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For the 17th year, non-perishable food items will be collected during the Utica St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday March 14th. The Food Drive benefits the Mother Marianne West Side Kitchen, which is named for Saint Marianne Cope, a Utica-native who was canonized as a saint by Pope Benedict XVI in October 2012. If you are planning to attend the parade, please bring non-perishable food donations to place in the wheelbarrows as they pass by. Make sure to check the expiration date to ensure the item is still usable. Containers will also be available for those wishing to make monetary contributions. ALL donations will be delivered after the parade to the Mother Marianne West Side Kitchen. In the past 16 years, almost 16,000 food items and more than \$24,000 have been collected and donated to the West Side Kitchen. We hope to make this, our 17th Annual Parade Food Drive, the MOST successful yet!! Thank you!!



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Two Local Seniors Receive Military Academy Nominations

Two Seniors at NH High School received military academy nominations from Congressman Mannion. Alexandria French, who received a nomination to West Point, and Felicia Haung, who received a nomination to the Naval Academy.

French and Haung will be the first females ever to receive nominations in the New Hartford School district.

Receiving a U.S. Service Academy nomination is highly competitive, requiring a "whole person" evaluation of high academic, physical, and leadership capabilities.



GE Ski Club News

Come join us at the next meeting March 17th at the New Hartford American Legion at 7pm. We 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. More information can be found on geskiclub.wildapricot.org

See page 25 for information on GE Ski Club 60th Anniversary Party!

Sunday, March 8th



NYS Approved Defensive Driving Classes

New York State approved defensive driving courses for insurance and point reduction programs, to be given by AARP at the New Hartford Public Library on Tuesday, April 28th from 9am until 3:30pm, for registration and other information please contact Mary Merritt at (315)724-0096, call early classes fill fast and are open to all ages.



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CNY FLY TYING SYMPOSIUM

D.S. Smith Memorial CNY Fly Tying Symposium

The annual D.S. Smith Memorial Central NY Fly Tying Symposium at Harts Hill in Whitesboro on Sunday March 22, from 11 AM to 4 PM. It's free and open to all ages. The symposium will feature over 35 expert fly tyers from across New York state showing their skills and answering questions, along with exhibit tables, speakers, raffles, and refreshments. Sponsored by JP Ross Flyrods and Steet Automotive Group, all raffle proceeds will benefit the Mohawk Valley Trout Unlimited's local Trout in the Classroom and River Keeper programs. Raffles include a canoe, fishing tackle and outdoor equipment plus other prizes. If you have an interest in learning more about fly fishing, fly tying, or helping local watersheds this is a great opportunity to get involved.

The next monthly gathering of the Mohawk Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited will be 6:30 PM on Thursday March 12th at 69 Steakhouse, Whitesboro. Our guest speaker will be Mitch Marsden who will present "The Rabbit Hole of Getting into Bamboo" (postponed from December). Do you know the history that Utica, NY has to the fishing tackle industry? I am sure you have heard of Horrocks-Ibbotson (H.I.) which was the world's largest manufacturer of fishing tackle at one time. But have you heard of the Fred Divine? Or how about George Camp of Trenton NY? Or Pepper Rods of Rome? Mitch Marsden learned to make rods in the early 2000s. His love of fly fishing, fly rods and their makers became a passion. Many years passed and when Mitch retired from nursing, he decided to go "down the rabbit hole of bamboo rods". Not just collecting and understanding their history but also making them. Mitch will talk about the local fishing tackle history and bring a few specimens to examine. If you would like, bring your old bamboo rod(s) for inspection and possibly a little history. He will be happy to examine it.

Information on all upcoming MVTU events and activities can be found at mohawkvalleytu.org.

Come to the Table

Empowered Pathways is pleased to present Come to the Table (CTTT), one of the Mohawk Valley's most anticipated and consistently sold-out fundraising events, on Friday, April 17, from 5:30 to 9:00 p.m. at Hart's Hill Inn. Doors will open at 5:00 p.m., enabling guests to preview baskets and auction items. Susan Nackley Mojave will serve as Emcee and Co-Auctioneer. CTTT features beautiful, one-of-a-kind tablescapes created by talented local designers, a themed basket drawing, silent auction items, a cocktail hour, and food stations by Hart's Hill. The evening culminates with a live auction, where bidders compete to take home the best table design of the night. "Come to the Table has become a signature event for our organization and for the community," said Tim Lyon, Executive Director of Empowered Pathways. "It sells out every year because people know they will experience something truly special—stunning tablescapes, a vibrant atmosphere, and a shared commitment to strengthening local families. We are proud to host this unique event." Proceeds from the event will support Empowered Pathways' conflict resolution services, job readiness training, youth services, and support services for women and families. All funds raised are invested locally, making a difference and saving taxpayer dollars where our supporters live and work. For more information call 315-724-1718 ext. 130. The mission of Empowered Pathways is to help people create self-directed solutions and move forward with their lives through education, advocacy, and empowerment. More information on Empowered Pathways' programs and services can be found at www.empcny.org.

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Charge Up While You Check Out!

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

NHPL Board of Trustees 2026 Meetings

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

Mid York Library System App

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

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

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

Community Outreach

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

Display Case Booked

Interest in use of the display case at the New Hartford Public Library continues to grow, with all twelve months in 2026 reserved by community non-profits, clubs and service organizations. We're pleased that exhibitors want to share their stories with the community and want to thank groups who continue to express interest in using the case at the main entrance to the library. We also want to thank all exhibitors in 2026. We're looking forward to hearing from groups who want to use the display space in 2027.

Sit and Stitch

Sit & Stitch with the Mohawk Valley Quilt Club. Held on the first Monday of the month from 12:30 to 2:30 pm. Meeting in the Corasanti Room in the NH Public Library. Bring a project of your own or learn to quilt with us, all experience levels welcome.

Palm Weaving

Michelle is back with her popular Palm Weaving class! We have two dates available. Space is limited so please call the Library to register. 315-733-1535

Monday, March 23rd 6:00-7:30

Friday, March 27th 12:00-1:30.

Both classes will take place in the Corasanti Room.

Literacy CNY

We have a volunteer at the library each Tuesday from 11:00am-2:00pm as well as the 1st & 2nd Friday of the month from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Literacy CNY provides trained individuals to assist patrons on a one-on-one basis. They look forward to helping our community. We greatly appreciate this service they are offering our patrons.

"Mythical Creatures of Ireland"

Ireland's landscape -- rich in mythology, with the Irish fairies occupying a central role in its folklore -- will be featured in an exhibit at the New Hartford Public Library during the month of March. The attitude of the Irish toward these and other unearthly beings is best reflected by the reply of a peasant farmer, when asked if he truly believed in the existence of fairies. "Oh no, of course we don't believe in them," he answered, adding with flawless Irish logic, "but we know they're there." From the mischievous leprechaun to the haunting banshee (literally bean sídhe, or the women of the fairy mounds), from the mysterious Tuatha de Danann to the terrifying dullahan, the Irish have always maintained a tenuous co-existence with creatures from the Other World, as illustrated in this exhibit by the Irish Cultural Center of the Mohawk Valley. The exhibit will be featured in the display case at the library's main entrance.

Going With Grace

Friedel, Williams & Edmunds Funeral and Cremation Services will present "Going with Grace" at the New Hartford Public Library on Monday, March 16th at 6:30 in the Corasanti Room.

This program is a compassionate and informative forum designed to help individuals begin thinking about the benefits of preplanning. The forum covers topics such as:

1. Understanding the value of making arrangements in advance
2. Reducing emotional and financial stress for loved ones
3. Exploring options that align with personal wishes and traditions

In Person Story Time

Mondays (group A), Tuesdays (group B) and Thursdays (group C) 10:30-11:00 for preschool aged children. Join us for stories and crafts. Aimed towards preschoolers -- but all are welcome. An adult must accompany the child. All story times are held in the Children's Area/Corasanti room.

Local Author Talk

Join local author Chai Rose on March 30th at 6:30 PM for a conversation about his novels *Carrying the Rain* and *Where Dreams Once Lived*.

Chai will discuss how themes of grief, regret, family, and hope shape his work, and how personal experience and observation inform his characters and storytelling.

The evening will include a short reading from *Carrying the Rain*, followed by audience questions and discussion.

Chai grew up in Oneida before living in New Hartford for nearly a decade. He currently lives and writes in Cazenovia, NY.

Paint Party

Host: Donna Teuscher, Artist and owner of Forget~Me~Not.

Grab your friends and join Donna for a fun relaxed PAINT PARTY- no experience needed!

She'll guide you step by step, and you'll leave with a finished piece you'll be proud of.

Date: March 22nd. Time: 1:30 - 3:30 pm

Project: Vase with flowers on a 8X10 presketched canvas

Irene Scalise, Local Author Announces Book Signing Event for New Release, Back to Berkeley

Readers and book lovers are invited to join Irene

Scalise for a special book signing event celebrating the release of "Back to Berkeley", a compelling new work that is a time travel adventure with the CIA sending three people back to 1971 in order to secure proof of an act of treason by a current-time presidential hopeful while attending UC Berkeley. The CIA, romance, danger, plots of revenge and newfound friendships await our time travelers. Will they be successful and make it back safely? Will their presence have an impact on the lives they encounter there?

The event will take place at The New Hartford Public Library, located at 2 Library Lane, New Hartford, NY on Sunday, March 22, 2026, from 1:15 - 4:45 PM. Attendees will have the opportunity to meet the author, purchase signed copies, and hear insights about the inspiration and creative process behind the book.

"I'm thrilled to share this story with readers and connect with the members of the community. This book was a labor of love that was inspired by some crazy dreams. I've fallen in love with my characters and hope others will also." ~ Irene Scalise.

Event Details:

1. What: Book Signing with Irene Scalise
2. When: Sunday, March 22, 2026, 1:15 - 4:45 PM
3. Where: New Hartford Public Library, 2 Library Lane, New Hartford, NY
4. Books will be available for purchase, cash or check (no cards accepted)

After Breast Cancer Group

Come and join us on Saturday, March 7th from 11 a.m.-12 noon at the New Hartford Public Library. Our speaker will be a representative from Nunn's Home and Medical Equipment. They have personalized Mastectomy Products and fitting services.

Nunn's Home and Medical Equipment are dedicated to supporting breast cancer survivors. They have multiple certified mastectomy fitters in both of their locations in Rome and Syracuse, and offer professional and comfortable private fitting rooms.

Senior Yoga Class

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

Chair Yoga Class

Join us on Monday mornings from 10:30am-11:00am and Friday mornings from 11:00am to 12:00pm for Chair Yoga in the Sammon Room. There is no charge for this class.

Back for another Session!! Meditation Class

12:30-1:30pm Mondays 11/3-3/30. Ages 18+

Class is limited to 20 people.

If you've ever wondered about meditation and how people can achieve stillness, now is the time to take this introductory class. We will learn breathing techniques and other practices to keep us in the present moment. This assists with anxiety, blood pressure and stress.

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

No prior experience is required. Registration is suggested.

Get a FREE TREE for your Child

We are partnering with @NeighborhoodForest to help green our community and inspire youth environmentalism!

Parents/Guardians, please sign your child up to receive a free tree this Earth Day by filling out this short form: <https://www.neighborhoodforest.org/parent-registration/?school=41291>

We will contact you to pick up your tree at the library when it arrives!

Sign ups are open now through March 15th, trees will arrive the week of Earth Day (April 22)! For Parent FAQs please see: <https://www.neighborhoodforest.org/parent-faqs/> #Freetreesforkids

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Lego Club: From Book to Block

Back by popular demand...Lego Club!

