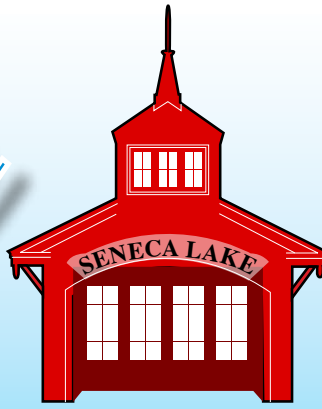


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Cayuga Travel Clinic helps patients get vaccines, health documents for foreign trips, and safety advice

By Eli Finkelsztejn, MD

If travel plans are on your 2025 calendar, the Travel Clinic at the Cayuga Center for Infectious Diseases can help you prepare with travel vaccines and occasional mandatory testing documentation.



Eli Finkelsztejn, MD

Eli Finkelsztejn, MD, the Travel Clinic's medical director, is a board-certified physician of internal medicine and infectious diseases. In addition to internal medicine and infectious diseases, Finkelsztejn and the Travel Clinic team have experience in travel and tropical medicine, wilderness medicine, parasitology, and immigrant medicine. The team provides routine travel vaccines, prevention for malaria, and travelers' diarrhea management as well as general advice about staying healthy during travel. Dr. Finkelsztejn strongly encourages everyone considering international travel to be up to date on COVID-19 procedures and their vaccinations.

The clinic's team provides individualized services to travelers 16 or older, those with special travel health needs, immunocompromised travelers, pregnant travelers, those preparing to work or live overseas for prolonged periods, and business and adventure travelers.

Among the more common immunizations travelers may need are: hepatitis, typhoid (in oral or injectable form), polio, meningococcal meningitis, Japanese encephalitis, and rabies.



If travel plans are on your calendar in 2025, the Travel Clinic at the Cayuga Center for Infectious Diseases can help you get ready with travel vaccines and arrange for testing documentation that some destinations require for visitors.

"We advise travelers on the prevention of mosquito and insect bites, which can transmit very serious diseases like malaria, yellow fever, dengue fever, Japanese encephalitis, and many others," Finkelsztejn says.

The coverage by health insurance plans for a Travel Medicine visit can vary. Patients can expect an out-of-pocket expense of about \$300 for the travel vaccines and office visit. The fee can be higher depending on the number and types of vaccines a patient might need.

Travel Clinic appointments

The Travel Clinic schedules most appointments within one or two weeks after inquiry. Patients should bring a list of their current prescriptions, medical and vaccine history, and itinerary plans to their office appointment. For details, call (607) 241-1118.

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- **Glen Baptist Church**, 33311 Reading Road, Watkins Glen. Sunday School 9:40am; Sunday Morning Worship 11:00am; Sunday Kids/Adult Bible Study 5:30pm; Wed. Prayer Meeting 6:30pm
- **Grace Baptist Church**, 2032 Chambers Rd., Beaver Dams NY 14812. 607-962-4864. Service Times: Sunday school 9:45am; Sunday morning service 11:00am; Sunday Evening 6:00pm; Wednesday evening Bible study; 7:00pm. Nursery available each service. Junior Church 12 and under Sunday morning. We are an independent, fundamental, Kings James only, Bible believing Baptist church.
- **New Hope Baptist Church**, 5528 State St. Millport, NY 14864. 607-739-2482. Pastor Jack Deyo. Church Service Wednesday 6pm, Sunday Service 11am, Sunday School youth & teenagers.
- **Odessa Baptist Church**, 111 Fowler Place, Odessa, NY 14869. 607-594-2800. Adult and Teen Sunday School 9:30am. Service 10:30am Young Kids Sunday School during service. Wed. Women's Bible Study 9:30am. Sat, Men's Bible Study 6:30am. Sun, Group Bible Study 6:00pm.
- **Pine Valley Baptist**, 4872 Pine Crest Rd., Millport, NY 14864. 607-739-7767. A.M. Service 11:00am, Sunday School 9:45am

CATHOLIC:

- **St. Benedict's Church**, 307 Speedway, Odessa, NY, Saturday 5:00 pm Mass
- **St. Mary's of the Lake Church**, 905 N. Decatur St., Watkins Glen, NY, Sunday 8:00 am & 10:00 am Masses
- **The Parish Of Mary Mother Of Mercy:** St. Francis Solanus, 3660 Orchard St., Interlaken. Mass: Sat., 4:00pm; St. James the Apostle, 17 Whig St., Trumansburg, NY, Mass: Sunday, 9:00am; Holy Cross, 7231 Main St., Ovid, Mass: Sunday, 10:30am. For more info phone 607-294-0064. Or email: immercy@dor.org

