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# NEWS

## IDA

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meeting, Integrity CEO Justin Reynolds said he has seen an increase in orders from 22 active customers, knowing there will be added capacity. He currently has six full-time employees, with another two expected to be hired for this expansion.

Project documents submitted to the Lockport IDA state that the additional space would allow them to add more machines and take on larger projects.

Administrative Director Thomas Sy noted that with Integrity Machining moving into Locking Industrial Park, all the existing facilities there will be occupied. He is working with Wendel Companies to update the park's map.

## SUPPORT

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and teaches me lessons."

Dawn has been treated for breast cancer for several years at Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center in Buffalo.

"They were able to get me back to no evidence of active disease," she said of initial success. "Unfortunately, it became resistant to the medication and it became active again. Some new treatments helped, but IV chemotherapy became necessary. I'm doing great, it's just that they had to kick it up to a more aggressive chemo."

Dawn had to leave her job as a teacher at St. Mary's High School in Lancaster, but she said her fellow teachers and faith community have been very helpful. She said her other coping mechanism is "I don't think — I just do." She said her husband will be traveling back and forth to New York City and working remotely when he can.

"When they say it takes a village," she said, "it takes Western New York."

Dawn said a friend from Wolcottsville has a son the same age who also has neuroblastoma and is moving nearby in New York City to get treatment.

"We're kind of going through this together. I don't feel like I'm alone."

# Justice Department to try to charge ex-FBI Director Comey

**ERIC TUCKER AND ALANNA DURKIN RICHER**
ASSOCIATED PRESS




Associated Press file photo

**Former FBI director James Comey** is sworn in before testifying via videoconference during a Senate Judiciary Committee hearing on Capitol Hill in Washington on Sept. 30, 2020.

WASHINGTON — The Justice Department is preparing to ask a grand jury as soon as Thursday to indict former FBI Director James Comey on allegations that he lied to Congress as prosecutors approach a legal deadline for bringing charges, according to two people familiar with the matter.

Officials are hoping to file the case in the Eastern District of Virginia days after President Donald Trump appealed to his attorney general to charge Comey and other perceived political adversaries, and following Trump's replacement last week of the office's top prosecutor with a White House aide who had served as one of his personal lawyers.

Prosecutors have been evaluating whether Comey lied to lawmakers during his Sept. 30, 2020, testimony related to the investigation into ties between Russia and Trump's 2016 presidential campaign. The five-year statute of limitations for bringing a case would be next Tuesday, but prosecutors are expected to seek an indictment before a grand jury before then, said the two people, who were not authorized to discuss an investigation by name and spoke on condition of anonymity to The Associated Press.

Comey's lawyer declined to comment Wednesday and said he had not heard any updates from the Justice Department.

If prosecutors are successful in obtaining an indictment, Comey would become the first former senior government official to face prosecution in connection with one of the president's chief grievances — the long-concluded investigation into Russia's election interference that Trump and his supporters have long derided as a "hoax" and "witch hunt" despite multiple government reviews showing Moscow meddled on his campaign's behalf in 2016.

Any criminal case would almost certainly deepen concerns that the Justice Department under the leadership of Attorney General Pam Bondi, a Trump loyalist, is being weaponized as it pursues investigations of public figures the president regards as his adversaries.

Comey, who was fired as FBI director by Trump months into his first administration, has long been a top target for Trump supporters seeking retribution. Comey was singled out by name in a social media post Saturday night in which Trump complained directly to Bondi that she had not yet brought charges against him,

The White House has moved in recent months to exert control in unprecedented ways over a Justice Department that has historically enjoyed independence in prosecutorial decision-making. The office investigating Comey was thrown into turmoil last week following the resignation of its U.S. Attorney, Erik Siebert, amid Trump administration pressure to bring charges against another of the president's foes, New York Attorney General Letitia James, in a mortgage fraud investigation.

Trump replaced Siebert with Lindsey Halligan, a White House aide who earlier represented Trump in the investigation into his retention of classified documents at his Mar-a-Lago estate in Florida but who lacks the federal criminal experience that historically accompanies the job of running one of the Justice Department's most elite prosecution offices.

# Kimmel is back on ABC to big ratings, some still refuse to air his show

**DAVID BAUDER**
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Jimmy Kimmel is back on his ABC late-night show, but it's still a mystery when — or if — viewers in cities such as Washington, Seattle and St. Louis will be able to see him again on their televisions.

ABC stations owned by the Nexstar and Sinclair corporations took Kimmel off the air last week on the same day the network suspended him for comments that angered supporters of slain conservative activist Charlie Kirk. Those stations kept him off the air Tuesday, when ABC lifted the suspension. The unusual dispute attracted the attention of U.S. senators, who said they wanted to investigate the relationship between the affiliates and President Donald Trump's administration.

Kimmel returned with no apologies, but in an emotional monologue where he appeared close to tears, the host said that he was not trying to joke about the assassination. He also paid tribute to Kirk's widow.

And it got a large audience, with ABC reporting nearly 6.3 million people tuned in to the broadcast alone, despite the blackouts in many cities. As is often the case with late-night hosts' monologues, there was a larger audience online, with more than 15 million people watching Kimmel's opening remarks on YouTube by Wednesday evening. ABC says more than 26 million people watched Kimmel's return on social media, including YouTube.

Typically, he gets about 1.8 million viewers each night on television. The numbers released by ABC do not include viewership from streaming services.

A spokesman for Nexstar said Wednesday that Kimmel will continue to be preempted from its stations while the company evaluates his show. Together, the Nexstar and Sinclair groups account for about a quarter of ABC's affiliates, many in smaller cities such as Nashville, Tennessee; Lubbock, Texas; or Topeka, Kansas.

"We are engaged in productive discussions with executives at the (ABC parent) Walt Disney Co., with a focus on ensuring the program reflects and respects the diverse interests of the communities we serve," Nexstar said.

### DISPUTE HIGHLIGHTS RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN NETWORKS AND LOCAL STATIONS

The dispute focused attention on the business relationships between television networks and the local stations that carry their programming. In the past, local stations occasionally balked at airing a network show, but it was usually an individual market or two worried about pushing boundaries in language or sexual content, said Ted Harbert, a former top executive at ABC and CBS.

What's different this time is groups that have gobbled up multiple stations acting collectively on content for largely political reasons.

"This is how much the country's political divisions have seeped their way into something that has been, for the last 50 or 75 years, a relatively orderly business," Harbert said.