Each month a passage from a book is read aloud from a pre-selected book. Using their imagination, children are asked to build what they see when visualizing that scene. This club meets on the 1st Saturday of the month at 10:30am. (G geared for 7-12yrs)

Preschool Playdate

Designed for Preschool age children and under. Join us in the Children's Area for some little library users fun! There are plenty of toys, puzzles, educational tablets and of course friends to play with.

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

NEW FOR 2026

Board Books and Babies

Join us on the third Friday of the month at 10:30 for Board Books and Babies!

Our new baby story time program is aimed at ages 0-18months. This is a great way to get your baby introduced into the library setting and meet other caregivers along the way. Feel free to bring your tummy time mats or cozy floor blanket for added comfort. Books, songs, lap bounces and new friends await!

Egg-Hunt at the Library : March 28th

Hop on over with your baskets and join us for chalk, bubbles and our EGG-citing Egg hunt in the Library Garden! Don't forget to get a picture taken with the Easter Bunny! Fun takes place at 10:30am. Space is limited. Please call us at 315-733-1535 to register for this event.

Need Community Service Hours? Egg Fillers Wanted!

The New Hartford Public Library is looking for teens to help out with prep for our Egg Hunt. Help fill our eggs and bring joy to the children of our community-while gaining those needed community service hours. Our library will have open egg filling March 20th from 12pm to 5pm. First come first serve. We highly suggest showing up at 12, otherwise please call before heading over to check if there is still a need.

If you are interested in a more hands on/community involvement approach, consider volunteering to help out during the event on March 28th.

Please call the library 315-733-1535 with any questions or to sign up to help during the event.

Community Rooms

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

Teen Volunteer Opportunities

Lego Club Setup/Cleanup Crew: (1.5 hours available)

Every first Saturday of the month.

Volunteer Time 10:15am – 11:45am (1.5 hours)

Lego Club Start time 10:30am-11:30am.

Needs to Sign-Up in advance.

Book to Brick : Passage Finder: (2 hours available)

Perfect for avid readers and book lovers.

Volunteer Time: On your time/schedule. (Max 1 hour awarded)

No sign-up required. Must check the booklist before starting. No duplicates.

**Additional Hour Option: Sign up to read your passage for Lego Club and build your interpretation. Photo submit your build to us.

First Saturday of the month. 10:30am-11:30am. (+1 hour awarded)

Children's Area Cleaners/Book Straighteners Team: (1 hour per day)

Volunteer Time: On your time/schedule. (Max 1 hour awarded per day).

No sign-up required. Must call before showing up.

Story Time Craft Prepper (1 hour)

Volunteer Time: On your time/schedule. (Max 1 hour awarded per day).

Sign-up required. Space limited. Ask for Cheryl.

"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.

Stop by the library and borrow some equipment today, because play belongs to everyone!

Book Bedazzling With Jesse

Bring your own book! All other materials are provided.

Sunday, March 29th in the Sammon Room 2:00PM to 4:30 PM. Registration required: 315-733-1535

Ages 13 and up.

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.

March 20th: The Thursday Murder Club Richard Osman

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

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 10:30am. Interested guests and new members are welcome to attend.

Park Passes Are Back!

Once again, the Friends of the New Hartford Public Library are supporting our Park Pass Program. Through their generosity, we will be allowing our patrons to check out the following park passes which will allow our patrons a discounted entry rate:

NEW! Utica Children's Museum

The Wild Center

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Adirondack Experience

Munson (formerly Munson Williams Proctor Art Institute)

Utica Zoo

Empire Pass

Passes must be placed on adult library cards and must be returned to the New Hartford Public Library circulation desk. Please call 315-733-1535 for more information.

Inclement Weather Policy

With winter weather fast approaching, we would like to remind you of our Inclement Weather Policy:

If New Hartford Central School District cancels school due to inclement weather prior to the start of school, the Library will close as well. Should the district close mid way through the day, it is up to the discretion of the Director or the Director's designee to close early.

We thank you in advance for your understanding in keeping our community and staff safe.

Friends of the New Hartford Public Library

Coffee with Friends

The Meet and Greet Coffee Club, sponsored by the Friends of the NHPL, was held February 6th in the library cafe. Free coffee and donuts were provided. We will continue to gather on the first Friday of the month throughout the morning. Meet and greet neighbors whether next door or from another community, make new friends, come after you pass out the last school lunch and take a deep breath....OR...on your way to chair yoga! Share ideas or projects and learn more about the library and how you can assist. Assistance is always needed for various Friends' fundraisers especially. Everyone is valuable! This is YOUR library. Hope to see you next month!

Watch for future dates for the Ice Cream Social and Bill Bonsted Indoor Miniature Golf Tournament.

Annette Barber Used Book Room

ACCEPT: hardbound and paperback books, magazines as well as records, DVDs, children's books, puzzles.

DO NOT ACCEPT: moldy/damaged books (WE have to throw them out!!!), textbooks, medical books, National Geographic Magazine, Reader's Digest, multi-volume book sets. No longer accepting audio cassettes, VHS tapes and computer games/books or CDs.

The library and community greatly appreciate your "gently" used books but please limit your donations to one box/bag at a time and drop them off at the circulation desk.

DO NOT drop them off in the hallway, at drop boxes, or outside the door when the library is closed. Thank you.

Support the New Hartford Public Library

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

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Irene Scalise, Local Author Announces Book Signing Event for New Release, Back to Berkeley

Readers and book lovers are invited to join Irene Scalise for a special book signing event celebrating the release of "Back to Berkeley", a compelling new work that is a time travel adventure with the CIA sending three people back to 1971 in order to secure proof of an act of treason by a current-time presidential hopeful while attending UC Berkeley. The CIA, romance, danger, plots of revenge and newfound friendships await our time travelers. Will they be successful and make it back safely? Will their presence have an impact on the lives they encounter there?

The event will take place at The New Hartford Public Library, located at 2 Library Lane, New Hartford, NY on Sunday, March 22, 2026, from 1:15 – 4:45 PM. Attendees will have the opportunity to meet the author, purchase signed copies, and hear insights about the inspiration and creative process behind the book.

"I'm thrilled to share this story with readers and connect with the members of the community, This book was a labor of love that was inspired by some crazy dreams. I've fallen in love with my characters and hope others will also." ~ Irene Scalise.

Event Details

What: Book Signing with Irene Scalise

When: Sunday, March 22, 2026, 1:15 – 4:45 PM

Where: New Hartford Public Library, 2 Library Lane, New Hartford, NY

Books will be available for purchase, cash or check (no cards accepted)



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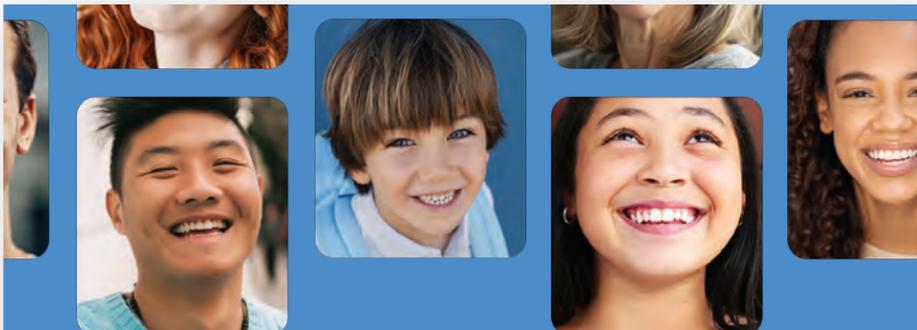
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- **Bradley Elementary** 33 Oxford Road, New Hartford 13413
o March 5, 2026 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- **Hughes Elementary** 340 Higby Road, New Hartford 13413
o March 10, 2026 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- **Myles Elementary** 100 Clinton Road, New Hartford 13413
o March 17, 2026 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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| 3/4 | Trad Irish Music Session by Craobh Dugan-O'Looney | 7:00pm |
| 3/8 | Drive-Thru Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner | 10:00am-1:00pm |
| 3/12 | Shamrocks & Shenanigans Irish Trivia Game Night | 7:00pm |
| 3/15 | Arise & Go "Moments of Light" CD Release Concert | 3:00pm |
| 3/17 | Five Points Pub Open Noon to 8:00pm, Whiskey Tasting and Dinner Specials | |
| 3/20 | Rory Makem Concert - Irish Folk Music Royalty | 7:00pm |
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Local Entrepreneur Brings Passion and Expertise to New Hartford with Pearls of Wisdom Sewing Center

Sewing enthusiasts in the area have a new reason to celebrate as Sarah M. Gaudin opens Pearls of Wisdom Sewing Center, a family-owned business dedicated to serving the local sewing community with expert sewing machine sales, quality fabrics, and hands-on classes.

Sarah Gaudin, a lifelong sewing enthusiast and seasoned retail professional, brings a wealth of experience and a genuine passion for the craft to her new venture. Having honed her skills from a young age, Sarah has worked in various fabric stores and taught sewing to 4-H members, nurturing creativity and skill development among young people in the community. Her leadership roles at Viking Sewing Gallery and Joann Fabrics in New Hartford have equipped her with strong management skills, including staff training, inventory control, and customer service excellence.

“At Pearls of Wisdom, we want to create more than just a store,” Sarah explains. “Our goal is to build a welcoming space where sewists of all levels can come together to learn, share, and grow their skills. Whether you’re a beginner or an experienced sewer, we’re here to support your creative journey.”

Pearls of Wisdom Sewing Center offers a carefully curated selection of seasonal fabrics, expert advice on sewing machines, and personalized sewing classes designed to meet the needs of a diverse community. The center also hosts community sewing events aimed at fostering connection and skill-building among local sewists.

Located in the heart of New Hartford, Pearls of Wisdom Sewing Center is poised to become a trusted resource and gathering place for sewing enthusiasts throughout the region.

For more information, visit Pearls of Wisdom Sewing Center or stop by to meet Sarah and her team. Whether you’re looking to start a new project or deepen your sewing expertise, Pearls of Wisdom is ready to help you stitch your dreams into reality.

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March 2026

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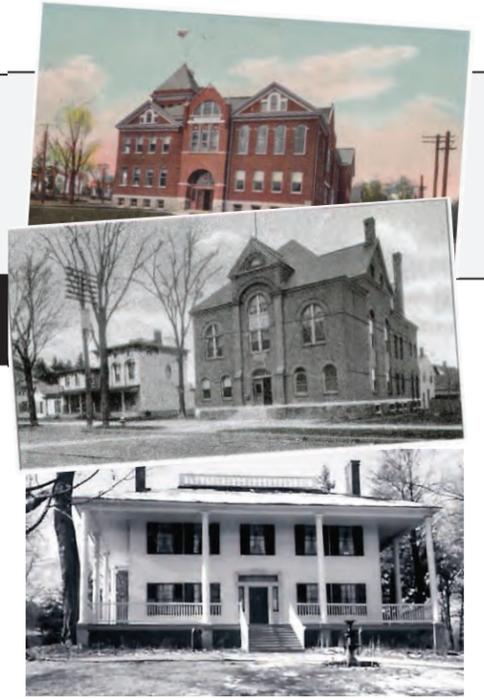
New Hartford GE Appliance Dealer Calls Village Home for a Quarter Century!

Heald and Martin, Inc., 5 Genesee St., New Hartford, franchise dealers of General Electric and Hotpoint appliances, have completed extensive remodeling of their store and offer a line of electric kitchen refrigerators, ranges, steel cabinets, radios and small table appliances. Robert P. Heald, President and Treasurer of the corporation, said that while all these items are not available in quantity, floor samples are in stock and orders will be taken.

