



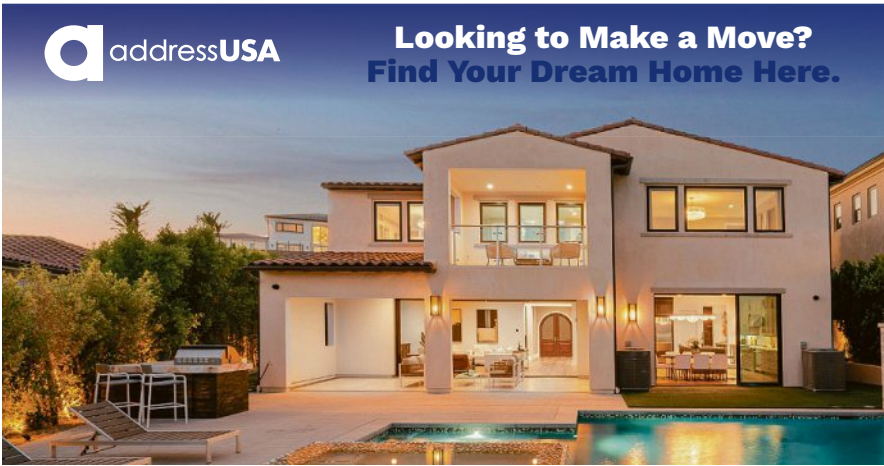
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Corning’s GlassFest moving dates

LPGA returning

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GlassFest, which has been held on Memorial Day weekend for the past 16 years, will move to June in 2027 to make room for the LPGA’s return to Corning. The Classic, presented by Corning Inc., will return to the Corning Country Club, at 2501 Country Club Drive, over Memorial Day weekend. “The return of the LPGA Tour is an extraordinary opportunity for Corning, and we could not be more excited to welcome The Classic back to our community,” said Catherine Price, executive director of Corning’s Gaffer District. “This

tournament is an important part of Corning’s history, and its return gives us another opportunity to show visitors what makes Corning so incredible.” Price said the return of women’s professional golf to Corning is an exciting opportunity for the entire community to welcome LPGA players, families, fans, and visitors back to Corning. GlassFest, which will be held June 18-20, is one of Corning’s signature celebrations of the city’s glassmaking heritage and music scene, Price said. The three-day festival brings downtown Corning to life with glass demonstrations, live music, artists, and experiences that celebrate the creativity and community spirit that make Corning unique.

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GlassFest, which has been held on Memorial Day weekend for the past 16 years, will be held on a new date in 2027. PROVIDED BY CORNING’S GAFFER DISTRICT



Kenny Kailbourne, foreground, of Sullivan’s Sharp Shooters, draws back his bow during an archery competition at the recent NRA Youth Hunter Education Challenge national championship. PROVIDED BY WANDA KAILBOURNE

Teen competitive shooters on target at national event

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Brady Ryan, of Van Etten, has only been a member of Sullivan’s Sharp Shooters — a Chemung County-based youth competition shooting team — for about two years, but he feels the experience has not only made him a better competitor, but helped him mature as a person. Sullivan’s Sharp Shooters, based at the Chemung County Rod & Gun Club near Breesport, is part of the Youth Hunter Education Challenge (YHEC) program created by the National Rifle Association. Brady was among five team members,

along with adult leaders and parents, who traveled to Bentonville, Arkansas in July for the YHEC national championship, and he said it was an amazing experience. “It was just really exciting to go out and make new friends and do well,” said Brady, 14. “A couple of years ago, friends started talking about (Sullivan’s Sharp Shooters). It’s more than just shooting. It’s an opportunity for people to grow and learn new things.” **Learning about hunting, shooting and much more** The NRA established the Youth Hunter Education Challenge in 1985 to provide

a fun environment for kids 18 and under to improve their hunting, marksmanship and safety skills. Participants learn skills and compete in eight disciplines — the shooting sports, including .22-caliber rifle, shotgun, muzzleloader and archery, along with hunter responsibility, hunter safety trail, orienteering and wildlife identification. YHEC teams take part in regional and national competitions. For years, the national championship was hosted in alternating years between Mansfield, Pennsylvania and Raton, New Mexico. **See SHOOTERS, Page 3A**

Bath YMCA announces grand opening

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The Bath YMCA will hold a grand opening celebration Sept. 1 at the former Dana Lyon School building. Tyler Capel-Duquette, Bath YMCA branch coordinator, said the grand opening will be held at 5:30 p.m. at the 208 Liberty St. location. The Bath YMCA had a soft opening on July 31. “The Bath YMCA is an absolute asset to the community,” Capel-Duquette said. “We not only offer services to assist families, but we also will have a lot of community involvement.” Capel-Duquette said there is already a great amount of popularity for the Bath YMCA, which offers a full range of fitness and wellness equipment to support its mission of youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility. “We’ve already had a few people from the Corning YMCA that live in the Bath area saying how happy they are to have the new YMCA so much closer to where they live,” Capel-Duquette said. The Bath YMCA is currently open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday-Friday, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday. In September, Monday through Friday hours will be 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Bath Village Mayor Mike Sweet called the newly opened Bath YMCA a great addition to the area. “It’s great that the YMCA has its own permanent space in Bath,” Sweet said. “It’s just a great thing for the community.” The Tri-County YMCA of New York, which runs the Bath YMCA, also offers programs at the Bath Central School District. Kristoph Kocan, CEO of the Tri-County YMCA of New York, said the YMCA has held after-school programs at the Bath Central School District for a couple years and is encouraged by the response. The Tri-County YMCA started a similar process to create and expand activities in Dansville in 2020.