Leadership of ownership groups is generally more conservative than the media and entertainment figures on the stations they broadcast, said Ken Basin, author of "The Business of Television." Both Sinclair, with conservative political content, and Nexstar have reason to curry favor with the Trump administration, he said. Nexstar is seeking regulatory approval for the purchase of a rival, he said.

"I worry that this is not going to be the only dispute of this nature in the years ahead," Basin said.

It's possible that Disney could play hardball if negotiations on Kimmel's return drag on, such as threatening to withhold other ABC programming — even the "nuclear option" of football games. Its unclear how the affiliate agreements are worded.

### KIMMEL WAS AT RISK OF LOSING SHOW ENTIRELY

Last week, Kimmel seemed to be in real danger of losing his show entirely until advocates for free speech protested, including many who canceled subscriptions for Disney services.

"The backlash was stronger than they expected, stronger than I expected," Basin said. "There was a sense of despair within the industry that this was a 'canary in a coal mine' moment."

Four Democratic senators said late Tuesday that they wanted to look into what happened with the station groups.

"If Nexstar or Sinclair traded the censorship of a critic of the administration for official acts by the Trump administration, your companies are not only complicit in an alarming trampling of free speech but also risk running afoul of anti-corruption law," Sens. Elizabeth Warren, Ed Markey, Ron Wyden and Chris Van Hollen wrote to the companies.

On Wednesday, another group of senators led by California Democrat Adam Schiff said they wanted to question FCC Chairman Brendan Carr about "implicit threats" made to Disney over Kimmel.

## EVENTS

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five years and I'm very proud of him. He'll be on the boat heading out of Syracuse in October."

Montante was among many Western New Yorkers at the Rock the Locks festival on Pine and Canal streets expressing how proud they were of their Erie Canal heritage. The event celebrated the arrival of the Seneca Chief on its first stop on its journey along the entire Erie Canal, recognizing its opening 200 years ago.

The event also welcomed international representatives from the World Canals Conference in Buffalo. Orleans County representatives were on hand to get a preview of the boat that will arrive in Medina today.

The city's Erie Canal Bicentennial Commission worked for months planning the week's activities, which included fireworks Wednesday. Earlier in the day, David Smith installed battery-powered lights inside the miniature lighthouse at Widewaters Marina, and countless other preparations were made.

City residents Judy and Frank Boniface, who said their brother-in-law Richard Delaney had helped build the boat, had gone to the locks to watch the Seneca Chief's arrival.

"People were just awed by it," Barbara said.

So was resident Thom Sy.

"I'm amazed at the number of people!" he said of the hundreds filling the street and standing in line for the boat.



Heidi Truschel-Light

**Naturalist Josh Randall and volunteer Hallie Taylor** of the Town of Lockport's Lytle Nature Preserve were on the Pine Street bridge showing where the Eastern white pine "tree of peace" will be planted.

Sy said he learned about the boat's delivery of a potted Eastern white pine as a symbol of peace in the tradition of the Haudenosaunee culture that also acknowledges the displacement of native people when building the canal.

Sy said he was impressed to see the vintage hand tools the boat builders used.

"They tried to be as authentic as possible." He said he was impressed "especially when you think of the hull and how meticulous it had to be made!"

Barbara Montante agreed.

"When you think about it, how volunteers worked on it without engineering or carpentry backgrounds!" she said. "It's a testament to the human spirit and how things should be."

Andy Montante, a volunteer boat builder at the Buffalo Maritime Center, marveled, "I was working on this last Thursday!"

He said the bunks hadn't been installed at that time and the boat wasn't painted.

Of the volunteers, Andy said, "We had decent woodworkers down to people that knew nothing." He credited the center's boatmasters, Greg Dudley and Roger Allen with teaching the volunteers skills and inspecting their work.

"We would be working and do something and say — that just sunk the boat!"

## CANAL

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Canal today.

As part of the Bicentennial Voyage, at each of the 28 ports where the Erie Canal Boat Seneca Chief will stop, BMC has arranged for the planting of an Eastern White Pine tree. The "Tree of Peace" in Haudenosaunee culture the plantings are acknowledgment of Haudenosaunee displacement caused by the development of the Erie Canal.

Also, at every port, communities will contribute water from their section of the canal to a ceremonial barrel aboard the boat, and at New York City, the last stop on the voyage, the water will be used on the pine tree that's planted, representing the uniting of waterways and people across the state.

Following the Bicentennial Voyage, Erie Canal Boat Seneca Chief will winter in Albany. Programming, tours and a smaller-scale Erie Canal journey are in the works for 2026.

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**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that **public statement hearings** will be held before Administrative Law Judges on:

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| DATE: | Tuesday, September 30, 2025 |
| TIME: | 1:00 p.m. |
| LOCATION: | Sodus Community Library<br>17 Maple Avenue<br>Sodus, NY 14551 |

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| DATE: | Tuesday, October 7, 2025 |
| TIME: | 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. |
| LOCATION: | Binghamton City Hall<br>38 Hawley Street<br>Binghamton, NY 13901 |

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| DATE: | Tuesday, September 30, 2025 |
| TIME: | 6:00 p.m. |
| LOCATION: | Cayuga Community College<br>197 Franklin Street<br>Auburn, NY 13021 |

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| DATE: | Wednesday, October 8, 2025 |
| TIME: | 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. |
| LOCATION: | Ithaca Town Hall<br>215 N. Tioga Street<br>Ithaca, NY 14850 |

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| DATE: | Tuesday, September 30, 2025 |
| TIME: | 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. |
| LOCATION: | Rochester City Hall<br>City Council Chambers, Room 302-A<br>30 Church Street<br>Rochester, NY 14614 |

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| DATE: | Thursday, October 16, 2025 |
| TIME: | 1:00 p.m. |
| LOCATION: | SUNY – Oneonta<br>Morris Conference Center<br>108 Ravine Parkway<br>Oneonta, NY 13820 |

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that **virtual** public statement hearings will be held as follows:

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| DATE: | Tuesday, October 21, 2025 |
| TIME: | 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. |

Registration is required for the virtual hearings.

A more comprehensive notice that contains further information, including how to register for a virtual hearing, is available at **https://dps.ny.gov/calendar**, where you should click on the "View DPS Calendar Listings" button, locate and click on the NYSEG and RG&E public statement hearings scheduled on the dates indicated above, and click on the "READ THE NOTICE" button.

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Each public statement hearing will be held open until everyone who has registered to speak has been heard or other reasonable arrangements to submit comments have been made.

