

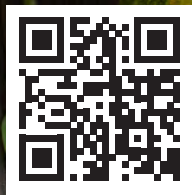


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Terry Tesak Joins PJ Green

PJ Green is pleased to announce the addition of Terry Tesak to the team. Terry has more than 40 years of experience in the printing, marketing, and business communications industry and will serve as Regional Sales Manager at PJ Green.

Throughout his career with Taylor Corporation/Curtis 1000, Terry has built strong customer relationships and helped organizations identify practical solutions for print, communications, procurement, direct mail, labels, e-business solutions, and print outsourcing programs.

Terry's extensive industry knowledge, account management experience, and customer-first approach are a strong complement to PJ Green's vision, mission, and team core values.

In addition to his professional accomplishments, Terry is a proud 25 year U.S. Army Reserve veteran. He has also dedicated many years to community service through organizations including the American Legion, Kiwanis International, the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children, and the Ride for Missing Children initiative.

Terry resides in New Hartford, New York, with his wife, Gail, and is the father of two children and grandfather of three grandchildren. Outside of work, he enjoys spending time with his family, hitting the golf course, and keeping his lawn in top shape while relaxing with a good cigar.



Helen M. Sarandrea Physical Therapy Welcomes Dr. Alysa Keady Russo, PT, DPT

Helen M. Sarandrea Physical Therapy & Sports Care is excited to welcome Dr. Alysa Keady Russo, PT, DPT to our team!

A New Hartford native, Dr. Russo is thrilled to return home and have the opportunity to serve the community that helped shape who she is today. Her passion for helping others, combined with her clinical experience and dedication to patient-centered care, makes her a wonderful addition to our practice.

Dr. Russo is an Ithaca College graduate and brings valuable experience in neurological rehabilitation, with specialized experience treating patients with BPPV and other vestibular diagnosis, post-concussion and post-stroke conditions, Multiple Sclerosis, and Parkinson's Disease. She is passionate about helping patients improve their mobility, balance, strength, and confidence so they can return to the activities and quality of life they enjoy.

"We are so excited to welcome Dr. Russo back home and to have her join our team," said Helen M. Sarandrea, PT. "Her clinical knowledge, compassion, and connection to our local community make her a tremendous asset to our practice and to the patients we serve."

Dr. Russo looks forward to building relationships with patients, families, and healthcare providers throughout the Mohawk Valley and giving back to the community she is proud to call home.

Please join us in welcoming Dr. Alysa Keady Russo, PT, DPT, to Helen M. Sarandrea Physical Therapy & Sports Care!

Fall Craft Fair Planned at Neighborhood Center

The North Utica Community Center (NUCC) will host its annual Fall Craft Fair on Saturday, October 17, 2026, at The Neighborhood Center at 624 Elizabeth Street, Utica. Proceeds from the event will benefit NUCC and support its ongoing programs and services for residents of all ages throughout the Greater Utica area. This year's fair has been relocated to The Neighborhood Center to provide a more spacious and suitable setting for participating vendors and the growing number of community members who attend each year.

The NUCC Fall Craft Fair will bring together more than 70 artisans and crafters offering a wide variety of distinctive, handmade merchandise. Shoppers will be able to browse unique gifts, seasonal décor, handcrafted keepsakes, and other one-of-a-kind items well suited for the upcoming holiday gift-giving season. In addition to the vendor marketplace, attendees can enjoy delicious food and opportunities to win door prizes, making the fair a festive community event for families, friends, and shoppers of all ages.

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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

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!

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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.

Upcoming Blood Drives

The American Red Cross will be at the New Hartford Public Library on the following dates for blood drives:

10/8 12-4 PM

12/10 12-4 PM

To register, please visit www.redcrossblood.org.

Sit and Stitch

Sit and Stitch with the Mohawk Valley Quilt Club on the first Monday of the month from 12:30 to 2:30 pm.

Join us in the Corasanti Room, New Hartford Public Library. Bring a project of your own or learn to quilt with us, all experience levels welcome.

Mohawk Valley Lyme Support Group

Will hold monthly meetings for those affected by Tick-Borne Illnesses. Family members and caregivers are also welcome to attend.

Shared resources, experiences & knowledge foster understanding and healing.

Meetings at New Hartford Library on October 11th 2-4 pm; November 8th 2-4 pm; December 13th 2-4 pm

Email: (please put Lyme in the heading)

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Facebook page: Mohawk Valley Lyme Support Group

Tech Help

We have a volunteer at the library each Tuesday from 11:00am-2:00pm to assist patrons with all their tech questions. Our volunteer will no longer be here on Fridays.

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.

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.

- October Themes:
- October 5, 6, 8: Pumpkins
 - October 12, 13, 14: Bats
 - October 19, 20, 22: Spiders
 - October 26, 27, 29: Monsters

Board Books and Babies

Board Books and Babies is postponed until further notice. Stay tuned for updates!

After Breast Cancer (ABC) Group

October 3rd at 11:00-- our guest speaker will be Dr. Gilbert Lawrence. He will be speaking on the topic "The Neurobiology of nurturing". Dr. Lawrence is one of our popular speakers. Feel free to bring a guest to this meeting.

NHPL's New Puzzle League

Grab your friends and start a team! 10 teams will compete to see which group can assemble their puzzle first. The group will meet every other month from 6:30-7:45 in the Sammon Room

10/20/26; 12/15/26; 2/16/27; 4/20/27; 6/15/27; 8/17/27; 10/19/27; 12/21/27

Please call to register your team 315-733-1535.

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

Mat Yoga Class

Mat yoga will take place Thursdays from 10:30-11:30 AM in the Sammon Room.

Meditation Class

12:30-1:30pm Mondays, 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.

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Happy Plantsgiving! FREE Indoor Plant for Children

We are partnering with Neighborhood Forest to spread the joy of nature with children!

Through Neighborhood Forest's Indoor Plant Program, children will get to pot and take home their very own succulent to nurture and enjoy.

Parent registration will open in the coming days and close on October 23rd.

Check with our library or go to neighborhoodforest.org for more information.

Succulents will be ready for pick-up in mid-November—details to come soon!

Succulent Support Volunteers Wanted

Succulents and kit materials will be shipped to our library sometime early-mid November and we could use your help. We will need a handful of volunteers to help assemble kits before the kiddos pick them up. If you are interested please call the library to sign up. We do not know the exact date they will arrive so this will be an "on call" volunteer opportunity. Succulent assembly will not be during school hours. Questions? Call us at 315-733-1535.

New Hartford Public Library supports Happy Birthday Cha Cha Cha's Mission to Bring Birthday Joy to Local Children

Every child deserves to feel special, seen and celebrated on their birthday. That is the mission of Happy Birthday Cha Cha Cha (HBCCC), a nonprofit bringing birthday joy and essential items to children in need.

Carrie Becker Green, a graduate of New Hartford schools, started HBCCC in Rochester schools in 2017 as she wanted to give back to her community. She had an idea to help underprivileged children feel celebrated on their birthdays. It started with 91 students in Rochester, and has grown to 4 school districts in NY and over 3000 children supported.

HBCCC partners with local schools serving a high percentage of children living in poverty. This year, the organization is working with two schools in Rome and one in Utica, reaching approximately 575 children in kindergarten through second grade.

Each child receives two new, wrapped birthday gifts and a bag filled with necessities, including socks and underwear, toiletries, food and a book. The gifts provide a moment of joy, while the essential items help meet everyday needs.

HBCCC is 100 percent donor- and volunteer-based and welcomes donations of new items, as well as volunteers who want to help make a difference.

A birthday gift may seem like a small gesture, but for a child, it can create a moment of excitement, dignity and belonging.

In the month of October, the New Hartford Public Library will have a collection box inside the Library. Suggested donations include: kids' toothpaste and toothbrushes, spaghetti, tuna, Knorr rice, boxes of mac and cheese, kids socks size small and medium. and kids' (new in package) underwear size 6 and 8.

Happy Birthday Cha Cha Cha is committed to helping every child feel celebrated on their birthday.

Halloween Week: Book & Sweet

During the week of Halloween (10/25-10/31) stop in the library for your holds and grab a sweet treat at the circulation desk. Witches and ghouls are welcome. No costume necessary, but we love to see them if you're feeling festive.

