

# NV Valley Views

Fall 2018

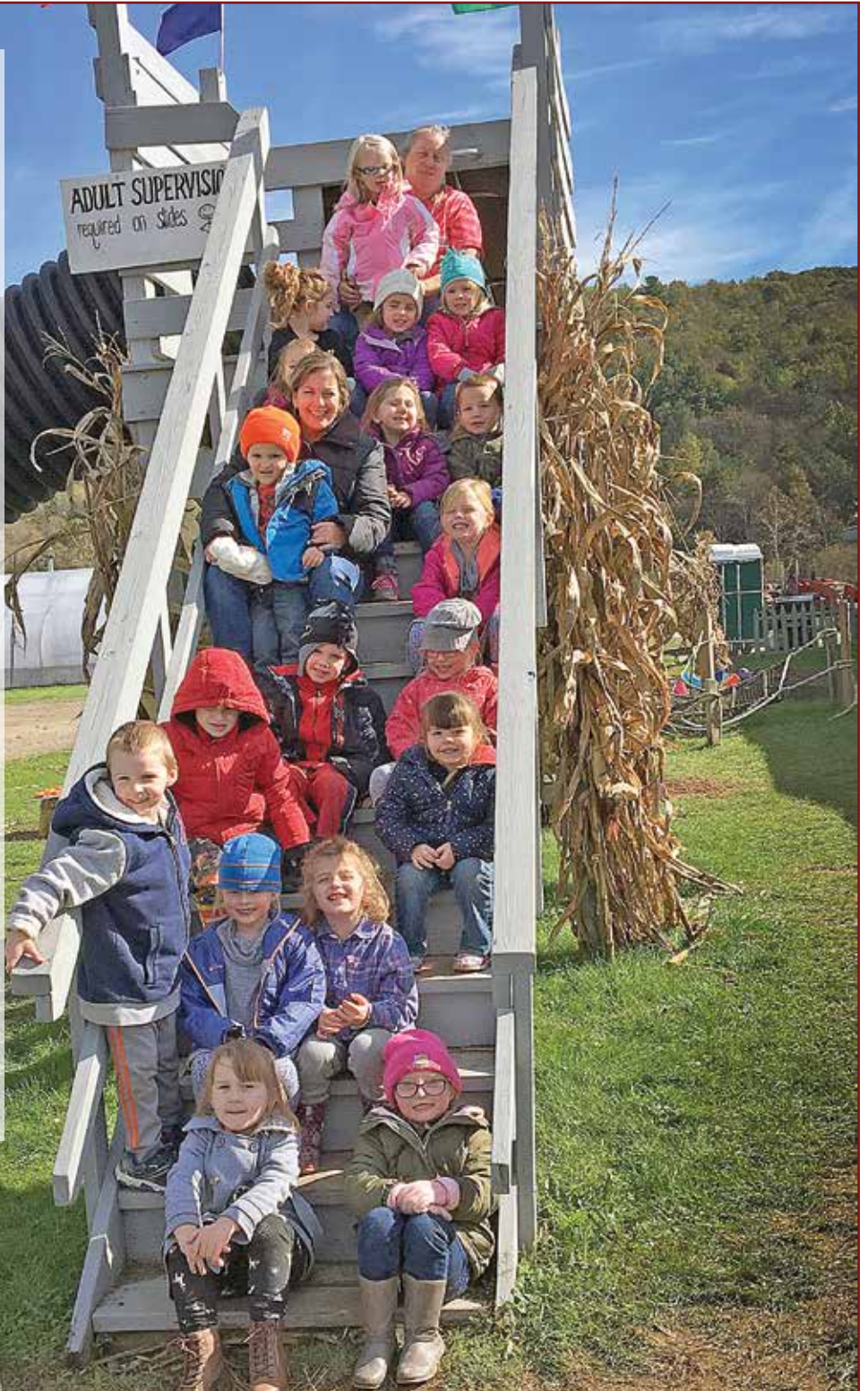
NEWARK VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Down on the farm

Natalia Conaty's full-day prekindergarten class recently had the opportunity to visit Stoughton Farm.

While there, the students enjoyed navigating through "phase 1" of the corn maze, sampling the fresh donuts and cider, playing in the greenhouse, taking a hayride around the farm, and playing on the crazy slides.

Thank you, Mr. Stoughton, for having us and making our first field trip a huge success.





Welcome to winter!

As I write this message, it is snowing rather hard for the first time this school year. Holiday season is fast approaching and our kids are just starting to get into the first part of their winter activities.

