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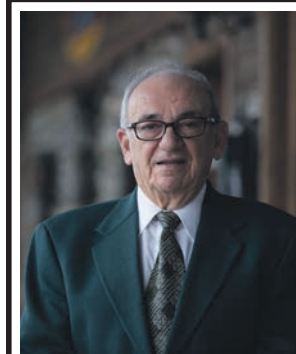
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Arielle Raux experiences valuable internship at VHS

Arielle Raux, student at SUNY Brockport, said she is enjoying her internship experience at Valley Health Services (VHS) in Herkimer. Raux, a senior at SUNY Brockport, majors in healthcare administration and will graduate in May 2021 with a Bachelor of Science degree.

Raux said she has always wanted a career in the healthcare field, and particularly as a nursing home administrator. She said she has been around this environment most of her life as her father, DJ Raux, is a nursing home administrator at Crouse Community Center in Morrisville, NY. She said her great-grandmother, Genevieve, also was in residence there.

Raux has researched numerous colleges and wanted to be in a program that would help her achieve her goal of becoming a nursing home administrator. She said SUNY Brockport's Healthcare Administration program caught her attention because it provided an excellent program of

academic instruction as well as opportunities for practical, hands-on experience through internships and/or experiential learning. Once she toured the campus, Raux said she was ready to embark on her higher education journey. "SUNY Brockport felt like home because it had the rural kind of feel I have grown up with and love."

Raux has been at VHS since February, and she has gained a broad overview of operational activities within a variety of departments. She said it's wonderful seeing how Social Services, Nursing, Community Relations and Fund Development, IT Services and Rehabilitative Therapies interact and work as a team to achieve the organization's mission. Raux said, "Participating in this internship with

Valley Health Services has been 100% invaluable to my academic learning." The internship serves to bridge the connection from theory in the classroom to the actual hands-on learning at VHS.

Raux said her experiential learning at VHS has been very educational. She is enjoying getting to know the residents and understanding how difficult it has been for them with COVID and not being able to see their families on a regular basis. She said that as a student, it's been the most enriching experience and that every student should take advantage of experiential learning opportunities.

Raux resides in Little Falls with her mom, Gina Miller, her brother, Derek Raux, and her dogs Czar and Coach.

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Poland Virtual Science Fair winners announced

Poland Central School District eighth-grader Maddison Haver and sophomore Shelbi Hagues were named the Grand Champions of the Poland Virtual Science Fair.

Students won trophies and more than \$3,000 in prizes during Poland's 33rd annual Science Fair – the first one was that was held virtually. Students who won awards are eligible to advance to the Utica College Regional Science Fair.

Fifty students in grades 7-11 made Google Sites for their projects with video presentations, and 24 judges from three continents signed up to review the projects online. Students with some of the top projects also gave virtual presentations to a panel of five judges.

Junior Level awards go to students in grades 7-9, and Senior Level awards go to students in grades 10-11.

Haver won Grand Champion in the Junior Level for her project titled "Taproots or Fibrous Roots? Which Will Save our Wildlife and Land?" The project looked into how much water the types of roots soaked up. Haver also won the Ben Hill Save Our Earth Award, Excellence in Presentation, the Mounts Creek Farm Award and First Place - Natural Science.

Hagues won Grand Champion in the Senior Level for her project titled "Chunky? Smooth?" The project examined which blenders did the best job making smooth smoothies. Hagues also won Excellence in Presentation, the Scientific Methodology Award and First Place - Math/Technology.

The other award winners in addition to Haver and Hagues are as follows:

Junior Level:

- Anthony Wilson: Medical Award
- Austin Mercer: Scientific Innovation Award
- Colton Roark: Third Place - Natural Science
- Emily Smith: Scientific Methodology Award
- Emma Taylor: Second Place - Physical Science
- Frank Sudakow: Health Award, Science Excellence Award and First Place - Physical Science
- Hayley Stephens: Microbiology Award
- Jack Hoffman: Kenneth Young Memorial Award
- Jayden Beauregard: Construction and Building Excellence Award
- Julia Oczkowski: Charles McArdle Award and Third Place - Physical Science
- Kaiden Stemmer: Richard & R. Dale Braue Environmental Award
- Kyle Grimaldi: Ryan Winfield Braunlich Memorial Award
- Landon Bates: Daily Life Award
- Liana Vauruk: Earth Science Award, Math/Technology Achievement Award and Fourth Place - Math/Technology
- Lily Martin: Conservation Award and Fourth Place - Natural Science
- Noah Lamphere: The Robert and Barbara Ford Memorial Science Award and Second Place - Natural Science
- Rayna Malta: Fourth Place - Physical Science
- Taylor Rachon: Autenrith's Creativity Award
- Trent Hobin: Botany Award
- Troy Haver: Russell E. Price Memorial Award

Senior Level

- Aaron Pope: Russell E. Price Memorial Award
- Alexis Bates: Microbiology Award
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- Quintin Weigand: Scientific Innovation Award and Third Place - Math/Technology
- Sarah Zuchowski: First Place - Physical Science
- Seth Walther: Math/Technology Achievement Award, The Robert and Barbara Ford Memorial Science Award and Second Place - Math/Technology
- Shelby Rommel: Medical Award



Poland Central School District sophomore Shelbi Hagues presents her Poland Science Fair project virtually to a panel of judges on March 10. Hagues won Grand Champion in the Senior Level of the Science Fair. Photos courtesy of Herkimer BOCES



Poland Central School District eighth-grader Maddison Haver presents her Poland Science Fair project. Haver won Grand Champion in the Junior Level of the Science Fair.

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Wedded bliss in times like this

(Family Features) During pre-COVID times, wedding concerns like venue capacity had far more to do with budget and vision than with the health and safety of guests. It's a different world today, but with some careful planning you can still find ways to safely celebrate your love.

