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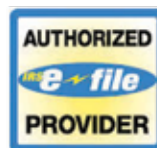
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Please take further notice that taxes may be paid in full on or before January 31, 2026 without charges or penalties. Installment payments must be paid on or before January 31, 2026 with 1% fee. No installment payments will be accepted after January 31, 2026. Second Installments must be paid to the Schuyler County Treasurer by July 1, 2026. All taxes received after January 31, 2026 will have an added penalty of one percent per month or fraction thereof until such taxes are paid or until the return of the unpaid taxes to the Schuyler County Treasurer pursuant to law on the first day of April 2026. Receipts will be sent only on request. The tax roll is available on our website at www.hectorny.us by selecting Departments; then Tax Collector; Tax Lookup is on bottom left of page.

Estimated State Aid to Town: \$803,139

2026 Tax Rates: County Services	1.538984
County Unfunded Mandates	4.386889
Town Wide	3.154247
Town Inside Village	2.276407
Fire District #1 (Mecklenburg)	1.584420
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Obituary

MARILYNN R. FRANK, a beloved educator and a beacon of kindness, departed this world peacefully on December 24, 2025, in Geneva, after prolonged health challenges. Born on June 28, 1945, in Geneva, she blossomed into a profound spirit whose impact was felt by many, particularly within the walls of the LaFayette Intermediate School in Waterloo, where she dedicated decades of her life as a reading teacher.

Throughout her career, Marilyn passionately advocated for children, tirelessly working to ensure they attained a well-rounded education within a supportive environment. Her commitment and dedication did not go unnoticed, and in 1998, she was honored as Educator of the Year by the Waterloo Education Association—a testament to her unwavering devotion to her students and their families.

Educated at SUNY Cortland, Marilyn received her master's degree in education, a reflection of her commitment to lifelong learning and excellence. She was an ardent member of the Delta Kappa Gamma sorority and remained a proud sister throughout her life. Her deep spiritual nature and gentle demeanor resonated with all who crossed her path, ensuring that her abundant kindness and thoughtfulness left a lasting impression.

Outside of her professional endeavors, Marilyn found joy in homemaking and the art of gift-giving, displaying her innate ability to bring happiness to others through small yet meaningful gestures. Her love for animals was evident through her cherished pets who were an integral part of her life over the years.

In her spiritual community, Marilyn was a devout parishioner of Holy Cross Catholic Church, dedicating her time as a lector, Eucharistic minister, and faith formation teacher. Her contributions to the church reflected her commitment to fostering faith and guiding others in their spiritual journeys.

Marilynn is survived by her loving husband, Gerry, with whom she shared nearly fifty years of marriage, having exchanged vows on October 7, 1976, in Fayette. Their partnership was a source of joy and strength, and they faced life's many seasons side by side.

She joins her beloved parents, William C. and Dorothy (nee O'Connor) Legott, who have predeceased her. Marilyn's legacy of compassion, dedication, and love will continue to inspire those who were fortunate enough to know her.

Visitation will be held at Covert Funeral Home in Ovid, on Friday, January 2, 2026 from 2:00 to 4:00 PM. A mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00AM on Saturday, January 3, 2026 at Holy Cross Church in Ovid. In lieu of flowers, kindly consider a donation in Marilyn's memory to Holy Cross Church, (step renovation) PO Box 403, Interlaken, NY 14847.

Obituary

RHEA M. IKE, beloved matriarch, legendary “Granny,” and fierce lifelong opponent of television, passed away peacefully on December 25, 2025, at Geneva General Hospital with her favorite granddaughter by her side, after a long and determined battle with what she casually referred to as the “old age bug.” She was 82 — and yes, she would absolutely want you to know that.

Born on November 23, 1943, in Lodi, New York, Rhea grew up among the rolling hills and deep lakes of the Finger Lakes region — a place she loved dearly and never quite forgave for its winters.

Rhea lived life entirely on her own terms, with a blend of independence, sharp humor, and unwavering loyalty. She loved her people fiercely, but her greatest joy — by far — was her four “littles”: Adaline Marie, Vivian Grace, Rhett James, and Wyatt David. They were the center of her universe, and she made sure everyone knew it.

