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The Utica Zoo announces return of signature events *Brewfest, Wine in the Wilderness, Bright Nights dates set*

The Utica Zoo officially announced the dates of its three major signature events at a press conference on June 21 with Zoo Executive Director Andria Heath, members of the Board of Directors, Bright Nights Committee members and Utica Mayor Robert Palmieri.

In addition to the 22nd annual Brewfest slated for 6 - 9 p.m. on Aug. 7, Heath announced dates for Wine in the Wilderness as Saturday, Sept. 25 and Bright Nights, opening Friday, Nov. 26 and running Thursdays through Sundays evenings until Thursday, Dec. 23.

Brewfest, the zoo's largest fundraiser, which is typically held the first weekend of August, was postponed in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Wine in the Wilderness, usually held in June, was held virtually in 2020 and unable to kick off this June due to uncertainty in COVID-19 state regulations. The inaugural Bright Nights was cancelled after its first weekend in December 2020 due to pandemic concerns.

Brewfest is a 21 and over beer tasting event which takes place on the beautiful grounds of the Utica Zoo under large tents and a pavilion rain or shine. More than 100 craft beers, ciders, seltzers and malt beverages are available for visitors to sample and enjoy, along with live music, food and a silent auction. Tickets are available now online at uticazooobrew21.eventbrite.com. Ticket sale locations, crafter list and music line-up will be updated on uticazoo.org/brew.

At Wine in the Wilderness, also a 21 and over event, visitors can sample wines from NYS wineries, famous wine slushies from Ashley Lynn Winery, enjoy light snacks, live music and a wide variety of vendors rain or shine.

Bright Nights, presented by Theresa Flemma and Jason Topi at Baird Private Wealth Management along with media sponsor Galaxy Communications, features a winter wonderland enhancing animal exhibits though magical light and décor displays, music, food, fireside stories and Santa Claus. Bright Nights is included with admission.

The Utica Zoo will also wild up summer evenings with Sunset Sips. On Fridays from July 9 - Aug. 27, the zoo will stay open until 8 p.m. with animals on exhibit, food and adult beverages available and the best in live, local music. Sunset Sips is included with admission and sponsored by One Realty.

To learn more about sponsorship opportunities for these events, contact Kari Procopio at kari.procopio@uticazoo.org or 315.738.0472 ext. 49.



Pictured at the recent press conference (L-R) are Bright Nights Committee Member and Genesis Group Executive Director Ray Durso; Utica Zoo Board Member Andrew Biernat of Gilroy Kernan & Gilroy; Utica City Councilperson Celeste Friend; Utica Mayor Robert Palmieri; Utica Zoo Executive Director Andria Heath; Utica Zoo Board Member and Herkimer County Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Michele Hummel; Greater Utica Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Kari Puleo; and Utica Zoo Board Member Dan Brockway of One Realty.

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Career Connections interns graduate from International Project SEARCH Program

Three interns are now looking for employment after Arc Herkimer's Career Connections' 2020-21 Project SEARCH® program wrapped up with a graduation ceremony.

Project SEARCH is an internationally trademarked internship program that fo-

cuses on employment for young adults with disabilities. The local program is a collaboration between Career Connections and Herkimer College.

The 40-week partnership has an intensive focus on achieving competitive employment and maximum independence

for each participant. Each intern participates in both instruction and hands-on work experience by rotating among three unique internships throughout the year.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this year's program looked a little different than usual because of restrictions. According to Career Connections Director Catherine Loomis, "The entire Career Connections team along with Herkimer College worked tirelessly to ensure that the program would be successful again

this year, despite all of the challenges they faced."

This year's interns rotated between the MV Golf & Event Center, Arc Herkimer Transportation Services and the Arc Herkimer Goods Store. The skills learned by the interns are now marketable in their search for community employment.

A small graduation ceremony was held at the MV Golf & Event Center to celebrate the interns' accomplishments and to wish them well in their future endeavors.



(L-R) Catherine Loomis; Career Connections Director, Shayna Huyck, Career Connections Assistant Program Director; Amber Stevens, James Michael Kent, Nicole Knapp; Career Connections Employment Services Specialist and Kevin Crosley, Arc Herkimer President/CEO. Missing from photo: Edwin "Teddy" Ratcliffe who joined via Zoom.



Pictured (L-R) Michael Oriolo, Herkimer College Provost; Shawn Schultz, Arc Herkimer VP of Supports & Services; Dr. Robin Riecker, Herkimer College Associate Dean of Academic Affairs; James Michael Kent, Amber Stevens, Catherine Loomis, Career Connections Director; Lorene Bass, Arc Herkimer Executive VP of Supports & Services, and Kevin Crosley; Arc Herkimer President/CEO. Missing from photo: Edwin "Teddy" Ratcliffe who joined via Zoom.