The new firm was incorporated on January 3rd, with an authorized capital of \$25,000. Other officers are Charles C. Martin, Vice President and Secretary, and Miss Mary Patricia Heald, assistant secretary-treasurer. In view of the shortage of appliance merchandise, the firm is selling as a sideline the custom-made toys fashioned by Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Black, Nye Ave., it was announced.

Heald was connected with the War Production Board from July 1942 until the office closed in December, 1945 and held the position of district priorities manager. He was in the appliance business for 20 years prior to joining WPB and last operated his own business as a Hotpoint dealer at 122 Genesee from 1940 to 1942.

Martin was also connected with WPB as a priority analyst from February 1944 until the office was suspended. Previously, he was production control manager for Rome Cable Corp. Miss Heald resigned a supervisor position in the IBM department at the Rome Army Air Field to join the corporation.



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Exercise Compliance

submitted by Jim LaFountain, All American Fitness Center

Exercise Compliance was my Master's Degree Thesis (Project), requiring me to do endless amounts of research. Although nearly everyone understands the importance of regular exercise, it is very challenging for most Americans to stick with a program. I'd like to explore a variety of options available for those who find it difficult to comply, on a daily basis.

Home Exercise: It's convenient to exercise in your home. It's not that important to invest in expensive equipment. Your body weight provides a mechanism to address major muscle groups and rubber tubing is an inexpensive method for performing additional resistance work. The major drawback is accountability. You are alone and accountable to no one but yourself. Unless you seriously study the science behind exercise compliance, it becomes very boring to do the same program for several weeks. Variety is essential for sticking with a program.

Public Facility Exercise: The fitness chains have mastered this mode of exercise. Most small business fitness facility owners knock them, but they address a specific market. Inexpensive, monthly payments are their biggest marketing tool and I commend them for simply getting people to move. There's a small drawback. Due to the low monthly cost, they may lack the resources to provide personal attention and professional instruction. Those who frequent these facilities have to do their homework and engage in appropriate exercise programming.

Lifelong, regular exercisers do well in these facilities.

Personal Training: When one of the biggest fitness chains opened a block from our facility, our entire staff briefly went into "panic mode." We knew the majority of our staff held under graduate and graduate degrees in Exercise Science. At that point we decided to place more of our focus on personal training. That decision saved our business. Personal training works for three reasons. 1) You have a scheduled time for your workout,

2) You don't have to put a great deal of thought about what to do, your trainer takes care of that, 3) You pay a little bit extra for personal training. Having a monetary investment encourages you to show up.

Group Exercise: My wife, Cindy taught exercise classes for 33 years and had a staff of five additional instructors. Group exercise is fun, you share mild discomfort with others and it's easier to comply when a group is involved. A drawback may be that it is "generic" in nature (one size fits all) and lacks addressing everyone's unique and individual needs. It's an effective adjunct to a program that also addresses your specific needs. Two group sessions a week and two "specific" sessions a week is a good formula. It's fun!

Key points:

*Start slowly. In the long haul, no one will care where and how you started. In several weeks, providing you progressed slowly, your results will speak loudly.

*When choosing a mode of exercise, ask yourself one question, "Can I do this for the rest of my life?" In my youth, I focused on lifting heavy weights. Now, each morning while getting out of bed, I'm reminded, it was a mistake.

*Set aside time and treat it like it's a medical appointment. In a way it's like a medical appointment. It's not a treatment for an ailment, but a method of prevention, to avoid an ailment.

*In our fast paced society, it's a challenge to set aside 30 minutes, 4-5 times a week. Again, two intense workouts a week, combined with two lower intensity workouts is a sound formula.

*Learn to handle failure. A couple missed workouts is not the end of the world. There will be days when you simply do not feel like working out. Make a commitment to just "show up" and do a mild warmup. In most cases, you'll have a great workout.



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24-Mar	5:30 PM	Lacrosse (Girls)	Varsity	NH HS Turf Field	LaFayette (Southern Hills Storm)
26-Mar	4:30 PM	Lacrosse (Boys)	JV	NH HS Turf Field	Fayetteville-Manlius
26-Mar	6:15 PM	Lacrosse (Boys)	Varsity	NH HS Turf Field	Fayetteville-Manlius
30-Mar	5:00 PM	Lacrosse (Girls)	Varsity	NH HS Turf Field	Carthage
30-Mar	6:45 PM	Lacrosse (Girls)	JV	NH HS Turf Field	Carthage
31-Mar	4:15 PM	Lacrosse (Boys)	Varsity	NH HS Turf Field	East Syracuse Minoa
31-Mar	6:00 PM	Lacrosse (Boys)	JV	NH HS Turf Field	East Syracuse Minoa

Timeline of Lacrosse

<https://worldlacrosse.sport/origin-history/>

- Early History - Lacrosse's origins can be traced back as early as the 12th century to various Indigenous tribes in North America, where the game was played for centuries before European contact.
- 1600s - French Jesuit missionaries were the first westerners to witness the game and gave it the name lacrosse.
- 1856 - The Montreal Lacrosse Club was founded in Canada, marking the beginning of organized lacrosse.
- Late 1800s - Early 1900s - Lacrosse gained popularity in educational institutions, leading to the establishment of various lacrosse leagues in schools and colleges.
- The sport continued to spread across Canada and the United States, as well as the United Kingdom and Australia.
- 1904 / 1908 - Lacrosse was played in the Olympic Games in St. Louis and London.
- 1928 / 1932 / 1948 - Lacrosse was featured as a demonstration sport at three additional Olympic Games.
- 1972 - The International Federation of Women's Lacrosse Association was formed.
- 1974 - The International Lacrosse Federation (men) was formed.
- 2008 - The IFWLA and ILF merge to form the Federation of International Lacrosse to govern and promote the sport globally.
- 2017 - Women's lacrosse (field) was played at The World Games.
- 2018 - FIL received provisional recognition by the International Olympic Committee.
- 2019 - FIL rebranded as World Lacrosse.
- 2021 - World Lacrosse received full recognition by the IOC.

MVILR Open House

The Mohawk Valley Institute for Learning in Retirement (MVILR) is hosting an Open House on the MVCC Rome Campus, 1101 Floyd Road, leading up to its 2026 Spring Semester. It will take place from 10 am to noon on Thursday, March 12, in Plumley Complex room 150. Participants will have the opportunity to get information about the MVILR program, meet course instructors and MVILR Board members, and register for Spring Semester classes. For more information and to view the online course catalog, go to mvcc.edu/mvilr.

Spring Semester for the Mohawk Valley Institute for Learning in Retirement (MVILR) begins March 23 on the MVCC Rome Campus. More than 50 courses are offered during this 8-week session, featuring multiple academic classes in history, science and literature, 9 options for art and music, and 7 choices for health and wellness. Among the new offerings this semester, there will be classes celebrating America's 250th anniversary of the Declaration of independence and Utica's history of the underground railroad, an in-depth review of artificial intelligence (AI), and 8 guest speakers in MVILR's Special Programs series.

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Sitrin Celebrity Classic Wheelchair Basketball Game Returns on April 16

Game on! Local celebrities will once again take the court to face-off in wheelchairs against the Sitrin STARS (Success Through Adaptive Recreation and Sports) athletes in the 22nd Annual Sitrin Celebrity Classic Wheelchair Basketball Game. This event, presented by FustCharles LLP, will be held on Thursday, April 16, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. in the Utica University Clark Athletic Center.

"We are thrilled to present the 22nd Celebrity Classic," Marc DePerno, vice president of foundation and communications and director of the STARS program, said. "The Sitrin STARS are excited to showcase their abilities and are incredibly appreciative of the support they receive from the community."

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

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

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Irish Fun Facts

- ♣ Ireland's top-three symbols are the Celtic cross, the green shamrock, and the harp.
- ♣ 88% of Ireland-born citizens are Roman Catholic, and 45% of them attend mass every week.
- ♣ Ireland is free of snakes, moles, weasels and other species.
- ♣ 9% of Ireland's population are redheads.
- ♣ Cats are Ireland's favorite pet over dogs by a margin of 2 to 1.
- ♣ In Dublin, there's a pub for every 100 people.
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Join our Volunteer Team!

Opportunities are available from Friday, July 10, through Race Sunday, July 12, including:

- Course Marshalls at the Start Line
- Bib distribution at the Expo
- Merchandise and Boilermaker Brick sales
- Finish Line/Post-Race Party support (Medals, Snacks, Green Team)
- Water stations along the course
- Cheer Squads, Entertainment
- More options available

These are just a few of the areas where extra help is needed. If you're interested or would like additional information, please email cindy@boilermaker.com.

Volunteers receive a Boilermaker Volunteer T-Shirt, a pin, and an invitation to the Volunteer Appreciation Party. Besides being a part of this community tradition, you can earn community service hours for school or the workforce, and what a great way to meet new people while having fun!

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New Hartford News

submitted by Highway Superintendent, Richard Sherman

Occasionally the heavy wet snow we are plowing on your road may affect your mailbox. We apologize for the inconvenience, but are happy to stop by and be sure to repair or reset your mailbox. We just need you to let us know in April, when plowing is done, so that we can make any repairs. Please don't wait until June, July or August to tell us.

As we do every year, we will also be out to re-seed or repair lawns near the road, which were damaged due to plowing. Street sweeping will start as soon as the weather breaks and spring arrives.

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Oneida County Executive, Anthony Picente, Jr. and Karl Schrantz, Oneida County Department of Water Quality and Water Pollution Control, again this year, National Water Main will continue to tv and repair, if necessary, main sewer lines within the Town of New Hartford. This is an extremely large sewer project. You will see a lot of Construction vehicles throughout the town all spring and summer, into this fall.

New Hartford Highway Department is still actively looking for good candidates to join our Highway Department that hold a CDL license class A or B. These positions are permanent with good benefits and salary perks. Please go to Oneida County web site and look for Highway MEO Town of New Hartford to apply. This year's seasonal summer help has been filled, these applications came into us in January this year. I have contacted the individuals that made this cut.

I am always available on my cell phone at (315) 534-2998 or you can e-mail me at rsherman@townofnewhartfordny.gov, if you have a need in which you think your Highway Department can assist.

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NHFD News

Your New Hartford Volunteer Fire Department responded to 104 alarms during the month of January 2026. The monthly call report is listed below by category.

Fires = 0
 EMS = 48
 Hazardous = 7
 Service Type = 29
 False Alarms = 8
 Good Intent = 5
 Other Alarms = 7
 Weather Related = 0
 Other = 0
 Total Calls for the Month of January 2026 = 104.

Of note – the department is in the early stages of a “new” county-wide management system to track alarms, volunteer hours, training drills, meetings, events such as Fire Prevention programs, tours, and open other areas of participation by the volunteer members of the department.

Therefore, reports such as the number of alarms to the village and town are not currently available.

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

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In Other Department News:

During the Installation of Officers for 2026, several awards were presented and positions announced. They are:

IRONMAN AWARD

The William G. Martin” Ironman Award” is given to a deserving member of each of the town’s three volunteer fire departments annually. This award, named in honor of Mr. Martin, a 40 year member of the New Hartford Volunteer Fire Department, was first presented to William Martin in 1991. The award recognizes the volunteer firefighter who is ever ready, ever willing, and ever present to serve the community. The recipient of this award has exemplified an outstanding dedication to service. The New Hartford Town Board recognizes the resolve, commitment, and genuine enthusiasm of this individual as an inspiration to all. This year’s award was presented to past Assistant Chief Richard Alexander, Jr. This is the 34th year that this award has been presented to an active and outstanding member of the department.

