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to secluded back vard. Property lines are

survey staked. \$149,500

perfect for an in-law

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income. The home

features a large kitcher and living room, as well as a den/dining

area. Also on the

area. Also on the property is a large (24 x 48) garage with workshop. Call now to schedule a private showing! \$124,900

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202126550: A sweet, easy to maintain, one-level home sets on 1 acre of a spacious parcel, tucked away in the village with all the amenities. It features 3 bedrooms with organized closets & 1 newly updated bath. A fully automated propane gas

202122383: Do you like to golf, hike, ski, or snowboard? This might be the place for you! Just a few miles to Nick Stoner Golf Course and Royal Ski Area! This 4 season home is currently a 1 bedroom, 1 full bath with marble tile on 1 full bath with marble tile on the first floor. Upstairs you will find what could be 2 additional bedroom framed out and partially you an added 400 sqft of living space! You are able to join the

202122638: Consider owning your own road vith the possibility of long-term snow removal and maintenance contracts for the residents along this private road tly 5 existin location. \$12,000

202031528: Beautiful lake

202031528: Beautiful lake ront property on Northville ake. Great getaway or year round living. Home has 3 bedrooms and open floor concept. Living room has

rood burning fireplace for warm cozy nights. Large

oversized garage. Enjoy

our view of the lake fron

your back porch. Home has updated handicap

ible bathroc

MUST SEE!!! 345.000

generator keeps this home worry-free during outages. The huge dry

basement has plenty of storage as

well as lots of workshop space. The

large yard gives endless possibilities for your outdoor pleasures. Taxes are

without exemptions. Property is up high above the flood zone. A perfec snow-bird 2nd home, retirement home, or even a first time home buyers'smaller home. \$139,000

East Caroga Lake Association

and have access to the

recreational hall, private beach

basketball courts, playground

and more! \$115.000



202119845: Easy living with all main rooms on the same floor. Large open living room with a wood burning fireplace and pellet stove. Large rtially finished baser as endless opportunities with a built in bar, could ne used for enterta Second bathroom is on the lower level and in the process of being renovated. \$260,000



202113098: Unique opportunity. This property has 2 separate buildings on he same lot. The 2 family has the same lot. The 2 family has (2) 3 bedroom apartments and a single family home has 2 bedrooms. Both houses have newer roof and boilers. All utilities are separate. The houses have good tenants and all are rented. \$750 a month for the 2 family and \$825 a month and \$825 a month or \$100 and \$10 he 2 family and \$825 a month for the single family home Call for appo ment to see. \$155.000



202019981: Here is a great opportunity to purchase a commercial building to start your own business, or to purchase the aming shop business for an additional ice of \$50.000.00. Picture Perfect Fram-Shop and Art Gallery is located across the street from Canaioharie Library and art Gallery, anationally recog Picture Perfect has be Picture Perfect has been in business for 29 years and has a very loyal clientele. The present owners are willing to train thenew owners in all aspects of the business. There are many opportunities for other roperty. The small upstairs room have a private entrance off the back of the building for possible rental of this space. \$125,000







202117511: One floor living at its best! Start packing now because this ranch style home is move in ready. Recently updated with new flooring, new countertops and ecently updated with appliances. 2 bedro new flooring, new countertops ar

202126058: Quaint Cape Cod style home located in a hilltop residential setting close

202126058: Quaint Cape Cod style home located in a hilltop residential setting close to schools, shopping. Lathe and plaster throughout the interior has been removed and replaced with sheetrock along with updating of electrical and plumbing. Kitchen has new cabinetry not yet installed allowing you add your personal touch for the layout and countertops of your choice. Home has all new virnyl windows and a basement serves as a laundry room, craft area, work shop and a home brewery with a kitchenette (sink stope counter space). Bedrooms

202119686: Located just outside the village of St. Johnsville sits this cute and pacious 2-Bedroom, 1.5 bath home with a separate living quarters on the property



will keep you cool in the summer. It also has a sunroom with a natural gas stove and 3 sliding glass doors that could be used for a home office it. sed for a home office, it ou need some Vitamin O while you are on your Zoom calls, Schedule a showing today!! \$140 000





202126162: Spacious 2 family home in quiet village. Recently renovated 2-3 bedroom downstairs apartment with large kitchen, large living room, onsite laundry hookups in utility room, partial finished hasement renlacement windows and basement, replacement windows and an enclosed porch. Two bedroom upstairs. Property features 2 car garage with a a storage shed with off-street parking. Downstairs apartment is vacant, nice opportunity for owner occupied and earning income from upstairs unit. Separate electric m new roof in 2010. **\$48,000** 



202114500: A great building lot! Open fields and wooded area. Semi private! Centrally located to Canajoharie and Cobleskill. About 10 miles to exit 29 of the NYS Thruway with Albany being only about 45 minutes away. This parcel is being subdivided from a larger parcel. The taxes shown are based on a 50 acre parcel - with new taxes being figured after the survey is submitted to Town \$49,900

horse shoe league every Sunday and the potentia 202120288: The possibilities are endless! Picture this... Two homes and a large garage nestled on 40 acres, surrounded by meadows, gardens, andwoods. Privacy awaits in the first home which is surrounded by trees. This home features an open kitchen, cathedral ceilings, master suite/jacuzzi tub and ample closet space throughout. Deck off the back for parties or entertaining as well. In between is a very large 2 car garage for storage or vehicles. On the other side of the garage is the second house which features a bright kitchen, vinyl plank flooring, 3 bedrooms and deck. Could be



used as income property or an oasis for friends and family. Enjoy the beautiful views of your barn in the meadow, the pond and wildlife. There is so much potential here wit this unique property, Call Today! \$279.000



202122226: FRONT YARD FENCE HAS BEEN 20212226: FRONT YARD FENCE HAS BEEN PARTIALLY REMOVED FOR ADDITIONAL PARKING. BRAND NEW ROOF NEWLYINSTALLED, CARPORT HAS BEEN ENCLOSED and old ramp removed, making easier access to the kitchen. Fence along driveway restricting driveway use has been removed, Landscaping in front yard. Upcoming improvements to be done two new entance door replacement and to be done, two new entrance door replacement and some new windows to be installed. This home is a great home for downsizing, first home, or rental a great nome for downsizing, inst nome, or rental property. It has two bedrooms downstairs and two full bath downstairs with onedoubling as a laundry room. The backyard has plenty of room and is fence in for kids or pets. The home is in very good shape, come and take a look. \$112,000

# **Some Pictures and Thoughts from the Canajoharie Street Fair Held Saturday, September 11, 2021**

A Note from the Mayor of Canajoharie,

If you have not heard, on Saturday, September 11, 2021 within the Village of Canajoharie took place the 2nd Annual Street Fair.

This fabulous event started with a parade in tribute to the tragic events that took place on 9/11/01, followed by an all-day craft and vendor sale event with eateries and other community gatherings, set up throughout downtown Canajoharie. Later in the evening, to conclude the day, was a beautiful display of fireworks to watch.

The event was a huge success for many reasons. One large reason was all the help from the volunteers involved from; Lee Newspapers, Inc., The Canajoharie Volunteer Fire Department, the Canajoharie-Palatine Bridge Chamber of Commerce, Lee's Shops and many village employees and community members who all played a large part in making the event a successful one. Thank you all for your help. The Village of Canajoharie and the community look forward many more successful years of this event.

Mayor Jeff Baker Village of Canajoharie











**Save the DATE: Saturday, September 10th, 2022** 

# Mohawk Valley Brownfield Development Summit Learn, network and invest in the Mohawk Valley

The Mohawk Valley Brownfield Development Summit, created by a unique collaboration of the six Mohawk Valley counties and the Mohawk Valley Economic Development District, will take place Oct. 6 and 7 in Johnstown. The summit will provide developers a dynamic in-person opportunity to learn, network and invest in the Mohawk Valley brownfield redevelopment. According to Stephen Smith, executive director of the Mohawk Valley Economic Development District, "The summit will tie in the Mohawk Valley's economic leaders, the brownfield sites ready for restoration and America's brownfield developers looking to acquire sites for future economic growth."