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- **St. James' Episcopal Church**, 112 Sixth St., Watkins Glen 10:45 service, Fr. David Hanselman
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- **Burdett United Methodist Church**, Lake Street, Burdett. Sunday Worship, 11-Noon. Live stream on Facebook.
- **Cayutaville Methodist Church**, Sunday Service at 9:30.
- **Mecklenburg United Methodist Church**, 6069 Turnpike Rd., Mecklenburg, NY 14863, Sunday Services at 9:30AM All are welcome! Come as you are!
- **Montour Falls United Methodist**, 128 Owego Street, Montour Falls, service time 9am.
- **Odessa-Catharine United Methodist Church**, 305 Church Street, Odessa. Sunday School 9:30-10:30AM Sundays, Church 11:00 AM Phone: 607-594-2271. Pastor Mike Kelly
- **Reynoldsville United Methodist Church**, Sunday service 9:30-10:30

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

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- **Bethel Fellowship Church**, 2035 State Route 14, Montour Falls Sunday Service begins at 10:30am. Wednesday Reborn Free Recovery Meeting begins at 6pm.
- **Full Gospel Church of Catlin Center**, 683 Backer Road, Beaver Dams, NY 14812. Pastors Terrence and Melissa Passmore. Sunday Worship 11:00am, Children's Sunday School 11:30am, Prayer Meeting Sunday 5:30pm. Wednesday night Bible Study 6:30pm. 607-873-7185, email: fgccatlin@gmail.com Facebook page: Full Gospel Church of Catlin. We look forward to seeing you.
- **Full Gospel Covenant**. 4227 Perry Hill Road, Altay. Sunday Service 10 a.m. All are welcome. Come as you are.
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- **Burdett Presbyterian Church**, 3995 Church St., Burdett, NY 14818 607-546-8560, Sunday worship starts at 10am. All are welcome!
- **First Presbyterian Church of Watkins Glen**, 520 N. Decatur St. Sunday Worship 11:00am.
- **Hector Presbyterian Church**, State Rt 414, Hector, NY. 9:30am Sunday Worship service
- **Moreland Presbyterian Church**, 3045 Beaver Dams Moreland Rd. Beaver Dams NY 14812. Reverend Paul Yoder, Sunday 9:30-10:30. All are welcome to join in person or by phone. Call in at 701-802-5357, access code 2568066
- **Rock Stream Presbyterian Church**, 6062 Reading Road, Rock Stream, Sunday Worship 10:00am.

REFORMED:

- **Interlaken Reformed Church**, 607-532-4321. 8315 Main Street, Interlaken, NY. Morning Worship Services at 10:30. "GO Church" for children ages held during the worship service. All are welcome!!

WESLEYAN:

- **Grace Lee Wesleyan Church**, 2075 Chambers Road, Beaver Dams. 9am Discipleship Hour; 10am Connection Cafe; 10:30am Worship; 6:30pm Youth Group.

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Obituary

EDWARD HARRISON PETERSON, best known as Eddie, of Watkins Glen, NY, born November 14, 1953, died Wednesday, January 22, 2025 at the age of 71 from pancreatic cancer.



Eddie grew up in Chemung, New York and graduated from Waverly High School in 1971. He enlisted in the US Air Force as soon as he turned 18 and served three tours as a patrol dog handler at the air base in Nakhon Phanom, Thailand. Upon returning home he worked for Chemung Spring Water, and finally took a job at the Elmira Correctional Facility, retiring after 25 years of service in 2006.

Eddie had many hobbies and pastimes from the time he learned how to fish and hunt with his dad as a young boy, to his love of sailing on Seneca Lake, (his friends at the Village Marina jokingly dubbed him The Sailing Fool because he would go out in any kind of weather; the windier, the better). He loved gardening and took great pride especially in growing his hot peppers, tomatoes, and garlic. Just ask anyone who was lucky enough to receive a bag of his produce. He was always ready with a story or two about the years he spent in Thailand as a patrol dog handler, and the many dogs he trained and worked with. If you run into him in Heaven, ask him about the Skippy story. He had even more great stories about the good friends he worked with at the Elmira Correctional Facility, including the story about a bat sandwich left in the fridge for a notorious sandwich thief to find, let's just say that guy was cured of stealing food from that day on. He always said having good friends you can count on in a job like that makes a tough job bearable, they all knew they could count on Eddie to have their back, and he knew they would always be there for him, too.

