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202119845: Easy living with all main rooms on the same floor. Large open living room with a wood burning fireplace and pellet stove. Large partially finished basement has endless opportunities, with a built-in bar which could be used for entertaining. Second bathroom is on the lower level and in the process of being renovated. **\$260,000**

202129063: This beautiful ranch home checks all of the boxes! Location, gorgeous landscaping, updated and maintained are just some of it's attributes. Recessed lighting throughout the home. Full walk out basement with great potential, easily could be finished off! Property close to historical village of Cooperstown. **\$235,000**

202126073: This farmhouse welcomes you home! Large backyard, perfect for entertaining, gardening or pets. Outdoor fireplace and a chicken house. Spacious front porch to enjoy your morning coffee. Large eat-in Carriage House kitchen, dining room, living room, 1st floor master suite with a full bath, office space and ample closet space. Wide plank flooring throughout most of the home. Laundry room on the 1st floor with storage closet and mop sink. A paved driveway leads to a detached 2-stall garage with a workshop. **\$129,000**

202120313: Looking for tranquility in the city of Amsterdam? This 2-family home is a hidden gem! Relax in the spacious yard with the sounds of running water flowing through the Chuctanunda Creek out back. Originally an 1880 farmhouse, it features much of the original woodwork, has newer replacement windows and vinyl siding and a two car garage. A large, private yard area, with distant neighbors, and a two-way driveway. Would make a wonderful owner-occupied dwelling or keep as a desirable investment property. **\$129,900**

202125456: This 1910 brick home has been well maintained. It has hardwood floors throughout, except for the attic space, which is wall to wall carpet. It has retained the natural woodwork. Many updates include new furnace, roof and windows and kitchen. There is a 3 season room off of the kitchen and the attic space is finished and has a small room for office space and a large family room, which would make an excellent office space for anyone working from home. Or converted into a Master bedroom. It has a small fenced-in backyard. **\$135,000**

202126058: Quaint Cape Cod style home located in a hilltop residential setting close to schools and 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 vinyl windows and a basement serves as a laundry room, craft area, work shop and a home brewery with a kitchenette (sink, stove, counter space). **\$149,500**

202126279: Country living on 1.8 acres, This 1995 Double Wide sits on the back of the property giving you plenty of distance from the road. This 3 bedroom 2 1/2 baths is very spacious. It has a Large living room and kitchen with a family room off the kitchen. Very large Master Bedroom. The home is well maintained and the owners are in the process of remedying any existing issues. The yard is all maintained. **\$159,000**

202130851: Well kept home. Well manicured. 3 foot pool in back with stunning gazebo/patio. Hardwood floors both up and down and under rugs. Family room toward back with a backyard advance. Great neighborhood and close to school. **\$179,000**

202024369: GREAT INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY!! This property includes TWO HOUSES! 114 and 114 1/2 West Main Street, St. Johnsville. The main house is a beautiful, Victorian in very good condition and features a large, working kitchen, formal dining room and plenty of additional living space. Also includes, a one-stall, attached garage. The house in the back includes two units; the upstairs unit is a two-bedroom and the downstairs unit is a one-bedroom. Plenty of parking available on the property. Don't wait! **\$179,000**

202123794: Ideal for an owner occupied 2-family or easily convert into a single family home! This great location features a large yard, walking distance to the school and beautiful park. Home has been well cared for and updated including windows, siding and roof. Very large garage with a workshop and plenty of storage on the 2nd floor. Commute to Albany, Utica or Saratoga. **\$115,000**

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 the first floor. Upstairs you will find what could be 2 additional bedrooms framed out and partially sheet rocked, which would give you an added 400 sq ft of living space! You are able to join the East Caroga Lake Association and have access to the recreational hall, private beach, basketball courts, playground and more! **\$105,000**

202122985: Cozy, yet spacious home on a corner lot, close to downtown amenities. Take advantage of the fully fenced-in yard, perfect for entertaining or enjoy the new front porch. This home features an eat-in kitchen, first floor laundry and central AC. Garage door was installed four years ago and a new electric hot water heater just installed. The roof is at the end of its life and will need to be replaced. Agent is related to seller. Call today for a showing! **\$95,000**

202130311: Perfect country setting, located in Canajoharie school district, set on just over an acre. Endless opportunities here! This property is being sold AS IS, garage is at the end of its life and will have to be taken down. **\$85,000**

202120364: 2-story, 2 family home fully rented. Each unit two bedrooms. Front porches. Updated roof. Nice yard. Located walking distance to parks, shops and schools. **\$74,900**

202113401: 5.8 acres with 627 feet of road frontage. Wooded parcel located on a country road. Located in the Canajoharie School District. **\$19,000**



## How to handle the return of Black Friday

The holiday season figures to feel more familiar in 2021 than it did a year ago, when a global pandemic forced people to change how they celebrated and shopped. Though the pandemic is not yet in the rear-view mirror, the rollout of a trio of effective vaccines should make it possible for millions of people to celebrate safely this holiday season.

