

### Arc Herkimer begins re-opening programs for people with disabilities

As an essential nonprofit organization in Herkimer County, Arc Herkimer supports over 600 people with disabilities, and the organization continued supporting many disabled persons throughout the duration of the COVID-19 mandated shutdown. Now, the agency is beginning its re-opening plan for its various vital programs, which have been shut down since the middle of March, after receiving direction from the Office for People with Developmental Disabilities to close congregate day programming.

The Arc Herkimer Supports and Services team has been in overdrive putting plans and procedures in place the past few months. Executive Vice President of Supports and Services Lorene Bass said, "Adapting to new regulations and routines is challenging for anyone, but especially for vulnerable groups like the people we support. We are doing everything we can to keep everyone healthy and happy throughout this pandemic."

Limiting visitors, implementing even more vigorous cleaning procedures and frequently screening staff and people supported are just a few of the ways in which Arc Herkimer is keeping the agency safe. Thanks to a grant collaboration between the Community Foundation of Oneida and Herkimer Counties and the United Way of the Mohawk Valley, Arc Herkimer was able to purchase two Clorox Total 360 Spray Disinfectant Systems and two One-Screen Go-Safe Body Temperature and Facial Recognition Systems, to help ensure intensified disinfecting measures and expedited frequent temperature screenings. Arc Herkimer's Supports and Services team also amped up the activities schedule in order to keep cabin fever at bay within their residential homes. Care packages, mock visits to a movie theater and hibachi restaurant, at-home camping trips, a tropical luau and trips to space and countries around the world were just a few of the creative ways staff kept people engaged and entertained while staying at home.

Additionally, Arc Herkimer's Career Connections division remained busy providing support to individuals employed as essential workers during the shutdown. Herkimer Industries switched up production and began making masks and other personal protective equipment. The Arc Herkimer Goods Store and Arc Park had to close for a short time, but they are now back open, following social distancing guidelines to keep everyone safe.

The opening of the MV Golf & Event Center (MVG&EC) was immensely impacted by COVID-19. Arc Herkimer became the official owner of the former Mohawk Valley Country Club on April 1, and like all other businesses, has battled through regulations to

"We are doing everything we can to keep everyone healthy and happy throughout this pandemic." remain open. The current New York State guidelines are still extremely restrictive of the new operation; however, that hasn't stopped golfers from enjoying the course, and the Tin Cup Tavern & Grille is open with limited dining and takeout options available.

Arc Herkimer CFO and MVG&EC Interim General Manager Anthony Visconti said, "This year has been a challenging year to say the least, but we are so excited about our new business venture at the MV Golf & Event Center and we are confident that our team will continue to pull through and overcome any future challenges."

Not only have Arc Herkimer's seven divisions seen changes throughout the pandemic, the agency's major fundraising efforts have as well. The 25th and final New York International Wine Auction (NYIWA) has been rescheduled for Sept. 25, 2021. The agency's other major annual events like the community festival, Arc Park summer concert series and golf tournament have also been postponed until 2021.

When asked what postponing events like these mean for the agency, President/CEO Kevin Crosley said, "Our agency's tagline is 'building community' and a large part of what we do relies on participation and donations surrounding events like these. We are certainly living in a challenging time, but we will stop at nothing to fulfill our mission. Our staff and the community have been incredibly supportive during this time and we cannot thank them enough. We are excited about our progress with re-opening and we look forward to continue providing first class supports and services."









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### Keep Mohawk Valley Beautiful launches "QuaranTeam" cleanup effort

Keep Mohawk Val-Beautiful (KMVB), lev a six-county NYS affiliate of the national Keep America Beautiful (KAB) program, is launching a "QuaranTeam" Cleanup in conjunction with KAB's annual Great American Cleanup Effort scheduled for June 1 - Oct. 18. KMVB is a standing committee of the Mohawk Valley Economic Development District Inc.

This year marks KM-VB's 19th annual Great American Cleanup Effort where community volunteers come together to aesthetically improve our environment by creating

cleaner parks, streetscapes and public spaces through litter removal and elimination. While the country begins to open back up and more people are spending time outside, KMVB's "QuaranTeam" Cleanup effort is intended to keep its commitment to bringing people together to beautify our communities, even during a global pandemic. The KMVB "Quar-

anTeam" Cleanup is a project for individuals and families who are quarantined together to break up their day by taking a walk outside alone or as a family to clean up

litter along their property/streets and surrounding areas. "We intend to have adults and children in the six-county Mohawk Valley Region take action to work on beautifying and cleaning areas across their communities while adhering to federal, state and local public health guidelines regarding the COVID-19 pandemic," said Sam Russo, chair of KMVB Committee.

KMVB reminds volunteers participating in the "QuaranTeam" Cleanup to wear personal protective equipment such as masks and gloves when appropriate during litter cleanups.

