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New strategy focuses on attracting new residents to the Adirondacks

Northern Forest Center to Partner With Communities

A new strategy released recently by the Northern Forest Center outlines how Adirondack communities can arrest demographic and economic decline by attracting new residents. With an aging population, many Adirondack communities are struggling to maintain strong schools, a robust workforce, and vital civic institutions.

The Center's strategy identifies opportunities for the Adirondack region to address these challenges and attract new residents by building on regional and community strengths and capitalizing on existing assets.

"Many people love the Adirondacks, from time spent living or traveling here," said Leslie Karasin, Adirondack program manager for the Northern Forest Center. "We have an opportunity to convert these people to residents to strengthen our communities and our economy. We already do fairly well at attracting retirees to the region, so we must focus on attracting young people to live here."

The strategy identifies the attributes that young people are looking for in a new community and defines the steps that places can take to provide these elements for potential residents. Intended as a guide for community leaders, nonprofits, and public entities, the strategy provides valuable processes and tools to position Adirondack communities for success.

"In our work across the Northern Forest, we see that communities that are motivated, creative and willing to approach old problems in new ways can experience tremendous success," said Rob Riley, president of the Northern Forest Center. "This strategy includes a roadmap that communities can follow to assess their needs and build toward success. The key is to focus on visible outcomes."

Riley said the Center is raising funds to implement the strategy and to directly assist communities with

this work. "We're quickly putting this concept into action. A year from now we expect to see lots of energy and momentum thanks to coordinated action, new ideas and partnerships, local leadership, and leveraged investment. We also hope to start seeing the tangible results of this work by then – more young people in Adirondack communities."

Early activities will include establishing affinity groups to make progress in key sectors such as housing and recreation, and partnering with several communities to plan and execute a suite of projects that make them more attractive to a new generation.

Hundreds of people contributed ideas to the strategy through individual interviews, focus groups, and the 2020 Common Ground Alliance forum, where hundreds of participants focused on the topic of attracting new residents.

"The conversations that began at the Common Ground Alliance forum have been nothing short of long lasting and electric," said Ross Whaley, Common Ground Alliance core team member and Northern Forest Center board member. "Seeing the alignment of organizations and efforts behind this strategy is inspiring. This is truly an exciting time in the Adirondacks."

In addition, more than 350 alumni of area high schools and colleges completed an online survey about their interest in moving back to the region, or their satisfaction about having stayed or moved back. Of those who currently live outside the Adirondacks, 21% said that they would love to move back, and 52% said that they would consider moving back if the conditions were right.

"Broad community partnerships coupled with a co-operative, can-do mindset and solid plan are integral to capitalizing on the opportunities before us," says Cali Brooks, Adirondack Foundation president and CEO,

and a key advisor in the development of the strategy. "This strategy reflects careful thought and insight to provide a unified frame for setting the stage for a more promising future."

Attracting New Residents: A Strategy for the Adirondack Park and its Communities is available on the Northern Forest Center's website at nfccenter.org/new_residents. Communities interested in learning how to partner with the Center to implement the strategy should contact Leslie Karasin at lkarasin@northern-forest.org.

Did you know?

According to Hackensack Meridian Health, researchers have determined at least two ways that the COVID-19 virus affects the heart. Infection with the COVID-19 virus has been shown to exacerbate preexisting heart conditions, which is one reason why public health agencies like the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have continued to emphasize the importance of preventive measures like wearing masks and social distancing. In addition, COVID-19 can directly cause myocarditis. The Myocarditis Foundation says myocarditis is a disease that causes inflammation of the heart muscle, which can enlarge and weaken the heart. Myocarditis can create scar tissue that forces the heart to work harder to circulate blood and oxygen throughout the body. Initial studies into the link between COVID-19 and myocarditis suggested that the disease was very common among middle-aged adults who had been diagnosed with the virus, though more recent research has refuted that. A study published in October in the journal Cardiovascular Pathology found that the true prevalence of

myocarditis in COVID-19 patients was less than 2 percent. Though that's

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North Country municipalities invited to apply for Clean Energy Funding

ANCA designated regional coordinator for NYSERDA Clean Energy Communities program

North Country municipalities are invited to participate in a grant program designed to help them save energy and reduce costs by implementing clean energy projects. The Adirondack North Country Association (ANCA) will be coordinating the newly launched round of the Clean Energy Communities (CEC) program throughout the North Country region.

Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Energy and Research Development Authority (NYSERDA) announced the launch of the new CEC Leadership Round on Jan. 26 as part of the state's broader climate and clean energy agenda. ANCA's Energy Circuit Riders will be providing free technical assistance and consulting services to North Country governments interested in participating.

"There is a solid foundation built on ANCA's involvement in round one of the Clean Energy Communities program, and the next round allows us to be nimble and responsive to more North Country communities interested in participating. It's a win-win," said Jerrod Bley, director of ANCA's Clean Energy Program, which has been offering free technical assistance to municipalities for six years. "We are eager to help our hard-working local leaders take advantage of everything that the Leadership Round has to offer."

ANCA is part of a regional group of outreach coordinators selected by NYSERDA and headed by the Albany-based Capital District Regional Planning Commission (CDRPC) to implement the Leadership Round in the North Country. This round will help more cities, counties, towns and villages join more than 300 local governments statewide that have already been designated as Clean Energy Communities. All eligible communities can participate in the new round without local cost share and regardless of previous participation in the program.

Kelly Tyler, Director of Communities and Local Government at NYSERDA said, "As a valued partner stewarding our environment and reducing carbon emissions to meet New York State's climate and clean energy goals under Governor Cuomo's leadership, ANCA is a leading resource for our northern communities. As our Clean Energy Communities program partner, they will help provide more municipalities with information on a wider range of actions that can be embraced to save energy and lower costs while creating healthier communities to live and work in."

To earn CEC designation, each community must complete four high-impact actions intended to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, save taxpayer dollars and

improve quality of life for communities. Additional funding is included for disadvantaged communities through the Leadership Round in support of New York's Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act goal of increasing access to clean energy and sustainable infrastructure to all end-users.

Round one of the CEC program, which wrapped up in 2020, resulted in 20 designated communities in the North Country implementing 108 high-impact clean energy actions. Over \$1.7 million in grant funds were awarded to support clean energy projects throughout the region.

A new team member to serve as CEC Coordinators in the North Country region will join ANCA Energy Circuit Riders Nancy Bernstein and Jennifer Perry. The coordinators are currently informing municipalities about the program and are ready to assist eligible communities in completing high-impact actions, becoming designated CEC communities and accessing grant funds for clean energy projects.

ANCA will work in partnership with organizations across New York to implement the statewide program, including CDRPC, the Hudson Valley Regional Council, and the Mohawk Valley Economic Development District, as well as two subcontractors who will provide valuable technical assistance.

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Little Falls Hospital Radiology Technologists receive certifications

Little Falls Hospital, Bassett Healthcare Network, is announces that two of their radiology technologists, Jennifer Gookins (mammography) and Erica Orf (computed tomography) recently achieved their ARRT (American Registry of Radiologic Technologists) certifications. The ARRT is the leading credentialing organization that recognizes qualified individuals in medical imaging, interventional procedures, and radiation therapy. The ARRT promotes high standards of patient care and earning ARRT certification and registration is an individual accomplishment that proves the technologist has the knowledge and skillset to deliver the highest quality of care to patients.



Jennifer Gookins
Photos courtesy of Little Falls Hospital



Erica Orf

Bible Trivia

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Darius in the Old or New Testament or neither?
 2. From Philippians 4, what does the apostle Paul instruct us to do rather than worry? Cry, Pray, Love, Talk
 3. Who, perhaps, did Jesus give a standing ovation to in Acts 7:55-59? Herod, James, John the Baptist, Stephen
 4. How long did the journey of Ezra take from Babylon to Jerusalem? 3 days, 2 weeks, 4 months, 4 years
 5. Who's the runaway slave in the book of Philémon? Lemuel, Marcus, Doulos, Onesimus
 6. All of Job's children were killed in a ...? Flood, Fire, Wind, Stampede
- ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) Pray; 3) Stephen; 4) 4 months; 5) Onesimus; 6) Wind

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February 26

March 3

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Soybean and Small Grain Summit 12:40-3:35 p.m. on Zoom. Register at cnydfc.cce.cornell.edu/event.php?id=1488.