Keynote speaker Senate Majority Leader Charles Schumer will spotlight why investment in the Mohawk Valley has never looked brighter. With a \$2 billion investment forecast, businesses are looking to invest. Federal and state investment in semiconductors and the innovation economy are closely aligned with investments in the Marcy Nanocenter, Cree/Wolfspeed, Danfoss Silicon Power, Air Force Research Laboratory and the Innovare Advancement Center underway. The surge of economic activity is putting more focus on preparing sites for industrial, commercial residential and infill development. Seasoned experts from the public and private sectors will address redevelopment including, the Mohawk Valley's needs, redevelopment opportunities, leveraging, incentives and why businesses are investing in the Mohawk Valley. The summit will showcase prioritized sites for redevelopment on a dedicated and interactive website.

Visit the Mohawk Valley Economic Development district website at mvedd.org/about-brownfields-1 to register for a unique event and become a part of this exceptional networking opportunity.

# Pumpkins 5 Any Size

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# Smullen demands rescinding healthcare worker vaccination mandate

Rob-Assemblyman ert Smullen (R, C, I, SAM-Meco) was joined by his Assembly Republican colleagues requesting the State Department of Health and Gov. Kathy Hochul reverse the mandate that requires healthcare workers to get vaccinated. With about one-fourth of total healthcare workers unvaccinated and learning that many concerned healthcare workers will be terminated due to forced vaccinations, Smullen hopes to prevent another rural healthcare crisis by keeping our frontline workers working and not infringing on their constitutional rights.

"The issue of vaccination is one of personal choice. It doesn't matter if you're a construction worker or an electrician or a politician or a healthcare worker," Smullen said. "With my colleagues and I predicting that onefourth of our total healthcare workforce may be terminated if mandated to receive vaccinations, we must strongly reconsider whether this is the best option for the state as a whole.

"Part of the pandemic crisis of 2020 was that our hospitals and health-care systems were overwhelmed. I can't imagine how bad it would be if we had even fewer health-care workers to continue to take care of people who are contracting COVID-19 or its variants," Smullen

concluded

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









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# Fort Plain Free Library launches autumn programs

With the start of a new school year, the Fort Plain Free Library launches its free weekly program offerings for children, teens and adults.

• Each Tuesday at 11 a.m., the library hosts Animal Safari Story Time for toddlers, preschoolers and their parents or an adult caregiver. Weekly sessions of the educational program take place in the children's room at the library and consist of stories, action rhymes, age-appropriate activities and/or crafts and a healthy snack. Social distancing is practiced.

Also on Tuesdays, the library hosts a virtual meditation workshop. Area resident Harold Rolls, a Tibetan Buddhist monk based at Pullahari, Nepal, for over 20 years, leads the weekly workshop, which consists of periods of meditation and discussion about the book "The Song of Lodro Thaye" by Rinpoche Thrangu. Each session begins at 6 p.m. and takes place via Zoom. Call the library for the meeting invitation or for assistance getting started.

• Thursdays, the library hosts several in-person groups for creatives including the Creative Textile Fibers Group, from 12:30 - 2:30 p.m., and the Writers at Fort Plain from 3 - 5 p.m.

Participants of all ages and walks of life bring their individual quilting, crocheting, knitting, embroidery, weaving, felting and/or fiber-and-textile craft projects to the Fort Plain Free Library for the Creative Textile Fibers Group. Bring a project to work on and to share in the casual setting. It's free and open

to all each Thursday starting at 12:30 p.m.

If you like painting pictures with words, the library's writers' group is for you. The group, which meets each Thursday at 3 p.m., is a diverse and dedicated group of creative writers with a wide array of writing backgrounds, interests, goals and experience levels who support each other with constructive feedback in a friendly and fun setting. Weekly sessions consist of word play, writing prompts, readings and encouragement.

Tweens and teens in the library's Teen Innovation Division meet at the Fort Plain Free Library each Thursday starting at 4:30 p.m. With a focus on innovation, recreation and imagination, the group offers opportunities for local youths to make art and jewelry, learn about digital photography, participate in collaborative team-building games, get involved in their community and more. Past projects have included journal-making, mixed-media self-portraits and digital photography with Fujifilm Instax Polaroid cameras. Newcomers are welcome.

Adults and children over the age of two must wear face masks while in the library.

All programs are free. Visit the library located at the corner of River and Willett streets. Call 518.993.4646 or email FortPlainFreeLibrary@gmail.com for hours of operation, information or to register for programs. Follow the library on Facebook for updates or visit fortplainfreelibrary.org.





GARAGE SALE: Friday & Saturday, October 1st & 2nd, 9am-4pm, 394 Seebers Lane, Canajoharie. Boys clothes 5T to 8, boys shoes, boots, girls clothes 6 to 12 months, toys, womens clothes and coats, miscellaneous household and furniture.

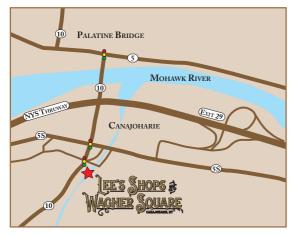
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# Wildlife Crossing program for Schoharie Crossing

Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site will host Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy's Conservation Director Sarah Walsh on Oct. 23 at 6:30 p.m. via Webex for a presentation on wildlife crossing.

Walsh will discuss how the Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy conducts their conservation work in Albany, Schenectady and Montgomery counties. This presentation will provide a brief overview of MHLC and introduce the audience to their latest partnership with the Nature Conservancy to address wildlife crossings in this region. You will learn about the importance of the Catskill to Adirondack Conservation Corridor and how we are working on the ground to ensure wildlife connectivity in a disconnected world.

Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy has been conserving and stewarding the lands and waters of the Mohawk and Hudson River valleys for the benefit of people and the environment since 1992.

This program is free and open to the public via the platform Webex. No registration is required; the Webex link goes live at 6:20 p.m. and can be found on the Schoharie Crossing Facebook or NYS Parks website. Contact us if you have any questions or would like a direct invite from Webex.

For information contact the Visitor Center at 518.829.7516, email SchoharieCrossing@parks.ny.gov or visit parks.ny.gov/historic-sites/schohariecrossing.

# Philatelic Society to host open house Sept. 30

The Mohawk Valley Philatelic Society invites all folks with the collecting bug for stamps and covers to come to an open house at the Fort Plain Free Library on Thursday, Sept. 30, at 6:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be available. All ages are welcome.

Call 518.993.4646 for information or visit the library, located at the corner of River and Willett streets. Follow the library on Facebook for updates or visit fortplainfreelibrary.org.

# 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

September 25-26

11:30 a.m.

October 9

**45th Annual Fall Antiques in Schoharie** at Schoharie Valley Railroad Complex, Depot Lane, Schoharie Village. Saturday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 26 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Free parking.

Mohawk Valley Philatelic Society open house 6:30 p.m. at Fort Plain Free Library at the corner of River and Willett streets. Call 518.993.4646 for information.

October 1 and 2

**Montgomery County Rabies Clinic** 9-11 a.m. Florida Town Highway Depart., Fort Hunter Rd., Minaville. For more infor call 518.853.3531.

#### October 10

## September 27

**Senior Exercise Program** in the basement at Arkell Center 11-11:30 a.m.

# September 28

**Tai Chi Class** 10-11 a.m. at Arkell Center for all seniors. Contact Earl at 518.868.9341 or obryane52@yahoo.com.

#### September 29

Senior Citizens Pinochle Card Party 12:30-4 p.m. Call Terry at 518.673.5635.