Bv registering your "QuaranTeam" Cleanup project on the Oneida-Herkimer Solid Waste Authority's website at ohswa.org, you will be entered in a prize drawing that will take place following the conclusion of the Great American Cleanup on Oct. 18. "QuaranTeam" individuals and/or groups must have registered through ohswa.org and submit the reporting form provided upon registration to be eligible to receive prizes.

Jamie Tuttle, recycling educator of the Oneida-Herkimer Solid Waste Authority and partner

in the Cleanup Program, said, "While this year's cleanup effort may not involve large groups gathering together, the actions, large or small, of individuals and families who participate will help KMVB continue its mission to remove litter and beautify the region we call home while inspiring generations of environmental stewards. KMVB is cleaning up, yes, but we are also changing behaviors by engaging the enthusiasm of involved young people."

"From Boonville to Cobleskill, from Oneonta to Northville, and all along

the Mohawk Valley, volunteers will be working together to make a difference in their communities. Projects such as the KMVB 'QuaranTeam' Cleanup, community gardens, recycling and beautification help leverage other public and private resources to positively impact our region," said Russo.

To register your "QuaranTeam," visit ohswa. org (click "QuaraTeam" Cleanup). You may also contact Mohawk Valley Economic Development District with any questions related to the Cleanup at 315.866.4671.

### Herkimer County Fair events during August



### **Applications open for CCE Master Gardener volunteers**

Interested in becoming a Master Gardener volunteer? Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) of Herkimer County is seeking applicants to participate in this popular statewide and national public service program.

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The new class schedule accommodates Zoom conferencing, running consecutive Mondays from 9 - 11:30 a.m. Classes begin on Monday, Sept. 21 and run through March 15, 2021, except for holidays - 20 sessions altogether.

Trainees may participate

from home or from respective CCE county offices with safety protocols observed. Participants will need access to a computer with audio and camera components for interactive discussions. The cost is \$150 per person, including all materials. Applications are being accepted through Friday, Aug.

21, and will be followed by a personal interview. For more details or to receive an application, contact Garet Livermore at the Herkimer County CCE office at 315.866.7920 or herkimer@cornell.edu.

Visit tinyurl.com/y4lp4d85 for a position description and application.

### Grilled sausage and pepper pizza

grill, covered, until the sausages are cooked through

and the peppers are tender, 2 to 3 minutes more.

Transfer the sausages and peppers to a cutting board

3. Transfer the pizza dough to the grill, oiled-side

down, and cook, covered, until the top begins to bub-

ble and the bottom is crisp, about 2 minutes. Brush

the top of the dough with the remaining 1 teaspoon oil.

Topped with sweet Italian sausage and two kinds of peppers, this homemade pizza is so delicious, you may give up delivery for good.

- Flour 1 pound pizza dough
- 2 teaspoon olive oil
- 2 small peppers (1 red and 1 orange)
- 2 sweet Italian sausage links
- 4 ounces part-skim mozzarella
- 1/2 small red onion
- 3 pepperoncini peppers

1. Heat grill to medium-high. Lightly dust a baking sheet with flour. Working on a floured surface, shape the pizza dough into one 14-inch round and place on the prepared sheet. Brush the top with 1 teaspoon oil.

2. Place the peppers and sausages (cut-side down) on the grill and cook, covered, for 3 minutes. Turn and

### **Dolgeville residents** earn degrees from WGU

The following Dolgeville residents have earned a degree from Western Governors University (WGU). The online, nonprofit university has graduated over 190,000 students from across the country since its inception in 1997.

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### Newsworthy Trends: Here to stay, online fitness offers multiple benefits

(NAPSI) – You may know regular exercise and physical activity enhance your physical health and emotional well-being, boost your energy level and quality of life, but recent developments in fitness may shake things up.

With more people now working from home or juggling the multiple responsibilities of busy lifestyles, online workouts are more popular than ever. Whether you're interested in HIIT, yoga, strength training or trampoline workouts, you can find streaming services and virtual sweat sessions as close as your phone or computer.

Online fitness classes deliver many benefits, including:

**1. Maximum convenience.** You can access workouts on your own time, according to your schedule. You may love Group-X classes at the gym, but it's faster to squeeze in a workout at home during packed days. Plus, you can choose whatever class you want instead of being limited by your gym's schedule. Many websites offer video workouts that can be done in a tiny apartment or outside, with or without accessories. In addition to website offerings, some services even offer Apple TV or Roku apps for additional access.

**2.** Cost-effective. The average health club membership can cost \$500/year or more, which is a lot to pay if you aren't using it regularly. Online streaming services typically cost a fraction of the price of gym

memberships. For example, JumpSport Fitness TV, which provides extensive professional fitness trampoline workouts, offers a free trial period and costs only \$59.99/year (or \$9.99/month). Even if you did only six workouts a year (and you know you'd do more than that), the subscription easily pays for itself.