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Former Poland softball player finds success as team's new coach

Eleven years ago, as a senior student, Erin (Baton) Meeker threw pitches for Poland Central School District softball under the guidance of her

coach, Poland Athletic Director Greg Haver.

This year, Haver handed the reins of the softball program to Meeker, now a middle school

mathematics teacher at Poland, and she coached the team to the sectional finals in her first season.

"It's pretty cool," Meeker said of being her former coach's successor. "It was always a goal to be coaching softball at whatever school I ended up at, but I didn't think it would be here, so it's kind of cool."

Meeker, a 2010 graduate of Poland, led the Poland girls varsity softball team to an 8-4 regular season record this year, including 6-0 in league play to win the league, and then the team won two more games before falling in the sectional finals to finish the season 10-5 overall.

Haver's last season as softball coach was in the 2018-19 school year (as there was no softball season in the 2019-20 school year). Haver, who is still the Poland athletic director, coached the softball team for 22 years.

"We had a lot of good years," Haver said. "I have a lot of great memories from all the players

throughout the years."

Haver was glad he could hand the softball program over to a Poland graduate who has softball experience.

"That was exciting," he said. "The idea was I wanted someone who could focus on the softball team and be knowledgeable, and she was both of those things."

Looking Back

When reflecting on playing softball for Haver in high school, Meeker most remembers competing in sectional games. "That was exciting," she said.

"As a player, she was one of the best pitchers I coached through the years," Haver said. "We had a lot of success with her here – competing for sectional finals and league titles."

Meeker said Haver used to remind her not to show her emotions too much on the field and to keep a game face. She said that stayed with her as a player, as a coach and as something to pass

onto her players.

She went on to play softball for Le Moyne College. Coming from a small school and going to a competitive Division II college meant adjusting to a big decrease in playing time and filling spots such as playing outfield and pinch running, Meeker said.

Just being able to be on the team there was an

achievement, she said.

"It was a really great experience," she said. "I learned a lot about knowing your role on a team and why every role is important."

Before coming to Poland, Meeker also taught at Dolgeville and was a co-coach of the Dolgeville softball team for four

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Poland Central School District girls varsity softball coach Erin Meeker is pictured here as a senior in high school pitching for the team. Meeker, a 2010 graduate of Poland, is also a middle school mathematics teacher at the school.

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Meeker coaches the students on her team. Meeker, a 2010 graduate of Poland, played softball in high school and college.

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years.

Coaching Poland as the only head coach is a new challenge, Meeker said. "It's definitely different coaching solo."

Haver said Meeker becoming a coach wasn't unexpected. "I'm not surprised at all, and I'm glad to see it," he said. "I think she'll be a great coach for the program's future."

Looking Ahead

Haver said he is encouraged about the softball team's future because the team had an awesome year. Meeker is committed to softball and she can help get girls excited to play and practice.

"I think the program will do really well," he said.

Meeker, who noted every umpire this year asked her about Haver, said she brings a lot of familiarity to the head coach position.

"Obviously, playing here, I know the

type of schools we play and I just want to take the opportunity to get more girls involved and grow the program," she said.

It was interesting to start coaching the team coming off a year when there was no softball due to COVID-19, Meeker said.

"Honestly, when we started, I didn't know how it was going to turn out," she said, noting that sectionals was just a hope at the beginning of the season. "Once I saw how we were playing, it became an expectation."

Meeker said her goal for the softball program is to build off what other coaches have been doing at Poland – including Haver for varsity, Jason Potempa with junior varsity and Sandy Hitt with modified.

"I just want to continue to grow the program and help us be a competitive force every year," she said.

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• Juliet Elisabeth Sear of Johnstown received a Bachelor of Science cum laude in communications

• Maximilian K. Van Meter of Little Falls received a Bachelor of Science in computer science

The Class of 2021 includes approximately 447 students from 32 undergraduate programs and one master's program:

437 bachelor's degrees and 10 Masters of Architecture as well as 18 International students from 10 countries on five continents. There were four separate commencement ceremonies.

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The American Revolution Mohawk Valley Conference includes 11 speakers and a bus tour.

- Fireside Chat with William M. Fowler Jr. and Guest Host Christian DiSpigna – "Revolution Breaks Out in Boston and It's the Usual Suspects: Adams, Hancock, Warren, Revere and Others!"

- Andrew Jackson O'Shaughnessy – "The Architect of the British War for America: Lord George Germain"

- Eric H. Schnitzer – "The Value of Revisionism: Don Troiani's Campaign to Saratoga, 1777"

- John Knight – "Banastre Tarleton and the British Legion: The Elite Loyalist Regiment Fighting for the King"

- Todd W. Braisted – "In Reduced Circumstances: Loyalist Women and British Government Assistance, 1779 - 1783"

Arc Herkimer to host free Summer Concert Series

Arc Herkimer is hosting three free concerts for the community at Arc Park this summer.