**Chair yoga** 2:30-3:30 p.m.in the Gallery at Arkell Center

**Senior Exercise Program** in the basement at Arkell Center 11-

Fort Plain Free Library's fall book sale. Friday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday 9 a.m.-noon. On library grounds at the corner of River and Willett streets. To donate items or for more information about the fundraiser, call 518.993.4646, email fortplainfreelibrary@gmail. com or visit the 19 Willett St. library.

#### October 2

New York State's premier gathering of cheesemakers at Little Falls Cheese Festival, Main Street, Little Falls 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Prevailing CDC guidelines regarding COVID-19 will be followed by festival organizers and expected of all participants. For more information, contact littlefallscheesefestival@gmail.com or visit www.littlefallscheesefestival.com

Fort Plain DAR Open House 3-5 p.m. at Fort Plain DAR Chapter House. For more information call 518.774.3384.

#### October 15 - 17

Sir William Johnson and the Wars for Empire Conference. Visit tinyurl.com/8f8v4yfk to register.

#### November 6

**Montgomery County Rabies Clinic** 9-11 a.m. at Mohawk Town Barn, 2-4 Park Street, Fonda. For more info, call 518.853.3531.

#### December 5

**St. Nicholas Day** 12-3 p.m. Fort Klock, 7214 State Route 5, St. Johnsville. Call 518.568.7779.



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Sunday School 10 AM, Morning Service 11 AM, Sun. & Wed. Eve. Service 6 PM Youth Group Wed. 6:30 PM, Sat. Visitation 10 AM www.amazinggracebc.org

Ames - Sprout Brook UMC 613 Latimer Hill Rd., Ames, NY 13317 518-673-3495

Pastor Jan Markle

Bethesda Fellowship

34 S. Division St., St. Johnsville, NY 13452 518-568-2678 Summer Schedule Sunday Worship 10 AM Wed. Worship and Prayer 6 PM

Cherry Valley Assembly of God

den St., Cherry 607-264-3306

Pastor David Carpenter, Jr. Sundays 9:30 AM

Christian Church of

Charleston Four Corners 1380 E. Lykers Rd., Sprakers 518-922-9088

Paster Brett Popp

Sunday School (ages 3-adult) 9:45 AM Worship 11 AM Sunday Prayer Meeting 5:30 PM Thu. Evening of Encouragement & Community Kid's Bible Club 6:30 PM

Church of Christ Uniting

o, Richfield Springs, NY 13439

Rev. Mark loset
315-858-1553
vice: Sunday 245 Service: Sunday 9:15 AN Church School: Sunday 10:30 AM

**Church of the Good Shepherd** 

26 Moyer St., Canajoharie 518-673-3440

The Rev. Virginia L. Ogden, Rector Sunday Worship 9:30 AM with Communion Church Email: churchgoodshep26@gmail.com

Website: www.churchgoodshepherd.com

Church of the Nazarene E. Rt. 29 W, Johnstown, NY 12095 Offices: 518-762-2982 Cell: 857-523-8417

Pastor, Rev. Mark Fowler

Sunday Morning Service 11 AM Sunday School for All Ages 10 AM

**Cornerstone Baptist Church** Pastor Todd Lozie

Sunday AM Service 10 AM Sunday School/Adult Small Groups 11:15 AM Sunday Evening 6 PM Wednesday PM Service 7 PM Via Zoom

nail us for the link Youth Group Sunday Evenings during the school year. Family Night - First Sunday Evening of the month from Oct - May 7274 State Highway 10, Ames, NY 13317

www.cornerstoneames.com 518-673-3405 Currytown Reformed Church

St. Hwy. 162, Sprakers 518-922-8422 Rev. Donald Hoaglander ting Pastor Jane Hubschmitt

518-705-2201 Sunday School 9:15 AM Worship Service 10 AM

Dolgeville Christian Fellowship St., Dolgeville, NY 315-429-9142

Dr. Marvin Isum, Pastor

Worship Sunday 10:30 AM Midweek Fellowship Tuesday 7 PM www.dolgevillechristianfellowship.org

**Dolaeville United Methodist Church** 

Rev. Jack Forf 315-429-7381 Worship 11 AM Sunday School @ 9:30 AM beginning September 18th Bible Study - Wednesdays @ 12:30 PM

Emmanuel Episcopal Church

588- 594 Albany St., Little Falls, NY 315-823-1323 Sunday Mass 10 AM

Coffee Hour following Sunday Mass
Sunday School & Youth Group
Tuesday 10 AM Mass & Bible Study
Friday 10 AM-2 PM Thrift Shop

**Ephratah Reformed Church** 40 Co. Hwy. 140, Ephratah, NY To live and share Jesus Christ both locally and globally. Everyday, Everywhere, Everyone

Pastor Jeff Hindrlite Sunday School for all ages 10 AM September-June Sunday Morning Worship 11 AM Prayer & Praise Thursdays 7 PM

**Everlasting Joy Believers Fellowship** 

14 Park Place (in with Seekers Fel St. Johnsville, NY 13452 315-858-2112

Pastor Carolee Cov Sunday Service 10 AM

Faith, Hope and Love Church Rev. David W. Bowley, Pastor Sundays, 5 PM at the Upstate Chapel 63 Cliff St, Canajoharie Call 518-673-5128 or see Facebook "Faith, Hope and Love Christian Church" and our website and our website http://faithhopeandlovechurch.com

First Baptist Church Springfield Center, N' Rev. Terence Brant

607-264-3035 Sunday School 10 AM

Morning Worship 11 AM Wed. night Bible Study 7 PM Fonda Fultonville

United Methodist Church
11 Montgomery St., Fultonville
Pastor Nancy Pullen • 853-3311
Sunday Morning Worship 9:15-10:15,
Sunday School 9:15-10:30,

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**Fultonville Reformed Church** 

Pastor Jane Hubschmitt Sunday School 10 AM Family Worship 10:30 AM

Glen Reformed Church
State Hwy 161 in the Hamlet of Glen
4 miles South of Fultonville glenreformed@nycap.rr.com Sunday Worship at 9. Sunday School nmediately following Children's Message

**Grace Christian Church** 

Sunday School Mid-September to May 9:30 AM Worship September till end of May 11 AM June till end of August 10 AM

Grace Episcopal Church

omery St., Che 315-585-4016

Fr. Kyle Grennen, Rector Sunday School 11 AM Holy Communion/sermon 11 AM Active Youth Group - call for details

> Grandview Baptist Church 15 Washington St., Fort Plain 518-993-9929

Pastor Dan West

Sunday School 10 AM Morning Service 11 AM Bible Study & Prayer Meeting, Wednesday 6:30 PM

**Holy Family Parish** Little Falls, NY 315-823-3410 Saturday 5 PM Sunday 9:30 AM

<u>Jesus Never Fails Community Church</u>
Reverend Hans Drews
1161 Elizabethtown Rd., Ilion, NY 13357
518-568-7983 hansandrosaline@vahoo Sunday Service 11 AM

Joy Fellowship

296 Co. Hwy. 119, St. Johnsville, NY 13452 518-568-3217

William Hayes, Pastor
Joyce Loughran, Assistant Pastor
Sunday School 9 AM,

Morning Worship 9:30 AM Wednesday Evening Worship 6:30 PM

Lassellseville United Methodist Church

State Hwy. 29

Pastor Robert A. Lindsay Worship: Sunday 9:30 AM Sunday School to start soor

<u>Lighthouse Baptist Church</u> 1524 St. Rt. 29A, PO Box 114 Stratford, NY 13470-0114