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**SUNDAY**
Mostly sunny and warm
**78° 55°**

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**TUESDAY**
Sunny to partly cloudy and nice
**75° 50°**

**WEDNESDAY**
Partly sunny, breezy and cooler
**65° 45°**

**THURSDAY**
Partial sunshine
**67° 46°**

**FRIDAY**
Sun through high clouds
**71° 53°**

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Statistics through 4 p.m. Friday

**Temperature**

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| High/low | 75°/57° |
| Normal high/low | 70°/50° |
| Last year's high/low | 76°/57° |
| Record high | 91° (2017) |
| Record low | 38° (2000) |

**Humidity**

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| 4 p.m. | 59% |

**Barometer**

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| 4 p.m. | 29.87" steady |

**Precipitation**

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| 24 hours through 4 p.m. Fri. | 0.01" |
| Month to date | 0.90" |
| Year to date | 18.31" |
| Normal year to date | 25.34" |

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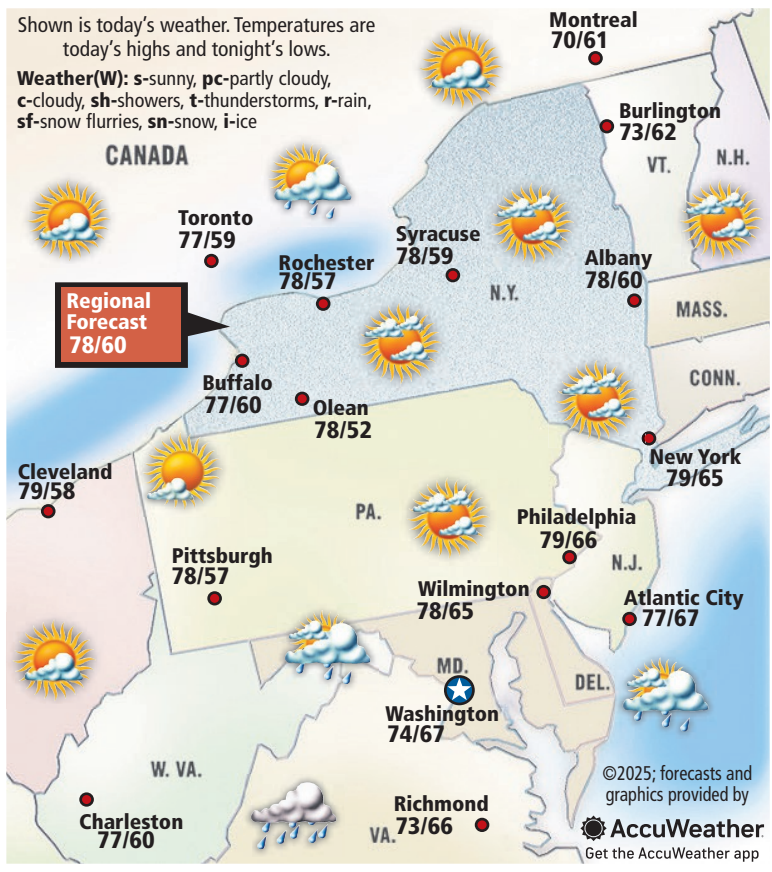
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| Baltimore | 75/65/r | 81/62/c |
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| Chicago | 87/63/s | 82/63/s |
| Cincinnati | 80/58/s | 84/61/s |
| Dallas | 89/66/s | 88/66/s |
| Denver | 79/56/s | 81/54/pc |
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| El Paso | 82/64/t | 79/63/t |
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| San Francisco | 73/61/s | 74/60/pc |
| Seattle | 75/54/pc | 72/59/c |
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## SUN AND MOON

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| Sunrise today | 7:09 a.m. |
| Sunset tonight | 7:04 p.m. |
| Moonrise today | 1:11 p.m. |
| Moonset today | 9:36 p.m. |

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# Preparing for the coming winter

**Doouglas Domedion**

THE GREAT OUTDOORS




Douglas Domedion

Collecting firewood for the upcoming winter.

For my 83rd birthday last weekend, two of my best friends took me out for a fish fry at the Alabama Hotel, my favorite place to eat and the best fish fry around. Both these gals are very special to me and that made the dinner greater even though I don't like the senior citizen deal! The next day, I slept in until 8:30 a.m. as a reward for making it this far and then we went for a late breakfast at the Country Club Restaurant on Main Street in Medina, my other favorite place to eat.

The rest of my birthday was spent down in the woods splitting and stacking firewood for this winter. I have electric heat and use it off and on, but have always liked the warmth and sight of a fire in my soapstone wood burner in the living room. When I was a little younger, collecting firewood for the winter, it was no big deal and I often stacked about seven cords of wood to feed the wood burner on a regular basis for the winter. Now with bad shoulders and hips plus a loss of endurance and balance, it is a much rougher job and takes a lot longer. Now I don't collect as much and alternate more between the wood and electric.

Last year, a nice red oak was blown over by the wind and I was a little leery of cutting it up myself due to its positioning. I don't move as fast as I used to and if I had to deal with a tree trying to "get" me, the tree would probably win! My neighbor, Adam, down the road, came over and did the cutting for me, so it was safely on the ground. The spot it was in would have made it hard to get the log splitter down there, so with the use of the ATV and a small trailer, I manhandled the cut pieces up to the back driveway.

The oak wood was roughly stacked where I could easily split it later and then my concentration went to a couple of nice ash trees that had also gone down last year. These were in a good location and I was able to cut them up myself. I was concerned about the condition of the wood as ash doesn't hold up too well lying on the ground, but both these logs were in great shape. My splitter can be used in a vertical position, so I don't have to lift those big heavy pieces up, just roll them over to the splitter. So for the last couple of weeks, I have been splitting, hauling and stacking firewood in short work periods and my body really feels it but I'm ready for winter!

The trees themselves are showing signs of the upcoming fall foliage colors and of course, the camera and I will be out to gather Mother Nature's artwork when it peaks. In a way, I hate fall foliage as it gets so beautiful that I can not control my "trigger finger" and the camera comes home with way too many images. My photography is not done like a "point and shoot" deal but more of an artwork where I decide what the composition, light conditions and camera settings are, instead of the camera deciding. Sometimes the camera sees things differently than I do and it is not what is wanted and so that's where the challenge comes in. Of course, that means more work on the computer processing pictures. I receive a great deal of satisfaction from taking a good picture and then tweaking it a little on the computer to make it better. It's more work at the desk, but it also gives me extra pleasure; I can relive nature's beautiful sights once again.

