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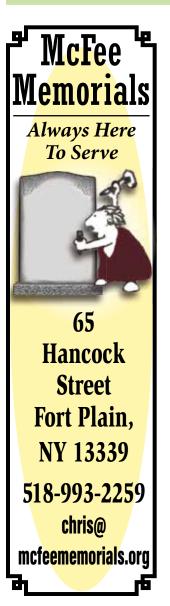
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Keep Mohawk Valley Beautiful launches "QuaranTeam" cleanup effort

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

This year marks KM-VB's 19th annual Great American Cleanup Effort where community volunteers come together to aesthetically improve our environment by creating cleaner parks, streetscapes and public spaces through litter removal and elimination. While the country begins to open back up and more people are spending time outside, KMVB's "QuaranTeam" Cleanup effort is intended to keep its commitment to bringing people together to beautify our communities, even during a global pandemic.

The KMVB "QuaranTeam" Cleanup is a project for individuals and families who are quarantined together to break up their day by taking a walk outside alone or as a family to clean up litter along their property/streets and surrounding areas. "We intend to have adults and children in the six-county Mohawk Valley Region take action to work on beautifying and cleaning areas across their communities while adhering to federal, state and local public health guidelines regarding the pandemic," COVID-19 said Sam Russo, chair of KMVB Committee.

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

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

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

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

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









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point, proving that forgoing traditional vacations for relaxing respites in the comfort of home is a wildly popular trend.

While they might not be as exotic as venturing off to parts unknown, staycations need not be limited to days spent lounging by the backyard pool or laying out on the living room couch. The following are a handful of activities that can help people make the most of their staycations.

• Spa experience: Who doesn't like the chance to engage in a little pampering when staying in a fancy hotel? That same luxury can be enjoyed during a staycation by

booking an appointment at a local spa that offers all the amenities, including a sauna, steam room, beauty treatments, and, of course, massage services.

• A day on the links:

The opportunity to test one's mettle on a new course in an idyllic setting is one golf lovers simply cannot pass up while vacationing. A similar challenge can be found when staying at home. Do a little homework to find the most challenging course within driving distance of your home and then book a tee time, treating vourself even further by indulging in a good meal in the clubhouse once your 18 holes are up.

- The wonders of nature: Professional and personal lives can make it hard to enjoy the great outdoors, even when it's steps from your front door. During a staycation, commit to exploring local parks, hitting the trails to hike or mountain bike or renting a boat or kayak and taking to the water.
- City life: Just because you aren't traveling far away doesn't mean you cannot still get out of town for a day. Plan a day trip to a big city within driving distance of your home. See the sights, visit a museum and cap it off with a visit to a restaurant serving your favorite ethnic cuisine.
- "Go" camping: Parents of young children can make a staycation more special by spending a night camping in the backyard. Leave your devices indoors as you sit around the firepit telling stories and making some delicious s'mores. Then set up the tents and sleep under the stars for a memorable night in the "wild."
- Rainy day: If the weather is not cooperating during your staycation, create a backup plan to add a little life to rainy days. Plan a daylong film festival in which each member of the family gets to choose a movie everyone can watch together. Make sure you have plenty of popcorn on hand and order in a few pizzas so everyone can focus on the films.

Families planning staycations can make these relaxing respites at home more enjoyable by incorporating a few unusual activities throughout the week.



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can access all our events on Facebook.

We are also working on setting up additional pre-

sentations in September and especially for October, as that is the new NYS History Month.

- Escape Today: Schoharie Crossing staff member Kalli has been working on developing Digital Escape Rooms (DER) for the site. See if you can escape the Putman Canal Store or a blockhouse from Fort Hunter by solving puzzles that relate to the history of the site. We're also working on a collaborative DER with the Erie Canal Museum. You can find them on the Friends of Schoharie Crossing Blog at tinyurl.com/y2fm8fmy.
- Ready for Launch: The boat launch is finally open; the dock is in and the water is up. This section of the

modern canal opened late, on July 20. It was nice to see some cool features normally hidden below the water in the creek this summer, but we are excited to have the water up and launch amenity for the public. We hope that by the end of the season we can get out on the water for a paddle.

There is quite a bit going on at the site and we hope that you can make it virtually to our programs or to the exhibit or out on our grounds for some socially distant learning and responsible recreation. We'll do our best to keep you informed on the projects and programs we have planned.



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The first few days of summer vacation were hard on Billy. He was there at his appointed post – that being the school crossing – at the right time of morning, but look as he may, he couldn't find any kids.