315-429-8854 Pastor Martin Smith
Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 AM;
Wed. Eve. Prayer Meeting 6 PM;
2nd & 4th Sunday Dinner following

Morning Service with Afternoon Service following dinner

"Old-Fashioned Bible Preaching" Marshville Evangelical Church

Pastor Mark Fowler Worship Sunday 9 AM

National Kateri Tekakwitha Shrine and Indian Museum
3636 St. Hwy. 5, PO Box 627
Fonda, NY 12068-0627
518-853-3646
Weekly Masses: Sat. 4:30 PM, Sun. 10:30 AM

New Beginnings Bible Church 3 Cliff St., Canajoharie, NY 1331 Pastor Larry Alkinburgh 518-848-4816

friars@katerishrine.com

stor@newbeginningsbc.« Sunday School 9:15 AM

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New Hope Christian Fellowsh Pastor Pat Andreoli 315-429-3630

NewHoneChristianFellowship ne Sunday School 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM

Oppenheim United Methodist Church

Rev. Jack Ford 315-429-7381 Worship 9:30 Sundays, Totally Awesome God-TAG time 6:30 PM Wednesdays beginning in Oct., Sunday School 9 AM beginning

Our Lady of Hope R.C. Church 115 Reid St., Fort Plain, NY 13339 Parish Office 518-993-3822 ourladyofhope@frontier.com Mass Schedule: Saturday, 4 PM; Sunday, 9:30 AM; Confessions: Sat. 3 & by appointmen Please call parish office for Holy Day schedule

**Paines Hollow United** Methodist Church

ion of 167 & 168, Paine Pastor Peg Donaghy 518-568-7604 es Hollov

Sunday Worship 9:30 AM Fellowship Hour to Follow

Randall Christia

Community Church
NY Rte. 5S
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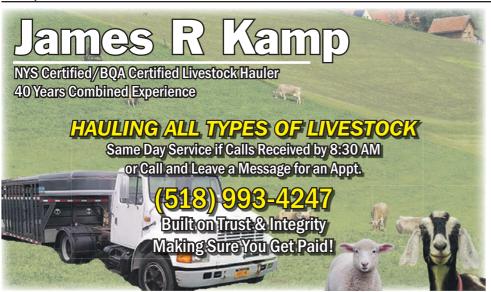
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# SQSPCA seeking fosters, adopters for influx of working dogs

It's quite literally raining cats and dogs at the Susquehanna Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SQSPCA).

For several months, the shelter has been chipping away at a triple digit surrender waiting list for cats. Now shelter staff face a perfect storm in the making, having taken in 14 dogs unexpectedly

kennels at the time, so we agreed to take 10 dogs."

Then, the unthinkable.

"This morning we responded to a situation of unintended neglect in which an Otsego County resident found themselves unable to maintain the necessary levels of care and medical attention for a growing number of dogs," Haynes

explained. "These dogs are a mix of Great Pyrenees, Cane Corso and Newfoundland of varying ages. Most have not been spayed or neutered. They are currently being treated for worms and fleas, many are emaciated and a couple have injuries. Although they have not been properly socialized, they are not aggressive to the best of our knowledge."

Given that these are large breed working dogs, Haynes said it will be difficult to ask other local shelters to help, as many are already struggling with space issues or capacity for care of such big, energetic breeds.

"If you have ever thought about adopting or even fostering a working dog, now is the time," Haynes emphasized. "These dogs do not do well in a shelter environment - they need space and a job to do. Our adoption counselors are standing by at 607.547.8111."

Farms, country living and fenced-in yards would be ideal for these dogs. They cannot live in apartments, Haynes said.

Farther from home, thousands are in crisis in the aftermath of Hurricane Ida, including many animal shelters and rescue facilities. Thanks to

SQSPCA 9



Adoptable working dog Monty.

on Sept. 8, with another 10 dogs that arrived on Sept. 11.

The dogs arriving are thanks to a partnership between the SQSPCA, Best Friends Animal Society and the Humane Society of Louisiana. The unexpected arrivals - from an Otsego County hoarding case - are mostly large breed working dogs.

SQSPCA Executive Director Stacie Haynes reflected on the events leading up to this situation.

"In response to the devastation caused by Hurricane Ida, the New York State Animal Protection Federation put out a call for help to New York shelters with empty kennels," Haynes said. "Louisiana's animal shelters and rescues, some of which still do not have working electricity or running water, are trying desperately to rebuild. We had 15 open



Adoptable working dog Arthur.

#### SQSPCA from 8

the Humane Society of Louisiana, the Best Friends nationwide network and a web-based application called Trello, the SQSPCA was able to select dogs to be transported north for rehoming.

"These are not hurricane dogs," Haynes clarified. "These are dogs from shelters or rescues affected by the hurricane. As these dogs are moved out of Louisiana to places like the SQSPCA, space is freed up for animals displaced by the hurricane, whether as owner surrenders or for temporary boarding."

Some of the dogs which have arrived in Cooperstown – Simone, Big Emma and Igor – are from facilities in New Orleans that still don't have power or water, Haynes said.

In spite of everything, Haynes remains both excited and optimistic.  $\$ 

"We're counting on local media, social media and word of mouth to get these big working dogs out of our shelter and on to greener pastures, and to get the southern dogs into good homes as well. There seems to be a shortage of adoptable dogs in Otsego County – our length of stay for dogs is currently just 19 days, so we don't think we will have any problem rehoming any of them," she said.

Haynes added that the transfer of ownership of the working dogs to the shelter is a nod to the effectiveness and importance of the SQSPCA's "Here to Help Hotline" first implemented earlier this year.

"A local dog control officer, recognizing a situation that was not cruelty but rather someone desperately in need of help, reached out to us and staff mobilized immediately. It's important that our donors understand the many public assistance programs that would simply not be possible without their continued support," Haynes said.

Visit www.sqspca.org or call 607.547.8111 for more information. The shelter is located at 5082-5088 State Highway 28 just south of the Village of Cooperstown.

# Simple ways to incorporate reclaimed wood in your home

Homes come in many sizes and styles. But whether your home is a palatial postmodern masterpiece or a cozy farmhouse, reclaimed wood can be utilized to create an awe-inspiring interior.

Reclaimed wood serves both aesthetic and practical purposes. Visually stunning, reclaimed wood also is a great way to make use of old-growth forest wood. Why is that significant? According to the United States Forest Service, just 3% of old-growth forest has survived into the second decade of the 21st century. Old-growth forest wood like that from longleaf pine trees has long been touted as excellent building material, but the pine utilized today comes from trees that are cut down when they're young. Reclaimed wood taken from old or demolished homes built with oldgrowth forest wood offers access to this highly valued building material while also providing the environmental benefits that come with reusing existing materials.

Reclaimed wood can be incorporated into a home's interior rather easily, and the results are often stunning.

• Accent wall: Transforming a wall into an accent wall with reclaimed wood is a simple project that won't affect the existing design of a home's interior. A living room or home office can be given a whole new look with the addition of an accent wall made from reclaimed wood. Homeowners who want their bedrooms to give off the vibe of a rustic retreat can consider adding an accent wall made of reclaimed wood.

- Furniture: Reclaimed wood also can be put to use, or reuse, as furniture. A home office desk made from reclaimed wood can be both stunning and sturdy, while end tables and coffee tables made from reclaimed wood can add some unique character to a living room.
- Kitchen islands: Homeowners who aspire to have a farmhouse kitchen can consider reclaimed wood when creating their kitchen islands. Reclaimed wood can be used to make the body of the island, complete with cabinets and

drawers, that sits beneath the countertop where cooks will prepare their meals.