Wildlife itself is also preparing for winter. Some, like the ospreys, have already headed south for the winter. Most of the hummingbirds have headed south, but I'm still seeing an occasional one at my feeders. Of course, other creatures, like waterfowl, will be moving into our area as they migrate from more northern areas to the southern wintering grounds. This becomes a very exciting time of the year for hunters and those of us who enjoy observing or photographing nature. The Alabama Swamp is a big spotting area for migrating waterfowl, so there are a lot of opportunities. The Feeder Road off of Route 77 on the Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge is scheduled to open for driving on Wednesday. This 3.5-mile one-way drive starts with a shallow marsh on the west side that often attracts a lot of waterfowl, which in the last few years has included Tundra Swans and some Sandhill Cranes. On the east side, across from this shallow marsh, there is the short Kanyoo Nature Trail that takes you through woodlands and to the south edge of Mohawk Pool. Further back on the Feeder Road, you will get to see a variety of marshes, mature woods and grasslands.

Fall is a great time to be outdoors and be involved with nature, whether you are a hunter, photographer or just love observing Mother Nature's wonders — Don't miss it!

Doug Domedion, outdoorsman and nature photographer, resides in Medina. Contact him at 585-798-4022 or woodduck2020@yahoo.com.

# Newly remodeled Walmart Supercenter in Lockport shown off

## Community-focused mural debuts at Friday reopening

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The new mural at Lockport's Walmart Supercenter designed and illustrated by artist Sol Anzorena.

Walmart customers in Lockport were welcomed inside the newly transformed Supercenter at 5735 S. Transit Road Friday morning.

Creating a shopping experiences that Walmart officials say saves customers time and money, the store continues its transformational shopping journey whether it be in-store, online or via the mobile app.

Walmart associates marked the occasion Friday with a ribbon-cutting ceremony, community celebration and the unveiling of a community-inspired mural.

"At Walmart, enhancing our customers' shopping experience is always a priority," said Chris Lazarou Walmart store manager. "This transformation not only brings exciting new features and improvements to our store but also reflects our deep commitment to better serving the community. We're proud to provide a refreshed, more convenient shopping environment that meets the evolving needs of our customers. A big thank you to our dedicated associates and leadership team for making this renovation a success."

During Friday's celebration, store leaders and associates highlighted the transformation as well as the new, interactive features available to customers, including:

- Displays that engage customers in and help them touch, feel, and become a part of the space
- Transformed departments, more apparel brands, plus expansion of online pickup and delivery
- New digital touchpoints located throughout the store help communicate the vast assortment of products and services Walmart offers online through the use of QR codes and digital screens
- Vision and pharmacy updates
- Reconfigured store layout creating more space for customers to explore and discover the breadth and depth of what their local store has to offer
- Refreshed interior and exterior with new signage for easier navigation through the stores and exterior updates to the parking lot and landscaping

The ceremony concluded with the distribution of grants to eight local organizations ($1,500 to John R. Oishei Children's Hospital, $1,000 each to Niagara County, Keely Kares for Kids Inc., Riley's Warriors Inc. and Niagara Area Habitat for Humanity, $750 each to Gliding Stars and Bonnets for Babies, and $500 to the Hope Project of WNY, Inc.) and the unveiling of the store's new mural, designed and illustrated by artist Sol Anzorena. The mural is an eye-catching installation that reflects what makes Lockport great, including attractions, diversity, and local culture.

This mural is part of Walmart's Community Mural Program, one of the largest public-facing art installations celebrating communities across America. Walmart's Community Mural Program is an important part of each store's transformation and furthers Walmart's commitment to the local community.

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| DATE: | Tuesday, October 7, 2025 |
| TIME: | 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. |
| LOCATION: | Binghamton City Hall<br>38 Hawley Street<br>Binghamton, NY 13901 |

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| DATE: | Tuesday, September 30, 2025 |
| TIME: | 6:00 p.m. |
| LOCATION: | Cayuga Community College<br>197 Franklin Street<br>Auburn, NY 13021 |

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| DATE: | Wednesday, October 8, 2025 |
| TIME: | 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. |
| LOCATION: | Ithaca Town Hall<br>215 N. Tioga Street<br>Ithaca, NY 14850 |

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| DATE: | Tuesday, September 30, 2025 |
| TIME: | 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. |
| LOCATION: | Rochester City Hall<br>City Council Chambers, Room 302-A<br>30 Church Street<br>Rochester, NY 14614 |

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| DATE: | Thursday, October 16, 2025 |
| TIME: | 1:00 p.m. |
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**AccuWeather 7-DAY**

**TODAY** — Sun and areas of high clouds and nice — 73° 52°

**FRIDAY** — Warm with plenty of sunshine — 78° 54°

**SATURDAY** — Partly sunny and very warm — 80° 57°

**SUNDAY** — Near-record temperatures — 82° 58°

**MONDAY** — Plenty of sunshine; breezy in the afternoon — 79° 62°

**TUESDAY** — Mostly cloudy; not as warm with a few showers — 72° 54°

**WEDNESDAY** — Variably cloudy with showers — 65° 43°

**ALMANAC**

Statistics through 4 p.m. Wednesday

**Temperature**

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| High/low | 67°/48° |
| Normal high/low | 68°/48° |
| Last year's high/low | 74°/60° |
| Record high | 83° (2019) |
| Record low | 34° (1993) |

**Humidity**

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| 4 p.m. | 41% |

**Barometer**

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| 4 p.m. | 30.30" steady |

**Precipitation**

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| 24 hours through 4 p.m. Wed. | 0.00" |
| Month to date | 0.00" |
| Year to date | 18.31" |
| Normal year to date | 25.30" |

**NATIONAL CITIES**

| City | Today Hi/Lo/W | Friday Hi/Lo/W |
|---|---|---|
| Anchorage | 52/43/sh | 54/48/c |
| Atlanta | 79/58/s | 78/60/s |
| Baltimore | 69/53/s | 71/49/pc |
| Charleston, SC | 77/58/pc | 79/65/pc |
| Charlotte | 76/53/s | 74/56/s |
| Chicago | 83/65/pc | 89/67/s |
| Cincinnati | 82/58/pc | 82/58/s |
| Dallas | 91/71/s | 91/69/s |
| Denver | 84/54/s | 85/60/s |
| Detroit | 75/52/c | 82/57/s |
| El Paso | 93/67/s | 93/66/s |
| Greensboro, NC | 70/49/s | 71/53/s |
| Honolulu | 89/77/sh | 88/73/sh |
| Houston | 94/71/s | 91/68/s |
| Indianapolis | 84/59/pc | 85/60/s |
| Kansas City | 89/64/s | 88/55/s |
| Las Vegas | 93/70/s | 85/63/s |
| Little Rock | 89/64/t | 89/62/s |
| Los Angeles | 79/64/s | 76/59/pc |