As the vows say, marriage is in good times and in bad. It may simply require some flexibility and creativity to make your dream day a reality.

Enlist help from an experienced coordinator. If you weren't planning to use a wedding coordinator, the pandemic is a compelling reason to reconsider. Keeping track of changing mandates and how they affect gatherings, crowd sizes and more is a job in its own right. Allowing your coordinator to keep tabs on the latest recommendations, and adjust arrangements with your vendors accordingly, may save a great deal of time and frustration.

Be realistic about your invite list. A year ago, it would have been unthinkable to create a tiered guest list and even consider making cuts even after invites go out. Today, that decision may be out of your hands. Rather than waiting until you get news that you'll have

to make cuts, take time now, with a level head and less emotion affecting your decisions, to segment your list. Determine who absolutely must be present as you exchange vows then expand in increments. Your coordinator or venue contact can help you determine thresholds (e.g., 25, 50 or 100 guests) based on the guidelines in your community.

Understand expectations. Vendors are required to enforce local guidelines, so ensure you're clear on what measures they will implement on your day. This may include everything from masks and distancing to whether you're allowed to use a dance floor during the reception.

Keep guests informed. If you haven't already, create a blog or send out regular updates about wedding plans to guests. If circumstances require you to uninvite someone, be conscious of timing and give plenty of notice so travel can be canceled, if necessary. As the event approaches, be clear about expectations so guests can arrive prepared or bow out if they're not comfortable with what you're planning.

Make safety convenient. Providing masks, gloves and sanitizer can all go a long way to help make guests

feel more secure at your event. A personalized hand sanitizer holder might even be a practical gift that guests can use and think fondly of your wedding day.

Forego traditions, for now. The pandemic won't last forever, but while it's still here, consider skipping high-contact traditions like photos that bring multiple households together or a receiving line where everyone is in close contact. One alternative is to plan a mini-wedding (or even elope) now, and save the bigger celebration for later, when everyone can honor your marriage more safely.

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Smoked ham with fresh strawberry sauce

We created this impressive glazed ham for winter entertaining, but it has become an Easter favorite as well.

- 1 (12-pound) smoked whole ham, fully cooked
- 3 pints strawberries
- 2 tablespoons dark brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1/2 teaspoons salt
- 1 jar (10- to 12-ounce) orange marmalade
- Radish sprouts or watercress sprigs, for garnish

1. Remove skin and trim some fat from smoked whole ham, leaving about 1/4-inch fat. With knife, score fat covering on ham crosswise, just through to the meat, into

1-inch-wide strips.

2. Place ham on rack in large roasting pan (about 17 by 11 1/2 inches). Insert meat thermometer into center of ham, being careful that pointed end does not touch bone. Bake ham in 325 F oven 3 to 3 1/2 hours until thermometer reaches 140 F (15 to 18 minutes per pound). If ham browns too quickly, cover with tent of foil.

3. About 30 minutes before ham is done, prepare strawberry sauce: Reserve 1 pint strawberries for garnish. Hull remaining strawberries. In 3-quart saucepan with potato masher or back of slotted spoon, mash strawberries. Stir in brown sugar, cornstarch, salt and orange

marmalade; cook over medium heat until mixture thickens slightly and boils, stirring frequently.

4. To serve, place ham on warm, large platter. Arrange radish sprouts and reserved whole strawberries around ham. Serve with strawberry sauce. Makes 24 servings.

* Each serving: About 250 calories, 12g total fat, 60mg cholesterol, 1,770mg sodium.

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Spring Rummage Sale

Find a galore of bargains at the Spring Rummage Sale at the Dolgeville United Methodist Church on Friday, April 9, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., and on Saturday, April 10, 9 a.m.-noon. There will be clothing for all ages,

household items, books, toys, puzzles, and so much more. Masks are required and shoppers are asked to bring their own bag. For more information, call Pat at 315.429.3786.

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

April 2-4

Holy Week Schedule at Sts. Anthony and Joseph Church, Herkimer. Easter Vigil Saturday, April 3 at 8 p.m. Easter Sunday, April 4 at 10 a.m. **At St. John the Baptist Church, Newport** - Good Friday, April 2 at 3 p.m. Easter Sunday, April 4 at 8:30 a.m.

April 5

Little Falls Community Blood Drive noon to 5 p.m. at Little Falls Elks Lodge. To schedule an appointment download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

April 8

Breast Cancer Screenings with Upstate Mobile Mammography

Program 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Big M Supermarket, 15 Lamberson Street, Dolgeville. Pre-register at upstate.edu/noexcuses or call 315.464.2582.

April 11

BSA Troop/Pack 25 Mohawk Fundraiser Pancake Breakfast 10 a.m.-1 p.m. (or until sold out) Mohawk American Legion, 43 W Main St, Mohawk, in the parking lot. Contact/ticket info Mr. Briggs 315.717.9780. Take out only.

April 15

Lasagna Dinner 4-7 p.m. or sold out at Emmanuel Episcopal Church, The Parish Hall, 594 E. Albany St., Little Falls. To go only, curb side, walk ins. Free delivery to Herkimer and Little Falls. Reserve dinner at 315.741.4672.

April 15

Herkimer College Instant Decision Day 4 p.m. Interested students can register online at admissions.herkimer.edu/portal/instantdecision.

April 25

Central Valley Central School District Foundation to host multiple fundraisers during its Brooks' Chicken Barbecue, noon until sold out, at Beer Belly Bob's, 70 Otsego Street, Ilion. Advance order recommended by calling JoAnn Duga at 315.894.3116.

June 12

Craft Festival 2021 event now canceled. 41st year slated for June 11, 2022. Sponsored by the Church Of Christ Uniting in Richfield Springs.