A return to normalcy should be welcome news for local retailers, and Black Friday could start the beginning of a busy and lucrative holiday season. With a more normal holiday season on the horizon, shoppers may benefit from a refresher course on how to get the best Black Friday deals.

• **Start early.** Black Friday may not begin until the day after Thanksgiving, but savvy shoppers know that many retailers post or leak their sales well in advance of the big day. Various websites are devoted to helping consumers find the best Black Friday deals. Many such websites update their listings as retailers release more sales information. Consumers can bookmark Black Friday websites and then periodically visit them to learn about the latest deals.

• **Comparison shop.** Getting a head start on Black Friday shopping also affords shoppers a chance to comparison shop. PriceGrabber.com makes it easy to compare deals from a wide range of retailers on every-

thing from appliances to furniture to pet supplies.

• **Confirm when stores open.** Many retailers abandoned midnight store openings on Black Friday a year ago. Such decisions were made to protect public health and they may remain in place in 2021. Though it might be a family tradition to visit a retailer in the wee small hours of the Black Friday morning, the pandemic has changed the holiday shopping landscape. So confirm when stores open and close before crawling out of bed in the dark this Black Friday.

• **Utilize curbside pickup to avoid crowds.** Shoppers who are still nervous about COVID-19 don't have to sit Black Friday out for the second year in a row. Various retailers started offering curbside pickup during the pandemic and that option has proven so popular that it's stuck around even after vaccines became widely available. Shoppers with unvaccinated children at home or those who simply want to avoid crowds can safely land great deals by opting for curbside pickup this Black Friday.

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The Family Counseling Center is happy to welcome seven new staff members during the third quarter of 2021. The group joins an organization focused on building a healthy community through support, engagement and empowerment, and includes the following individuals: Sydney Gabryshak, MHC; Kathleen Landry, Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner; Francesca Nare, School

Based Intervention Counselor; Jeremy Purtell, Mobile Crisis Counselor; Samantha Scalise, (L)MHC; and Kevin Sudds, MSW.

They join an organization that has worked in Fulton and Montgomery counties along with surrounding communities for over 45 years, and is currently transitioning into an expanded 27,500-square-foot space that, once

complete, will house the center's more than 90 employees under one roof, recognizing that clients benefit when programs are co-located.

"We are excited to welcome our new team members to the Family Counseling Center," said Michael Countryman, executive director of the organization. "Their work is valued by us and by the clients they serve. Each of them is help-

ing to build a healthy community."

The Family Counseling Center of Fulton County has been serving the community since 1976 and ensures a broad range of superior, quality, evidence-based, behavioral support and social services to the community. For more information about the center and its services, go to [thefamilycounseling-center.org](http://thefamilycounseling-center.org).

## Rev. Virgil Stokes at Faith, Hope and Love

Rev. Virgil Stokes will be at Faith, Hope and Love Christian Church on Oct. 26 at 6:30 p.m. at Upstate Chapel, 63 Cliff St., Canajoharie. Rev. Stokes will be teaching about the healing power of God and will pray for the sick. He has been a pastor, evangelist, author and founder of Abundant Heart Ministries and Faith Ministry Training Institute. His in-person, printed, audio and online teaching is used in churches and prisons, on Native American reservations and also in Panama and Mexico. The Bowleys have been greatly impacted by his ministry and friendship over 35 years. Before entering the ministry, Virgil was an addict and alcoholic, and later a nurse. His experience, knowledge, sense of humor and God-given message makes any meeting special – plus his "boss," Jesus, is the same person He was in Bible times, a powerful healer and deliverer and friend.

Upstate Chapel seats 200 and has a ramp and a high ceiling with fans. All are welcome! Call Pastor David or

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## Smullen promotes broadband speed test for all New Yorkers

Assemblymember Robert Smullen (R.C.I.,SAM-Me-co) announced that a significant step in the fight for further broadband access has been taken. The New York State Broadband Program Office is now asking the public to provide input and data via a survey and an internet speed test, to see what the real picture is for broadband access for our citizens. Smullen has championed the issue of broadband access for Upstate New York since his election in 2018. This has become even more important during the recent pandemic, with schools having remote learning, seniors using telemedicine to get healthcare and people working from home.

"I'm optimistic we can now get the real picture of broadband access for our citizens in rural areas, now that the state is going to do a real survey," Smullen said. "I've pounded the broadband drum since my first day in office, and it's so important now that everyone participates in the speed test survey. We need to know

who has what internet speed where, so we can make common sense decisions to get broadband to as many people as possible.