**SUN AND MOON**

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| Sunrise today | 7:14 a.m. |
| Sunset tonight | 6:55 p.m. |
| Moonrise today | 4:54 p.m. |
| Moonset today | 1:32 a.m. |

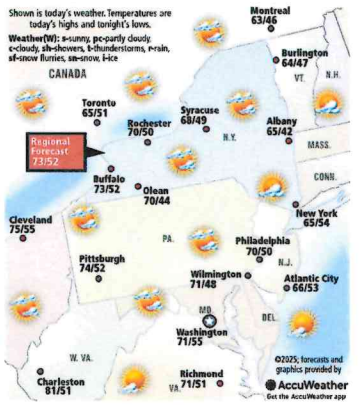
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- Weather Hotline: 1-900-370-8728. Forecasts for 600 cities nationwide. 75 cents, first minute 50 cents each additional minute.
- National weather service-Buffalo: 565-0802. Climate line, 24 hours, seven days a week.
- Thruway conditions: 1-800-THRUWAY

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| Louisville | 86/63/s | 85/64/s |
| Miami | 87/76/t | 84/76/t |
| Milwaukee | 75/63/s | 85/67/s |
| Minneapolis | 86/65/s | 69/71/pc |
| Nashville | 86/61/s | 83/60/s |
| New Orleans | 88/73/s | 84/73/pc |
| Oklahoma City | 90/64/s | 89/64/s |
| Orlando | 85/72/t | 83/71/t |
| Phoenix | 103/77/s | 102/71/s |
| Portland, ME | 60/42/s | 69/47/s |
| Portland, OR | 68/53/sh | 69/54/pc |
| Reno | 65/47/sh | 63/41/sh |
| St. Louis | 90/69/s | 88/65/s |
| Salt Lake City | 85/62/s | 76/51/pc |
| San Antonio | 94/72/s | 95/70/s |
| San Diego | 74/65/pc | 74/63/pc |
| San Francisco | 69/58/pc | 70/56/pc |
| Seattle | 67/50/sh | 67/53/pc |
| Tampa | 88/72/t | 88/73/t |

Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

**Weather(W):** s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice




# Hundreds gather in support of Veterans Appreciation Day

## 12th annual event hosted by Hands Healing Heroes on Sept. 20

SPECIAL TO THE US&J

Nearly 400 people came together on Sept. 20 at Niagara Falls High School for the 12th annual Veterans Appreciation Day, hosted by Hands Healing Heroes. The celebration, free to veterans and their families, honored service members with live music, basket raffles, entrance gifts, haircuts, massages, and a complimentary hot meal.

This year's event featured one of the largest raffles to date, with nearly 200 baskets. "This community never ceases to amaze me," said Dr. Kristin Jacobsen, DC, founder and president of Hands Healing Heroes. "Most of these baskets were donated by community members, small businesses, and even larger organizations who believe in showing gratitude to our veterans. The generosity, compassion, and commitment shown here is unlike anywhere else I've ever been."

In addition to the raffles, veterans enjoyed a variety of free services throughout the day, including haircuts by the Gentlemen's Club Barber Shop of North Tonawanda, chair massages by Healing Hands Massage Therapy, entrance gifts, live entertainment, and a delicious hearty home cooked meal. Veterans also had access to valuable resources such as the Armed Forces Medal Search and several veteran support organizations, connecting them with programs designed to meet their needs.

The event has grown significantly since its humble beginnings over a decade ago, when just 60 veterans and community members attended. Now, with nearly 400 in attendance, it stands as one of the largest veterans' appreciation gatherings in the region.

"The veterans we meet through this event are some of the most humble and awe-inspiring individuals you'll ever encounter," Jacobsen added. "Meeting them and hearing their stories remind us that freedom is not free. It is our honor to give back to them in this tangible way. I'm honestly not sure who looks forward to this more every year, the veterans or the volunteers. It is truly such a joy from both sides!"







**ABOVE:** World War II veteran John DiLaura, 98, and former Niagara County lawmaker William Ross. **ABOVE RIGHT:** Kyle of Gentlemen's Club Barber Shop works on one of the attendees. **RIGHT:** James and Joan Ligammare of Healing Hands Massage Therapy volunteered their services at the event.

Hands Healing Heroes is a nonprofit 501©(3) dedicated to serving veterans and their families through appreciation events, scholarships, and community initiatives.

For more information, to donate, or to volunteer, visit Hands Healing Heroes on Facebook or call 716-282-2225.

# Community Missions hosting annual Blessing of the Animals

STAFF REPORTS

Community Missions will hold its fourth annual Blessing of the Animals from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday at its main site, 1570 Buffalo Ave., Niagara Falls.

Pets from all around the community are invited to come and receive a special prayer and blessing. Whether furry, feathered, or scaly, all are welcome, along with their humans. For those with pets that do not travel well, their humans can bring a picture or just come themselves and ask for a blessing for their pet.

The origins of the pet blessing are in the feast day of Saint Francis of Assisi, which falls on October 4th annually.

"With the feast day of St. Francis falling on a Saturday this year," said the Rev. Mark Breese, agency minister of Community Missions, "it is neat that our Blessing of the Animals event is able to actually be on the day St. Francis is celebrated."

At the event, Breese and other local clergy will offer a brief opening ceremony and prayer, and then offer individual blessings to pets from the community.

The event also helps draw publicity to Community Missions' long-running Pet Pantry. "Our pantry provides food, toys and other supplies for pet owners who are having trouble affording them," said Christian Hoffman, VP-public relations and development at Community Missions. "We keep our pantry stocked through donations from the public and the help of other partners. If anyone would like to help, they can bring a donation for the Pet Pantry with them to the Blessing of the Animals event—or they can drop them off seven days a week at the Mission."

In addition to the Animal Blessings and Pet Pantry, there will also be dog adoption organizations at the event: Nickel City Canine Rescue, Awesome Paws Rescue, and Buddy's Second Chance Rescue. People who might be interested in providing a forever home for some lucky dog can get information about the process and meet a few dogs in the process of being adopted.