- Wednesday, July 14: Gridley Paige (6 - 8:30 p.m.)

- Wednesday, July 21: Max Scialdone Band (6 - 8:30 p.m.)

- Wednesday, July 28: Fritz's Polka Band (6 - 8:30 p.m.)

The concerts will take place at 420 E. German St. in Herkimer (behind

the Arc Herkimer Business Park).

There will be plenty of free parking, accessible restrooms and the playground will be open for children to enjoy.

Adult beverages will be available for sale from Stoney's Tavern and Uncle Ray's Food Truck will be on-site with food available for purchase.

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- Katie Turner Getty – "Escape from New York! American Prisoners of War and the Jails and Prison Ships of New York"

- Wade P. Catts and Robert A. Selig – "The Battles of Stone Arabia and Klock's Field, Oct. 19, 1780: A Study"

- James E. Richmond – "War on the Middleline: The Founding of a Community in the Kayaderosseras Patent in the Midst of the American Revolution"

- Wayne Lenig – "Fort Plain, Fort Plank and Fort Rensselaer: The Revolutionary War Fortifications at Canajohary"

- Bus Tour, Aug. 6 – The Stone Arabia and Klock's Field Battles that took place on Oct. 19, 1780 are the sites where fighting combat took place between

the British and the American forces. This is an in-depth, never done before tour of the Stone Arabia and Klock's Battlefield Historic Sites. This detailed tour of the Stone Arabia Battlefield will follow the avenues of approach, view battle areas, visit the historic churches burned in battle and the sites of Forts Kayser and Paris, several farms that were burned. We will stop at the Palatine Church that was spared the torch. Similar stops are also planned for Klock's Battlefield. A lunch stop will be included.

The conference will take place at the Fulton-Montgomery Community College's theater in the Visual Arts & Communications Building (Campus Map Building #2), 2805 NY-67, Johnstown. Parking will be available in Lots 5, 4 or the Visitor's Lot.

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@leapub.com

July 4

Join us at the Fort for our **Annual Strawberry Festival** the reading of the Declaration of Independence 12-4 p.m. Fort Klock, 7214 State Route 5, St. Johnsville. Call 518.568.7779.

July 8

Rabies Clinic 5:30-7 p.m. at East Herkimer Fire Department, 193 Main Road, East Herkimer. Visit tinyurl.com/479hnd33 to view a complete listing of the county's rabies clinics. All clinics are by appointment and pre-registration only.

July 11

"Influential Citizens of Salisbury" exhibit 1 to 3 p.m. Sponsored by the Salisbury Historical Society, 109 Route 29A, Salisbury Center.

July 12

Rabies clinic at Susquehanna SPCA 4-7 p.m. Register at 607.547.8111 ext 111.

July 13

Regular meeting of the Salisbury Historical Society at 6:30 p.m. at 1805 Frisbie House, 109 Route 29A, Salisbury Center. Program: "A Chat with Authors Brenda and Brittney Barton".

July 14

Arc Herkimer free Summer Concert Series at Arc Park at 420 E. German Street. 6-8:30 p.m. Gridley Paige concert. For more information call 315.574.7000 or visit www.archerkimer.org.

July 17

Bottle and Can Drive for Troop/Pack 25. Drop off your bottles and cans at: The Mohawk American Legion Parking Lot, 43 West Main St., Mohawk from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Susquehanna Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SQSPCA) public celebration 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 5082-5088 State Highway 28 in Cooperstown to mark the completion of its state-of-the-art animal shelter and adjoining campus. RSVP at sqspca.org/open-house by July 10.

July 18

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Salisbury Historical Society presents a new exhibit "Influential Citizens of Salisbury" from 1 to 3 p.m. at the 1805 Frisbie House, 109 Route 29A, Salisbury Center.

July 21

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Arc Herkimer free Summer Concert Series at Arc Park at 420 E. German Street 6-8:30 p.m. Max Scialdone Band. For more information call 315.574.7000 or visit www.archerkimer.org.

July 23 and 24

Stone Arabia Preservation Society Quilt and Artisan Show. Friday 4-9 p.m. Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m. At the Stone Church, 5414 State Hwy. 10, Palatine Bridge. For more info or questions call 518.774.1998 or 518.993.4983.

July 24

Moses Quinby Beekeeping Conference and Public Field Day Fort Klock, 7214 State Route 5, St. Johnsville. Call 518.568.7779.

July 25

"Influential Citizens of Salisbury"

exhibit sponsored by the Salisbury Historical Society, 109 Route 29A, Salisbury Center. Other standing exhibits include the making of cheese and furniture made in Salisbury. Hours: 1-3 p.m.