March 9 and 11

2021 Central NY Dairy Day 12:30-2:30 p.m. on Zoom. Register at cnydfc.cce.cornell.edu/event.php?id=1488.

March 18

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Adirondack Impressions: Watercolors by Jeanne Lampson now on display at View

View, the Center for Arts and Culture in Old Forge, announces the opening of a new exhibition, "Adirondack Impressions: Watercolors by Jeanne Lampson" a solo exhibition by Jeanne Lampson.

Lampson's exhibit will also feature an online exhibition of all the work

that will be on display. Lampson is this year's Central Adirondack Art Show Award's Judge. The opening reception for Lampson's exhibit, along with a solo exhibition by Sara Baker Michalak and the Central Adirondack Art Show will take place at View on April 23 from 5-7 p.m.

by reservation.

"Adirondack Impressions: Watercolors by Jeanne Lampson" will be on display through May 8.

View is located at 3273 State Route 28 in Old Forge. To learn more about View programming, visit ViewArts.org, or call 315.369.6411.

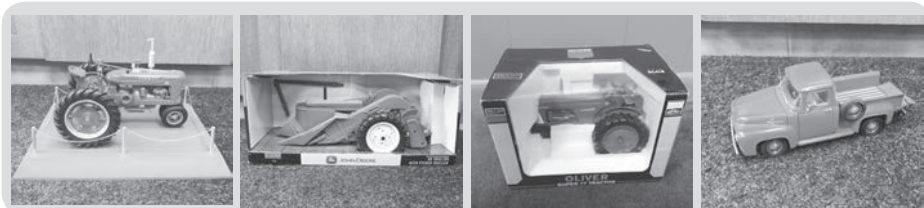


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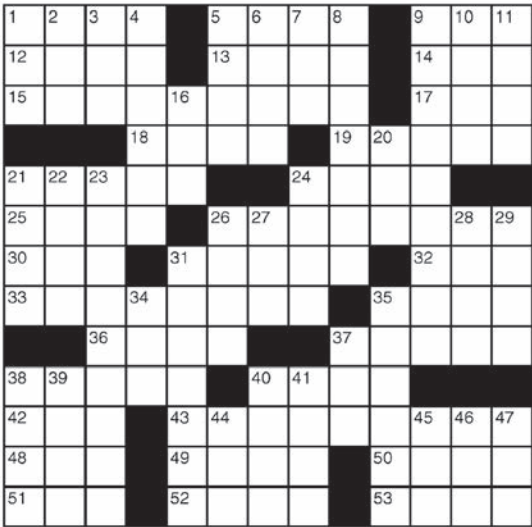
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- 5 Butte's kin
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- 15 Reality show for aspiring entrepreneurs
- 17 PC key
- 18 Minor quibbles
- 19 Hospital sections
- 21 Type of beam
- 24 Pack (down)
- 25 Reverberate
- 26 Rubber wedge, say
- 30 Small battery
- 31 All better
- 32 Actress Thurman
- 33 Hoedown musicians
- 35 Author Harte
- 36 Seeing things
- 37 Tubular pasta
- 38 Tribal emblem
- 40 Coffee, slangily
- 42 Mess up
- 43 Temporary
- 48 GPS suggestion
- 49 Last write-up
- 50 Despot
- 51 British verb