Always a hard worker, Eddie often took extra overtime shifts, as well as side jobs rototilling and window washing to earn extra income for his family, often refusing to take payment from his elderly customers and veterans. He was an avid follower of current events, finance, economics, politics, geography, and world history, especially World War II and the war in Vietnam. These interests made him very good at crossword puzzles, which he did together with his wife Ellen, every day with their morning coffee. On any given evening you could find him admiring and organizing his collection of sea shells with a cold one nearby. He loved the people he loved fully, openly, and whole heartedly and made sure they all new it, often helping in any way he could with a generous heart.

Eddie was predeceased by his parents Clair Jr. and Christine Peterson, and his father- and mother-in-law Bill and Joan Oaks, who called him their favorite son-in-law, and brothers-in-law Jon Oaks and Tod Oaks

He is survived by his wife Ellen of 34 years, whom he met on a blind date, daughter Lizzy Peterson (Chris Farrick) from Turners Falls, Massachusetts, daughter Perry Peterson (Steve Kellis) from Royersford, Pennsylvania, and son Nate (Keira) Peterson from Asheville, North Carolina; sisters, Donna (Pete) Gliha, and Ronda (Butch) Loomis, both of Horseheads, New York. And of course, his beloved German Shepherd, Norman.

There are no services planned at this time. Arrangements are being handled by Vedder-Scott & Zinger Funeral Home, Montour Falls, NY. To leave the family a message please visit www.vedderscottzinger.com

Obituary



NANCY DEAN COMBS, 87, of Burdett, died peacefully on Wednesday, January 22, 2025 at home surrounded by her children. She was born in Reynoldsville, NY on June 25, 1937, the daughter of Paul and Reva Landon Dean, the youngest of five girls. Nancy was the loving wife of the late Fay E. Combs. They were married on December 31, 1956 and were happily married for 60 years. Fay

adored her and knew that he would marry her the first time he met her. Their legacy and greatest accomplishment was their family. Nancy was adored by her children Julie Faye (James) O'Brien, Valerie Jane (Michael) Moore, Raymond Martin (Lisa) Combs, and the late James Dean "Jimmy" Combs; ten grandchildren, Jessica (Gerlando) Purpura, Stephanie (John) Parente, Michelle (Nicholas) Huber, Alicia (Cole) Bubb, Krista (Eric) Brunner, Lindsay (Patrick) Hyer, Bradley (Nadia) Combs, Matthew (Brittany) Combs, Steven (Sarah) Combs, and Deanne (David) Houseknecht; 21 great grandchildren, Salvatore, Michael, Sofia, and Luca Purpura; Giovanni and Anthony Parente; Timothy, Everett, and Julia Huber; Mason and Morgan Bubb; Evan and Collin Brunner; Raelynn and Patrick Hyer; Izza Combs; Valor and Eden Combs; Clive, Jude, and Mabel Combs; and her many adored nieces, nephews, and friends. She was predeceased by her Husband, Fay E. Combs, and her youngest son, James D. "Jimmy" Combs. She was also predeceased by her four sisters and brothers-in-law, Dora (William) Bush, Velma (Donald) Teeter, Ruth (Merve) Hammond, and Jane (Andrew) Simmons.

Nancy grew up in Reynoldsville and attended the one room Reynoldsville School, Watkins Glen High School, and graduated from Interlaken Central School in 1954. She was full of spunk and always quick witted. She played the clarinet in the band and performed in high school plays. After marriage, she spent many years raising her children and being a homemaker. She returned to the workforce when her youngest child went to school and worked at the Baker Institute at Cornell University for over 20 years. In retirement, she spent as much time as she could with her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren and also enjoyed traveling with her husband to Florida. She found joy spending time with extended family at the annual Dean Family Reunion and found new friendships at the Trumansburg Senior Citizens Club.

Nancy was full of life and loved everyone. She was the first person to make a meal, or offer to help in any situation. She ironed everything and wouldn't leave the house without her earrings and scarf. Nancy spent many hours baking for and serving at Reynoldsville United Methodist Church. Her faith carried her through many difficult losses and illnesses. She never missed a thing, whether it was a birthday, a holiday, or a game one of her kids or grandkids played in. She sent handwritten cards and notes to every family member, friend, and community member as often as she could and for every occasion.

Relatives and friends were invited to call on Sunday, January 26, 2025 from 1-3 pm at the Montour Falls United Methodist Church, 124 Owego St., Montour Falls, NY. The funeral began at 3:00 pm. There will be a private burial held for the family where she will be laid to rest at the Union Cemetery of Hector. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Jimmy Dean Combs Scholarship Fund at Watkins Glen Central School, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or Reynoldsville United Methodist Church. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Vedder-Scott & Zinger Funeral Home, Montour Falls, NY. To leave the family a message of condolence, please visit www.vedderscottzinger.com

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Ovid Fire Relief Fund
January 23, 2025

Objectives:

- To provide a local, transparent, trusted way to donate financially for the victims of the 1/21/25 block Fire in Ovid.