July 26-30

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July 28

Arc Herkimer free Summer Concert Series at Arc Park at 420 E. German Street 6-8:30 p.m. Fritz's Polka Band. For more information call 315.574.7000 or visit www.archerkimer.org.

July 30

Stone Soup Concert 7 p.m. Fort Klock, 7214 State Route 5, St. Johnsville. Call 518.568.7779.

August 3-5

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22nd Annual Boy Scouts Golf Classic is sold out

The Leatherstocking Council of the Boy Scouts of America is proud to announce that its 22nd annual golf classic, presented by Utica First Insurance Company, has sold out. With more than a month to go before this Aug. 9 event at Crestwood Golf Club in Marcy, the Scouts are just \$3,200 away from breaking their all-time revenue record of \$36,960.

“Because our silent auction averages \$3,000 each year and because New York Sash has given us our first live auction item, a new fundraising record is definitely within reach,” said Ray Eschenbach, Scout executive.

The new live auction item is a weekend getaway in a beautiful three-bedroom, ski-in/ski-out condo at Gore

Mountain.

This event is co-chaired by BSA volunteers Matthew Dziedzic of Allstate Insurance in Yorkville, Joanie Grande of Mac-Clark Restaurants and Jill Hayes of New York Sash.

Players are able to participate in a hole-in-one challenge to win a new car from Steet Toyota and a \$10,000 putting competition sponsored by Mac-Clark Restaurants officiated by a couple of men’s hockey players from Utica College. Leatherstocking Council donors have made approximately \$45,000 worth of prizes available. Silent auction donations are still welcomed as are \$250 tee sponsorships.

This fundraiser is made possible by the generosity of Utica First Insurance

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The Leatherstocking Council provides character development and leadership skills training to approximately 3,000 Scouting families across Delaware, Hamilton, Herkimer, Lewis, Madison, Oneida, Otsego and Schoharie counties.



Herkimer high pole vaulter scores titles



Herkimer High School Sophomore Melia Couchman had the opportunity to Pole Vault at the NYS Showcase Track and Field meet, where she placed 1st with the Herkimer High School record of 10’2”. The meet was held June 17 at Rondout High School. Melia also recently won the Section 3 Class C title in Pole Vault on June 9 in South Lewis.

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Protect pets in hot weather

Warm weather brings many changes. Warm weather can make travel more enjoyable and affords people more time to comfortably enjoy the great outdoors.

It's best to keep safety in mind when soaking up the sun. That's important for all members of the family, including pets. Cats and dogs are as susceptible to heat-related illnesses as their human companions.

Recognize Heat Stroke

Pets can suffer from heat stroke, according to the American Red Cross. Certain breeds of dogs are highly susceptible, particularly those with short snouts, such as pugs and bulldogs. Excessive exercise in hot weather, lack of appropriate shelter outdoors and leaving a dog in a hot car may precipitate an episode of heat stroke. It's important to get the pet out of direct heat right away and check for signs of shock, which include seizures, a body temperature of 104° F or higher, stupor, increased heart rate or excessive panting. Placing water-soaked towels on the pet's feet, head, neck and abdomen can bring down its temperature.

Be Cautious of Hot Surfaces

Humans wear shoes on their feet for protection, but pets do not have that luxury. Think about how hot your feet can feel when you scurry barefoot across hot sand en route to the shoreline or to cross a deck to get to the pool. When the sun beats down on surfaces, those surface temperatures rise quickly. According to a 2010 study by Liberty Home and Pet Services, at peak afternoon sun and an ambient temperature of 95° in southern Florida, the temperature of cement was measured at 125°, red brick at 135°, blacktop at 140° and grass at 102°. Individuals who think a car is safer for their dog or cat may be surprised the informal study measured 152° on seat surfaces.

Provide Extra Water

It's likely you will need to fill your pets' water bowls more frequently in warm weather than during other times of the year. Be sure to provide constant access to fresh water, even for young puppies who may be learning to house train.

Avoid Cutting Fur Too Short

If a veterinarian suggests a hair cut may be beneficial for keeping a pet cool or comfortable, resist the urge to shave down to the skin. Having at least one inch of fur will protect the pet from sunburn.

Outdoor Hazards

Warm weather may bring out a high number of insects and wildlife. Use a flea and tick preventative product and medication to protect against heartworm, which is transmitted through mosquitoes. Snakes, skunks, raccoons, foxes and other animals may be roaming around, and a scuffle with your pet can result in injury.

Pets need extra care during the warm weather to avoid damage and sickness from the sun, heat and more.