"The internet is a critical part of our lives. People use it for school, for work and for healthcare. It's not a luxury anymore, it's a necessity, and despite the differences between rural and urban life, we can't leave our citizens on the wrong side of the digital divide any longer," Smullen concluded.

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### October 30

**Ayres Memorial Animal Shelter Chinese Auction** 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Canajoharie High School. Donations to the shelter can be made at [donorbox.org/tub-of-trouble](http://donorbox.org/tub-of-trouble). Questions? Have an auction item? Call 518.365.7145.

**Autumn Bike Tour - NYS History Month** 1 p.m. from the Visitor Center at Schoharie Crossing. Contact [SchoharieCrossing@parks.ny.gov](mailto:SchoharieCrossing@parks.ny.gov) with any questions.

**A little Hocus Pocus** 5-8 p.m. at the Fort Plain Museum, 389 Canal Street. Rebels, Redcoats & Zombies. Celebrate Halloween.

### November 5

**Organ Variety Concert** 7 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, Stone Arabia, RT 10N, Palatine Bridge. Features area musicians Dr. Eric Stroud, Rev. Mark Fowler, Janet Shuster, Terry Gordon, Sid Chase, Sue Crua, Norma Bowley, Paul & Jeannette Kling, Castine & Calista Hardesty, Irena Garin & Connie Chamberlain. Love songs and more with vocal, organ trumpet, and piano music. Questions? call 518.673.5443.

### November 6

**Montgomery County Rabies**

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

### December 4

**Christmas at the Fort** 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Fort Plain Museum, 389 Canal Street. Includes an Author Book Fair 12-3 p.m. For more information call 518.993.2527 or visit [fortplainmuseum.org](http://fortplainmuseum.org)

### December 5

**St. Nicholas Day** Noon - 3:30 p.m. Fort Klock, 7214 State Route 5, St. Johnsville. Call 518.568.7779.



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I am an experienced candidate for Family Court Judge. Helping families and children is important to me and I found it to be the most rewarding work of my twenty-six plus years as an attorney. Having practiced in several Family Courts in the Capital Region, I am committed to balancing the parties' varied interests in resolving any custody and/or visitation matter.

As an attorney for the children assigned in Columbia, Montgomery and Schenectady Counties, I met my clients in their homes and proactively met with agency stakeholders. I was an advocate, a trial lawyer, and an Assistant Public Defender assigned to the Montgomery County Family Court. My research-focused approach to practicing law was the reason I was hired by the Hon. Joseph M. Sise twenty-three years ago to be Court Attorney for the Montgomery County Court, a position I currently serve in as Principal Court Attorney to the Hon. Felix J. Catena.

As Principal Court Attorney, I research and analyze legal questions and issues; draft opinions, decisions, orders, jury charges, and correspondences; confer and advise judges on legal issues; conduct conferences with litigants and other parties to legal actions to clarify issues to be resolved or to settle cases. I have been assigned to Judges working in the Family Court and to Judges assigned to the Supreme Court having a matrimonial calendar. I am a stakeholder in Montgomery County's recently-created Opioid Stabilization Court and helped develop Montgomery County's Drug and Mental Health Courts. In addition, I am currently assigned as a trained court attorney mediator for child custody and visitation proceedings taking assignments in the Fulton, Montgomery, Saratoga, and Schenectady County Family Courts pursuant to the Fourth Judicial District's Alternative Dispute Resolution Plan.

In addition to my work experience, I have been actively involved in the community, having been a member of the Greater Amsterdam School District's Board of Education and Chairman of the Amsterdam Housing Authority since 2014. I am the current President of the Montgomery County Bar Association. I chose to make Montgomery County my home twenty-four years ago. I reside in the City of Amsterdam with my wife and am raising two daughters.



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(L - R) Sheryl Neal, Phyllis Duffy and Dolores Jacksland.  
Photo courtesy of Janet Lee Stanley

## Raffle of painting continues fundraiser efforts

Ongoing efforts to raise money to secure a matching funds grant for the West Hill School continue. As of this drawing, over \$57,000 of the necessary \$77,500 had been collected.

Local artist Phyllis Duffy donated the painting of West Hill School for a fundraiser raffle and was on hand Oct. 10 at noon to pull the winning name. Congratulations to Kathy Gautie! If you'd like to send in a donation, log onto [mohawkvalleycollective.com](http://mohawkvalleycollective.com) to pay electronically or mail a check to the Mohawk Valley Collective, Box 53, Fort Plain, NY 13339. Make sure to include "West Hill General Fund" with your payment.

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## Fort Plain native serves as member of U.S. Navy's "Silent Service"

by Megan Brown, Navy Office of Community Outreach

A Fort Plain native is serving aboard *USS Tennessee*, one of the world's most advanced nuclear-powered submarines.

Petty Officer 1st Class Paul Brown, a 2008 Fort Plain Jr-Sr High School graduate, joined the Navy 12 years ago.