**3. Variety.** Cross-training has never been easier with the sheer volume and types of exercise sessions available today. You can choose from livestream or on-demand, with formats such as boot camp, Pilates, interval training, core conditioning, trampoline classes and more, available through websites, streaming services or apps. Many boutique clubs deliver workouts that vary by modality, intensity level (beginners versus advanced, for example), equipment utilized and duration and organize classes so that it's simple to search or filter offerings based on specific criteria.

**4. Privacy.** With social distancing, some people may prefer to exercise alone versus in larger group settings. Plus, using online workouts mean you don't have to worry about getting to class early and saving your favorite spot. Not only that, you can bypass the locker room for the privacy of your home. And you get to wear what you want; there's no judgment for bed head or your favorite ratty T-shirt. You'll find that some instructors record workouts in professional studios, while others show you their more personal side and record from their living room, with or without their pets

## **Calendar of events**

NOTE: Calendar items must be submitted by Tuesday prior to the publication date to be included in the Calendar of Events. Entries may be emailed to cfeditor@leepub.com CONCERNS ABOUT THE CORONA-VIRUS (COVID-19) HAVE CAUSED THE CANCELLATION OF MANY MEETINGS. PLEASE CONFIRM ALL MEETINGS WITH THE HOST LOCATIONS BEFORE TRAVELLING TO THE MEETING LOCATION.

August events

August 7, 14, 21 and 28

**Sunset Sips at the Utica Zoo.** Zoo will be open every Friday night until 8 p.m. For more information visit UticaZoo.org/sunset-sips or call 315.738.0472.

#### August 8

**Blueberries under the Blue Sky.** Fairfield Restorations Association Annual Blueberry Breakfast at the Fairfield Community Hall. According to state guidelines. Breakfast will be served as takeout only. Seating under the pavilion available. \$10 for adults. \$5 under 12. Free under 5. Serving starts at 8 a.m. Questions? Contact Lynn Swartz at 315.891.3999 or lfswartz1@gmail. com.

#### August 11

Adirondack Sons of American Legion Post 1118. Meetings held every second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. Post located on Main Street, Cold Brook.

#### August 12 and 19

Music in Arc Park: CANCELLED

#### August 15-16

Herkimer County Fair Outdoor Flea Market 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. both days. Vendor set 8-10 a.m. Admission free. Social distancing/masks required. For info or application call the Fairgrounds 315.895.7464. September 12

willArc Herkimer Transportation 2020FleaNTSI Traffic Survival Workshopn 109 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Arc Herkimer's<br/>main building, 350 South Washing-<br/>ton St., Herkimer. \$38 per person.<br/>Books and materials provided. Call<br/>Kelly Bunce at 315.574.7982 to reg-<br/>ister and make payment.yum9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Arc Herkimer's<br/>main building, 350 South Washing-<br/>ton St., Herkimer. \$38 per person.<br/>Books and materials provided. Call<br/>Kelly Bunce at 315.574.7982 to reg-<br/>ister and make payment.

#### September 17

**Rabies Vaccination Day** 5:30 - 7 p.m., Cedarville Fire Department, 960 St. Rt. 51, Cedarville 13357. Pre-register by calling 315.867.1176.

#### **October 1**

**Rabies Vaccination Day** 5:30 - 7 p.m., Little Falls Town Garage, 478 Flint Ave. Ext., Little Falls 13365. Pre-register by calling 315.867.1176.

#### **November 7**

**Rabies Vaccination Day** 1:30 - 3:30 p.m., East Herkimer Fire Department, 193 Main Rd., East Herkimer 13350. Pre-register by calling 315.867.1176.

#### November 14

Arc Herkimer Transportation 2020 NTSI Traffic Survival Workshop 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Arc Herkimer's main building at 350 South Washington Street, Herkimer. \$38 per person. Call Kelly Bunce at 315.574.7982 to register and make payment. hanging around. Even through a screen, you can get a comfortable, more personal, private session.

"The online streaming boom for fitness is here to stay," pointed out Forrest Bless, VP of marketing at JumpSport. "JumpSport Fitness TV [Video.Jump-Sport.com] collaborates with clubs all over the nation, so people streaming from home can choose workouts from a boutique club in NYC to a personal trainer in LA, which is great for variety and to accommodate different preferences."



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Market: Aug. 15 and 16 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., admission is free. Gymkhana Jackpot Horse Show on Aug. 15 starting at 10 a.m.—but no spectators allowed. Food Truck event Aug. 21-23. Hours of operation will be 4-8 p.m. on Aug. 21, 12-7 p.m. on Aug. 22 and 12-6 p.m. on Aug. 23. Another Open Horse Show will be held on Aug. 22 starting at 9 a.m. The fair will be following the CDC guidelines to practice social distances at all events and the requirement of masks except while eating. Any information on

## August 20

any of these events can be ob-

tained by calling the Fairgrounds at 315.895.7464 or through email

at info@HerkimerCountyFair.org.

**Roast Pork Dinner** 4-7 p.m. Take out only. Emmanuel Episcopal Church, 594 E. Albany St., Little Falls NY. Curb side drive up, walk up or call ahead. Free Delivery (Little Falls only). \$10 includes meal and dessert. Call ahead 315.717.9462 or 315.823.1323. Leave message if no answer.

