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Mike Davidson is the fourth-generation owner of Davidson Furniture on Main Street in Hornell. The store was established by Mike Davidson's great-grandfather in 1876 and turns 150 years old in 2026. PHOTOS BY NEAL SIMON/THE SPECTATOR

World Atlas names 11 scenic drives in New York

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Spring has officially arrived, and so has the draw to hit the road.

Sojourners looking for varied terrain – ranging from lush green views, stunning lakes and waterfalls and mountainous landscape – should look no further than these 11 scenic drives. Several urban hot spots are also featured among the more rural routes.

Here are New York's 11 most scenic drives, as determined by the World Atlas, a website that publishes content about resources surrounding travel and other topics.

Upper Delaware Scenic Byway

The 70-mile-long road connects Port Jervis in Orange County and Hancock in Delaware County. The passage snakes along the Delaware River, mostly just north of the border of New York and Pennsylvania and through small but mighty villages and towns. The Upper Delaware Scenic Byway is a windy, hilly road that was constructed in the 1920s. The most swoon-worthy stretch, known as the Hawk's Nest Highway, is close to Port Jervis. The route offers plenty of access to fishing spots and there are many quaint camping spots near the road.

Palisades Interstate Parkway

Running for about 40 miles, the Palisades Interstate Parkway is an engineering marvel that's shared by New York and New Jersey. Its route takes passengers from just north of the George Washington Bridge in the Big Apple to Bear Mountain Bridge, further up the Hudson River.

Completed in 1958, Palisades Interstate Parkway runs along the cliffs of the Hudson River for much of its route and offers frequent views of the waterway from an elevated perch.

Passenger cars and motorcycles are the only vehicles allowed on the road. Trucks, recreational vehicles and even vehicles with commercial plates or hauling trailers may not drive here.

Catskill Mountains Scenic Byway

Located less than two hours from Manhattan, this 52-mile-long road follows New York State Route 28, with

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Longevity that 'speaks volumes'

Hornell family has led Davidson's Furniture store for 150 years

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Mike Davidson jokingly calls them the "four outlaws."

Their photographs line the wall in an office area of Davidson's Furniture like "wanted" posters in the Old West.

The pictures represent four generations of Davidsons who have owned the Hornell furniture store since it was established 150 years ago, in 1876.

They are Alexander Davidson, Alexander P. Davidson, Adam T. Davidson and Mike Davidson, the current owner.

Each transition saw a father passing the store on to a son.

"I grew up working here as a kid, all through high school I worked here part-time. Went away to college, decided to come back and go into the

business," Davidson said.

Reaching the 150 year milestone gives the store some much deserved bragging rights.

Davidson's Furniture is the oldest store in Hornell, and while not verified officially, Mike Davidson has been told it's also the oldest continuous family-owned furniture store in New York state.

"There are a couple that may be older, but those stores are not operated by the same family," said Davidson, who also owns Hornell Furniture Outlet right next door on Main Street.

Hornell history lesson: Three locations in 150 years

The store has been situated in three locations over its century and a half of

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For all of 2026, everybody who walks through the door at Davidson's Furniture Store receives a yardstick, a commemorative item that connects the present day business to when it was established 150 years ago.

'Caring for Your Cemetery Day' events planned in Steuben, Allegany

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The New York Department of State this week announced that the third annual "Caring for Your Cemetery Day" will take place on Saturday, April 25 and/or Sunday, April 26, with a number of cemeteries in Steu-

ben and Allegany counties participating.

The Department of State and participating cemeteries are seeking volunteers and hoping to increase public participation in local cemeteries as they are important centers of our cities, villages and towns, according to a community announcement.

Community members are encouraged to locate cemeteries in their neighborhoods that are participating in this event and help with cleanup activities as they prepare for the Spring season and Mother's Day visits.

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