Holiday season brings with it many activities. From our annual Senior Citizen Pancake Breakfast to holiday concerts and events, our students are very active both in and out of the classroom. I would certainly encourage you to take advantage of these opportunities, as our kids love doing each and every one.

On a completely different front, our capital project continues to roll along and remains on schedule. The infrastructure work in all three buildings - which included plumbing,

electric and HVAC - is largely complete. The new transportation facility, despite a very challenging weather environment, is tracking toward completion by this summer. Once this is done, we will move into our third and final phase of work, which involves upgrading our information technology (IT) infrastructure and telecommunications system.

In closing, I would like to wish each and every one of you a joyous holiday season. We are all so grateful to be a part of this community, and it remains an honor to serve these children.

Sincerely,  
 Ryan Dougherty,  
 superintendent

### Kindergartners learn about fire safety at NV Fire Department

Students in Michael Harris' kindergarten class recently visited the firefighters at the Newark Valley Fire Department. The firefighters gave the students a tour of the station, showed them their firefighting gear and shared some important fire safety tips. The students also got to see the fire truck and meet the department's mascot, Burnie.



## Newark Valley team places 2<sup>nd</sup> in Engineering Day challenge

More than 350 students from 17 school districts came together forming 90 teams to put their ingenuity, creativity and team-building skills to the test. This year the Newark Valley Middle Team came in second place. The team, made up of Midori Barret, Alyssa Brown, McKenna Buck and Maddy Davis participated in a race against the clock to create a functional Rube Goldberg machine out of a box of everyday household items. A Rube Goldberg machine is a machine that is intentionally designed to perform a single task in an indirect and overcomplicated fashion. Often these machines consist of a series of simple devices that are linked together to produce a domino effect.

The team was given two hours, a set of rules and was limited to using the provided items. Some of the items included wooden dowels, straws, a pulley, magnets and other items that can commonly be found around the house. Each team was judged on criteria including the number of steps involved in their machine, whether or not the machine was suc-



cessful and how long the machine took to complete its run.

The event is coordinated with help from SUNY Broome Community College, The Eastern Southern Tier STEM Hub and Broome-Tioga BOCES.



**Pictured (l-r) students with red ribbons:** Maddy Davis, Alyssa Brown, McKenna Buck and Midori Barret



## UPK in underway

Nathan T. Hall Elementary School is piloting a full-day universal pre-kindergarten (UPK) program this year.

Currently, our full-day program has 18 students with about 10 others on a waiting list. This program gives students many opportunities to participate in physical education, art, music, library, computer and STEAM lab.

Students eat breakfast and lunch each day in their classroom. They are adjusting nicely to our full-day program and we look forward to their continued success.



## NV runner 12th place in state cross-country championships

Congratulations to Newark Valley senior Marissa Silba, who won the Class C Sectional cross-country championship and went on to place 12th in the state competition Nov. 10 in Long Island.

She was also named ESPN Ithaca's Athlete of the Week.

During the interview with ESPN Ithaca, she said she is always out running - rain or shine - in all seasons.

"I've been running every summer, every winter, whether it's snowing or whatever, almost every day I'm out there running," she said.

Newark Valley cross country coaches Tracey and Eric D'Arcy have been an institution at the school and have made a lasting impression on those whom they have coached. Silba says one of



their mottos has had a particularly strong impact on her as it relates to work ethic: Never be satisfied.

"I could be done," Silba said. "It's my senior year. I've finally won a section title. I could be happy with what I've done. But now I'm going to states and I'm thinking, what's

next? How am I going to keep going, how am I going to keep improving. I'm just going to try to not be satisfied with what I've done."

Silba competed in the NYSPHSAA Cross-Country Championships on Saturday, Nov. 10, at Sunken Meadow State Park, where her time of 20:09.4 earned her 12th place among the 130 competitors. The course is well known for its great 'Cardiac Hill' and is among the toughest in the nation. Before leaving for states, Silba said she would have to run an intelligent race to do well.

"If I go out too hard, or if anyone goes out too hard, it's going to be a very difficult race to finish," she said. "So I just have to make sure that I stay at a good pace."

Way to go, Marissa.

## Girls take winning record into sectional soccer competition

The Newark Valley girls varsity soccer team finished their season with a record of 10-4-2. Making it to the quarterfinals in sectional competition, the girls pulled out a victory against Notre Dame in overtime, winning in penalty kicks. The victory sent them to the semifinals, where they had a battle with Groton. The girls played a great game, challenging Groton until the very end, the final score being 1-0. The team finished the season with two great upsets beating Notre Dame twice and a victory over Class B Waverly. The varsity soccer team earned a spot on the New York state ranking as an honorable mention after a tough-fought season.