A devoted reader, Rhea firmly believed that television was a waste of perfectly good reading time. She could often be found with a book in her right hand, a glass of dry Riesling in her left, and absolutely no intention of being interrupted. She favored edgy paperbacks, strong opinions, and quiet moments — preferably all at once. If you were loved by her, you knew it. And if she had something to say, well... you definitely knew that too.

Throughout her life, Rhea wore many titles, but none more proudly than “Granny.” It was a role she took seriously, performed exceptionally well, and never retired from.

As we remember Rhea, we celebrate a life well lived — full of laughter, love, loyalty, and simple pleasures done exactly her way. She will be deeply missed, fondly remembered, and often quoted.

Rhea is survived by her only child, Tina (Robert) MacCheyne; her grandson, Scott (Katie) MacCheyne; and her granddaughter, Alyssa (Kevin) MacCheyne and of course her “Littles”— all of whom were fiercely loved and regularly kept in line. She is also survived by three of her twelve siblings: Della (Paul), Nelson, Nick Ike, and RC Ike. In true Ike fashion, she leaves behind well over a hundred nieces and nephews who somehow all managed to believe they were her favorite — and who will continue to tell stories, laugh loudly, and argue passionately in her honor.

A Celebration of Life for Rhea will be held on Saturday, January 10, 2026, at the Trumansburg American Legion, 4431 E. Seneca Road, Trumansburg, from 1:00–4:00 p.m. A brief remembrance, prayer, and shared stories will begin promptly at 1:15 p.m., so please arrive by then — punctuality mattered to her, and this part would not be optional. Guests are encouraged to bring a favorite Rhea story to share; she appreciated honesty, a sharp point, and getting to the good part. Food will be served, stories will be told, and staying awhile is encouraged.

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Obituary

RICHARD LAWRENCE STAFFORD of Trumansburg passed away at home on Sunday, December 21, 2025 at the age of 86.

Rich was born in Marathon, New York, the only child to the late Lawrence and Anna Marie (Martin) Stafford. He attended Paul Smith's College and while there played harmonica in a band.

Rich had a broad skill set working in forestry as a surveyor before owning his own business in general contracting, specializing in electrical and plumbing. Rich relocated to Trumansburg in the 1980s. Here he found a warm and welcoming community. He developed many strong and enriching relationships. He felt himself included as part of the fabric of his new home and its distinctive character.

Rich is survived by his children, Matthew (Jaime) Stafford, Patricia (James) Hampton, and Charles Stafford; grandson, Bennett Stafford; and close friend, Katherine Conroy. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a daughter, Anne Stafford.

In keeping with his wishes there will be no services.

The family asks those that would like to make a contribution in Rich's memory to kindly consider Stay Wild Rescue.

Obituary

LORETTA VAN RIPER BATES, age 85, passed away peacefully on Sunday, December 14, 2025, following many months of declining health.

Loretta was born in Geneva, New York to the late Albertus and Catherine (Goodge) Van Riper. She was a 1958 graduate of Ovid High School and later attended Alfred College. Loretta worked at several laboratories throughout her career, finishing her professional journey at SmithKline Laboratories.

She was a devoted member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Ovid Federated Church, and Hillsborough Presbyterian Church. Loretta loved the Lord and found joy in gardening, playing cards and board games, reading, butterflies, and collecting miniature teacups.

She is survived by her children: Robert (Barbie) Bates Jr. of Clermont, Florida; Lori (Marvin) Morton of Ovid, New York; and Lisa (Frederick) Sauber of Wendelstein, Germany.

Loretta is also survived by her grandchildren: Marcia (Nate) Williamson, Jessica (Kevin) Rappleye, James (Tara) Morton, Carla (Curt) Updike, Larry (Crystal) Warner, Nicole (Jhonattan) Scheker, Lizze (Zee) Nackman, Harley Bates, Charles Bates, Jenny (Chris) von Abenberg, Cedric (Julia) Sauber, and Taylor Ricci; as well as 13 great-grandchildren.

She is further survived by her siblings: Judy (Allan) Brown, Sandy (Rick) Stewart, and Leroy Van Riper; her sister-in-law, Susie Van Riper; and her brother-in-law, Earl Houseknecht.

