

FAIR SEASON



Blue Oyster Cult. Image from Blue Oyster Cult Facebook page

Blue Oyster Cult, Foghat to perform at Franklin County Fair

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Music fans will have a chance to enjoy both country and rock concerts at this year's Franklin County Fair.

The third concert of this year's Franklin County Fair will be Blue Oyster Cult, with very special guest Foghat, according to Dave Gokey of the Franklin County Fair Board, who said the concert will take place on Saturday, Aug. 9, in front of the fairgrounds' grandstand in Malone.

Tickets for the Blue Oyster Cult and Foghat show are on sale.

"We announced two good rock bands and we will have three full nights of music," Gokey said.

According to Gokey, gates for the rock concert will open at 5:30 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 9, and the show will start at 7



Foghat. Photo from the Foghat media page

p.m.

Gokey said tickets to the fair's rock and country concerts can be purchased online at frcofair.com and at the fair office off of East Main Street, Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The first two concerts of

next year's Franklin County Fair were announced in December 2024.

Sawyer Brown, a country music band, will perform on Thursday, Aug. 7, during fair week, when they are joined by country singer Drew

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St. Lawrence County Fair schedule

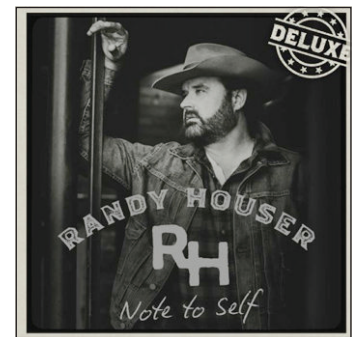
GOUVERNEUR — The Gouverneur and St. Lawrence County Fair runs from July 29 to Aug. 3 at the Gouverneur Fair Grounds. Ride writes bands are available now for \$25 at the fair's website: gouverneurfair.net.

Each purchased wristband is good for one wristband promotional period. The wristband grants access to all rides excluding the Rockin' Cars (bumper cars) and bungee jump.

Entertainment highlights include Randy Houser on Aug. 2, at 8 p.m.

Houser, known for his powerful vocals and string of chart-topping hits, is set to perform as part of the fair's lineup. The New York Times has described Houser's voice as "wholly different, thicker and more throbbing, a caldron bubbling over."

Houser has garnered over half a dozen hit singles and accumulated more than 1 billion streams. His album *How Country Feels* produced the No. 1



Randy Houser plays the fairground grandstand on Aug. 2 at 8 p.m. Photo provided

hits "Runnin' Outta Moonlight" and "Goodnight Kiss," the latter marking his first chart-topper as a songwriter. His song "Like A Cowboy" was a Top 5 smash and earned a CMA Song of the Year nomination.

His fourth No. 1 single, "We Went," came from his 2016 album, *Fired Up*. Houser's most recent release is his sixth studio album, *Note To Self*, which fea-

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The Amish Outlaws play July 31 at 7 p.m. Photo provided

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Farmer Boy Goes to the Franklin County Fair

Farmer Boy, the second book in Laura Ingalls Wilder's treasured 'Little House' series, chronicles a year in the life of her husband, Almanzo Wilder, while growing up on his family's farm in Burke; where he lived from the time of his birth in 1857, until 1875, when his family moved to Minnesota. The Almanzo Wilder Homestead is the actual site of the Wilder family farm and the only Little House site (and there are many) to receive recognition as a Literary Landmark. The Homestead is also on the New York State Register of Historic Places and, in December 2014, was named to the National Register of Historic Places.

Agriculture has been a part of northern New York's culture for centuries, as the book "Farmer Boy" illustrates. Franklin County was established in 1808 and the Franklin County Agricultural Fair has been a tradition deeply rooted in the cultural fabric of our local communities since 1852.

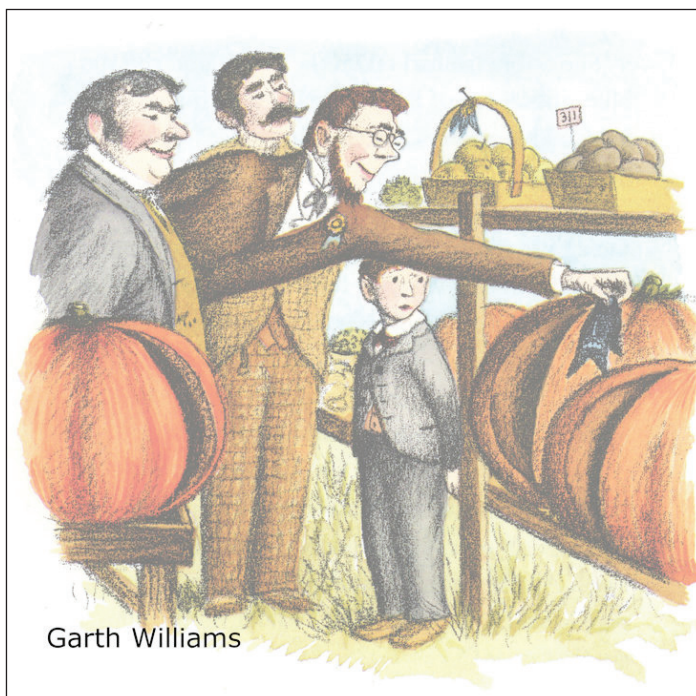
Chapter 21 of the book recounts Almanzo's experiences at the Fair, more than 150 years ago. According to the author, it was 'early in the frosty morning' when Almanzo and his family 'set out for the Fair. All of them

were dressed up in their Sunday clothes except Mother. She wore her second-best and took an apron, for she was going to help with the church dinner.'

Almanzo was thrilled to be showing his pumpkin, which 'was too big to go in the buggy' and had been loaded into a wagon and transported to the Fairgrounds the day before. Almanzo's sister Alice was showing her 'woolwork embroidery' and she and her sister Eliza Jane were showing the jellies, preserves, and pickles that they'd made.

Upon their arrival at the Fair, Father asks Almanzo, "What shall we do first?" and he replies, "I want to see the horses." They look at the Morgan horses first. Then the thoroughbreds. Almanzo sees Belgian horses for the first time in his life. And in admiration, Father says, "Look at that muscle! They'd pull a barn, if hitched to it." But Almanzo wonders aloud, "What's the good of a horse that can pull a barn? We don't want to pull a barn. A Morgan has muscle enough to pull a wagon, and he's fast enough to pull a buggy, too." Then the author describes what happens when Almanzo

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Garth Williams

Artist Garth Williams illustrated the latest edition of *Farmer Boy* by Laura Ingalls Wilder. This illustration depicts Almanzo's blue ribbon win for the best pumpkin at the Franklin County Fair.

Morristown’s
Summer
Concert Series
continues

MORRISTOWN — The Summer Concert Series hosted by the Morristown Gateway Museum and the St. Lawrence County Council of the Arts will continue with Double Axel on Saturday, July 26 and then on Monday, July 28 with the Sacci Big Band, both concerts scheduled for 6:30 p.m.

Local refreshments will be offered. Bring a chair.

Monday, Aug. 4 — Another Fine Mess;

Monday, Aug. 11 – Small Town Dreamers;

Monday, Aug. 18 – Sirsy;
Saturday, Aug. 23 – Cluster-funk;

Monday, Aug. 25 – The Non-Committals; and

Saturday, Sept. 6 - 10th Mountain Division Rock Band.



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Malone Fly-in Festival set for Aug. 23-24

The Malone Chamber of Commerce is holding a two-day FLY-IN FESTIVAL at the Malone Dufort Airport on August 23-24. Pilots, tourists, and community members from all over are invited to visit our great Village and North Country area. The festival includes educational presentations, vendors, live entertainment, and food. Weather dependent, helicopters and airplanes will be on site to view and tour. At this time, both helicopter and airplane rides will be available



In addition to vendors and music, a bounce house and games for kids were also a part of last year's Fly-in. ALEXANDER VIOLO/MALONETELEGRAM

for a charge.

Malone (KMAL) is just

south of the French-Canadian border, a mere 60 miles from Montreal. Largely an agricultural area, it has many points of interest. Malone is only a few miles from the famous Wilder Homestead (the home of Farmer Boy and the location that book describes). A 36-hole Robert Trent Jones golf course is picture perfect and a round of golf is a wonderful way to spend a day. Visitors can take a stroll down Malone's residential historic home district or the Main St. business district,

recently placed on the National Register of Historic Places. For more information contact the Chamber at 518 483-3760 or email: malonechamber@gmail.com.

The Chamber encourages visitors and pilots from the Northeast to come to Malone and see why it's a great tourism destination. The Malone area is rich in rivers and the fishing is great. Perhaps you are fishing for trout in the Salmon River, bullhead at Deer River Flow or muskies on the St. Lawrence River. The Malone area has hiking, canoeing and a slew of campgrounds. It is truly a beautiful area of flowing meadows, old forests, the St. Lawrence River valley, and the foothills of the Adirondacks. In Malone, Titus Mountain Family Ski Center was named the best family ski resort in the US. Malone Village was named by realton.com as having the most affordable property for sale in a ski area. While there is no skiing or snowmobiling in August, it is also a great place to visit when there's snow.

The festival itself will have several bands playing, vendors, food, farmer's produce and craft wine, beer, and cider tasting. On Saturday, the day starts with the Last Call and Foolish Pride. On Sunday, The Irish band, Friends Union, will start the day and then there's a change in genre featuring the Busco Bandits. It will be a fun day, and the Chamber encourages you to participate with your family and friends. Bring your own chair and there will be a designated area with a cash bar (no coolers allowed.)

Admission is \$5 for adults and free for kids under 16. Because of the generous support from local businesses: Community Health Center of the North Country, University of Vermont – Alice Hyde Medical Center, Café Nouveau, Hudson Headwaters. DesiMo Productions, Citizen Advocates, Explore Adirondack Frontier, the Free Trader, Wild Country Radio, Ellis Auto, Adirondack Energy, U-First Credit Union,

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Concert to honor veterans, benefit Americans Supporting Armed Services

Americans Supporting Armed Services, in collaboration with the Malone Franklin County Fairgrounds, is pleased to announce a historic event. For the first time, American Idol alumni and The Voice contestants will share the stage for a one-night-only performance at the Franklin County Fairgrounds Lumberjack Festival on September 13, 2025.

Representatives from Americans Supporting Armed Services expressed their delight in bringing exceptional talent to the area, supporting veteran communities. Bo Bice, the runner-up on American Idol in 2005, will showcase his raw talent that captivated millions. Throughout his 25-year career, he has earned numerous musical accolades, including multiple gold albums and induction into the Alabama Music Hall of Fame. Known for his dedication to performing for US service members, Bo was honored by President George W. Bush at the White House in 2009.

ASAS representatives stated that he is an ideal pairing to perform with The Voice contestants, Tom Nitti and Ashley Bryant. Nitti's passion for music secured his spot on Team Reba in Season 24 of The Voice. A veteran himself, Nitti was deployed to Afghanistan, sustained injuries, and earned the Purple Heart. He serves as a New York State Trooper and

trains cadets at the New York State Police Academy.

Ashley Bryant, a 26-year-old singer from Louisville, Kentucky, competed on Season 25 of The Voice as part of Team Reba. She impressed Reba McEntire with her performance of Carrie Underwood's song "Last Name." Bryant advanced to the battle rounds and knockouts, where she met Tom Nitti. The two have since married and are expecting their first child.

To honor the veteran community, all veterans will receive free admission with a Veteran ID. Presale tickets (\$25) are available at asasus.org, the Americans Supporting Armed Services Facebook event page, or via the link on the Franklin County Fairgrounds website for American Supporting Armed Services.

Tickets will be available the day of the event. Working in conjunction with the Franklin County Fairgrounds, and these wonderful entertainers will enable Americans Supporting Armed Services to continue their mission to aid the veteran communities of Northern, NY. As an all-volunteer organization, 100% of all proceeds go to aiding our veterans.

This event is supported by area sponsors Adirondack Frontier, CommunityConnections, Malone Ford, Roberts Sport of Saranac, Tru Northern FCU,

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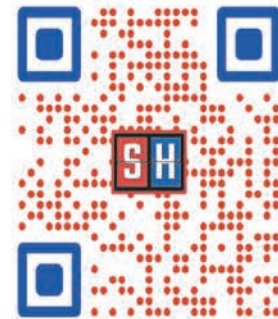
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KEX, the "Chicago-style" rock group features a horn section and has core members Jonathan Cole and Kevin Elliott on keys and vocals, Bob Harvel on sax, and Jack Jennings and Steve Elliott as dual drummers. Selections center around 70s and 80s horn rock band music, and some selections from the Doobie Brothers, Journey, and more.

Saturday August 16 @ 5-8pm



Calendar of Events

July 26

Adams

Town-wide bargain day: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. **Saturday, July 26**, Sixtown Meeting house and town-wide.

Alexandria Bay

Book sale: Held **Monday through Saturday, through Sept. 1**, Macsherry Library, 112 Walton St. Books, DVDs, children's books and puzzles. Hours: **Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays**, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; **Tuesdays**, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and **Saturdays**, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Christmas in July Parade: 8 p.m. **Saturday, July 26**, downtown Alexandria Bay; line up at school, 7 p.m. Information: www.visital-exbay.org or 315-482-9531.