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Pink Harvest Fundraiser

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The event is organized by the team Penguin Platoon that has been raising money for Making Strides since 2016. Funds raised help the American Cancer Society provide free patient services including a 24/7 Help Line (1-800-227-2345), overnight stays at Hope Lodge, and rides to treatment. Money is also used for research to help end the disease of breast cancer, which affects one in eight women.

Team members will be on hand to provide information on the upcoming Making Strides Walk that takes place in Utica on October 25 and can help people get signed up. The Penguin Platoon invites everyone to join them at the walk, and especially encourages breast cancer survivors to take part.

If you would like to contribute a basket for the raffle, or have questions about the Pink Harvest Fundraiser or Making Strides Against Breast Cancer and the local Walk, call Carol at 315-831-3052 and leave a message.



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Sitrin’s program specifically helps post-9/11 veterans. Typical therapies such as occupational, physical, and psychological are a part of the treatment, but they also use atypical therapies such as equine therapy and movement therapy. Additionally, they may spend time in nature at Sitrin’s Camp as a part of the intervention. The program continues to evolve as it works to meet the specific needs of each individual veteran.

Most of these nontraditional therapies are out-of-pocket expenses for veterans. Funds raised through events such as Flags for Heroes allow Sitrin to provide treatment to veterans at no cost to them.

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A Recognition Ceremony will also be held to honor all veterans and active military at The Parkway Recreation Center on Saturday, November 7th at 3:00 pm. This year’s guest speaker will be Roger L. Parrino Sr. who is currently employed with The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey (PANYNJ). Parrino’s public service started in 1980 when he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve and went on to serve in the New York City Police Department for more than 21 years. Everyone is invited to attend the ceremony.

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Dennis Webster

How about learning some fun facts of this festive time of the year. So here in no particular order of importance are thirteen fun facts about Halloween. 1. The word Witch comes from the Old English word Wicce which means “Wise Woman.” 2. The original Jack O’Lanterns were not carved from pumpkins but from turnips. 3. The fear of Halloween is called Samhain phobia. 4. Stephen Clarke holds the world record for the fastest carving of a Jack O’Lantern, having done it in a blistering 24.03 seconds. 5. The colors black and orange are associated with Halloween with the color orange meaning strength and endurance while the color black means death and darkness. Halloween is the boundary between these two colors thus the popular mix. 6. Halloween has also been called All Hallows Eve, Witches Night, Lamswool, Snap-Apple Night, Samhain, and Summer’s End. 7. Bobbing for apples originated in ancient Rome and was called Festival Pomona. 8. Harry Houdini died on Halloween of a ruptured appendix when punched in the stomach. 9. Druid priests would throw bones of cattle on a Halloween fire, so the name bone-fire became bonfire. 10. What state produces the most pumpkins? The state is Illinois who produces five times every other state. 11. The original name of Count Dracula in Bram Stoker’s book was Count Wampyr. 12. The USA buys 600 million pounds of Halloween candy each year with each person eating 3.4 pounds of sugary delight. 13. Keene, New Hampshire has the record for the most lit at once Jack O’Lanterns with 30,581. So now you are armed with information to thrill friends and family as you put on that Frankenstein mask, carve a pumpkin, and eat a crock of candy corn. Just remember to have the best candy to hand out to trick-or-treaters in Snickers, M&M’s, and Resse’s Peanut Butter Cups and not apples, pennies, crushed bags of potato chips, and stale popcorn. Have a safe and fun Halloween!

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 denniswbstr@gmail.com

WHAT THE HISTORY (WTH)!

13 Fun Halloween Facts

It’s the spooky season, dear reader, as the nights get darker and colder as we creep towards Halloween. This is the time for caramel apples, adorning costumes, decorating our porches, and carving pumpkins into Jack O’Lanterns.



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Before Aldis, before BJ’s, before Save-A-Lot,
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Warehouse Food Market

With all the discussion recently on bringing the membership club BJ’s Wholesale Club to New Hartford, we thought this might be a good time to reminisce about the areas first “membership” run discount grocery store.

In 1967, the Schenectady based Golub Corporation (parent company of Price Chopper) wanted to bring the concept of bulk discount shopping to the east. The “no frills” warehouse style settings were already popular in the western states and Golub saw the potential in New York. They opened their first store in our region on Clinton Road in New Hartford in November of 1967. It was just north of the intersection with Middle Settlement Road. For a nominal monthly membership fee, you would have access to an enormous inventory of discounted name-brand products. Their promise was that at the end of each month members could redeem dividends on merchandise equal to or greater than the cost of the membership fee. A year later, Golub would open a second location on Route 5 in Schuyler just outside of Utica.

The stores were popular, especially with the budget-minded consumer looking to make every penny spent stretch! Although originally thought to be an addition to their already established Price Chopper supermarkets in the region, by the mid 1970’s they decided they were competing not only with other markets but also with themselves. By 1976 they announced they would be expanding their Price Chopper stores to include more varied products and services. This plan included the closing of the Warehouse Markets. The Schuyler store would close that May and the New Hartford store a year later in March of 1977. The New Hartford location would later become a beer distributor with a retail “drive-thru” concept for consumers. Today the site is home to the Riverhawk Company, a hydraulic equipment supplier.

Don’t forget our Fall Tea this coming November 7th!

The New Hartford Historical Society is pleased to announce the return of our fall fundraiser. Come join us November 7th, 2026, from 1pm to 3pm at the New Hartford Presbyterian Church on Genesee Street in the Village of New Hartford. Five varieties of teas, the same varieties thrown overboard during the Boston Tea Party, will be served. Each tea will be paired with period foods that have Colonial roots.

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The Village of New Hartford will have a curbside junk pick up on **Monday, October 12, 2026**. Materials must be at the curb by 5:00 am on October 12th.
Materials must be sorted into separate piles as listed below:

- 1) **Household Junk:** lumber bundled, piled parallel with the roadway, roofing and plaster in containers weighing 60 pounds or less, furniture without fabric, porcelain sinks, toilets, and storm windows
- 2) **Sanitary Waste:** clothes, bedding, stuffed furniture, hardcover books, empty paint cans with lids removed, and toys
- 3) **Metal:** major appliances and metal products
- 4) **Tires:** Tires must be off rims and no larger than 16". No large truck or tractor tires
 - Only one pickup of each category listed per street.
 - Nothing longer than 8 feet long will be collected.
 - Collection limits for categories #1 (Household Junk) and #2 (Sanitary Waste) are each limited to a pile not to exceed 4' wide, 8' long, and 3' high.

The DPW will not accept:

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

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

GREEN WASTE AND LEAF COLLECTION INFORMATION

Leaves, grass clippings, and brush will be collected every Wednesday through the end of September. Brush must be bundled and leaves, grass, and trimmings must be contained in reusable cans. Limbs must be less than 12" in diameter and less than 6' long for collection. From October 1st through November 15th, leaves will be collected loose at the curb once weekly. Please keep leaves separate from brush pile. Plastic bags used for leaves and green waste are not permitted and will not be collected. Please do not pile leaves in the roadway.



Drive-Thru Pie Sale

The Women's Association of Stone Presbyterian Church, 8 So. Park Row, Clinton, will be holding a drive-thru pie sale from 10am to 2pm on Saturday, October 3rd, 2026. We will have several different kinds of delicious homemade pies available for your shopping pleasure!

There will be plenty of apple pies, as they seem to be the most requested kind at this time of year. You can drive up to the curb and purchase a pie without leaving your vehicle. The proceeds from this sale will go to the various mission organizations that we support annually. Come visit us, you won't regret it! For more information, please contact Ceil Gilbert (315-853-8289), (ceilgilbert@yahoo.com), or Donna Goodfriend (315-749-4085).





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Importance of Resistance Training

submitted by Jim LaFountain, All American Fitness Center

In the 46 years we've operated the All-American Fitness Center, we've had the opportunity to train hundreds of high school, college and professional athletes. As a high school athlete, in the early 70's, I was blessed to have several knowledgeable mentors, who stressed engaging in resistance training that involved what is sometimes referred to as "core lifts," not to be confused with core training that engages all muscle groups except arms and legs.