Tips for allergy season

by Dr. Matthew Wadas of the Wadas Eye Group

Spring is upon us and for many that means the advent of allergy season. For those who suffer from seasonal allergies this time of the year, it is often associated with sinus congestion, a runny nose and itchy eyes. Along with itching, other common ocular symptoms include redness and tearing.

Remedies and treatment options are broad and abundant. Most importantly, do not rub your eyes, as this will release more histamine from the body, worsening your symptoms. Cool compresses are an effective way to help with inflammation. Many allergy sufferers take over-the-counter or prescription oral antihistamines but still experience itchy and irritated eyes. Some effective over-the-counter antihistamine eye drops that I often recommend to my patients include Zaditor, Pataday and Alaway. These eye drops are to be used twice daily.

Additionally, over-the-counter artificial tears can help provide further relief.

Most of the time these eye drops are all that is needed; however, in some severe cases they may provide only temporary relief or none at all. If you find yourself at that point, it's time to seek an exam from an eye doctor, as further treatment may be required.



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Hardy Hibiscus adds a splash of tropical flair to your perennial garden

Fast-growing and fabulous, these plants explode with pinwheel-like flowers the size of dinner plates in late summer. Often confused with their tropical cousins, these plants are actually capable of surviving temps as low as -30° F.

North American gardeners can feel assured knowing they are planting a native perennial. Hardy Hibiscus are hybrids that can be primarily traced back to the species *Hibiscus moscheutos*. This species can be found growing naturally in wetlands and along riverbanks throughout the Midwest and East Coast.

Know Your Hibiscus

Hibiscus is both the common and botanical name for

a few different popular classes of the plant. Most think of Tropical Hibiscus (*Hibiscus rosa-sinensis*) when they hear the word, while horticulturists may note the shrub Rose of Sharon (*Hibiscus syriacus*) also falls in this category. However, neither of these plants fall into what is commonly considered "Hardy Hibiscus."

Here is a quick overview of how they differ:

Hardy Hibiscus

First, our subject and superstar: Hardy Hibiscus. This set of plants primarily includes the species native to North America (such as *Hibiscus moscheutos* and *Hibiscus laevis*), and hybrids of those species. These plants are true perennials, tend to have the largest



Hibiscus Summerific Spinderella by Proven Winners.
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Hibiscus French Vanilla from Walters Gardens.

flowers, and die back to the ground each year.

Shrub Hibiscus

Shrub Hibiscus, also called Rose of Sharon, most frequently refers to the species *Hibiscus syriacus* which is native to southern and central Asia. Rose of Sharon has a woody habit and bloom on the same structure each year. These tend to be the largest in size with some varieties getting 15' tall.

Tropical Hibiscus

Tropical Hibiscus, or *Hibiscus rosa-sinensis*, are from southeast Asia and are technically a shrub-like their cousins, *Hibiscus syriacus*, though significantly less hardy. These varieties tend to be used in the landscape in southern parts of the U.S. or as patio or house plants since they are not frost tolerant.

Common Hardy Hibiscus varieties to keep your eye out for

Hardy Hibiscus comes in shades of white, pink, red, and yellow, with different eye patterns and streaking

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through the petals. The leaves of the plants can also vary in color from green to bronze and near-black.

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Water, wait and give them space — how to's for happy Hibiscus plants

Hardy Hibiscus have a history of growing in wet areas such as along riverbanks and around inland lakes. They perform best with consistent watering,

particularly if they have been recently transplanted. If your Hibiscus is losing its lowest leaves or aborting buds, you may need to up the water.

This water-tolerant characteristic makes them perfect for areas of the garden that periodically flood, or as a thriller

in rain gardens.

Another characteristic of the genus is they are late to break dormancy in spring. They're not dead! When they do wake up they're off to the races growing more than an inch a day.

Depending on the year, Hibiscus may stay dormant through the end of May. Instead of tearing your Hibiscus out and starting over, try planting them with tulips, daffodils, or other spring-blooming bulbs that will be out of bloom when Hibiscus are ready to emerge. As an added bonus, the tired foliage of these spring-blooming bulbs will quickly be covered by the wide Hibiscus habits.

Once your Hibiscus gets going, be sure to leave them plenty of space to grow. Mature Hibiscus can get 5-6' wide and grow quickly during the year. If you take a week's vacation in June, you're likely to come back to a plant twice the size you left it.

Full sun is a must. In too much shade the otherwise sturdy habits stretch and get floppy. Over shading will also lead to a decrease in bud count and diminished flowering performance. UV light (full sun) will also bring out the dark foliage colors.

Herkimer College to hold Instant Decision Day

Herkimer County Community College will be holding an Instant Decision Day for prospective students.

Instant Decision Day eliminates the waiting period between applying to college and receiving an admissions decision. During this online event, prospective first year students and transfer students will meet with a Herkimer College admissions counselor to find out immediately if they have been accepted into their program of choice.

Upon registering for the event, Herkimer College admissions counselors will be in contact to ensure all necessary application documents have been submitted ahead of Instant Decision Day. If a student is accepted, the counselor will then walk them through any next steps to be prepared for the coming semester.

Herkimer College's Instant Decision Day will take place at 4 p.m. on Thursday, April 15. Interested students can register at admissions.herkimer.edu/portal/instantdecision.

Little Falls community blood drive

A community blood drive will take place on Monday, April 5 from noon - 5 p.m. at the Little Falls Elks Lodge. Each donation can help save up to three lives. To schedule an appointment download the free Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1.800.RED.CROSS (1.800.733.2767). Donors can save time by using RapidPass to complete their pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online on the day of their donation from a computer or laptop. Visit redcrossblood.org/RapidPass to get started.