Zac Brown Tribute Band: Held **Saturday, July 26**, Kring Ranch Barn Venue, 44341 Route 12. Cost: \$55. Information, tickets: 3156-489-2444 or www.kringranchbarn-venue.com.

Brushton

Third annual golf tournament: Constable Volunteer Firemen Inc., 9 a.m. **Saturday, July 26**, Highland Greens Golf Course, 1055 Route 11B. Cost: \$360 per team. Information, registration: 315-296-2669 or www.constablevfd.com.

Canton

Super Smash Bros. Ultimate eSports Clinic: With competition for aspiring collegiate players, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. **Saturday, July 26**, eSports arena, Nevaldine Hall, SUNY Canton, 34 Cornell Drive. Free. Registration required: <https://admissions.canton.edu/register/esports>.

Cape Vincent

Author event: With Susan Mathis, 1 to 3 p.m. **Saturday, July 26**, Tibbetts Point Light-house, 33435 County Road 6.

Erie Canal travelling museum exhibit: On display, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. **Saturday, July 26**, Cape Vincent Library, 157 N. Real St.

Riverside Music and Arts Festival: 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. **Saturday, July 26**, Cape Vincent Village Green, 357 Broadway St.

Chaumont

Live Like Liz Festival: Noon **Saturday, July 26**, Chaumont Fire Department, 11385 Route 12E. Live music by Jake Savage, Rhianna Shew, Tyler Sorrel, and Black Ice; fireworks at dusk, face painting, bounce houses, petting zoo.

Clayton

Balloons in the Islands: 3 to 8 p.m. **Saturday, July 26**, Zenda Farms Preserve, 38973 Zenda Road. Music, food, meet the pilots, parking, \$10. Information: 1000islandsballoons.com or 315-686-3771.

Croghan

Fiber arts fest: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. **Saturday, July 26**, Adirondack Mennonite Heritage Farm, 8778 Erie Canal Road. Demonstrations, workshops. Information: www.mennoniteheritagefarm.com.

Open hours: For tours, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. **Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays, through Aug. 30**, Mennonite Heritage Farm, 8778 Erie Canal Road. Information: www.mennonitehertigatgefarm.com.

Harrisville

Harrisville Farmers Market: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Saturdays, through Sept. 27, Scenic View, State Street.

Henderson

Christmas in July car parade and show: Noon to 4 p.m. **Saturday, July 26**, On the Green, Whitney Road. DJ and live music, food, raffles.

"Write Your Story": With Sheila Byrnes, published author, 10 a.m. **Saturday, July 26**, Henderson Historical Society, 12581 County Route 72. Free; materials provided; no experience necessary.

Hogansburg

Akwesasne Farmers Market: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. **Saturdays, through Oct. 11**, 580 Route 37.

Lowville

Lowville Farmers Market: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. **Saturdays, through Oct. 11**, Lewis County Fairgrounds, 5485 Bostwick St.

Lyons Falls

Family paint party: All ages, 10 a.m. **Saturday, July 26**, Lyons Falls Library, 3918 High St. Finger, water, and watercolor painting, stenciling, and cookie decorating; free.

Morristown

2025 Concert Series: 6:30 p.m. various **Mondays and Saturdays, through Aug. 25**, Morristown Gateway Museum, Main Street. Rain location: Morristown Fire Department pavilion.

Saturday, July 26: Double Axel
Monday, July 28: Sacci Big Band
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Norfolk

Norfolk Mud Run: 8 to 11 a.m. **Saturday, July 26**, Norfolk Fire Department Station 1, 1 Furnace St. Registration: www.eventbrite.com or race day.

Ogdensburg

"A Voyage Through Pigment": A retrospective exhibition of art by John A. Morrow, on display **Saturday, July 26, through Saturday, Dec. 20**, Frederic Remington Art Museum, 303 Washington St. Information: www.fredericremington.org.

Book walks: All ages. "Ellie," by Mike Wu, all day **Saturday, July 26**, Ogdensburg Public Library, 312 Washington St. Free. Story and walk in park.

Save the River: 11 a.m. **Saturday, July 26**, Ogdensburg Public Library, 312 Washington St. Free. July 16: Water quality lab July 26: What's Under a Rock July 30: Sun paper

Potsdam

Big Bubble Bonanza: Featuring Jeff Boyer, bubble master, 1 to 2 p.m. and 2 to 3 p.m. **Saturday, July 26**, North Country Children's Museum, 10 Raymond St. Cost: Included in price of museum membership/admission. Information: www.northcountrychildrens-museum.org.

Sackets Harbor

Forge and Anvil: Blacksmithing: With Jymn, Hoffman's Forge Ohio, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. **Saturday, July 26**, memorial tree grove, Sackets Harbor Battlefield State Historic Site, 504 W. Main St.
Plein Air Art Festival: Held **Saturday, July 6**,

downtown, West Main Street. Information: <https://visitsacketsharbor.com/event/plein-air-art-festival-jul-24-2025>.

SpokerRide: To benefit American Cancer Society Relay for Life and Volunteer Transportation Center, 10, 30 and 50-mile routes, 8:30 a.m. **Saturday, July 26**, starting and ending at American Legion Post 1757, 209 Ambrose St. Information, registration: www.spokerride.net, 315-783-6258, or spokerride@gmail.com.

Saranac Lake

July Featured Artist: Toos Roozen-Evans, jeweler, on display **through Tuesday, July 29**, Adirondack Artists Guild, 52 Main St. Information: www.adirondackartistsguild.com.

St. Regis Falls

Farewell Flotilla: Hosted by Alexander MacDonald Fish and Game Club, 11 a.m. **Saturday, July 26**, 169 S. River Road; ending, 3 p.m. Point Beach, South River Road. Refreshments, penny social, pries to follow, 4 p.m., at Sportsmen's Club. Theme: Anything Goes. Benefits local children's activities and events.

Sterling

Renaissance Festival: Opens, 10 a.m. **Fridays and Saturdays, through Aug. 17**, 15385 Farden Road. Information, tickets, schedule: <https://www.sterlingfestival.com>.

Watertown

"Anything Goes": Presented by Stage Notes, 7 p.m. **Saturday, July 26**, Dulles State Office Building, 317 Washington St. Cost: \$15; students and senior citizens, \$12. Information: www.stagenoteswatertown.org.

Food budget hacks: All ages, with Cornell Cooperative Extension, 11 a.m. **Saturday, July 26**, Flower Memorial Library, 229 Washington St. Free. Information: www.flowerlibrary.org.

Hungerford Family art exhibition: On display during open hours **through Tuesday, Aug. 8**, Flower Memorial Library, 229 Washington St. Information: Suzie Renzi-Falge, library director, 315-785-7701 or srenzi-falge@ncls.org.

Poetry and prose reading: For those 18 and older, with Tom Catalano, author, 2 p.m. **Saturday, July 26**, Flower Memorial Library, 229 Washington St. Information: www.flowerlibrary.org.

Watertown Saturday Farmers Market: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. **Saturdays**, JB Wise Plaza. Information: www.saturdayfarmersmarket.com.

July 27

Boonville

Musical Memories: Adirondack Community Chorus, 4 p.m. **Sunday, July 27**, Dodge-Pratt Northam Art Community Center, 106 Schuyler St. Free; donations accepted.

Cape Vincent

Paint and Sip: To benefit Tibbetts Point Lighthouse Historical Society, 2 to 4 p.m. **Sunday, July 27**, Cape Vincent Recreation Park, 602 S. James St.

Clayton

Flea market: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. **Sundays, through Sept. 28**, Coyote Moon Vineyards, 17371 E. Line Road. Food, garage sales, collectibles; no booth fee (set up at 7 a.m.); free admission.

Cranberry Lake

Jonathan Foster: Friends of the Library Summer Concert Series, 1 to 3 p.m. **Sunday, July 27**, Community Pavilion. Free.

Fineview

Beginner plant propagation workshop: 2 p.m. **Sunday, July 27**, Wellesley Island State Park, 44927 Cross Island Road. Recommended for 8 and older; demonstrations on cloning plants, germinating from seed.

Heuvelton

Buffet breakfast: 8 to 11 a.m. **Sunday, July 27**, Amvets Post 1997, 107 State St. Donations accepted.

Norwood

Norwood Village Green Concert Series: Held 7 p.m. (unless otherwise noted) **Thursdays and Sundays, through Aug. 14**, Norwood Village Green, 3 Bicknell St. Information, full schedule: www.nvgcs.org.

Sunday, July 27: The Old Time Fiddle Show

Thursday, July 31: Brindlestiff Family Circus

Sunday, Aug. 3: Laura Belefaro and the Folk and Contemporary Music of Spain

Thursday, Aug. 7: Brass Firemen

Thursday, Aug. 14: New Horizons Swing Band

Sackets Harbor

Concerts on the Waterfront: Hosted by Sackets Harbor Historical Society, 3 to 5 p.m. **Sundays, through Aug. 31**, Sackets Harbor Battlefield State Historic Site, 504 W. Main St. Free.

July 27: The Odd Fellows, jazz

Aug. 3: Creole Stomp, creole

Aug. 10: Ruby Shooz, 1950s and 1960s

Aug. 17: Annie and Hot Cayenne, zydeco

Aug. 24: 10th Mountain Division Band

Aug. 31: Maria Desantis Orchestra, big band

July 28

Castorland

Presentation on cleaning gravestones and locating unmarked graves: With Laurie Rush, Fort Drum, 3 p.m. **Monday, July 28**, Croghan Town Offices, 9882 Route 126. Free.

Clayton

Make-your-own mosaic necklace: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. **Monday, July 28**, Grindstone Islands. Taught by Emily Post, Grindstone Island Cottage of Arts Center founder.

Malone

Free summer lunches: Bagged lunches for those 18 and younger, 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. **Monday to Friday, through Aug. 15**, Wead Library, 64 Elm St. Free; while supplies last. Information: 518-483-5251.

Potsdam

Dungeons and Dragons: For those 12 and older, 5 p.m. **Mondays**, Potsdam Public Library, 2 Park St. Registration required: mpamell@potsdamlibrary.org.

Knit and crochet circle: 6:30 p.m. **Mondays**, Potsdam Public Library, 2 Park St.

Russell

"Bee Balm and Butterflies": SLGCHC garden tour, 5 to 6:30 p.m. **Monday, July 28**,

home of Anne Csete (address provided at registration). Cost: \$20; members, \$15. Registration required: 315-386-8133 or carlene@slcha.org.

Saranac Lake

Poetry Group: 4:30 p.m. **fourth Monday of the month**, Saranac Lake Free Library, 109 Main St.

Watertown

Auditions: For Shrek the Musical, with Watertown Lyric Theater, 4 to 9 p.m. **Monday, July 28**; and 5 to 8 p.m. **Tuesday, July 29**, Strand Theater, 136 Franklin St. Performances: Sept. 25 to 27. Youth actors provided readings on site; adults required to register for slot. Information: shows@watertownlyrictheater.org.

Craft: Conch shell decorating, 1 to 3 p.m. **Monday, July 28**, Watertown Senior Center, 167 Polk St. Free; limit of 10. Information: 315-221-4021.

Magical Moments: All ages, 5:30 p.m. **Monday, July 28**, side lawn, Flower Memorial Library, 229 Washington St. Free. Information: www.flowerlibrary.org.

Popcorn and movie: "Red Skelton," 10 to 11 a.m. **Monday, July 28**, Watertown Senior Center, 167 Polk St. Free. Information: 315-221-4021.

Shrinky dinks kit: For those 18 and older, 5 p.m. **Monday, July 28**, Flower Memorial Library, 229 Washington St. Information: www.flowerlibrary.org.

Singing: With Jean, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. **Monday, July 28**, Watertown Senior Center, 167 Polk St. Free. Information: 315-221-4021.

Walking: 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. **Monday, July 28**, Watertown Senior Center, 167 Polk St. Free. Information: 315-221-4021.

July 29

Cape Vincent

Cape Street Market: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. **Tuesdays, through Oct. 21**, Cape Street. Information: capevincentchamber@gmail.com.

Chaumont

Creative Poetry Workshop with Tom Richter: 3 p.m. **last Tuesday of each month**, Lyme Free Library, 12165 Route 12E. Led by Tom Richter, local poet.

Gouverneur

Gouverneur and St. Lawrence County Fair: Held **Tuesday, July 29, through Sunday, Aug. 3**, Gouverneur Fairgrounds, 85 E. Barney St. Live music: Frankie and The Moonlighters, 7 p.m. **Thursday**, July 29; Amish Outlaws, 7 p.m. **Thursday**, July 31; and Randy Houser, 8 p.m. **Saturday**, Aug. 2. 95.3 The Wolf Country Showdown Finals, 6 p.m. **Wednesday**, July 30; New York hot farm pulling series, 6 p.m. **Friday**, Aug. 1; and demolition derby, 1 p.m. **Sunday**, Aug. 3. Information, tickets, full schedule: <https://www.gouverneurfair.net>.

Lowville

Smiling Stories: 11 a.m. **Tuesdays, through Aug. 19**, Lowville Free Library, 5387 Dayan St.