MICHAEL D. SOWICH “ FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR” AWARD

The Michael D. Sowich “Firefighter of the year” award was established in memory of a NHFD member, who had taught various state fire school classes spanning a 15 year relationship with the department. To honor his love for firefighting and his dedication to teaching others, NHFD dedicated their “Firefighter of the Year Award to honor his memory. This year’s award was presented to Firefighter and EMT Mikeal Hawkins.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

NHFD established the William V. Kelly award in honor of a 39 year member who in 1927 established what would become today’s “Emergency Medical Service (EMS) program. In his honor, NHFD annually recognizes members who go “above and beyond” the call of service to the fire department. This year’s honoree is Firefighter and EMT Christopher Chaffee.

NHFD ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

NHFD established the “Rookie of the Year Award” to honor a firefighter who is within the first three years of their service. Although on a probation period (which covers the first three years of active service) the firefighter is reviewed annually. This award recognizes the new member who has gone above and beyond the service expected of a rookie firefighter. This year’s award was presented to Firefighter Corey Sweezy.

NHFD TRAINING AWARD

The Training Award recognizes the member who has participated in the most training hours for the year. This is combined hours of weekly fire schools and NYS training classes. This year’s recipient is Firefighter / Paramedic Daniel Monahan.

Years of Service pins were also presented:

5 Years
 Matthew Bailey
 Daniel Monahan
 20 Years
 Steven Karrat
 25 Years
 Jonathan Stewart
 Jason Freiberger
 35 Years
 Kevin Martin
 Charles Obernesser
 James Luley
 Mark Wilson
 40 Years
 Stephen Moran
 Edward Schmidt II
 45 Years
 Michael Coonradt
 Timothy Solan
 David Maier
 Mark Turnbull
 William Yount
 50 Years
 George Winn, Sr.

An NHFD History Update:

2025 marked the completion of our 125th year. Over those 125 years the New Hartford Volunteer Fire Department has seen 875 individuals come forward and answer the bell. Of those 875, 107 are current members. Combined, those 875 members have given nearly 9,000 years of service. The average length of service for past members was 8 years, 6½ months. The average length of service for our current 107 members is 20 years, 10½ months of service!

As membership ebbs and flows, so does our members’ length of service. Over the near century and a quarter, 7 individuals, so far, have surpassed the fifty-year mark. Below are the current top ten volunteers:

- 1.) Thomas “Butch” Randall 67 years and 5 months
- 2.) Chief Ed Hanley 65 years and 3 months
- 3.) Chief William Freiberger, III* 61 years and 10 months
- 4.) Chief David Reynolds* 58 years and 11 months
- 5.) Leslie Dean 53 years and 9 months
- 6.) Chief Paul Lewis 52 years and 11 months
- 7.) Harold Lewis 50 years and 8 months
- 8.) William Randall* 51 years and 8 months
- 9.) George W. Winn* 50 years and 2 months
- 10.) George S. Glass, Jr.** 49 years and 3 months

* Member is still serving.

** George served 36-1/2 years going Honorary in December of 1980. He would return to active status in the spring of 1992 seeing a need in the dept.’s Fire Police Squad. He would serve until his passing in January of 2005.

In addition to the officers being installed Benevolent President, James P. Toomey Jr also announced the following appointments. They include Treasurer, Vincent Esposito; Assistant Treasurer, David E. Maier; and Assistant Recording Secretary, Trey M. Geary.



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Town Hall Highlights

MARCH 2026

From the Office of Jim Messa, Town Supervisor



Moving Forward with Accountability, Safety, and Smart Planning

Submitted by Jim Messa, Town Supervisor

Town Audit. The NYS Comptroller’s Office has selected the Town of New Hartford for an audit, and auditors are already onsite conducting a preliminary review. We are cooperating fully and view this as a constructive step to confirm our records, identify any gaps, and strengthen transparency, while putting processes in place to keep financial reporting current and reliable going forward.

Safety & Security remains a priority. At Town Hall, we’re adding more security cameras. At the Recreation Center, we’re obtaining quotes for an upgraded security system and improved camera coverage. We’re also exploring options for the Animal Shelter, including the possible addition of a new camera system.

Report a Concern. The Town has made it easier to alert us when things need attention by implementing “Report a Concern,” an online form to report potholes, street lights out, drainage issues, downed limbs on Town property, and other hazards. It helps route issues to the right department, track progress, and improve response time. The link is conveniently located on the homepage of the Town website.

First 30 Days: Financial Stability & Planning. In the first 30 days of the new administration, we held productive meetings focused on financial stability and long-range planning with Deputy Supervisor & 4th Ward Councilman David Tehan and Sr. Office Specialist Christina Lacy in attendance. We met with Bonadio (in person and via Teams), including fiscal advisors, to discuss debt services, our April BAN renewal, and a multi-year path to being removed from credit watch and restoring our S&P Global rating.

Audit & Insurance Review. We also met with Drescher & Malecki to plan completion of the 2024 audit by April 2026 and the 2025 audit by August 2026. High Street Insurance Partners will meet with us quarterly to review coverage and compare other carriers for better pricing.

Funding & Resources. We continue pursuing outside funding and resources. We met with Oneida County about potential project funding, and with Governor Kathy Hochul’s regional representative to discuss grant opportunities and support that may be available if a natural disaster impacts our community.

Step by step, we’re building a Town government that plans ahead, protects what matters, and works openly on behalf of residents. Thank you for staying engaged—we’re excited about what’s ahead.



Highway News from Highway Superintendent Richard Sherman

Repairing winter damages. Occasionally, the heavy wet snow we’re plowing on your road may affect your mailbox. We apologize for the inconvenience, and as a courtesy, we’re happy to stop by to repair or reset it. Please let us know in April, when plowing is done. Please don’t wait until June, July, or August to report it. As we do every year, we’ll also be out to re-seed or repair lawns near the road that were damaged by plowing. Street sweeping will begin as soon as the weather breaks this spring.

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As always, if you need assistance from your Highway Department, I’m available on my cell at (315) 534-2998 or by email at rsherman@townofnewhartfordny.gov



Town Clerk, Michele Moran: Tax Receipts Now Available Online or Via Email

Submitted by Michele Moran, Town Clerk

Modernizing Document Delivery. As local municipalities continue to modernize the way we deliver essential documents, tax receipts are now part of that shift. As a cost-saving and efficiency-focused measure, tax receipts for New Hartford residents are now available online and can also be delivered by email.

Moving away from printed receipts reduces expenses significantly, and the savings are subsequently passed on to the taxpayer. Traditional mailing requires paper, ink, envelopes, postage, and staff time—resources that add up quickly.

Digital access benefits taxpayers and the environment. Online and emailed receipts are faster, more convenient, and easier to store. Individuals can easily download or print their receipt at any time using www.taxlookup.net. For convenience, the top portion of your tax bill has all the information needed for income tax purposes - which may eliminate the need for a secondary receipt.

This initiative supports environmental goals by reducing paper consumption as well as waste. With thousands of receipts issued each year, the positive environmental impact of going digital can be substantial.

Printed copies remain available for those who need them upon request, however digital delivery will eventually serve as the default. We understand that technology is not convenient for everyone. Should you require a printed copy of your receipt immediately, please visit our office Monday – Friday 8 am – 4 pm and we can provide one.

For 2026 receipts, if you “checked the box” with your payment stub, we will work on fulfilling those requests as time and staffing allow.

As always, don’t hesitate to call the Town Clerk’s Office at: 315-733-7500. We are here to assist.



New Hartford Police Activity January 2026

- 1,039 Police Incidents / Calls for Service
- 44 Arrests
- 332 Vehicle Stops
- 81 Motor Vehicle Collisions Investigated
- 266 Vehicle and Traffic Law Tickets Issued
- 488 Supplemental Neighborhood patrols
- 4 Community Policing Details Completed

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Town Board Meeting	03/04	6:00pm
Planning Board Meeting	03/09	5:30pm
Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting	03/16	6:00pm
Town Board Meeting	04/01	6:00pm
Planning Board Meeting	04/13	5:30pm

Visit the website for schedules, agendas and minutes. Meetings are subject to change.



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Antique Talk

by Victor Fariello



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Bouckville Show Dates for 2026

The Madison Bouckville antique shows are back for 2026. The smaller June show dates are June 5-7 and the larger Antique Week event will be held August 9-15, 2026. These popular and iconic antique events are long anticipated. The Antique Week features more than 2,000 vendors with every genre of antiques and collectibles. The short trip down Route 20 makes this a must attend event for antiques enthusiasts. More details will follow.

We Want to Hear From You!

Whether you have a question about an antique or collectible or have ideas and suggestions on what you would like to see covered in Antique Talk, we would love to hear from you. You can write to us at the address below or email me at vjfariello@gmail.com. We appreciate your input!

Happy collecting!

Support Your Historical Society

If you haven't already done so, now is the time to renew or start your membership in this great community asset. The rates for 2026: \$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. This important community organization deserves our support!



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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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Dennis Webster

What the History (WTH)!

Five Fun History and Random Facts

I don't know about you, dear reader, but I love to learn all sorts of random facts and historical tidbits. Do these advance my station in this world? Absolutely not unless I wish to attempt to be a contestant on Jeopardy. There's no doubt that humans love to learn and discuss the weather, food preparation and consumption, and scores of sports teams in victory and defeat. For me I was a huge fan of the game Trivial Pursuit. So here in no particular order of importance is five random items you may already know and might just find fascinating enough to file it away among the billions of neurons within the squishy gray blob that is nestled between your ears.

1. President Jimmy Carter's wife, Rosalynn Carter, was delivered as a baby

2. There are more trees on planet Earth than stars in the Milky Way Galaxy. That's an amazing statistic considering if you were in a rocket ship, and were traveling at the speed of light, it would take you one hundred thousand years to go from one end of the Milky Way Galaxy to the other end. There are four hundred billion stars in the Milky Way Galaxy but three trillion trees on planet Earth.
3. The state of Wyoming only has two sets of escalators. Why would that be? Well, the buildings in the state are all very old for one and secondly it is much cheaper to build an elevator.
4. The United States once had a series of large cheese bunkers throughout the Midwest of 1.4 billion pounds. In the 1970's, the federal government wanted to increase the price of milk and give cheese away to people in need, thus the hoarding of cheese wheels began and the phrase, "government cheese" was born.
5. Dragonflies are the deadliest hunter on the face of the Earth with a 95% hunting success rate. Once they zero in on their prey, they are the most successful. This is due to the fact that a dragonfly can go thirty miles per hour, has wings that operate its flight like a helicopter, and multifaceted bulbous eyes that allow deadly course correction when on a hunting path. Cheetahs only have a 58% success rate when hunting and Lions only 25%. We should be thankful for the success of hunting dragonflies as they eat summertime pests of flies and mosquitos. I'm sure all of you have random facts and this always makes for the best of conversations amongst family and friend gatherings. I, for one, am always grateful to learn something new, even if it's the amount of cheese the government housed in bunkers.

Dennis Webster is a New Hartford resident, and author of regional books on true crime, ghosts, local history, and asylums. He can be reached at denniswbsr@gmail.com

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Preparing Your Home for Spring Entertaining

As March arrives in Central New York, there's a subtle shift in the air. The days grow longer, sunlight stretches further across our floors, and calendars begin to fill with Easter brunches, family dinners, and long-awaited visits from friends.

Spring marks the unofficial beginning of hosting season — and that makes it the perfect time to take a fresh look at the way our homes function for gathering.

At Grace Furniture in Marcy, we often see customers walk in this time of year with a similar realization: "We're hosting Easter... and suddenly our dining room feels too small."



Entertaining has a way of highlighting what works in a home — and what doesn't.