Core lifts include barbell squats, power cleans, bench presses deadlifts and overhead presses. Athletes mistakenly, often choose to adopt bodybuilding movements that address what may be referred to as the "showy" muscles, like biceps, triceps, chest etc. As a teenager, I fell into that trap, temporarily, until my mentors got me back on track and reminded me, "You're an athlete using resistance training to improve your athletic skills, NOT a bodybuilder dabbling in sports." As a teenage boy, who began producing generous amounts of testosterone I was challenged to stay the course.

It's most important that high school athletes understand one basic principle: Large muscle groups, like legs, upper back, chest and shoulders must be addressed first in any workout. Biceps, triceps, calves and forearms come last. Training small muscle groups early in the workout compromises the ability to optimally address what matters most, larger muscles involved in sports preparation. I watch most high schoolers race to the dumbbell rack as soon as they arrive and begin doing curls, triceps and then bench presses. This causes a major

compromise because those muscles are involved in core movements. When I train an athlete, core movements are done first. Once the major muscle groups are addressed, I allow them to "play" with the "showy muscle" exercises.

The most misunderstood core exercises is the Squat. When I was in high school, our coaches frowned upon Barbell Squats, because they were told they caused knee injuries. Once I arrived on the University of Louisville campus, I entrusted my conditioning to a professional strength coach, who took the time to teach me the correct way to perform Squats. I had already had three knee surgeries before I learned to do Squats correctly. A Physical Therapist friend claims Squats are the best "closed chain" knee rehabilitation exercise and is at the core of his sessions. Closed chain means a patients feet are in contact with the floor or an apparatus. Open chain is when a patients feet are not in contact, i.e., Knee Extensions. Since I arrived at the 7th decade on this planet, I've adopted Body Weights Squats and include them in every resistance workout. Over 30 years ago, Division One Strength Coaches were polled. They were asked the question, "If you were limited to one exercise for your athletes, what would it be?" 94% said Squats.

I'm troubled with the recent trend that high schoolers have adopted. Regardless if it's because of YouTube, the internet or peer pressure, most of them have fallen in love with bodybuilding movements. Core Lifts require regular practice and intense effort, but pay valuable dividends on the athletic field. They may not develop large and defined arms or chiseled abs, but a highly functional network of muscles, nerves and connective tissue. Granted, most teenagers will not play Division I or professional sports. By addressing core lifts they will, however represent their school and teammates at their highest level, not to mention a greater resistance to injury. Highly effective high school sports programs, are led by coaches who regularly visit our center to check on their athletes and make sure they are performing essential core lifts in good form.

My sincere hope is that parents, coaches and athletes read this message and encourage teenage athletes to remind them, "they are athletes using resistance training to improve sports performance, NOT a bodybuilder dabbling in sports."



Blessing of Animals

In celebration of the Feast of St. Francis a Pet Food Drive for the Country Pantry will be held at The Clinton Village Green on October 4th at 1pm.

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The Mohawk Valley Institute for Learning in Retirement (MVILR), in conjunction with Mohawk Valley Community College, will host a free New York Citizen Preparedness Training Program on Wednesday, Oct. 14, at 11 a.m. in Room 150 on the first floor of the MVCC Rome Campus, 1101 Floyd Ave.

The training will teach participants how to prepare for natural and man-made disasters, develop a family emergency plan, stock essential emergency supplies, and respond and recover following an emergency. Each family attending will receive a free preparedness kit.

With severe weather events becoming more frequent and extreme, the Citizen Preparedness Training Program is designed to give New Yorkers practical tools and resources to help them prepare before disaster strikes and recover as quickly as possible afterward.

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NHFD News

Below please find the alarms for the month of August 2026. It was another busy month for your New Hartford Volunteer Fire Department as they responded to ---- alarms during this month.

- AUGUST ALARMS:
- Fires = 1
 - EMS = 40
 - Hazardous = 4
 - Service Type = 27
 - Good Intent = 23
 - False Alarms = 0
 - Other Alarms = 0
 - Weather Related = 0
 - Total Calls for the Month of August = 95.



Of the 95 alarms, 76 were in the town and 16 were in the village and 3 mutual aid alarms.

This brings the total number of calls year-to-date through August 31, 2026, to 866. Some of the calls listed above - such as Fires, EMS, and Hazardous - are self-explanatory. Others such as Service, Good Intent and Other Alarms are not. Service Calls include water or animal problems, public assistance or standbys. Good Intent refers to responding but did not find anything or canceled in route. Other alarms include explosions, carbon monoxide, smoke or sprinkler detector activations.

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

NHFD to Host Annual Halloween Parade and Open House

The New Hartford Volunteer Fire Department will host its Annual Halloween Parade and Open House on Saturday, October 31, 2026, at the Fire Station on Oxford Road in the village. The start time of the event is to be determined and will be announced on the NHFD social media page as we get closer to Halloween.

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

Costume judging, by age groups, will begin immediately following the parade. The children’s costumes will be judged in several age brackets each with four categories. The categories include: the funniest, the scariest, cutest, and most original. There will also be a family category and best group theme. Prizes will be awarded for 1st,

2nd and 3rd place. Refreshments of cider and donuts will be served.

The parade may be canceled in the event of inclement weather; however, the open house and costume judging will take place inside the fire station. For additional information please visit www.nhfd.com



Italian Heritage Club of the Mohawk Valley to Honor Outstanding Local Italian-American

The IHCMC Annual Heritage Month Celebration Dinner will take place on October 1, 2026, from 5:00 to 9:00pm at Harts Hill Inn. At that event IHCMV will recognize notable individuals with its Marchisi Pioneer Awards for outstanding contributions to the positive image of Italian Americans in the Mohawk Valley. These include: Joseph P. Bottini – Historian, Robert (Bob) Cimbalo – Artist, and Luigi Giuseppe D’Ambrosio (AKA Lou Ambers) – Boxer. Also to be honored is the 2026 Volunteer of the Year, Dyann Scharf and bestow for the first time our 2026 Mohawk Valley Italian American Business Award to Dominick and Brad Velardi founders/publishers of Greater Utica Magazine.

Registration/Reservation for the event is \$40 for IHCMV members and \$50 for non-members. Please call: 315-733-6106 to

About Our Dr. John B. Marchisi Awardees

Joseph P. Bottini - Historian

Joe grew up in Rome, NY and is a graduate of Rome Free Academy, Utica College and SUNY Poly (formerly, Utica-Rome Upper Division). A retired history teacher, he worked for 16 years in Utica, and 19 years in New Hartford. He is a veteran of the US Army, with a tour of duty in Germany (1956-58). He has received numerous awards for his teaching, service and promotion of local history. He was named a “Living Legend” in 2018 by the Oneida County Historical Society which cited his co-authorship of the book of “Utica: Then and Now” and “Oneida County – An Illustrated History.” He serves as the Oneida County Historian and writes a frequent column in the Rome Sentinel on the history of our area. He has also contributed an

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Article to the Greater Utica Magazine, “Up on the Hill-Dr. John B. Marchisi.”

Robert (Bob) Cimbalo - Artist

The son of immigrant parents from Calabria, Bob grew up in East Utica, an area he would revisit many times in his many works of art. After graduating from Utica Schools, he studied at Pratt Institute in Brooklyn and spent time in Rome Italy working in the studio of Roberto Bulla. There he was privileged to work beside renowned artists, such as Giorgio de Chirico, Emilio Greco and Renato Guttuso. He taught art in Utica Schools, Munson, Utica University, Hamilton College and at the Oneida County Jail. It is he who established the Graphic Arts Department at Munson. His work encompasses paintings in oil, watercolor and acrylic, lithographs, etchings and woodcuts, as well as sculpture. His work has been in several publications as illustrations and covers. His work has been shown in local, national and international venues.

