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#202129063: This beautiful ranch home checks all of the boxes! Location, gorgeous landscaping, updated and maintained are just some of its 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. Very Good Condition **\$235,000**



#202117592: Brick Victorian style home with a huge detached garage. Features high ceilings, open staircase, hardwood floors, stain glass windows, large formal living rooms, French doors, and many nooks and crannies. 2 front porches. Paved driveway with carport. **\$179,900**



#20212985: 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**



#202210876: This cozy ranch home is equipped to be handicap accessible, with a ramp inside the auto-open garage door. Curl up near the wood-burning fireplace centered in the living room. The kitchen features plenty of space and storage with an extra pantry. The laundry area is just off the kitchen. Access the new deck through sliding glass doors to enjoy the peaceful backyard with an open view. Savor the fruits of the raspberry bushes and strawberries at the back of the house. Rosebushes align the front of the home on this quiet, tucked away street. A great first time home or retirement home. **\$79,000**



#202210478: This beautiful home with 4 bedrooms and 2.5 baths is nestled on 5.6 acres in a quiet neighborhood in the charming hamlet of Tribes Hill. Its spacious kitchen has been updated with granite countertops, stainless steel appliances, including a gas stove. Other features include: hardwood floors, tiled bathroom floors, separate mudroom, large Master Suite with a walk-in closet, pellet stove, enclosed storage attached to the garage, storage shed in the back, and finished basement with a gas stove. Along with a large back deck, the yard is beautifully landscaped and the roof is only 5 years old. Also, the owners have added air/heat/dehumidifier split units on 2 floors and a new front porch. Easy access to All the Distribution Centers, Route 5, NYS Thruway Exits 27 and 28. **\$355,000**



#202129183: View this home to appreciate the charm inside this cottage style dwelling. Hardwood floors throughout, along with original woodwork & doors. Almost all windows have been replaced, new furnace. The extra room downstairs can be a 3rd bedroom or office space. It features a full bath upstairs and downstairs. Repair or replace the large deck on the back for extra outdoor enjoyment. Relax on the enclosed front porch entrance also. A great location on quiet street. Complete the mostly cosmetic repairs to restore this home to its full potential! Only a few blocks to schools! Fair Condition **\$69,000**



#202210661: Homesteading is possible with this property! story home with 4 bedrooms. Many outbuildings include 40x30 barn, silo, pole barns, and 1 stall detached garage. **\$164,900**



#202115206: Great income opportunity!! This 4 unit property has 2/1br and 2/2br apartments. Close to all amenities with in walking distance. 3 units are leased one unit is owner occupied. Must see!! **\$185,000**



#202128079: Are you looking for the perfect home for entertaining? Well here it is! This home features an open concept first floor, complete with a full bathroom. Spacious master bedroom complete with an en suite. Updates include mahogany countertops, convenient second floor laundry and custom coffered ceilings. Walking distance to Knox Field. All you have to do is add your finishing touches and this home will feel like yours! Call for your private showing today! PRE APPROVED BUYERS ONLY. Agent is related to seller. **\$275,000**



#202133710: This stunning home located on Northville Lake has been beautifully remodeled. This contemporary lakefront home is everything you have been looking for. The open floor plan offers mesmerizing views of the lake with 2 bedrooms and 2 full baths on the first floor and upstairs features a huge loft bedroom and full bath with a walk-in tile shower and a huge unfinished room that could be turned into a fourth bedroom or home office. 100ft of direct lakefront! HRRD permit is \$87 per year. Schedule a showing today. Deeded Access W/Dock **\$450,000**



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#202123794: Ideal for an owner occupied 2-family or easily convert into a single family home! This great location featuring 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**



#202130195: Here is a great opportunity for an owner-occupied rental. Lower unit is very spacious, featuring 3 bedrooms and a large dining area. Upper units are completely vacant and easy to show. Attached to the third unit is an extra room, perfect for additional storage. Plenty of off street parking, including a carport! Each unit has their own electric and gas meters that have been updated! **\$79,900**



#202211129: Welcome home! Nestled in and tucked away from the road you'll find this roomy 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath home waiting for its new owners to call home. Situated on 6.5 acres w/ road frontage on 2 roads. 20x30 outbuilding with electric. Eat-in kitchen, a roomy living room and dining area for gatherings with friends and family. When days are cool, enjoy relaxing in front of your wood burning fireplace. The full basement offers even more possibilities. Breezeway leads to the 2-stall attached garage. Close to Cooperstown, the Adirondacks and the Capital District. Convenient to all major routes. **\$275,000**



#202131139: A perfect setting comes with this raised ranch home located on 1.4 acres. Open kitchen, living room, dining area, and a huge family room. Large covered back deck for outdoor entertainment. Full basement, dug and drilled well. **\$169,000**



#202211001: Cozy, two-bedroom home located in the village of St. Johnsville. In 1989, a large, one-room addition was built, with vaulted ceilings, wood beams and hardwood floors. Also on the first floor, an eat-in kitchen, full bathroom, living room, and dining room. Two bedrooms are on the second floor. Small fenced in area on the side of the house, perfect for pets! Both off-street and street parking available. Location is perfect, close to the high school and 2 blocks from main street. Call today for a private showing! **\$69,000**

The Family Counseling Center a hub for community health

The Family Counseling Center of Fulton County has become a hub for community health – both mental health and general wellbeing. The newly renovated building on Broadway in Gloversville has hosted multiple community health events since mid-December in their Events Center, a space purpose-built for community outreach.

• **COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics** – The Family Counseling Center, in partnership with NYS Department of Health, has been host to weekly vaccine clinics. Clinics run from 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. with both Moderna and Pfizer vaccines available. No appointments are necessary, and walk-ins are encouraged. The clinics are open to anyone five years old and older looking for either vaccine or booster shots. An upcoming date is Feb. 16 from 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

The Fulton County YMCA has partnered with the Family Counseling Center in an effort to encourage more people to become vaccinated or boosted. The YMCA has donated four six-month family memberships valued at \$575 each. A final drawing for the family memberships will be held on Feb. 16.