He couldn't find Martin, either. The perennial crossing guard with his vest, sign and whistle was home for the summer. So were the kids. School was out.

Billy, being the official town dog since Sally passed away on Doc's porch, decided on the fourth day of no kids that he might as well do something else.

He cruised on down to the Rest of Your Life retirement home and got ear rumples from all the residents there. That's a good way to start summer vacation. Then he dropped over to the Gates of Heaven Chinese Restaurant, and Delbert Chin gave him some scraps out the back door.

On his way to the Mule Barn truck stop at the edge of town, Billy came across Dud Campbell, walking slowly and being very quiet. Dud rubbed Billy's ears, then sat on a low wall. Billy rested his chin on Dud's leg and looked up at his face in admiration.

"Why is it," Dud asked this big brown dog, "that you always know the right thing to do to help people? I think it's a gift, and you have it."

Billy wagged his tail slowly and kept looking up into Dud's face.

"You just keep going on, don't you," Dud said, "no matter what else happens."

Dud sighed and stood up. "I guess there's a lesson there for all of us, Billy. Thank you."

Billy continued on toward whatever lunch scraps might be available at the back door to the Mule Barn. Smelled like chicken fried steak from here. Chicken fried steak is good. Any scraps usually has some French fries with it, too. And gravy.

Ear rumples, Chinese breakfast, helping a friend, and then cream gravy? Nothing wrong with being the town dog

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Calendar of events

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August 9

Meet and Greet for District Attorney Candidate Lorraine Diamond 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., 1 Waddell Ave., Fort Plain.

August 13

Gateway to the West: Schenectady and the Erie Canal. Join Schenectady City Historian Chris Leonard on a rollicking ride on the Erie Canal through Schenectady, from the Rexford Aqueduct to old Lock 23, the busiest transit point on the entire canal. Presentation can be viewed on at 6:30 p.m. Meeting Number: 169 829 0713. Meeting Password: %Meeting-Password% Go to tinyurl.com/y3jg-4grr . For more information, contact david.brooks@parks.ny.gov.

August events

The Herkimer County Fair will be holding events in August. Flea Market: Aug. 15 and 16 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., admission is free. Gymkhana Jackpot Horse Show on Aug. 15 starting at 10 a.m.—but no spectators allowed. Food Truck event Aug. 21-23. Hours of operation 4-8 p.m. on Aug. 21, 12-7 p.m. on Aug. 22 and 12-6 p.m. on Aug. 23. Another Open Horse Show on Aug. 22 at 9 a.m. Following the CDC guidelines to practice social distances at all events and the requirement of masks except while eating. Any information on any of these events can be obtained by calling the Fairgrounds at 315.895.7464 or through email info@HerkimerCountyFair.org August 17 Oneida County Farm Bureau Policy Development meeting 7

p.m. in Vernon, NY. For specific details please contact New York Farm Bureau Field Advisor John Wagner at jwagner@nyfb.org or call John at 315.761.9770.

August 20

Salute to Service Veterans Dinner is a go. Pine Tree Rifle Club and the Salute to Service Dinner organization co-hosting a celebratory dinner to show community support for local veterans at the Paul Nigra Center, 2736 State Highway 30, Gloversville, NY at 4 p.m. Reservations are required to attend. Email HFMveteranspicnic@gmail.com or call 518.762.5382 ex.1017 to reserve a spot. Picnic style dinner.

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September 12-13

Fort Klock Craft Fair canceled. After much consideration, Fort Klock has decided to cancel its craft fair due to COVID-19 concerns. Meetings take place the second Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m. This year the Fort is open for tours on a limited basis. If you would like to learn more about the Fort or how to become a member, call 518.568.7779, visit fortklock-restoration.org or facebook.com/fortklockhistoricrestoration.

September 19

Village of Ames Museum Summers End Festival. CANCELED. Museum will be open with no event. Contact 518.673.5820 or f@amesmuseum or www.amesmuseum.weebly.com

September 25

Music Social — Grand Central Station 7-10 p.m. band (doors open 5:30 p.m.) at Amsterdam Elks Lodge 101, 8 Fourth Ave., Amsterdam, NY. For more info, call Michelle Egelston at 518.339.2260 or Amsterdam Elks Lodge at 518.842.6363 or check their Facebook page. \$10.

October 3

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November 7

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December 2

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This "Fly and Pest Control for Livestock" workshop will take place on Zoom and is free. The link will be emailed to registrants. The webinar will occur on Thursday, Aug. 20 at 6 p.m. RSVP by Aug. 19. Guest speaker is Ken Wise.