Luigi Giuseppe D'Ambrosio (AKA Lou Ambers) - Boxer

Lou’s family emigrated from the Campania Region of Italy to Herkimer, NY around 1881. He was born in 1913, and his childhood and youth were spent among other Southern Italians who inhabited the southwest neighborhood of Herkimer. After the great stock market crash of 1929, and his father’s loss of saloon business due to prohibition, Lou chose the sport of boxing as his ticket out of poverty. Interestingly, it was his parish priest who had introduced him to the sport through the parish athletic program. He won his first competitive fight by a technical knockout around 1929 in Utica. He continued to perfect his technique in the “bootleg” circuit around the state. He fought about 80 bouts before breaking into the bigtime. He was undefeated from 1932 to ’35 and with his winnings he was able to buy his mother a home. He retired in 1941 with 89 wins, 8 losses and 7 draws. In 1964 he was inducted into the

Hall of Fame, in 1978 into the Italian American Sports Hall of Fame and in 1992 into the International Boxing Hall of Fame.

Dyann Scharf – volunteer

Dyann was born and raised in Rome, NY, graduated from Rome Free Academy, and received her Bachelor of Science in Graphics and Advertising Design from New York State University College at Buffalo. A frequent presence at IHCMV functions, Sharf has always been willing to lend a helping hand. Her photographs documenting club activities and members have appeared in the IHCMV newsletters and on the organization’s social media. Her acumen at photography comes from her former occupation as an Advertising Layout Artist for several businesses in the area including: Chicago Markets,

Partners Composition, L&D Advertising, Lucas Aerospace and The Rome Sentinel.

The 2026 Mohawk Valley Italian American Business Award goes to Greater Utica Magazine and its founders and publishers, Dominick and Brad Velardi. Over 16,000 readers for each printing get to learn about history, local landmarks, featured businesses and more in each issue. On the pages of their publication for several years the father-son duo has also brought to the public frequent stories about the accomplishments of Italian Americans in the local community.



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The Hoosier Cabinet-A Piece of Americana

Whenever there has been a need to do something more efficiently or make our lives easier, American ingenuity has always rose to the occasion. That was certainly the case with the introduction of the Hoosier Cabinet, a familiar item in many households from about 1890 through the 1940's. They were named for their original maker, the Hoosier Manufacturing Company of Indiana. By 1920 the company had sold two million cabinets.

If you're not familiar with The Hoosier, it was a cabinet for the kitchen, typically in three parts, which combined to make an ideal work area for the homemaker of the day. Typically, a porcelain work surface was surrounded by a multitude of cupboards and cubbyholes to hold baking supplies, spices and utensils that one would need, all within easy reach and nicely arranged and categorized to simplify the homemaker's tasks in the kitchen. Almost all would have had a pull out flour bin, some complete with a sifter. There was typically a bread box with a tin lining, sometimes with a stained glass or roll top door. The bottom piece featured a roomy storage area while the upper level had clearly marked areas for spices, extracts, oils, utensils, etc. It is easy to see why these were a homemaker's dream.

When I first became active in the antiques business over 5 decades ago, Hoosiers were a much sought after item. Any auction that listed one for sale attracted multiple bidders and bidding was often spirited. I chose to write about the Hoosier because of late I have seen some being offered for sale again after several years of not seeing any. From what I've seen it appears they have not appreciated in value, and when factoring in inflation, they have declined somewhat in value. Still, they are currently commanding prices in the \$500-1000 range, the upper range being reserved for the very finest examples with the best features- stained glass, roll top, flour sifter, etc. And while they do appear for sale from time to time, there is definitely not an abundance of them on the market. As time marches on I suspect that will be the case.

Happy collecting!

Historical Society Needs Your Support!

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!

Consider Joining Questers

The Questers is an organization with members who are interested in history, preservation and antiques. The J. Schoolcraft Sherman Chapter #1519 meets monthly except July & August at the New Hartford Library the first Monday of the month at 4:30 p.m. We usually have a presenter at each meeting and Show & Tell where members bring an item to share with the group. New members are always welcome! Email me at vjfariello@gmail.com for more information.

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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Small Changes, Completely Different Room

As the seasons begin to change and we find ourselves spending more time indoors, many of us start looking around our homes and thinking, “Something just feels off.” Maybe the room feels a little tired, unfinished, or simply doesn’t reflect your style the way it once did.

The good news? You don’t always need to replace everything to create a fresh new look. In fact, some of the biggest transformations can come from the smallest changes.

In my years of helping customers design their homes, I’ve seen it time and time again—a room can have beautiful furniture and still feel like something is missing. Often, it isn’t the sofa or the chairs that need to change. It’s everything around them that helps pull the room together.

One of the easiest places to start is with an area rug. A rug can completely change the look of a room by adding warmth, texture, color and pattern. More importantly, it helps define the space and visually connects your furniture. If your room has always felt like individual pieces floating around rather than one cohesive space, the right rug may be all it needs.

Lighting is another detail that can make an incredible difference. We sometimes think of lamps simply as necessities, but they are an important part of decorating. A beautiful pair of table lamps can add height, symmetry and warmth to a room while creating a softer, more inviting atmosphere in the evening. As our days become

shorter this time of year, good lighting becomes even more important.

Then there are the accent pieces. Maybe your neutral sofa still looks great, but the room could use a little personality. Try introducing a beautiful, patterned chair, a new cocktail table or an interesting pair of end tables. One new piece can introduce a completely different color, texture or style and suddenly make everything you already own feel new again.

Artwork, mirrors, pillows, throws and accessories are the finishing touches that give a room personality. These are also wonderful places to bring in colors you love without making a major commitment. Your home should feel collected over time—not like everything was purchased together on the same day.

Try rearranging your furniture. Pull the sofa away from the wall, angle a chair differently or move a table, lamp or piece of artwork from one room into another. We become so accustomed to seeing our homes arranged a certain way that it can be difficult to imagine another possibility. A fresh set of eyes can make all the difference.

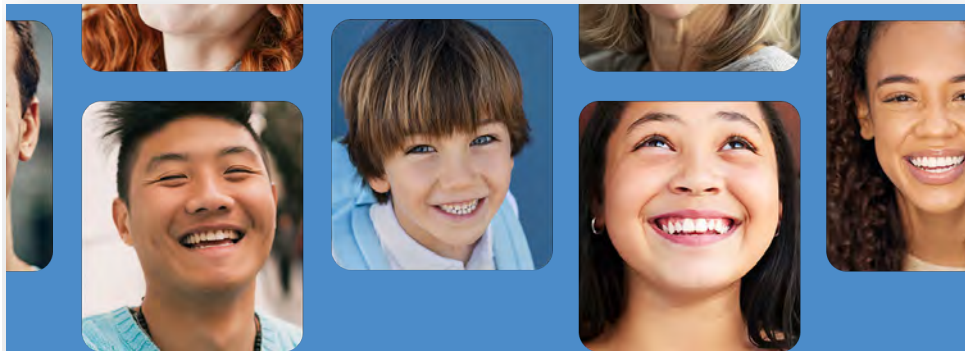
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Written by; Cassie Grace Miles, 4th generation steward of Grace Furniture, a family-owned business since 1940, on River Road, in Marcy, NY. Cassie received her BFA in Design from The Fashion Institute of Technology in Manhattan and continued her career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





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Town Hall Highlights



September 2026 Highlights

From the office of James Messa,
New Hartford Town Supervisor

Since taking office in January, I have focused on a number of important issues facing our community. One area I have written about extensively is the Town’s finances.

Financials
As many of you know, the Town had not filed its Annual Financial Report (AFR) since 2022. This resulted in the Town’s bond rating being withdrawn and placed New Hartford on credit watch.

In February 2026, I signed off on our 2023 AFR, followed by the 2024 AFR in August. During the first week of October, I expect to receive the final draft of our 2025 AFR.

This progress is significant. One of the primary responsibilities of the Town Supervisor is overseeing the Town’s finances and serving as its Chief Financial Officer. Without completed financial reports, you do not have a complete picture of where the Town’s funds and fund balances stand.

Simply put, it is like not balancing your own checkbook and not truly knowing how much money you have available. There is no substitute for having accurate financial reports prepared and reviewed by an independent auditing firm.

Once the 2025 AFR is completed, the next step will be to begin the process of restoring the Town’s bond rating. Without a bond rating, the Town may face higher borrowing costs and interest rates, and it can also affect how businesses and investors view New Hartford.