Lyons Falls

Lyons Falls Farmers Market: 11 a.m. to 4

Calendar

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p.m. **Tuesdays, through Oct. 28**, Riverside Park, 6904 Laura St.

Ogdensburg

Music and Movement: For those 18 months to 4 years, 11 a.m. **Tuesdays**, Ogdensburg Public Library, 312 Washington St. Free; jump and wiggle to music, instruments and sensory play.

Potsdam

Story time: 11 a.m. **Tuesdays and Thursdays**, Potsdam Public Library, 2 Park St. Free.

Saranac Lake

"Riverwalk, bug crawl and a little bit of history": Walk around Village of Saranac Lake with Jim Gribbsch, historian, leaving, 9:30 a.m. **Tuesday, July 29**, Saranac Village at Will Rogers, 78 Will Rogers Drive. Free lunch, carousel rides, ice cream (\$3). For those 55 and older; limit of 25 participants. Information, registration: 518-891-7117.

July 30

Adams

Adams Community Concert Series: Held 6:30 p.m. **Wednesdays, through Aug. 13**, Adams Fire Department Pavilion, Main Street. Bring lawn chair; Sixtown Meeting House as rain location. Free.

July 23: Ben Wisner and Full Circle

July 30: Loren and LJ Barrigar

Aug. 6: Northern Blend Chorus

Aug. 13: 10th Mountain Division Band

Canton

Christianity explored: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. **Wednesday, July 30**, Paige room, Canton Free Library, 8 Park St. Light supper provided. Information, reservations: Garrett, pastor@lisbonrpc.org or 785-341-1329. Hosted by Lisbon Reformed Presbyterian Church.

Carthage

Brunch: 9 a.m. to noon **Wednesdays**, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7227, 668 W. End Ave. Cost: By donation. Health checks and takeouts available.

"Memory Lane Classic Car, Truck, Motorcycle show": Hosted by American Legion Bassett-Baxter Post 789, 5 to 8 p.m. **Wednesdays**, May to August, Caskinette Ford, 36788 Route 26. Food, music, door prizes, raffle; benefits the post scholarship fund.

Clayton

History at Noon: Held noon **Wednesdays, July 30, and Aug. 13, 20, and 27**, Thousand Islands Museum, 312 James St. Information: Jordan Coughlin, historian@townofclayton.com.

July 30: Ken and Melody Brabant, authors of River bRats books

Aug. 13: Dick Stockton, sports writer and sportscaster

Aug. 20: Kenny Knapp, a vocational archaeologist

Aug. 27: Paul Frickman, collector and Clayton native

Hammond

Hammond Farmers' and Artisans' Market: 3 to 6 p.m. **Wednesdays, through Sept. 10**, Gipp's Pavilion, 14 Main St.

Lowville

Lowville Workshop: To learn about Civil Service Careers and NY HELPS, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. **Wednesday, July 30**, Lowville Free Library, 5387 Dayan St. Cover NYS Civil Service Merit System, Civil Service exams, NY HELPS program, and career pathways with NYS. Free.

Lyons Falls

Open mic jam: Family-friendly, 5 to 7 p.m. **Wednesday, July 30**, Lyons Falls Library, 3918 High St. Information: www.lyons-fallslibrary.org or 315-348-6180.

Madrid

Madrid Dam Music Series: Held 6 p.m. **Wednesdays, through Aug. 6**, Madrid Municipal Park, 1835 Route 345. Free; donations accepted.

July 30: Potsdam Community Band (held at Madrid Power and Equipment Museum Equine Building)

Aug. 6: Double Axel

Malone

Malone Farmers Market: Noon to 4:30 p.m. **Wednesdays, through Oct. 8**, Malone-Dufort Airport, 27 Airport Road.

Massena

Natural History Book Club: Natural history book club, 6 p.m. **last Wednesday of the month**, Robert Moses State Park Nature Center, 19 Robinson Bay Road. All books non-fiction, natural history-based choices. Zoom option available.

Ogdensburg

Bubble Guy: All ages, 5 p.m. **Wednesday, July 30**, Ogdensburg Public Library, 312 Washington St. Free; join Jeff Boyer, world famous bubble expert.

Owls Head

Licensed Bingo Wednesdays: Doors open, 5 p.m.; game begins, 6:30 p.m. **Wednesdays**, Owls Head Mountain View Community Center, 1977 County Route 27. Early-bird progressive.

Three Mile Bay

Author event: Book launch and signing of "The Lies They Told," by Ellen Marie Wiseman, 6 p.m. **Wednesday, July 30**, Sally Port View, 7828 Route 12E. Free; books, food and beverages available for purchase.

Watertown

Exercise: 11 a.m. to noon **Wednesday, July 30**, Watertown Senior Center, 167 Polk St. Information: 315-221-4021.

Family Feud: 1 to 3 p.m. **Wednesday, July 30**, Watertown Senior Center, 167 Polk St. Free. Information: 315-221-4021.

Farmers Market Story Time: All ages, 10:30 a.m. **Wednesdays, through Oct. 1**, side lawn, Flower Memorial Library, 229 Washington St. Free. Information: www.flowerlibrary.org.

Social hour: 10 to 11 a.m. **Wednesday, July 30**, Watertown Senior Center, 167 Polk St. Free. Information: 315-221-4021.

Teen snack and craft: DIY potions, for those 12 to 17, 6 p.m. **Wednesday, July 30**, Flower Memorial Library, 229 Washington St. Free. Information: www.flowerlibrary.org.

Toddler storytime and crafts: For those 3 to 5, 10:30 a.m. **Wednesdays**, Flower Memorial Library, 229 Washington St. Free.

Watertown Farm and Craft Market: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. **Wednesdays, through Oct. 1**, Washington Street, front of Dulles State Office Building. Information: www.watertownfarmandcraft.com.

Summer Fun

July 31

Alexandria Bay

Victorian Tea: Casa Blanca on Cherry Island, 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. **Thursday, July 31**, Cornwall Brothers Store Museum, 36 Market St. Cost: \$75. Information, tickets: info@alexandriahistorical.com or www.alexandriahistorical.com.

Boonville

Boonville Farmers Market: Noon to 5 p.m. **Thursdays, through Oct. 2**, Erwin Park, 13309 Park Drive.

Canton

Growing Together: Doors open, 5:30 p.m.; and dinner, 6:30 p.m. **Thursday, July 31**, Canton Apples, 339 Route 310. Cost: \$50; 4 to '10, \$20; 3 and younger, free.

Cape Vincent

Knitters and Crocheters: 1 to 3 p.m. **Thursdays**, Cape Vincent Community Library, 157 N. Real St.

Library open mic: 4 p.m. **Thursday, July 31**, Cape Vincent Library, 157 N. Real St.

The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald: 50 years later: Community remembrance and discussion, 6 p.m. **Thursday, July 31**, Recreation Park, 602 S. James St.

Carthage

Sounds of Summer Concert Series: 6 to 8 p.m. **Thursdays, through Aug. 28**, Carthage Gazebo, unless otherwise noted. Information: 315-493-3590.

July 31: Fritz Polka Band, Farmers Market Pavilion

Aug. 7: Gridlock, Natural Bridge Fire Hall

Aug. 14: Double Barrel Blues Band

Aug. 21: The Arrhythmias, Farmers Market Pavilion

Aug. 28: 10th Mountain Division Band, Farmers Market Pavilion

Soup Thursdays: Noon until gone **Thursdays**, VFW Post 7227, 668 W. End Ave. Cost: \$3.

Clayton

Clayton Farmers Market: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. **Thursdays, through Oct. 16**, Village Park Circle, 425 Mary St.

Taylor Hicks: 7:30 to 9 p.m. **Thursday, July 31**, Clayton Opera House, 405 Riverside Drive. Cost: Side: \$50; center, \$55; premium, \$60. Information, tickets: www.claytonoperahouse.com.

Massena

Massena Concert Series: 6 p.m. **Thursdays, through Sept. 4**, Springs Park, 434 S. Main St. Free.

July 31: Plan B

Aug. 7: Atom Ghost

Aug. 14: Foolish Pride

Aug. 21: Merryweather

Aug. 28: Divided Roads

Sept. 4: Goddard Girls/Open Mic

Ogdensburg

Story Time: For those 2 to 5, 11 a.m. **Thursdays**, Ogdensburg Public Library, 312 Washington St. Free; stories, activities and crafts.

Summer arts and crafts: Ogdensburg Recreation Department, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. **Thursdays, through Aug. 14**, Dobisky Center, 100 Riverside Ave.

Potsdam

ADK Laurentian Outings: The Laurentian Chapter of the Adirondack Mountain Club (ADK) welcomes the public to take part in these events. If you've questions about or want to go on a particular event, contact the leader/organizer for that event. If you've questions about the overall program or about the ADK, contact Dana Chudzinski at 315-244-5315 or chudski63@yahoo.com

Thursday, July 31: Weekly Walk, Munter Trail, Potsdam. Approx. two miles, 1-hour round trip. Meet at 7:30 a.m. in parking lot behind Clarkson Walker Arena and Hantz Field off Clarkson Avenue (County Route 59/Back Hannawa Road). Information: Marianne Hebert, hebertm@potsdam.edu or 315-265-0756.

Saturday, Aug. 2: Birding on the Munter Trail in Potsdam. Join local birder Harold Ellingsen for a morning bird walk on the Munter Trail along the Raquette River. We expect to see boreal and water birds. Bring binoculars. Less than 2 miles, easy terrain and pace. Information: Marianne Hebert 315-265-0756 or hebertm@potsdam.edu.

Thursdays, Aug. 7, 14, 21, and 28: Weekly Walk, Bayside Cemetery, Potsdam. We will walk the trails for approximately 2 miles, 1-hour round trip. Meet at 7:30 a.m. at entrance to cemetery (730 County Route 59/Back Hannawa Road). Information: Marianne Hebert, hebertm@potsdam.edu or 315-265-0756.

Thursdays, Sept. 4, 11, 18, and 25: Weekly Walk, Munter Trail, Potsdam. We will walk the trails for approximately 2 miles, 1-hour round trip. Meet at 7:30 a.m. in the

parking lot behind the Clarkson Walker Arena and Hantz Field off Clarkson Avenue (County Route 59/Back Hannawa Road). Information: Marianne Hebert, hebertm@potsdam.edu or 315-265-0756.

Saturday, Sept. 13: Cranberry Lake Hike. From Brandy Brook Flow Trailhead to Hedgehog Pond. Fairly easy, 8 miles round trip, lake views. Information: Dana Chudzinski, chudski63@yahoo.com or 315-244-5315.

Thursday, Sept. 18: Hurricane Mountain Hike. Between Keene/Keene Valley and Elizabethtown. 6.8 miles round trip with a 2000-foot elevation gain. Great views of the High Peaks and the Champlain Valley from the summit as well as the restored fire tower. Moderately strenuous. Information: Tom Ortmeyer, tortmeyer@gmail.com or 315-244-3707.

Saturday, Sept. 20: Hiking at Masawepie Lake. We will walk along the esker to Pine Pond, visit the source of the Grasse River, and have lunch on the Bayview Peninsula. Mostly flat, 200 feet elevation gain, about 4 miles, fairly easy. Information: Marianne Hebert, hebertm@potsdam.edu or 315-265-0756.

French conversation circle: 6:30 p.m. **Thursdays**, Potsdam Public Library, 2 Park St. Free.

Homeschool poetry and music: 1 p.m. **Thursdays**, Potsdam Public Library, 2 Park St. Free.

Hooks and Needles Textile Guild: Calling fiber friends, 6 p.m. **every other Thursday**, Creative Spirit Community Arts Center, 6 Raymond St. All ages and skill levels welcome; children should be accompanied by adult; freewill donations accepted.

Purl Jam: Noon **Thursdays**, Potsdam Public Library, 2 Park St. Free.

Saranac Lake

Pinochle night: 6:30 p.m. **Thursdays**, Saranac Village at Will Rogers, 78 Will Rogers Drive. Free. Coaching available for beginners, light refreshments provided. Information: 518-891-7117 or Adrien Vlach, avlach@saranacvillage.com.

Weekly social bridge: Organized rotational game, arrive, 12:45 p.m.; games start, 1 p.m. **Thursdays**, Saranac Village at Will Rogers, 78 Will Rogers Drive. Cost: \$1; light refreshments provided. Information: 518-891-7117 or Adrien Vlach, avlach@saranacvillage.com.

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Mary E. Scharf
Executive Director

Foghat

From T1

Baldrige.

On Friday, Aug. 8, country singer Cooper Alan, with special guest Josh Ross, will take the stage in Malone, according to Gokey.

"We have had good attendance at the country shows and there's always a call for rock shows too. We did three last year and other than the weather it went well and we thought we would give it a try again. There's a lot of demand for it," he said, "We try to listen to people and what bands they want to hear, some of them are just out of our budget and some of them just aren't available."

In addition to the three concerts during fair week, Gokey said a show geared towards kids, Blippi, part of the Join the Band tour, will take place at the grandstand on Wednesday, Aug. 6.

Gokey said the timing of

the this year's fair worked with the schedule for Blue Oyster Cult and Foghat.

"We took these two because a lot of things worked out, scheduling and routing lined up great for our fair," he said.

In 2024, the county fair also hosted three concerts during fair week.