Register online at cnydfc.cce.cornell.edu/event.php?id=1255 or call 315.866.7920 or email your information to herkimer@cornell.edu.

The importance of updating operating systems

Anyone who owns a smartphone, tablet, computer or another smart device is no doubt familiar with system updates. Users are often alerted to system updates on their devices via notifications, which can be easily forgotten if unintentionally ignored. But users who ignore system update notifications may be doing so at their own peril.

According to the Get-SafeOnline.org, a United Kingdom-based initiative that aims to offer practical advice on online safety, there are many reasons why users should install operating system updates as soon as they're notified that the updates are available. Regardless of whether users have Mi-

crosoft Windows, Apple or Android devices, installing system updates when they're available can make users and their data less vulnerable to online criminals. In fact, system updates are sometimes issued in response to malware and other security flaws that online criminals found and exploited in previous versions.

System updates are not always issued with security in mind. Updates also can enhance device functionality, making for a more user-friendly and less frustrating experience. Devices that routinely crash or freeze or those that generally suffer from poor performance may benefit from system updates. In such instances, users can

save hundreds of dollars, if not more, on replacement devices by first updating their systems. Devices that respond well to system updates likely don't need to be replaced.

Failing to install system updates can compromise device performance, even when devices haven't yet started to exhibit symptoms like freezing

updates, devices continue to be vulnerable to cybercrime attacks like hacking and/or viruses, spyware and malware. System update notifications can be easily forgot-

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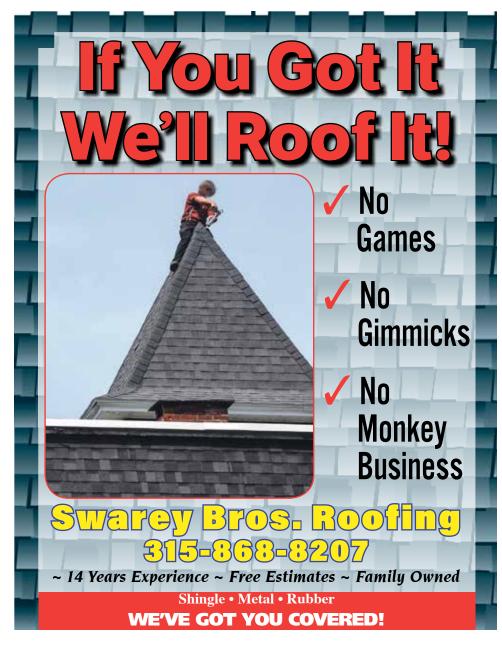






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Fort Klock Craft Fair canceled

After much consideration, Fort Klock has decided to cancel its craft fair scheduled for Sept. 12 - 13 this year.

Citing the risks and difficulty of maintaining social distancing, the historic site's board felt this was the best decision for all involved.

"While we would be able

to move some of the crafters farther apart to keep the traffic spread out, there were too many areas where social distancing would be a concern. We felt there was too much risk to the crafters, shoppers and our volunteers," said Craft Fair Chairperson Joan Kark-Wren.

Started in 1972, the craft fair has long been a favorite in the area and is one of the Fort's biggest fundraisers of the year.

Fort Klock, located just east of St. Johnsville on Route 5, is run by a group of volunteers dedicated to promoting and preserving the rich history of the Fort. Fort Klock Historic Restoration primarily relies on volunteers, donations, fundraising events and gift shop sales for the ongoing restoration/preservation, furnishing and interpretation. The organization is actively accepting membership applications.

Meetings take place the sec-

ond Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m.

This year the Fort is open for tours on a limited basis. If you would like to learn more about the Fort or how to become a member, call 518.568.7779, visit fortklockrestoration.org or facebook.com/fortklockhistoricrestoration.

Being a compassionate caregiver to someone living with dementia

(StatePoint) – Dementia can be devastating for the people who live with it and their family members, and it's a diagnosis more Americans will face as the U.S. population ages.

In the next 20 years, the total number of those living with Alzheimer's disease or other types of dementia in the U.S. is expected to approximately double from 7.2 million to nearly 13 million, according to the Milken Institute.

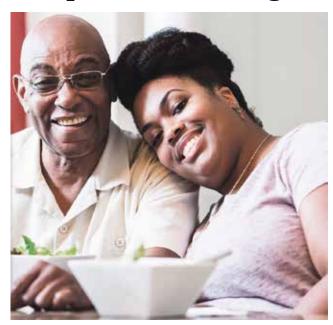
"As the life a person always knew becomes increasingly unfamiliar, caregivers can play an important role in helping ease anxiety," said Jennifer Sheets, president and CEO of Interim Health-Care Inc., an in-home healthcare and assistance provider that takes a positive approach to caring for those with dementia. "With the right knowledge, a caregiver can help their loved one cope with the changes they are experiencing.