"I joined the Navy because I wanted to see and experience new things," added Brown. "I also wanted to challenge myself with stuff I have never done before and get a fresh start."

Today, Brown serves as a yeoman submariner, whose responsibilities include being a human resources officer.

"I am a legal officer and responsible for admin work and ensuring everyone is receiving the correct pay," said Brown.

According to Brown, the values required to succeed in the military are similar to those found in Fort Plain.

"Fort Plain taught me how to work with different individuals to meet a common goal," said Brown.

Known as America's "Silent Service," the Navy's submarine force operates a large fleet of technically advanced vessels. These submarines are capable of conducting rapid defensive and offensive operations around the world, in furtherance of U.S. national security.

There are three basic types of submarines: fast-attack submarines (SSN), ballistic-missile submarines (SSBN) and guided-missile submarines (SSGN). Fast-attack submarines are designed to hunt down and destroy enemy submarines and surface ships; strike targets ashore with cruise missiles; carry and deliver Navy SEALs; conduct intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance missions; and engage in mine warfare.

The navy's ballistic-missile submarines, often referred to as "boomers," serve as a strategic deterrent by providing an undetectable platform for subma-

rine-launched ballistic missiles. SSBNs are designed specifically for stealth, extended patrols and the precise delivery of missiles. Guided-missile submarines provide the navy with unprecedented strike and special operation mission capabilities from a stealthy, clandestine platform. Each SSGN is capable of carrying 154 Tomahawk cruise missiles, plus a complement of heavyweight torpedoes to be fired through four torpedo tubes.

As a member of the submarine force, Brown is part of a rich 121-year history of the U.S. Navy's most versatile weapons platform, capable of taking the fight to

the enemy in the defense of America and its allies.

Serving in the navy means Brown is part of a team that is taking on new importance in America's focus on rebuilding military readiness, strengthening alliances and reforming business practices in support of the National Defense Strategy.

"Submarines alone allow the U.S. to not only strike at enemies, but to have assets in place to prevent adversaries from using nuclear missiles without being seen," said Brown.

With more than 90% of all trade traveling by sea, and 95% of the world's international phone and internet traffic carried through underwater fiber optic, Navy officials continue to emphasize that the prosperity and security of the U.S. is directly linked to a strong and ready Navy. A major component of that maritime security is homeported at Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay.

"We do two big things here in King's Bay: we send SSBNs on strategic deterrence patrols and we forward deploy our guided missile submarines overseas," said Rear Adm. John Spencer, Commander, Submarine Group Ten. "This work is essential to uphold the number one mission of the Navy: strategic deterrence. And this is the only home port for both of these types of submarines on the East Coast."

Strategic deterrence is the nation's ultimate insurance program, and for decades, Kings Bay has been home to Ohio Class SSBN ballistic-missile submarines. Beginning in 2028, the new Columbia Class ballistic-missile submarines will arrive and provide continuous sea-based strategic deterrence into the 2080s.

As Brown and other sailors continue to train and perform the missions they are tasked with, they take pride in serving their country in the U.S. Navy.

"Serving in the Navy means a great deal," added Brown. "Not only is it how I support my family, but it is also my way of protecting those I care about."



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## Frederick Baum ceremony

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Baum 11



Unveiling the marker by Isabella Trevino, Emmett Dorman, Owen Dorman, and Violet Panek- 9th generation descendants.



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**Baum from 10**

family cemetery in the town of Oppenheim. Thirty guests were present, coming from North Carolina, Virginia, Connecticut and New York.

The ceremony began with a gun and cannon salute by the First Tryon County Militia, led by Commander Robert

Metzger. Guests were welcomed and introduced by the four times great-granddaughter of Frederick Baum and Fort Plain NSDAR member, Virginia Herb. Kate Brust, Fort Plain NSDAR treasurer, sang the "Star-Spangled Banner." Cheryl Mackiewicz, a seventh generation descendant, gave a biographical report on

the life of Baum. Unveiling of the NSDAR marker was done by his ninth generation descendants: Isabella Trevino, Owen Dorman, Emmett Dorman and Violet Panek. NSDAR and descendant wreaths were presented.

Cynthia Breh, Oppenheim Town Supervisor, spoke about the importance of

local history. Sarah Lopez, regent of the Fort Plain NSDAR, gave a rousing speech written by Patrick Henry. "Taps" was played by Richard Mackiewicz. Refreshments were served by Sue and David Crouse. "Thou Art Gone but Not Forgotten," written on Baum's headstone, was the closing statement of the ceremony.



The family who restored Frederick Baum's stone - David and Sue Crouse, Gary and Virginia Herb and Cheryl and Richard Mackiewicz.

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Violet Panek, 9th generation descendant happy to honor her ancestor.

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# Avoid these common Halloween costume dangers

Children and adults may spend weeks planning their Halloween costumes. Movie or TV characters, political figures, horror icons or everyday heroes are among the most popular costumes each year.

