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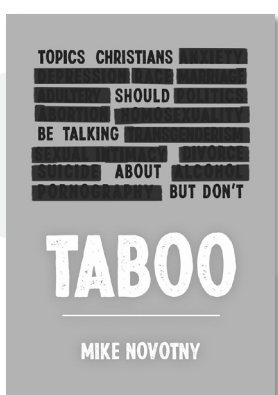
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Milk and Smoothies for Dairy Month



Kori Sciandra,
Editor of CJ Country Record

Supporting the natural choice for a healthy lifestyle, Milk for Health works to help dairy farmers bridge the gap with patrons by educating the public.

As Milk for Health celebrates its 76th year commitment to the New York Dairy Industry, the organization continues to work toward its goal to connect with consumers. The organization, comprised of western NY dairy farmers, amplifies the importance of dairy nutrition and family farm practices.

Led by Tonya Van Slyke, Milk for Health executive director, the organization's focus is to demonstrate that dairy foods are a healthy choice, packed with 13 essential vitamins and minerals.

"We strive to build trusted relationships through our multi-layered programming and messaging," said Van Slyke.

Through the assistance of school and community programs, Milk for Health provides dairy-based snacks such as yogurt parfaits, yogurt and milk smoothies, milk punch, and milk shakes for special occasions. They host milk tastings to demonstrate whole milk compared to skim milk while explaining the difference between whole, 2 percent, 1 percent, and skim milk.

The organization works with area schools in the GLOW region, the Niagara Frontier, and surrounding areas. As they expand, they continue to represent farms in neighboring counties as well.

"WNY is home to amazing dairy farm families. We are also home to dairy processors, which process milk, cheese, ice cream, and other healthy dairy products. Milk for Health's role is to help share the benefits of dairy in the diet and share our farm stories with the public," said Van Slyke. "This is done through farmers volunteering at programs across the region, staff participating in school events...and our boots-on-the-ground approach to participating in community activities and bringing dairy snacks to the events."

This month, Milk for Health will serve milk or smoothies at school Olympics and end-of-year events during school programs, including farm tours with school programs. From Buffalo to Olcott, the organization will be featuring delicious, locally made milk throughout the region.

Catch them at Explore & More Museum on Canalside in Buffalo on June 6 and Dairy Day at Olcott Park June 13, which will feature a magic show and interactive activities.

Farmers display deep proficiency in their field of knowledge, and they are involved in their communities. They often double as leaders in local government, sit on boards as directors, and serve as volunteers for other organizations.

Van Slyke noted farmers are seen as "stewards of the land" and are considered a vital component to our region and the success of the economy.

"The dairy industry is a staple of our communities in WNY. Dairy farms not only produce wholesome milk that goes onto our local processors, making delicious dairy products, but we also give back in many other ways," said Van Slyke. "Dairy farms provide jobs/career opportunities not only on our farms, but with other businesses that support our farms."

Dairy farms often collaborate with tractor dealerships, milk haulers, farm and parlor maintenance, feed companies, veterinary practices, hoof trimmers, nutrient and crop consultants, dairy processing, and more.

"We also support local businesses such as schools, stores, restaurants, repair shops, and supply companies," she said.

Milk for Health will be out in the community all summer long. For more information or to volunteer, email info@milkforhealth.org.

Studio Diaries with Terry Clifford



Terry Clifford,
CJ Country Air Personality
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
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The Region Hums with Outdoor Energy

June in western New York is a month of transformation. The long stretch of winter and the hesitant bloom of spring finally give way to warmth, color, and life. Lawns start out bleached and brown by winter and thaw to lush deep green, lilacs, and the region's lakes and rivers come alive with boats, kayaks, and sweet sunshine! My neighbor moved here from Arizona during COVID. She works from home and was looking for a more affordable place to live. Every June, she flies a different group of family members here to "see the shades of green." She says we are so used to them that we likely take them for granted. For 6 years, I have seen this area at this time of year through completely different eyes—and it's breathtaking!

Evenings stretch late, and there's a familiar rhythm: backyard BBQs, bike rides along the waterfront, ice cream runs just before sunset, fireflies flicker in the twilight, and the air smells like freshly cut grass.

June here isn't just early summer, it's a celebration of return: to warmth, to community, and to everything that makes life by the Great Lakes so quietly extraordinary. Drink it up!

Catch Terry Clifford at 10 a.m. Monday through Saturday after TRADIO.



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Past the Last Stoplight

Warsaw Public Library Prepares for Its Return to 130 North Main

Contributed by Lisa Griecus,
Warsaw Public Library Director

After eight months of major renovations, the Warsaw Public Library anticipates reopening in time for its annual Summer Reading Program.