"Last year was the first year that we had three concerts nights, we decided to go with three concerts, trying to cover all the genres, new country, older country and some 70s and 80s rock and roll," Gokey said, "One of the other reasons is once our stage is set up we have to keep the stage set up until the second show is done. In the past, we used to have one on the Saturday night of opening weekend and then one on Friday night. So we had to have the stage set up for the whole week and it was costly to leave it for a week so now we can do it in three nights, save money and put on better shows."

Schedule

From T1

tures 10 tracks all co-written by the Mississippi native. Music Row lauded Houser, stating he “remains one of country music’s very finest vocalists.”

Houser recently concluded 12 months of touring with Cody Johnson, including multiple sold-out shows in 2023, such as a performance at Nashville’s Ryman Auditorium.

The Amish Outlaws, a band featuring three members who grew up in strict Amish communities, are scheduled to perform at the St. Lawrence County Fair on July 31 at 7 p.m.

The group’s unconventional background is a hallmark of their identity, with members having left traditional Amish life to embrace modern culture, particularly music.

The band’s publicity describes their journey from an upbringing that prohibited electricity, alcohol, and musical instruments, to becoming “well acclimated to the pleasures and vices of the modern world... music, most of all.”

Frankie & The Moonlighters have a free show at the grandstand, 7 p.m. on July 29.

Firemen’s Parade BS Norwood Brass Firemen to play at 7 p.m. on July 30.

The New York Hot Farm Pulling Series is at 6 p.m. on Aug. 1, tickets \$15.

The Demolition Derby is at 1 p.m. on Aug. 3, tickets \$15

—SATURDAY, July 26
8-9 a.m. - 4-H Youth Project Evaluators/Teen Leaders Orientation
9-11:30 a.m. - 4-H Youth Building Project Evaluations

1-3 p.m. - 4-H Club Booth Displays Set Up
—SUNDAY, July 27
9 a.m. - Open Horse Show (Horse Show Ring)

11 a.m.-2 p.m. - Goat and Sheep Check In
—MONDAY, July 28
9 a.m.-4 p.m. - 4-H Youth Building Open
9-10 a.m. - Teen Leaders Training
9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. - Home Art Exhibits Set Up (Youth Building)

10 a.m.-4 p.m. - 4-H Club Booth Displays Set Up
11:30 a.m.-noon - North Wind Showmanship Animal Check In
11:30 a.m.-noon - Goat and Sheep Check In
1-3:30 p.m. - Showmanship Orientation & Booth Set Up

1-4 p.m. - Rabbit and Poultry Check In
noon-7 p.m. - Cattle Check In
4 p.m. - 4-H Club Booth Judging

—TUESDAY, July 29
8 a.m.-1 p.m. - Final Check In Cattle
9 a.m.-8 p.m. - 4-H Youth Building Open
10 a.m.-7 p.m. - FFA Building Open for Dairy Activities/Demonstrations

10 a.m. - 4-H Goat Show (Small Animal Barn)

11 a.m. - ALL EXHIBITS/ANIMALS MUST BE IN PLACE

2 p.m. - 4-H Rabbit Show (Small Animal Building)

3 p.m. - 4-H & FFA Dairy Fitting (Show Ring)
4 p.m. - Fair Officially Opens (Food & Games) - NO RIDES

5 p.m. - Annual Talent Show - Grandstand
6 p.m. - 4-H Scavenger Hunt (Youth Building)

7 p.m. - Frankie & The Moonlighters - Grandstand - Free Show

—WEDNESDAY, July 30 - 4-H SPIRIT DAY - Wear your 4-H gear!

9 a.m.-8 p.m. - 4-H Youth Building Open
10 a.m. - 4-H & Open Beef Show (Dairy Show Ring)

10 a.m.-7 p.m. - FFA Building Open for Dairy Activities/Demonstrations

10 a.m. - FFA Tractor Driving/Tree & Wildlife ID/Field & Forage (FFA Barn)

10 a.m. - Carlton Peck Band Day
noon - 4-H Dairy Showmanship (Dairy Show Ring)

TBD - FFA Leadsman - Immediately following Showmanship (Dairy Show Ring)

TBD - 4-H & FFA Judging Competition - Following Leadsman Class (Dairy Show Ring)

noon - First Flower Show (Youth Building)

1:30 p.m. - Carlton Peck Band Day Parade (Grandstand) (Free)
2 p.m. - 4-H & Open Sheep Show (Small Animal Building)

1 p.m. - RIDES OPEN
4 p.m. - 4-H Dairy Costume Class (Dairy Show Ring)

6 p.m. - 95.3 The Wolf Showdown Finals
6:30 p.m. - 4-H Sheep Lead Class (at the Grandstand)

7 p.m. - Firemen’s Parade - Grandstand - Norwood Brass Firemen to follow

—THURSDAY, July 31
9 a.m.-8 p.m. - 4-H Youth Building Open

9 a.m. - 4-H & Open All Breeds Dairy Heifer Show (Dairy Show Ring)

10 a.m.-7 p.m. - FFA Building Open for Dairy Activities/Demonstrations

noon - Harness Racing - Grandstand - Free
2 p.m. - 4-H & Open Poultry Show (Small Animal Building)

2 p.m. - RIDES OPEN
6 p.m. - 4-H Horses Check-In
6:30 p.m. - The Amish Outlaws - Grandstand - Tickets \$15

—FRIDAY, August 1
9 a.m.-8 p.m. - 4-H Youth Building Open

9 a.m.-5 p.m. - 4-H Western/Ranch/Gymkhana Horse Show (Horse Show Ring)

9 a.m. - 4-H & Open All Breeds Dairy Cow Show (Dairy Show Ring)

10 a.m.-7 p.m. - FFA Building Open for Dairy Activities/Demonstrations

noon - Second Flower Show (Youth Building)

1 p.m. - RIDES OPEN
6 p.m. - Barnyard Olympics (Show Ring)

6 p.m. - New York Hot Farm Pulling Series - Grandstand - Tickets \$15

—SATURDAY, August 2
9 a.m.-8 p.m. - 4-H Youth Building Open

1 p.m. - RIDES OPEN
6 p.m. - Barnyard Olympics (Show Ring)

6 p.m. - New York Hot Farm Pulling Series - Grandstand - Tickets \$15

—SATURDAY, August 2
9 a.m.-8 p.m. - 4-H Youth Building Open

1 p.m. - RIDES OPEN
6 p.m. - Barnyard Olympics (Show Ring)

6 p.m. - New York Hot Farm Pulling Series - Grandstand - Tickets \$15

—SATURDAY, August 2
9 a.m.-8 p.m. - 4-H Youth Building Open

1 p.m. - RIDES OPEN
6 p.m. - Barnyard Olympics (Show Ring)

10 a.m.-7 p.m. - FFA Building Open for Dairy Activities/Demonstrations

10 a.m. - 4-H Cat Show (4-H Youth Building)

10 a.m. - Draft Horse Pull (Horse Show Ring)

1 p.m. - 4-H Dog Show (Dairy Show Ring)

1 p.m. - RIDES OPEN
8 p.m. - Randy Houser - Festival Seating (Infield) - Tickets \$50

—SUNDAY, August 3
8 a.m. - Church Service (Dairy Show Ring)

9 a.m. - 4-H English Horse Show (Horse Show Ring)

10 a.m.-3 p.m. - 4-H Youth Building Open
10 a.m.-3 p.m. - FFA Building Open for Dairy Activities/Demonstrations

1 p.m. - Demolition Derby - All Tickets \$15
1 p.m. - RIDES OPEN

1-4 p.m. - Release of 4-H Exhibits and Animals

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Summer Library Adventure program returns

The North Country Library System's Summer Library Adventure is back with a brand-new theme: Color Our World. The self-directed program,

which began June 22, encourages people to create art over the summer.

Participants complete at least one art prompt per week from the Summer Library Adventure checklist to be entered to win a prize. The checklist is geared toward a variety of ages and skill levels so that everyone can join in.

"We're super excited about this year's theme," NCLS Youth Services and Outreach Coordinator Katie St. Laurent said. "Just like libraries, art is for everyone, and libraries are perfect spaces for people to express themselves and try something new. Plus, this program is a great fit for people who want to get involved with their libraries over the summer but might not always be able to make it to scheduled programs or events."

Completed checklists must be returned to a participant's home library by Tuesday,

Sept. 2, or mailed to the North Country Library System by Friday, Sept. 12.

Printable checklists and additional details about the Summer Library Adventure can be found at ncls.org/summer.

Ten winners will receive an enameled pin of the iconic NCLS cat; four winners will receive a \$25 gift card to Michaels, and one grand prize winner will receive the pin, a \$50 gift card to Michaels, and a three-month Creativebug membership. Winners will be drawn at random and notified in mid-September.

Questions can be directed to Angela Newman at anewman@ncls.org.

In addition, many of the local libraries are holding organized activities for children utilizing the Color Our World theme.

Check with your local library for more information.

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Ride the rails — Iron Horse Day Aug. 2

CROGHAN — Iron Horse Day is coming to the Croghan Depot Museum, 7981 Main St., from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 2.

“Imagine stepping back in time and experiencing the thrill of a good old fashioned train ride, feeling the wind in your hair and sun on your face as you chug along the tracks,” said a museum spokesperson. “You’ll also get to explore our museum, where you can uncover the rich history of the

Lowville-Beaver River Railroad and the role it played in shaping our community.

Tickets for train rides are \$7 an individual, \$15 per family. The chicken barbecue will be ready for purchase at 11:30 a.m. at \$9 a half.

For more information call the Railway Historical Society of Northern New York at 315-346-6848 or check out the Facebook page.



Farmer

From T2

sees ‘two black creatures. They were something like horses, but they were not horses. Their tails were bare, with only a bunch of hair at the tip. Their short, bristly manes stood up straight and stiff. Their ears were like rabbits’ ears.’ It was the first time Almanzo had ever laid eyes on a mule. And their braying terrified him. “It’s only a half-breed horse, son,” Father said. “The first mule you ever saw. You’re not the only one that was scared.” ‘Almanzo felt better when he saw the colts,’ writes Ingalls Wilder.

Almanzo views Guernsey, Jersey, Devon, and Durham cattle; Chester White and Berkshire hogs; and Merino sheep. They watch a horse race. And they quickly look over the vegetables and grain in the stock sheds. They watch foot-races and jumping and throwing contests. And before the day is through, Almanzo’s pumpkin wins a blue ribbon; first prize. Alice receives two blue ribbons; one for her woolwork and another for her jellies. And Eliza Jane receives a red ribbon for her jellies. ‘Father said the Wild-

er family had done itself proud, that day.’

As chapter 21 of Farmer Boy demonstrates, the Fair has long been a place where farm kids have come together to compete for ribbons and cash prizes by showcasing their cherished animals, their showmanship, their skills, and their craftsmanship. For those kids, the Fair is a summer experience unlike any other. The rest of us get to acknowledge the love, hard work, and dedication that they’ve poured into their dearly loved animals and the effort and enthusiasm that they’ve put into their projects, while enjoying a glass of freshly-squeezed, ice cold lemonade and / or a burger, sausage sandwich, French fries, fried dough, maple doughnuts, or cotton candy.

At the Wilder Homestead, there’s a visitor’s center with a museum, as well as barns and buildings with guided tours. Artifacts and storytelling bring the book to life; offering visitors a fascinating look into local history and cultural heritage and allowing them to connect deeply with rural farm homesteading in the latter half of the 19th century. More information about the Almanzo Wilder Homestead is at almanzowilderfarm.com.

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Remington Museum to host Legacy Festival Aug. 21-24

OGDENSBURG — The Frederic Remington Art Museum will be holding the Remington Legacy Festival Aug. 21-24.

"This multi-day festival marks a vibrant new chapter for the Museum, celebrating the life, legacy, and evolving relevance of iconic American artist Frederic Remington," states a press release from the museum.

The Remington Legacy Festival brings together beloved annual traditions, like the museum's longstanding Gala and Golf Tournament, while introducing exciting new experiences including a community-wide Family Day and a Western-style Horse Show, presented in partnership with the St. Lawrence Valley Horse Association.

"The Remington Legacy Festival is more than an event—it's a statement," said Executive Director Maggie McKenna. "It's about reintroducing Remington's legacy to a wider audience, celebrating Northern New York's cultural richness, and creating meaningful access to the arts."

Festival highlights are as follows:

— Thursday, Aug. 21: The Remington Legacy Celebration

Dinner & Live Auction held at the Eben Holden Conference Center, St. Lawrence University;

— Friday, Aug. 22: The Frederic Remington Art Museum's 20th Annual Golf Tournament held at the St. Lawrence University Golf Course at the Best Western University Inn;

— Saturday, Aug. 23: Family Day at the museum includes activities, petting zoo, tours and more.

— Sunday, Aug. 24: Horse Show in partnership with the St. Lawrence Valley Horse Association at the St. Lawrence Valley Horse Association arena in Ogdensburg.

Proceeds from the festival directly support the educational mission of the Frederic Remington Art Museum, helping expand access to exhibitions and programs for learners of all ages.

"The event also serves as a platform to relaunch the museum's role as a nationally significant cultural institution—one that preserves and interprets Remington's work while inviting new voices and dialogue around the art of the American West," the press release concluded.