DOWN

- 10 Snitched
- 11 Reply to "Shall we?"
- 16 White wine cocktail
- 20 Mornings (Abbr.)
- 21 Piece of lettuce
- 22 Exotic berry
- 23 Elm, for one
- 24 Low digits
- 26 Union payment
- 27 Bruins legend
- 28 Portent
- 29 Canape spread
- 31 South Carolina uni-
- 34 Decorate
- 35 Actor Warren
- 37 Beetle Bailey's rank (Abbr.)
- 38 Garr of "Tootsie"
- 39 Scraps
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- 41 Museo display
- 44 Showtime rival
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Smullen partners with Senator Tedisco calling for support of local landlords

Assemblyman Robert Smullen (R, C, I, SAM-Meco) and Sen. Jim Tedisco (R, C-Glenville) have signed a letter to Gov. Cuomo urging that the renter's moratorium on payments to landlords not be extended past the proposed end date of May 1 in an effort to support smaller local landlords and ensure their revenue stream is not compromised. The halt of rent payments throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, an effort to reduce evictions in a dangerous time, has made landlords, particularly those who own commercial properties that small businesses use, considerably more vulnerable, with little-to-no state assistance. Smullen and Tedisco believe they have a solution to the problem.

"Small businesses are the backbone of American life, yet they've been consistently overlooked for support opportuni-

ties throughout the fight against COVID-19," said Smullen, a local business advocate. "In partnership with Sen. Jim Tedisco, I'm proud to present a loan-to-grant program that aims to support local and small business owners to make property rental payments and keep their doors open by paying landlords who would in turn repay the state, leaving the landlord free of concern of missing tenant fees."

"As we work to climb out of this terrible pandemic and safely re-open our economy, I'm happy to join with Assemblyman Robert Smullen to help the 'mom and pop' small property owners who are struggling to pay their own bills and maintain their properties as

they lose out on rental income," said Tedisco. "I have recently brought forth the concept to my Senate Conference of a rental assistance loan-to-grant program for property owners where the state provides them loans to cover missed rental payments. Under this loan-to-grant concept, if the tenants pay their back rent then the landlords would simply repay the state. If the tenant never pays the rent, then the landlord would be held harmless."

Assemblyman Robert Smullen represents the 118th Assembly District, which includes Hamilton and Fulton counties as well as parts of Herkimer, Oneida and St. Lawrence counties.



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Think safety first when power washing your home this spring

Spring cleaning is a great way for homeowners to clear their homes of clutter. As people spend extra time indoors in winter, items can quickly pile up around the house. Spring is a great time to clean up such clutter, but interior spaces are not the only areas of a home that can benefit from some extra attention once the weather warms up.

Harsh winters can take a toll on home exteriors. Dirt and grime can build up on exterior home surfaces over the course of the winter, affecting the appearance of the siding of a home as well as outdoor entertaining areas.

Power washing is a great way to give a home a fresh, clean look in spring. But there's more to power than simply renting the right equipment and getting to work. The CDC notes that there are many risks associated with using power washers. For instance, the CDC says strong spray from power washers can cause serious wounds that initially seem minor. However, such wounds can lead to infection or disability if left untreated. In addition, if manufacturer safety instructions are not followed, electric shock can occur due to improper use.

Homeowners who are intending to power wash their own homes this spring should first determine if they're physically capable of doing so. Power washers can be difficult for some people to control, so it's imperative that homeowners honestly assess their physical abilities before renting a unit. The CDC urges homeowners who determine they can safely handle power washers to take these additional safety steps to make sure the process of cleaning their home exteriors goes smoothly.

- Never point a pressure washer at yourself or others.

- Do not attempt to push or move objects with spray from the washer. If anything is in

your way, turn the power washer off and then move the obstruction.

- Never use a gasoline-powered washer in an enclosed space, which can increase the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning.

- Always test the ground fault circuit interrupter (circuit breaker or outlet) before using a pressure washer.

- Always plug a properly grounded pressure washer into a properly grounded receptacle.

- If an extension cord must be used, keep the pressure washer's power cord connection out of and away from any standing water, and use a heavy duty extension cord with components rated for use in wet locations. Keep both the power cord and extension cord connections as far away as possible from the item being washed and away from any water runoff. While power washing, periodically take note of the location of the extension cord connections to ensure they are not in a puddle.