### August 26

**Rabies Vaccination Day** 5:30 - 7 p.m., Salisbury Fire Department, 2549 St. Rt. 29, Salisbury Center. Pre-register by calling 315.867.1176.

## Herkimer College Forensic Investigations program named one of the best in the country

Herkimer College's Forensic Investigations A.A.S. degree program was named one of the top programs of its kind in the country by CrimeSceneInvestigatorEdu.org, an independent online resource providing information on education for crime scene investigation and forensic professionals.

The program was included in its list of Best Associate Programs in Crime Scene Investigation for 2020-21. The list highlights programs the publishers consider the top CSI and forensic science undergraduate programs in the country and "provide strong examples of the kinds of things you should be looking for in the undergraduate programs offered in your area," according to the CSIE website.

Herkimer College was listed third, with special nods for its small class sizes, expansive SUNY transfer agreements and extensive field training. The list included 13 associate degree programs. Programs were chosen based on qualifications like faculty experience, training facilities and lab equipment and opportunities for meaningful hands-on experiential learning.

According to the CSIE, real-world demands for professionals skilled in forensic investigations has never been higher. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates that positions in the field will increase by 14% over the next decade, a rate that far outpaces the average for all other professions.

For more information on Herkimer's forensic investigations program, go to herkimer.edu/majors.

> A Herkimer College student in a forensic investigations class uses a special light to check for fingerprints on a lab flask. Photo courtesy of Herkimer College







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### The Kitchen Diva

#### by Angela Shelf Medearis Overcome fear of fish with this easy dish

I've found during my years of teaching adults how to cook that the thing they fear most (and ruin most often) is fish. My favorite fish recipe for novice cooks is Italian-style salmon cooked in the microwave. The microwave is the perfect way to cook seafood because it cooks food from the inside out and also creates steam, which keeps the fish moist. Salmon can be prepared in the microwave in just five minutes. If you've been afraid to venture out into the deep, start your voyage with salmon. It's flavorful, versatile, easy to cook and a healthy source of protein.

Salmon is low in mercury and high in omega-3 fatty acids. Eating two to three servings per week of foods rich in omega-3 is a healthy choice. While 80% of all of the salmon sold is farm-raised, wild salmon is the best option.

A 4-ounce serving of wild salmon provides a full day's requirement of vitamin D, and more than half of the necessary B-12, niacin and selenium. It's an excellent source of B-6 and magnesium, too. Omega-3 fats also have been found to help slow cognitive problems such as Alzheimer's disease and age-related mental decline, and reduce incidences of depression and aggression.

Canned salmon has almost the same health benefits as fresh, and it's inexpensive. Canned salmon is typically wild Alaskan salmon that is processed and packaged immediately onsite. Canned salmon also contains large amounts of calcium (due to the bones of the fish. which are soft and easily digestible). Canned salmon is ready to eat and can be used in a variety of dishes from soups to stir-fry.

Fresh salmon can be baked, broiled, grilled or pan-fried in 10 minutes or less. This recipe for Italian-Style Microwave Salmon is the perfect dish to conquer your "fear of fish." Eat more salmon and ride the "wave" this summer by using your microwave to get in and out of the kitchen in record time.

## Italian-style microwave salmon

You can vary the flavor of this recipe by changing the type of olive oilbased salad dressing you use. Try substituting an Asian, citrus-flavored or honey-mustard-based oil dressing for the Italian dressing to create a flavorful new fish dish.

3 pounds salmon fillets with skin, thawed, washed and patted dry 1 tablespoon poultry seasoning

1 teaspoon salt

1 teaspoon black pepper 1 cup Italian salad dressing

1/4 cup diced green or red bell peppers (or a combination of both)

l tablespoon orange juice or lemon juice

1. Season both sides of the fillets with the poultry seasoning, salt and pepper. Place the fillets in a shallow microwave-safe baking dish. Fold and tuck the narrow ends of the filets under to make the pieces uniform in shape. This will help the fish to cook evenly. Place the thickest pieces near the edge of the dish.

2. Using a small bowl,

mix together the Italian dressing, bell peppers and orange or lemon juice. Pour dressing mixture over the fillets. Cover with microwave-safe plastic wrap. Fold back a small (1-inch) section of the plastic wrap in the corner of the dish to allow steam to vent.

3. Place a small, microwave-safe saucer, upside down, on the turntable in the microwave. Place the dish containing the fillets on top of the saucer to elevate the dish and ensure that the fish cooks evenly. Microwave for 4 to 5 minutes on High. Fish should be moist and flake easily. Serve immediately. Serves 6.

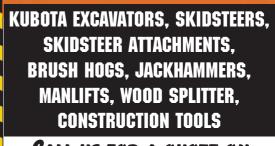
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### **Renovating the strawberry patch**

by Bonnie Kirn Donahue, Extension Master Gardener, University of Vermont

Now that strawberry season has passed, there are things that we can do now to get ready for next year's crop.