The dining table is usually the first place to start. If guests feel cramped or conversations feel disconnected across a long rectangular table, it may be time to reconsider layout and scale. Round or oval tables naturally encourage conversation, while extension tables offer flexibility for both everyday use and larger gatherings. Comfortable, supportive dining chairs can also transform the experience. When guests linger comfortably over dessert and coffee, that's when the most meaningful moments happen.

Beyond the dining room, spring hosting often shifts into the living room before and after the meal. A space arranged primarily around a television may not always serve conversation well. Repositioning furniture to create a more circular seating arrangement — or adding an accent chair or upholstered ottoman — can make a room feel intentionally designed for connection.

Scale and flow are especially important in homes that entertain frequently. If walkways are tight or seating is limited, even small adjustments can dramatically improve how a space feels. Removing one oversized piece or replacing heavy winter textures with lighter fabrics can open a room both visually and physically.

Another area many homeowners overlook is lighting. As natural light increases in March and April, layering interior lighting becomes key. Table lamps on buffets or consoles add warmth during evening gatherings, while floor lamps can brighten darker corners and make a room feel complete. Soft, warm bulbs help create an inviting atmosphere that flatters both the space and its guests.

Spring is also a practical time to think ahead to overnight visitors. Whether it's grandchildren visiting during school break or out-of-town family arriving for a weekend celebration, a well-appointed guest room makes a lasting impression. Supportive mattresses, layered bedding, and a comfortable chair or bench create a space that feels thoughtful rather than improvised.

One trend we're seeing this year is a move toward warmth and softness in design. Rich wood tones, curved silhouettes, and high-performance fabrics are becoming increasingly popular.

These materials balance beauty with practicality — particularly important in active households with pets or children.

Ultimately, preparing your home for entertaining isn't about achieving perfection. It's about intentionality. When furniture is scaled properly, seating is comfortable, and the layout encourages conversation, hosting becomes far less stressful and far more enjoyable.

As Easter approaches and spring celebrations begin, now is an ideal time to evaluate how your home supports the way you gather. A few thoughtful updates — whether it's a new dining table, reupholstered chairs, or a redesigned living room layout — can make a significant difference.

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Design Tip of the Month: Before your next gathering, try this simple designer trick: pull your furniture 2–3 inches away from the walls. Even a slight shift creates better flow, improves conversation zones, and makes a room feel intentionally styled rather than pushed to the perimeter. It's a small change that delivers an immediate impact — no renovation required.



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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Dr. Mattern Joins the Falcon Clinic

The Falcon Clinic for Health, Wellness, and Recovery ("The Falcon Clinic"), a leading primary care and specialty medical office located at 1 Oxford Crossing, Suite #1, New Hartford, NY, 13413, is delighted to announce the addition of a new family medicine physician, Cheryl C. Mattern, M.D., to our team.

With a profound commitment to delivering exceptional patient care, Dr. Mattern brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to our office. Having completed her medical school at Albany Medical College and her family medicine residency at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Dr. Mattern has been board-certified in family medicine for over 30 years and has a proven track record of excellence.

"We are thrilled to welcome Dr. Mattern to our practice," said Brian Zylinski, D.O., the owner and medical director of The Falcon Clinic. "With her outstanding qualifications and sincere dedication to patient-centered care, we are highly confident that Dr. Mattern will make a significant contribution to our mission of providing high quality health care to our community."

In addition to her clinical expertise, Dr. Mattern is known for her compassionate approach to patient care and is deeply invested in directing the patient to participate in their own care and toward the goals of preventive medicine. She is very much looking forward to serving the health care needs of individuals and families here at The Falcon Clinic.

Having previously served as a primary care physician to the people of the Mohawk Valley over the years, "I am very excited to join the team at The Falcon Clinic

and to have the opportunity to work alongside all of the dedicated health care professionals here, and I am eager to contribute to the provision of comprehensive and personalized care to our patients," said Dr. Mattern. "I look forward to building meaningful relationships with each and every patient that I have the distinct privilege to serve."

In addition to primary care, Dr. Mattern also has extensive experience in addiction medicine and women's health, among other areas.

Patients can schedule appointments with Dr. Mattern by calling The Falcon Clinic at (315) 507-4751.

The Falcon Clinic is a leading primary care and specialty medical office in the Mohawk Valley dedicated to delivering compassionate and comprehensive medical care to individuals and families within our community. With a team of highly skilled physicians and health care professionals, The Falcon Clinic offers a wide array of services, including (but not limited to) primary care, osteopathic manipulative treatment (OMT), acupuncture, opioid use disorder treatment, alcohol use disorder treatment, hepatitis C treatment, long COVID treatment, smoking cessation, trigger point injections, skin lesion removals, and more. To learn more, please visit our website at www.falconclinic.com.

The Half Moon Orchestra to Perform Spring Concert

The Half Moon Orchestra is set to bring an exhilarating night of jazz to the Mohawk Valley with its "Swing Into Spring" concert on Saturday, March 21 at 4pm, featuring dynamic performances by a lineup of talented soloists and spotlighting beloved music from local legend Chuck Mangione.

Known for engaging and accessible performances that delight audiences of all ages, the ensemble invites jazz lovers and community members alike to celebrate the changing season during an unforgettable evening of live music. Don't miss this spirited concert that promises something for longtime jazz fans and newcomers alike.

Tickets are \$15 and are available online through EventBrite by scanning the QR code included on the flyer. See you there!

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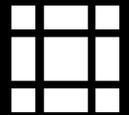
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AS THE DAYS GET LONGER AND THE WEATHER BEGINS TO WARM UP, MANY PEOPLE FEEL MOTIVATED TO GET OUTSIDE AND GET MOVING AGAIN. WHETHER IT'S WALKING THE NEIGHBORHOOD, PREPARING THE GARDEN, STARTING A NEW EXERCISE ROUTINE, OR SIGNING UP FOR A SPRING RACE, MARCH OFTEN MARKS THE RETURN TO ACTIVITY!

BUT AFTER A LESS ACTIVE WINTER, JUMPING BACK IN TOO QUICKLY CAN LEAD TO ACHEs, PAINS, AND EVEN INJURY.

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- 1. START GRADUALLY**
INCREASE TIME AND INTENSITY SLOWLY. A GOOD RULE OF THUMB IS NO MORE THAN A 10% INCREASE PER WEEK.
- 2. WARM UP FIRST**
FIVE TO TEN MINUTES OF LIGHT WALKING OR DYNAMIC STRETCHING HELPS PREPARE MUSCLES AND JOINTS.
- 3. MIX IT UP**
AVOID REPEATING THE SAME MOTION FOR LONG PERIODS (LIKE RAKING OR DIGGING). CHANGE TASKS EVERY 10-15 MINUTES.
- 4. LISTEN TO YOUR BODY**
SORENESS IS NORMAL. SHARP OR PERSISTENT PAIN IS NOT. IF PAIN LASTS MORE THAN A FEW DAYS, IT MAY NEED ATTENTION.
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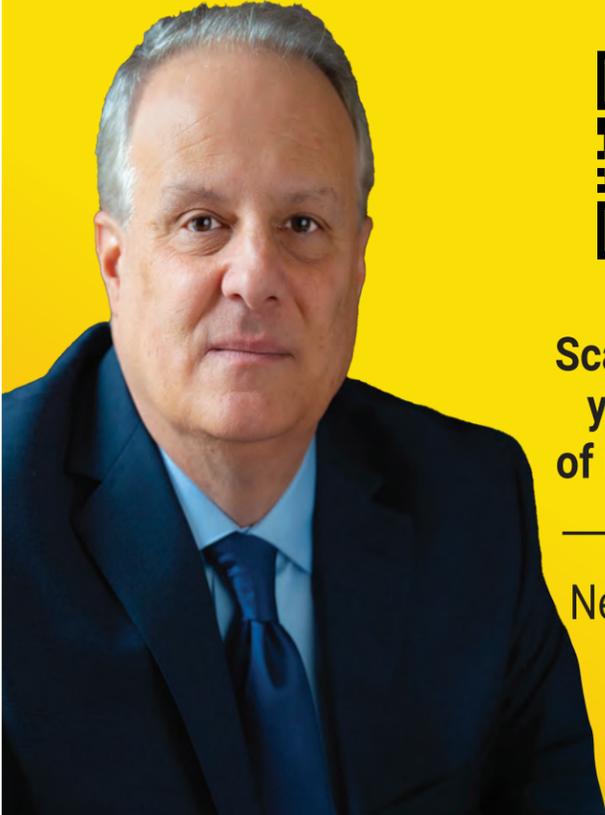
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What Business Owners Actually Need to Know About AI in Marketing (and why it won't replace you... but it will absolutely amplify you)



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Artificial Intelligence is everywhere right now. Depending on who you listen to, AI is either the greatest business opportunity of the decade... or the thing that's

about to replace marketing departments entirely. The truth sits right in the middle. AI is not a marketing employee. AI is not a magic "do everything" button. And if you try to use it that way, it will actually hurt your marketing. But if you understand how to use it correctly, it becomes one of the most powerful business tools companies have ever had access to. This article is not about hype. It's about how AI actually fits into real marketing.

First, AI is a tool, not a strategy. The biggest mistake business owners make is expecting AI to *do the marketing for them*. That's not how it works. AI doesn't know your customers, your reputation, your local market, your voice, or your expertise. You do. AI's role is not to replace your thinking. Its role is to help you execute faster, clearer, and more consistently. Think of it this way, you are the architect. AI is the drafting assistant. If you don't provide direction, you won't get good results.

Let's discuss how to use ChatGPT the right way for social media content. Yes, tools like ChatGPT are fantastic for helping write social posts, blogs, emails, and captions. But the people getting the best results are not asking: "Write me a Facebook post about my business." They are collaborating with it. AI needs context to be useful.

A weak prompt:

"Write a social media post for my dental office."
You'll get generic marketing fluff.

A strong prompt:

"Write a Facebook post for a family dental practice in a small town. We're known for working well with nervous patients and kids. Our goal is to make people feel comfortable coming back to the dentist after years of avoiding it."

Now AI can help you communicate something real.

Here's the key idea: AI should help you express your expertise, not replace it.

The businesses winning with AI are the ones feeding it their knowledge, stories, and personality. The businesses losing with AI are copying and pasting whatever it spits out. People can tell the difference immediately (can we say 'em dash').

Continue reading this blog by scanning the QR code, or visit www.ProMediaOnline.com/blog/ai-marketing to learn more about:

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Lunch & Learn - The History of St. Patrick's Day

The Irish Cultural Center of the Mohawk Valley is kicking off Irish American Heritage Month early with its popular Lunch & Learn series on 11 AM Wed March 4, 2026 where Mary McGuirl will

talk about the history of that day that everyone is Irish - St. Patrick's Day.

St Patrick was a missionary credited with bringing a new religion to a tiny island in the far west of Europe in the 5th century. There is absolutely nothing in that occurrence that remotely calls for an international party day in his honor. But here we are.

At this Lunch and Learn we will look at the cultural and historical factors that influenced the exploding popularity of this man and his myth. We will also take a look at some of the celebrations in his honor in other parts of the globe. Would you believe even Antarctica?

A lifelong Utican, Mary's passion for Irish culture and history was sparked in childhood, during long hours spent listening to the stories of her beloved grandfather, Mike McGuirl, Sr.—yes, of the Irish House of McGuirl.

A \$20 registration fee will cover the program and lunch; meal tax and gratuity are included. Please register at this link, <https://bit.ly/46zZf8Q>, or leave a message at 315-733-4228 Ext 6.