Loretta was preceded in death by her parents, Albertus and Catherine Van Riper; her son, Rodney Bates; and her siblings, Diane Moore, Elaine Houseknecht, and Jerry Van Riper.

A spring burial will take place at Mount Green Cemetery, Romulus, Seneca County, New York. The celebration of life will follow.

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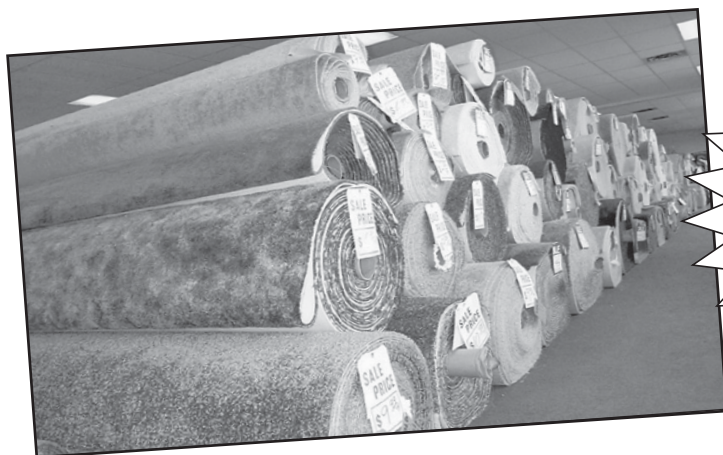


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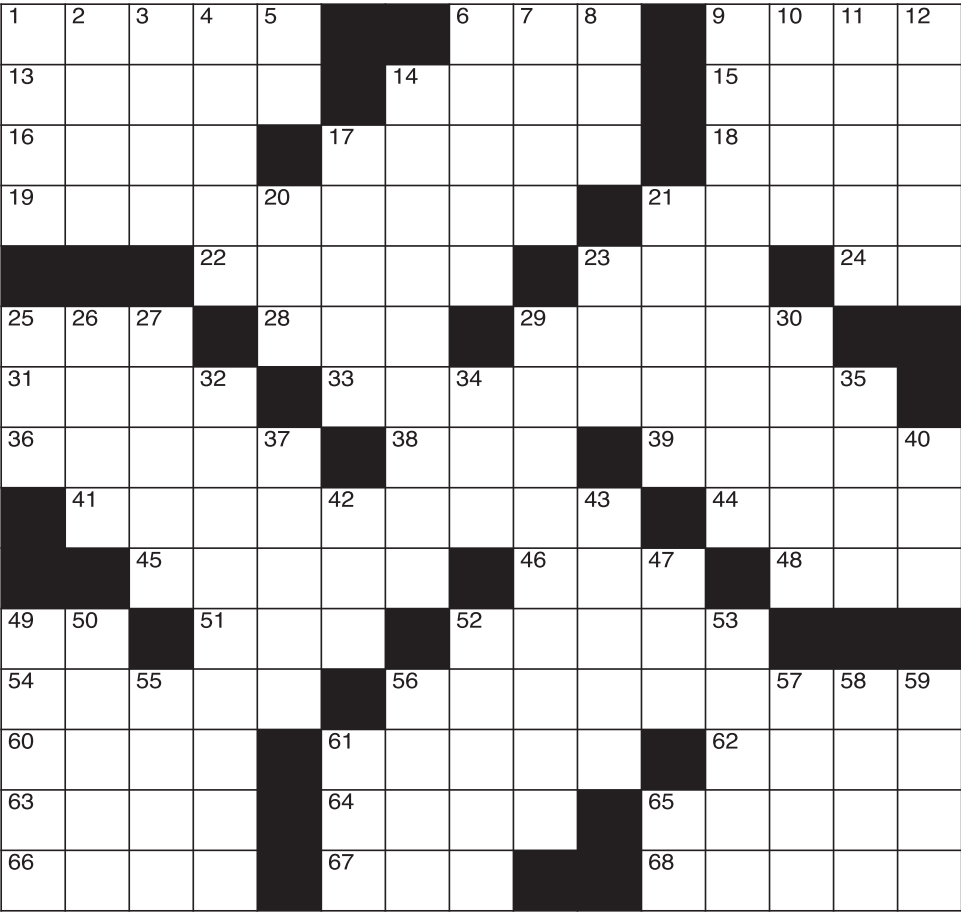
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CLUES ACROSS