• Storage beds: Guest rooms tend to be smaller than other rooms in the house, and that means little room for furniture like dressers. Rather than cramming lots of furniture into a small room, homeowners can utilize reclaimed wood to create storage bed frames. The frames won't take up extra space in the room, reassuring guests that they won't be spending a weekend in cramped quarters. And the rustic look of reclaimed wood storage beds can be an instant stunner when guests arrive.

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Dealers will set up on the grounds and in the buildings of the historic Railroad Complex. The Railroad Museum's 1865 Station House and 1891 passenger car of the Middleburgh and Schoharie Railroad will be open to the public.

The freight shed, which houses all kinds of railroad memorabilia including a restored 1917 Delaware and Hudson Railway caboose will also be open to attendees

The buildings and grounds will be filled with quality dealers showing and

selling historic treasures. There will also be a special exhibit and sale of Shirley's Stoney Creek Quilts & Wovens on the second floor of the Creamery Building.

This year, organizers will also welcome Heritage Artisans, including: a butcher, a baker, a candlestick maker, a broom maker and a blacksmith, to name just a few.

The SCHA cooks have put together a scrumptious selection of picnic items including famous homemade desserts, should attendees wish to have lunch under the picnic tent.

The event will be held on Saturday, Sept. 25 from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 26 from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. There will be plenty of free parking.

Proceeds from the antique shows fund the ongoing historic activities of the SCHA

#### Dave has arrived at the MCSPCA



My name is Dave. I arrived at the shelter along with some of the other dogs from Georgia. I took a plane ride to Massachusetts where the staff from MHHS picked me up and drove me to their shelter in New York. From there, the wonderful staff from the MCSPCA picked me up and told me they would find me my forever home! I am a very friendly and energetic boy. I love attention from people and getting outside for walks. I like playing with my toys, and I get along well with other dogs. I am about two years old and came to the MCSPCA on June 18. Want to stop by and play Photo courtesy of MCSPCA





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# The joy of sunflowers

#### by Bonnie Kirn Donahue, Extension Master Gardener, UVM

Sunflowers are a fantastic, long-lived flower to celebrate the end of summer. Now is a great time to observe sunflower plantings in your community to enjoy their beauty and think about how you might like to grow them next season.

Sunflowers (Helianthus annus) are multi-season plants with an important presence throughout the year. In late autumn, their colors bring a brightness to the receding greens of the

summer garden.

If the stalks are left up through the winter, sunflower heads dry and provide seeds for birds and squirrels (and potentially entertainment for you). Their strong structure also is infinitely interesting to look at against the stark whites and grays of the winter landscape.

When browsing seed catalogues this winter to order seeds for next year's garden, consider the many varieties of sunflowers that can be grown in home gardens in northern climates.

Sunflowers are easy and inexpensive to grow. They can be started easily from seed and come in many varieties and colors. Some are bright yellow with brown centers, while others are made

up of rich browns, oranges, reds, pale yellows and everything in between.

Certain varieties grow with one

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Bees and other pollinators are attracted to sunflowers not only for the pollen but also shelter on the flower head. Photo by Bonnie Kirn Donahue

# Simple safety protocols that can protect hunters

Hunting is big business in North America. In 2017, more than 15 million people hunted in the U.S. The National Shooting Sports Foundation reports that sportsmen and women contribute nearly \$9.4 million to the economy every day.

Millions of hunters take to forests and fields every year. Seasoned hunters and novices alike can benefit from revisiting some safety procedures before their first outing this season.

#### Weather

Weather should be a consideration whenever people spend a significant amount of time outdoors. Hunters typically leave before dawn and arrive home after dusk. Hypothermia is a very real risk for hunters who may be out in snow or wet conditions. It's possible



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#### Joy from 12 -

large head on a single stem, and others grow multibranched with multiple flowers that fan out from the center. Some grow a few feet tall, while others tower above fences. There are so many options to explore and experiment within your landscape.

Sunflowers can be started indoors in late spring. However, if you decide to start them inside, be careful. Sunflowers produce taproots and don't appreciate their roots being disturbed. Using pots made of biodegradable material can help when transferring plants from indoors to outdoors.

For direct seeding in the garden, wait until after the last frost in spring to plant. Choose an area that gets full sun with well-drained soil. Personal experience has shown me that woodchucks and deer enjoy eating young sunflower plants, so keep this in mind if you struggle with keeping these animals away each year.

I have tried fencing off whole beds or garden spaces and using wire baskets to protect individual plants when they are young. This has produced varied results, but in my experience, many of the sunflowers that have been nibbled seem to bounce back.

Pollinators also are attracted to sunflowers. This makes sunflowers exciting to observe in bloom from summer through autumn. If you watch for a couple of minutes, you may see many different insects enjoying the pollen and shelter of a magnificent sunflower head. Pollinators appreciate consistent blooms, so consider planting multiple varieties of sunflowers that bloom at different times to give the insects and bees an extended season to enjoy.

The strong structure of sunflowers also can be used in creative ways. If planted next to each other in a line, they can be grown as a seasonal hedge or fence line. Sunflowers planted in a circle or other shape can become a magical and low-cost playhouse for kids to enjoy outdoors.

As summer comes to a close, take a look at the sunflowers around you and consider how you might like to utilize them next year. There is so much to look forward to in next year's garden.

to get hypothermia by overdressing as well. Sweating and then being exposed to dropping temperatures puts people at risk for hypothermia. Hunters should dress in layers with moisture-wicking materials and a water-repellant outer layer. In addition, check the weather forecast before heading out as a last second precautionary measure.

#### Firearm Safety

Firearm safety is a critical component of safe hunting. Hunters use rifles, shotguns and other firearms. Each gun is different, so hunters need to familiarize themselves with new firearms before using them. The following are some additional firearm safety tips, courtesy of State Farm Insurance and Southern Land Exchange.

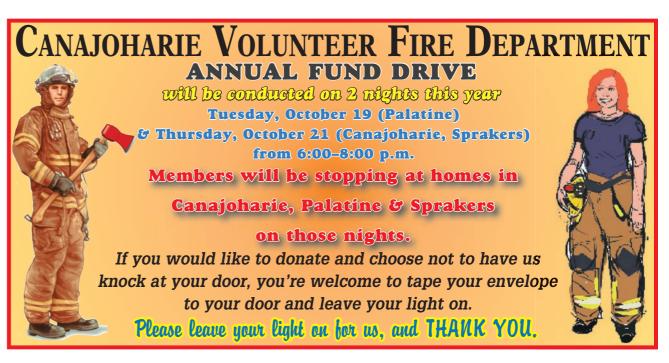
- Always treat a firearm as if it is loaded.
- Keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.
- Only point at what you plan to shoot.
- Clearly identify your target and what is beyond it.
- Fire within the zone-of-fire, which is the 45° area directly in front of each hunter.
  - Firearm chambers should be emptied when guns

- Use appropriate ammunition.
- Never modify or alter the gun.
- $\bullet$  Never cross a fence, jump a ditch or climb a tree with a loaded gun.
  - Never rely on a gun's safety.

#### **Additional Safety Tips**

Hunters should always let others know where they will be when leaving in the morning. If something should happen, people back home can alert authorities if something goes awry. Always check equipment and maintain it properly. Equipment should include gear colored in hunter's orange. That extends to dogs if they are accompanying hunters on a trip. This makes hunters more visible to other hunters. Also carry a first aid kit, a charged mobile phone or a satellite phone to maintain contact with others in case of emergencies.

These are just some of the safety protocols that should be followed when hunting. Non-hunters should exercise caution during hunting seasons, particularly when entering forests and areas that hunters frequent.





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#### How to maintain hardwood floors

Hardwood floors have long been sought after by home buyers. In its 2019 "Remodeling Impact Report," the National Association of Realtors® revealed that new wood flooring was the fourth most popular project to attract buyers.

