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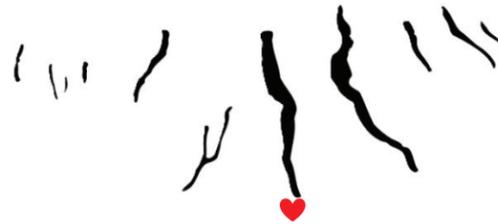
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MARY (BISHOP) NICHOLS, age 98, of Valois Point, NY, died peacefully on January 15, 2026.

Mary was born in Alpine, NY, on April 17, 1927, the daughter of the late Perry and Eliza (Hendricks) Bishop.

Mary spent her first 20+ years in the Alpine/Odessa area, marrying Jack Porter Nichols on July 12, 1947. She followed her husband onto new adventures as he pursued his career in highway construction/supervision all around upstate New York and into Connecticut. She made a home for her family wherever the next job was, returning each summer to the family home at Valois Point, NY.

Mary was predeceased by her parents; her father-in-law, Claude Nichols; her beloved husband, Jack; her brother, Robert; and her sons-in-law, David Bragg, Joseph Radoll, and Larry Cassidy. She is survived by her children: Polly Cassidy of Christiansburg, VA, and her children Melani (Adam) of Tarzana, CA, and Jack (Leigh) of Christiansburg, VA and their daughters, Ella and Audrey; Andrea Nichols of Valois, NY and her son Geoff (Tawnya) Bragg of Santa Barbara, CA and Tawnya's daughter Danielle (Matthew) Cervantes of Colorado Springs, CO; Joan Radoll and her children Jackson (Kelsey) Radoll, and Stephanie (Toby) Radoll, all of Seattle, WA.

Mary was a loving daughter, wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, and friend. Mary will be remembered by all who knew her for her kindness.

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A celebration of her life will be held in late summer 2026. The family will announce the actual date as it comes closer. Contributions can be made to EB Pert Library or the Valois Logan Hector Volunteer Fire Company, both in Hector, NY.

Arrangements are under the directions 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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GRACE LOUISE STRATTON, 64, of Hector, NY, passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, February 3, 2026. She was born on January 11, 1962 in Montour Falls, NY the daughter of the late George and Doris (Osborne) Beese.

Grace graduated from Watkins Glen High School in 1980. She worked as a Nurse's Aide for many years at Reconstructive Home in Ithaca and Schuyler Hospital in Montour Falls. She also worked as a part time cook at the Schuyler County Sheriff's Department and was an inspector with Schuyler County Board of Elections.

She was a member of the Hector Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary and the Women of the Moose at Montour Falls Moose Lodge. Grace enjoyed camping, crocheting and watching Drag Racing.

Grace married her husband, Rick, on May 26, 1990. Grace loved her family, friends and everyone she met. Even though she couldn't have her own children, she had many nieces, nephews and adopted children. The world will be a quieter and emptier place without her.

She is survived by her husband, Rick Stratton; brothers, John (Kathleen) Beese and Rob (Lisa) Beese; and by many nieces and nephews.

There will be no services at this time. Contributions may be made in her memory to Humane Society of Schuyler County, 124 Marina Dr., Montour Falls, NY 14865.

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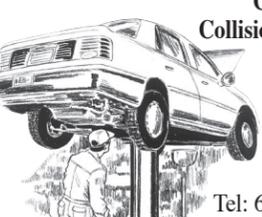
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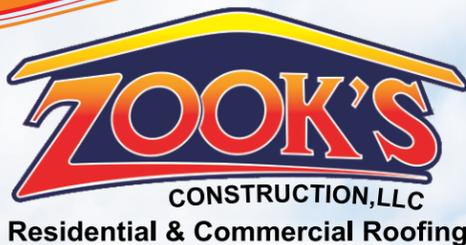
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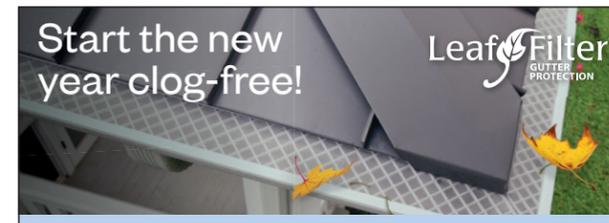
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Rabies Clinic

Saturday, February 21st
10am-12pm
 Shared Services Building
 910 S Decatur St., Watkins Glen

- Cats, dogs, and ferrets must be at least three months old
- Cats and ferrets must be in a carrier (top-loading preferred)
- One animal per carrier
- Dogs must be on a leash
- Bring proof of any prior rabies shot
- Only bring the number of animals you can control

Pre-registration is available at schuylercounty.us/rabiesclinic
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