- Wear rubber-soled shoes that provide some insulation when using the pressure washer.

- Never cut or splice the pressure washer's power cord or extension cords.

- Never remove the grounding prong from the pressure washer's power cord plug or the extension cord.

- Pause the project if a circuit breaker is tripped. Always have a qualified electrician check the pressure washer for electrical problems after it has tripped a circuit breaker.

- Never allow children to operate a pressure washer. Keep children at a safe distance when an adult is using a pressure washer.

Power washing can give a home a whole new look after a winter's worth of dirt and grime builds up on the home's exterior. Safety must remain the utmost priority when operating a power washer on your own.



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Take advantage of telemedicine for better health

(Family Features) If there is a silver lining to the challenges the past year created for families, it may be the growth, availability and affordability of virtual care for medical and mental health needs. The ability to see a doctor from home, with little notice, offers a level of flexibility in accessing health care that was historically quite rare.

Virtual care, or telemedicine, can span a wide range of services to address a family's health needs without going to a doctor's office and provides easy access to experts and specialists via phone and video. Plus, telemedicine services are covered by most insurance providers.

"Telemedicine is a safe and practical way to access health care for the entire family," said Dr. Desreen N. Dudley, a clinical psychologist and behavioral health quality consultant for Teladoc. "For example, Teladoc has thousands of care providers across all 50 states that let members quickly connect with a doctor or specialist who can provide peace of mind any hour of the day or night."

From care for specific illnesses to managing ongoing concerns, learn how accessing telemedicine might be a good fit for your family's health care needs.

Everyday illnesses

In the past, if your doctor's office couldn't get you in to help treat conditions like allergies, sinus infections or other common illnesses, urgent care was one of your

few remaining options. Now, virtual care can be increasingly relied upon to conveniently address non-emergency needs and everyday illnesses in place of urgent care.

Specialty care

Even with a referral, it can take weeks or months to get an appointment with some specialists. One example is dermatology. Instead of waiting months to be seen by a dermatologist, with a virtual provider, you can seek and receive treatment a matter of hours.

Mental health

As a result of the pandemic and related social implications, many organizations are reporting substantial upticks in requests for mental health support and anticipate telemedicine will outlive the pandemic. In fact, phone and video visits for mental health have been shown to be as effective as in-person treatment, according to the Telemental Health Institute.

Wellness care

Most people think of their health needs in terms of reactive care for known problems, but it can also be useful for wellness care, such as nutrition. With more families cooking meals at

home during the pandemic, registered dietitians can provide virtual consultations to help ensure everyone, including family members with special dietary needs, receives proper nutrients.

Expert advice

If you're unsure about a diagnosis, need help choosing treatment, have medical questions or concerns, or want an expert's advice or second opinion, some virtual care providers can connect you with leading specialists to give you the answers and confidence you need to make informed decisions about your family's health.

Learn more about how virtual care may work for your family at Teladoc.com.

Take charge of your mental health

Between virtual school, safe playdates and working from home, lives have been interrupted in countless ways by the COVID-19 pandemic. Among those is the impact on mental health. These tips from Dudley can help make your mental health a priority.

Engage in self-care

Self-care should be prioritized along with your work or family priorities. Make time to reconnect

with family and friends by phone or video chat and allow kids to do the same. Remember asking for help, including seeking mental health counseling, is a form of self-care, too.

Change expectations

Give yourself and your family grace, embrace flexibility and let go of your pursuit of perfection. Be patient and give yourself a "timeout" when challenges arise. For example, wait to address kids' negative behaviors until you are less frustrated and stop apologizing for things like children making noise in the background of calls.

Keep a structured routine

Even if your regular schedule is off due to virtual school or other factors, maintaining routines like regular bedtimes allows for more time to get things done and unwind. Similarly, focus on your responsibilities during the day then catch up with kids and non-essential activities after work hours.