Of course, hardwood floors aren't just for buyers. Homeowners who already have hardwood floors know just how impressive these floors can be, especially when they're well maintained. Maintaining wood floors is not necessarily as straightforward as it may seem, and homeowners may benefit from a tutorial on how to keep the floors under their feet looking good.

#### To polish or not to polish?

Polishing floors is an inexpensive way to keep them looking good. But the home improvement experts at BobVila. com note that not all floors can be polished and determining which ones can depends on the finish. Floors with waterproof barriers such as urethane will benefit from routine polishing. However, floors with penetrating finishes like tung oil will need to be waxed rather than polished.

#### What finish is on the floor?

The Hardwood Distributors' Association recommends a simple way for homeowners to determine which type of finish is on their hardwood floors. Homeowners are advised to rub a finger across the floor. If no smudge appears, then the floor is surface sealed. If a smudge is created, then the floor has been treated with a penetrating seal. The HDA also notes that recently installed wood floors are likely surface sealed

#### How often should floors be polished or waxed?

Wood flooring professionals recommend polishing floors that can be polished once every few months. Waxing wood floors does not need to be done as frequently, and most can benefit from a fresh coat of wax every 12 to 18 months.

#### What can I do on a daily basis?

Some simple tricks and daily maintenance can help wood floors maintain their impressive look.

- Utilize floor mats. The HDA notes that floor mats near entryways can reduce the time it takes to clean hardwood floors and reduce the wear and tear they endure. For example, tiny particles like dirt can scratch the floor and contribute to the kind of minor damage that adds up to significant scarring over time. Floor mats near entryways ensures that most of that dirt never makes it to the wood floors.
- Vacuum without a beater bar. Some vacuums contain beater bars, which are designed to pick up human hair, dog hair and other things that conventional vacuums may not be able to pick up. The HDA advises vacuuming without the beater bar, as it can contribute to small scratches in the floor. Sweeping with a high-quality broom or microfiber cloth is another way to pick up dirt without damaging floors.
- Use manufacturer-recommended cleaning products. Local home improvement stores sell a host of hardwood floor cleaning products, but the HDA notes that many flooring manufacturers now sell their own hardwood floor cleaners designed specifically for their floors. These products are likely homeowners' best bets. Homeowners who can't find them can seek recommendations from a local flooring retailer.

Hardwood floors are attractive for many reasons. And they look even more stunning, and last much longer, when homeowners make an effort to maintain them.



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### Family Counseling Center staff wins Telehealth Innovator Award

Staff from the Family Counseling Center in Gloversville were recently honored with the 2021 Telehealth Innovator of the Year award by the North Country Telehealth Partnership, a program of Fort Drum Regional Health Planning Organization and Adirondack Health Institute.

The award-winning project was the organization's establishment of a Warm Line. A Warm Line is a peerrun hotline that offers emotional support, comfort and information to callers and is staffed by trained individuals with lived experience. In this case, those individuals were certified Family Peer Advocates who manned the line 24/7 at the peak of the COVID pandemic.

The Warm Line team honored includes Kathleen Calabrese, retired Children and Family Services director; Jamie Spraker, Family Peer Advocate; Ronald Weaver,

school-based counselor with the Gloversville Enlarged School District; and Kim Smith, school-based counselor with the Fort Plain School District. They were presented the award during the North Country Leadership Summit on Sept. 15.

"The work our Warm Line team did during the pandemic is astounding," said Michael Countryman, executive director of the Family Counseling Center. "The Warm Line utilized family-focused staff at a time when families and individuals needed help most. We are proud of the team's dedication, skill and empathy for those who called looking for a little help during a time of great uncertainty."

Smith, a member of the Warm Line team, said, "During an unpredictable time, the Warm Line not only helped the stressed callers contacting us, but I found

that I used my own advice whenever I became anxious, such as limiting the time listening to the news, doing something creative, and exercising to boost morale. It made me feel good to help others by calming them and just lending an ear to relieve the caller's stress and get them back on track."



L-R: Jamie Spraker, Kim Smith, Kathleen Calabrese and Ron Weaver.

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# Good Housekeeping

#### Chilled Corn and Bacon Soup

Light but lush - thickened with late-season corn, low-fat milk and a Yukon gold potato - this refreshing farm-stand soup is summer's answer to cold-weather chowders.

- 4 slices thick-cut bacon, cut into 1/2-inch pieces
- 1 large shallot, finely chopped
- 3 cups fresh corn kernels
- 1 large (8 ounce) Yukon gold potato, peeled and shredded
- 1/8 teaspoon smoked paprika, plus additional for garnish
  - 2/3 cup water
  - 4 cups (1%) low-fat milk
  - Salt and pepper
  - 1/4 cup packed fresh cilantro leaves
- 1. In 12-inch skillet, cook bacon on medium 6 to 8 minutes or until crisp and browned. With slotted spoon, transfer to paper towels to drain. If making ahead, cover and refrigerate up to overnight.
- 2. Drain and discard all but 1 tablespoon fat from skillet. Add shallots and cook on medium 2 minutes or until golden and tender, stirring occasionally. Add 2 1/2 cups corn, shredded potato and paprika. Cook 2 minutes, stirring, then add water and cook 7 minutes or until liquid evaporates and vegetables are tender.
- 3. Remove skillet from heat and transfer corn mixture to blender. Add milk and 1/8 teaspoon salt and puree until mixture is very smooth. Cover and refrigerate until soup is very cold, at least 3 hours and up to overnight.
- $4.\ \, {\rm To}\ \, {\rm serve},\ \, {\rm divide}\ \, {\rm among}\ \, {\rm serving}\ \, {\rm bowls.}\ \, {\rm Top}\ \, {\rm with}\ \, {\rm bacon},\ \, {\rm cilantro},\ \, 1/8\ \, {\rm teaspoon}\ \, {\rm freshly}\ \, {\rm ground}\ \, {\rm black}$  pepper and remaining  $1/2\ \, {\rm cup}\ \, {\rm corn}.$  Garnish with paprika. Makes  $4\ \, {\rm servings}.$

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### Signs it is time to overhaul your kitchen

Remodeling a kitchen adds value to a home. Remodeling Magazine's "Cost vs. Value Report" indicates mid-range kitchen remodels cost about \$66,000 and homeowners can expect to recover about 60% to 80% of that cost at resale.

the toaster oven at the same time, your wiring is likely not up to the task of handling the workload and could be out of date. A kitchen remodel will assess wiring load needs and an electric overhaul may be necessary.

• Lack of storage: One

of the 1970s, they might still need to be replaced. According to CRD Design, appliances are only expected to last around 10 to 15 years. If appliances have become unsafe or energy hogs, it could be time for a remodel.

• Family is expanding

may not be equipped with lighting where it's most needed. A carefully designed remodel can improve lighting with under-cabinet lights, pendants, overhead lighting, and even natural light to make the space attractive and more funcsightly kitchens. Cosmetic changes can lead to big improvements.

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can add instant appeal and help address issues that tend to plague outdated rooms.

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Homeowners may wonder if remodeling their kitchens is worth the investment. But homeowners should not just consider cost, but also the current conditions of their kitchens when deciding if a renovation project is the right move to make. These signs indicate it may be time to renovate a kitchen.

• Breakers are triggered: If the lights go dark from a tripped circuit breaker every time you try to microwave and run

of the biggest hassle homeowners encounter in their kitchens is a lack of storage space. If making a meal involves a Jenga-like stacking and rearranging of kitchen tools, or if an avalanche occurs whenever you search for an item, you might need more storage. A carefully planned redesign can achieve this, even in a smaller kitchen.

• Outdated appliances: Even if your appliances are not avocado green or mustard yellow relics

(or shrinking): Kitchens often are the heart of a home. They need to meet the needs of the family that resides in that home. A remodel can add space as needed. On the flip side, when a couple becomes empty nesters, kitchens can be redesigned and downsized to reflect their new needs and desires, such as the addition of a wine chiller or espresso station.