• **Red Cross Blood Drive** – The Family Counseling Center hosted a community blood drive on Jan. 26. The blood drive came at a time when healthcare systems are in desperate need of donations. The event

welcomed over 30 individuals. More blood drives will be announced in coming months.

"We are astounded by the amazing community health partners who have scheduled events with the Family Counseling Center," said Peter Lawrence, deputy executive director at the Family Counseling Center. "Our Events Center was designed to be a hub of community activity, health and education. The ability to have a central location in downtown Gloversville for outreach events such as the vaccine clinics and blood drives is a boon to the community as a whole. We look forward to offering more events such as these and working with more partners in the coming months."

Michael Countryman, the organization's executive director, added, "The Family Counseling Center has been at the heart of the community for over 45 years. We are thrilled to continue to offer mental and behavioral health options to our neighbors through our programs and services. We are also thankful to our partners as we work together to build a healthy community."

If you would like to keep up-to-date on similar events, follow the Family Counseling Center on Facebook at facebook.com/FamilyCounselingFultonCounty.

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. The center is licensed by the NYS Office of Mental Health, providing services to children as young as five years old. For more information about the Family Counseling Center, its services or how you can become a volunteer, visit thefamilycounselingcenter.org.



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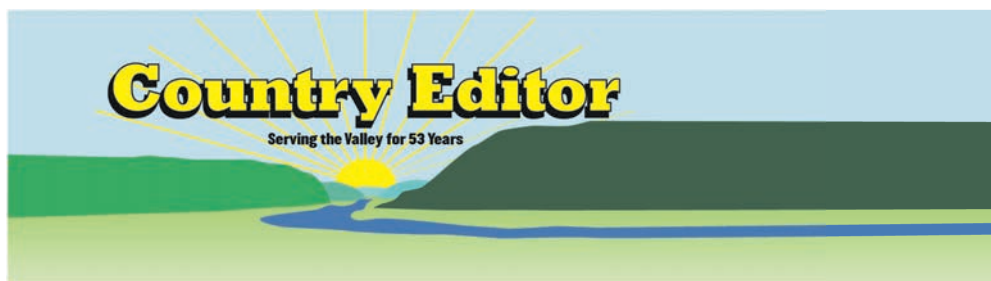
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Liz Weston: How your parents' debt could outlive them

by **Liz Weston of NerdWallet**

Many people believe one of two common myths when a parent dies in debt, says Chicago estate planning attorney Michael Whitty. The first myth is that an adult child will become liable for their parents' debt. The second myth is that they can't.

Adult children typically don't have to pay their parents' bills, but there are exceptions. And even when a child doesn't have to pay directly, debt could reduce what they inherit.

Debt doesn't simply disappear when someone dies, Whitty explains. Creditors can file claims against the estate, and those claims usually have to be paid before anything is distributed to heirs. Creditors also are allowed to contact relatives about the dead person's debts, even if those family members have no legal obligation to pay.

If you're concerned that your parents' debt might outlive them, consider talking to an estate planning attorney for personalized legal advice. Here are some issues to explore.

When You Can and Can't be Held Personally Responsible

Generally, family members don't have to use their own money to pay a dead relative's debts unless they:

- Co-signed a loan, were a joint account holder or otherwise agreed to

be held responsible for the debt.

- Are the surviving spouse and live in a community property state or a state that requires surviving spouses to pay debts such as medical bills.

- Were legally responsible for settling the estate and didn't follow state law.

For example, if you're the executor of your parent's estate and distribute money to yourself or other heirs before paying off creditors, the creditors could sue you to get the money back.

Should You Fear 'Filial Responsibility' Laws?

More than half of the states still have "filial responsibility" laws on the books that technically could require adult children to pay their impoverished parents' bills, says estate and elder law attorney Letha McDowell of Kitty Hawk, NC.

These laws are holdovers from a time when debtors prisons existed, says McDowell, who is president of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys. Their use has faded since the 1965 creation of Medicare - the health coverage program for people 65 and over - and Medicaid, the health coverage program for the poor.

Filial responsibility

statutes are rarely enforced, although in 2012, a nursing home chain used Pennsylvania's law to successfully sue a son for his mother's \$93,000 bill. Some legal experts have predicted more such lawsuits as long-term care costs rise, but so far that hasn't materialized, McDowell says.

How Creditors Get Paid - Including Medicaid

If someone dies with more debt than assets, their estate is considered insolvent and state law typically determines the order in which the bills get paid.

Legal and other fees for administering the estate are paid, as well as funeral and burial expenses. A temporary living allowance may be provided for dependent spouses and children, depending on state law. Secured debt such as mortgages or car loans must also be repaid or refinanced, or the lender can claim the property. Federal taxes and other federal debts have a high priority for repayment, followed by state taxes and debts, Whitty says.

If Medicaid paid for someone's nursing home expenses, for example, the state can file a claim against the estate or a lien against the person's home, McDowell

says. Medicaid eligibility and recovery rules can be complex and vary by state, which is why it can help to consult an elder law attorney if a parent may need Medicaid to cover nursing home bills, McDowell says.

She urges planning appropriately "to make sure that your family doesn't wind up without a house."

The last debts to be paid include unsecured debt, such as credit card bills or personal loans. If there's not enough money to pay those debts, the creditors get a share of whatever is left. Only after creditors are paid in full can any remaining assets be distributed to heirs.

What to Expect When Collectors Call

Often, creditors won't even file a claim against an insolvent estate if there's little hope they'll collect, Whitty says. But that doesn't mean they won't ask surviving family members to pay.

Legally, debt collection agencies are allowed to contact a surviving spouse or executor to request payment, and to contact relatives to ask how to reach a spouse or executor. However, collection agencies aren't allowed to say that the debt

is legally owed by a survivor if it isn't, Whitty says.

"One of the reforms that has been noticeable over the time I've been practicing is that collection agencies now must affirmatively state that the surviving family members are not obligated on the debt," he says.

Of course, collection

agencies aren't known for always following the law. If you're contacted by an unethical or abusive collector, consider filing a complaint with the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. You can do that and learn more about your rights under the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, at the CFPB website.

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Arc Herkimer receives grant for Candidate Training Program

This past December, Arc Herkimer received a grant in the amount of \$81,848 from the M&T Bank/Partners Trust Bank Charitable Fund for a new Distribution Center Candidate Training Program (DCCTP) within the agency's Herkimer Industries division.