1. Lakes
6. Electromotive force
9. Invests in little enterprises
13. Longtime Utah Jazz coach
14. Small sailboat
15. Actor Idris
16. Mild yellow Dutch cheese made in balls
17. System that detects objects under water
18. Harsh, grating noise
19. Steward
21. A fencing sword
22. Infections
23. Actress Ryan
24. Sodium
25. Swedish castle
28. A lump of slime
29. African antelope
31. Insurance providers
33. Choosy
36. Ringworm
38. Unpolished
39. Drenches
41. Pant style
44. Son of Noah
45. Spiritual being
46. Upton Sinclair novel
48. Journalist Tarbell
49. Popular sports highlight show
51. Born of
52. Rich tapestry
54. S. China seaport
56. State of being unclothed
60. Surrounded by
61. Residue
62. Away from wind
63. Dried-up
64. Visionary
65. A very large body of water
66. Garden tools
67. Screen type
68. Ancient Scandinavian poet

CLUES DOWN

1. Millisecond
2. Spanish city
3. A sudden very loud sound
4. “The Indiana Jones of beer”
5. Tin
6. Sea eagles
7. Volcanic crater
8. Type of coat
9. Women’s apartments in Ottoman palace
10. Divulge a secret
11. Norwegian playwright
12. “It’s a Wonderful Life” director
14. Poisonous perennial plant
17. 18-year astronomical period
20. Clothes
21. Places to sit
23. Family of regulator genes
25. New York ballplayer
26. Impressive in size or scope
27. Jacques __, French biologist
29. One from the Big Apple
30. Genus of woolly lemurs
32. Songs to one’s beloved
34. Indigenous person of N.E. Thailand
35. Supplemented with difficulty
37. Farewell
40. Investment account (abbr.)
42. One from Utah
43. Begets
47. A male child
49. Break apart
50. Brief appearance
52. Partner to “oohed”
53. A light informal meal
55. Fabric with smooth, shiny surface
56. One billionth of a second
57. Ancient Italian-Greek colony
58. Close tightly
59. Mail out
61. Language
65. Computer characteristic



Solve the code to discover words related to the new year.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 21 = O)

- A. 24 11 8 21 23 22 4 13 21 16
Clue: Made on January 1
- B. 20 24 21 2 13 8 11
Clue: Pledge
- C. 25 11 3 23 4 25 17
Clue: Good for you
- D. 15 21 3 23
Clue: Objective

Answers: A. resolution B. promise C. healthy D. goal



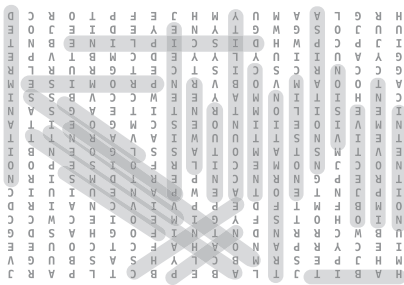
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WORDS

- ACCOUNTABILITY
- ACHIEVEMENT
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- COMMITMENT
- DETERMINATION
- DISCIPLINE
- FOCUS
- GOAL
- HABIT
- IMPROVEMENT
- INTENTION
- MILESTONE
- MINDSET
- MOTIVATION
- OBJECTIVE
- PERSISTENCE
- PLAN
- PROGRESS
- PROMISE
- RENEWAL
- ROUTINE
- TRANSFORMATION
- VISION

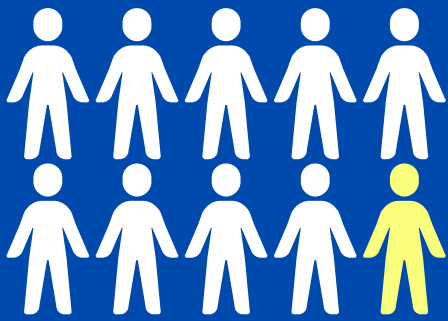


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