If your strawberry patch is two years old or more, after harvesting the last of your strawberries, it's time to renovate the bed. This means cutting back the foliage to three inches and removing the leaf debris.

This may seem counterintuitive, but strawberries have a long list of diseases and pests to contend with and doing this will help keep those at bay. Don't worry, the plants will start to grow new leaves before autumn.

Strawberries are aggressive spreaders. Cut back each row to about a foot wide. Another option is to pinch back the runners to the first daughter plant, keeping five daughter plants and discarding the rest. Daughter plants are new plants that are connected to the main, mother plant by runner vines.

By next year, the rows will fill out again. This is the time of year to fertilize or add compost to the beds. Mulch with straw between rows.

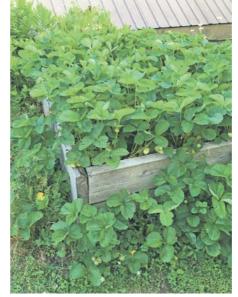
A sad truth about strawberries is that berry production decreases significantly after year three. Diseases are more likely to take hold, weeds can be more vigorous and berries tend to be fewer and smaller.

Some common strawberry diseases are leaf blight, leaf scorch, gray mold and root rot. Common strawberry pests are slugs, the tarnished plant bug and spider mites. Keep an eye out for these and use your local Cooperative Extension resources to help you determine an integrated pest management strategy.

If your patch is older and you have noticed a decrease in berry quantity and size, and an increase in disease, consider starting a new patch next year. In year one, pick off any flowers so the plants put energy into leaf and root growth. This means that the plants don't start producing berries until year two.

Be sure to rotate the location of your strawberry crop, just like you would with your vegetable garden. This cuts down on disease transmission and promotes healthy soil.

Although you may want to use your daughter plants to start a new crop, it is best to begin with new plants to stop the disease cycle. You can purchase strawberry plants as bare roots through seed catalogs or in containers at your local greenhouse. Strawberries should be planted in early spring.



Strawberry beds that are two years old or older need to be cut back after the last of the season's strawberries are harvested. Photos by Bonnie Kirn Donahue

Even though fruiting for the season has passed, keep your strawberry plants well watered. They need at least one inch of water per week as they are building up energy for next year's crop.

Finally, cover your strawberries over the winter with straw. You can use hay, but it may introduce weed seeds into



Renovating your strawberry patch now will ensure a good yield of bright red berries next year.

your garden. This practice will help protect the plants from winter damage. Be sure to remove the straw in early spring.

Growing strawberries takes a little extra time and care, but your efforts will be rewarded with bright red, juicy gems bursting with summer sweetness. What could be better?





This large figure is made of molded zinc, then painted to resemble the carved wooden figures used in the 19th century. It is the Goddess of Liberty, a familiar patriotic figure of the day. She was estimated at \$15,000 to \$20,000, but despite some damage and missing paint, sold for \$25,200.





by Terry and Kim Kovel

#### **Miss Liberty**

Patriotic symbols like the Statue of Liberty, the American flag, the bald eagle and Uncle Sam are easily recognized today, but our first symbol, Miss Liberty, is almost forgotten. Before the Revolutionary War, the word "liberty" was the battle cry. Perhaps because a female figure was used to represent liberty in ancient Greece and an Indian Princess for the colonies, the early representation for America's symbol was a woman. The figure was known as Columbia, Goddess of Liberty, Liberty or Miss Liberty. She usually held a sword, wreath, shield decorated with stars and stripes and wore the Phrygian liberty cap.

By 1875, cast zinc figures of Lady Liberty were being made in New York by the William Demuth Company. Demuth was an artist who made many statues for use as lawn decorations, ships' decorations and decorations for buildings and parks. He later made figures for cigar stores and beer parlors that were a little less than 4 feet and sometimes as tall as 6-1/2 feet.

Once the Statue of Liberty was in place in 1886, the Goddess of Liberty was almost entirely forgotten. She appeared again in posters and folk art during World War I. A large zinc Goddess of Liberty was auctioned at Garth's in Delaware, Ohio, for \$25,200.

*Q*: I was cleaning a field behind my house and found a lot of very old barbed wire. I just want to find out when it was made and who made it. I'm probably going to keep it for decor.