Since September 2025, the library provided most of its regular services at the First United Methodist Church at 6 West Court St., Warsaw. With most of the construction completed, operations at the church ended May 23.

Although the move to the temporary location was completed in a matter of days, the move back to the freshly renovated library will be significantly more complex. With shelving being installed, new furniture being delivered, books to be returned to the shelves, and signage going up, the library will have to remain completely closed until the transition is complete for the safety of patrons and staff.

While the library is closed, patrons can return any books they've checked out at Warsaw to any other Wyoming County or OWWL Library. Warsaw patrons can use their library card at any public library in Ontario, Wayne, Wyoming, and Livingston Counties for all library services.

The transition will take several weeks, and given the number of variables, staff can't provide an exact reopening date. Everyone is invited to an official reopening celebration and ribbon cutting scheduled for 3 p.m. Tuesday, July 7, with a full schedule of events until 7 p.m.

For the latest updates and hours for the Warsaw Public Library, visit the library Facebook page or warsawpubliclibrary.org. You can also learn more about the library's summer reading program and its events on this website. Online registration for summer programs begins on June 15.

Community Calendar

Corfu United Presbyterian Bargain Basement Sale | June 5 & 6 | 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Held at 63 Alleghany St., Corfu. Food will be available both days. For information or pickup arrangements, call Paula Trapani at (716) 423-1907 or Dorothy Lawrence at (585) 313-8996.

Run Baby Run 5K Race/Walk | June 6 | Registration at 8 a.m.; race at 9 a.m.
Held at Northgate Youth and Community Center, 350 Bank St., Batavia. Registration is \$30 and supports programs for young families with babies. Pre-register online at RunSignUp or register the day of the race.

Thunder in the Sticks Tractor Pull | June 20 | Gates at 2 p.m.; pulling at 3 p.m.
Held at WNY Gas & Steam Association, 10294 Gillate Road, Alexander. Features Outlaw Pullers, Semis, Empire State Pullers, and a chicken BBQ. More information at alexandersteamshow.com.



Carter Faith,
country music singer

The current version of Carter Faith brings a new level of boldness and attitude. There's confidence in her delivery now that hits differently. Her voice—part silk, part steel—still carries that emotional ache she's known for, but there's an edge woven in. It feels intentional. It feels ready.

Her 2025 album *Cherry Valley* is absolutely worth a front-to-back listen. Two standouts for me are "Betty" and "If I Had Never Lost My Mind." Both showcase her lyrical depth and that signature vocal blend—tender but unflinching.

She doesn't chase trends. She builds atmosphere. She tells stories. And now, she's doing it with a presence that feels built for bigger stages. Next stop? I wouldn't be surprised if it's mainstream stardom. She's not just finding her lane—she's widening it.

People You Should Know



Kelly Reynolds
of Reyncrest Farm

Reynolds Family Cultivates a Growth Mindset

With cows that each produce 10 gallons of milk per day, Reyncrest Farm, Inc. cares for 2,000 milking cows and an additional 1,800

head of dry [waiting to have a calf] calves, heifers, and cows.

That means 20,000 gallons of milk are produced at the farm each day. With a team of 25 full-time employees, including five full-time family members, the Reynolds Family continues to leave its mark on the dairy industry.

In the 1950s, Edward and Mary Reynolds started the dairy farm at 9666 Alleghany Road, Corfu. The farm is currently undergoing a major construction project as it's adding a new rotary parlor and free stall barn to create more space for its milk herd and to be able to milk more efficiently.

In addition to its own growth, Reyncrest Farm welcomes schools and organizations to take guided tours by appointment at the farm to learn more about the importance of the dairy industry.

The farm, owned by the Reynolds Family, which includes John and Shelly along with their children, Tyler, McKenzie, and Andy, shows cows all over the Northeast and the Midwest in addition to showing their milking herd. They show at national dairy shows where they have won top honors.

Additional family members who are involved with the farm include Tyler's wife, Kelly, and their children Cannyn and Saylor, and Andrew's wife, Whitney, and their child, Thomas.

JAMM Session: Carter Faith Is Earning Her Place on Stage

By Jimi Jamm, CJ Country Program Director

I first discovered Carter Faith in 2023 when her song "Wild" grabbed me immediately. It had that haunting, slow-burn quality that doesn't beg for attention—it earns it. "Wild" went straight onto my personal playlist, and I remember thinking, "Okay... where is she going next?"

Fast forward to 2026, and the answer is clear—forward, fast, and fearless.



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