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The Kitchen Diva

by Angela Shelf Medearis

Casseroles are one-dish wonders

I was looking for a baking pan in the back of a cupboard and inadvertently discovered I have quite a collection of casserole dishes. I started thinking about all the casserole recipes I've collected over the years. When I was a newlywed and novice cook almost 46 years ago, preparing a casserole was my "go-to" dinner recipe.

I decided to do some research on the origin of the casserole, and I discovered a photo of an ancient casserole dish in a museum in Athens, Greece. Casseroles, both the dish and various recipes, have had a long and interesting culinary history.

There's some debate about the origin of the term "casserole" but most culinary historians think it's from the French word for "saucepan." Casseroles come in a variety of styles, but what they all have in common is that they are typically a large, deep dish used both in the oven and as a serving vessel. The Oxford Encyclopedia of Food and Drink in America provides detailed information about casseroles:

"Casserole cookery has been around since prehistoric

times, when it was discovered that cooking food slowly in a tightly covered clay vessel softened fibrous meats and blended succulent juices. With the addition or subtractions of leftovers or inexpensive cuts of meat, the casserole is flexible and economical in terms of both ingredients and effort. The classic casserole, a French dish, was originally made with a mound of cooked rice. Fannie Meritt Farmer's Boston Cooking School Cook Book (1896) had one casserole recipe, for Casserole of Rice and Meat, to be steamed for 45 minutes and served with tomato sauce.

"In the 20th century, casseroles took on a distinctive American identity. During the depression of the 1890s, the economic casserole provided a welcome way to stretch meat, fish and poultry. Certain items also were scarce during World War I, and leftovers were turned into casserole meals. The same was true during the Great Depression of the 1930s."

Typically, casseroles are composed of a meat, starch,



Casseroles come in a variety of styles, but what they all have in common is that they are typically a large, deep dish used both in the oven and as a serving vessel. Photo courtesy of Depositphotos



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creamy sauce (after 1934, it was usually a creamed soup from a can) and a vegetable. Casseroles are an economical, one-pot meal, and can be prepared in advance for breakfast, lunch or dinner.

Today, casseroles have been updated to include a variety of ingredients from lobster and tofu to made-from-scratch sauces and locally grown vegetables. The shape, size and construction materials of casserole dishes have also changed over its centuries-old history. However, the purpose of the casserole is still the same, to bring a familiar container of comfort food to the ones we love.

Bring a little comfort to your family and friends with this Sausage and Gumbo Casserole With Garlic Toast Topping, and enjoy a little history with each bite.

Sausage and gumbo casserole with garlic toast topping

- 1 pound smoked sausage, cut into 1/4-inch-thick slices
- 3 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 medium-size green bell pepper, chopped
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 1/4 cup instant roux mix, like Tony Chachere's Creole Instant Roux Mix
- 1 (10-ounce) can diced tomatoes and green chiles, like Rotel's
- 1 (32-ounce) container chicken broth
- 1 (16-ounce) package frozen okra
- 1 cup quick-cooking rice, uncooked
- 1/2 teaspoon Cajun seasoning
- 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme
- 3 tablespoons butter, melted
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 (12-ounce) French baguette, cut into 1/2-inch-thick slices
- Fresh parsley, finely chopped for garnish

1. Heat the oil in a Dutch oven over high heat, 1-2 minutes. Add the sausage, green bell pepper and onion. Saute the sausage mixture for 8 minutes or until browned; stir in roux mix. Cook, stirring constantly, 2 minutes.

2. Stir in tomatoes, chicken broth, okra, rice, Cajun seasoning and thyme. Bring mixture to a boil. Remove from heat. Pour into a 13- by 9-inch baking dish.

3. Stir together butter and garlic; brush on one side of bread slices. Top sausage mixture evenly with bread slices, buttered side up.

4. Bake, covered, at 425 F for 10 minutes. Then, uncover casserole dish and bake 10 minutes. Let stand 10 minutes before serving. Sprinkle with parsley, if desired. Makes 8 to 10 servings.