"We hope everyone who loves their pet will come out," said Sarina O'Malley, Community Missions' communications manager. "It is so fun to see all the animals. You can even get your picture taken with your pet and we will send you the picture!"

For more information about the event, contact Sarina O'Malley at 285-3403, ext. 2230 or somalley@communitymissions.org.



James Neiss file

The Rev. Mark Breese, agency minister at Community Missions, blesses Bear the horse owned by Pat Schuler of Wilson at Community Missions' Blessing of the Animals in 2021. The event returns on Saturday.

**PUBLIC STATEMENT HEARINGS TO BE HELD IN PSC CASES 25-E-0375, 25-G-0378, 25-E-0379, 25-G-0380 – NEW YORK STATE ELECTRIC & GAS CORPORATION AND ROCHESTER GAS AND ELECTRIC CORPORATION FOR ELECTRIC AND GAS SERVICE**

Public comment is invited concerning the proposed changes in the electric and gas delivery rates and practices of New York State Electric & Gas Corporation (NYSEG) and Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation (RG&E) (together, the Companies). In addition, members of the public and parties to these proceedings are invited to comment on the proposed closure of certain walk-in office locations operated by the Companies.

NYSEG and RG&E filed amendments to their electric and gas tariff schedules on June 30, 2025, proposing to increase their annual electric and gas delivery revenues for the 12-month period ending April 30, 2027. NYSEG proposes to increase its electric delivery revenues by approximately $464.4 million (an 18.4 percent increase in total revenues or 35.0 percent increase in base delivery revenues), and its natural gas delivery revenues by approximately $93 million (a 22.1 percent increase in total revenues or 39.4 percent increase in base delivery revenues). RG&E proposes to increase its electric delivery revenues by approximately $220.2 million (a 19.8 percent increase in total revenues or 36.0 percent increase in base delivery revenues), and its natural gas delivery revenues by approximately $72.9 million (a 17.1 percent increase in total revenues or 32.0 percent increase in base delivery revenues). The actual bill impacts of these proposed changes on any particular customer class will vary based upon revenue allocation and rate design.

As part of the Companies' rate filings, they propose to close the following walk-in offices:

- NYSEG's Auburn office located at 73 Wright Circle, Auburn, NY 13021
- NYSEG's Ithaca office located at 1387 Dryden Road, Ithaca, NY 14850
- NYSEG's Oneonta office located at 65 Country Club Road, Oneonta, NY 13820
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# NEWS

## SENIOR NEWS

OCT. 6-10

**MEAL DEALS**

This is the county's Eat Well ... Stay Well menu for next week. Lunch is served Monday through Friday at senior centers / senior congregate dining sites around the county; call 716-438-4031 for the locations and more information. The suggested contribution for lunch is $3.25. The program is for residents aged 60 and older.

All meals are served with bread, butter and 1% milk, coffee or tea.

**MONDAY:** BBQ chicken thighs, baked sweet potato, seasoned green beans, corn muffin, fresh watermelon.

**TUESDAY:** Cheese tortellini with meatballs and tomato sauce, garden salad, Italian bread, deluxe fruit cup.

**WEDNESDAY:** Baked homemade meatloaf with gravy, scalloped potatoes, mixed vegetables, wheat dinner roll, tropical fruit cup.

**THURSDAY:** Turkey a la king over egg noodles, seasoned cauliflower, wheat bread, homemade pear crisp with whipped topping.

**FRIDAY:** Sliced baked ham, mac and cheese, broccoli salad, rye bread, fresh honeydew melon.

**ATTORNEY FOR THE ELDERLY**

Gary Billingsley, Attorney for the Elderly through the Niagara County Office for the Aging, has office hours from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Office for the Aging, 111 Main St., Lockport. Walk-ins are taken in order of arrival. A satellite office will be open at North Tonawanda Senior Center from 11 a.m. to noon Wednesday; call 716-695-8582 for an appointment.

**THE DALE ASSOCIATION**

Lockport Senior Centre, 33 Ontario St., is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. All are welcome. Register for events by calling 716-433-1886.

Monday — Michelle Farina Agency 9 a.m.; Social Sewers 9:30 a.m.; Memory Minders 10 a.m.; Travel Club 10 a.m.; Lock City Al-Anon 10:30 a.m.; lunch 11:30 a.m.; Comforting Connections 12:30 p.m.; pickleball 1 p.m.; line dancing 7 p.m. ALSO: Technology assistance by appointment.

Tuesday — Pool (billiards) 8:30 a.m.; Michelle Farina Agency 9 a.m.; yoga 9:15 a.m.; United Healthcare 9:30 a.m.; cribbage 9:30 a.m.; chair exercise 10:30 a.m.; lunch 11:30 a.m.; needlers 1 p.m.; open painting 1 p.m.

Wednesday — Memory Minders 10 a.m.; Memory Cafe 11:30 a.m.; dominoes 1 p.m.; quilters 1 p.m.

Thursday — Leaf peeping day trip departs at 10 a.m.; Clarity Group 10 a.m.; chair exercise 10:30 a.m.; lunch 11:30 a.m.; pickleball 1 p.m.

Friday — Pool (billiards) 8:30 a.m.; Michelle Farina for Independent Health clients at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.; Memory Minders 10 a.m.; lunch 11:30 a.m.; cards at noon; bridge 12:30 p.m.

**BARKER SENIOR CITIZENS**

Barker Senior Citizens will get together at the Barker fire hall on Wednesday, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information call Sandra at the Somerset town hall, 716-795-3575.

**GASPORT SENIOR CITIZENS**

Gasport Senior Citizens will get together at Hartland Bible Church, 8110 West Ave., on Wednesday beginning at 11 a.m. Everyone bring a dish to pass for lunch. All adults 55-and-older are welcome. For more information call Judy at 716-433-2001.

**JOHNSON CREEK SENIORS**

For more information call Cheryl at 716-946-0376.

## CAMPAIGN

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very nice. She said she is no longer interested in this."

Former mayor Michelle Roman said she had heard about Wick's change of mind on Sept. 8, when she attended the opening of DiPasquale's West Avenue campaign headquarters as a show of support for his candidacy. Roman was photographed with DiPasquale and the Democratic mayors of North Tonawanda and Niagara Falls, Austin Tylec and Robert Restaino.

"When (the photo) got out there, leaders in the local Democratic party in the city were very upset with me," Roman said. "They said they would no longer be talking to me because it was Joe DiPasquale and he is not the endorsed candidate."

Roman said the city committee's bylaws state that members have to support the party's candidates.