"We cannot thank M&T Bank/Partners Trust enough for making this idea come to fruition to build relationships between Herkimer Industries, local distribution centers and members of our community," says Mike Lamb, vice president – Industrial Operations, Arc Herkimer. "We are happy that our goals aligned of helping individuals with disabilities and veterans build an industrial skillset that can prepare them for sustainable careers."

The M&T Bank/Partner's Trust Bank Charitable Fund considers projects that

have potential for making a long-lasting impact. Funds were granted to pay salaries for nine candidates to attend DCCTP for the first 12 months. The program will run in three rotations for the first year, with three candidates each spending 16 weeks in training positions. Candidates will rotate between Herkimer Industries sites with locations in Herkimer, Little Falls and Ilion.

Each site will offer on-the-job training in picking, packing, shipping, fork truck certification, scaling, wrapping and warehouse operations. Candidates will work alongside other Herkimer Industries professionals for peer-to-peer mentoring. At the end of their rotation, they will be linked to Arc Herkimer's Career Connections for support and assistance with long-term employment.

Show and Tell at the local National Railway Historical Society meeting

The Utica and Mohawk Valley Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society will meet on Feb. 11 at 7 p.m. at the Zion Lutheran Church on the corners of French and Burrstone roads in New Hartford. There will be a business portion conducted by President Harry Lenz with reports on the Adirondack Scenic Railroad, the annual banquet, possible Amtrak and bus trips and New York Central 6721, plus many more activities and projects ahead for us in the coming months.

After the break, many members of the chapter will participate in its annual Show and Tell where members bring all sorts of railroad items they have found at flea markets, on eBay, at antique shows, model train shows, railroadiana shows, garage sales or wherever they may come

across the wonderful items they have found. This meeting is open to anyone interested in railroads and railroad history. We would like to give guests who attend our meeting the opportunity to join our chapter as regular members.