Hibiscus Crepe Suzette Summer Spice.
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Kathy Cimino

Cimino named VHS' Employee of the Quarter

Cimino is Valley Health Services' Employee of 1st Quarter 2021

Kathy Cimino has been named as Valley Health Services' Employee of the First Quarter 2021. Well-known at Valley Health Services, Cimino is VHS' hairdresser. When life was turned upside down last March due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Cimino's world was significantly affected, and she knew she had to reinvent her career aspirations. She decided to take classes at VHS – the feeding class and the Certified Nurse Assistant (CNA) course, which gave her some new career experience and a true understanding of what high quality healthcare really looks like.

Cimino's co-workers nominated her for the Employee of the First Quarter 2021 recognition because she has worked countless hours on every unit at VHS, providing the highest quality of care to all residents. Throughout the pandemic, Cimino has volunteered to

care for COVID positive residents and has done so with the utmost respect and compassion, even on the toughest of days. Cimino is a healthcare hero, and in between delivering excellence in healthcare, she can be found primping hairdos, which is so appreciated by the residents.

Valley Health Services initiated the Employee of the Quarter program in an effort to recognize outstanding employee performance. Employees are able to submit nominations for colleagues they feel is deserving of the award. The winner is entitled to free lunches every day for one week, is provided a gift certificate to an area establishment and recognition within the media and VHS' Life At Home newsletter. The winner is also eligible to participate in the Employee of the Year program, and this designee is recognized at the annual employee

recognition banquet in December.

On behalf of the residents, staff and family members, congratulations, Kathy Cimino, on your accolade of Employee of the First Quarter 2021. Valley Health Services is honored and blessed to have you as part of the family. Cimino resides in Ilion with her daughter Christina and her two dogs, Peach and Bear.

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A runner's plea to dog owners

Dear Paw's Corner: I witnessed an incident on my morning run that illustrated the reason why dogs need to be on a leash at all times in residential areas. A runner ahead of me on the side of the road approached a dog owner and his Collie ambling along the sidewalk. The owner had unfastened the dog's leash so that it could explore ahead.

The dog seemed calm, but as the runner drew near to them, it suddenly bristled, snarled and then leaped at the runner. Before the owner could grab the dog's collar, the runner was bitten on her cheek and hand. The injuries were serious enough to require stitches.

There is no excuse for an owner to allow their dog off the leash except where it's expressly permitted, such as dog parks. Even when an owner has trained their

dog to respond to verbal commands, the command might not be given fast enough to stop the dog.

Runners are attractive targets to many dogs. As we run past, a dog may take our movements as a signal to chase.

I have two dogs myself. They're both too old to run with me now, but in their younger days, I frequently took them with me — both on a leash. They've always responded quickly to verbal commands, but I do not rely on those alone to keep them from darting into traffic or annoying other runners.

Please tell your readers to keep the leashes on their dogs. It keeps others safe, it keeps the dogs safe, and it protects owners from legal issues. It's also the law. — Rick in Dracut, MA

Dear Rick: You told them, and I thank you. Readers, take heed and keep your dogs on a leash and under your control when outdoors.

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Purposeful ways to style a multi-purpose room

(Family Features)
Whether you call it a laundry room, mudroom or something else entirely, that multi-purpose space is likely a hub of activity in your home. For homeowners creating this utility space from scratch, the sky is the limit, but even if you're updating an existing room, there are plenty

of ways to add purposeful style and function.

Homeowners are often looking for ways to use the rooms in their homes in multiple ways. With some thoughtful planning and the right materials, even a modest utility area can become a multi-functional space for the entire family.

Take a utilitarian approach. When planning your space, put function front and center. There are plenty of clever ways to enhance the aesthetics, so focus first on how you want to use the space. It may be hard to conceive at first, but it's possible to create a space that serves not only your basic laundry essentials, but also provides space for you to care for four-legged friends or enjoy a hobby. For example, you might add pet washing and grooming features, along with an oversized sink that doubles as a gardening and potting area.

In a multi-use room, it's also important to be conscious of details like lighting and cabinetry inserts that can help bring organization and order to the space. Puck lighting and LED strips illuminate select areas while dividers, sliding shelves and custom pull-out cabinets ensure your items are stored out of sight but within easy reach.

Be color conscious. In a high-traffic space that sees a fair share of dirt and grime, color is an attractive way to cleverly disguise what lurks in between cleanings. Gray tones are at the core of many contemporary

interior schemes, and a mid-tone gray color palette is ideal to hide dirt and hair while providing a crisp and clean foundation for a cohesive look. Choose maple and finish the cabinetry with Ash stain, a trending mid-tone gray that emphasizes the detail of the wood grain.

You can also bring additional character and personality to the space with accent color. For example, earthy green walls and tiling that complements the paint and cabinetry offer a subtle blend of colors that enhance the overarching contemporary feel.

Focus on ergonomics.

A utility room is a place for working, so you'll want to make accommodations to make those moments more enjoyable. For example, a raised large basin tile sink offers a spine-friendly alternative to bending over or squatting while washing a pet or potting plants. For a larger dog you can't heft into a sink, you might consider a washing station with tiled steps, a frameless glass enclosure and low-mounted, hand-held showerhead.

Find more ideas an inspiration for creating a multi-purpose room that fits your lifestyle at wellborn.com.

Pampered pets

With a pet-friendly multi-purpose room, you can make the less glamorous tasks of pet ownership more enjoyable while



Organizing your pet supplies keeps the area extra tidy, so make use of hidden storage with a pullout cabinet that holds pet food and other accessories out of sight.

you shower your pooch with special attention.

Built-in kennel: Using cabinetry, along with sturdy chicken wire mesh in place of panels on the door frames, you can build a stylish kennel right into the room. A simple drip tray protects the wood surface and makes cleanup easy.

Toe-kick feeder: Maximize every inch of space with clever solutions like a feeder that hides away under the cabinets. With

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Pet feeding center: Organizing your pet supplies keeps the area extra tidy, so make use of hidden storage with a pullout cabinet that holds pet food and other accessories out of sight.