You can attend this presentation at the H.A.R.P. Museum located on the second floor of the Irish Cultural Center of the Mohawk Valley, 623 Columbia St, Utica. All are welcome to attend this program and the museum is wheelchair accessible.

Drive-Thru Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner at the Irish Cultural Center

On Sunday March 8th, you can enjoy a delicious Corned Beef & Cabbage DRIVE-THRU Dinner at the Irish Cultural Center of the Mohawk Valley. The address is 623 Columbia Street, Utica. The Dinner pick-up begins at 10:00am and goes through 1:00pm, or until the meals are sold out.

You can enjoy a full meal of Corned Beef & Cabbage and Irish Soda Bread, for just \$19 per meal. No need for reservations or pre-orders, just come to the ICCMV after 10am on Sunday, March 8th, and your hot meal will be brought to your car!! All proceeds will help the ICCMV continue offering great Irish Cultural programs and events. Thanks for your support!

Shamrock and Shenanigans Trivia Night

The H.A.R.P. Museum at Irish Cultural Center of the Mohawk Valley is hosting a Shamrock and Shenanigans Irish Trivia Night in the Museum at 7 PM Thursday Mar 12, 2026.

Test your Emerald Isle knowledge in a fun night of trivia at the ICC Museum. Paddy O'Questions will try to stump you with Craic and quiz. Guinness will flow, while you feast on a potato bar and attempt to get the cash prize from Paddy! Sign up early for only \$20 with your first drink free. This will be a great warm-up for the Annual Utica St. Patrick's Day Parade!

Please register at this link, <https://bit.ly/4cfljEI>, or leave a message at 315-733-4228 Ext 6.

You can attend this event at the H.A.R.P. Museum located on the second floor of the Irish Cultural Center of the Mohawk Valley, 623 Columbia St, Utica. All are welcome to attend this program and the museum is wheelchair accessible.

Film - Éire agus Na Chéad Náisiúin - Ireland and the First Nations

Working in conjunction with Ireland's Irish Language television station TG4, the Irish Cultural Center of the Mohawk is proud to present the documentary film Éire agus Na Chéad Náisiúin or Ireland and the First Nations at 7 PM Thursday Mar 26, 2026.

Filmed as a road movie across the U.S., this compelling film offers a dual perspective—examining the Irish

immigrant experience through both our own lens and that of the Indigenous peoples impacted by our arrival. This film was produced by Ronin Films with funding from the ILBF and Coimisiún na Meáin.

From trade and war to alliances and betrayal, this film explores the complex and often contradictory roles Irish settlers played in shaping Native American history. Featuring contributions from leading Irish historians and prominent First Nations voices, the documentary sheds light on how Irish emigrants were both the oppressed and the oppressors.

Key stories include that of Sir William Johnson, an 18th-century Irish trader and landowner who forged deep ties with the Mohawk Nation and whose legacy lives on in upstate New York. Viewers will also meet Mohawk elders Kay Olan and Tom Porter, who reflect on Johnson's role and his lasting impact on their native lands.

Éire agus Na Chéad Náisiúin concludes with a poignant reflection by Lakota historian Dakota Wind Goodhouse, drawing parallels between ancient Irish and Lakota traditions and offering a powerful call for reconciliation and remembrance. This is a groundbreaking film that confronts a deep division within the Irish psyche. We were both friends and foes of the Native Americans. Having been exiled from our own land, we settled in theirs.

The film is approximately 80 minutes long. Parts are in Irish and Native American languages with English subtitles.

You can attend this film 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. This film is free to attend but to assure adequate seating, we ask that you register online at <https://bit.ly/4ck4Wvk>. For more information call and leave a message at 315-733-4228 Ext 6.



Arise & Go - Moments of Light Album Release Concert

The Irish Cultural Center of the Mohawk Valley is pleased to announce the return of Arise & Go at 3:00 PM Sunday, March 15, 2026 in the ICCMV Event Center. Utica NY native and piper extraordinaire Michael Roddy will be traveling from his home in Nova Scotia to celebrate St Patrick's Day festivities with bandmates Ellie Goud on fiddle and Tim Ball on guitar. These three young musicians make-up the power trio - Arise & Go.

This year's concert will be extra special. Arise & Go, the international Celtic trio from Nova Scotia and New York hailed for their "precision and energy", is proud to announce the release of their newest studio album Moments of Light. The record features all-new original arrangements of traditional Irish, Scottish, French Canadian, and Atlantic Canadian tunes, alongside original compositions by band members. The album also features appearances by guest artists Nicholas Williams (Genticorum), Cara Wildman (The Consequences), and Joey Arcuri (Driftwood). Moments of Light highlights the evolution of Arise & Go's unique blend of folk styles, and is their most distinctive recording to date.

Arise & Go is an exciting Celtic trio that finds its roots in the dance music of Ireland, Scotland and Atlantic Canada. Blending pipes, whistles, fiddle, and guitar, the group's varied musical backgrounds combine to produce a sound which is both grounded in tradition and uniquely fresh and driving. From intimate house concerts to festival stages, Arise & Go has been hailed for their "precision and energy".

Arise & Go, winners of North America's longest running live folk radio broadcast Best of Bound for Glory Award 2018, has been featured in Irish Music Magazine,

Roots Music Canada, The Boston Irish Reporter and the Irish American News where they have been praised for "musical complexity and colour" that is also "authentically mindful of tradition." 2019 saw the release of the band's new album Meeting Place showcasing the different Celtic traditions that each brings to the group's sound.

You can attend this concert at the Five Points Public House Event Center at the Irish Cultural Center of the Mohawk Valley, 623 Columbia St, Utica. The venue is wheelchair accessible. Tickets are \$20 available online at <https://bit.ly/3Mj7xez> and at the Five Points Public House. Children 12 and under are free to attend when accompanied by an adult. You can also take advantage of our \$40 two concerts - one price special. Bundle with the Rory Makem Concert on Friday March 20 and save!! (Regular price for Rory Makem is \$25) For more information call and leave a message at 315-733-4228 Ext 6.



Rory Makem - An Evening of Irish Folk Music

The Irish Cultural Center of the Mohawk Valley is pleased to announce the return of Rory Makem, 7PM Friday March 20, 2026 in the ICCMV Event Center. Rory first graced the ICC stage to a near sell-out crowd shortly after its opening in September 2019. He was scheduled to return in March 2020 only to be thwarted by a world wide pandemic. We've been anxiously waiting for his return ever since.

A seasoned performer with over 37 years on the road, Rory has toured extensively with The Makem Brothers, and the Makem and Spain Brothers and for 17 years played guitar with his father, Tommy Makem. He has played sold-out venues, festivals, and theaters throughout the United States, Canada, England, Scotland and Ireland. At his best on stage, Rory captivates his audiences with charisma, passion for the songs, poetry, history, humor and skilled musicianship.

The love of song runs deep in the family. Continuing a legacy handed down from his Grandmother, the legendary source singer Sarah Makem, Rory pulls the songs of the worker, the sailor, the lovers, the fighters and the land from the pages of history and breathes life into them. An adept interpreter of folk songs, he masterfully accompanies himself on guitar, banjo, mandolin or bouzouki.

Learning from those that came before you is the essence of folk music and Rory has had the great honor to learn from the best. Of course there were the many years at his father's side... absorbing the master at his craft. He has also recorded with some luminaries of modern folk music; Tom Paxton, Noel Paul Stookey, Bill Staines, Eric Weissberg, Roger McGuinn, Dave Mallett, Gordon Bok, Jonathan Edwards, Rick and Ron Shaw, and Schooner Fare.

Through more than 37 years of plying his craft, Rory has established himself as one of the leading forces in the song tradition of Irish music... and so... the tradition continues.

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SEWER AND DRAIN BACK UP:

Sewer overflow or drain back-ups can present a more technical approach to the clean-up due to the 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?

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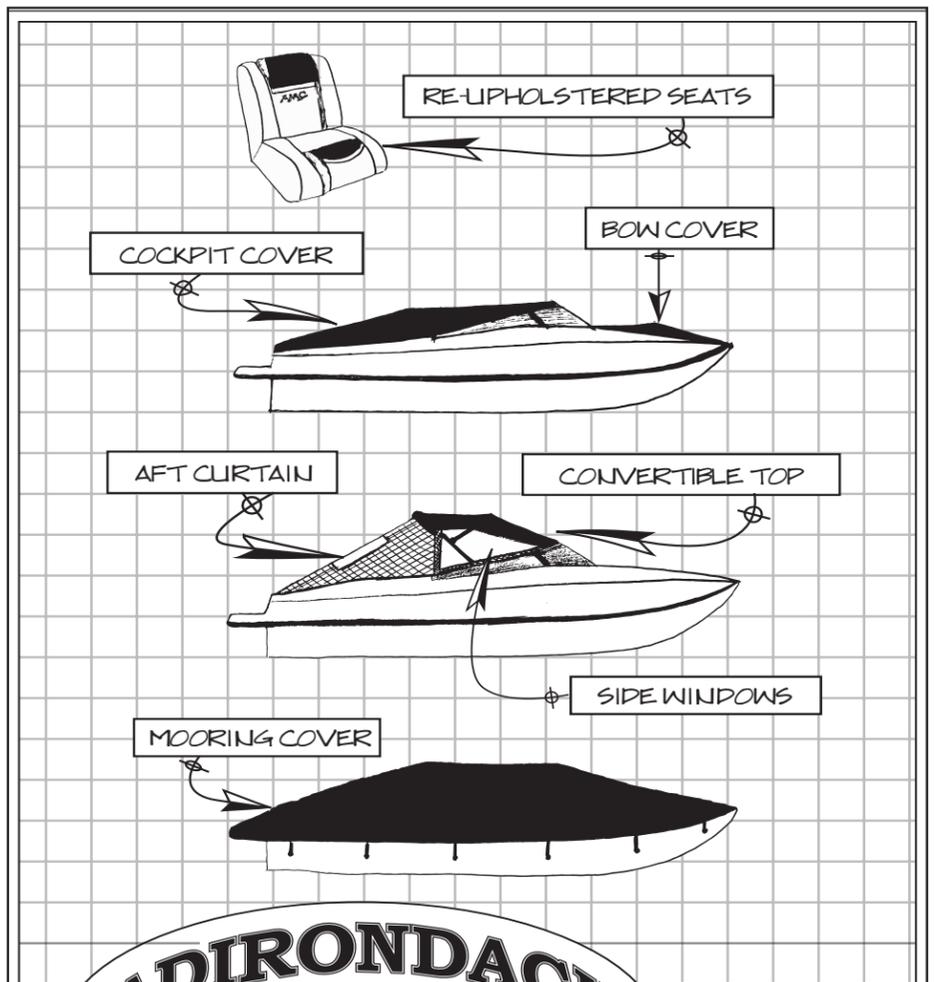
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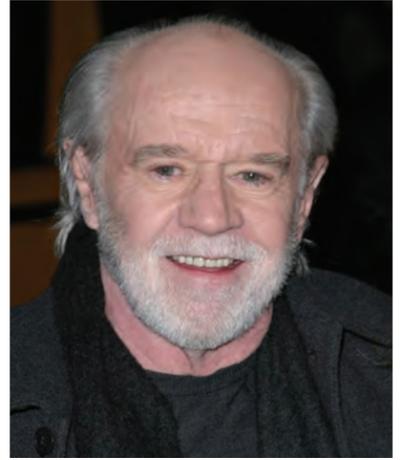
George Carlin

1937-2008

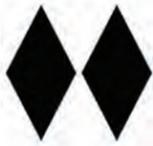
George Denis Patrick Carlin was born on May 12, 1937, in Bronx, New York, the son of Mary and Patrick John Carlin, both of Irish ancestry. He attended local schools and regularly attended Camp Notre Dame in New Hampshire where he frequently won the camp's drama award, likely the dawn of his entertainment career. Although most known and recognized as a TV comedian, he was also an actor and a writer. Likely he is best remembered for appearances as host and frequent guest on the Johnny Carson Show and also his early guest-host stints on Saturday Night Live and a dozen other TV appearances.