Most importantly, this is our town. It is important to me that we strengthen our financial position and continue putting New Hartford in the best possible position moving forward.

Senior Center Update
We recently held our first informational meeting regarding bringing a senior community center back to New Hartford, and we were extremely encouraged by the number of people who came forward willing to volunteer.

We are now identifying volunteer skills and interests as we work toward an official opening date. Our goal is to begin meetings and activities before the end of the year.

One thing is certain: our seniors will have an opportunity to come together, socialize, build friendships, and strengthen connections within our community.

Stormwater and Oneida Street
A tremendous amount of work is taking place on Upper Roman Road and Twyndom Road as we complete two detention ponds expected to benefit more than 100 homes, including homes within Castlewood Estates.

We are also replacing stormwater pipes near Red Hill Road and Frank’s Unibody. Oneida Street has remained milled while this work continues, and I sincerely appreciate everyone’s patience.

This fall, we will also begin preparing a bid package for additional work in the Chadwicks corridor and may host informational sessions to explain our plans, answer questions, and hear residents’ concerns.

Thank you for your continued patience, involvement, and commitment to our community.



Highway Department News

Submitted by: Richard Sherman,
Highway Superintendent

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

The Brush Collection is finished for the 2026 season. We will not be picking up any trees or brush until next season. The compactor trucks will still be out to pick up the green waste, for things like flowers and grass clippings.

The town continues to work on the Oneida Street paving project. Concrete joints have been repaired. Our engineers are working on specifications for future Bids on sidewalks and curbing.

The Washington Mills intersection project is steadily progressing. Concrete sidewalks have been finished and new cross walk signals have been installed and are operational. We appreciate everyone’s patience while we worked to improve our town.

The Rayhill Trail Project is still in progress, with two flood benches having been completed.

Our highway crew completed the work on the Roman Road Detention Ponds. We have assisted the contractor through the project with things such as hauling away dirt to get this job completed.

The Highway trucks are being serviced and prepped with plows, wings and hoppers being installed for the 2026-2027 winter season. We currently have 5 plow trucks in our fleet ready to go for this upcoming season.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns you can contact me at 315-534-2998 or rsherman@townofnewhartfordny.gov.



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Driving While Intoxicated: 6

Grand Larceny – Stolen Motor Vehicle: 2

Homeless Person Welfare Checks: 18

Mental Health Crisis Calls: 6

Motor Vehicle Collisions: 64

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Town Clerk's Office Reports Increase in FOIL Requests

Submitted by: Michele Moran

The Town Clerk's Office continues to process a growing number of requests under New York State's Freedom of Information Law (FOIL), which provides the public with access to existing government records while balancing legal requirements for privacy and confidentiality.

As of September 14, 2026, the Town Clerk has received 125 FOIL requests, already surpassing the 100 requests received during all of 2025. The increase reflects continued public interest in local government operations and records maintained by the Town.

Upon receipt of a FOIL request, the Town Clerk's Office acknowledges the request and coordinates with the appropriate departments, officials, and records custodians to identify responsive documents. Records are then reviewed in accordance with the New York Public Officers Law to determine whether disclosure is required or whether portions of a record may be withheld or redacted under applicable exemptions. FOIL applies to existing records maintained by the Town. The law does not require the creation of new documents, preparation of legal opinions, interpretation of records, or responses to questions that seek explanations rather than identifiable records.

"The Town Clerk's Office remains committed to transparency and to ensuring that requests are processed in accordance with New York State law," said Town Clerk Michele Moran. "As request volumes continue to increase, our staff works diligently with departments and legal counsel to provide public access to records while protecting information that is exempt from disclosure."

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The virtuoso partnership of England's premier flatpicking guitarist and "the greatest Celtic harper of our age" (LIVE IRELAND) has by now brought its unique musical vision to twenty-two countries on five continents. Chris and Máire have performed at nearly two thousand venues large and small throughout the world.

Máire is one of Ireland's most influential traditional musicians, described by the late Derek Bell of the Chieftains as "the most interesting and original player of the Irish harp today".

Chris is an entirely self-taught virtuoso who's been obsessed with the guitar since the age of four. At fourteen he played his first paid gig in a folk club. He met the great swing guitarist Diz Disley in his late teens and played with him the length and breadth of the UK. Diz was responsible for re-launching Stéphane Grappelli onto the world stage after a period of relative obscurity, and through him Chris had the good fortune to play with Grappelli's band for a while. Chris still cites guitarist and band-member Denny Wright as the primary influence on his distinctive and melodic style of improvisation.

Tickets, \$25, are available online at <https://bit.ly/4vBGFa1> or at the Five Points Public House. Tickets are free for Children 12 and Under. Any questions, call and leave a message at 315-733-4228 Ext 6.

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Irish Vampire Stories

Dive into the heart of Irish vampire lore on Wednesday October 14 at 11 AM when local writer and musician Mark Sisti leads a discussion on Celtic myths of the undead as part of the ICC's Lunch and Learn series.

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A \$20 registration fee will cover the program and lunch; meal tax and gratuity are included. Please register at this link, <https://bit.ly/4h7hjM2>, or leave a message at 315-733-4228 Ext 6.



Irish Ghosts, Banshees, & Fairies

The H.A.R.P. Museum at the Irish Cultural Center of the Mohawk Valley invites you to join them on Thursday October 28 at 7:00 PM for tales and songs that celebrate Ireland's Samhain or Halloween tradition.

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

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

On Oct. 28th, Amadán Dubh possesses Sue Romero, Mike Hoke, and Mike Carroll.

The event will be held at the Irish Cultural Center of the Mohawk Valley, 623 Columbia St, Utica, NY. The Irish Cultural Center and the H.A.R.P. Museum are wheelchair accessible and open to all. Please register at this link <https://bit.ly/46iYZL9> to attend this free event or leave a message at the ICC 315-733-4228 Extension 6. Donations are gratefully accepted.





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10/1	Swimming & Diving	Girls	Varsity	5:00 PM	West Canada Valley	Sr. High School Pool
10/1	Soccer	Girls	Varsity	5:30 PM	East Syracuse Minoa High School	Sr. High Turf Field
10/2	Game Day Cheer	Coed	Varsity	7:00 PM	TBA	High School
10/3	Soccer	Girls	Varsity	1:00 PM	Utica Proctor	Sr. High Turf Field
10/3	Soccer	Girls	JV	1:00 PM	Utica Proctor	Perry Jr High Soccer Field
10/5	Soccer	Girls	7/8th	4:15 PM	Utica Proctor - JFK	Hughes Soccer Field
10/5	Field Hockey	Girls	7/8th	4:30 PM	Camden Central High School	Myles Field Hockey Field
10/5	Field Hockey	Girls	Varsity	5:15 PM	Rome Free Academy	Sr. High Turf Field
10/5	Field Hockey	Girls	JV	6:30 PM	Rome Free Academy	Sr. High Turf Field
10/6	Soccer	Girls	JV	4:15 PM	Whitesboro High School	Perry Junior HS Soccer Field
10/6	Soccer	Girls	Varsity	5:30 PM	Senior Night (Whitesboro High School)	Sr. High Turf Field
10/6	Gymnastics	Girls	Varsity	5:30 PM	Rome Free Academy	Valley Gymnastics
10/7	Football	Boys	7/8th	4:00 PM	Central Valley Academy	Perry Jr High Football Field
10/7	Soccer	Boys	7/8th	4:15 PM	Holland Patent Central	Hughes Elem Soccer Field
10/7	Swimming & Diving	Girls	Modified	5:00 PM	Adirondack Central High School and 4 others	Sr. High School Pool
10/8	Soccer	Girls	JV	4:30 PM	Fayetteville-Manlius High School	Perry Junior HS Soccer Field
10/8	Swimming & Diving	Girls	Varsity	5:00 PM	Utica Proctor	Sr. High School Pool
10/8	Soccer	Girls	Varsity	5:30 PM	Fayetteville-Manlius High School	Sr. High Turf Field
10/9	Football	Boys	Varsity	6:00 PM	Homer Central School District	Sr. High Turf Field
10/9	Game Day Cheer	Coed	Varsity	6:00 PM	TBA	Sr. High Track
10/13	Soccer	Boys	JV	4:15 PM	Central Valley Academy	Perry Junior HS Soccer Field
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10/14	Football	Boys	7/8th	4:00 PM	Camden Central High School	Perry Junior HS Football
10/14	Soccer	Girls	7/8th	4:15 PM	Vernon-Verona-Sherrill Central	Hughes Elem Soccer Field
10/14	Field Hockey	Girls	Varsity	6:15 PM	Vernon-Verona-Sherrill Central	Sr. High Turf Field
10/15	Soccer	Boys	Varsity	5:30 PM	Oneida City School District	Sr. High Turf Field
10/15	Game Day Cheer	Coed	Varsity	6:30 PM	TBA	High School
10/16	Soccer	Girls	Varsity	5:00 PM	St. Mary's High School	Sr. High Turf Field
10/16	Swimming & Diving	Girls	Varsity	5:30 PM	Jamesville DeWitt High School	Sr. High School Pool
10/19	Soccer	Girls	7/8th	4:15 PM	Central Valley Academy	Hughes Elem Soccer Field
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Christopher J. Carbone