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All CDC guidelines for the COVID-19 virus are strictly followed. All drivers have been vaccinated against the COVID-19 virus and are tested each week. Each vehicle has a plastic barrier between the driver and riders for infection control purposes. Drivers are fully licensed and insured.

Recipients can schedule appointments by calling The Mohawk Homestead's transportation department at 315.360.3296 or through the MAS website at ny-connects.ny.gov/Pages/#

The Mohawk Homestead's mission is to facilitate the most comfortable and safest transportation to all those in need of our service.

Fire safety for elders with special health needs

Decreased mobility, sight, hearing or cognitive capabilities may limit a person's ability to take the quick action necessary to escape during a fire emergency. People over the age of 65 are twice as likely to suffer injuries or lose their lives in fires compared to the population-at-large, according to the U.S. Fire Administration, part of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

If your elderly loved one has Alzheimer's or Dementia, problems with mobility, or is vision or hearing impaired, there are certain precautions that need to be taken in the event of a house fire. These precautions go above and beyond the traditional fire safety guidelines for families.

Here are some fire safety tips for elderly people with special needs, provided by the U.S. Fire Administration and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA):

Mobility impairments

If your elderly loved one uses a cane, walker or wheelchair, traditional escape routes may no longer be viable.

- Check all exits to make sure wheelchairs or walkers can get through the doorways. Make necessary accommodations to facilitate an emergency escape.

- Keep a phone by the bed for emergency calls in case the person becomes trapped and is unable to escape.

- Fire protection devices such as sprinkler systems, fire-safe compartment walls, and flame-resistant blankets can be used. The key is to have the room fireproofed before an emergency happens.

Blind/visually impaired
The most important thing a blind or visually impaired person can do to improve his or her chances of surviving a fire is to be prepared ahead of time.

- Plan and practice

two escape routes from each room in the home. By practicing an escape plan, a blind or visually impaired person can escape to safety, without losing time searching and feeling for an exit.

- A blind or visually impaired must rely on other senses – the smell of smoke or the sense of heat. Test doors before opening them. Use the back of the hand, reach up high and touch the door, the doorknob, and the space between the door and the frame. If anything feels hot, keep the door shut and use the second exit route.

- A person may be forced to crawl along the



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floor to avoid smoke. Placing tactile markers along the baseboard of exit routes to help a visually impaired person feel their way to safety.

Hearing impaired

Conventional smoke alarms that sound during a fire aren't effective for someone who is hard of hearing.

- Consider installing smoke alarms that use flashing light or vibration if diminished hearing is a concern.

- Smoke alarms with high intensity strobes can

be used to wake the deaf or others who have profound hearing loss.

- Pillow or bed shakers are required to be used with strobes.

- Find out if the 911 center is equipped to accept cell phone text messages or text telephone (TTY/TDD) calls.

Alzheimer's or dementia

If your relative has Alzheimer's or dementia, know that even cognitively impaired people often times have an innate understanding that

something is wrong during an emergency, and may be more clear-headed than you would imagine.

- Remain calm during an emergency. Explain what is happening clearly and simply. Validate their concerns, but provide clear direction without losing patience.

- Providing a picture book of emergency procedures, may assist a cognitively impaired person to follow visual instructions more easily.

- Practice escape routes. If escape is practiced continually, instinct

may take over and guide the elder to safety.

- The person should sleep in a room that has easy access to the outdoors, a ground floor bedroom is best.

Regardless of their disability, all elderly people should live in a home with working smoke alarms and sprinkler systems. A working smoke alarm can reduce the risk of dying in a fire by as much as 60 percent, FEMA says.

Practicing escape plans is also vital for all elders. Knowing their escape plan is one of the most important steps elders can take to save their life in a fire. Plan the escape around your loved one's capabilities. Know at least two exits from every room.



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A seasonal spring surprise

(Culinary.net) You can almost feel spring in the air, and with the warmer weather comes delicious, delectable foods. From casseroles to fresh fruits and wholesome vegetables, a change of season offers something to look forward to for nearly every foodie.

A spring dish that is sure to impress is this cheesy asparagus tart. It has melty cheese, cooked asparagus and an under layer of puff pastry baked to golden brown perfection.

Start by cooking your asparagus on the stove top in 5 cups of water for 5-8 minutes. Then soak it in an ice bath until cooled. Transfer to a mixing bowl to add vegetable oil, salt and pepper for tasty, seasoned veggies.

Now it's time to work with your puff pastry. Sprinkle some flour on a flat countertop. Roll out the thawed puff pastry to a 16-by-10-inch rectangle. Move to a lined baking sheet and prick with a fork to create a thin, flaky texture. Bake around 12 minutes and cool.

The final steps: mix the cheeses, shallots, egg yolks, nutmeg, salt and pepper. Spread this mixture across the pastry and lay asparagus over the top. Bake 5 more minutes.

For a little extra flavor, add lemon zest over the tart.

This tart is a perfect appetizer before Sunday brunch or to cut up and take outside for some al fresco dining this spring.

It's got gooey, melted cheeses, is seasoned well and has hearty asparagus on top. Plus, it's a yummy way to add vegetables to your kids' diet (and yours, too).

Find more spring recipes and dining ideas at Culinary.net.

Cheesy asparagus tart

Servings: 8-10

5 cups water

1 pound asparagus

ice water

2 teaspoons vegetable oil

1/4 teaspoon salt, plus additional, to taste, divided

1/4 teaspoon pepper, plus additional, to taste, divided

flour, for dusting

1 sheet frozen puff pastry, thawed

1 cup grated fontina cheese

1 cup grated gruyere cheese

1 tablespoon shallot, minced

2 egg yolks

3 tablespoons milk

1/4 teaspoon nutmeg

1 lemon, zest only

Heat oven to 400 F.