Much thought goes into Halloween costumes, and equal consideration should be given to ensuring the costume is as safe as it is fun. The following are some common costume hazards and how to avoid them.

• **Flammable materials:** According to the ASTM D1230-17 – Standard Test Method for Flammability of Apparel Textiles, some combustible fabrics used in the design of clothing “are potentially dangerous to the wearer because of such factors as ease of ignition, flame spread time, amount of heat released, and design of the garment.” Quite often Halloween costumes fall under these dangerous classifications because they are not considered everyday apparel. Materials may not be sturdy and federal requirements for clothing to be flame-resistant may be skirted. Some costumes can ignite in seconds. Others also may cause “flaming drip,” which describes the melting of plastic material that leads to it separating from the rest of the costume. Flaming drip can cause secondary fires or burns to the skin. Look for costumes that list flame-resistance, even if they may be more expensive.

• **Invisible suits:** Invisible suits are stretchy body-suits that cover the entire frame and head. Newer incarnations that are all black without eyeholes can be dangerous to wear because they limit wearers’ ability to see clearly and be seen by others.

• **Dangerous makeup:** Halloween makeup may not be created in adherence to the same standards as regular cosmetics. Check ingredients for hazards and warnings about where the makeup can be applied, as some products are not recommended for use around the mouth or eyes. Apply a small amount first to see if an allergic reaction occurs.

• **Capes and flowing components:** Costumes that have long, flowing parts, such as a costume for Ringwraith, a character from the “Lord of the Rings” trilogy, or even caped crusaders can be fire hazards. Parts of such costumes also can get caught underfoot in doors (such as rotating entrances to stores) and even the gears on bicycles. Strangulation or falls can occur in these instances.

• **Faulty footwear:** Costumes that require the use of high heels, platform shoes or any other design that may impede the ability to walk safely should be discouraged. Not only can they cause foot discomfort that reduces time spent on the trick-or-treating circuit, but these costumes also increase the risk of slips and falls and twisted or broken ankles.

• **Contact lenses:** Colored or patterned contact lenses are popular components of some costumes.

However, decorative contact lenses should not be used without a proper fitting by an eye care professional who sells reputable decorative contact brands. Also, never share contact lenses and always wash hands before putting in contacts or removing them from the eyes.

Halloween is a festive holiday, and even more so when costumes don’t compromise celebrants’ safety.



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## Dining out with unvaccinated children

Dining out safely and confidently has long been a coveted component of getting back to normal life after the pandemic. In spring of 2021, mask mandates were lifted in most areas and it seemed like dining out and other activities were returning. However, new variants of the virus and breakthrough infections have added to uncertainty and raised some familiar questions about the safety of dining out, particularly with unvaccinated children.

Though COVID-19 vaccines are now available to people ages 12 and older, children younger than 12 remain ineligible for vaccination. As a result, families may once again be wondering how to navigate going out.

Epidemiologists and other public health experts agree that there is no such thing as zero risk when dining out. Families must conduct their own risk assessment before venturing out with unvaccinated individuals. The following tips can help parents assess that risk so they can make the safest, most informed decisions possible.

• **Check virus infection rates.** Study the CDC risk levels for areas where you intend to dine out. This information is free and can provide valuable insight as to the safety of a given area.

• **Opt for outdoor seating.** It's generally safer to dine outdoors than indoors. According to Saskia Popescu, an infectious disease epidemiologist and assistant professor at George Mason University, when dining indoors people are eating and drinking without masks on. They don't know other people's vaccine status and they are there for prolonged periods of time, during which virus particles could be circulating through the air. Virus particles are dispersed outdoors more easily than in a crowded interior space.

• **Dine at off-peak hours.** If you must eat indoors due to weather or other circumstances, it may be bet-

ter to dine during off-peak hours when the restaurant is largely unoccupied. This reduces the risk of contact with other people.

• **Consider restaurants that require proof of vaccination status.** A growing number of restaurants are not only requiring their staff to be fully vaccinated, but also their customers. New York City mayor Bill De Blasio announced in late August 2021 that visitors to gyms and indoor dining establishments would have to be vaccinated beginning in September – showing proof of at least one vaccine dose. While requiring vaccinations is a hot-button issue across the globe, diners concerned about unvaccinated individuals should contact local restaurants requiring vaccinations to determine if ineligible persons can still dine there. If so, those restaurants may be safer bets than establishments with no such requirements.

• **Wear masks as much as possible.**

Have unvaccinated children wear masks while walking through the restaurant and other crowded areas. They can pull down masks to eat and then put them back on when they finish eating.

Dining out with unvaccinated children requires parents to carefully assess risk and make decisions that keep their children as safe as possible.



Parents can weigh the risk/reward of dining out with unvaccinated children and take as many precautions as possible to keep them healthy.

