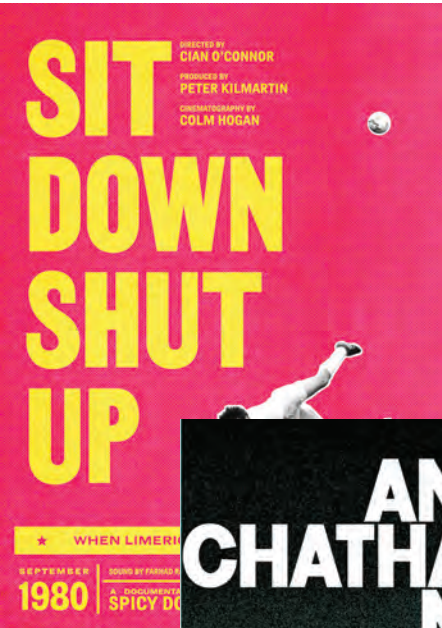
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Two Short Irish Films
“An Chathair Mhór” and
“Sit Down and Shut Up”

Please join us at the H.A.R.P. Museum on Wednesday, October 8 at 11 AM , for a different twist on its popular Lunch & Learn Series when we will be featuring two short films from an up and coming young Irish filmmaker.

Our first film is “An Chathair Mhór”. “An Chathair Mhór” (The Big City), New York's first Irish language film tells the story of Éanna O Connor, a lost twenty-something, who moves away from home in search of a new life in the big city. In need of money he takes a job minding his distant relative Brida. The two, distant at first, find themselves more alike than they realize. But how can they express this? An Chathair Mhór is a film about connection, the power of language and the city of New York. Yes, there are English subtitles.

Our second film is “Sit Down and Shut Up”. It's 1980, Ireland is in the midst of recession, the world is locked in the Cold War and football royalty Real Madrid travel to play local football club Limerick City FC in world football's premier competition, the European Cup. This is the David vs Goliath tale about the opera of football, the city of Limerick, and a game that no one remembers that three men will never forget. This is “Sit Down and Shut Up”.

Filmmaker Cian Frank ÓConnor will be on-hand to present his works. Cian is a writer/director from the West of Ireland based in New York City. The Kerryman newspaper has described Cian's work as "stories from the West of Ireland, with echoes of the past and lessons for the present.". He has won awards from the Irish Arts Council, Garden State Film Festival, Indie Cork Festival, Kerry Film Festival and many more. Cian's work has also screened at the Galway Film Fleadh, Cambridge Film Festival, Newport Beach Film Festival and DOC NYC. His work has been covered by major news outlets such as The Irish Examiner, Irish Central and The Daily Star. Cian strives to tell unique stories and rural tales, with a distinctive visual flair..

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/45Vs92d> 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.

This film series was made possible through a grant secured by Assemblywoman Marianne Buttenschon (D-119, Marcy). This grant, funded by the Legislation



Filmmaker Cian Frank ÓConnor

Initiative Program and administered out of the state's Office of Child and Family Services, to provide educational and recreational programs and events for youth and adults in the community. The Legislative Initiative Program is funded by the New York State Legislature to support the efforts of the activities of eligible non-profit organizations.



The Irish and the Erie Canal -
Wednesday October 22, 2025

Bigi linn - join us as we celebrate the 200th Anniversary of the opening of the Erie Canal where it went through Utica, a mule's shoe throw away from the Irish Cultural Center of the Mohawk Valley.

An engineering marvel of its day, the Erie Canal was opened on October 26, 1825. President Jefferson called the idea “short of madness” but that did not deter NY Governor Dewitt Clinton from going ahead with the project that accelerated the westward expansion of the United States and gave rise to New York's prominent moniker of the Empire State.

Bring your singing voice along to join in the fun! Musicians from Craobh Dugan-O'Looney will relate in story and song how the Irish contributed to its construction from its early beginnings on July 4, 1817 in Rome, NY. You will hear about life on the canal and how the Irish overcame the early prejudices held against them to rise in prominence in many walks of American life.

The program will be held upstairs in the H.A.R.P. Museum and is free to attend but donations are gratefully accepted. All those interested in attending are asked to register at <http://bit.ly/3IkM8Er> 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.