In large skillet, add water and asparagus. Cook 5-8 minutes until asparagus is bright green.

Drain asparagus and soak in ice water.

In large bowl, mix drained asparagus, vegetable oil, salt and pepper until combined.

Flour surface area. Using rolling pin, roll out pastry to 10-by-16-inch rectangle. Transfer pastry to parchment-lined baking sheet. Prick pastry with fork. Bake about 12 minutes, or until golden brown. Cool slightly on baking sheet.

In large bowl, mix fontina cheese, gruyere cheese, shallot, egg yolks, milk, nutmeg and salt and pepper, to taste, until combined. Spread cheese over pastry, leaving 1 inch around edges. Lay asparagus over cheese mixture.

Bake 5 minutes, or until cheese has melted.

Sprinkle lemon zest over tart and serve.

Source: Culinary.net



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Kovels: Antiques and collection

by Terry and Kim Kovel

Iron doorstop

Iron doorstops have been very popular collectibles since 1985. They were first made in England, where they were called door porters. The invention of a hinge that let a door close automatically inspired the iron figure that stopped the door from closing. Soon after, doorstops became popular in the United States. Companies that had been making cast iron toys and other items began designing and making doorstops that resembled people, animals, flowers and other figures. Five companies were the largest suppliers, and each had a name or logo that was usually molded into the flat back. Look for Bradley and Hubbard's "B & H" mark; Hubley's paper label with the name across a circle; and Judd Co.'s mark, "CJO."

In the 1980s, iron doorstops went for high prices, and hundreds of copies were made and sold in gift shops, antiques events and auctions. Fakes usually have perfect bright paint; a rough texture to the unpainted iron on the back; modern slotted screws; and, if made in two parts, a seam that is not perfectly smooth. This 12 1/2-inch antique lobster doorstop was made early in the early 20th century. It sold for \$1,800 at an Eldred auction in Massachusetts.

Q: I have a bar pin that pictures two clenched hands doing a "fist bump." The pin is gold-colored metal and has a figural mallet, ax and something that looks like a block on the top. The hands, with shirt cuffs and part of the jackets showing, are on a white enamel piece attached to the metal. What does it represent?

A: The log, ax, mallet and wedge are symbols used by two fraternal organizations: the Modern Woodmen of America and WoodmenLife (Woodmen of the World). Joseph Cullen Root founded the Modern Woodmen

of America in 1883 in Lyons, Iowa. He resigned after disagreements with other officers in 1880 and moved to Omaha, where he founded Woodmen of the World. Both organizations are still in existence and provide life insurance and other benefits to members. The fist bump has been found on other unmarked pins that date from the late 1800s or early 1900s.

Current prices

Furniture: jelly cupboard, softwood, 2 paneled doors over drawer, interior shelves, bracket feet, Pennsylvania, 50 x 50 x 20 inches, \$148.

Staffordshire jug: Liverpool transfer, sailor and woman, ship, "What Should Tear Me From the Arms of my Dearest Polly," 11 inches, \$420.

Cane: whale ivory, mushroom form handle, inlaid copper 1877 Liberty coin, faceted stem, figured oak stem, 35 3/4 inches, \$600.

Kitchen dipper: coconut shell bowl, carved and inlaid whalebone and wood handle, heart-shaped mount, c. 1850, 13 1/2 inches, \$780.

TIP: Check stored items once a year to be sure there is no deterioration or bugs.

"Kovels' Antiques & Collectibles Price Guide" -- the new 2021 edition with more than 11,500 prices, 3,000 pictures and many helpful tips -- is available in bookstores and online, or visit www.Kovels.com for a special offer.

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Watch out for reproductions and fantasy cast-iron doorstops made since the 1980s. This rare lobster doorstop has what appears to be original faded paint and was offered in a sale by Eldred's, a well-known auction gallery. It sold for \$1,800.

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With less than one month to go before the April 15 tax return filing deadline, The New York State Department of Taxation and Finance

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To register, see Register for a virtual FSA session.

PUBLIC AUCTION

**Wed., April 7th
9:00AM**

**Location: 555 Darrow Rd,
Sprakers, NY 12166**



Belgian Horses • Heifers • Farm Eq. • Milking Eq. • Tools • Household

Horses: 2 smooth mouth geldings Skip and Mike work as team on any side; 2 geldings, Don - smooth mouth works offside; Bubba, 9 yr. old, works offside or jockey; Molly 8 yr. old mare works offside along with Bob 7 yr. old gelding as lead horse; Sally 2 yr. old mare; 5 work horse harnesses, 10 collars, jockey sticks, misc.

Heifers: 11 bred Holstein heifers, 24 - 5 to 14 month old heifers.

Tractors: International 1466 on hard rubber; JD 100hp power unit on 4 wheels

Hay Equipment: 2017 NH 450 RB baler w/net wrap used for approx. 2500 bales; NH 450 utility round baler; I&J mower with Honda engine with 9' bar, 2 yrs. old; 256 NH rake; 2 round bale wagons, 2 wood rack wagons.

Forage Equipment: NH 790 Harvester w/824 corn head; Gehl silage blower; NH forage wagon; Kasten forage wagon; 2 row NI corn picker w/12 roll husking bed; 2 row NI corn picker w/sheller; JD 7000 4 row corn planter; Allis Chalmers 72 all crop combine.

Misc. Farm Equip: Jaylor 2350 TMR mixer; Gehl 28 blade disk; Pequea 12' roller harrow 8' cultipacker; 1100 gal. engine drive ELS manure pump; NI single beater manure spreader w/20hp Honda; auto turn fore cart w/ aluminum tongue; 20' skeleton elevator on wheels.