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## Chow Line: Pumpkin-carving safety tips

**Q:** I plan to carve some pumpkins for Halloween, but I'm trying to avoid injuring myself like I did last year. Do you have any tips on how I can do that?

**A:** It's that time of year when pumpkins are being harvested and readying to carve. And while carving a pumpkin can be a fun, festive, fall family event – as long as you know what you're doing – it's important to do so safely.

Even though pumpkins are a beautiful, tasty vegetable (or fruit, depending on who you ask), carving them can result in injuries if you aren't careful.

One thing to keep in mind is choosing the right pumpkin to carve.

There are several kinds of pumpkins. Some that you eat, and some that are typically used for carving, said Jenny Lobb, a family and consumer sciences educator for Ohio State University Extension. OSU Extension is the outreach arm of the Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences (CFAES).

Varieties include jack-o'-lanterns, colored pumpkins, pie pumpkins and specialty pumpkins such as the Rouge Vif d'Etampes or Cinderella pumpkin.

"Pie pumpkins, which are smaller and sweeter in flavor, are typically used for baking and cooking, while jack-o'-lanterns are typically used for carving," Lobb said.

Once you've chosen the pumpkin, it's important

to know how to hold it to avoid injury when carving. Because pumpkins are round, tough and slippery, carving them can sometimes result in slice, puncture, cut or stab wounds to hands and fingers, which could result in a quick trip to the hospital, according to the American Society for Surgery of the Hand (ASSH).

This is significant, considering that between October and November 2018, some 2,700 Halloween-related injuries involved trips and falls, according to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. Additionally, 44% of Halloween-related injuries were related to pumpkin-carving activities, while 27% of the injuries included laceration; ingestions; and costume-, pumpkin- or decoration-related injuries.

"Pumpkin-carving, costumes, unfamiliar homes and young children traveling in darkness all provide possible scenarios for accidents and injuries," Craig Phillips, orthopedic hand surgeon and spokesperson for the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS), said recently in a written statement. "It is important for parents to establish clear boundaries with their kids and teach them safety tips to ensure they have a positive experience, rather than having to visit the hospital. Using proper pumpkin-carving instruments and cutting away from the body is just one way to avoid musculo-



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skeletal injuries."

To reduce the risk of injury, safety experts with the AAOS, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, and ASSH offer these tips:

- Dry your hands and the pumpkin before carving.
- Use the right tools. If you can, use a pumpkin-carving kit that has specialty tools designed to

carve through rinds, poke holes and scoop out the pumpkin seeds and innards.

- Stabilize the pumpkin by placing one hand

on top of the pumpkin and then carving, working your way downward. You can also cut a hole in the bottom of the pumpkin to scoop out the insides.

- Use a spoon to remove the seeds.

- Work in a clean, dry, well-lit area when you carve the pumpkin.

- Don't let young kids carve the pumpkin. You can have them draw the pattern that you plan to cut and scoop out the insides, but kids 14 and under shouldn't use the cutting tools to carve.

- Stand at least two arms' lengths away if you are watching someone else carve the pumpkin.

- To prevent fires, consider using a flashlight in-

stead of a candle in your carved jack-o'-lantern.

• If you do cut yourself, apply direct pressure to the wound with a clean, dry cloth. Then, clean the wound with an antibiotic and apply a bandage. If the bleeding doesn't stop in 15 minutes, seek medical attention.

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The automotive resource Kelley Blue Book notes that the life expectancy of most tires falls between 25,000 and 50,000 miles. That's a big gap, and car owners can check their vehicle manuals to see if their vehicle manufacturer recommends a more specific replacement interval. It's worth noting that mileage is not the only barometer drivers should use to determine if they need to buy new tires. The following tips can help drivers determine if now is the time to outfit their vehicle with new tires.

• **Measure the tread.** KBB notes that a tire assessment should always include measuring the amount of remaining tread. Drivers can do this on their own in various ways. One method involves looking at the tread wear bars, which are little bridges in the grooves between the ridges. If the bars are even with the tread pattern, then the tire has very little tread remaining and must be replaced. The penny or quarter test is a popular way to determine if tires must be replaced. Insert a penny or quarter into the center of the tread between two ridges with Lincoln's or Washington's head facing you. If you can see the very top of the head or the space above the head, the tire must be replaced. If only a little

bit of hair is visible, then the tire is nearing its end. The tire has sufficient remaining tread if the some of the forehead is concealed.

• **Check for other signs of wear and tear.** Little remaining tread is not the only sign tires must be replaced. Tires with cracked sidewalls, discoloration and/or bulging need to be replaced.