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In 2012, the ASPCA surveyed 1,015 households that had cared for a dog or cat within the past five years. Fifteen

percent of participants had lost a dog or cat in the past five years. Pet owners can employ various strategies to keep their pets safe at home.

Fencing

Physical fences can provide barriers from egress, but they aren't foolproof. Some pets can get under or over fences, which means additional precautions may be needed. Pet owners can try burying chicken wire under the ground at the base of the fence or install a tall or smooth-faced fence that cannot be jumped or scaled.

Wireless Pet Containment System

Wireless systems use sensors on pet collars that are triggered when pets breach the perimeter barrier set on the fences. Certain systems use an audible correction on the collar, while others may employ a static correction that is startling but not harmful.

Spaying & Neutering

Curtail wandering to find a mate by having pets spayed and neutered. This will greatly reduce the urge to roam and also may cut down on other nuisance behaviors such as urine marking or baying.

Generally, vets recommend desexing animals before they are able to breed, which also reduces overpopulation.

Designate a Safe Room

Pets may attempt to escape when they hear loud noises or become confused. This may occur during a house party, when fireworks are going off or even during thunderstorms. During storms or celebrations, keep a skittish pet in a dark, quiet room with comforting bedding and toys.

These strategies can reduce instances of pets wandering away from home.



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HerKimer College appoints academic support center specialist

HerKimer County Community College has appointed Gillian Perry to the role of Academic Support Center specialist.

Perry of St. Johnsville is a HerKimer College alumna, earning an associate degree in business administration in 2017. She went on to earn a bachelor's in accounting and an MBA in technology management with a concentration in accounting and finance from SUNY Polytechnic Institute.

Perry previously served as a professional tutor for accounting, business and mathematics in the college's Academic Support Center (ASC) since 2017. She also worked as an Embedded Tutoring Program assistant and was named the program's lead embedded

tutor in February 2020. As a program leader, Perry helped assess the ETP by collecting, analyzing and presenting data about its success and worked to recruit new faculty and tutors to the program.

In her new role, Perry will manage all front desk operations in the ASC, including supervising student receptionists, coordinating room reservations and reviewing security and all hardware/software functions related to ASC services. The ASC specialist is also responsible for all departmental data collection, analysis and reporting and provides administrative assistance to the ETP. She will continue to serve as the lead embedded tutor.

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For the Junior Golf League, players are recommended to have some golf experience as the PGA Pro will only be helping to guide them. Beginners are welcome to join the Junior Golf Clinics where they will be instructed on the fundamentals of golf.

Junior Golf League

- Wednesdays from 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- Ages 8 - 16.
- \$75 per player (covers the summer)
- July 7, 14, 21 and 28, Aug. 4, 11, 18 and Aug. 25

Junior Golf Clinics

- Tuesdays and Thursdays (two sessions)
- Ages 3 - 14
- \$60 per one session or \$95 per both sessions
- Session One: July 6, 8, 13, 15 and 20
- 1st Group: 9:30 - 11 a.m.; 2nd Group: 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- Session Two: Aug. 3, 5, 10, 12 and 17
- 1st Group: 9:30 - 11 a.m.; 2nd Group: 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Players need to bring their own equipment. To sign up or for more information call 315.823.0330.



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SQSPCA ribbon cutting and open house set for July 17

On Saturday, July 17 the Susquehanna Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SQSPCA) will host a public celebration at 5082-5088 State Highway 28 in Cooperstown to mark the completion of its state-of-the-art animal shelter and adjoining campus.

Following an organizational rebranding, the launch of its SHELTER US capital campaign and just under three years of intensive fundraising, the SQSPCA was poised to move into the brand-new shelter building in mid-June.

"The official ribbon-cutting ceremony will start at 10:45 a.m. on July 17," said SQSPCA Executive Director Stacie Haynes, "but the public is invited to stop by any time throughout the day to help us commemorate this historic moment in the shelter's history."

The SHELTER US project – buoyed by a \$500,000 NYS Companion Animal Capital Fund Grant through the Department of Ag & Markets – is relocating the shelter and thrift store facilities 1.2 miles north of the current location on State Route 28 between Cooperstown and Oneonta.

The new facilities will improve the daily lives of sheltered dogs and cats by better conforming to guidelines established by the Association of Shelter Veterinarians. Upgraded features will include two entrances separating incoming animals from visitors and animals leaving for their new homes, a sterile surgery suite with safe recovery area, a fresh air ventilation system to benefit visitors as well as animals under shelter care and convenient parking.

The open house will run from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., including guided tours of the new facility and light refreshments. Those wishing to attend the ribbon cutting and/or open house are encouraged to RSVP via online registration form at sqspca.org/open-house by July 10.

In operation since 1917, the SQSPCA is a nonprofit organization committed to caring for homeless, surrendered and seized companion animals and finding them loving, forever homes. For more information, or to donate, visit sqspca.org or call 607.547.8111.