Angela Shelf Medearis is an award-winning children's author, culinary historian and the author of seven cookbooks. Her latest cookbook is "The Kitchen Diva's Diabetic Cookbook." Her website is www.divapro.com. To see how-to videos, recipes and much, much more, Like Angela Shelf Medearis, The Kitchen Diva! on Facebook. Recipes may not be reprinted without permission from Angela Shelf Medearis.

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Kovels: Antiques and collecting

by Terry and Kim Kovel
Pottery cigar box

Homes of the early 1900s in the United States had many matched sets of decorative pieces. There was a coffee and tea service with creamer, sugar bowl and tray. There was usually a desk set with a pen, blotter ends, inkwell, pen holder, letter opener, stamp box and more. And, of course, there was a smoking set that had a box for cigars, cigar cutter, sometimes a cigar holder, humidior, lighter, ashtray, a cigarette holder and a special cigarette case to carry. When viewed alone, the parts are often hard to identify.

A recent auction by Rago sold a pottery box with a lid and corners that featured hooded figures. The size suggests it was originally made to hold cigars. Cigars were sold in standard size wooden boxes starting in 1865. A decorative box often held them on a desk or table. This box is marked Atlantic Terra Cotta Com-

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Be an effective partner in your IBD care

(Family Features) A lifelong diagnosis like inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) may feel overwhelming and confusing, but by working closely with your health care providers, you can work toward managing the disease and improving your quality of life.

Consider these recommendations from the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation to partner with your health care team to manage your IBD.

Be upfront about your symptoms

Being honest with your doctor about your symptoms is an important first step in your journey with your IBD diagnosis. Oftentimes, this starts by sharing exactly what you are experiencing on a daily or even weekly basis, such as frequency of bathroom visits, pain, blood in your stool or fatigue, so your health care team can gain a better understanding of how

you are feeling. One way to help ensure you're managing your diagnosis properly is to keep a journal, which offers a simple way to track if symptoms have improved or worsened since your last visit and help you remember questions that may arise. If you find it difficult to discuss certain topics, practice talking about these issues with a friend or family member before appointments and consider bringing a loved one to appointments for support.

Work with your health care team to set goals

Goals, or targets, will be different for every patient based on the type of

disease, severity, progression and a variety of other factors. Finding the right IBD treatment can take time, so it's important to balance your present priorities. Start by taking an honest approach to your personal preferences regarding medications. Consider if you have time in your schedule for lengthy infusions. Or perhaps you prefer administering self-injections. You may have short-term goals, such as attending a family wedding in two months, as well as long-term goals related to the future course of your disease, like reducing IBD inflammation and achieving remission, which is



Being honest with your doctor about your symptoms is an important first step in your journey with your IBD diagnosis. Photos courtesy of Getty Images

considered mucosal healing. This process is often called "treat-to-target" in the medical community and helps avoid complications and minimizes long-term disease risks as much as possible.

This goal-oriented approach to managing IBD is much like setting a target and trying to hit the bullseye. Your provider alone can't do it; you need to be an active partner in the goal-setting discus-

sion. Providing clarity to your health care professionals regarding personal preferences and your short- and long-term goals like a desire to get pregnant, to travel, to decrease stress and anxiety, gain self-care skills or to return to school can keep the entire team on the same page.

Make decisions together by acting as an effective partner

Asking questions is the first step toward creating an effective partnership with your health care team. You can start by seeking an understanding of which diagnostic tests are important for you to undergo. Decide together which steps should be taken now and which you should aim for in the future. Be willing to learn each part of the process, including treatment options, potential risks and benefits.

It may take some time before you see any progress made toward achieving your goal. Certain treatments may take some time to work. Review any external factors that may impact the effectiveness of your treatment. Talk to your doctor about adjusting treatments and consider changing your targets if available treatments are not helping you reach your goals.

Find more advice for effectively partnering with your physician to manage IBD at crohnscolitisfoundation.org.