Dairy and Milking Equipment: 32hp Iveco diesel; vacuum pump; air tanks; air compressor; cooling compressor; diesel fuel tank; 12 volt battery pack w/lg. alternator and 6 Trojan batteries, 1 year old; 300 lb. sputnik; 4-300 Westfalia bucket milker units; 1 extra bucket; PVC bucket rack; SS tubs; claw washer; poly water tubs; barn lime spreader.

Sawmill: 30" Norwood portable bandmill 24' tracker w/trailer package.

Shop Tools and Misc: Torch set w/tanks; Miller Legend welder; Husky 12hp 35 ton log splitter; JD 55011 diesel; wagon tongues; PTO shafts; bolts, bits, sockets, saw horses, hydraulic hose, chicken crates. 1-20 ft. 30" culvert pipe; 2 10' x 30" culvert pipe; 12 volt hydraulic unit; old milk tank water trough; 4 and 6 horse hitched; 4 sets ropes and pulleys; feed carts; silage carts; lg. wheelbarrow; 6 poly calf hutches; 8 ton poly feed bin with auger.

Household Items: DS160 Energy Max Stove; 2 beds with box spring and mattress; reclining sofa; chest of drawers; dresser; corner hutch; pack and play; Maytag wash machine; air powered spinner; electric meat slicer; lg. crock; box lots; rebounder; 2 reel mowers; electric chest freezer; 6 acorn style wooden chairs.



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Other equip.: 2- 785 JD Hydro-push manure spreader; 3pt. 6' Bush hog; Ubler 810 feed cart; wagon load of misc. items.

Mgrs. Note: The cows have been sold and George & Laurie are cutting back their work load so they can enjoy some much needed R&R.

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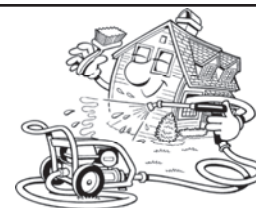
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
Unlisted clue hint: STAFF OF LIFE

- Banana

Black

Blood

Chocolate
- Christmas

Figgy

Frozen

Hasty
- Nesselrode

Plum

Proof of the

Tapioca
- Vanilla

White

Yorkshire

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

	6		9	1		7	
3				7		4	
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	8		6				5
9		7			8		3

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

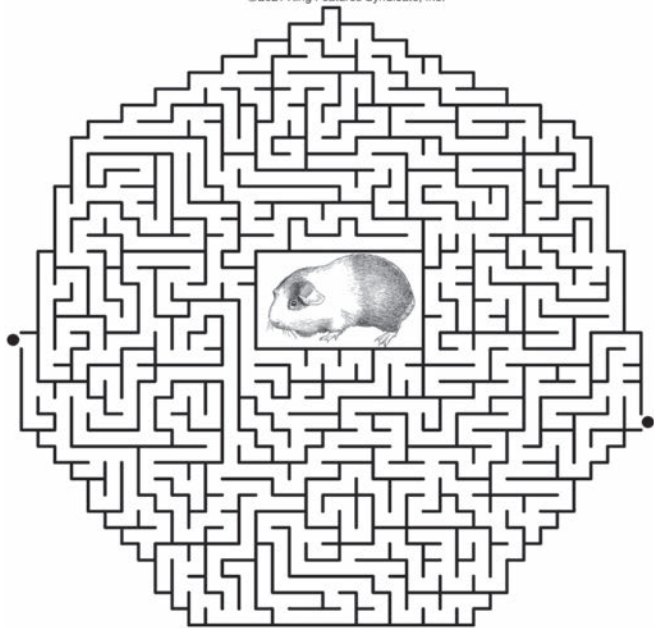
- ♦ Moderate
- ♦♦ Challenging
- ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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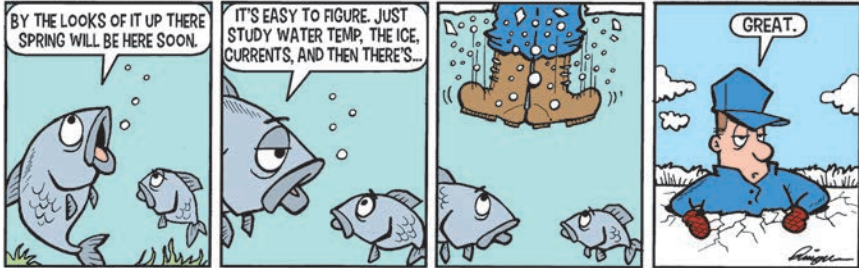


Mega Maze

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Amber Waves



by Dave T. Phipps

CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: W equals L

S ICFSRXK T MEXXZKCL ZPZZD
XTFSIL RTFTWCPZX, MC S RTWWXK
ESG GD GXWCI RCWWSX UTUD.

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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Actress Farrow
- 4 Carries
- 9 "Blue Bloods" network
- 12 Fireplace residue
- 13 WWII sub
- 14 "2001" computer
- 15 William and Kate's daughter
- 17 Lawyers' org.
- 18 Cato's 502
- 19 Noah's landfall
- 21 Summaries
- 24 Garr of "Tootsie"
- 25 Berliner's cry
- 26 Hog haven
- 28 Quartet doubled
- 31 Ella's style
- 33 Congeal
- 35 iPhone voice
- 36 King of Judea
- 38 Dazzle
- 40 Right angle
- 41 "I've Got — in Kalamazoo"
- 43 Sneaky sort
- 45 Secret matters
- 47 Request
- 48 Perched
- 49 Fraud
- 54 Candle count