A: The first barbed wire was invented by Lucien B. Smith of Kent, Ohio, in 1867. Several patents for improving wire fencing were issued in the next few years. In 1874, Joseph F. Glidden of DeKalb, IL, was granted a patent for a double-strand wire fence with wire barbs. Barbed wire began to be mass produced. Farmers and ranchers also made their own barbed wire. More than 2,000 variations of barbed wire have been made. Collectors want 18-inch samples. A collection of samples of approximately 125 different varieties of antique barbed wire sold at auction recently for \$960. There are books, museums and websites that help identify and date barbed wire. The Antique

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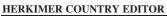


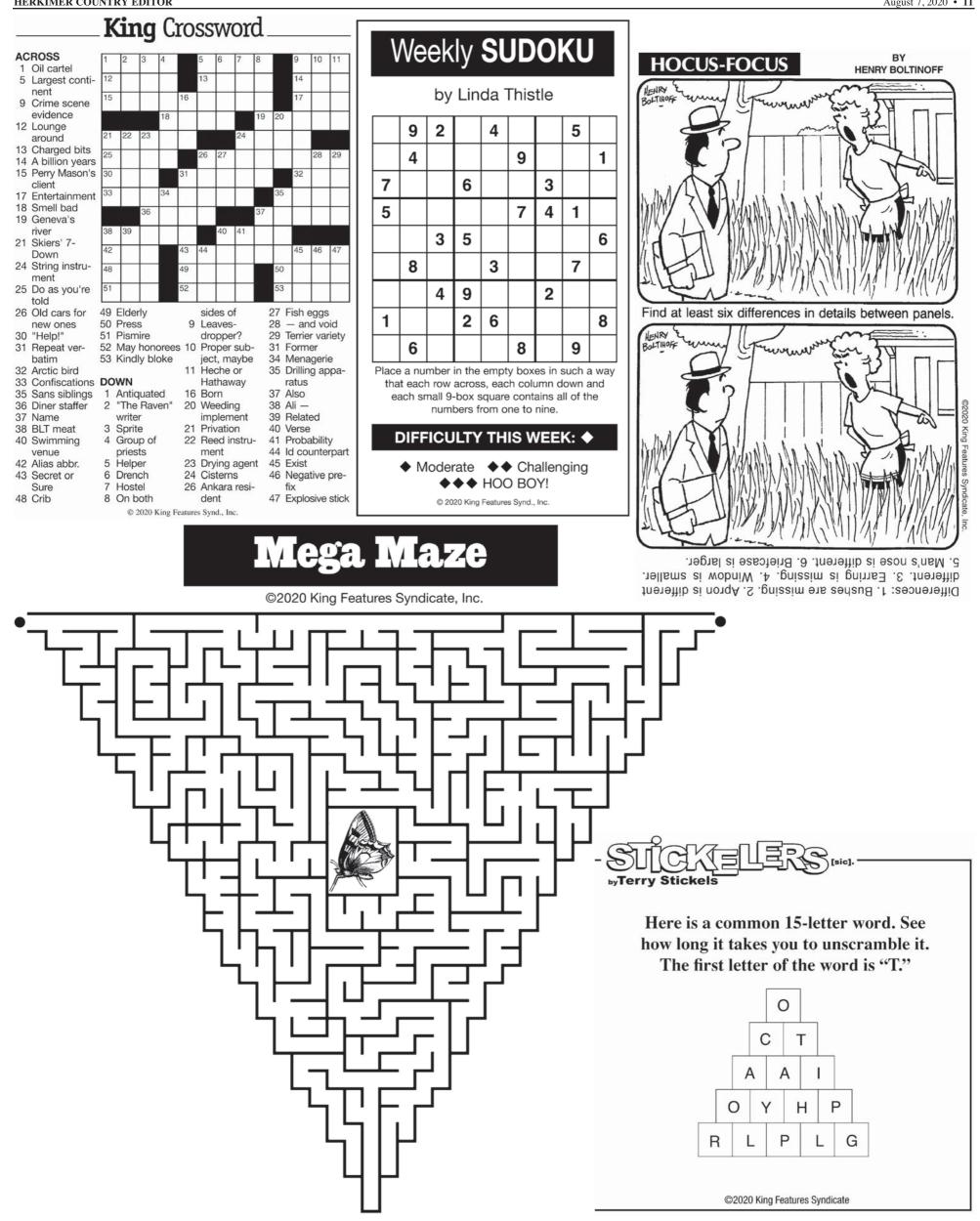


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### How do you prepare for the future when life is so uncertain now?

(BPT) – As the ongoing coronavirus pandemic continues to present health and economic challenges, it is difficult to focus on anything other than the present. It's important, though, not to lose sight of the years ahead and to take steps that can put you in a better position when we emerge on the other side.

The youngest Baby Boomers (the generation born between 1944 and 1964) turned 55 last year. This, coupled with the uncertain job picture, means many of us are thinking more seriously about what we will need to successfully retire.

In the past, the years leading up to retirement have been a time of hope and optimism. We've looked forward to fulfilling our dreams of doing the things we might have missed while working, such as dedicating more time to family and friends, checking items off a bucket list or even pursuing a meaningful second career.

However, many of the traditional assumptions about this phase of life have been challenged over the past decade, including the idea that we'll retire at 65. In fact, MetLife's Evolving Retirement Model Study found nearly one in 10 workers (9%) never expect to retire. Many of us are choosing to continue working and, in light of the current situation, some who have already retired, especially those in healthcare, are even being asked to return to work.