• **Confirm a larger issue isn't lurking.** Uneven wear on tires is typically a byproduct of a larger issue. Though tires that have worn unevenly will need to be replaced, replacing them without correcting the larger issue will only lead to more uneven wear on the new tires. That's a costly mistake. KBB notes that poor wheel alignment or suspension issues are typically to blame for uneven wear. This issue can be fixed and should be addressed prior to purchasing a new set of tires.

Tires sometimes exhibit telltale signs that they need to be replaced. Before buying replacement tires, drivers can inspect their existing ones and ask their mechanic to confirm that a larger issue isn't affecting their performance.



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On Wednesday, Oct. 6 the Mohawk Valley Chapter of FFA hosted a regional event as part of the NYS FFA State Officer Tour. Members from Fonda-Fultonville and Mount Markham FFA chapters joined in an evening of workshops, games, dinner and a keynote address.

The first workshop, "We Are All In This Together," gave members the tools and ideas to truly be able to work effectively with others and see the potential of new perspectives. "Sink or Swim?" dove into the importance of exploring the unknown and asking for help – two qualities essential for a young leader. "Experience the Fear, But Do It Anyway" illustrated that everyone is scared, but don't let the things you dread keep you from accomplishing so much more. This workshop gave students the ability to use their fears to propel forward through challenges.

In addition to her keynote address, National Officer Candidate Taylor Rollins facilitated her workshop "SCOREEEEEEE!" Members were challenged to think about what their role in the FFA would and could be. Dribble, shoot and score your way into the FFA.

The evening was rounded out with learning to line dance, kickball and dinner.

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## How to spot signs of cyberbullying

Despite its relative infancy, the internet has become so prevalent in daily life that it's hard to imagine a time when it wasn't so widely available. Yet that time wasn't so long ago. In fact, many adults who are now entering or in middle-age made it through their secondary educations without the internet. That's not so for today's students, and that divide can sometimes make it difficult for parents to spot signs that their children are victims of cyberbullying.

Cyberbullying refers to the use of electronic communication to bully a person, typically by sending intimidating and/or threatening messages. These messages may be sent in various ways, including through apps or via social media platforms. According to StopBullying.gov, a website managed by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, research has shown that a quick and consistent response to bullying is an effective way to convey that such behavior is unacceptable. But parents first must learn to recognize signs of cyberbullying, which is not always as easy to spot as other bullying behaviors.

The Anti-Defamation League notes that hateful words and rumors are often a component of cyberbullying. In such instances, that abuse can follow young people home, giving them the idea that the bullying is inescapable. In decades past, bullying victims could at least see their homes as safe havens. That's no longer the case, which is why it's vital that parents learn to recognize the signs of cyberbullying.

Young people may exhibit their own unique symptoms if they're being victimized by cyberbullies. In

addition, the ADL notes that parents can look for these signs and then take immediate action if they suspect their children are being cyberbullied.

- A child becomes upset, sad or angry during or after being online or using their phone
- A child withdraws from family or friends
- A child expresses reluctance or refuses to participate in activities previously enjoyed
- A child has an unexplained decline in grades
- A child refuses to go to school or expresses anger or dissatisfaction with a specific class or school in general
- A child increasingly reports symptoms of illness for which he or she wants to stay at home
- A child shows signs of depression or sadness

The ADL urges parents who see any of these signs to respond to them immediately. Take a gentle, supportive tone during any discussions with children, making sure to express your concerns while also listening

to the child when he or she explains what is so upsetting.

Parents who have confirmed or suspect their child is a victim of cyberbullying should contact their children's school immediately. More information about how to respond to cyberbullying and prevent its recurrence is available at StopBullying.gov.



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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: SHELTER FOR A DOG

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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

I MUST BE GETTING OLD. IN COLLEGE THERE WERE TIMES I'D WAKE UP ON THE LAWN. NOW I JUST CARE ABOUT HOW IT LOOKS.

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King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Request

4 Lawyers' org.

7 Jab

11 Grub

13 Sinbad's bird

14 Way out

15 Spanish greeting

16 Somewhat (Suff.)

17 Memorandum

18 You'll get a rise out of it

20 Iowa crop

22 Owned

24 Beginnings

28 Pudding variety

32 Lebanon's neighbor

33 Press

34 Rage

36 Joyful tune

37 Plaintive poem

39 Sees the world

41 Country singer West

43 "Caught ya!"