Dementia is caused by physical changes in the brain and while there any many kinds of dementia, Alzheimer's is the most common.

To approach caregiving with greater compassion, Interim HealthCare recommends three practical tips:

• Use the hand-underhand technique: Handunder-hand is a technique that caregivers can use to reduce anxiety and calm a person with dementia. The base or heal of the hand is a highly sensitive area. Put slight pressure on that area by clasping your dominant one's hand. This technique works best if you put your hand underneath theirs. That gives them a feeling of control as well as calms them.

Acknowledge evolving tastes: A person living with dementia



Dementia is caused by physical changes in the brain and while there any many kinds of dementia, Alzheimer's is the most common.

experiences a range of sensory and cognitive changes that can affect their appetite and food preferences. Indeed, your loved one's favorite foods may now have a negative smell or taste to them. While maintaining good nutrition is essential, don't force these foods or argue over them. Instead, offer a variety of balanced foods: vegetables, fruits, whole grains, low-fat dairy products and lean proteins, in small servings at first until you understand new preferences. Realize these preferences may change again.

• Carve out time for art and music: Once a person is diagnosed with dementia, their ability to act independently greatly diminishes. However, artwork and music allow for freedom of expression, which over time can be quite impactful in relieving anxiety. Remember, it's about the creative process, not your loved one's abilities. Set aside 30 - 45 minutes weekly for art or music and consider participating alongside them.

Committed to help-

end, many caregivers and clinicians in the Interim HealthCare network participate in PAC training rooted in learning care techniques that can ease anxiety, as well as in un-

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Teepa Snow, an interna-

tional leader in the Pos-

itive Approach to Care

(PAC) philosophy. To that

derstanding what a person living with dementia can still do – even as the journey continues to become more difficult for them over time.

Interim HealthCare has created a free down-loadable guide with more tips and guidance intended to provide the most supportive environ-

ment possible

To download the free guide visit interimhealthcare.com/dementia-caregiver-guide.aspx.

Caring for a person with dementia is a difficult journey. However, a greater understanding of the condition can help caregivers better cope and manage their role



ing caregivers find the strength and stamina needed to provide compassionate support, Interim HealthCare has based its care approach



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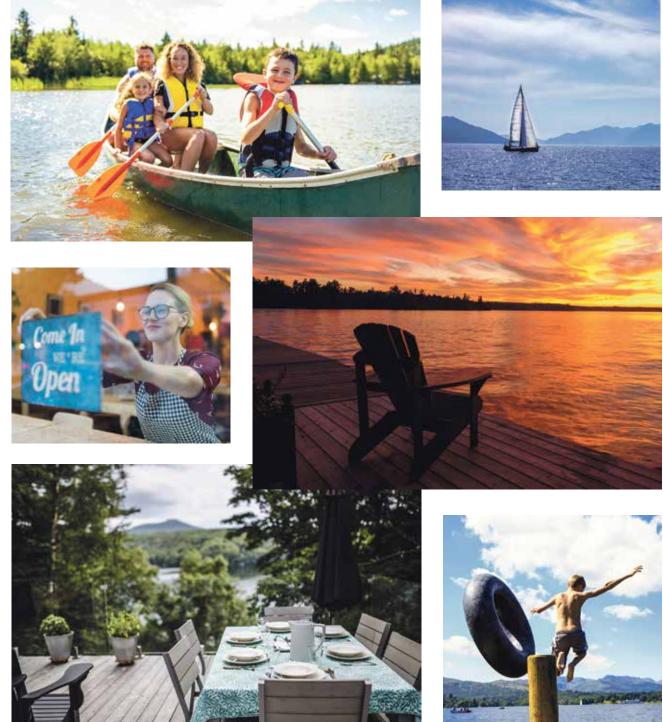


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Herkimer County Fair events during August

Due to COVID-19, the Herkimer County Fair and many other events on the fairgrounds were cancelled but the Herkimer County Fair will be holding events in August—starting with the Flea Market on Aug. 15 and 16 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., admission is free. A 12

x 12 space is only \$20 for the day and \$30 for both days. Also there will be a gymkhana jackpot horse show on Aug. 15 starting at 10 a.m.—unfortunately there will be no spectators allowed. The next event will be the Food Truck event to be held Aug. 21-23. Hours of opera-

tion will be 4-8 p.m. on Aug. 21, 12-7 p.m. on Aug. 22 and 12-6 p.m. on Aug. 23. Outside tables will be available. Another open horse show will be held on Aug. 22 starting at 9 a.m. The fair will be following the CDC guidelines to practice social distances at all events

and the requirement of masks except while eating.