"You're not supposed to support their opponents," she said. "I've always been endorsed by the Working Families Party as well, and Joe is running as their candidate."

"I think that the two-party system creates more division and prevents people from more fully engaging in our process," Roman added. "I'm taking a breather from being engaged and involved in politics based on party. And I've always said — people before politics. I think everybody who's involved cares and unfortunately, this is our system in New York state. They're working within the parameters of what's already established."

Roman said DiPasquale was "relentless" about addressing pollution from Candlelight Cabinetry when she was mayor.

"When they had issues with exhaust that was coming back into the community, that was when Joe got aggressive about it," she said. "They fixed that. Joe was really instrumental in that. The fact that he got the Army Corps of Engineers at city hall recently to talk about the (Guterl Steel) clean-up also shows you that he's willing to do that. If he can get that done when he's not working officially, that says a lot."

In addition to Wick and DiPasquale, Republican candidate Rowland O'Malley II is on the ballot in the 3rd Ward race.

## ELLMAN

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military service is a positive attribute.

"Do I think she is a good candidate? I do," Spratt said. "Am I unhappy with the way things are right now? Absolutely."

Spratt expressed concern over Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth's speech this week to armed forces leaders.

"He did the good ol' boys speech," she said. "That's not where Democrats are, in any stretch of the imagination. And Trump speaking of the Department of War and sending the national guard into cities he has no business being in — that to me is one of the most important things we've got to get a handle on. That's why we need to elect a Democrat."

A county legislator for 12 years, Michael Lausell, chair of the Schuyler County Democratic Committee, said Ellman's military service and work for veterans in Western New York stand out.

"We're really excited," Lausell said. "I know Steve Holden ran before and he's got similar positions on things, but she's really impressive."

Lausell said half of Schuyler County is in the 24th District, with Watkins Glen divided.

"With all the talk about the Big Beautiful Bill, I raised the issue with my fellow (county) legislators and we passed a resolution to (Nick) Langworthy and Tenney, urging them not to make the cuts they were planning for Medicaid. We have a small hospital in our county, and they would be one of the ones most at risk. Those are the kinds of issues that I think Alissa is really in tune with."

Lausell said he appreciated Ellman's experience as a teacher.

"She also mentioned that she has an education (background). As a legislator, we're on the board of Head Start, and I see that those services are really helpful for people who don't have the means," he said, mentioning speech pathology services specifically.

Ellman attended a Wayne County Democratic Committee picnic last week.

Scott Comegys, chair of Wayne County Democrats, said, "I think a lot of people did enjoy meeting her."

"Wayne often gets overlooked," said Comegys, who is running for state Senate. "We are a huge producer in agriculture. We get overlooked for our technology sector. We're a county rich with eco-tourism opportunities and these are all things we could build on with the right support."

"We're deeply concerned with the Medicare and Medicaid cuts, and that we can keep our local health care and don't have to drive hours on end," he said.

Wayne County has one hospital in Newark, Comegys said.

"They need the support that those federal funds bring," he said. "I worry about them remaining open and providing the services people need."

When the Micron corporation brings its semiconductor manufacturing to New York state, Comegys said Wayne County's tech companies are sure to be part of its supply chain.

"We need to bring in more investment in education so we can bring people into these opportunities," he said.

## TEACHER

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Network sent 12 American educators to work with local schools in East Africa on global issues such as agriculture and food security. The Teach Ag Uganda project is funded by the U.S. Department of Education's Fulbright-Hays Program and in partners with Field of Hope. The teachers worked one-on-one with their counterparts in Uganda to advance agriculture projects in local schools.

Eick was assigned to an instructional team working with students to build a piggery for pig farming. He worked with two American teachers, one from Indiana and the other from Washington state, and three Ugandan educators. "We are all still in a group chat all the time," he said. "We built great friendships and had so much fun together. Such amazing memories and knowledge to share. I love telling people I know someone who knows something about this and that."

Eick had applied for the grant opportunity to take part in the program last year and was thrilled to be selected. "I was kind of the elder statesman since I had more time in education than anyone else on the team, but I learned a lot from everyone I worked with," he said. "We helped the school build the piggery and showed them how to select the pigs and care for them. We left educational artifacts for them to use after we returned home to help them run the farm."

Visiting teachers were fascinated by the operation of Lira Secondary School, according to Eick. It's a boarding school with between 20 and 80 students in a classroom and the teachers rotate through each classroom. During the summer, classes ran three weeks on and then three weeks off to allow the students to go home and help their families, many of them using the skills they learned in school to help their families generate extra money.

The students would be considered sophomores, juniors and seniors here. "Most of the seniors were learning so they could take the state test and had a lot of project-based learning as part of their education as well," Eick said. "The students were shy at first, but they warmed up pretty quickly to us. They were so eager to learn. How they implemented their curriculum was cool. For one hands-on learning project, we worked together to string a barbed wire fence. The students caught on very fast."

At the school, Eick said, there was no cafeteria, but everyone ate together. "We stood in line with the students with our bowls and we usually had some sort of stew made with beans, maize and rice. It was fascinating. It is a very poor country, but they were rich in hospitality. They are truly the kindest, warmest people I have ever met."

Eick and his fellow educators got to enjoy a morning and evening safari to see the wildlife in Uganda.

"It was magical," Eick said. "We went to the Nile River. I must have taken hundreds of photos. We visited several villages and a dairy farm, and that was eye-opening on how varied milk production is there than it is here."

Eick brought home a Ugandan hoe as a souvenir. "It cost me $3.75 and I had no idea how to use it, so the students had to show me," he said. "I have to say, I learned as much from them as they did from me. I love this kind of teaching. It is a hand up, not a handout. This global experience had to be one of the most impactful things that ever happened to me on a personal level, spiritually and educationally."

Eick is now sharing his newly acquired knowledge with his animal science students in Sanborn.

"I am enjoying bringing these lessons into my classroom, especially doing more with less and embracing a worldwide perspective on things," he said. "My students here have really embraced this and we now share things in class from art to the practical from different countries."

## ART

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expanded into this," Printup said. "People reach out to us all the time from everywhere to be part of this."

The designers featured come from all over the United States and Canada, from as local as the Seneca and Tuscarora nations in Western New York to British Columbia, Alaska, Oklahoma, and the Dakotas.

Working from her home and the Sully Huff Cultural Center on the Cattaraugus Reservation, Familo takes up to three hours to sew a dress nd up to five hours for sweaters. Anything involving beadwork takes longer. Her involvement with the Seneca Iroquois National Museum allows her to see how Seneca styles have evolved over the years in the collection.