44 Frank

46 Gold mold

50 Writer Didion

53 Flushed

55 Fascinated by

56 Byron or Tennyson

57 Nest-egg acronym

58 Car

59 Oil cartel

60 Many millenia

61 Drunkard

House's "Avenue"

Kitchen gadget brand

Tool set

Tours season

U.S. capital on the Potomac

Eastern "way"

ER workers

601, to Nero

Canal of song

Cash drawer

Pre-college exams

Even

Woody's son

30 Bard

31 Illustrations

35 Historic time

38 Shriek bark

40 Sushi fish

42 Haunting

45 Sleuth Wolfe

47 Wildebeests

48 "Beetle Bailey" dog

49 Horn sound

50 "The Wedding Planner" actress, to fans

51 "Alley —"

52 Exist

54 Dapper fellow

DOWN

1 Needing liniment

2 Oxford, for one

3 Caffeine source

4 "Entourage" character

5 Pear type

6 Sneeze sound

7 The White

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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### Recreation:

- Created NYSDEC boat launch and picnic area at riverfront
- Improved Wintergreen Park through volunteer enhancements (big toys, walkway to bottom level, pavilion picnic tables), created new water system (drilled well), and repaired overlook platform
- Improved Little League park through field lights and reconstructed dugouts
- Approved the use of snowmobiles in the village on the Erie Canal Bike Path

### Infrastructure:

- Coordinated Montgomery Street bridge rehabilitation, including salvage of 4 pedestal lights
- Planned Floral Avenue sewer extension (removing septic systems in village)
- Coordinated \$5 million upgrade to Wastewater Treatment Plant to make it more efficient
- Started the Water Treatment plant upgrades resulting in the Palatine Water Plant
- Helped salvage the CG Roxanne agreement to buy water from the Canajoharie watershed
- Co-ordinated the design and construction of the Mohawk River bridge from Canajoharie to Palatine Bridge

### Economic development/Tourism:

- Interceded in creation of county information booth in Canajoharie
- Created, financed through a matching state grant, and built the farmers market and promenade
- Created a paved Main Street parking lot in downtown business district
- Promoted Canajoharie Library and Art Gallery building project to make Arkell Museum
- Coordinated initial village response to Arkell Center building project on Maple Avenue
- Submitted HUD Canal Corridor Initiative grant application-resulted in \$3.4 million award
- General chairperson of the 4th on the 3rd Independence Celebration in Fort Plain

### Administrative:

- Developed and implemented the written Village of Canajoharie Employee Handbook
- Developed Procurement, Cyber Security, Investment, IT Computer Use and On-line Banking Policies
- Made overtures to other villages for combining police, fire department and sewer services
- Computerized Village of Canajoharie accounting system
- Codified, updated, and published village laws in new format
- Updated parking regulations
- Established ethics, property maintenance, pooper scooper, junk vehicle laws
- Established capital replacement funds for all village departments
- Increased real estate exemptions for senior citizens
- Established rules for accountability of fire department funds
- Implemented recycling as first village in Montgomery County

### Cultural/Historical:

- Commissioned professional survey of community architectural assets
- Implemented the over \$3 million storefront Façade grant program
- Coordinated the repayment of \$25,000 Canajoharie Housing Authority to HUD
- Changed the bylaws of the Canajoharie Housing Authority to reflect current federal regulations
- Prepared the 1st village Comprehensive Plan and updated it working with the Planning Board
- Coordinated the survey and application for National Historic Registry status and approval for part of the Village of Canajoharie
- Founding member of Music on Mainstreet musical program

### Safety:

- Worked with EPA to raze the Arkell and Smith buildings on Mill Street
- Worked with the Canajoharie Volunteer Fire department to implement a new Active Junior Member handbook
- Worked with leadership of the Canajoharie Volunteer Fire Department to update and implement their CVFD Personnel Manual
- Worked with Montgomery County, EPA and other agencies to solve the Beech-Nut site issues leading to development that would be compatible to Village of Canajoharie
- Financed rehabilitation of fire department aerial truck/ new pumper engine
- Established police dispatching thru sheriff's department (prior to phone 911)
- Began annexation of Wintergreen Park into village to allow village police oversight
- Established the village's only police K-9 officer "Reggie"
- Established workable "anti-loitering" policy for downtown business district
- Implemented GAVAC as 1st responder to 911 calls in the Village of Canajoharie

### Personal:

- Worked as a Pharmacist for 27 years on Church Street, Canajoharie
- Married to wife, Amy and raised two sons, Joseph and John
- Received Mountain Valley Hospice award for caregiver best exemplifying hospice philosophy of sensitive and compassionate care
- Received FULMONT Community Action Agency award for generous support of residents of western Montgomery County
- Received the Father Girzone Crystal Pillar Award from the Montgomery Office for Aging which recognizes those persons who, by their outstanding achievements and actions have shown their commitment to enhancing the quality of life for the older citizens of Montgomery County.
- Board Member of Montgomery County Office for Aging, FULMONT Community Action Agency, The Palatine Society, Canajoharie Community Services, member of Liberty Human Rights Committee, co-chairman of Comfort Zone ministry of the Reformed Church of Canajoharie, co-chairman of the Canajoharie Library used book sales.

**ELECTION DAY  
DISTRICT 1 & 2  
DISTRICT 3**



**NOVEMBER 2**

**6:00 AM - 9:00 PM**

**East Hill Elementary Library  
Ames Firehouse**