Any information on any of these events can be obtained by calling the Fairgrounds at 315.895.7464 or through our email at info@HerkimerCountyFair.org.

State Commissioner of Ag addresses what to do with unsolicited, mislabeled packages of seeds sent from China

"Our office has received questions from a few New Yorkers who have received unsolicited packages allegedly sent from China that are marked as containing

jewelry but which actually contain plant seeds. Similar packages have been received in other states and the USDA is investigating. People who receive seeds should

not plant or handle the seeds. They should store them safely in a place children and pets cannot access and email USDA immediately at erich.l.glasgow@usda.gov for instructions," said Ag Commissioner Richard A. Ball. "Seeds imported into the United States are rigorously tested to ensure quality and prevent introduction of invasive species, insects and diseases. We will continue to monitor this issue and will pass along guidance as it is received from USDA."

Consumers you re-

ceive these packages of seed are also asked to email USDA with their full names and telephone numbers, pictures of the package and any other relevant information.

Southern Peach Pork Chops

Juicy peaches hot off the grill are perfect with tender seared meat.

- 1 tablespoon curry powder
- 1 tablespoon brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 pinch black pepper
- l clove garlic, crushed with garlic press

4 (about 5 ounces each) pork loin chops, 3/4-inch thick

4 large peaches, each cut in half

1/2 cup peach jam, substitute apricot jam or preserves Arugula, for garnish

- 1. In cup, stir curry powder, brown sugar, olive oil, salt, cinnamon, pepper and garlic.
 - 2. With hands, rub both

sides of pork chops with curry mixture.

- 3. Brush cut side of peach halves and 1 side of chops with some jam. Place peaches, brushed side down, and chops, brushed side up, on grill over medium heat; cook 5 minutes.
- 4. Turn chops and peaches over and brush grilled side of chops with some jam; cook 5

minutes longer. Remove peaches from grill when browned and place on platter. Turn chops and brush with remaining jam; cook 2 to 3 minutes longer, until chops are browned on the outside and still slightly pink on the inside. Place chops on platter with peaches; garnish with arugula. Serves 4.

* Each serving: About 475

calories, 24g total fat (8g saturated), 23g protein, 42g carbohydrate, 58mg cholesterol, 325mg sodium.

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The Honda franchise was started in July 1963. We have sold motorcycles, ATV's and SxS's. This has been a family business with Owen, Beverly, and son Barry entering the business after college in 1973. Barry has been General Manager/CEO and with his wife Debbie, has run the business for the last 15 years. Now 68 years old, Barry has decided to retire and close the business.

At this time Barry's dad Owen, 92 years old, is a resident at Palatine Nursing Home and is doing well. His wife Beverly passed away in January of this year. She was 89 years old.

We want to thank all of our loyal customers for their support and friendship over the years. We couldn't have done it all without you!

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Thank you again for your support and friendship. We wish you all the best!

With our sincere thanks,
Barry and Debbie Christman
Joe Saltsman - Mechanic
Jessica Daniels - Office

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How to support a loved one with cancer

Support networks are vital for cancer patients. The experts at Weill Cornell Medicine note that the support of family friends, both in the immediate aftermath of a diagnosis and throughout treatment, can help patients regain a sense of normalcy and maintain their emotional stability, each of which improves their chances at ensuring a positive clinical outcome.

The role of cancer caregiver is often unlike any other people have played or will play. In recognition of that, the American Society of Clinical Oncology offers the following tips to cancer caregivers as they transition into their new roles.

- Prepare yourself. Caregivers may be so busy looking into what they can do to help a loved one diagnosed with cancer that they overlook or forget the need to prepare themselves. The ASCO recommends that caregivers process their own feelings about a loved one's diagnosis before they begin caring for that person. This can ensure their focus is where it needs to be when their loved needs help. In addition, caregivers can do everything to learn about their loved one's disease ahead of time. Many patients are not forthcoming about their disease, and even those that are may find it physically and emotionally exhausting to repeatedly share the details of their disease with friends and family. Learning the basics on your own can save the patients from these feelings of exhaustion.
- Let your loved one know it's alright to say, "No." Caregivers may want to give their loved one advice, but it's important that they recognize recommendations, however well-intentioned they may be, may not always be welcome.