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<p>AMES AMES - SPROUT BROOK UMC 613 Latimer Hill Rd., Ames, NY 13317 518-673-3495 Pastor Jan Markle Sunday Service 9 AM</p> <p>CORNERSTONE BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor Todd Lozier Sunday AM Service 10 AM Sunday School/Adult Small Groups 11:15 AM Sunday Evening 6 PM Wednesday PM Service 7 PM Via Zoom email 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 info@cornerstoneames.com 518-673-3405</p> <p>AMSTERDAM THE TIME FOR TRUTH MINISTRIES PO Box 351, Amsterdam, NY 12010 Phone 518-843-2121 Cell 518-774-8558</p>	<p>CANAJOHARIE NEW BEGINNINGS BIBLE CHURCH 63 Cliff St., Canajoharie, NY 13317 Pastor Larry Alkinburgh 518-848-4816 pastor@newbeginningsbc.org Sunday School 9:15 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM</p> <p>CHERRY VALLEY CHERRY VALLEY ASSEMBLY OF GOD 37 Alden St., Cherry Valley 607-264-3306 Pastor David Carpenter, Jr. Sundays 9:30 AM</p> <p>ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY 1 Church St., Cherry Valley 607-264-3779 Masses Sunday mornings at 8:30 AM & 11 AM</p> <p>GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH 24 Montgomery St., Cherry Valley 315-858-4016 Fr. Kyle Grennen, Rector Holy Eucharist 11 AM Sunday school 11 AM Active youth group - call for details Facebook: Grace Episcopal Church Cherry Valley</p> <p>COLD BROOK COLD BROOK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 467 Main St. Sunday Worship 10:30 AM</p> <p>NEW LIFE CHAPEL OF THE AEA 3447 St. Rt. 8 Pastors: Rev. Gail & Rev. Mike Jay 315-826-7115 Sunday Worship 10:30am Intercessory Prayers Tuesday 7pm (please call to confirm)</p>	<p>DOLGEVILLE ST. JOSEPH'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH 31 N. Helmer Ave., Dolgeville, NY Phone 315-823-3410 Sunday Mass 9AM</p> <p>EAST SCHUYLER CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY OF SCHUYLER Pastor Mark Sowersby 3659 Route 5, East Schuyler Sunday Worship 10:30 AM Wednesday Night 6:30 PM Phone 315-895-0926 Christianassemblyofschuyler.com</p> <p>EPHRATAH EPHRATAH REFORMED CHURCH 140 Co. Hwy. 140, Ephratah, NY To live and share Jesus Christ both locally and globally. Everyday. Everywhere. Everyone. Pastor Jeff Hindritler Sunday School for all ages 10 AM September-June Sunday Morning Worship 11 AM Prayer & Praise Thursdays 7 PM</p> <p>FONDA SAINT CECILIA CHURCH 26 Broadway, Fonda 518-853-4195 Sunday Worship 9 AM</p> <p>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 friars@katerishrine.com www.katerishrine.com</p>	<p>FORT PLAIN REFORMED CHURCH OF FORT PLAIN 165 Canal St., Fort Plain, NY 13339 518-993-4302 fortplainrca@yahoo.com Rev. Nancy E. Ryan Worship 11 AM, AA meetings Mon. & Tues. 7 PM, Emergency Food Pantry 518-993-4302</p> <p>VICTORIOUS LIFE CHURCH RMI FELLOWSHIP 104 Main St. & 431 St. Hwy. 80 Fort Plain, NY 518-993-3102 Sunday School 9 AM, Morning Worship 10:30 AM, Youth Group 5 PM, Evening Worship 7-8 PM</p> <p>FORT PLAIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 39 Center St., Fort Plain Audie Miller, Lay Supply Pastor Church Office 518-993-3863 Kitchen 518-993-3464 ALL WELCOME, Worship Service 11AM</p> <p>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 appointment Please call parish office for Holy Day schedule</p> <p>FREYSBUSH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Freysbush Rd., Fort Plain 518-429-9936 or 518-424-8488 Worship 9 AM, Sunday School 10 AM ALL ARE WELCOME</p>	<p>GLEN 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 immediately following Children's Message</p> <p>HERKIMER SS PETER and PAUL ORTHODOX CHURCH Fr Vasil Dubee & Fr Dn Demetrius Richards 305 Main Rd., Herkimer Phone (315) 866-3272 Saturday Vespers - 5 PM (spring/summer months) 4 PM (fall/winter months) Sunday Divine Liturgy 9:30 AM Sundays</p> <p>TEMPLE BETH JOSEPH 327 N. Prospect St. Phone 866-4270 Friday 7 PM</p> <p>ST. FRANCIS de SALES CHURCH Rev. Mark Cunningham, Pastor 219 N. Bellinger St. Phone 866-4282 Saturday Vigil Mass 4 PM Sunday Mass 8 AM</p> <p>CHURCH OF SAINTS ANTHONY and JOSEPH 229 S. Main St. Phone 866-6373 Sunday Mass 10 AM No Saturday Vigil</p> <p>REDEEMER CHURCH Pastor Michael Servello 931 Herkimer Rd., Utica, NY 13503 Phone 792-4748 Saturday 6 PM • Sunday 9 & 11 AM</p> <p>OAK RIDGE FREE METHODIST CHURCH Pastor Chris Schumske 838 W. German St. Worship Service for adults & children 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM with Ridgekids for the children (0-5th grade) Phone 866-0575</p> <p>UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH OF ST. MARY'S PROTECTRESS 326 Moore Ave. Sunday Divine Liturgy 10 AM Holy Day Liturgy 9 AM Phone 866-1336</p>	<p>HERKIMER REFORMED CHURCH 102 Church St. Phone 866-1523 Worship 9:30 AM Sunday School 11 AM Shepherd's Table: Tuesday 11-12 PM</p> <p>TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH Corner of West German & Henry Streets Phone (315) 866-6474 Sunday Worship Services 10 AM in person and virtually on Zoon YouTube & Facebook Bible Studies Thursday mornings 10 AM on Facebook</p> <p>THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS 317 Gros Blvd., East Herkimer (315) 866-8095 Sunday Sacrament Meeting 10 AM Sunday School/Primary 11 AM - Visitors welcome - Family History Center, open by appointment</p> <p>ILION ILION COMMUNITY CHURCH Pastor Dean Mabry 44 Central Plaza Sunday Worship 10 AM Child Care/Kids Church Available ilionchurch.com</p> <p>SAINT AUGUSTINE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH 78 2nd Street Phone: (315) 894-3775 Sunday Services at 10 AM</p> <p>FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 90 Morgan St., Ilion, NY, 13357 Reverend Richard Riggie Bible Study 9:30 AM Church Service 10:30 AM 315-894-2070</p> <p>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH 8 Second Street Reverend John Partise Wednesday Mid Week Service 7 PM Sunday Morning 11 AM</p> <p>JESUS NEVER FAILS COMMUNITY CHURCH Reverend Hans Drews 1161 Elizabethtown Rd., Ilion, NY 13357 518-568-7983 hansandrosaline@yahoo.com Sunday Service 11 AM</p> <p>MORNING STAR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 36 Second Street Pastor Joelle Faulks Sunday Worship 10:30 AM November 1 - May 1 4224 Acme Rd, Frankfort May 1 - November 1 36 Second Street, Ilion</p> <p>ANNUNCIATION CHURCH 109 West Street, Ilion, NY Pastor: Father Paul Catena Deacon: Micheal Carbone Mass Schedule: Saturday 4 PM; Sunday 11 AM; Monday & Wednesday 9 AM</p>
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<p>JOHNSTOWN CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 3316 St. 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</p>	<p>LITTLE FALLS FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Pastor Tamara Razzano 16 Jackson St. Phone: 315-823-3004 Email lfirstpres@gmail.com www.presbylf.org Sunday Worship 10 AM Sunday School 10 AM</p>	<p>CHURCH OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT Sr. Mary Jo Tallman, CSJ, Parish Life Director Rev. Leo Potvin, Sacramental Minister 71 E. Main St. Phone 866-1752 Sunday Mass 9:30 AM</p>	<p>PAINES HOLLOW PAINES HOLLOW UNITED METHODIST Lay Servant Gregg Sponburgh Rtes. 167 & 168 • 315-866-1128 Worship 9-10AM</p>	<p>SPRAKERS CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF CHARLESTON FOUR CORNERS 1380 E. Lykers Rd., Sprakers 518-922-9088 Pastor 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</p>	<p>ST. JOHNSTOWN ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH 32 W. Main St., St. Johnstown, NY (next to NBT Bank) 518-568-3007 Church 518-568-2405 Parsonage Rev. David Johnson Sunday Worship 10:30 AM, Tues. Bible Bungee-Jumping 7 PM, "Bible Study" that actually makes sense! A Vibrant, Welcoming Community of Faith & Vision</p>