Irish Film Series -
“Man of Aran”

The Irish Cultural Center of the Mohawk Valley continues its fall Irish film series on Thursday October 23 at 7PM , when we will be presenting the 1934 film “Man of Aran”.

“Man of Aran” is a 1934 Irish fictional documentary film shot, written and directed by Robert J. Flaherty about life on the Aran Islands off the western coast of Ireland. It portrays characters living in premodern conditions, documenting their daily routines such as fishing off high cliffs, farming potatoes where there is little soil, and hunting for huge basking sharks to get liver oil for lamps. Some situations are fabricated, such as one scene in which the shark fishermen are almost lost at sea in a sudden gale. Additionally, the family members shown are not actually related, having been chosen from among the islanders for their photogenic qualities.

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

Our films will be shown in the H.A.R.P. Museum on the second floor of the Irish Cultural Center of the Mohawk Valley, 623 Columbia St, Utica. The venue is wheelchair accessible. Our films are free to attend but we gratefully accept donations. We ask that you register at <https://bit.ly/4LlC0Cn> or call and leave a message at 315-733-4228 Ext 6.

This film was made possible through a generous sponsorship from the Bank of Utica.



Irish Ghosts, Banshees,
& Fairies

Join us at The H.A.R.P. Museum at the Irish Cultural Center of the Mohawk Valley on Wednesday October 29 at 7:00 PM for tales and songs that celebrate Ireland's Samhain or Halloween tradition.

In this darkening time of year, Samhain arrives to herald autumn down its slide to winter, when the barrier between the living and the dead is thinnest. This evening we will present stories collected in 19th century rural Ireland. Stories and songs from a time when science wasn't so sure of itself. Tales and tunes of banshees and fiends, musical fairies - not the nice kind - and of course ghosts. We endeavor here this evening to embrace the dark and shorten the night.

The name Amadán Dubh hails from Irish folklore and refers to the “dark fool” or “dark fairy”. A trickster fairy, Amadán Dubh is the "bringer of madness and oblivion...haunting the hills after sunset playing reed pipes to work his magic.”

Tonight, Amadán Dubh possesses Sue Romero, Allyson Sklar, Mike Hoke, and Mike Carroll.

The event will be held at the Irish Cultural Center of the Mohawk Valley, 623 Columbia St, Utica, NY. The Irish Cultural Center and the H.A.R.P. Museum are wheelchair accessible and open to all. Please register at this link <http://bit.ly/4nmMCEa> to attend this free event or leave a message at the ICC 315-733-4228 Extension 6. Donations are gratefully accepted.

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Yonder Mountain String Band Comes to the Stanley Theatre

Grammy-Nominated Jamgrass Pioneers Bring Their New Album “Nowhere Next” to Utica – February 5, 2026

The Stanley Theatre is excited to announce that Yonder Mountain String Band will be performing in Utica on Thursday, February 5, 2026, at 8:00 PM. For nearly

three decades, they have been a driving force in roots music and a key player in the progressive jamgrass movement.

The band now enters an exciting new chapter with their upcoming album, Nowhere Next, a collection of original songs inspired by the people, places and experiences that shaped them. Seamlessly blending bluegrass, indie rock, and country with soulful, funky grooves, the album invites listeners to both celebrate tradition and embrace innovation.

“Yonder’s Synergy is undeniable with each track feeling both grounded and alive with their telepathic musical connection,” said a review from Greatful Web. “Edgy, heartfelt and full of surprises, Nowhere Next stands out as one of Yonder’s best albums yet, inviting listeners to experience the band at their most vibrant and unrestrained.”

Founding members Adam Aijala (guitar, vocals), Dave Johnston (banjo, vocals) and Ben Kaufmann (bass, vocals) are joined by multi-instrumentalist Nick Piccininni (mandolin, banjo, fiddle, vocals), whose versatility has been a hallmark of the band for five years, and Coleman Smith (fiddle), making his studio debut. Together, the group co-wrote nine of the eleven tracks, weaving distinct perspectives into a cohesive sound.

Balancing nostalgia with fresh energy, Nowhere Next highlights Yonder’s gift for narrative storytelling and their adventurous, genre-defying spirit. The album not only features brand-new material but also breathes new life into classics from their catalog, connecting the past with the present in a way only Yonder can.