That can create unnecessary tension between caregiver and patient. Let your loved one know they can decline suggestions, and always ask permission before giving advice.

- Don't forget to have fun. A cancer diagnosis is serious business, but caregivers and patients must make room for levity throughout the treatment process. The ASCO recommends caregivers make time for light conversation and humorous stories. This can be beneficial to both patients and caregivers, providing a routine respite from discussions about how patients are feeling. Discussions about topics other than cancer, such as sports, movies or hobbies, also can be a respite from the rigors of treatment and caregiving.
- Treat your loved one just as you ordinarily do. The ASCO notes the importance of treating a loved one during treatment just as you normally would. While that may not always be possible, it can help patients feel like they're still a friend or family member first and a cancer patient second.
- Pay attention to your loved one's feelings. Some doctors encourage cancer patients to keep a journal or blog during their treatments. If possible, read their journal or blog entries. Many people are more comfortable sharing feelings in this way than directly with their caregivers, so the entries can provide valuable insight into how loved ones are coping.

Cancer caregiver is a role unlike any other and presents some unique challenges. Caregivers can employ various strategies and even speak with their loved one's physicians in an effort to overcome those challenges.

Cyber safety is important for every grade

People rely on the internet every day. In recent months, reliance on digital technology was pushed even further as social distancing measures had the world going online for school and work and to maintain relationships with friends and family.

A 2018 report from Pew Research Center indicated that nearly 25% of young adults in America reported being online almost constantly. Common Sense Media says teens spend an average of nine hours a day online, compared to roughly six hours for those between the ages eight and 12 and 50 minutes for kids younger than eight.

Students must exercise caution when spending time online. Connectivity can be empowering, but it also puts students at risk from others and even their own, sometimes-irresponsible behaviors. Staying safe online should remain a priority for students who must spend more time on

the internet and using digital education tools. These are some tips for maintaining cyber safety:

- Exercise caution when sharing information like your name, address, phone number and other personal data online check with a trusted parent or teacher before sharing private data.
- Report any online activity that makes you feel uncomfortable, scared or confused, whether it is directed at you or a classmate.
- Think carefully before you post comments online. Data remains online indefinitely, and your words and actions today can greatly affect your future.
- Respect others online by refraining from demeaning or bullying comments.
- Do not try to get around firewalls and blocked websites set up by school administrators. These limitations are there for your protection.
- Stick to school-sanc-

tioned assignments and internet browsing when using school-issued devices. Administrators may have the right to monitor student activity without students' knowledge and you can easily get yourself in trouble.

- It is easy to hide or fake one's identity on the internet, so never take someone you meet or speak with online at face value. Never meet up with someone you do not know or only met online.
- Talk to your parents or educators about extortion and ransomware that tries to trick you into providing payment in some shape or form to prevent a perpetrator from releasing private information about you, advises the Readiness and Emergency for Schools Technical Assistance Center.

Various steps can be taken to promote cyber safety among students, parents and administrators. MOHAWK VALLEY COUNTRY EDITOR

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100 years of suffrage: How the ALA continues to empower female voters

(BPT) - It came down to one vote. One hundred years ago, on Aug. 18, 1920, the 19th Amendment was ratified with the vote of a young Tennessee senator, breaking a tie to tip the scales. American women had won the long, hard-fought right to vote. After a 70-year movement and a four-year war, their voices were being heard across the country. On the 100th anniversary of this major accomplishment, we take note of how our country's past resembles its present as we mobilize toward a better future.

Just like this year, 1920 was a time of renewal in our nation. The end of World War I ushered in a new chapter of American life and a reinvigoration of the women's suffrage movement. Throughout the war, women had driven ambulances across battlefields, stitched up wounded soldiers, sewn surgical masks and operated munitions factories. Over nine million American women participated in the war effort. This swell of patriotic support showcased the valuable role every American plays in our democracy, regardless of gender. As American life shifted back to its pre-war reality, it became clear that women didn't have enough opportunities to engage in government and express their patriotism.

It was during this same time in the wake of WWI that the American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) was founded, on Nov. 10, 1919, providing women with a forum to support their veteran spouses and promote the patriotism that had been so essential to them during the war. Less than a year later, in August 1920, the 19th Amendment was ratified and women were given the right to officially and fully participate in our democracy by voting.