Carlin also was prominent as an actor, writer, and stand-up comedian. His early career included a two-year stretch with George Burns in Fort Worth, Texas. After Burns and Carlin went their separate ways, Carlin began appearing regularly on TV variety shows, the more prominent being the Tonight Show initially with host Jack Paar. As a writer, he authored a half-dozen books. In the early 1970s, Carlin routinely appeared on stage dressed in a T-shirt and blue jeans, a bit out of the ordinary for the times.

Nevertheless, his career blossomed, including roles in 16 films, and dozens of tour appearances which brought him to the Stanley Theater stage three times--April '86, March '92, and April '96. The widely known entertainer died of a heart attack on June 22, 2008, in Santa Monica, California.



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By William LeCates, MD
President/CEO, Mohawk Valley Health System

Genesis Group News

As the primary healthcare system for our region, Mohawk Valley Health System (MVHS) plays a vital role in supporting the health and well-being of our local communities. Our system includes Wynn Hospital; a broad network of primary and specialty care practices; outpatient services such as rehabilitation (physical, occupational and speech therapy), cancer care, wound care and behavioral health; as well as the MVHS Rehabilitation and Nursing Center (RNC) and the Visiting Nurse Association of Utica and Oneida County, Inc. Across all of our locations, we remain focused on strengthening the care we provide every day and ensuring that every patient experience reflects our unwavering commitment to quality, excellence, compassion and trust.

Our healthcare professionals and providers are dedicated to delivering high-quality, safe care that respects every individual and treats each patient with dignity, respect and compassion. Quality and safety form the foundation of effective patient care. Quality refers to how well health services improve patient outcomes and align with current medical knowledge, while safety focuses on minimizing risks, preventing errors and avoiding unnecessary harm. Together, quality and safety ensure that patients receive the right care, at the right time and in the right way.

When patients feel respected, heard and informed, they become active partners in their care. Engaged patients are more likely to follow treatment plans, communicate concerns early and participate in decision-making. Involving patients and their families as part of the care team leads to better experiences, improved outcomes and stronger trust in the healthcare system.

Our responsibility as a leading health system extends far beyond the walls of our hospital and medical offices. We are accountable for the overall health of the communities we serve. This means ensuring timely, convenient and effective access to care for all patients. In areas where community medical needs are greatest, MVHS must grow and expand to meet demand. Where public health challenges persist, we must pursue innovative approaches to outreach, prevention and education to improve long-term community health outcomes.

Today, our community faces a wide range of health needs, including chronic disease management, mental health care, preventive services, maternal and child health and emergency care. To meet these challenges, healthcare services in our region must expand in both capacity and scope to ensure that all individuals can access timely, appropriate and high-quality care.

Growth for MVHS includes recruiting and retaining additional healthcare professionals, enhancing and modernizing facilities, expanding services to new locations, adopting innovative technologies and extending care into underserved areas. Without this growth, communities may experience reduced access to care, longer wait times and declines in overall quality and well-being.

A key strategic focus for 2026 is the expansion of primary care, which serves as the cornerstone of an effective healthcare system. Primary care is often the first point of contact for patients and emphasizes prevention, early detection, treatment and ongoing management of health conditions. Strengthening primary care improves access, promotes health education and fosters long-term relationships between patients and providers. This approach is especially critical for managing chronic conditions such as diabetes, asthma and heart disease, which require consistent monitoring and coordinated care.

Collaboration among healthcare providers is essential to addressing complex community health needs. No single service can meet all aspects of a patient's health. Effective collaboration requires strong communication and teamwork among primary care providers, specialists, hospitals, behavioral health services, allied health professionals and community organizations.

When MVHS works closely with community partners, patients experience smoother transitions across different levels of care. A healthcare system that grows strategically and collaborates meaningfully with community partners creates healthier, more resilient communities. Benefits include improved access to care, stronger preventive services, better chronic disease management and more efficient use of resources. Collaboration also allows healthcare systems like MVHS to address social determinants of health—such as housing, education and access to nutritious food—by connecting medical care with community-based services.

MVHS is committed to meeting the evolving healthcare needs of our region through thoughtful growth, strong collaboration and an unwavering focus on quality, safety and compassion. By expanding access to care, strengthening primary care, investing in our workforce and working alongside community partners, we are building a healthcare system that not only treats illness but promotes long-term health and wellness. As we look to the future, MVHS will continue to lead with innovation, accountability and a deep commitment to the people we serve - ensuring healthier outcomes and a stronger community for generations to come.

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Getting Your Affairs in Order

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No one ever plans to be sick or disabled. Yet, planning for the future can make all the difference in an emergency and at the end-of-life. Being prepared and having important documents in a single place can give you peace of mind, help ensure your wishes are honored, and ease the burden on your loved ones.

Checklist for getting your affairs in order

This list provides common steps to consider when getting your affairs in order.

1. Plan for your estate and finances. Depending on your situation, you may choose to prepare different types of legal documents to outline how your estate and finances will be handled in the future. Common documents include a will, durable power of attorney for finances, and a living trust.
2. Plan for your future health care. Many people choose to prepare advance directives, which are legal documents that provide instructions for medical care and only go into effect if you cannot communicate your own wishes due to disease or severe injury. The most common advance directives include a living will and a durable power of attorney for health care. These documents are part of advance care planning, which involves preparing for future decisions about your medical care and discussing your wishes with your loved ones.
3. Put your important papers and copies of legal documents in one place. You can set up a file, put everything in a desk or dresser drawer, or list the information and location of papers in a notebook. For added security, you might consider getting a fireproof and waterproof safe to store your documents. If your papers are in a bank safe deposit box, keep copies in a file at home.
4. Tell someone you know and trust or a lawyer where to find your important papers. You don't need to discuss your personal affairs, but someone you trust should know where to find your papers in case of an emergency. If you don't have a relative or friend you trust, ask a lawyer to help.
5. Talk to your loved ones and a doctor about advance care planning. A doctor can help you understand future health decisions you may face and plan the kinds of care or treatment you may want. Discussing advance care planning with your doctor is free through Medicare during your annual wellness visit. Private health insurance may also cover these discussions. Share your decisions with your loved ones to help avoid any surprises or misunderstandings about your wishes.
6. Give permission in advance for a doctor or lawyer to talk with your caregiver as needed. If you need help managing your care, you can give your caregiver permission to talk with your doctors, your lawyer, your insurance provider, a credit card company, or your bank. You may need to sign and return a form. Giving permission for your doctor or lawyer to talk with your caregiver is different from naming a health care proxy. A health care proxy can only make decisions if you are unable to communicate them yourself.
7. Review your plans regularly. It's important to review your plans at least once each year and when any major life event occurs, like a divorce, move, or major change in your health.

When you're getting your affairs in order, it's important to prepare and organize important records and files all in one place. Typically, you will want to include personal, financial, and health information. Remember, this is a starting place. You may have other information to add. For example, if you have a pet, you will want to include the name and address of your veterinarian.

- Personal information
 - Full legal name
 - Social Security number
 - Legal residence
 - Date and place of birth
 - Names and addresses of spouse and children
 - Location of birth and death certificates and certificates of marriage, divorce, citizenship, and adoption
 - Employers and dates of employment
 - Education and military records
 - Names and phone numbers of religious contacts
 - Memberships in groups and awards received
 - Names and phone numbers of close friends, relatives, doctors, lawyers, and financial advisors
- Financial information
 - Sources of income and assets (pension from your employer, IRAs, 401(k)s, interest, etc.)
 - Social Security information
 - Insurance information (life, long-term care, home, car) with policy numbers and agents' names and phone numbers
 - Names of your banks and account numbers (checking, savings, credit union)
 - Investment income (stocks, bonds, property) and stockbrokers' names and phone numbers
 - Copy of most recent income tax return
 - Location of most up-to-date will with an original signature
 - Liabilities, including property tax — what is owed, to whom, and when payments are due
 - Mortgages and debts — how and when they are paid
 - Location of original deed of trust for home
 - Car title and registration
 - Credit and debit card names and numbers
 - Location of safe deposit box and key
- Health information
 - Current prescriptions (be sure to update this regularly)
 - Living will
 - Durable power of attorney for health care
 - Copies of any medical orders or forms you have (for example, a do-not-resuscitate order)
 - Health insurance information with policy and phone numbers
- Who can help with getting your affairs in order?

You may want to talk with a lawyer about setting up a general power of attorney, durable power of attorney, joint account, or trust. Be sure to ask about the lawyer's fees before you make an appointment.

You do not have to involve a lawyer in creating your advance directives for health care. Most states provide the forms for free, and you can complete them yourself. You can find a directory of local lawyers on the internet or contact your local library, your local bar association for lawyers, or the Eldercare Locator. Your local bar association can also help you find what free legal aid options your state has to offer. An informed family member may be able to help you manage some of these issues.

What other decisions can you prepare for in advance?
Getting your affairs in order can also mean making decisions about organ donation and funeral arrangements, or what you want to happen to your body after you die. Deciding and sharing your decisions can help your loved ones during a stressful time and best ensure your wishes are understood and respected.

Organ donation and brain donation. When someone dies, their healthy organs and tissues may be donated to help someone else. You can register to be an organ donor when you renew your driver's license or state ID at your local department of motor vehicles. You can also register online. Some people also choose to donate their brain to advance scientific research. It may be possible to donate organs for transplant as well as the brain for scientific research.

Funeral arrangements. You can decide ahead of time what kind of funeral or memorial service you would like and where it will be held. You can also decide whether you would like to be buried or cremated and whether you want your body's ashes kept by loved ones or scattered in a favorite place. Be sure and specify certain religious, spiritual, or cultural traditions that you would like to have during your visitation, funeral, or memorial service. You can make arrangements directly with a funeral home or crematory. Put your preferences in writing and give copies to your loved ones and, if you have one, your lawyer.

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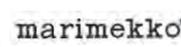
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Managing Your Investments During Difficult Times

Economic difficulties, political unrest, and natural disasters can all present challenges. Investors may wonder what effect these types of events, and others, could have on their investments. That's why it's helpful to focus on three fundamental actions that could help investors work toward their goals — know yourself, build a plan, and keep an eye on the long term.

Know yourself

When stocks drop by 20% or more, some investors might ignore the drop, others might feel the urge to sell, while still others might see it as a good time to buy. This range of reactions illustrates different levels of risk tolerance, or how sensitive investors are to market volatility. Risk tolerance varies from one investor to another, and no level of tolerance is considered the "right" level — there's only the right risk tolerance for each investor. Talking with financial advisors or completing online questionnaires can help investors determine their risk tolerance.

While understanding risk tolerance is essential, it should not be considered in isolation. Risk tolerance, goals, and time horizon all play a role in setting an investment plan.

Investing more aggressively may yield more rewards, but the length of time available for investing also plays a part. A longer time horizon could give investors the potential for compound growth. And setting specific goals can help to determine how much an investor should accumulate to support their goals.

Build a plan

Dwight D. Eisenhower may have said it best — "Plans are worthless, but planning is everything." Even though a plan may need to be modified to adapt to changes, the very process of setting a plan can help investors to discover and focus on their most important investment goals.