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Wilder Farm celebrates history with Old Time Auction, Heritage Day

Local auctioneer Christy Yoder will donate his services to help the Almanzo Wilder Homestead raise funds with an old-time auction on August 9. All are welcome to attend the auction, for fun or for interesting finds, beginning at 10:30 am on the Stacy Road in Burke on the Wilder Homestead property. A variety of items and services, old and new, have been donated by supporters, area businesses, and organizations. Auction preview will start at 9:00am, along with a horse powered ice cream making demonstration. The Wilder site will open its gates at 9:30 am to visitors for their Heritage Day event on the same day. Features for the day include country dancing, shingle shaving, spinning, and blacksmithing demos, story reading and maple sugaring display in the schoolhouse, goats and sheep, children's old time games, music, and more! Food will be available by Dog Pound. Admission: Adults \$16, Senior \$15, 6-16 \$9, 5 and under FREE. Active duty military free with ID, Active duty family members, 1/2 price. More details, including updated auction items list can be found at almanzowilderefarm.com.



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The cast of the South Lewis SUPERstage has been rehearsing for the July 30 production. Photo provided by Ryan Fitzgerald

SUPER Stage set for July 30

By Elaine M. Avallone

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TURIN — South Lewis SUPER Stage will present “Don’t Say No to the U.S.O. — A Patriotic Musical Salute” at 1 and 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 30, in the South Lewis Central School auditorium, 4264 East Road. It is a free performance.

The musical, set in an U.S.O. Club in Brooklyn in 1942, includes humor, nostalgia, along with suspense as Private Joe Kilroy, portrayed by Jason Adriance, tries to protect the location of the next Allied convey from spies who could be lurking in the club.

The cast of third to eighth graders also includes Avery Monks as Ruth Taylor, U.S.O. head; Calista Glumich as USO Assistant Angie Wilberforce and the ship yard workers and riveters Lila Kingston-Carvel as Gladys Brooks, Lily Sadowski as Valerie Foster and Melba Nesbit as Lauryn Harper.

According to director Ryan Fitzgerald, SUPER Stage stands for Schools Using Preventative Educational Resources.

“The stage adds the theater aspect,” she said. “I have been directing the program since 2006. It is a four-week program. Students have a prep day, an audition day, then only 12 rehearsal days to put together the performance.”

Miss Fitzgerald said she chose the show because of its patriotism.

“Back in 2012, I directed a show called, ‘Kilroy Was Here’ for our middle school musical. I loved the patriotism of this show and the way our military — active and veterans — are honored during it. I have always wanted to redo this show. We were looking at available show options when we found this show, ‘Don’t Say No to the U.S.O.’ which is just a downsized version of ‘Kilroy was Here.’ I knew this was the perfect opportunity. I am very patriotic and have a great respect for our U.S. military. My co-director, Lisa Monks, and I both have military ties in our family and friends, and what better way to honor them and those in our community with this show.”



Students rehearse a scene from ‘Don’t Say No to the U.S.O.’ Photo provided by Ryan Fitzgerald

Open Farm Day to support local farmers

LOWVILLE — Cornell Cooperative Extension of Lewis County has announced Open Farm Day will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 9.

This annual event will include 12 agricultural farm stops throughout the county from Natural Bridge to Lyons Falls. Each stop will have an educational aspect about the farm and how it operates, grows and produces their products. This agritourism event will allow visitors of all ages to learn what Lewis County agriculture has to offer and invite people from all around to have a family fun-filled day. This day will include food samples, farm tours, animal interaction, cheese processing tour and local products will be available to purchase. So, pick up an Open Farm Day brochure at any farm on the tour and enjoy the day.

Participating farms:

■ Cogumelo Mushrooms LLC, 4090 Factory Road, Natural Bridge: Learn how to grow mushrooms, and purchase ready-to-fruit mushroom kits, produce and frozen pasture raised chickens and turkeys.

■ Hopenhagen Farm, 10218 Washington St., Copenhagen: Specializing in lavender and hops with products to purchase.

■ Dani's Daffodils, 10279 Old State Road, Carthage: U-pick flowers or premade bouquets available.

■ Moser's Maple LLC, 9605 Croghan Reservoir Road, Croghan: Visit a maple syrup operation specializing in high quality maple confections in a 20-C kitchen.

■ Snyder's Sugar Shack, 9640 Number Three Road, Copenhagen: Experience the sweet side of farming on an operated NYS Grown & Certified and organic maple business.

■ Shultz Family Cheese, 7956 Number Three Road, Lowville: See the grazing dairy cows and purchase some fresh cheese curd.

■ O'Brien Family Farm, 8013 State Route 26, Lowville: Tour the facility and taste some samples of cheese curd and visit James Pond & Mr. Froggy.

■ Cornell Cooperative Extension of Lewis County, 7593 East



Road, Lowville: Come see what we have to offer with activities for kids, sample products and restrooms available.

■ Colwell's Farm Market and

Garden Center, 6007 State Route 12, Glenfield: Visit the greenhouses, purchase fresh baked apple cider donuts, vegetables, and corn maze will be available weather permitting.

■ Autumn Ridge Goat Farm, 5030 State Route 26, Turin: Visit the Nubian & Saanen dairy goat farm, purchase goat cheese, milk soaps & lotions.

■ Golden Creek Farm & Apiary "The Bee Barn," 6458 East Main St., Turin: Visit a working honeybee farm with a glass observation hive.

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McAlpine St., Lyons Falls: Visit a hydroponic farm growing leafy greens, herbs and root vegetables.

Each family must fill out a survey after visiting a farm to re-

ceive a cooler bag to fill up with all the purchases from your day.

For more information go to www.openfarmdaylewiscounty.com or call the office CCE Lewis 315-376-5270.

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Mennonite Heritage Farm to host events

CROGHAN — The Mennonite Heritage Farm has special events planned for the remainder of the summer.

Fiber Arts Fest – July 26: Throughout the day, there will be demonstrations of fiber arts, including weaving,

spinning, knitting, crocheting, appliqueing, embroidering, counter cross-stitching and quilting. There will be a

comforter set up for tying and a selection of comforters and quilts on display in the lower barn. There will be a workshop on dyeing yarn at 11 a.m. and demonstrating weaving on small looms at 1 p.m. in the pavilion.

Children's Fest – Aug. 16: Come learn about "Summer's Bounty" that will feature activities specifically geared for children at any age and those young at heart. Visitors will pick up a passport upon entry and receive a stamp for each activity they complete as they explore the farm. A few activ-

ities will be time-dependent, but most will always be available. Try your hand at skills from the past and deepen your understanding of the bounty on a farm in the late summer.

Harvest Fest - Oct. 4: Enjoy a fall day at the farm for activities such as making cider, bread, sauerkraut, apple fritters and corn husk dolls, along with wagon rides in the woods. A noon meal will be offered at each festival.

For more information on the farm visit mennoniteheritagefarm.com website.

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Blessing of flowers set for Aug. 17

HOUSEVILLE — The annual Blessing of Flowers, Herbs and Grains at St. Hedwig's Church, 5432 State Route 26, will be held during the 11 a.m. Mass, which honors the Blessed Mother, Matka Boska Zielna, Our Lady of the Greens on Aug. 17. All are welcome to participate in this Polish custom by bringing pots or bouquets of flowers, herbs and grains and join in a procession if desired. These blessed items can decorate the home, be taken to the cemetery or given as gifts. There is no limit to the number of items you can bring. A free ice cream social will follow in the church hall. Contact 315-348-6260 for more information.



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‘Skirmish on the Oswegatchie’ slated on fort property Aug. 9-10

OGDENSBURG—Fort De La Presentation Association’s second event of the summer — the “Skirmish on the Oswegatchie” — will take place Aug. 9-10.

This is the first time the association has had a Revolutionary War event on the fort property.

The gates open at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 9, closing at 4 p.m. Gates close on Sunday, Aug. 10 at 2 p.m.

There is admission price of \$5 for adults and \$2 for children, ages 6-16, for entrance to the “Skirmish on the Oswegatchie.” Free admission for children on Aug. 10 with paid adults.

The location of the event is Van Rensselaer Point, Commerce Street and State Highway 68, Ogdensburg.

“For those not familiar with Revolutionary War history of Ogdensburg, the British Army, after French and Indian War, refurbished the old French Fort de La Présentation and renamed it.

Fort Oswegatchie, and held the Fort until 10 years after the end of the Revolutionary War. We offer many programs for the public to enjoy. Jack Downing will be presenting a demonstration of making a dug-out canoe,” a press release stated.

For the first time, members of the Native North American Traveling College, will be in Ogdensburg to present two programs — the first will be the connection of treaties and the meaning of wampum, the second is a Community Social involving a stomp dance relating to the culture and history of the Mohawk people.

The description of the battle will be provided by St. Lawrence County Legislator Jim Reagen.

“We appreciate Mr. Reagen sharing his knowledge of this historical period,” a press release stated. Mr. Reagen is the author of “Fort Oswegatchie.”



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Watertown

4-H Lego Engineering Club: For those 5 to 7, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. **Thursdays**, starting April 3, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Jefferson County, 203 N. Hamilton St. Free. Information: Dylan Lundy, 315-788-8450, ext. 235, or del223@cornell.edu.

Auditions: Little Theatre of Watertown, for “Spotlight Hammered: A Thor and Loki Play” and “Squirrel Girl Goes to College; A Squirrel Girl Play,” held 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. **Thursday, July 31, and Friday, Aug. 1**, Barton and Loguidice Building, 120 Washington St. Cast ages: 10 to 18; all genders; read from script; perusal script available at Flower Memorial Library, 229 Washington St. Performances: **Saturday**, Aug. 23, and **Sunday**, Aug. 24. Information, audition form: www.littletheatreofwatertown.com/auditions.

Baby storytime: For those 2 and younger, 10:30 a.m. **Thursdays**, Flower Memorial Library, 229 Washington St. Free.

“The Importance of Being Earnest: A Trivial Comedy for Serious People”: Fundraiser presented by Little Theatre of Watertown, 7 p.m. **Thursday, July 31**, The Strand Theater, 136 Franklin St. Farcical comedy in three acts. Cost: \$10; members, \$7. Information, tickets: www.littletheatreofwatertown.com.

Trinity Summer Concert Series: Held 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. **select Thursdays**, Trinity Episcopal Church, 227 Sherman St. Free. Information: https://trinityconcerts.org/summer-series-concerts.

July 31: REV Theatre: “Rumpelstiltskin: Unspun,” children’s theater

Aug. 7: 10th Mountain Division Band, marches, Broadway and popular

Alexandria Bay

Alexandria Bay Farmers Market: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. **Fridays, through Sept. 26**, Swan Bay, 43615 Route 12. Information: www.swan-bayresort.com.

Canton

Ryan Meisel Quartet: With Unitarian Universalist Church of Canton, 5 to 7 p.m. **Friday, Aug. 1**, Prentice Lane, Main Street. Free. Information: www.meiselmusic.net.

Carthage

Carthage Farmers Market: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. **Fridays, through Oct. 10**, Pavilion, Riverside Drive.

Lake Placid

Midsummer Gala: Lake Placid Sinfonietta, 6 to 9:30 p.m. **Friday, Aug. 1**, Whiteface Club and Resort, 165 Lodge Way. Food, silent auction. Cost: \$200.

Malone

“Timeless Moments” and “A Conceptual Leap”: “Timeless Moments,” on display **Friday, Aug. 1, through Saturday, Sept. 13**; and “A Conceptual Leap,” on display **Friday, Aug. 1, through Saturday, Aug. 23**, Downtown Artist Cellar, 410 E. Main St. Opening reception: 5 to 7 p.m. **Friday, Aug. 1**. Information: www.downtownartistcellar.com.

Morristown

11th annual Bell Gale Chevigny Plein Air Festival: Painting begins, **Friday, Aug. 1**; annual book sale, 9 a.m. to noon **Saturday, Aug. 2**,

Morristown Public Library; and art show and sale, noon to 3 p.m. **Sunday, Aug. 3**, Bella Brooke Vineyard, 2989 County Route 6, Hammond.

Saranac Lake

Weekly bridge tournament: Bridge club, ACBL sanction Duplicate Bridge tournament, arrive, 12:45 p.m.; games start, 1 p.m. **Fridays**, Saranac Village at Will Rogers, 78 Will Rogers Drive. Cost: \$2; light refreshments provided. Information: 518-891-7117 or Adrien Vlach, avlach@saranacvillage.com.

Waddington

Waddington Summer Concert Series: Held 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. **Fridays, through Aug. 22**, Island View Park Pavilion. Rain or shine.

Aug. 1: Knotty Paddy

Aug. 8: SFM

Aug. 15: Leave Those Kids Alone

Aug. 22: Northbound

Watertown

Teen open gaming: For those 12 to 17, 4 to 5 p.m. **Fridays**, Flower Memorial Library, 229 Washington St. Free.

Aug. 2

Adams

The Cheddar Challenge: Multi-Surface Bike Race, 7 a.m. **Saturday, Aug. 2**, Xtreme SportsPlex, 44 E. Church St. Options: Xtra Sharp Cheddar, 50 miles; Sharp Cheddar, 31 miles; Mild Cheddar, 10 miles; and Curd-Family Fun Costume Ride, Run, Walk. Partner with Adams Cheese Festival. Information: http://www.thecheddarchallenge.org.