“Our team dynamics were what made this team as successful as we were this season,” was the joint assessment provided by the seniors on the team. “This team started and ended like a family.



We were always there for each other making memories that we will never forget. We came together when it was needed most and accomplished the goals we have had for many seasons. No matter whether we won or lost a game, we always ended up laughing and having a great time together afterward. We were able to be se-

rious when we needed to be, but also knew that we could always crack a joke or pick on coach. Overall, we had an amazing season and made so many memories that will last a lifetime. The season will never be forgotten and we would like to thank our town for all of the love and support we have received.”

## NV recognized as a School of Excellence by NYSPHSAA

Congratulations to all of our Cardinal student athletes and coaches. For the second year in a row, Newark Valley has been named a School of Excellence by the New York State Public High School Athletic Association.

This prestigious award recognizes our athletes’ academic success. To be considered for this distinction, at least 75 percent of our district’s varsity programs must have qualified for, and received, the NYSPHSAA Scholar-Athlete Team Award during the 2017-2018 school year. The purpose of the School of Excellence Award is to unite varsity coaches in challenging their teams to achieve a statewide honor.



This year, only 111 schools across the state earned the School of Excellence Award.

NYSPHSAA Executive Director Robert Zayas said the number of schools who have received the School of Excellence distinction has increased by 51 since last year.

“This is evidence that schools, administrators, coaches and student-athletes focus on excellence in the classroom as well as the playing fields,” Zayas said.

The School of Excellence Award began in 2016-2017. All awards are sponsored by Pupil Benefits Plan.





The varsity boys once again brought great pride to the district with excellent performances on the gridiron. With a class leading 3-1 record in Class C, Division IV and an overall 5-4 season, this group concluded the season with their heads high.

*Photos courtesy of Jim Danvers*





## High school teacher honored with ‘Apple for the Teacher Award’

Newark Valley High School studio art teacher Chris Negus was honored with the ‘Apple for the Teacher Award’ by the Cayuga Radio Group.

Negus was nominated by ninth-grade student Piper Davis for his dedication and ability to teach difficult concepts with ease. Congratulations, Chris Negus.

### Submission from Piper Davis:

*I would like to nominate Mr. Chris Negus from Newark Valley High School for the Apple for the Teacher Award. Mr. Negus is my Studio Art teacher and was my eighth-grade art teacher. He is also one of the advisers for our art club, an after-school program that he does in the little spare time he has.*

*Mr. Negus is very good at what he does and was able to teach me so much about art in just 10 weeks last year. He has helped me build a passion for art and is always willing to advise me on my artwork, even when I was not in his class. Mr. Negus teaches me advanced techniques simply, so I can understand it and create nice art work.*

*My abilities have grown so much in a year- from ‘not-so-good’ cartoon figures to a Best in Show children’s book and third place self-portrait at our school’s art show.*

*Not only is Mr. Negus an incredible art teacher, but he also has an outstanding sense of humor and so much kindness in his heart. He is mild mannered, and I have never seen him without a smile. He helped put me on a path to pursuing my dreams and I am so appreciative of that.*

*Every year for Art Club, he and the other art teacher, Mr. Taylor, plan an amazing trip for the students to go to New York City to see Broadway shows and to see the miraculous MET museum. That is only a smart portion of the reasons why my art teacher, Mr. Chris Negus, should win a spot in the Apple for the Teacher Awards Thank you. I rest my case, your honor!*

*From Piper Davis, 9th grade NVHS*



## Club members give back to community at Elmira Food Bank

The Newark Valley High School YES Club recently took an educational field trip to the Elmira Food Bank where students were eager to give back to the community.

They sorted, stacked, organized food and helped with the backpack program. The field trip was made possible by the Charles H. Bassett Youth Foundation.

The YES Club meets three days a week after school, giving students a place for academic support, STEAM activities and life skills development.





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## Pizza with the principal



First-graders from Nathan T. Hall Elementary School enjoy pizza with principal Robert Rodgers. This special party was a reward for students who read for at least 1,000 minutes over the summer.



## Substitute Cafeteria Openings

Would you like to earn some extra cash while your children are in school? Follow your children's schedules, make some money, and still be home in time for the school bus. We have openings in the cafeterias for substitute food service workers. No experience necessary, we will train you. If interested, contact Lorainne Trotman at the Newark Valley High School Cafeteria (607) 642-8606.