<p>LASSELLSVILLE LASSELLSVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH State Hwy. 29 Pastor Robert A. Lindsay Worship: Sunday 9:30 AM Sunday School to start soon</p>	<p>INGHAMSVILLE INGHAMSVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. Gary L. Busch, Pastor Sunday Worship Service 10 AM 443 Inghams Mills Rd. Little Falls, NY 13365 Pastor's Phone (315) 717-9936</p>	<p>CHRISTIAN BIBLE CHURCH H. Ed Reed, Pastor/Teacher 167 Ward Rd. • Phone 858-1282 www.christianbiblechurch.us Sunday School 9 AM Sunday Worship 10 AM Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 7 PM</p>	<p>PALATINE BRIDGE TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF STONE ARABIA 5430 St. Hwy. 10, Palatine Bridge, NY Pastor A. Elisabeth Aurand Sunday In Person Worship 9 AM; email for link office@stjm-canajoharie.org 518-673-2224</p>	<p>THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF RURAL GROVE 170 Rural Grove Rd., Sprakers, NY 12166 518-922-7831 Pastor Joshua Fetterhoff pastorjosh@ruralgrovechurch.org Sunday School (all ages) 9:45 AM, Morning Service 11 AM, Eve. Service 6 PM, Wed.-Family Night 7 PM, "Where Bible Teaching is Fundamental"</p>	<p>SEEKER'S FELLOWSHIP 14 Park Place, St. Johnstown, NY 13452 518-568-7700 • Pastor Mike Yeziarski Sunday Worship 6 PM, Tues. Prayer 7 PM, Bible Study 7 PM (Wed., Thurs. & Fri.) We teach the fullness of God's Word, a life of holiness for the believer, and salvation for all who trust in Christ's sacrifice.</p>
<p>LITTLE FALLS FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH 555 Albany St. 315-823-3392 Morning Worship 9:45 AM Rev. Chris J. Wintermute, Lead Pastor Rev. William Whalen, Associate Pastor Nursery (infants through age 4) Meet and Greet Sunday at 8:00 AM Sunday School Classes 8:30 AM (nursery through adult) **Our Service is aired on 100.3 FM, 91.1 FM & 88.7 FM on Sundays from 11-12 with a 1 week delay. **LIVE on Facebook: "gingerleecace" account- 9:45 am on Sundays</p>	<p>THE HOLY SPIRIT POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH 618 E. Gansvoort St., Little Falls, NY 315-823-0793 Father Rafal Dadello Mass at 11 AM on Sunday www.holyspiritpncc.org</p>	<p>THE WORD CHRISTIAN CENTER Pastor Dan Annutto 27 E. Main St. • Phone (315) 985-3596 Sunday Services at 10 AM Intercession - Tuesdays at 6 PM</p>	<p>THE HOUSE OF ZION, INC. 580 Dillenbeck Rd., Palatine Bridge 518-577-3069 Pastors Richard & Denise Allen Saturday Morning Worship Service 11:30 AM Listen to UMT on live radio 97.5FM the 1st Sunday of every month 3-4 PM</p>	<p>REFORMED CHURCH OF SPRAKERS 112 Sprakers Hill Rd. Rev. Nancy Ryan Worship ~ 9 AM All Welcome!!!</p>	<p>JOY FELLOWSHIP 296 Co. Hwy. 119, St. Johnstown, 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</p>
<p>ST. PAUL'S UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH Minister Jeffrey J. Frank Mark Bunce, Organist 565 Albany St., Little Falls, NY Phone 315-823-2284 Sunday Service & Religious Education 10 AM</p>	<p>MARSHVILLE MARSHVILLE EVANGELICAL CHURCH Route 10 South Pastor Mark Fowler Worship Sunday 9 AM</p>	<p>NELLISTON VALLEY ALLIANCE CHURCH 85 E. Main St., Nelliston 518-993-3458 Pastor Ken Gies Sunday School (all ages) 9:15 AM, Sunday Worship 10:30 AM, Wed. Praise & Prayer 7 PM, Fri. Youth Group 7 PM (7-12th grade)</p>	<p>RANDALL RANDALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY CHURCH NY Rte. 5S Sunday Service 10:30 AM Worship Leader Darlene Spaulding</p>	<p>CURRYTOWN REFORMED CHURCH 829 St. Hwy. 162, Sprakers 518-922-8422 Rev. Donald Hoaglander Visiting Pastor Jane Hubschmitt 518-705-2201 Sunday School 9:15 AM Worship Service 10 AM</p>	<p>ST. JOHNSTOWN METHODIST CHURCH 7 East Main St., St. Johnstown, NY 13452 Pastor Corey Jones 518-568-7983 • 315-866-8626 Worship Sunday 3 PM</p>
<p>FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD Senior Pastor Timothy Parisi 559 E. Jefferson St. Phone 823-4043 • firstaglf@gmail.com Sunday Morning All Worship 10 AM Thursday Bible Study 6:30 PM</p>	<p>MIDDLEVILLE MIDDLEVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 24 Fairfield St. Pastor Mark Hediger, 315-429-9085 pastormarkh@aol.com Sunday Worship 8:30 AM</p>	<p>NEWPORT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NEWPORT 7497 Main Street Pastor's Phone 315-790-1877 Sunday Worship at 9:45 AM</p>	<p>RICHFIELD SPRINGS CHURCH OF CHRIST UNITING PO Box 896, Richfield Springs, NY 13439 Rev. Mark Isoset • 315-858-1553 Service: Sunday 9:15 AM Church School: Sunday 10:30 AM</p>	<p>RIVER OF JUBILEE CHURCH 5057 St. Hwy. 5 S, Sprakers, NY 12166 Pastor: Gail Adamoschek 518-322-1427 / 518-224-4455 Sunday Service 10 AM Children's Church Available Other Learning Opportunities Available Visit us on Facebook</p>	<p>EVERLASTING JOY BELIEVERS FELLOWSHIP 14 Park Place (in with Seekers Fellowship) St. Johnstown, NY 13452 315-858-2112 • Pastor Carolee Coye Sunday Service 10 AM</p>
<p>HOLY FAMILY PARISH OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF LITTLE FALLS Father Brian Slezak 763 E. Main St., Little Falls, NY Phone 315-823-3410 Saturday Vigil Mass 4 PM Sunday Mass 10:30 AM</p>	<p>MOHAWK DENNISON CORNERS COMMUNITY CHURCH Pastor Donald King 219 Robinson Rd. • Phone 866-5215 Sunday: Sunday School 9:45 AM Morning Worship 11 AM Evening Worship 6 PM Wednesday Prayer 7 PM</p>	<p>UNITED METHODIST Pastor Robbin Harris • Phone 845-8730 Morning Service 11:15 AM</p>	<p>RICHFIELD SPRINGS BIBLE CHURCH 19 Church St., Richfield Springs, NY 13439 Rev. David Tosi • 315-858-0564 Sunday School (all ages) 10 AM Worship Service 11 AM & 7 PM Wednesday - Prayer & Praise Call for info on various Youth Ministries www.richfieldspringsbiblechurch.org</p>	<p>ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH 7690 Rt. 80, Springfield Center 315-858-4016 Fr. Kyle Grennen, Priest-in-Charge Sunday Eucharist, 9:30 AM Coffee - Fellowship follows service Holy Days - as announced</p>	<p>ST. JOHN'S REFORMED CHURCH 68 W. Main St., St. Johnstown 518-568-7396 Faithfully Following Jesus Christ Sunday Worship 10:30 AM</p>
<p>HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH 512 E. Gansevoort St. Sunday School 9:15 AM Sunday Worship 9:30 AM Wednesday Worship 11 AM & 6 PM</p>	<p>MOHAWK REFORMED CHURCH Rev. Brian Engel, Pastor 20 S. Otsego St. Phone 866-4292 Email mohawkpastor@verizon.net Follow us on Facebook Morning Worship: 10:30 AM Sept.- June • 9:30 AM July-Aug. Youth Sunday School (Pre-K - Sr. High) 9 AM Adult Sunday School (Men, Women & Couples) 9:30 AM September - June</p>	<p>KUYAHOORA COMMUNITY CHURCH Pastor Dwayne Durand West Canada Valley High School Auditorium 5447 St. Rt. 28 Mailing Address PO Box 50 Middleville, NY 13406 Phone 315-292-1303 www.kuyahorracc.org Weekly Service Sunday 10:08 AM</p>	<p>SALISBURY CENTER FULL GOSPEL ASSEMBLY OF GOD Pastor Robert Brent 106 Plant Road Sunday Worship 11 AM with Children's Church offered during the service</p>	<p>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Springfield Center, NY Rev. Terence Brant 607-264-3035 Sunday School 10 AM Morning Worship 11 AM Wed. night Bible Study 7 PM</p>	<p>GRACE CHRISTIAN CHURCH Pastor Michael Torres 20 Center St., St. Johnstown, NY 13452 518-775-0366 Email gccpastor2021@gmail.com</p>
<p>EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH 588-594 Albany St. Sunday Schedule: High Mass, Rite II 10 AM Nursery & Sunday School 9:45 AM (Sept.-May) Fellowship Coffee Hour 11:15 AM Choir Rehearsal 11:30 AM Holy Day Masses as announced Confessions by appointment</p>	<p>EMMANUEL BIBLE CHURCH Pastor Gary Wilcox 54 W. Main St. • Phone 717-3011 Worship and Word: Sunday 10:30 AM Fellowship Lunch: 12:30 PM Discipleship Hour: Sunday 1:30 PM Bible Study & Prayer: Wednesday 6 PM</p>	<p>OPPENHEIM OPPENHEIM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Route 29 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 September 18th</p>	<p>SLOANVILLE SCHOHARIE VALLEY GOSPEL CHURCH Pastor Pat Andreoli 133 Sprakers Rd., Sloanville, NY 518-864-5397 svgchurch@gmail.com Wednesday Prayer 6 PM; Sunday Morning Bible Study 9:45 AM; Worship Service Sunday Morning 10:30 AM</p>	<p>BETHESDA FELLOWSHIP 34 S. Division St., St. Johnstown, NY 13452 518-568-2678 Summer Schedule Sunday Worship 10 AM Wed. Worship and Prayer 6 PM</p>	<p>ST. JOHNSTOWN LIGHTHOUSE BAPTIST CHURCH 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"</p>
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Community Calendar

