



Slate Valley Center resident Charlotte Valastro

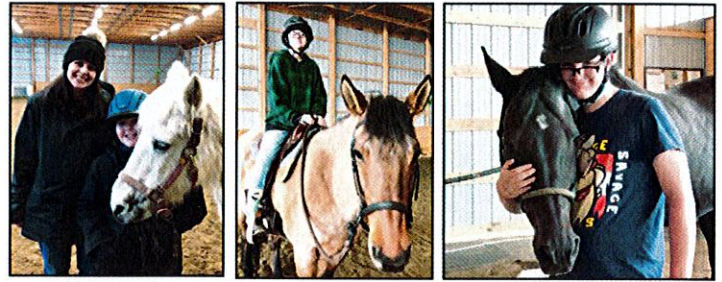
Slate Valley Center resident celebrates 91st birthday

On Saturday, March 19, 2022, Slate Valley Center resident Charlotte Valastro turned a beautiful 91 years old before her family, friends, staff and fellow residents at the cozy 88-bed skilled nursing facility on State Route 40 in Granville.

The celebration for Ms. Valastro, who is from Watervliet and is a Covid-19 survivor, includ-

ed family from many generations. In attendance were Charlotte's daughter Donna and son-in-law Daniel from Alabama, her other daughter Cindy and son-in-law Marty from Whitehall and Charlotte's great-granddaughter Katie and her three sons.

The celebration included a gorgeous birthday cake, ice cream, balloons and many flowers.



Nipper Knolls Equine Center enriches the lives of special needs children, their families and military veterans.

Nipper Knolls to benefit from bingo games in Wells April 7, 10

Nipper Knolls Equine Center will be the recipient of proceeds generated from two bingo games hosted by Modern Woodmen of America on Thursday, April 7, beginning at 7 p.m., and Sunday, April 10, beginning at noon. Modern Woodmen of America Hall is located at 10 Main St. in Wells.

Nipper Knolls Equine Center is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit and a 100% volunteer organization. There are no administrative costs or salaries paid. Through the generosity of its volunteers and financial supporters, the pro-

gram has enriched many lives of special needs children, their families and military veterans.

There are also volunteer opportunities with the program. Volunteers receive training, and previous experience with horses is not necessary. To learn about volunteer opportunities and when the next volunteer orientation is scheduled, call 518-642-2252 or e-mail nipperknolls@yahoo.com.

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St. Patrick's Day at Granville Center

Smiles were on the faces of residents, and so much laughing was heard throughout the 122-bed skilled nursing facility on Madison Street in Granville at the facility's very festive St. Patrick's Day parade.

Jennifer Hall, Granville Center's activities director, also conducted a light-hearted St. Patrick's Day "Best Costume" contest, and the ever-so-lucky and lovable Ms. Georgette Smith, 76, was the winner. Georgette won a spring floral arrangement of flowers and a pretty talking bird.

This was the second annual Granville Center St. Patrick's Day parade, but the first in two years due to the Covid-19 pandemic. All in all, everyone enjoyed the parade, both residents and staff alike. The residents were then treated to dessert and juice.

"We really missed St. Patty's Day around here," said Hall. "I'm so glad we had this parade and contest. The excitement returned in 2022, so the residents and the staff couldn't be happier."



Granville Center resident Georgette Smith

Chamber music series celebrates 15 years at Historic Salem Courthouse

Chamber Music at the Historic Salem Courthouse, now entering its 15th season, will present music by the masters on three Sunday afternoons this spring.

On April 3, the season opener will feature violinist Kaori Washiyama and pianist Daniel Shulman in works by Bach and Mozart, as well as Chopin and Schubert.

On April 24, Washiyama and Shulman will be joined by violinist Andrea Schultz and cellist Michael Finckel to play Robert Schumann's Quintet for Piano and Strings, Op. 44. Continuing with Schubert, this program also will feature Shulman performing the exquisite G Major Piano Sonata, Op. 78, written during the composer's mature final years, just before the age of 30.

On May 15, the spring season finale will be highlighted by Schubert's mon-

umental and magnificent Piano Trio in E-flat, Op. 100. Cellist Maxine Neumann, who will also be heard in Faure's "Elegy," will be the guest artist. More than a curiosity, though a relative rarity on concert programs anywhere, is Bartok's demanding Sonata for Solo Violin, composed with Bach in the background. It will be performed by Washiyama.

These events are friendly occasions with high-quality music that is both accessible and uplifting. The concerts allow for neighbors to gather and are a welcome respite from the trials and tribulations of the world.

Tickets are \$25 at the door. A series discount is available for \$65.

For more information, visit salem-courthouse.org.

The Historic Salem Courthouse is located at 58 E. Broadway, Salem, New York.

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<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;"> <p>\$5+</p> <p>Thursday, March 31, 7pm "UNFORGETTABLE: A NIGHT OF TIMELESS CLASSICS" Liz Winge, voice and Doug Bischoff, piano</p> <p style="font-size: small; color: red;">GRATEFULLY YOURS POSTPONED</p> </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>FREE</p> <p>Friday, April 1, 7pm MOVIE NIGHT The Wizard of Oz</p> </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;"> <p>\$20</p> <p>Saturday, April 2, 7pm THE OLDIES SHOW, 9 piece band, pop music of the 50's and 60's</p> </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;"> <p>\$8+</p> <p>Friday, April 8, 8pm Saturday, April 9, 2pm HUDSON RIVER SHAKESPEARE COMPANY Henry VI, Part 2</p> </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;"> <p>FREE</p> <p>Monday, April 11, 7pm LOBBY CONCERT: Josh Morris</p> </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>\$15</p> <p>Saturday, April 16, 8pm GODZ OF THUNDER Tribute to Kiss Album Alive 1 complete NO COSTUMES</p> </div>
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