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Herkimer College announces President's List for spring 2021

Herkimer County Community College awarded honors to 387 students for the Spring 2021 semester. Of those students awarded honors, 174 were named to the President's List, including the following local students:

Santino V. Aceto, Herkimer
Vincenza Mary Aiello, Frankfort
Meadow Marie Arduini, St. Johnsville
Erica Ann Baldanza, Little Falls
Emma Christine Bilinski, Dolgeville
Anna Lynne Bowers, St. Johnsville
Allyson Elizabeth Brandow, Johnstown
Jordan Lee Brelinsky, Little Falls
Mary Anne Briggs, Herkimer
Scott Wade Christman II, Palatine Bridge
Frank Angelo Cimo III, Ilion
David Patrick Cook, Little Falls
Isabella Marie Coriale, Middleville
Kody Curtis, Frankfort
Hollie Lynn David, Dolgeville
Coreena M. DeJohn, Frankfort
Janet M. Dodson, Dolgeville
Darya D. Don, Jordanville
Braeden Dutcher, Amsterdam

Mikayla L. Evans, Ilion
Kurstin Lynn Gay, Herkimer
Paul M. Gleba, Ilion
Cassandra J. Goldy, Amsterdam
Nicholas Joseph Grant, St. Johnsville
Monica Hartlieb, Canajoharie
Katelynn Hermanowski, Little Falls
David Emery Hight, Mohawk
Trevor James Howard, Canajoharie
Maria Rose Humble, Herkimer
Kaitlyn Nicole Jenks, Canajoharie
Matthew Franklin Kelly, Herkimer
Ross Michael Klein, Herkimer
Ethan Knickerbocker, Fort Plain
Laura Colleen Krowicki, Little Falls
Amanda J. Lawrence, St. Johnsville
Megan Linart, Fort Plain
Sydney Mae Loux, Gloversville
Brianna Marie Lynch, Ilion
Carla Jayne Lyon, Dolgeville
Evan M. Maiorano, Herkimer
Anna Grace McDonald, Frankfort
Antonio C. McKoy, Little Falls
Emilie Rose Monahan, Newport

Erica Monica Monohan, Herkimer
Jamie Lynn Muir, Salisbury Center
Samantha Jean Murphy, Mohawk
Hannah Faith Napier, Dolgeville
Michael Joseph Newberry, Ilion
Tiffany L. Nitka, Ilion
William R Pocyntyluk Jr., Frankfort
Andrea Beth Ray, Herkimer
Carliza E. Roark, Cold Brook
Alyssa F. See, Herkimer
Jamie Burton Seymour, Mohawk
Michele Lee Sheldon, Little Falls
Alexis Leigh Smith, Salisbury Center
Anne Storm, Little Falls
Jacquie Barbara Sweeney, Ilion
Haley NicoleAnne Thomas, Frankfort
Theodore Connor Upson, Newport
Tanner Hayes Vogel, Ilion
Matthew M. Voorhees, Mohawk
Riley Jade Wisheart, Poland
Haley M. Wood, Cold Brook
Julia Carol Yardley, Ilion
Hannah Noel Young, Jordanville
Brayden Mykel Zahniser, Frankfort

Strange But True

by Lucie Winborne

• On May 19, 1996, Kermit the Frog gave the commencement speech at Southampton College, Long Island University.

• TASER is actually an acronym for Tom A. Swift's Electric Rifle. "Tom Swift" references the book character who is not just an inventor of amazing gadgets, but a childhood favorite of the Taser's inventor, Jack Cover.

• The average high school swimmer swims one

million strokes per season.

• Researchers found that male bottlenose dolphins in Western Australia's Shark Bay have formed "boy bands" that harmonize their mating calls together in order to better attract females.

• While working as an extra on the set of "The X-Files," singer Michael Buble was fired for stealing a hot dog from the craft services table.

• The most common injury caused by makeup is scratching the eye with a mascara wand.

• A local folk remedy in Boho, Ireland, involved placing soil from the local church under one's pillow while sleeping to cure infections. The nature of the remedy proved more scientific than divine when, in 2018, a microbiologist found the soil contains a previously unknown strain of streptomyces, which can be used to create antibiotics.

• Out at sea, a tsunami is only about three feet high, and could pass a boat without being noticed.

• At the 2011 World Scrabble Championships in Poland, a competitor demanded officials strip-search his opponent after a "G" tile went missing. The officials decided against it due to a lack of evidence of cheating.

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Be aware: Any dog can bite

(NAPSI) – Most people would probably agree that having a dog charge at them and bite is a frightening experience. The Postal Service reports that that is exactly what happened to over 5,800 letter carriers in 2020. That represented an increase over the previous year. Several things added to the mix; more people were at home, more packages were being delivered and more dogs had been adopted.