Cheddar Cheese Festival: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. **Saturday, Aug. 2**, Church Street. Kids zone, food, vendors, wine garden.

Cape Vincent

Concerts on the Green: Sponsored by Cape Vincent Art Council, 4 to 5:30 p.m. **Saturdays, Aug. 2, 9, and 16**, Village Green, Broadway Street. Free. Information: www.capevincentartscouncil.org.

Aug. 2: Foolish Pride (blues/rock/jam)

Aug. 9: Blue Note (jazz/Latin/pop)

Aug. 16: Ron Spencer Band (blues)

Fineview

Beginner birding on the water: 8 to 9:30 a.m. **Saturday, Aug. 2**, Wellesley Island State Park, 44927 Cross Island Road. Bring binoculars (some sets available), hat, water, shoes to get wet, and sunscreen; 16 and older.

Wellness Challenge: Riverside Fitness Hike: Vigorous hike on River Trail, 10 a.m. **Saturday, Aug. 2**, Wellesley Island State Park, 44927 Cross Island Road. Rugged terrain, moderate inclines; round trip of just under four miles; brisk pace; bring water and bug spray.

Gouverneur

Gouverneur Hospital Auxiliary Annual Golf Tournament: Registration, 9 p.m.; shotgun start, 10 a.m. **Saturday, Aug. 2**, Emerald Greens Golf Course, 1485 Route 11. Captain and crew. Information: www.ghauxiliary.org; or Vicky Reed, 315-717-6031 or ghauxiliary@yahoo.com.

Malone

Franklin County Fair: Held **Saturday, Aug. 2, through Saturday, Aug. 10**, Franklin County Fairgrounds, 85 E. Barney St. Demolition derby, Monster Truck and car stunt show, truck and tractor pulls, live music,

children’s activities, rides, food. Information, tickets, full schedule: https://www.frcofair.com.

Owls Head

Chicken barbecue: Sponsored by Mountain View Association, 3 to 6 p.m. **Saturday, Aug. 2**, Trailside Restaurant, County Route 27. Cost: \$20; before July 25, \$15. Takeouts available. Information, tickets: 330-280-1821.

Garage sale: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. **Saturday, Aug. 2**, Owl’s Head Mountain View Fire Department, Ragged Lake Road. Sponsored by Mountain View Association.

Sackets Harbor

Community farmstand: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. **Saturdays, through Oct. 11**, 122 W. Main St.

Aug. 3

Alexandria Bay

Celebration of the Lakes: Hosted by Indian River Lakes Conservancy, 2 to 5 p.m. **Sunday, Aug. 3**, Thousand Islands Winery, 43298 Seaway Ave. With Jay Matteson, emcee; hors d’oeuvres, live and silent auctions, music by Kaydence Timerman. Cost: \$75.

Canton

Facing the Present with Heart: Facilitated by Jenna Joya Blondel, PhD, minister of walking prayer, 2 to 3 p.m. **first Sunday of the month**, Unitarian Universalist Church of Canton, 3 1/2 E. Main St. Information: www.uucantonny.org or 315-386-2498.

Fineview

Restoring Focus in Nature: For those 16 and older, activities inspired by Attention Restoration Theory, 1 p.m. **Sunday, Aug. 3**, Wellesley Island State Park, 44927 Cross Island Road.

LaFargeville

Chicken barbecue: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. **Sunday, Aug. 3**, Evangelical Lutheran Church, 36135 County Route 15. Cost: \$15; half chicken, \$8. Menu: Chicken, potato salad, cottage cheese, coleslaw, roll, cranberries, pickles, drink and desert.

Lowville

Vacation Bible school: 6 to 8 p.m. **Monday, Aug. 3, through Thursday, Aug. 7**, First Presbyterian Church, 7703 N. State St. For children kindergarten through fifth grade. Information: 315-376-6361. Registration: https://preslow.org/christs-kid-club.

Aug. 4

Brownville

Vacation Bible school: For those Pre-K to eighth grade, 8:45 a.m. to noon **Monday, Aug. 4, through Friday, Aug. 8**, Brownville United Methodist Church, 333 Brown Blvd. Theme: “Road Trip VBS where we will be On the Go with God.” Information, registration: Carrie, 315-408-3464.

Canton

Bingocize: Bingo and exercise program, 1 p.m. **Mondays and Thursdays, Aug. 4 to Oct. 9**, Riverside Drive Apartments, 37 Riverside Drive. Registration required: 315-386-4730.

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Sandy Creek

Live at the library: String quartet concert, 2 p.m. **Monday, Aug. 4**, Ainsworth Memorial Library, 6064 S. Main St. All ages.

Aug. 5

Chaumont

Book signing: With Tom Reilly, author of “Thousand Islands: Inspired by True Events,” 6 to 7 p.m. **Tuesday, Aug. 5**, Lyme Free Library, 12165 Route 12E. Free.

Potsdam

Drop-in chess: 3 to 7 p.m. **first and third Tuesdays**, Potsdam Public Library, 2 Park St. Free.

Black River

Pre-K Storytime: 10 to 11 a.m. **first Wednesday of month, through Sept. 3**, Sally Ploof Hunter Memorial Library, 101 Public Works Drive. Story, craft, and snacks.

Cape Vincent

“Lost Villages” of the St. Lawrence: Presented by Cape Vincent Arts Council, presented by Jim Brownell, historian and author of “A Tour Through the Lands of the Lost Villages,” 6:30 p.m. **Wednesday, Aug. 6**, St. John’s Episcopal Church, 352 S. Market St. Information: www.capevincentartscouncil.org.

Clayton

Dave Mason’s Let It Flow Tour 2025: 7:30 p.m. **Wednesday, Aug. 6**, Clayton Opera House, 403 Riverside Drive. Cost: Side, \$70; center, \$75; premium, \$80.

Aug. 7

Clayton

Mandy Gonzalez - Broadway Star: 7:30 p.m. **Thursday, Aug. 7**, Clayton Opera House, 403 Riverside Drive. Cost: Side, \$70; center, \$80; premium, \$85. Information, tickets: www.claytonoperahouse.com.

Sackets Harbor

Lakeside story time: With Hay Memorial Library, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. **Thursdays, through Aug. 28**, bandstand, 302 W. Main St. Geared towards younger children, but all ages welcome; free. Information: sahlib@ncls.org or 315-646-2228.

Aug. 8

Champlain

Golf tournament: With Northern Insuring Agency and North Country Chamber of Commerce, shotgun start, 10 a.m. **Friday, Aug. 8**, North Country Golf Club, 862 Hayford Road. Information: www.northcountrychamber.com.

Chaumont

Legends of the North Country: Presented by Tom Richter, 6 p.m. **Friday, Aug. 8**, Lyme Free Library, 12165 Route 12E. Free.

Clayton

Handcrafted primitive cobweb corn broom: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. **Friday, Aug. 8**, Thousand Islands Arts Center, 314 John St. Cost: \$110; includes materials. All levels.

Croghan

Live auction: Sponsored by Caring

Friends of the Community, 6 p.m. **Friday, Aug. 8**, pavilion, Croghan Recreation Park, 9578 Park Drive. Live music, food truck, basket raffles. Information, donations: lbrouty@twcny.rr.com or 315-346-9186.

Malone

19th annual Frank Davio Memorial Golf Tournament: To benefit Hospice of the North Country, shotgun start, 1:30 p.m. **Friday, Aug. 8**, Malone Golf Club, 79 Golf Course Road. Cost: \$100; members, \$480. Information, registration: 518-483-2926.

Massena

Massena Central School Class of 1975 50th Reunion: Pizza/wings, 5:30 to 10 p.m. **Friday, Aug. 8**, Elks Lodge; and Cocktails, dinner and celebration, 6 to 10 p.m. **Saturday, Aug. 9**, Massena Country Club.

Ogdensburg

Rough Rider’s Summer Social: 5 to 8 p.m. **Friday, Aug. 8**, Frederic Remington Art Museum, 303 Washington St. Cost: \$150. Hosted by Nicolas Bertran and Andrea Smith. Information: www.fredericremington.org.

Potsdam

Open rehearsal: No-obligation for adults/seniors with New Horizons Band of NNY, 9 a.m. to noon **Friday, Aug. 8**, Crane School of Music. Information, registration: Diane Mathie, newhorizonsnny@gmail.com.

Redwood

Mini Pack Basket Weaving Workshop: For those 10 and older, 2 to 6 p.m. **Friday, Aug. 8**, Kring Point State Park, 25920 Kring Point Road. Cost: \$50; bring lunch and water bottle.

Sackets Harbor

Movie: 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. **Fridays, Aug. 8, Sept. 12, Oct. 10, Nov. 14, and Dec. 12**, United Presbyterian Church, 101 S. Broad St. Free.

Three Mile Bay

Dueling Pianos: 6 to 10 p.m. **Friday, Aug. 8**, Sally Port View, 7828 Route 12E. Cost: \$65.

Aug. 9

Adams

“How faith helps navigate life’s challenges”: Women’s program by Live More Ministries, breakfast, 9 to 9:45 a.m.; program, 10 a.m. to noon **Saturday, Aug. 9**, Six Town Meeting House, 31 E. Church St. Information: www.facebook.com/livemoreministries; or Chris, 315-767-2058 or sallyj@twcny.rr.com.

Alexandria Bay

Summer Concert Series: Held 8 p.m. various dates, Bonnie Castle Resort, 31 Holland St. Information: www.bonniecastle.com.

Saturday, Aug. 9: Stevie Mac

Friday, Aug. 15: Double Vision - The For-eigner Experience

Thursday, Aug. 21: Hotel California: The Original Eagles Tribute

Sunday, Aug. 31: Journey from the Heart

Burke

Fundraising auction: Part of Heritage Day and auction event, 10:30 a.m. **Saturday, Aug. 9**, Almanzo Wilder Homestead, 177 Stacy Road. Information: 518-483-1207 or farm@almanzowilderfarm.com.

Canton

Community Paddle: With Nature Up North, 6:30 to 8 p.m. **Saturday, Aug. 9**, Little River

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Boat Launch outer Park Street. Information, registration: www.natureupnorth.org.

Clayton

1000 Islands Art, Craft, and Antique Festival: 10 a.m. **Saturday, Aug. 9**, Gordon Cerow Recreation Park, 80 Park Drive. Vendors, food, antiques and collectibles.

The Steeldrivers: 7:30 p.m. **Saturday, Aug. 9**, Clayton Opera House, 405 Riverside Drive. Cost: Side, \$40; center, \$45; premium, \$50. Information, tickets: www.claytonoperahouse.com.

Fineview

Craft Café: Summer Edition: All ages, 2 to 5 p.m. **Saturday, Aug. 9**, Wellesley Island State Park, 44927 Cross Island Road.

Henderson

Henderson Heritage Day: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. **Saturday, Aug. 9**, Henderson Historical Society, 12581 County Route 72. Information: hendersonnyhistoricalsociety.com/henderson-heritage-day.

Norwood

Craft fair and family fun event: Hosted by Deep Root Center, Canton, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. **Saturday, Aug. 9**, Norwood Village Park, 28 Maple St. Information, vendors: maria@deeprootcenter.org.

Pulaski

Fleatwood Mac Rock and Roll Dreams Tour: 5 to 10 p.m. **Saturday, Aug. 9**, Kallet Theater, 4842 N. Jefferson St.

Sackets Harbor

Photo exhibition: Featuring works by Daniel Kantak, local photographer and poet, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. **Saturdays, Aug. 9 and 23**, Sackets Harbor Battlefield State Historic Site, 504 W. Main St.

Watertown

Second annual WPBS-TV Golf Tournament: 9 a.m. to noon **Saturday, Aug. 9**, Thompson Park Golf Course, Thompson Park. Rain or shine, prizes, live music. Cost: \$100; early bird (by June 1), \$80. Information, registration: Mike Ricca, mricca@wpbstv.org.

Aug. 10

Chaumont

NOAA Lake Ontario Marine Sanctuary: By Benjamin Ioset, 2 p.m. **Sunday, Aug. 10**, Lyme Heritage Center, 1848 Depot St. Information: 315-649-5452.

Fineview

Tree ID Hike: 10 a.m. **Sunday, Aug. 10**, Wellesley Island State Park, 44927 Cross Island Road. Recommended 10 and older, cancelled if raining.

Glenfield

Ice cream social: 2 to 4 p.m. **Sunday, Aug. 10**, Pine Grove Community Church, 6053 Austin Road. Music by Turning Point Barbershop Chorus.

Lyons Falls

Family picnic day: Sponsored by the Lewis County Democratic Committee, noon to 4 p.m. **Sunday, Aug. 10**, Riverside Park, 6908 Laura St. Games for all ages, silent auction, music by Tony Levesque, singalong, and two special “kid” guests (baby goats). Cost:

\$5; family, \$10; includes food. Information, tickets: Marion Opela, 315-376-8639.

Three Mile Bay

Presentations: Held various days, Lyme Heritage Center, 1848 Depot St. Free.