Source: Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America

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Roasted vegetables

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1 1/2 pounds medium-size red potatoes
2 (about 1 3/4 pounds) fennel bulbs
2 (about 1 pound) red onions
2 (each about 1 pound) acorn squash
5 medium carrots
4 medium parsnips
Olive or salad oil
2 teaspoons chicken-flavor instant bouillon

1 teaspoon coarsely ground black pepper
3/4 teaspoon salt
3/4 teaspoon dried thyme leaves
Fresh thyme sprigs, for garnish

1. Cut potatoes into 2-inch chunks. Cut root ends and stalks from fennel bulbs; cut each bulb lengthwise through the root end into 4 wedges. Cut each onion into 4 wedges. Cut each squash lengthwise into quarters; discard seeds. Cut each quarter crosswise into 2 pieces. Cut carrots and parsnips crosswise in half. (If thick, cut thick portion lengthwise in half.)

2. Preheat oven to 400 F. Evenly divide vegetables between 2 large roasting pans, each about 17 by 11 1/2 inches (or between 1 large roasting pan and one 15 1/2 by 10 1/2 inch jelly-roll pan). Toss vegetables in each pan with 2 tablespoons olive or salad oil. In small bowl, mix bouillon, pepper, salt and thyme. Toss half the seasoning mixture with vegetables in each pan.

3. Arrange pans on 2 oven racks. Roast vegetables 30 minutes, stirring once. Switch pans on oven racks; roast 20 to 30 minutes longer, stirring once, until vegeta-

bles are tender and nicely browned.

4. Remove vegetables to warm large platter. Pour 2 tablespoons hot water into each pan, stirring to loosen brown bits. Pour liquid from each pan over vegetables. Garnish with thyme sprigs. Serves 8.

* Each serving: About 270 calories, 8g total fat, 540mg sodium.

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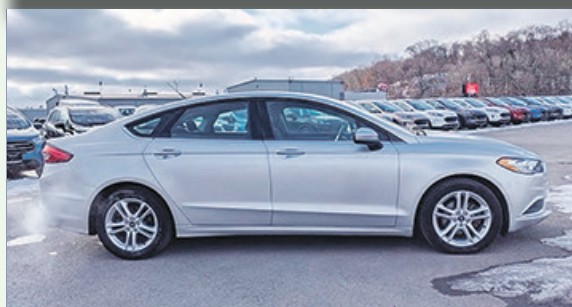
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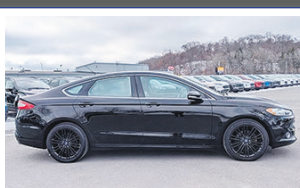
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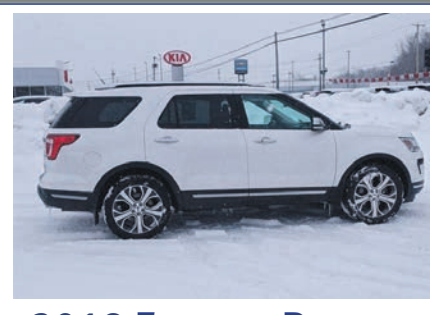
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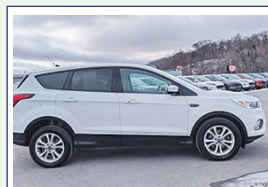
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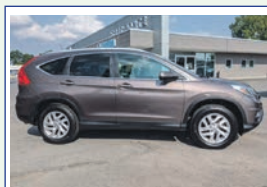


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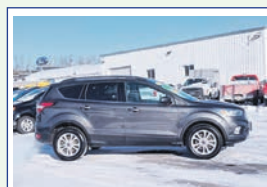
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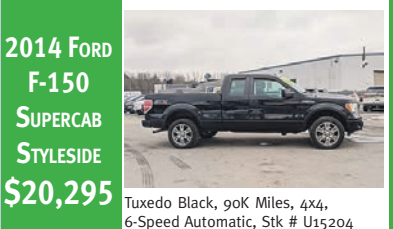
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