The Basics of Creating a Trust Fund for Grandchildren

For those who are considering transferring wealth to grandchildren, some may elect to gift money outright or pay tuition or medical expenses directly on their behalf. However, others may choose the option of establishing a trust. In certain instances, a trust may provide you with more alternatives for determining how and when your grandchildren receive funds, says Paul Sowell, senior wealth strategist at Wealth & Investment Management, Wells Fargo Clearing Services, LLC.

Establishing and funding a trust for your grandchild may enable you to:

- Set guidelines on how you'd like the money to be used
- Distribute funds at key milestones — like graduating college, getting married, or turning 35 — over your grandchild's lifetime, rather than all at once
- Help protect their inheritance from potential depletion due to lack of financial literacy or other financial challenges
- Help your grandchild meet specific goals, such as buying a home or starting a business

Establishing a trust fund

Trusts require careful thinking about what you'd like them to accomplish, says Sowell. When established during your lifetime, trusts intended to transfer funds to family members are typically created as irrevocable trusts — once you've established them, you usually can't change your mind and reclaim your money.

Since trusts for grandchildren are legal structures, you'll work with an attorney to establish them. However, you may also want to discuss wealth planning and investment options with a financial advisor before you finalize your plans, Sowell says.

Selecting a trustee also requires thoughtful analysis. The trustee is the individual or entity that is responsible for approving distributions from the trust. In addition, trusts also require recordkeeping and reporting, and the trustee is responsible for those tasks as well. Sowell notes that although you may be able to name a family member as trustee, it can sometimes be beneficial to work with an objective third party.

Discuss with your attorney whether to appoint an individual trustee, a corporate trustee, or both as part of the estate-planning process. Factors such as the nature and

size of assets and family dynamics are all considerations.

Choose the right trust option

If you decide that a trust is the right choice for transferring assets to your grandchild, there are many considerations and ways to structure the terms, with advantages and disadvantages depending on the size of your family, Sowell explains. The following are only a couple of limited examples. You should consult with an estate-planning attorney to discuss the most appropriate terms to help accomplish your unique goals.

1. A family pot trust for all of your descendants

With a pot trust, a single trust is established for all of the trust beneficiaries. The terms of the trust may then give discretion to your trustee to determine when and how much money to distribute from that single pot of money to each of your grandchildren or other descendants (if they are beneficiaries as well) based on a specific standard or desired objective written into the trust. The pot trust may specify that all of the beneficiaries be treated equally, or it may allow the trustee to make unequal distributions among the beneficiaries based on their individual needs. You can also use a pot trust to leave a continuing financial legacy for multiple generations of your family.

2. Individual trusts for each grandchild

Many grandparents choose to create separate trusts for each grandchild and put equal amounts of money into each grandchild's individual trust. The trustee can then decide when and how much money to distribute to each grandchild from their individual trust based on the standards written into the trust.

Give instructions and set stipulations

One of the advantages of establishing trusts for grandchildren is that you can work with an attorney to draft specific language in the trust. These provisions are helpful to the trustee in the administration of the trust for the benefit of the grandchildren.

For instance, you can set up your trust to distribute funds when the beneficiaries attain certain ages — such as 35, 45, or 55 — rather than all at once. You can also leave recommendations in which you ask your trustee to consider approving distributions for paying college tuition, buying a first home, or addressing other goals such as starting a business. Alternately, you could ask the trustee to match your grandchild's funds to buy a new car, rather than pay for the entire car, for example.

To help the trustee understand your intentions, a commonly used standard for discretionary distributions is health, education, maintenance, and support (also known as "HEMS"). The trust document may include a broader standard than HEMS or no standard at all. Sometimes the trustee is directed to make distributions by another party, such as a distribution committee or a trust advisor. An estate-planning attorney can help you understand the benefits of these different distribution standards.

Discuss the trust structure with family

Frank family conversations about the concept of a trust are just as important as coming up with the stipulations of that trust. In order to help keep family harmony, it may be beneficial to include the parents, says Sowell. For one thing, he says, the parents may have strong opinions about inherited wealth and how to prepare their children for it.

You may also want to discuss with the parents how much information to provide your grandchildren about the trusts you're creating for them. Talking openly to children about inheriting wealth — rather than keeping it confidential until they're older — can give your family time to educate your grandchildren about responsible money management.

However, Sowell says each family needs to decide for themselves the best time to speak to grandchildren about trust funds and the best way to communicate the information so that awareness of the trust does not remove the incentive for a grandchild to become financially independent or financially responsible.

For more information about establishing trusts for your grandchildren, talk with a financial advisor and estate planning attorney.

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Ray Durso



Genesis Group Announces Fall Schedule

By Raymond J. Durso, Jr. President/CEO

As we transition from Summer to Fall, let's also transition our mindset. I challenge you to focus on new opportunities – for yourself, others and the community. People, places and even industries such as Education, Healthcare, Manufacturing, Banking and Finance, Insurance, Agri-Business and others, have all experienced some type of change, growth and new development. I believe the Mohawk Valley is ready for new levels of success. We are welcoming new companies and seeing local companies expanding. We must stay focused and work together to make our community stronger and better!

The Genesis Group is excited to announce its 2026 Fall Schedule. The plan includes regional projects and events. Genesis continues to “take action and achieve results.” I appreciate the support of our volunteers, sponsors and partners, together we are making a positive difference. Let's keep it going!

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Genesis Group 26th Annual Meeting
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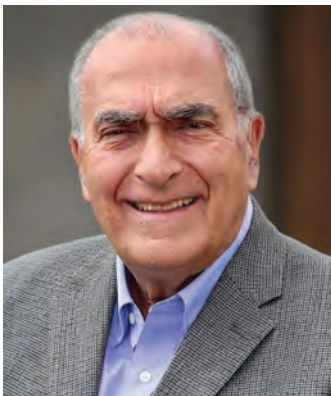
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IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH

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

NEW HARTFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. Hannah Ratliff, Pastor
45 Genesee Street, NH 315-732-1139
newhartfordpresbyterian.org • office@newhartfordpres.org
Sunday morning worship is at 10:30. Services are live
streamed on Facebook and YouTube.
A time of refreshments and fellowship follows each worship
service.
The choir rehearses at 9:10 each Sunday morning. In prepa-
ration for their annual Christmas Cantata, the Choir will also
be rehearing on Thursday evening at 7, starting October 29.
An Adult Study Group meets at 9:30 Sunday morning and
also at 11 a.m. Tuesday.
The quiet, meditative Taize service, which takes place at 7
p.m. on the first Wednesday of every month, will be held
October 7.
The NHP Women’s Fall Rummage Sale will take place in the
Fellowship Hall from 9 a.m. through 3 p.m., with a Bag Sale
at 1, on Thursday, October 1.
The annual Gymanfa Ganu Welsh Hymn Sing will be held at
NHPC at 3 p.m. on Sunday, October 11, with a light recep-
tion to follow.