Sunday, Aug. 10: 2 p.m. NOAA Lake Ontario Marine Sanctuary, by Benjamin Ioset

Thursday, Aug. 14: Rum Runners in the Thousand Islands, by Jeff Garnsey

Sunday, Sept. 14: Native Americans of Northern New York, by Ken Knapp

Aug. 11

Alexandria Bay

Bill Johnston’s Pirate Days: Held **Monday, Aug. 11, through Wednesday, Aug. 20**, various locations in Alexandria Bay. Grand parade: 1 p.m. **Sunday, Aug. 20**. Information, full schedule: <https://visitalexbay.org/our-events/bill-johnstons-pirates-days>.

Cape Vincent

Vacation Bible school: 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. **Monday, Aug. 11, through Friday, Aug. 15**, United Church of Christ, 260 Broadway St. Information, registration: Cathy Golden, 315-654-4887.

Dickinson Center

Rabies vaccination clinic: For cats, dogs, and ferrets, 6 to 7:30 p.m. **Monday, Aug. 11**, Dickinson Volunteer Fire Department, 7 Church St. Free; donations of \$5 welcome. Information: 518-481-1710.

Watertown

CHJC 19th annual charity golf tournament: Shotgun start **Monday, Aug. 11**, Highland Meadows Golf Club, 24201 Route 342. Benefits Children’s Home of Jefferson County.

Aug. 12

Black River

Book Club: 10 to 11 a.m. **second Tuesday of each month**, Sally Ploof Hunter Memorial Library, 101 Public Works Drive. Will discuss book from previous month, talk about book for next month, and anything else that comes up.

Clayton

Guided Meditation on Grenell Island: 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. **Tuesday, Aug. 12**, Thousand Islands Arts Center, 314 John St.

Aug. 13

Clayton

Tom Rush with Matt Nakoa: 7:30 p.m. **Wednesday, Aug. 13**, Clayton Opera House, 403 Riverside Drive. Cost: Side, \$30; center, \$35; premium, \$40. Information, tickets: www.claytonoperahouse.com.

West Leyden

“Wednesdays in West Leyden”: Held 6 to 8 p.m. **Wednesdays, Aug. 13 and 27**, Town of Lewis Park, 4801 Mud Lake Road.

Aug. 13: Cincinnati Creek

Aug. 27: Matt Chase

Aug. 14

Gouverneur

Annual senior picnic: Registration, 9 a.m.; Bingo, 9:30 a.m.; lunch, 11:45 a.m.; live music by The Bloom Brothers, 12:30 to

Summer Fun

1:30 p.m. **Thursday, Aug. 14**, Gouverneur Community Center, 4673 Route 58. Lunch reservations must be made by Aug. 7: 315-386-4730 (Suggested cost 60 and older, \$5; 59 and younger, \$10).

Ogdensburg

Sips and ships cocktail party: Hosted by Susan and Ellen Schwartz, 5 to 7 p.m. **Thursday, Aug. 14**, Frederic Remington Art Museum, 303 Washington St. Cost: \$75. Information: www.fredericremington.org.

Owls Head

Food pantry: Town of Bellmont, **Thursdays, Aug. 14 and Sept. 11**, Town Highway Garages, Bellmont Center and Owl’s Head. Information: 518-483-9313.

Aug. 15

Fineview

Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon: 11:30 a.m. **Friday, Aug. 15**, Wellesley Island State Park, 44927 Cross Island Road. Reservations requested by Aug. 11.

Henderson

Cornhole tournament: Registration, 10 a.m. **Saturday, Aug. 15**, On the Green, Whitney Road. Live music, chicken barbecue.

Pulaski

Abbanania: 6:30 to 10 p.m. **Friday, Aug. 15**, Kallet Theater, 4842 N. Jefferson St.

Aug. 16

Croghan

Children’s fest: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. **Saturday, Aug. 16**, Adirondack Mennonite Heritage Farm, 8778 Erie Canal Road. Learn about “summer’s bounty,” activities, food. Information: www.mennoniteheritagefarm.com.

Philadelphia

Chicken barbecue: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. **Saturday, Aug. 16**, Philadelphia United Methodist Church, 21 Main St. Takeout style, but with option to eat on lawn, weather permitting. Menu: Barbecue chicken, salad, baked beans, roll, and dessert. Cost: \$12; half chicken, \$6. Benefits church insurance.

Aug. 17

Fineview

Voyager Canoe Excursion: Island Hopping from Wellesley to Grindstone, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. **Sunday, Aug. 17**, Wellesley Island State Park, 44927 Cross Island Road. Bring lunch and a water bottle; registration required.

Heuvelton

The Currys: Folk rock, 7 p.m. **Sunday, Aug. 17**, Pickens Hall, 83 State St. Cost: \$15. Information: www.pickenshall.com or 315-344-7950.

Chateaugay

Rabies vaccination clinic: For cats, dogs, and ferrets, 6 to 7:30 p.m. **Monday, Aug. 18**, Chateaugay “Old Bus Garage.” Free; donations of \$5 welcome. Information: 518-481-1710.

Chaumont

Monday Music on the Lake: Lyme Performing Arts Council, Dog Hill Road, 6 p.m. **Mon-**

day, Aug. 18, Chaumont Village Beach, Route 12E. Food and beverages available for purchase. Free; donations accepted.

Clayton

Free community dinner: Takeouts, 4:30 p.m.; dine in, 5 p.m. **third Monday of the month**, River Community Church, 38844 Bartlett Point Road. Information, pre-orders: 315-775-6711.

Aug. 20

Ogdensburg

Business After Hours: St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce, 5 to 7 p.m. **Wednesday, Aug. 20**, JJ’s on the River, Hosmer’s Marina, 54 E. River St.

Syracuse

Great New York State Fair: Opens, 9 a.m. **Wednesday, Aug. 20, through Monday, Sept. 1**, New York State Fairgrounds, 581 State Fair Blvd. Live music, demonstrations, vendors, food. Information, tickets, full schedule: <https://www.nysfairy.gov>.

Aug. 21

Clayton

The World Famous Glenn Miller Orchestra: 7:30 p.m. **Thursday, Aug. 21**, Clayton Opera House, 403 Riverside Drive. Cost: Side, \$40; center, \$45; premium, \$50. Information, tickets: www.claytonoperahouse.com.

Ogdensburg

The Remington Legacy Festival: Held **Thursday, Aug. 21, through Sunday, Aug. 24**, Frederic Remington Art Museum, 303 Washington St. Golf tournament, horse show, family fun day. Information: www.fredericremington.org.

Aug. 22

Canton

20th annual Classic Golf Tournament: To benefit Frederic Remington Art Museum, registration, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. **Friday, Aug. 22**, St. Lawrence University Golf Course at Best Western University Inn. Information: <https://www.fredericremington.org>.

West Carthage

Summer block party bash: 6 to 10 p.m. **Friday, Aug. 22**, somewhere on Bridge Street. Live music, ice cream truck, games, vendors.

Aug. 23

Clayton

River Wrangler Rally: Family fun for all Jeep enthusiasts, held **Saturday, Aug. 23**, Cerow Park, 615 E. Line Road. Events, craft fair, food, vendors, live music. Entry fee: \$5. Information: Christine Lingenfelter, 315-783-4106 or riverwranglerally.com.

Malone

Two-day Fly-In Festival: Malone Chamber of Commerce, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. **Saturday, Aug. 23**; and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. **Sunday, Aug. 24**, Malone-Dufort Airport, 27 Airport Road. Admission: \$5; 15 and younger, free. Information: 518-483-3760, malonechamber@gmail.com, or www.maslonechamberofcommerce.com.

Aug. 24

Ogdensburg

Summer open horse show: With St. Lawrence Valley Horsemen’s Association (SLVHA), 9 a.m. **Sunday, Aug. 24**, Linden Road. Admission Aug. 24: \$5 donation to Frederic Remington Art Museum

Aug. 25

Carthage

Carthage Comets back to school bash: 4 to 7 p.m. **Monday, Aug. 25**, Carthage Central School, 36500 Route 26. Free dinner, music, haircuts, books, games, community resource table.

Aug. 29

Lowville

Food Truck Friday: 5 to 8 p.m. **Friday, Aug. 29**, Lewis County Fairgrounds, 5485 Bostwick St. Information: <http://foodtruckfridayslc.com>.

Watertown

Downtown Block Party: 5 to 10 p.m. **Fridays, June 27, July 25, and Aug. 29**, Public Square, downtown Watertown. Live music, ice cream, food trucks, art, children’s activities, community corner.

Aug. 30

Henderson

10th Mountain Division Band: 1 p.m. **Sunday, Aug. 30**, On the Green, Whitney Road.

Watertown

Creators Film Festival Fifth Anniversary: 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. **Saturday, Aug. 30**, Harmony Pac, 136 Franklin St. Film screenings, industry panel, award ceremony. Cost: \$40. Information: www.creatorsfilmfest.com; tickets: www.eventbrite.com.

Sept. 5

Carthage

Sue Day Memorial Golf Tournament: Registration, 8 a.m.; shotgun start, 9 a.m. **Friday, Sept. 5**, Carlowden Country Club, 4105 Carlowden Road. Captain and Crew. Cost: \$500 per team; includes golf for four with carts, skins, one mulligan per player, breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Registration: By **Aug. 18**. Benefits The Arc Jefferson-St. Lawrence Foundation.

Constableville

50th annual “Old Time” Gas Engines, Tractors and Truck Show: Grounds open, 8 a.m. **Friday, Sept. 5**; and starting with pancake breakfast, 7 to 10 a.m. **Saturday, Sept. 6, and Sunday, Sept. 7**, Flywheels and Pulleys Club, Route 26. Music, raffles, food, flea market, crafts, trucks, antique engines, tools, flag raising, dance, cross-cut, watermelon eating contest, women’s fry-pan throw, children’s activities. No fireworks allowed. Camping available. Information: Lance Blood, 315-337-2079; or John and Olga Miller, 315-348-6781.

History and Genealogical Fair taking shape

Times staff report

WATERTOWN — The annual Jefferson County Historical Society History and Genealogical Fair is 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6.

Plans are being finalized, but at least two guest speakers will present on various topics throughout the day: Nick Dephtereos on Babcock carriages and John Stano on a topic to be

determined.

Lunch will be available for purchase on site with the Mike and Colleen Hancock food truck. The event will be at the society's Paddock Mansion, 228 Washington St.

Organizations and individuals interested in reserving space at the fair should RSVP Ashley Pickett at Flower Memorial Library at apickett@ncls.org by Friday, Aug. 15.

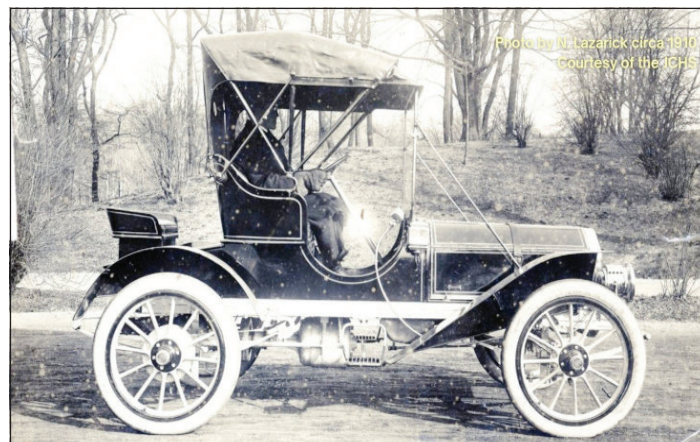


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Lowville

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Sept. 6

Chateaugay

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Clayton

38th annual Thousand Islands Train Fair: Sponsored by Watertown Area Model Railroad Club, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6; and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 7, Cerow Arena, 615 E. Line Road. Cost: \$7; 11 and younger, free. Door prizes, refreshments, different scales, dealers. Information: Tom, 315-489-4856.

Lowville

10th annual VTC Jefferson-Lewis Golf Tournament: Held Saturday, Sept. 6, Cedars Golf Course, 9368 East Road. Information, registration: www.volunteertransportationcenter.org.

Sept. 7

Fort Covington

Pancake breakfast: 8 to 11 a.m. first Sunday of the month, Fort Covington Adult Center, 2526 Chateaugay St. Menu: Pancakes, eggs, bacon, sausage, home fries, sausage gravy on biscuit, strawberry sauce, and peaches. Cost: \$12; 5 to 12, \$5; 4 and younger, free.

Sept. 9

North Bangor

Rabies vaccination clinic: For cats, dogs, and ferrets, 6 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 9, Bangor Fire Department, 2367 Route 11. Free; donations of \$5 welcome. Information: 518-481-1710.

Sept. 11

Canton

Jeff Sharlet: St. Lawrence University Writers Series, 8 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, Sykes Common Room, St. Lawrence University, 23 Romoda Drive. Free. Information: www.stlawu.edu/offices/writers-series.

Potsdam

Hooks and Needles Textile Guild: Calling fiber friends, 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, Creative Spirit Community Arts Center, 6 Raymond St. All ages and skill levels welcome; children should be accompanied by adult; freewill donations accepted.