What's behind this change? It turns out that it's more than just the current market volatility. Perhaps one of the most significant reasons is the decline in company-financed pensions. Many companies have shifted from defined benefit, or pension, plans, which promise retirees a monthly income benefit for life, to defined contribution (DC) plans. DC plans, such as

401(k)s, are the main source of retirement savings for most workers.

While employers often make contributions to these plans, workers are primarily responsible for their retirement security. With this in mind, there are three key steps you can take now to prepare for the years after you finish working regardless of whether that day is decades away or just over the horizon.

### 1. Create a plan to eliminate debt.

Whether you carry a balance on a credit card, have student loans or a mortgage, start paying off your debts now. Reducing your monthly expenses not only allows you to save more for retirement, but also gives you more flexibility with how you spend money after you stop working.

### 2. Make retirement savings automatic, and don't miss out on "free money."

Many employers offer a retirement savings plan, such as a 401(k), to their employees. The sooner you begin saving, the sooner your savings can begin to build up over time. Help your nest egg grow even faster by contributing enough to take full advantage of any matching contributions your employer offers. For example, your company might match 100% of your contribution or up to 6% of your salary. In other words, if you earn \$50,000 a year and save at least \$3,000, your company will match that amount by contributing \$3,000 to your retirement as well.

### 3. Understand how your retirement savings translates into income.

Take the time during your working years to understand how much income you might receive in retirement based on your retirement savings. The U.S. Department of Labor offers a simple retirement income projection tool that can help you get started. If you see that projections are falling short of where you think you might need them to be, consider filling the gap by increasing the amount you are saving. Additionally, if you are over the age of 50, you can make catch-up contributions to your 401(k) or individual retirement account.

MetLife's Study also asked workers and retirees the age of the oldest person they know. On average, that person is almost 85 years old, and 45% of survey participants believe they'll live that long too. Many of us can, therefore, expect to live 20 years (or more) in retirement, and we'll need our savings to last. The question is: Will we be able to enjoy a comfortable and secure retirement, especially during periods of market turmoil like we are experiencing now?

Having a predictable income can make a big difference and fortunately relief may be in sight. While many employers don't yet offer guaranteed retirement income options in their 401(k) plans, a new law passed at the end of 2019 could change this. That's good news, considering that 95% of workers and retirees say it's important for retirees to have a source of guaranteed retirement income they cannot outlive.

MetLife's Study was conducted online with 1,518 U.S. adults ages 33 - 75 who are either employed fulltime or retired and have access to a defined benefit or DC plan through their current employer or the employer from which they retired. Data were weighted, where necessary, to align with actual population proportions. The study was conducted by the Harris Poll between Aug. 19 - Sept. 6, 2019.

### **To Your Good Health**

#### by Keith Roach, M.D. A healthy diet Includes Omega-3 and Omega-6

Dear Dr. Roach: It seems that eating a healthy diet with an emphasis on nuts and seeds, fruits, vegetables and grains is the best choice for anyone. It's been well-documented that omega-6 is inflammatory, whereas foods containing omega-3 are not. It seems to me that we should be consuming foods that have more omega-3 in them. The only problem is that, from my research, all nuts and seeds with the exception of chia and flaxseeds have a much higher ratio of the omega-6 to the omega-3. This appears to be the case with most foods, no matter which food group they are in. How can any of the healthy foods be beneficial when so much more of the "bad fats" are being ingested? — Anon.

Answer: Dietary fats are categorized into four groups: monounsaturated, polyunsaturated, saturated and trans-saturated. It is accepted that monounsaturated fats have a healthy effect, reducing heart disease risk, while trans-saturated fats are clearly harmful.

The effect of saturated fats on health is mixed, but those that come from processed meat increase heart disease and diabetes risk. Saturated fat overall has little effect on heart disease risk, but swapping saturated fat with unsaturated fats (both polyunsaturated and monounsaturated) appears to reduce heart disease risk.

Polyunsaturated fats are categorized into the omega-3 family and the omega-6 family. I also have read in many places that omega-6 fats are "bad fats," causing inflammation. The best evidence, a 2014 review of all controlled trials published, showed that omega-6 fats are NOT inflammatory and that they DECREASE risk of heart disease compared with meat-based saturated fats.

We should be consuming both ome-

ga-3 and omega-6 polyunsaturated fats, mostly from plant sources. The data support that nuts and seeds are foods we should be eating more of, but we also should be eating good sources of omega-3, including fatty fish, the chia and flaxseeds you mentioned, as well as walnuts and canola oil. Most people have to work harder to get omega-3 oils but get plenty of omega-6.

Dear Dr. Roach: I have recently started transitioning to a plant-based diet for preventative health reasons. While discussing the benefits of nuts and seeds with a dietitian, they had a disclaimer that flax seed can interfere with medications and to eat them two hours before or one hour after taking medications. I would not sit down and eat a handful of flax seeds, but now I am afraid to use them in the meals I prepare at all. Can you help me make a good decision in using them? — J.E.