The Postal Service places the safety of its employees as a top priority and dedicates a week each year to dog bite awareness. "Raising awareness about dog bite prevention and how to protect our letter carriers as we deliver the mail is paramount," said USPS Acting Employee Safety and Health Awareness Manager Jamie Seavello. "Dogs are instinctive animals that may act to protect their turf."

Here are some tips to prevent dog bite injuries. They should be enforced year-round:

- If a carrier delivers mail or packages to your front door, place your dog in a separate room and close that door before opening the front door. Some dogs can burst through screen doors or plate-glass windows to attack visitors. Always keep the family pet secured.
- If your dog is in the yard when a carrier is

delivering the mail, do not let them run free. Make sure that they are properly restrained on a leash away from where your mail carrier makes delivery. Mail delivery service can be interrupted at an address or in a neighborhood that the carrier deems unsafe because of an unrestrained dog. When service is interrupted at an address or neighborhood, all parties involved will need to pick up mail at their local Post Office.

- Parents should remind their children not to take mail directly from carriers in the presence of the family pet, as the dog may view the person handing mail to a family member as making a threatening gesture.

- A great way for customers to know if their carrier may be knocking on their door to deliver a package is through a free USPS service called Informed Delivery. Customers get a daily email with digital scans of the mail and packages that are scheduled to be delivered that day. You can easily sign up for Informed Delivery by going to informedelivery.usps.com. By knowing about deliveries in advance you can take precautions to keep your carrier safe.

It's important to know that if a dog attacks a letter carrier, the dog owner could be held liable for all medical expenses, repayment of lost work hours and the

replacement of the carrier's uniform and other costs. This can run into thousands of dollars.

It's in the best interest of all parties, including our dogs', for pet parents to heed these safety tips irrespective of their dog's breed, because ultimately, any dog can bite.



Annapolis, MD letter carrier Thomas Tyler takes a protective stance against an approaching dog.

Local students earn Dean's List recognition at Norwich University

The following students from the Herkimer County area have been recognized on the Dean's List at Norwich University in Northfield, VT, for the Spring 2021 semester:

- Maximilian K. Van Meter, Little Falls
- Geoffrey Paul Grace, Little Falls

Full-time undergraduate students who earned a semester GPA of at least 3.40 and had no failures in the previous fall or spring semester are awarded Dean's List honors.

In addition to the above criteria, students in the Spring 2021 semester had to

meet the following criteria in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, which introduced the option for students to choose an alternative grading system or to maintain earned letter grades. To be eligible for President's (GPA 4.0) and Dean's lists (GPA 3.40) for the Spring 2021 Semester, students must have additionally maintained full time enrollment for the Spring 2021 semester, chosen to keep letter grades in at least 12 credits of classes and must not have received any Incomplete or No Pass grades.

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The appeal of camping is undeniable. According to the Business Research Company, a market research and intelligence company, the global camping and car-avanning market is expected to grow from just under \$40 billion in 2020 to more than \$45 billion in 2021. Estimates suggest the market will grow even more in the coming years, reaching \$56.6 billion by 2025.

Camping has long been a popular pastime for outdoor enthusiasts, but it may have developed an entirely new group of devotees in 2020. Traditional vacations may not have been possible in 2020, when governments across the globe urged citizens to avoid conventional travel as the world found itself in the throes of a global pandemic. In an effort to overcome cabin fever, many people viewed camping as a safe way to get out of the house while still limiting contact with people from other households. That no doubt inspired new generations of camping fans, many of whom will continue to pitch their tents and sit around campfires long after the pandemic has ended.

The National Park Service recognizes the popularity of camping and urges people to stay safe. Veteran campers and novices alike can benefit from reviewing these safety tips, courtesy of the NPS.

- **Plan ahead.** Camping trips may not require hours of scouring travel websites in an effort to find the best deals on flights and hotels. But camping trips still re-

quire ample planning. When planning a trip, take into account who's coming along. Assess their camping skills and physical fitness to determine the most appropriate place to camp. Campers with limited mobility may be best suited for accessible campsites. The NPS urges campers to consider if everyone in the group will be able to make a long hike from the parking lot to the campsite. If not, choose a site that you can pull right up to or is just a short, easy walk from the parking lot.

- **Research the campsite and surrounding area.** Know as much as possible about the campsite prior to embarking on your trip. Learn about everything from the local wildlife you may encounter while camping to the condition of surrounding areas, including the altitude, the difficulty of nearby hiking trails and where to go in case of emergency.