February 2022						
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Holidays						
2nd - Groundhog Day						
14th - Valentine's Day						
21st - Presidents' Day						

FEBRUARY 11
Show and Tell at Utica and Mohawk Valley Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society meeting 7 p.m. at Zion Lutheran Church in New Hartford. Show and Tell follows business meeting. Contact Bradford Paulson at 315.853.5400 or 315.275.1223 or Bpaulson909@msn.com

FEBRUARY 12
Herkimer Originals v. Bennington Martens 7:05 p.m. at Herkimer College 100 Reservoir Rd., Herkimer. Visit herkimeroriginals.com

FEBRUARY 13
Second Sunday Snowshoe Workshop 1-3 p.m. at Landis Arboretum, 174 Lape Road, Esperance. For more information contact Landis Arboretum at 518.875.6935 or Email www.landisarboretum.org.

Millers Mills Ice Harvest 11 a.m. until the ice-house is full in mid-afternoon at 107 Finger Ave., Jordanville. Watch for signs off Route 51 or Jones Road off Jordanville Road. Parking and admission free. Dress warmly. Bring your camera. Subject to Mother Nature's fickle ways. Food available. Visit www.millersmillsny.com for updates.

Souper Bowl Event. Enjoy A "Bowl of Soup" or Chili noon-2 p.m. at Dolgeville United Methodist Church, 21 N. Helmer Ave., Dolgeville. No charge, but monetary donations to help kids attend summer camp are appreciated, or donations of cans of soup for the Dolgeville Area Food Pantry. For more information, call 315.429.7381.

FEBRUARY 15
Children's Story Hour 11-11:45 a.m. at Fort Plain Free Library, 19 Willett St, Fort Plain. For more information call 518.993.4646 or visit fortplainfreelibrary.org

Take part in in a special winter 15-mile challenge that you can do anywhere in the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor. Walk, run, hike, snowshoe, or cross-country ski at your local park, state park, on the Canalway Trail, or even in your own neighborhood—if it's in the corridor, it counts. Sign up and log your miles by Feb. 28 at eriecanalway.org/explore/challenge

FEBRUARY 16
SMH House Monthly Dinner 5 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. at St. Margaret's Ecumenical & Retreat Center at 47 Jordan Road, New Hartford. Chicken and Biscuits dinner. Call 315.724.2324 to sign up. Take-Out at 5 p.m. Dine-In at 5:30 p.m. \$15pp suggested donation. Visit www.stmargarethouseny.org.

Weekly Vaccine Clinic 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at The Family Counseling Center of Fulton County, 11-21 Broadway, Gloversville. Both Moderna and Pfizer vaccines available. No appointments necessary. Walk-ins encouraged. Clinics open to anyone 5 years old and older. Visit the Family Counseling Center on Facebook at www.facebook.com/FamilyCounselingFultonCounty/

March 2022						
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Holidays						
13th - Daylight Saving Begins						
17th - St. Patrick's Day						
20th - Spring Begins						

Third Wednesday Night Dinners 4-6 p.m. or sold out at Ilion First Baptist Church, 8 Second Street. Delivery or take-outs only. For more information contact the Church Office at 315.894.9041.