Answer: For people eating reasonable amounts (like a handful or two) of flax seeds as part of a meal, it is unlikely that they would interfere with medications enough to cause any significant problem, for most medications.

There are two situations that might merit concern: In powerful anti-clotting agents, such as clopidogrel, flax seeds might prompt increased activity. Secondly, flax seeds may lower blood sugar a small amount. In combination with insulin or oral diabetes drugs, the blood sugar could possibly dip lower than expected. I doubt either of these interactions is likely to cause harm, but it is reasonable to discuss with your doctor if you are on one of the classes of medications mentioned.

Dr. Roach regrets that he is unable to answer individual questions, but will incorporate them in the column whenever possible. Readers may email questions to ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu. (c) 2020 North America Synd., Inc.

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### How to lower the cost of auto insurance

Auto insurance is a must-have for drivers. While it might seem hard to believe, as of 2019 there are still some places in the United States where auto insurance is not mandatory. Auto insurance is mandatory in Canada, though each province has its own requirements in terms of the minimum amount of coverage allowable by law.

Many people, even those in places where auto insurance is not mandatory, recognize the importance of being insured before they get behind the wheel. However, that doesn't mean those same drivers would not like to cut the cost of their auto insurance policies.

A 2019 analysis from the online financial resource NerdWallet found that the average cost of car insurance in the United States is \$1,621 per year. Average insurance costs vary significantly in Canada, where data from the General Insurance Statistical Agency found that, in 2019, the average annual insurance premium in British Columbia exceeded \$1,800, while drivers in Quebec paid slightly more than \$700 annually.

No matter where drivers live, chances are they would love to lower their auto insurance costs. While there's no one-sizefits-all solution to cut auto insurance premiums, drivers can try various strategies to save money on their policies.

• Raise your policy's deductibles. Higher deductibles may sound scary to drivers, but raising the deductibles is a great way to lower the cost of auto insurance. The auto insurance provider Progressive notes that deductibles typically range from \$100 to \$2,000. A driver whose policy has a \$100 deductible will pay considerably more on his policy per month than a driver with a higher deductible. In fact, the Insurance Information Institute notes that drivers who increase their deductibles from \$200 to \$1,000 can save 40 percent or more on their coverage costs. Drivers who choose this option should always be sure they have enough money in the bank to cover the cost of their deductibles.

• Bundle your policies. Some drivers save money on their auto insurance policies by buying two or more types of insurance from the same provider. For example, homeowners may save money by buying homeowners insurance

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from their auto insurance providers or vice versa.

• Research potential discounts. The III notes that many companies offer discounts to policyholders, even if those discounts are not necessarily promoted. Drivers can contact their insurance companies, or shop around with other providers, to ask about various discounts that can save them money on their policies. Anti-theft devices, defensive driving courses, low annual mileage and a strong credit record are just a handful of the many potential discounts drivers may be eligible for.

Drivers can reduce the cost of their auto insurance policies in various ways, potentially saving themselves hundreds of dollars each year as a result.



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This Week's Holidays Aug. 8 - Sneak Some Zucchini Onto Your Neighbors' Porch Day Aug. 9 – Book Lovers' Day Aug. 10 - Lazy Day Aug. 11 - Presidential Joke Day Aug. 12 - Middle Child's Day Aug. 13 - Left Handers' Day Aug. 14 - National Creamsicle Day Stickelers Answer

The word is "topographically."

### **Paw's Corner**

er" had a run-in with a skunk. He is really rank. I tried

washing him off in the lake, but it didn't seem to help

the smell at all. We had to drive home with this in-

credibly bad smell permeating the car. Jumper smells

### by Sam Mazzotta

Sprayed by a skunk!

Dear Paw's Corner: We were camping this weekend, and on our last day in the woods my dog "Jump-

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almost as bad today as he did on Sunday. How can I get rid of the odor? - Rick in Burlington, VT

Dear Rick: That odor really lingers! Good job trying to wash Jumper's coat in the lake as soon as possible; that may have helped a little bit. You'll have to use a bit of chemistry to remove the oily skunk spray.

Tomato juice is recommended by many people, and it does have some effect because it's a little bit acidic and can break up some of the oils. Its aroma also helps mask the skunk scent, at least temporarily.

Another cleaning recipe, found on American Kennel Club's website (www.AKC.org), mixes baking soda with mild detergent and household hydrogen peroxide (3% strength). The foaming mixture can be worked into your dog's coat, left on for about five minutes and then rinsed away.

With any solution or recipe you use, be careful to not let it get into Jumper's eyes, ears or nose. Many of the ingredients are irritants that can cause a lot of discomfort.

Deodorizing your car will take some extra effort. You can gently clean the upholstery, floor mats and headliner with a cloth dipped in a solution of water and baking soda. The baking soda will dry to a haze and needs to be vacuumed off. Follow up with a shampoo formulated for car interiors.

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