The Oneida County Senior Lunch Program will be held at
NHPC at 12 noon on Monday, October 19 .
NHPC will be closed Monday, October 12, in observance of
Columbus Day. Office hours are otherwise 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.
Monday through Thursday and 8:30-11:30 Friday.
The October schedule:
10/1 — 9am.-3pm Fall Rummage Sale, Bag Sale at 1pm
10/4 — 9:10 a.m. Choir rehearsal
10/4 — 9:30 a.m. Adult Study Group
10/4 — 10:30 a.m. Worship, Communion
10/4 — 11:45 a.m. Soup & Salad Brunch
10/6 — 11 a.m. Adult Study Group
10/7 — 10 a.m. Sew ’n Sews
10/7 — 7 p.m. Taize service
10/11 — 9:10 a.m. Choir rehearsal
10/11 — 9:30 a.m. Adult Study Group
10/11 — 10:30 a.m. Worship
10/11 — 3 p.m. Gymanfa Ganu
10/12 — Columbus Day, NHPC closed
10/12 — 6:30 p.m. NH Presbyterian Women mtg
10/13 — 11 a.m. Adult Study Group
10/13 — 7 p.m. Session mtg
10/14 — 10 a.m. Sew ’n Sews
10/14 — 12 Noon Members & Friends Lunch
10/14 — 6 p.m. 4-H mtg
10/18 — 9:10 a.m. Choir rehearsal
10/18 — 9:30 a.m. Adult Study Group
10/18 — 10:30 a.m. Worship
10/19 — 12 Noon Oneida County Senior Lunch Program
10/20 — 11 a.m. Adult Study Group
10/21 — 10 a.m. Sew ’n Sews
10/21 — 6 p.m. 4-H mtg
10/21 — 7 p.m. New Hartford Chamber Orchestra
10/24 — 10 a.m. Private Piano Recital
10/24 — 3 p.m. Hope House Meal prepared
10/25 — 9:10 a.m. Choir rehearsal
10/25 — 9:30 a.m. Adult Study Group
10/25 — 10:30 a.m. Worship
10/27 — 11 a.m. Adult Study Group
10/28 — 10 a.m. Sew ’n Sews
10/29 — 7 p.m. Choir rehearsal

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

Worship with us on Sundays at 10am
8439 Clark Mills Rd, Whitesboro - (315) 527-6257

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

“There’s a Place for You Here”
Rev. Marie Duquette
630 French Road, New Hartford
Phone: 315-765-8065
Email: office@zionluth.com
Website: www.zionlutheranNY.org
Facebook: Zion Luteran Church, New Hartford, NY
YouTube: @zionlutheranNy
Sunday Morning Worship at 10am; Coffee Hour at 11am
Worship is also livestreamed on our YouTube channel.
October 4 – Rev. Marie Duquette
October 11 – Deacon Patsy Glista
October 18 – Rev. Marie Duquette
October 21 – Book Group at 4:00 p.m. Trust God, Love
People, by Jennifer Marrs.
October 25 – Rev. Jennifer DeWeerth, Reformation Sunday.
We welcome you to wear red.
Al-Anon Meetings, Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m.
Handicapped Accessible

ST. MARGARET’S ECUMENICAL & RETREAT CTR

47 Jordan Road, New Hartford
To learn more about any of our events or volunteer oppor-
tunities, for lunch and monthly dinner reservations, or to in-
quire about a personal or group retreat, please call 315-724-
2324 or email info@stmargaretshouseny.org. Our regular
office hours are Monday - Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM.
Weekly Activities
Quiet Space Available for Clergy in the Library | Tues-
days from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM
It Takes A Village | Tuesdays from 2:00 to 4:00 PM
Our social action initiative volunteers at the St. Margaret’s
Food Pantry at Grace Episcopal Church. Please contact us to
volunteer for one or more Tuesdays.
Holy Eucharist | Wednesdays at 11:45 AM
All are welcome. Clergy members will take turns presiding
at St. Margaret’s weekly services.
Wednesday Lunches | Wednesdays at 12:30 PM
Call or email to make a reservation. \$15.
Monthly Activities
Men’s Group | 1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 10:30 AM - A
time of fellowship and exploration with Father Nick Smith,
beginning with the question, “What is saving your life to-
day?”
Friends of Emmaus House | 2nd Wednesdays at 10:00
AM - This group meets monthly to identify needs, plan out-
reach and fundraisers, and support the women and children
staying at Emmaus House.
Caregiving Support Group | 3rd Mondays at 2:00 PM -
Facilitated by the Rev. Deacon Barbara Groves, this group
offers a place to receive support and exchange ideas for car-
ing for loved ones.
Grief Support Group | 3rd Fridays at Noon - A peer-fa-
cilitated gathering for anyone experiencing loss. New mem-

bers are welcome.
Grief Support Group for Loss by Suicide | 4th Mondays
at 6:00 PM - This facilitated group’s focus is to provide sup-
port for anyone experiencing loss due to suicide. For ques-
tions, please call Sandy Gaetano at 315-733-2539.
Conversations with Rev. Deacon Jean | 4th Wednesdays
at 1:30 PM - Join the Rev. Deacon Jean Skinner for con-
versation about faith. Donations of a few cans of food for the
pantry are always appreciated.
Monthly Dinner | Tuesday, October 20 | Dine-In at 5:30
PM; Take Out at 6:00 PM - Gołąbki. Please make a reser-
vation one week in advance. \$19.
Special Events
Movie of the Month | Monday, October 5 at 2:00 PM -
Gather for an afternoon film and conversation. The movie
selection will be announced before the showing.
Bag-Making Workshop with Deb Skinner | Monday, Oc-
tober 12 from 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM | Register by Octo-
ber 5 - Join us for a joyful day of community sewing as we
make bags for women at Emmaus House to carry personal-
care products. Deb Skinner will lead this beginner-friendly
project step by step. Sewers should bring a machine in good
working order and basic sewing supplies; bag materials will
be provided in a kit. Non-sewers may sign up to cut fabric
or iron. Please register early so kits can be prepared. Bring
lunch or money if the group orders out.
Book Club with Judy | Tuesday, October 13 at 10:00 AM
| Library - This month’s selection is Traveling Mercies:
Some Thoughts on Faith by Anne Lamott. Please register
one week before the session. Feel free to bring a snack to
share!
Outdoor Work Day | Saturday, October 17 from 10:00
AM to 2:00 PM | RSVP by October 12 - Help prepare the
grounds for the changing season. All experience levels are
welcome, and tasks will be matched to volunteers and the
weather. Dress for outdoor work. A pizza or sub lunch will
be provided.
Boscov’s Friends Helping Friends | Wednesday, October
21 | Passes available at St. Margaret’s - Support St. Mar-
garet’s House and Emmaus House through Boscov’s Friends
Helping Friends. A \$5 donation provides a 25% off shop-
ping pass. Pick up passes at St. Margaret’s and share them
with family and friends. You can also stop by our table at
Boscov’s to say hi on the day!
TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
2620 Genesee St., South Utica. (315) 732-7869
trinitylutheranutica.com
Sunday School 9am. Worship Service 10:30am
Holy Communion is celebrated on the 2nd and 4th Sundays
of the month.
Trinity Christian Preschool, weekday classes from Sept-May
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hybrid that offers a traditional foundation for progressive
thinking and growth and is open to engaging with all faiths.
Three Steeples United is an inclusive and member-driven faith
community of active individuals and families who connect with
and care for their neighbors and one another through worship,
education, and culture. We challenge ourselves and others to
discern, embrace, and act upon a relevant understanding of
Christ’s message in today’s world.
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350 Higby Road, New Hartford, 315-292-6682
Fr. George Goodge
Sun - 9am Matins, 10am Liturgy
Wed - 5:30pm Vespers
Bookstore hours: Open Sundays after Services.
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ORTHODOX MEMORIAL CHURCH
1009 Conkling Ave, Utica, N.Y. 13501
Fr Archpriest Michael Taratuchin, Rector
(315) 723-7475 (fmichaelt@msn.com)
Fr. Priest Ephraim Willmarth, assistant priest
Find us on Facebook www.stjkutica.org
Vigil 5pm Saturdays (6pm for weekday services)
Divine Liturgy Sundays and Feastdays 9:30AM
Potluck lunch following Sunday Divine Liturgy.
Our Patronal Feast Day will take place on Saturday Novem-
ber 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).
MUSLIM COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
OF MOHAWK VALLEY
1631 Kemble Street, Utica NY 13501
E-mail: Uticamasjid@gmail.com
Friday Prayer at 1:15 pm
Quran Classes 5-8 pm
Sunday School 10am to 1 pm.