Tips for Losing Weight & Keeping it Off! 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. and 6 - 7 p.m. Zoom Meetings

FEBRUARY 17
Schoharie Crossing Online Winter Lectures - Third Thursdays at 7 p.m. Child Labor on the D&H Canal with Bill Merchant of the D&H Canal Museum – online via WebEx. For more information, call the Visitor Center at 518.829.7516 or email SchoharieCrossing@parks.ny.gov.

Herkimer County Youth Art Month Opening 5-6:30 p.m. at 403 Canal Place, Little Falls. Snow date is Feb. 17. For more information, contact Mary Ellen McGillan at 808.282.7494 or Heather McCutcheon at 315.269.8730.

Creative Textile Fibers Group at 12:30-2:30 p.m. at Fort Plain Free Library, 19 Willett St., Fort Plain. For more information call 518.993.4646 or visit www.fortplainfreelibrary.org.

Roast Pork Dinner 4-7 p.m. or sold out at Emmanuel Episcopal Church, 594 Albany Street, Little Falls. \$12. To go only. Free deliveries to Herkimer and Little Falls. Call 315.741.4672 to reserve dinner.

FEBRUARY 18
Kick the Winter Blues 1:30 p.m. at St. Margaret's Ecumenical & Retreat Center at 47 Jordan Road, New Hartford. Film, popcorn, and company. Visit www.stmargarethouseny.org.

Herkimer County Chamber of Commerce Legislative Breakfast 7-9:30 a.m. at Herkimer College, 100 Reservoir Rd., Herkimer. \$30. Call 315. 866.7820.

FEBRUARY 19
Holistic Wellness: Treats for Furry Friend 10 a.m. Registrants may email MB at mem467@cornell.edu to receive recipes so that you can make these items at home. Register at tinyurl.com/46w5ctyh

Empowered Women Event at Crosspoint Church. For registration and additional information go to www.crosspointchurchonline.org.

FEBRUARY 21
A Winter Walk 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. at Robert V. Riddell State Park, NY-28, Oneonta (just north of I-88 exit 17). Program is free but pre-registration is required so that we can communicate with you in advance of the program to advise you of trail conditions. Register at occainfo.org/calendar/winter-walk/

April 2022						
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Holidays						
17th - Easter						
18th - Taxes Due						
22nd - Earth Day						

FEBRUARY 22
Children's Story Hour 11-11:45 a.m. at Fort Plain Free Library, 19 Willett St, Fort Plain. For more information call 518.993.4646 or visit fortplainfreelibrary.org

FEBRUARY 23
Schoharie Crossing Winter Walk at 1 p.m. For more information, call the Visitor Center at 518.829.7516 or email SchoharieCrossing@parks.ny.gov.

Winter One-Pot Comfort Foods 6-7 p.m. via Zoom free of charge. Registration is required at tinyurl.com/4b2eydk4

FEBRUARY 24
Creative Textile Fibers Group at 12:30-2:30 p.m. at Fort Plain Free Library, 19 Willett St., Fort Plain. For more information call 518.993.4646 or visit www.fortplainfreelibrary.org.

Herkimer County Local Early Intervention Coordinating Council (LEICC) Meeting on 2 p.m. by Zoom. If you would like information or have questions about Early Intervention, contact Nicole Keyser at 315.867.1176.

Eat Healthy Be Active Community Workshop 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Go to https://www.zoom.us/ Meeting ID: 961 4610 6008 Passcode: 567333.

FEBRUARY 26
Schoharie Master Gardeners annual seed swap 10 a.m.-noon at CCE office, 173 South Grand Street, Cobleskill, NY. Participants are encouraged, but not required, to bring seeds to swap and there will be plenty for people to take home. Seeds will include vegetables, herbs and flowers. There will also be gardening books to swap. Masks will be mandatory. If you have questions, you can email Jessica Holmes at jmh452@cornell.edu or call 518.234.4303 ext. 119. This event is the National Seed Swap Day 2022 from January that was rescheduled due to COVID-19 concerns.

Herkimer Originals v. Roc City Ravens 7:05 p.m. at Herkimer College 100 Reservoir Rd., Herkimer. Visit herkimeroriginals.com

Brooks BBQ 12-3 p.m. or sold out. at Fort Plain VFW, 30 River St., Fort Plain.

MARCH 1
Children's Story Hour 11-11:45 a.m. at Fort Plain Free Library, 19 Willett St, Fort Plain. For more information call 518.993.4646 or visit fortplainfreelibrary.org

MARCH 3
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MARCH 4
Lasting Impressions: Prints by George Dirolf, Dennis Revitzky and Amy Silberkleit 10 a.m. at Arkell Museum, 2 Erie Boulevard, Canajoharie. For more information contact Mary Beth Vought at 518.673.2314 or visit www.arkellmuseum.org.

MARCH 5
NTSI Traffic Survival Workshop 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. at Arc Herkimer, 305 S. Washington Street, Herkimer, in Training Rooms A & B. Classes planned one Saturday every other month. Other planned dates are May 14, Sept. 10, and Nov. 12. \$38. For more information or to sign up, contact Kelly Bunce at 315.574.7982.

MARCH 8
Schoharie Crossing Lunchbox Lesson at 12 p.m. Women's Suffrage in Montgomery County with Historian Kelly Farquhar. Online via WebEx. For more information, call the Visitor Center at 518.829.7516 or email SchoharieCrossing@parks.ny.gov.

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MARCH 10
Cooking with Love for the Planet, Part 2 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Registration is required at tinyurl.com/3zdxak75

MARCH 15
Children's Story Hour 11-11:45 a.m. at Fort Plain Free Library, 19 Willett St, Fort Plain. For more information call 518.993.4646 or visit fortplainfreelibrary.org

MARCH 17
Schoharie Crossing Online Winter Lectures - Third Thursdays at 7 p.m. Canal Contracts with Canal Society of NY's Craig Williams. Online via WebEx. For more information, call the Visitor Center at 518.829.7516 or email SchoharieCrossing@parks.ny.gov.