- **Develop an emergency plan.** The NPS urges campers to develop an emergency plan, noting that it's always wise to expect the unexpected when camping. Bring a first aid kit along when leaving the campsite to engage in activities like hiking or fishing. Go over safety protocols before going on a hike, including the need to stay together and remain on the trail at all times. More information about what to do should anyone be injured during your trip is available at nps.gov.

- **Bring the right gear.** The NPS notes that each camping trip will have its own equipment needs, which

will be dictated by the setting, the time of year of the trip, the difficulty of the terrain and the duration of the trip. Navigational supplies, sun and insect protection, insulation (i.e., extra clothing and blankets), shelter, flashlights and headlamps, first aid kits, extra food and water, firestarters, repair kits and tools and a communication device like a smartphone or satellite phone are the essential necessities that should be brought along on all camping trips.

Camping is a great way to get away. Campers of all skill and experience levels can make the most of their trips by emphasizing safety at all times.

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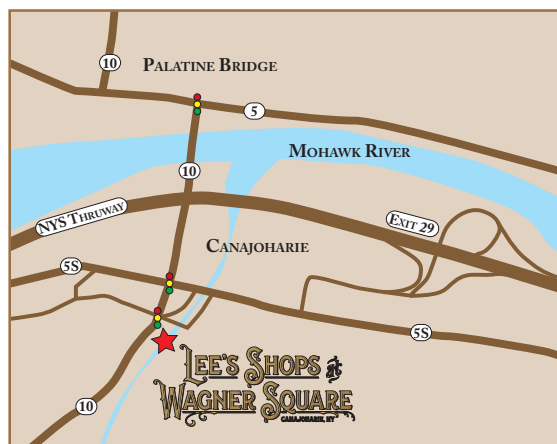
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ACROSS

1 "Sad to say ..."

5 Armed conflict

8 Folksinger Joan

12 Jet speed measure

13 Greek mountain

14 Big name in scat

15 Docking site

16 Leftovers carrier

18 Screenwriter's creations

20 Reddish horses

21 "I'm not impressed"

22 Martini liquor

23 Skilled

26 Flood protection

30 Gun the engine

31 Witty one

32 "As I see it," to a texter

33 Sleazy hotel

36 Be nosy

38 Train lines (Abbr.)

39 Aunt, in Acapulco

40 Part of Hispaniola

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47 Cinched

49 October birth-

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50 Words to a back-stabber

51 In the style of

52 Alpha follower

53 Couturier

54 "Of course"

55 Appear

DOWN

1 Band boosters

2 Secular

3 Computer brand

4 Tempura choice

5 Shoebox datum

6 Big fusses

7 Cleaning cloth

8 Past

9 Jessica of "Dark Angel"

10 Flair

11 Turns sharply

17 Beam

19 Favorite

22 Joke

23 Canine cry

24 N.J. neighbor

25 First lady?

26 Droop

27 Life story

28 I love (Lat.)

29 Republicans

31 Existed

34 Camelot king

35 French cheese

36 — Lancelot

37 Bigwigs

39 Roman robes

40 Wasted no time

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42 "Suffice — say ..."

43 Shopper's delight

44 Fencing sword

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Mega Maze

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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

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NERVE

Today's Word

3. Serene; 4. Elated

1. Pirate 2. Lovely;

solution

SCRAMBLERS

"Can't you go a little faster? We're getting bug splatters on the back windshield."

SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

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Solution time: 23 mins.
Answers
— King Crossword —

It's the heat that defines us this month. It greets us at daybreak with its promise, but in an hour or so, it bears down on our shoulders and makes us dream of shade and something cold to drink.

The best thing about our hot season, however, are evenings when most of the earth cools, and that breeze slides in off the mesa and caresses our cheeks. Then it's time to sit, and laugh, and tell stories and just be with someone we love. Then is the culmination of a day we can be proud of.

Inside each of us, we silently and privately applaud ourselves, because

the hot day tried us, but we did it. All day. We made it through the heat today. Made it with our hands today. Made it through to another precious June evening when we can sit on the patio with something cold and someone sweet.

So it gets hot in the daytime. Okay. But just don't forget to give us these evenings, these blessed evenings when we can recall what cooler weather felt like.

Without these evenings, it would just be another hot summer day.

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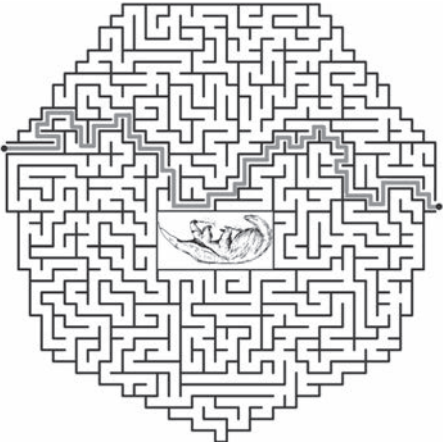
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