Present situation:

- A number of people locally (and some a great distance from Ovid) wish to donate financially to the relief of hardships caused by the fire. A local, transparent and trustable method to accomplish this is needed.

Proposal:

- Community Bank, Ovid Branch in cooperation with the Village of Ovid, the Town of Ovid, and the Ovid Federated Church, will open an account under the Church's 501c 3 oversight.
- Contributions can be made personally at the Community Bank, Main Street Ovid, buy mail to the Bank at Community Bank, PO Box 389, Ovid NY 14521 or by mail to Ovid Federated Church PO Box 340, Ovid NY 14521. We do not have a method to receive digital transfers.
- Disbursements will be made using prepaid VISA cards to victims burned out of their apartments and to employees of the lost businesses as fairly as possible. People who have lost apartments will be paid per-person no matter the age.
- Those eligible will be determined and when they become available the prepaid VISA cards will be distributed by name directly from the Ovid Village office during its working hours.
- Distributions will take place in late February. The last distribution will take place in early July or when the fund is closed.
- Copies of bank statements will be provided to the Village of Ovid through the Mayor, to the Town of Ovid and be entered into Village, Town and Church, minutes at their monthly meetings for the duration of the fund for transparency.
- Advertising will be online and in the Community Shopper.

Advantages:

- 100% of funds donated will be distributed to victims, local known administration.
- Transparency and publicly accessible to accounting, through Ovid Village, The Town of Ovid, and the Ovid Federated Church.
- 501c 3 support from the Ovid Federated Church.
- No administrative or other deductions will be made by any participating organizations.

Disadvantages:

- Assuring fairness only to employees out of work and the residents who lost their apartments will need to be based on official records from the agencies involved.

Action Recommended:

- Create the fund at Community Bank.
- Advertise the fund through all available means online and in print.
- Make a first distribution in late February and a final distribution in July.

THE OVID LIBRARY IS CURRENTLY ACCEPTING DONATIONS FOR THE HYGIENE CLOSET.



The Closet is open during library hours and is for any community members in need.

Items of particular need include: feminine products, laundry detergent, shampoo & conditioner, soap & body wash, cleaning supplies (any kind), deodorant, and baby supplies (diapers, wipes, etc.) **Thank you!**

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Fundraising Challenge

This challenge goes out to all my super '70 classmates from SS Central School, Romulus Central School, and surrounding areas.

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10 Tips for Adults Nutrition Education Series

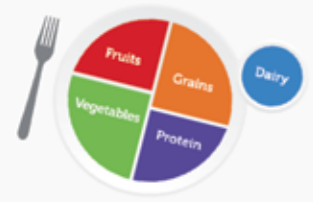
Office for the Aging presents a fun and interactive **no-cost nutrition workshop series for older adults**. Presented by Erin Willis, Nutrition Educator with NYSOFA SNAP-Ed.

Series A Workshop: Choosing MyPlate

4-Part Workshop Series | Silver Spoon Cafe,
Montour Falls



- Lesson A1: Introduction to MyPlate
- Lesson A2: Make Half Your Plate Fruits & Vegetables
- Lesson A3: Make Half Your Grains Whole Grains
- Lesson A4: Vary Your Protein Routine



Begins 2/4, Tuesdays at 10AM
Call or Email to Register: Erin Willis (607) 535 - 6822






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Cancer Care Yoga Class

Rejuvenate yourself after the fatigue, anxiety and stress of cancer treatments. Join us for a one-hour mindful breathing exercise and restorative techniques to help manage side effects.

- 2025 Class Schedule**
- Saturday, February 8
 - Saturday, March 8
 - Saturday, April 5
 - Saturday, May 3
 - Saturday, June 14

-  Start at 10 AM
-  Saturday, February 8
-  300 S. Madison Avenue,
Watkins Glen, NY 14891

Space is limited - Register today!
Kathie Notarfonzo to register
 (607)- 425-1042

All are welcome and consultation with your healthcare provider is encouraged before starting the practice.



The Schuyler Health Foundation
together with Gorges Givers hosts:

Schuyler County Women's Cancer Support Group



Facing Cancer Together: A supportive community sharing experiences and coping strategies.

Women afflicted by cancer, either as patients or caregivers, are invited to attend.

- 4th Tuesday Monthly (starting January 28)
- 6 to 8 p.m.
- Cascata Event Center
- 224 Main Street
Montour Falls, NY 14865



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 (607)-259-7923