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- 55 Violin piece
- 56 Bird (Pref.)
- 57 Standard
- 58 Wimp
- 59 Poke
- 9 Donor's beneficiaries
- 10 Rum cake
- 11 Venetian-blind part
- 16 Vitamin stat
- 20 Story lines
- 21 Impetuous
- 22 Caesar's "Behold!"
- 23 Role
- 27 Evergreen tree
- 29 Perry's creator
- 30 Cash drawer
- 32 Forum wear
- 34 In the direc-
- tion of
- 37 Does the mambo
- 39 "Blade" actor Snipes
- 42 Christine of "Chicago Hope"
- 44 Alias abbr.
- 45 Now, in a memo
- 46 Sitar music
- 50 Ger. neighbor
- 51 Mahal pre-ceder
- 52 Gardner of film
- 53 Pen tip

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Coffee Break

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF



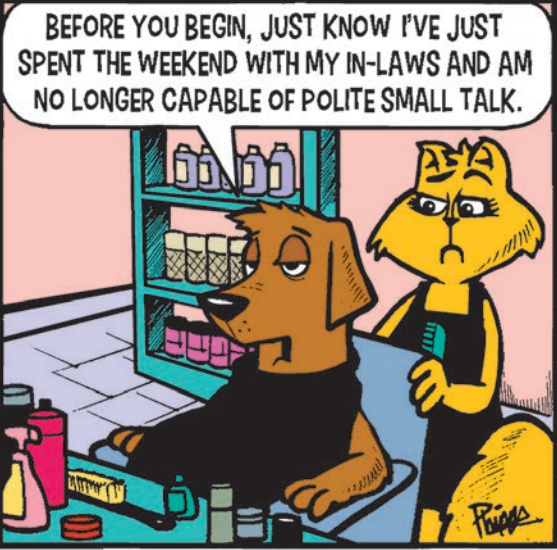
Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Sign is different. 2. Stick is shorter. 3. Earmuffs are gone. 4. Mitten is shorter. 5. Skates are different. 6. Cracks in ice are added.

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



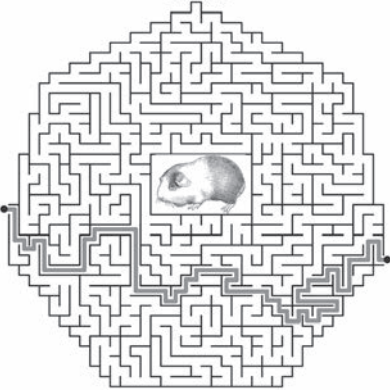
Country Chuckles

by Jonny Hawkins



Mega Maze

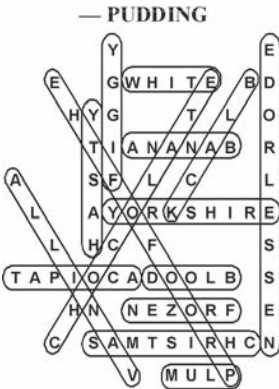
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Weekly SUDOKU

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CryptoQuip

answer

I noticed a sheepdog puppy eating cantaloupe, so I called him my melon collie baby.

King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 22 mins.

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R.F.D.



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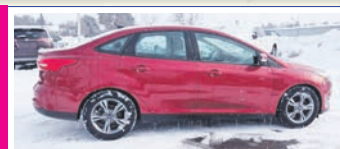
Silver Metallic, 42K Miles, FWD,
6-Speed Automatic, Stk # U15176

**2013
BMW 535i
xDRIVE SEDAN**
\$17,995



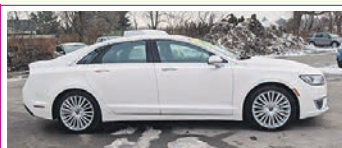
Alpine White, 88K Miles, AWD,
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**2017
FORD
FOCUS**
\$13,495



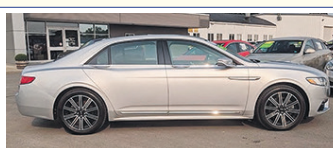
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**2017
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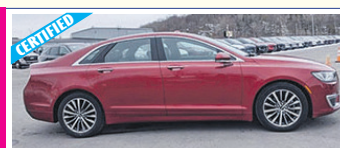
White Platinum, 20K Miles, AWD,
6-Speed Automatic, Stk # U15238

**2017
LINCOLN
CONTINENTAL
RESERVE**
\$30,495



Silver Metallic, 17K Miles, AWD,
6-Speed Automatic, Stk # U14948

**2019
LINCOLN
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RESERVE**
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w/Select-Shift, Stk # U15338

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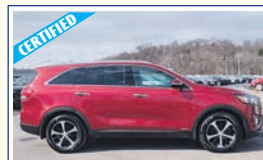
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V6 5Spd Automatic, Stk # U15305

2017 FORD EXPLORER
Gray, 58,956 Miles, 4x4, 6-Speed Automatic
with Select Shift, Stk # U15084
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**2018
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6-Speed Automatic, Stk # U15322



**2018
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\$25,495

Remington Red Metallic, 23K Miles,
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Stk # U15333



**2018
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\$39,995

Summit White, 75K Miles, V8,
6-Speed Automatic Electronic
w/Overdrive, Stk # U15329

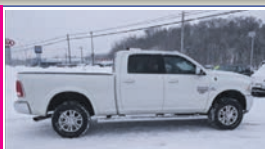
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**2018 FORD F-150
SUPER CREW CAB**
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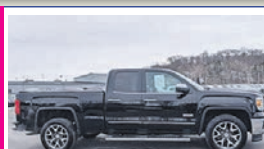
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V6 10Spd Auto, Stk # U15301

**2017 RAM
3500
LARAMIE
CREW CAB**
\$49,495



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6-Speed Automatic, Stk # U15210

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1500 SLT
DOUBLE CAB**
\$28,995



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6-Speed Automatic Electronic
w/Overdrive, Stk # U15313

**2017
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F-150
SUPER CAB
STYLESIDE**
\$28,995



Shadow Black, 62K Miles, V6,
6-Speed Automatic Electronic,
Stk # U15310

**2020
JEEP
GLADIATOR
RUBICON
CREW CAB**
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