One hundred years later, women play an important role in the American political process, and the ALA continues to help young women learn about the way our government runs and the value of their vote. ALA Girls Nation, hosted annually, teaches young women about the democratic process through a weeklong, immersive learning experience in Washington, D.C. Participants learn about the power of being an engaged citizen by representing their own states in a mock government as they campaign for political office, craft

and debate the passage of legislation and meet with their real-life counterparts on Capitol Hill. This invaluable program is where young women get to put their patriotism and political aspirations into action and experience a real-world look at the democracy they contribute to daily. To learn more about ALA Girls Nation, or any other American Legion Auxiliary program, visit ALAfor-Veterans.org.

Every moment that led to a woman's right to vote – from the first woman to step up and join the war effort to that final vote being cast by a 23-year-old senator – is a testament to fighting for our freedoms. We celebrate and honor veterans by utilizing the freedoms they protect and participating in our democracy. As we reach the 100th anniversary of women's suffrage, we reflect on this monumental step toward equality. The best way to show thanks for our country and the people who fought for it is to exercise our right to

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point A to point B, making it important to keep it in good shape for when you're ready to ride the roads. While the average American spends plenty of time behind the wheel, there can be periods of time where cars sit in the garage or on the driveway.

Not only can weather impact a vehicle's performance, but so can its usage. A battery not in use will eventually lose

its charge. If a car hasn't gained a lot of mileage over a period of three weeks or longer, the likelihood of a dead battery increases by roughly 50%, according to a study by Interstate Batteries, making it a leading cause of car trouble.

In fact, nearly 1 in 4 car batteries will need to be replaced on the road this year, but more than half of consumers do not test their batteries every year or don't know if their batteries have been tested, according to the study.

Maintain your battery and your vehicle overall with these tips for safer driving:

- At regular intervals, have your car battery tested at a professional service or repair shop. From phone chargers to built-in security systems, your car battery may power more than you think, and it can place a strain on your alternator. If the alternator can't keep up, your vehicle relies on the battery to make up the difference, which can cause further strain. Having an external battery charger on-hand can help maintain your car's power during its off
- Regularly check fluid levels, including your coolant and oil, replace air filters and ensure your tires are properly inflated.
- Check to make sure you have your owner's manual with you either in the glovebox or bookmarked on your smartphone's browser.
- Replace your jumper cables with a road trip kit containing more practical items, such as a jump box, LED flash-

lights, first aid kit and duct tape. Jumper cables require another car to power your dead battery and the right positioning to make the cables reach, so a jump box containing a battery and permanently attached jumper cables can be an easier alternative for getting your car back up and running.

Especially when you use your vehicle irregularly, it's important to practice proper and routine car maintenance so your vehicle is ready when you hit the road again. Find more advice for keeping your car in top condition at InterstateBatteries.com.

What to do if your car won't start

- Turn everything off. From electronics and climate control to any other accessories that can be powered down, make sure to turn all of them off. This can make it easier for another car to start yours and can prevent potential damage from voltage surges when power is restored.
- Call for help. Roadside assistance is available through some auto insurance policies as well as numerous club memberships. Alternatively, try contacting friends and family, or if you're parked at an apartment building or in an office complex, its maintenance or security team may be able to help.
- Raise the hood and leave it open. This is a universal sign for help that doesn't use your battery. If you don't already know, consult your owner's manual to find where your battery is located. If you find corrosion around the negative terminal, carefully brush it off or knock it loose with a wrench or tire iron. Do not blow on it, as this can result in debris entering your eyes.
- Jump-start your car. If possible, use a jump box, which is a compact, rechargeable battery that can jump-start your car. They're safer and easier than jumper cables and provide a gentler jump-start for your engine.





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201936206: 1.2 Acres with spectacular views of the adirondacks to build your Adirondack home or with lake access from Pecks Lakes Sunrise Bay. This land has a few improvements the driveway is

in placed and the building site has been leveled. There are certified engineer plans for both the building site and septic system. Peck Lake is located in the southern adirondack with the Adirondack park in your back yard with all the wild life you could ask for. Access to everything a person would want - shopping, fishing, hiking, boating (restrictions apply), golf and lets not forget snowmobiling! \$109,900



202022511: What a scenic location comes with this rustic ranch style home located along the Mohawk River. Fifty dollar permit (a year) grants you beautiful access to the river. Let's not forget an easy walk to the bike bath too. A large front porch, hardwood floors throughout and a wood burning fireplace in your cozy living room. 3 bedrooms, office/craft room, full bath and room to add a 2nd bath if