For a plan to be useful, it's important for investors to clearly detail which goals they are trying to achieve. Some of an investor's goals will be shorter term, such as building a rainy-day fund. Intermediate-term goals might include buying a house or paying for a child's education. Longer-term goals might include planning for retirement and potentially leaving a legacy for charities or family. Investor assets can then be matched to those various goals.

For example, investors might own short-term bonds to meet a near-term expense, and a mixture of stocks and longer-term bonds to meet needs that are further in the future. The investor's risk tolerance will help determine the mix of historically more volatile assets — such as stocks — to less volatile assets, such as bonds.

Keep an eye on the long term

Once a plan is in place, it's important to keep an eye on it over the long term. This includes considering rebalancing the portfolio if allocations move too far away from targets, a task that can be automated. It also includes revisiting plans as an investor's goals or situation change. A plan is meant to be a living document.

While market drops can be troublesome, unpredictable economic events have presented challenges in the past. With resilience and creativity, America's businesses and households have managed to overcome them. While there are no guarantees that past performance will repeat itself, history has shown that sticking to investment plans and taking a long-term view of the markets can help investors work toward their goals.

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The choir rehearses Sunday mornings at 9:10 and will also rehearse Thursday evenings at 7 during March.
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 11:00.
- Fellowship/coffee hour for everyone follows each Sunday morning worship service.
- Quiet, meditative Taize service is held the first Wednesday evening of each month and in March will take place at 7 p.m. on the 4th.
- "Connections & Confections" program will take place at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 18, with a presentation on Internet fraud and phone scams by a representative of the New Hartford Police Department. The public is invited to

attend and light refreshments will be served.

Holy Week begins with a Palm Sunday Communion service on March 29.

- Maundy Thursday program starting at 6 p.m. with a fish dinner by the New Hartford Presbyterian Women, followed by Communion and a Tenebrae Service, will be held on April 2.

- Stations of the Cross open house takes place from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. on Good Friday, April 3.

Unless noted differently, regular Church Office hours are 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8:30-11:30 a.m. on Friday.

The March and Holy Week schedule:

3/1 — 9:10 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
3/1 — 9:30 a.m. Sunday Club and Adult Study Group
3/1 — 10:30 a.m. Worship
3/3 — 11 a.m. Adult Study Group
3/4 — 10 a.m. Sew 'n Sews
3/4 — 7 p.m. Taize Service
3/5 — 7 p.m. Choir rehearsal
3/8 — Daylight Savings Time begins
3/8 — 9:10 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
3/8 — 9:30 a.m. Sunday Club and Adult Study Group
3/8 — 10:30 a.m. Worship
3/8 — 11:45 a.m. NHP Women's mtg
3/10 — 11 a.m. Adult Study Group
3/11 — 10 a.m. Sew 'n Sews
3/11 — 12 Noon, Members & Friends Lunch
3/11 — 6 p.m. 4-H mtg
3/12 — 7 p.m. Choir rehearsal
3/15 — 9:10 a.m. Choir rehearsal
3/15 — 9:30 a.m. Sunday Club and Adult Study Group
3/15 — 10:30 a.m. Worship
3/15 — 11:45 a.m. Session mtg
3/17 — 11 a.m. Adult Study Group
3/18 — 10 a.m. Sew 'n Sews
3/18 — 6:30 p.m. Confections & Connections: Internet Fraud & Phone Scams
3/19 — 7 p.m. Choir rehearsal
3/22 — 9:10 a.m. Choir rehearsal
3/22 — 9:30 a.m. Sunday Club and Adult Study Group
3/22 — 10:30 a.m. Worship
3/22 — Potluck Spring Salad Luncheon following Worship
3/23 — 12 Noon Oneida County Senior Lunch Program
3/24 — 11 a.m. Adult Study Group
3/25 — 10 a.m. Sew n Sews
3/25 — 6 p.m. 4-H mtg
3/26 — 7 p.m. Choir rehearsal
3/28 — 3 p.m. Hope House meal prepared
3/29 — PALM SUNDAY, HOLY WEEK BEGINS
3/29 — 9:10 a.m. Choir rehearsal
3/29 — 9:30 a.m. Sunday Club
3/29 — 10:30 a.m. Worship, Communion, Noisy Sunday
4/1 — 10 a.m. Sew n Sews
4/2 — MAUNDY THURSDAY
4/2 — 6 p.m. Fish Dinner, Communion
4/2 — 7 p.m. Tenebrae Service
4/3 — GOOD FRIDAY
4/3 — 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Stations of the Cross Open House
4/5 — EASTER SUNDAY
4/5 — 9:10 a.m. Choir rehearsal
4/5 — 9:30 a.m. Sunday Club
4/5 — 10:30 a.m. Easter Worship

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Al-Anon Meetings, Wednesdays at 12:30 PM
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ST. MARGARET'S ECUMENICAL & RETREAT CTR

47 Jordan Road, New Hartford
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 11:45 AM (please note new time)

Zoom and In-Person Worship Services - All Welcome!
Please contact St. Margaret's for the information to join by Zoom

Wednesday Lunches at 12:30 PM

Please make a reservation by the Friday before - Suggested donation \$15

Monthly Activities

Men's Group | 1st & 3rd Wednesdays from 10:30 AM to 11:45 AM - Meant to be a time of fellowship and exploration, Father Nick Smith will begin each week by asking "What is saving your life today?" Is it spiritual practice? Is it coffee? Is it some curious enigma? Let's find out and share our conclusions!

Conversations with Father John | 2nd Wednesdays at 1:30 PM - Join us for conversations about faith hosted by Father John LaVoe.

Caregiving Support Group | 3rd Mondays at 2 PM - Facilitated by the Rev. Deacon Barbara Groves, the group's focus will be to provide a place for folks who are caregivers to gain support for themselves, and exchange ideas to help care for loved ones at home.

Grief Support Group | 3rd Fridays at Noon - St. Margaret's continues to host a peer facilitated grief support group for anyone experiencing loss - new members are welcome to join.

Coffee and Conversation with Rev. Deacon Jean | 4th Wednesdays at 1:30 PM - Join The Reverend Deacon Jean Skinner for conversations about faith. Please consider bringing a few cans of food for our food pantry as a donation.

Monthly Dinners: Dine In at 5:30 PM and Take Out at 6 PM Suggested Donation \$19; Please reserve your seat by the preceding Wednesday.

March 24th: Corned Beef & Cabbage

April 21st: Grilled London Broil with Potatoes

Special Events

Book Club with Judy - 3rd Thursdays from 10:30 to Noon Please register one week prior to each session. Feel free to bring snacks to share!

March 19th: The Opposite Life by Alex Seeley

April 16th: A Jesus Shaped Life by Lisa Harper

Come Make a Joyful Noise Ceilidh | March 12th at 1 PM Come and enjoy music and songs by friends of St. Margaret's House from 1:00pm to 3:00pm! Seasonal refreshments and time for wonderful conversations included.

Praying In Color with The Rev. Janet & Ann | March 18th at 1:30 PM - There are so many ways of praying suggested in so many places. Perhaps that means many people have some difficulty with praying? Sybil MacBeth addresses this concern in her book, Praying In Color, and offers one possible path.

If you are attracted by color and enjoyed (or still enjoy coloring), you might find this form of connecting with God helpful. No artistic talent needed! Bring your crayons, markers, or colored pencils and join us on March 18th at 1:30 to explore praying in color. If you don't have your own crayons, come anyway, as we will have plenty to share and will provide paper as well. - Janet Stengel & Ann Hodgins

Sacred Sites Tours of 2026

We are excited to announce our tours for 2026, which are organized in collaboration with Tours By Design. Please call or email for a reservation form.

National Shrine of the Divine Mercy, Stockbridge, MA | June 8th at 8:30 AM

Experience the beauty of the Berkshires and the serenity of the National Shrine of the Divine Mercy—a perfect day of prayer, reflection, and renewal. We will meet at St. Margaret's for an 8:30 AM departure and arrive at the Shrine around 11:30 for a four-hour visit. We will then depart at 3:30 PM for a group dinner, returning to St. Margaret's around 8 PM. Cost per person is \$125 and includes: Round trip motorcoach via Hale Transportation, a visit to the National Shrine of Divine Mercy, and group dinner at Michael's of Stockbridge. Gratuity for drivers is separate.

Joshua at Sight & Sound Theatre, Lancaster, PA | Overnight, July 27th at 7:30 AM

Experience one of the most redemptive stories of the Bible as it comes to life in this brand-new original stage production. We will meet at St. Margaret's to hop on the bus, which will depart at 7:30 AM on July 27th, and return to St. Margaret's the following day around 8:00 PM. Prices include transportation, lodging, and most meals: \$465 twin; triple \$445; quad \$435; and single \$550. \$100 deposit due upon registration. Gratuity for drivers is separate.

For more information or to register for any event, please call or email St. Margaret's: 315-724-2324 or info@stmargaretshouseny.org

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

2620 Genesee St., South Utica. (315) 732-7869
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 Potluck lunch following Sunday Divine Liturgy.
 Our Patronal Feast Day will take place on Saturday November 1st. The greeting of the Bishop will take place at 9:30 AM, followed by the Hierarchal Divine Liturgy (with the Procession of the Cross, weather permitting).

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 Services are at 10:30 AM on Sundays, in person and on Zoom.
 Hospitality hour with coffee and snacks follows each service.
March 1 – Finding Resilience in Dark Times, Tea Parker
 Our guest speaker Tea Parker will share her personal story of strength and resilience, including surviving a near-death experience. This service will offer inspiration for anyone facing challenges, reminding us that even in our darkest moments, we can discover profound courage and renewed purpose. Tea is a Peer Specialist and Youth Advocate at Helio Health and a board member of Oneida County Pride



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March 8 –We commemorate International Women’s Day with guest speaker Lu Blanchard.

Lu Blanchard, vice-president of the Utica-Rome League of Women Voters will talk about where we came from, where we are now, and where the path leads in defending democracy and women’s rights. . The Universalist Church was the first denomination to ordain a woman – Rev. Olympia Brown – as a minister with full denominational authority, in 1863.

March 15 – Reframing the Narrative: An Opportunity to Shape a New Story, Debra Faust The stories we carry help us and others know who we are, where we’ve been, and where we’re headed. They can either empower or limit our ability to move in any direction. Our story – and our nation’s identity – are not fixed. In witnessing derogatory narratives within our communities and nation, maybe it’s time for a “Narrative Intervention”. How we shape a story can serve as an act of resistance, a declaration of hope, and a reminder of our shared humanity.

March 22 - Awakening Together at Ostara, Melissa Barlett As the earth awakens from winter’s rest and life returns to the land, we reconnect with one another and the natural world. Join us for this Ostara (Spring equinox) service celebrating the bonds of community, the renewal of relationships, and the joy of coming together in this season of hope and new beginnings

March 29 – We commemorate Passover, a time of redemption and rebirth with Rabbi Henry Bamberger.



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 Visit our website www.zvijacob.org. All are Welcome.



Internet Fraud & Phone Scams Program - March 18

A representative of the New Hartford Police Department will present a program about online safety and phone scams at New Hartford Presbyterian Church, 45 Genesee Street, on Wednesday evening March 18, at 6:30 p.m. in the church Fellowship Hall.

Light refreshments will be served.
 All are invited to attend and bring a friend.

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Monday, June 22, 2026

The Yahnundasis Golf Club

We’re teeing off a little earlier this year — join us for an 11:00 AM shotgun start!

Registration & Morning Hospitality | 9:30 am
 Shot Gun Start | 11:00 am
 19th Hole Par-Tee & Awards | 5:00 pm

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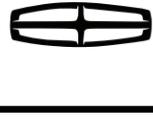
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