Sept. 13

Alexandria Bay

Murder and Mayhem at Boldt Castle: Murder Mystery with WPBS and The Butler Did It Players, 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, Boldt Castle, Heart Island. Dress in best Victorian-era attire, eavesdrop on staff, gather clues. Must be 21 or older. Wine bar and hot appetizer buffet; transportation by Uncle Sam Boat Tours. Cost: \$125; WPBS newsletter subscribers, \$125; WPBS members, \$115. Information, registration: www.wpbs-stv.org/events.

Watertown

Volunteer work day: 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 13, Thompson Park.

Sept. 14

Chaumont

Native Americans of Northern New York: Presentation by Ken Knapp, archeologist, 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 14, Lyme Heritage Center, 1848 Depot St. Information: 315-

649-5452.

Madrid

Craft, Food, and Wine Open-air Market: Hosted by St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday,

Sept. 20, St. Lawrence Power and Equipment Museum, 1755 Route 345. Cost: \$5; 12 and younger, free; cash only.

Events for Summer Fun CalendarSubmitted by Elaine Scott 315-938-5315 For Henderson Historical Society

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Article for Summer Fun For July 26, 2025 Edition Submitted by Elaine J. Scott For Henderson Historical Society

It's quiet now, but early on Saturday, August 9th, the grounds of the Henderson Historical Society will fill up with the best of New York State Crafters for the 18th Annual Henderson Heritage Day & Juried Craft Show. This is an old time community celebration of our area's history and culture. The day begins with the 8:45 AM flag raising. In honor of the 250th Commemoration of the start of the American Revolution. The names of the thirty Revolutionary veterans buried in Henderson will be read aloud. At 9 AM the old church bell will be rung signaling the start of the day. Take a stroll along the winding path to see the crafters, local authors, non-profits, civic groups, and food vendors with their enticing booths near the park pavilion. Directly in front of the cabin will be a special maze created by the Adams Center Kripalu Yoga and Wellness Center. Remember all who wander are not lost so enjoy. The 1820s cabin will be open for viewing with a guide to answer all questions (like why there is no chimney). Exiting out the back will be Dancing Goat Farm with baby goats. Directly behind them the antique fire truck of the Henderson Fire Department can be viewed. Also, there will be horse & cart rides. Watch out there will be re-enactors roaming the grounds checking for Tory spies. Tom “24” Ventiquattro returns to sing your favorite tunes and his heart rendering historic ballads from 10 AM to 3 PM closing. He takes song requests and his cd's will be available. Up in the 1839 former Church will be historic displays and the annual silent auction. The auction ends right at 2:30 PM so get your bids in. The area student art show is a special feature. Visitors can make a dollar vote for “People's Choice” award. Enjoy the period Horwood Stained-glass windows made in Ogdensburg, NY. Exiting out the handicap ramp will lead to the Peters-Stevens Boat Annex. Built in 2013 the annex houses antique wooden guide boats of Henderson history. There are fifteen boats. The most intriguing is the 1880s Steven's ice boat. The Henderson Heritage Day and Juried Craft Show on Saturday, August 9th at the Henderson Historical Society located at 12581 Co Rte 72 (between NYS Routes 3 & 178) in the hamlet of Henderson from 9 AM to 3 PM. There is handicap parking on Harborview Dr. and handicap facilities at the park pavilion. The event is free and open to the public. Come be a part of history!

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Henderson Historical Society
2025 Programs

July 11, 2025-HHPA Tri-School Art Show through August 9th

July 12, 2025-Tyler Coverlet story

July 26, 2025-10AM-Write Your Story with Sheila Byrnes

August 9, 2025Heritage Day & Juried Craft Show

9 AM to 3 PM
Ceremony 8:45 AM

August (), 2025-Al Dowker Returns

August-Finney Round Table

September 25, 2025- 4th Grade Visit to The Museum

October 15, 2025-Museum closing for the season

December 1, 2025-Christmas Party
Open House- Noon to 2 PM





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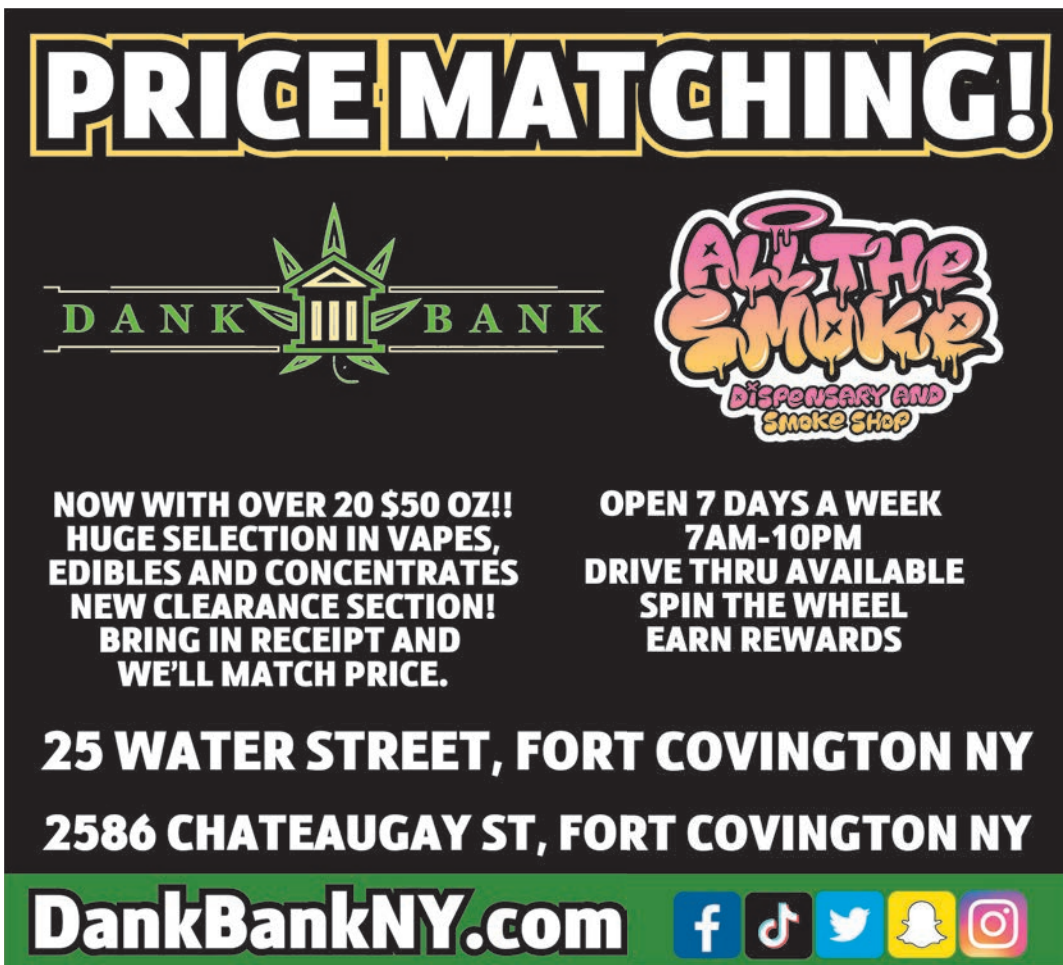
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Movie producer moving film fest to Watertown

By **CHRIS BROCK**
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WATERTOWN — The founder of a film festival is moving the event to Watertown for its fifth anniversary.

Michelle L. Dibernardo calls her Creators Film Fest a “celebration of vision, voice and the unseen.” The Cicero resident has a love for movies and is also executive director and president of the Syracuse International Film Festival. That 22nd annual festival is Oct. 17 to 19.

For the past four years, Dibernardo’s Creators Film Fest has been virtual. On Saturday, Aug. 30 it will be held at HarmoNNY Performing Arts Community at The Strand, 136 Franklin St. On that day, beginning at 10:30 a.m. when doors open, to the 6:30 p.m. awards ceremony, Dibernardo has gathered “a dynamic lineup of films that reflect the spirit of fearless storytelling, community impact, and cinematic innovation.”

Dibernardo has brought her own dynamic to the Watertown moviemaking scene. The founder of Dibernardo Productions specializes in principal and background casting, location scouting in upstate New York and a range of production services. She has co-produced a handful of horror-themed films with several scenes shot in Watertown. One of her favorite spots has been an abandoned factory — the former GLV Black Clawson Co. paper research center at 591 W. Main St. The

building is owned by Raymond E. Worcester, Watertown. He purchased it about a decade ago for \$1,000.

In 2022, some scenes for “Brain Hunter: New Breed” film, co-directed by Robert Resto and who also wrote the script, were shot at the building. The film is a sequel to 2013’s “Brain Hunter.” The newer film’s tag line: “A new breed of Brain Hunter has emerged to hunt humans for their brains in New York City.”

Dibernardo heard about the West Main Street building from Watertown resident Ed Abbate, who has been working as a movie extra since 2004. Two years ago, Dibernardo filmed scenes for her film, “EXscaped” at the building. She also wrote the film and played its main character, Veronica Gavin. The movie was co-directed by Kailee Stevenson. The sequel to “EXscaped,” also filmed in 2023, also had scenes filmed at the West Main Street building. That film, “Unraveled: The Prelude to EXscaped” was written and produced by Dibernardo.

In September, Dibernardo will film scenes for her new movie, “Those Who Believe,” at the Watertown site. The film’s synopsis: “In a remote wilderness, a fame-hungry podcaster, a vengeful hunter, a skeptical scientist, and a fearless photographer set out to prove Bigfoot is real. But their documentary spirals into a brutal fight for survival when the myth turns out to be a far more intelligent and deadly reality.” Other scenes for the film will be shot at Dibernardo’s home in Cicero, the woods in Altmar and the Adirondacks.

FOCUS ON WATERTOWN

Dibernardo said moving the Creators Film Fest to Watertown is part of a larger vision.

“I’ve always had a passion for enriching the Watertown and Alexandria Bay region with film, television and the arts,” she said. “Over the past few years, I’ve filmed three feature films in Watertown, all showcasing Ray Worcester’s historic building, which we are now working to transform into a movie studio and soundstage. Our vision is to build out a creative hub



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Presentation to be offered on cleaning gravestones, locating unmarked graves

Johnson Newspapers

CASTORLAND — A presentation on Cleaning Gravestones and Locating Unmarked Graves will be held at 3 p.m. July 28 in the Croghan Town Offices, 9882 Route 126.

The presentation will begin with a talk by Laurie Rush, Fort Drum's cultural resources manager. She will cover the proper techniques for cleaning headstones and share valuable methods for locating

unmarked grave sites.

After the talk, the group will visit three local cemeteries starting with Basselin Cemetery in Croghan for a hands-on demonstration on how to locate unmarked graves. The next stop will be St. Stephen's Cemetery, for a demonstration of the best practices for cleaning headstones.

The day will conclude with a visit to Jerden Falls Cemetery.



Laurie Rush, Fort Drum's cultural resources manager, will do a presentation on Cleaning Gravestones and Locating Unmarked Graves on July 28. Photo provided by town of Croghan historian

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here, a place where local talent can thrive and filmmakers from

across the region can collaborate.”

Once a “true film community” is established in Northern New York, Dibernardo sees further potential. “If all goes well, I’d love to one day serve as Watertown’s film commissioner,

attracting productions to the area and putting this incredible region on the cinematic map.”

Dibernardo has been acting and modeling since she was 12 years old. She currently holds a New York state teaching license for acting/modeling. She is represented by multiple agents

across the United States and has played background in several television shows, such as “Blacklist,” “Blue Bloods,” “Hostages,” “Smash” and “Unforgettable.”

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

The fifth Creators Film Fest

will feature a mix of high school films, short narratives, documentaries, horror, and a feature-length centerpiece, the French film “On My Way,” directed by Thierry Obadia, inspired by true events. It’s a heartfelt journey of self-discovery, family and redemption, following Doudou Ngumbu, a young man abandoned in childhood, as he seeks his late father’s legacy.

“For five years, the Creators Film Festival has been a launchpad for fresh talent and honest voices,” said Dibernardo. “This year’s films highlight the resilience of youth, the complexity of justice, and the importance of independent storytelling in a rapidly changing world.”

Documentary highlights:

“Reformed,” directed by Christopher O’Conner, shares the raw accounts of three formerly incarcerated men who tell of their path from conviction to freedom.

“Breasts Not Required,” directed by Seth Thompson and Hannah Sullivan. Eight women speak candidly about mastectomy, reconstruction and the breast implant industry, challenging the norms of medical and beauty standards.

Short films of horror highlights:

“La Bonita” (“The Pretty”), directed by Miguel Córcoles. “At a mysterious cocktail bar, a waitress enforces justice with an ancient coin ritual.”

“The Days of Knights: Chapter 3,” directed by John P. Martinez. “A dark fantasy of ancient mercenaries, global conspiracies and the survival of humanity.”

Short films highlight:

“Sloppy Sunday,” directed by Christoff LeBlanc. “A gritty drama about a young woman breaking free from exploitation and planning her escape.”

High school films highlight:

“Second Chance,” directed by India Anne Mitchell. “A powerful documentary exploring the juvenile justice system through the eyes of a young filmmaker who turns a traumatic school experience into an act of advocacy and hope.”

TICKETS

Tickets for the festival are available at \$23 general admission, free for students and \$44, VIP. To purchase tickets and for more festival info, go to creatorsfilmfest.com.

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