• Poor lighting: Task lighting is essential in a kitchen, but older homes tional.

- Frequent run-ins: The notion that you can have too many cooks in the kitchen refers to having too many people trying to pitch in or offer their opinions. However, it also can apply to when too many people are gathering in a small space. Redesigning a kitchen can improve the efficiency of a space and make the room feel larger.
- Aesthetic appeal: Many kitchen remodels have been inspired by un-







### **Bible Trivia**

#### by Wilson Casey

- 1. Is the book of Corinth in the Old Testament, New Testament or neither?
- 2. In Matthew 5, how many Beatitudes did Jesus mention in His Sermon on the Mount? 4, 6, 8, 10
- 3. From Luke 2, what village was known as the "City of David"? Damascus, Jerusalem, Jericho, Bethlehem
- 4. In 1 Kings 17, who ate a poor widow's last meal? Amos, Elijah, Matthew, Daniel
- 5. To what tribe of Israel did Paul belong? Asher, Benjamin, Issachar, Reuben
- 6. From Genesis 4, who built a city called Enoch? Adam, Moses, Noah, Cain

Answers: 1) Neither; 2) 8; 3) Bethlehem; 4) Elijah; 5) Benjamin: 6) Cain

"Test Your Bible Knowledge," a book with 1,206 multiple-choice questions by columnist Wilson Casey, is available in stores and online.

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# DMV reminds New Yorkers to beware of flood damage before buying used vehicles

In the wake of Hurricane Ida, the New York State DMV warned consumers to take precautions against unintentionally purchasing

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vehicles damaged by flooding in the weeks and months ahead.

The DMV's website includes a link to the National Insurance Crime Bureau database. People looking to buy a used car can enter the Vehicle Identification Number and learn if the vehicle was ever flooded or stolen.

"A car is one of the biggest purchases consumers make, so DMV wants to make sure that you are getting what you paid for," said DMV Commissioner Mark J.F. Schroeder. "A car that has been through a flood can look fine from the outside but have substantial damage so we want to protect

consumers by making it easy for them to check if a vehicle has been damaged by flooding."

Water from flooding can damage the engine or transmission, corrode wiring or harm the airbag or the vehicle's computers.

Some sellers will try to hide the damage by taking the vehicle from a flooded area and getting a new title in a different state before trying to sell it. Consumers should be aware when purchasing used vehicles with titles issued in mid-September this year or during other hurricane periods that they could be flood vehicles even if the title is not from the affected state.

DMV checks the history of every vehicle in NYS and will alert consumers if they have purchased a vehicle with a history of flood damage.

The DMV website includes information on the National Insurance Crime Bureau's VINCheck, a free service to help consumers determine if a vehicle has been reported as salvaged or stolen. When planning to purchase a used vehicle, consumers can search up to five VINs per day. The NICB also offers a free brochure with tips on how to avoid post-disaster fraud, which is available at tinyurl.com/ wpz6bsb6

DMV's website also offers tips on buying vehicles, including the protections available when purchasing a used vehicle through a private sale or from an auto dealer.

A person or dealer who sells a rebuilt salvage vehicle must provide the new owner a disclosure statement regardless of the vehicle's age. The disclosure statement is located on the back of NYS title certificates.

A seller who fails to disclose the salvage history of a vehicle can pay a maximum fine of \$2,000 and any additional penalties described in the NYS Penal Law.

If a salvage vehicle is rebuilt for use on roadways, the DMV must examine it before issuing a new title certificate or registration. The required examination is part of the NYS Auto Theft Prevention Program. The program includes vehicles that were issued a NYS Salvage Certificate and rebuilt salvage vehicles from most other states.

A NYS Title Certificate issued after the date of May 18, 1999 for a rebuilt salvage vehicle displays the brand "REBUILT SALVAGE." Some title certificates issued before May 19, 1999 also show this brand.

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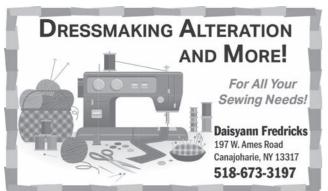
#### by Lucie Winborne

- Baritone Leonard Warren died on stage at The Met in 1960 just as he finished singing Verdi's "Morir, Tremenda Cosi" ("To Die, a Momentous Thing").
- While shedding, geckos will eat their skin in order to prevent predators from finding and eating them more easily.
- A man named Ronald MacDonald robbed a Wendy's in 2005.
- $\bullet$  In the early 2000s, when hackers were not that rampant, a survey showed that 70% of London commuters would reveal their computer password in exchange for a chocolate bar, while 30% of the respondents admitted they would give their password even without said candy.
- The sequel to the 1953 film titled "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes" was called "Gentlemen Marry Brunettes.'
- Per capita, the happiest countries in the world also rank highest in terms of consumers of antidepres-
- The term "plastic surgery" was coined in 1839, 70 years before plastic was even invented. It comes from the Greek word "plastike," which means "the art of modeling" of malleable flesh.
- Journalist John Richards founded The Apostrophe Protection Society in 2001 to enforce the proper use of the apostrophe in written English. He closed the society in 2019, however, at the age of 96, with the announcement that "the ignorance and laziness present in modern times have won!"
- The World Health Organization (WHO) recommends drinking camel urine to prevent contracting Middle East respiratory syndrome. Thanks, guys, but we'll wait for the shot.
- Abibliophobia is the fear of running out of material to read.

Thought for the Day: "When the path ignites a soul, there's no remaining in place. The foot touches the ground, but not for long." - Hakim Sanai

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# Phlox and powdery mildew management

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

Phlox is a highly versatile perennial with powerful blooms that can extend through much of the season. From spring-flowering, low-growing creeping phlox (Phlox subulata), to its taller, summer relative, garden phlox (Phlox paniculata), there are many cultivars with an endless variety of flower and leaf color, height and bloom time.

Garden phlox's powerful presence and rainbow of colors, from pinks, purples and blues, to reds, oranges and white, can add incredible visual impact to the late summer garden. That is, if they make it that long.

Unfortunately, phlox is susceptible to being eaten by animal visitors such as deer and being covered with an unattractive, white substance known as powdery mildex

Powdery mildew is a group of fungi that attaches to the leaves and stems of plants including phlox, bee balm and peonies. It makes the surfaces of the plant look almost dusted with white and brown specs.

Its spores are spread by wind and once attached, the fungi absorbs nutrients from the plant in order to continue spreading. While this sounds extreme and doesn't look very nice, if the affected plant is still growing and flowering as it should, you don't need to do anything to treat the mildew.

If you notice that your phlox is suffering from stunted growth, dying foliage or decreased flowering, or if you want to test out possible improvements, there are some non-chemical, pollinator-friendly methods you can use to manage fungi.



Garden phlox's rainbow of colors adds visual impact to the late summer garden. Photo by Bonnie Kirn Donahue

Some varieties of powdery mildew prefer moist environments, while others are happy to live in dry conditions. If you have the fungi and your environment is very shady, moist and tightly spaced, relocating your phlox could make a difference.

Before transplanting, adjust your soil nutrients to see if anything improves. Get a soil test to make sure you match the best amendments to the plant requirements.

Still having trouble? Talk to the experts at your local greenhouse or nursery about their experience with different phlox varieties and how they manage powdery mildew.