With a reputation for unforgettable live shows and deep musical chemistry, Yonder Mountain String Band’s first-ever performance at The Stanley Theatre promises to be a must-see event for fans of Americana, bluegrass, and beyond.

Tickets are on sale now through Ticketmaster, by phone at 315-724-4000 and in person at The Stanley Theatre box office.



New Hartford Rotary News

Many of you who may have either driven by or walked through the Town of New Hartford Veterans Memorial Park have probably noticed a section of the park that looks a bit neglected. This area is actually the initial stage of the New Hartford Rotary Club’s microforest. What is a microforest? “A microforest is a very dense planting of native species on an area as small as 2/10 of an acre to as large as an acre or more.” The microforest method “...follows the inspiration and guidance of Akira Miyawaki, a distinguished Japanese botanist who developed a strategy to convert otherwise unproductive, largely urban land into forest that grow exceptionally fast and provide many environmental benefits.” The plants in a microforest are small at first but the canopy trees grow quickly to create a dense thicket that is inviting to wildlife and – if a trail is introduced (which is the case with our microforest)- affords passers-through with shade and privacy. Because of the rapid growth rate, high performance microforests “intercept, filter, and transpire an enormous quantity of stormwater” whose nutrients would otherwise end up in storm sewers or creeks, rivers, lakes, etc. If properly placed, they can help control flash floods and also “sequester an enormous amount of carbon against climate change”, which is one of our important objectives to help protect the environment. Microforest are best used if they are planted onto small sites that are protected from future development because of their location, shape or undesirability for any other use. “The bottom line is that microforests take small scraps of land that are not providing much ecological benefits and ‘supercharges’ them into an extremely productive contributor of ecological services- benefits such as stormwater diversion, carbon sequestration, wildlife habitat, shading and cooling- to our suburban and urban environment.”

And if anyone is concerned about the weed growth, this is part of the first stages of a microforest. Fast-growing weeds can stabilize soil and reduce erosion, especially in early stages of microforest establishment. Dense weed cover can offer shade and moisture retention, which may benefit some seedlings in hot or dry climates. Some weeds signal soil conditions (e.g., compaction, nutrient imbalance), helping guide restoration strategies. Flowering weeds can attract beneficial insects, including pollinators and predators of pests. And when the weeds die off during the winter months, they can act as more nutrients for the soil and the development of the variety of plants, bushes and trees.

During the 2nd stage of this project, the club hopes to add signage that will fully explain the microforest concept as well as the addition of some benches along the trail and Rotary Peace Poles, a monument that displays the message May Peace Prevail On Earth in the language of the country where it is placed and up to 3 to 7 additional languages meaningful to the host site.

The message is referred to as an affirmation of peace and its placement furthers Rotary’s goal of building a culture of peace throughout the world.

For 64 years, New Hartford Rotary has been working to make our community and the world a better place to live. We are always looking for new members and if you would like to work with like-minded members of your community to help us in our endeavors, we’d love to have you come and join us for lunch. New Hartford Rotary meets every Wednesday at 12:15 PM at Preswick Glen, 55 Preswick Dr., New Hartford, NY 13413. For more information about The Rotary Club of New Hartford, NY you can check our website at <https://newhartfordrotaryclub.org> or follow us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/NHRotary/>.



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1. Decorate the House	17. Buy Halloween Costume
2. Visit a Pumpkin Patch	18. Eat Candy Corn
3. Make Caramel Apples	19. Escape a Corn Maze
4. Read a Halloween Book	20. Make Handprint Bats
5. Watch Hocus Pocus	21. History of Halloween
6. Make Tin Can Frankenstein	22. Give a BOO Gift
7. Bake Halloween Cookies	23. Visit a Haunted House
8. Make Pumpkin Pancakes	24. Tell Spooky Stories
9. Bob for Apples	25. Go Trunk or Treating
10. Bonfire S'mores	26. Go to a Fall Festival
11. Make Footprint Ghosts	27. Paint Mini Pumpkins
12. Go on a Hayride	28. Make a Q-tip Skeleton
13. Make TP Tube Bats	29. Carve a Jack-O'-Lantern
14. Drink Hot Apple Cider	30. Make Milk Jug Ghosts
15. Play Flashlight Tag	31. Trick or Treat
16. Make Paper Plate Vampire	

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