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

Hospitality hour with coffee and snacks follows each service.

October 4 – Climate Action Team Flower Celebration - Join the Climate Action Team in this celebration of FLOWERS and POLLINATORS, and how YOU can help them both, while enriching your own life. Please bring a flower of your choice so we can create a bouquet of diversity!

October 11 – Rev. Jill Farnham-Us - Rev. Jill is a political activist, Interfaith advocate, Buddhist and Tai Chi practitioner. She and her wife, Kahra-Us, reside in Herkimer. She is spiritually connected with Lotus Heart Zen Buddhist Sangha in Oneida. Jill has worked in Sciences and Health Care including dealing with HIV/AIDS in an Urgent care setting, and as a Hospice Chaplain.

October 18 – Rev. Hedy Collver: Like a Child – Reclaiming Trust, Honesty, Joy, and Wonder - Drawing on the distinction between being childish and being childlike, Rev. Dr. Hedy Collver explores what it might mean to reclaim some of the qualities we often associate with childhood — not naïveté, but openness; not emotional impulsiveness, but honesty; not escapism, but the capacity for joy, curiosity, and wonder. In a world that gives us plenty of reasons to become guarded, cynical, and overwhelmed, perhaps becoming more fully human means recovering some of what we once knew instinctively.

Rev. Dr. Hedy Collver is an ordained United Methodist pastor, writer, artist, and teacher. After more than twenty years serving congregations in Florida and Virginia, she is currently on sabbatical in the Mohawk Valley. Hedy holds a Doctor of Ministry in Leadership from Wesley Theological Seminary and is the author of *Border Crossings: An Advent Journey*. Through her writing, speaking, and YouTube channel (@LoveUnderstandServe), she explores questions of meaning, compassion, belonging, curiosity, and how we live attentively in a complicated world. This visit is also a homecoming for Hedy. She grew up in the Mohawk Valley, and her father, Dr. William Hall, is a member of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Utica.

October 25 – Rev. Jeff Frank, Mohawk Valley Cluster Service in Little Falls - No Service at UUUtica this Sunday! Unitarian Universalists from area churches come together at St. Paul’s Universalist Church in Little Falls.



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

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

THE JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER
2310 Oneida Street, Utica - 315-733-2343
Provides programs for seniors and recreational activities for all ages. Open to people of all races, religions, and nationalities.

ZVI JACOB
Orthodox Synagogue
110 Memorial Parkway, Utica - 315-724-8357
Interim Rabbi Levi Charitonow
Services are held Saturday at 10am, and on holidays.
Services may be held at other times if there is a minyan.
Visit our website www.zvijacob.org. All are Welcome.

NAACP Oneida Cty Branch To Host Annual Freedom Fund Dinner

On Sunday, November 1, the NAACP Oneida County Branch will hold its annual Freedom Fund Dinner and celebrate its 65th anniversary! This year’s theme of “We, The People” reaffirms the NAACP’s commitment to using our collective ingenuity, creativity and strength to continue the fight for civil rights and social justice.

Founded on the beliefs embodied in the Constitution of the United States of America, the mission of the NAACP is to achieve equity, political rights, and social inclusion by advancing policies and practices that expand human and civil rights, eliminate discrimination, and accelerate the well-being, education, and economic security of Black people and all persons of color. The NAACP Oneida County branch works to carry out the mission of the NAACP in our local community.

Our branch sees this year’s Freedom Fund Dinner and theme as an opportunity to underscore the need for active engagement in our communities, particularly at times when our democracy is most at stake. As the NAACP Oneida County branch celebrates 65 years of dedicated service in our community, we remember all the ways in which our branch members have invested in and advocated for our community. In addition, this special event recognizes both individuals and organizations who have taken proactive action to address specific issues affecting our local community.

This year’s keynote speaker is Mayor Sharon Owens, the 55th mayor of Syracuse, NY and the first African American and second woman to serve as Mayor in the city’s history. A graduate of Syracuse University, Mayor Owens has a vast array of experiences and leadership positions in the nonprofit and government environments, creating lasting impacts throughout Syracuse and Central New York.

Most recently, Mayor Owens served as Deputy Commissioner of Neighborhood and Business Development from 2010 to 2013 during the Mayor Miner Administration, returning to City Hall in 2018 to serve as Deputy Mayor and Chief of Staff with the Mayor Walsh Administration.

Recognizing community members has also been an integral part of past Freedom Fund Dinners and provides an opportunity to express appreciation to those who have taken the initiative and extra step to achieve positive change. The five individuals and two community organizations being honored represent the 'We, The People' theme through not only what they do but how they do it. Their work encompasses a range of contributions to the functioning of democracy, the betterment of their community, and the advancement of shared goals and values through ensuring that the resources needed to be involved in making change are inclusive and accessible.

Individuals being honored include:

- Rev. Sharon Baugh: Pastor at Hope Chapel AME Zion Church & Executive Director of Hope Chapel Ministries, Inc.
- Monalisa Fermin-Fennell: Project RISE Program Coordinator at Integrated Community Alternatives Network (ICAN)
- Dr. Cynthia Jones: Chief Medical Officer at Mosaic Health Utica
- Teresa Van Etten: Artist and Community Advocate
- Marinez Chambers: Youth Honoree and Local Youth Leader Organizational honorees are:
 - Citizen Action New York – Central New York Chapter
 - Indivisible Mohawk Valley

This year’s Freedom Fund Dinner will be held at the Five Points Public House and Events Center in the Irish Community Center at 623 Columbia Street from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. Doors will open at 2:30 p.m.

Early bird tickets can be purchased through Wednesday, October 1, and are \$70 per person for adults (ages 21 and older) and \$50 per person for youth (ages 20 and younger). After October 1, ticket prices increase to \$75 for adults and \$55 for youth. Ticket

prices include admission to the Freedom Fund Dinner and a one-year NAACP membership. Current NAACP lifetime members may purchase tickets for \$50 per person.

Tickets are available via Eventbrite at <https://tinyurl.com/NAACP-Oneida-County-FFD-2026> through Monday, October 19. Please reserve your seat in advance, as tickets will not be sold at the door. For questions, please contact Dawn Michelle Laguerre at laguerremedia@gmail.com or (315) 266-7548.

For more general information, please contact the NAACP Oneida County Branch at naacputica.oneida@gmail.com.



Little Falls Cheese Festival Announces 2026 Sponsors and Guided Tastings

The Little Falls Cheese Festival returns to Main Street on Saturday, October 3, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., bringing together Seventy-five vendors including New York cheesemakers, gourmet food producers, craft beverage makers, a wide variety of food trucks, and live entertainment for thousands of visitors. The Little Falls Cheese Festival is the largest cheese festival on the East Coast.

This year, renowned cheesemonger Mary Rizzo, proprietor of The Cheese Traveler in Albany, will lead Guided Cheese Tastings exploring the diversity, history, and craft of New York State cheesemaking. Advance tickets available online at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/taste-new-york-cheese-three-sessions-to-choose-from-tickets-1996919769787>

“All of our sponsors make it possible to keep admission, parking, and shuttle service free while showcasing New York cheesemakers and welcoming thousands of visitors to Little Falls,” said Teri Chace of the Little Falls Cheese Festival committee. “We are especially grateful for the generosity of our Major Sponsors that make the 2026 festival possible.”

This year’s Major Sponsors are:

Platinum Sponsor - Feldmeier Equipment, Inc., Syracuse and Little Falls, NY

Gold Sponsors - Farm Credit East, Cooperstown, NY

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Center for Agricultural Development

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Heidelberg Bread, Herkimer, NY

Stewart’s Shops, Saratoga Springs, NY

Twin Rivers Paper Company, Little Falls, NY

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For more festival details follow the Little Falls Cheese Festival on Facebook and Instagram or visit littlefallscheesefestival.com.



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