For last year's show, she put together a traditional piece featuring Iroquois designs, beadwork and white corn. Men's jackets and capes also featured incorporated beadwork.

Familio said her first fashion show was a learning experience, stressing out over fittings with the models and dealing with some who did not show up.

"After they actually walked, I was relieved," Familo said. "I can't believe I did that. And then look at my stuff now that I do to last year, I'm like, 'Holy cow, I grew. My whole style changed."

Now Familo is designing with more modern-day styles, working with faux leather

**Featured designers**

- Bitterwater for Redhouse
- Bruno Henry
- Cami Jones Designs
- Go-Gei-Sas
- Horner Couture
- Kreations by Kehala
- Martha LeRoy Designs
- Pidabinkikwe
- ResilienceexCarlyKoban
- Shinymoon Creations
- Siray
- The Snipes Nest
- Tisha Thompson

**Accessory Designers include:**

- Beads by Arielle
- Mary Jacobs Designs
- The Urban Galyowah
- Western Door Creations

such fashion show in Western New York, more of them are popping up all over the country. New York City's Indigenous Fashion Week held its fifth edition from Sept. 11-15 and Santa Fe, New Mexico, hosts one of the largest such shows in the country.

"It's special to get on this so early so we can have that veteran type of feel," Printup said.

To prepare, Seneca Niagara Resort & Casino puts out an advertisement for models and designers in April, giving them plenty of time to apply. The designers are selected in June and the models in July, with the designers then choosing which models to work with.

All kinds of clothes are shown off at this show, from basic streetwear to couture fashion. Plenty of looks are based on traditional Native American wear, but are paired with something as simple as a T-shirt.

During the fashion show, the designers will have their own pop-up shops with the designs shown on the runway

ing designers to move on to bigger shows from the SWAIA Fashion Week in Santa Fe, New Mexico, the largest Indigenous fashion show in the country, to the New York and Paris fashion weeks.

For Familo, her designs have been shown at the Red Horizons show at Artpark, the Roots of Resilience show on the Grand River Territory near Brantford, Ont., and the New York Indigenous Fashion Week. A piece of hers was also worn for the Sacred Not Illegal show in Los Angeles this past July.

One day, she wants to put her pieces in an exhibit, but she still has plenty of things to figure out about the fashion world before getting there.

"It brings me a lot of happiness that I'm able to do this," Familo said, "and just to see that people like my work. It lets me know that I'm doing good — that I'm going to continue to do this."

The event starts at 6 p.m. on Nov. 1, with tickets starting at $45 and attendance is restricted to those 16 and older. The past two shows

**PUBLIC STATEMENT HEARINGS TO BE HELD IN PSC CASES 25-E-0375, 25-G-0378, 25-E-0379, 25-G-0380 – NEW YORK STATE ELECTRIC & GAS CORPORATION AND ROCHESTER GAS AND ELECTRIC CORPORATION FOR ELECTRIC AND GAS SERVICE**

**Public comment is invited concerning the proposed changes in the electric and gas delivery rates and practices of New York State Electric & Gas Corporation (NYSEG) and Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation (RG&E) (together, the Companies). In addition, members of the public and parties to these proceedings are invited to comment on the proposed closure of certain walk-in office locations operated by the Companies.**

**NYSEG and RG&E filed amendments to their electric and gas tariff schedules on June 30, 2025, proposing to increase their annual electric and gas delivery revenues for the 12-month period ending April 30, 2027. NYSEG proposes to increase its electric delivery revenues by approximately $464.4 million (an 18.4 percent increase in total revenues or 35.0 percent increase in base delivery revenues), and its natural gas delivery revenues by approximately $93 million (a 22.1 percent increase in total revenues or 39.4 percent increase in base delivery revenues). RG&E proposes to increase its electric delivery revenues by approximately $220.2 million (a 19.8 percent increase in total revenues or 36.0 percent increase in base delivery revenues), and its natural gas delivery revenues by approximately $72.9 million (a 17.1 percent increase in total revenues or 32.0 percent increase in base delivery revenues). The actual bill impacts of these proposed changes on any particular customer class will vary based upon revenue allocation and rate design.**

**As part of the Companies' rate filings, they propose to close the following walk-in offices:**

- **NYSEG's Auburn office located at 73 Wright Circle, Auburn, NY 13021**
- **NYSEG's Ithaca office located at 1387 Dryden Road, Ithaca, NY 14850**
- **NYSEG's Oneonta office located at 65 Country Club Road, Oneonta, NY 13820**
- **RG&E's Sodus office located at 14 State Street, Sodus, NY 14551**
- **RG&E's Rochester office located at 3 City Center, 180 South Clinton Avenue, Rochester, NY 14604**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that public statement hearings will be held before Administrative Law Judges on**

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| DATE: | Tuesday, September 30, 2025 | DATE: | Tuesday, October 7, 2025 |
| TIME: | 1:00 p.m. | TIME: | 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. |
| LOCATION: | Sodus Community Library<br>17 Maple Avenue<br>Sodus, NY 14551 | LOCATION: | Binghamton City Hall<br>38 Hawley Street<br>Binghamton, NY 13901 |
| DATE: | Tuesday, September 30, 2025 | DATE: | Wednesday, October 8, 2025 |
| TIME: | 6:00 p.m. | TIME: | 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. |
| LOCATION: | Cayuga Community College<br>197 Franklin Street<br>Auburn, NY 13021 | LOCATION: | Ithaca Town Hall<br>215 N. Tioga Street<br>Ithaca, NY 14850 |
| DATE: | Tuesday, September 30, 2025 | DATE: | Thursday, October 16, 2025 |
| TIME: | 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. | TIME: | 1:00 p.m. |
| LOCATION: | Rochester City Hall<br>City Council Chambers, Room 302-A<br>30 Church Street<br>Rochester, NY 14614 | LOCATION: | SUNY – Oneonta<br>Morris Conference Center<br>108 Ravine Parkway<br>Oneonta, NY 13820 |

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that virtual public statement hearings will be held as follows:**

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| DATE: | Tuesday, October 21, 2025 |
| TIME: | 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. |
| Registration is required for the virtual hearings. | |

**A more comprehensive notice that contains further information, including how to register for a virtual hearing, is available at https://dps.ny.gov/calendar, where you should click on the "View DPS Calendar Listings" button, locate and click on the NYSEG and RG&E public statement hearings scheduled on the dates indicated above, and click on the "READ THE NOTICE" button.**

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