Many varieties of phlox are susceptible to powdery mildew, a group of fungi that attaches to the leaves and stems of plants, giving them a dusted appearance. Photo courtesy of Penn State Department of Plant Pathology and Environmental Microbiology; bugwood.org



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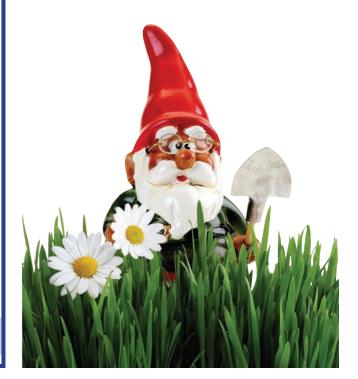
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# Go green with personal grooming

: Cycling to work, bringing a reusable grocery tote to the store and lchoosing organic products are a few of the many ways people have acceptled the mission to reduce the impact their daily diving has on the planset. Great initiatives have been borne out of a desire to be more eco-friendly. Indeed, eco-friendly living can extend to all parts of one's lifestyle, including personal grooming.

Small changes in daily grooming habits can benefit the planet in myriad ways. And keeping clean and looking good while protecting the planet is simpler than one may think.

#### Save water

Water is an essenetial component of many grooming techniques, so making an effort to lconserve water is a good place to begin making rsome eco-friendly changes. Invest in a low-flow showerhead and make a concerted effort to take shorter showers. Water and energy can be wasted when taking a bath, so limit those in favor of



showers. If you choose to take a bath, don't fill the tub and consider using old bath water for other purposes, such as watering houseplants or the garden. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency reports that Americans use approximately nine billion gallons of water every day to take care of their yards. Using old bathwater can reduce

that number. When washing your face or brushing your teeth, turn off the faucet in between scrubbing and rinsing.

#### Reduce reliance on single-use plastics

single-use Replace items with others that are more environmentally friendly. Instead of disposable razors, purchase an electric razor or one that has changeable

able handle. Eco-friendly toothbrushes made of bamboo can help reduce reliance on plastics.

#### Buy locally made products

Opt for soaps and shampoos made from natural ingredients by local companies. The further the country of production, the more fuel and other resources necessary to get the product into your home. Scour local farmer's markets and niche retailers in town. which often stock soaps and grooming materials made by community residents.

#### Read product labels

Avoid products that are made with chemicals in favor of those made from ingredients you understand. Such a decision can reduce harmful,

dangerous runoff that ultimately ends up in waterways. Select products that are sold in containers made from recycled materials or those that limit excessive packaging.

Eco-friendly living can be extended to personal grooming, ensuring people look good while protecting the planet at the same time.





#### Paw's Corner

by Sam Mazzotta Brewer's Yeast and **Pet Allergies** 

Dear Paw's Corner: I read an article that says brewer's yeast is safe for cats and dogs. I disagree. I found several more articles online that say pets can be allergic to brewer's yeast. What do you say about that? - Carla L, via email

Dear Carla: Pet owners should always research and evaluate the risks of any supplement for their pets. Brewer's yeast is a mainstay for owners trying to find a natural flea control treatment, and others swear that its blend of B vitamins makes their pets healthier.

It has been found that brewer's yeast created for humans often contains ingredients like garlic and onions that are downright toxic to pets. Owners should purchase only brewer's yeast formulated for dogs or cats, as PetMD notes (petmd. com/dog/nutrition/ brewers-yeast-dogs-understanding-benefits-and-risks).

Here are some other tips for picking the right brewer's yeast:

- Give only the amount recommended for your pet's size.
- · Brewer's yeast that has been "de-bittered" lacks chromium, a mineral that helps regulate blood sugar in humans but hasn't been studied in dogs.
- Read the label carefully: Some brewer's yeast for pets contains garlic, which can be toxic, especially for smaller pets.
- · Consider a brewer's yeast that includes omega-3 oils for added bene-
- This supplement can add up to 80 calories to your pet's meal. It can also cause excess gas.

Some pets really are allergic to the yeast itself, though. Avoid giving brewer's yeast to dogs with known yeast allergy, who have digestive illnesses like colitis, or who are immunocompromised. Always monitor your pet for new behaviors or symptoms after

giving them any new supplement.

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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: A LIGHTWEIGHT CORD Armchair **Brother** Coffeecake Colander

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# Weekly SUDOKU

#### by Linda Thistle

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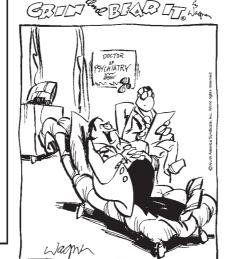
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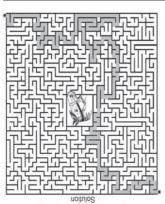
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Today's Word

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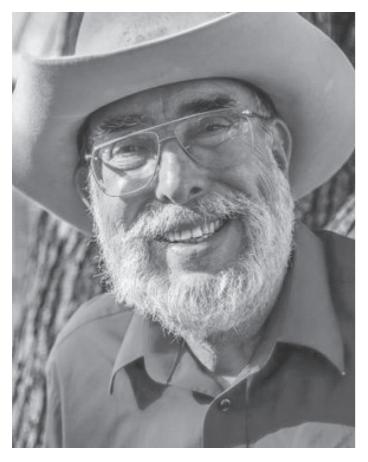
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# Coffee Break

Home Country by Slim Randles





ud was especially quiet this morning, sitting in his usual seat at the philosophy counter of the Mule Barn truck stop. He was doodling with his napkin and a feed store ball-point pen.

Doc looked over to see if he could make it out. He couldn't. Bert adjusted his glasses and looked over.

"Murder?" said Bert.

"What?"

"You wrote murder on the napkin," Bert said. "Did I say something wrong?"

"Naw," Dud said, blushing a bit. "It's my book, that's all."

"Still having trouble trying to figure it out?" Doc said, kindly.

"The publishing company suggests I

outline it first to kinda get to know where everything goes before rewriting it this time. And you know what they said about the murders..."

"Eight are too many..." said Doc.

"...in the first chapter," said Doc and Bert simultaneously. "That's right," said Dud. "My problem is, I can't figure out who to kill first, the duchess or the truck driver."

Bert looked at Doc. "You have a duchess and a truck driver?"

"They met at the opera, or maybe the truck stop. I'm not sure yet," Dud said. "Now I need to kill both of them to make this work, you see, but then there are my other victims, and some of them really need killing pretty bad, but I'm going to have to slip those murders in a little bit at a time."

"A duchess and a truck driver?"

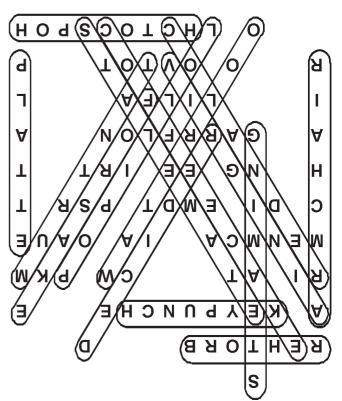
"Well, yeah," Dud said, "but no one is supposed to know about the affair they had back when they were both in college, see? And then when their daughter shows up..."

"The duchess and the truck driver have a daughter?"

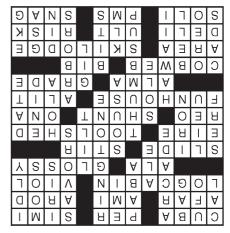
"Sure. But she doesn't know her dad's a truck driver until after he's dead, and by then, see, she's on a killing spree... and her half brother, the dukelet, he tries to get her to join Adult Children of Murdered Parents..."

"Hold it right there!" said Doc. "I'll wait for the book. I don't want you to spoil it for me."

Brought to you by "The Fly Fisherman's Bucket List" by Slim Randles, from Rio Grande Books, and now available at Amazon.com.



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Upper unit includes a long term, good tenant. Over 3,400 sq. ft. of living space & 5 acres. New Survey & New Septic System completed.

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#### \$219,000 ~ 49 +/- Acres Eaker Road, Ft. Plain



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