201912246: Well cared for commercial building w/ total of 5 apartments & a large store front. Established antique store. Settlers Block is on the 1st floor, approximately 2,240 square feet w/ 3 bathrooms.First floor is an open space and has 2 large display windows. 2nd floor is 3 apartments&3rd floor is 2 apartments Full basement w/ plen ty of storage. Updated furnace & electric entrance. Hardwood

floors in all the apartments. This is a well-cared for building w/ endless possibilities.Plenty of off street parking. \$175.000

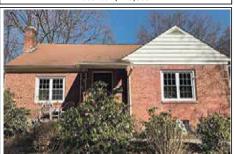


202019680: Privacy and seclusion is what you will get with this property. Long private drive leads to open field and woods. View is absolutely amazing and you will enjoy it from the windows of your home and side deck. Woodburning fireplace in the living room. Finished basement with a half bath; which is perfect for recreational room, family room or in-laws. Woodstove in the basement heats it nicely. The backyard features a 2nd deck overlooking a pond.

\$199,000



202023709: Looking for privacy? Escape to your new home on 13.86 peaceful acres in the country. This spacious split level home is just what you have been looking for. It features 4 bedrooms and 1 1/2 baths. Both bathrooms have been up dated along with a new laundry room, a new flat top range, and a new electrical panel box. Outside features a patio to enjoy your coffee on, a basketball court, your very own she-shed that used to be a sugar shack, blueberry bushes apple & pear trees, and a small barn that could be used for animals or extra storage. \$219,900



202015400: Video walkthroughs allowed and with proof of funds or pre qual Unaccompanied showings. Beautiful home on Bethlehem School District, 3 bedroom single family home with a large yard and above ground pool. Finished attic for extra rooms. \$245.000



202019724: Just built!! This new dreamhome sits on 6.1 acres on a private road in the country and has the most breathtaking view. Take in the scenery on your large wrap around deck overlooking your tranquil pond. House features vaulted ceilings, hardwood floors, quartz countertops, a walkout basement that could easily be finished and a large detached 2 bay garage. \$299,000



202022086: Adorable move-in-ready bungalow with beautiful woodwork and a lot of character. Home is two bedrooms with an office/den that could easily be turned into a third bedroom. Large walk-up attic has plenty of room for storage and has a finished bonus room. Brand new heating system & gas water heater, new PEX plumbing, new wiring, and new vinyl plank flooring in the kitchen and bathroom. Full basement and detached two car garage.



202018963: Nice side street in the village of Fort Plain Beautiful hardwood floors throughout this home! Formal dining room and livingroom. 3 bedrooms and 1 full bath. Nice front porch to relax and enjoy yourself

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201811386: Build your new home, cabin or park your camper on this nice 12 +/- acres with plenty of trees and open field, giving you options for choosing your building site, minutes from village, I-90 and Adirondack Park. Deed restriction: no single wide mobile homes. \$36,000



202023976: This stunning waterfront home on Canada Lake is everything you have been looking for. Just walk-in and enjoy this fabulous renovated home with a modern kitchen and baths. Spacious living room with a lot of natukitchen and daths. Spacious living room with a lot of natu-ral light, a cozy fireplace & sliding glass door leads directly to your own dock. Updates include a new roof, siding, windows, flooring, insulation, pilings, steel support beams, electrical, and plumbing. Automatic back-up generator included in sale. Call for your private tour today and start enjoying the "Lake Life". **\$365,000**



202024637: Commercial property working 3 bay garage in a busy area. Great business opportunity some or all equipment can be included. Separate building has warehouse space and an unfinished 1 br apartment (1440sq ft) could be owner occupied or rented for additional income. NEED TO SEE priced to sell !!! \$99,000



202024042: This property is located on heavily traveled NYS Highway 30A between the Village of Fonda and the City of Johnstown. There is continuous travel year round to the industrial park in Johnstown and addition; summer traffic for those heading to points north to the Adirondack Mountains and Saratoga Springs. This is a great location for most types of business. Come and take a look. \$99,000



beautiful. Victorian Home in very good condition. Lots of rooms and lots of possibility. This property also included additional income property - 2 units behind the main home. The upstairs unit is 2 bedroom.

202024369: A

one bath and the downstairs unit is a one bed, one bath. Both units are heated with electric. Live in the main house and the rent from the units in the back could pay the mortgage! \$179,000



202024467: Two-story, 3 bedroom home with many original features. Nice woodwork throughout the home Convenient location and borders the park for your pets and children to enjoy. Front porch and a detached garage. \$54,900

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