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MARCH 29
Children's Story Hour 11-11:45 a.m. at Fort Plain Free Library, 19 Willett St, Fort Plain. For more information call 518.993.4646 or visit fortplainfreelibrary.org

MARCH 30
National Take A Walk In A Park Day - Schoharie Crossing to MVGO/ Riverlink Park starting at 10 a.m. at Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site, 129 Schoharie Street, Fort Hunter. Celebrate National Take A Walk In The Park Day. Sign up for the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor's Canalway Challenge at eriecanalway.org/explore/challenge

APRIL 5
American Red Cross Blood Drive 12-6 p.m. at St. Johns St. Marks Church, 143 Church Street, Canajoharie. Make an appointment at tinyurl.com/46b6ev4y.

American Red Cross Blood Drive 12:30-5:30 p.m. at American Legion Post 25, 43 West Main Street, Mohawk, NY. Sponsor Code: MohawkAL

APRIL 7
Cooking with Love for the Planet, Part 3: 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Registration is required at tinyurl.com/fx7b34bp

APRIL 21
Schoharie Crossing Online Winter Lectures - Third Thursdays at 7 p.m. The Syracuse Weighlock with Derrick Pratt of the Erie Canal Museum. Online via WebEx. For more information, call the Visitor Center at 518.829.7516 or email SchoharieCrossing@parks.ny.gov.

APRIL 23
Canal Clean Sweep - volunteer day 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on the site of Schoharie Crossing grounds and nearby at Lock E12 and Fort Hunter Community Park). For more information, call the Visitor Center at 518.829.7516 or email SchoharieCrossing@parks.ny.gov.

Winter Walk at Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site 1-3:15 p.m. at Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site, 129 Schoharie Street, Fort Hunter. For more information contact David Brooks at 518.829.7516.

APRIL 26
Friends of Schoharie Crossing Meeting at 6:30 p.m. At the Visitor Center, Schoharie Street. For more information, call the Visitor Center at 518.829.7516 or email SchoharieCrossing@parks.ny.gov.

MAY 7
I LOVE My Park Day at Schoharie Crossing 9 a.m. at Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site, 129 Schoharie Street, Fort Hunter. For more information contact: https://fb.me/e/1fdKC1t0M There will be a few beautification projects around the site to kick off the 2022 season. Be sure to register at the link provided.

A Valentine's Day dessert whipped up in an unusual way

Decadent treats and Valentine's Day go hand in hand. Couples typically exchange gifts on Valentine's Day, and those gifts are often accompanied by something sweet.

A 2017 survey from Statista found that 44 percent of respondents intended to purchase candy and sweets for their significant other on Valentine's Day. That made candy and sweets the most popular Valentine's Day gift by a considerable margin, well above the likes of other Feb. 14 favorites like greeting cards (33 percent) and flowers (32 percent).

Romantic dinners still have a place at the Valentine's Day table, as the Statista survey found that 29 percent of respondents intended to sit down for a romantic meal as part of their celebration. Homemade desserts can be a great way to show that special someone just how much they're loved. If cooks want to employ the element of surprise, then this recipe for "Ginger Cake" from Will Budiaman's "The Essential Kamado Grill Cookbook" (Rockridge Press) won't disappoint. Firing up the grill is sure to pique a loved one's interest, and the slightly spicy finished product marks a departure from more traditional desserts.

Ginger Cake

Serves 8

1 cup (2 sticks) unsalted butter, cubed, plus more for the pan, at room temperature
2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour

2 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
4 teaspoons ground ginger
1 teaspoon kosher salt
1 2/3 cups packed light brown sugar
4 large eggs
1/2 cup whole milk

1. Bring the grill to 350 F with the cooking grate and heat deflector installed. Butter the bottom and sides of a 10-inch cast iron skillet.

2. In a medium bowl, mix together the flour, baking powder, ginger, and salt.

3. In the bowl of an electric mixer, cream together the butter and sugar on medium speed for 3 minutes.

4. Reduce the speed to medium-low and add the eggs one at a time. Mix for 1 to 2 minutes or until light tan in color.

5. With the machine running, add the milk.

6. Add the flour mixture, scraping down the side of the bowl as needed, until fully incorporated. Transfer to the skillet.

7. Put the skillet on the grate. Close the lid and cook for 1 hour or until a knife inserted into the center comes out clean.

8. Put on a wire rack to cool completely before serving.

Cooking tip:

Cutting butter into small cubes and arranging them in a single layer will help them soften more quickly.



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Housework or sleep? Study says it depends when you were born

by Mike Schneider,
Associated Press

When Gen Xer Amy Rottier went shopping for her young children two decades ago, she drove to a mall and browsed for what she needed. Her millennial daughter, Helen, who is studying for a doctorate and doesn't have children, buys anything she needs with a click on her iPad.

The women, ages 50 and 25, respectively, illustrate the pace of change from one generation to the next in what people do in an average day. The changes were revealed in a study released last week by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Generation X women were more likely to do housework, care for children, read for pleasure and do lawn work, the study found. Millennial women were more inclined to exercise, spend leisure time on computers, take care of their pets and sleep.

The report uses American Time Use Survey data to capture how people lived at a point in time between the ages of 23 and 38. For Amy Rottier's generation, that was in 2003. For her daughter Helen, it was in 2019 - a year before the global coronavirus pandemic dramatically altered patterns of living. The report reflects changes for men as well as women.

Both generations spent the same amount of time working, and men worked longer hours than women because women were more likely to work part time. The two generations spent about the same time on leisure and

sports activities, but Gen Xers were more likely than millennials to have children and own homes.

Even though viewing television was the top leisure activity for both generations, millennial men spent 18 minutes a day less watching TV than their Gen X counterparts. They appear to have shifted that time into playing games. On an average day, more millennials were participating in sports, recreation and exercise than their Gen X peers.

Changes in technology weighed heavily in people's choices, according to the report. Social media was in its infancy in 2003, smartphones weren't widespread and Cyber Monday hadn't yet been invented by retail marketing gurus.

"Millennials have an advantage in that they were able to do a lot of things from the comfort of their home, without getting in their car and going to a store or bank. It saves on time. For Generation X, that wasn't available when they were their age," said Michelle Freeman, the senior economist at the Bureau of Labor Statistics who wrote the report. "You can't ignore the technological improvements from 2003 to 2019, and that is definitely a factor."

Decisions about having children figured in, too.

"Taking care of kids, that was what I was doing the majority of my free time," said Amy Rottier, who has five children with her husband, Eric, in Madison, WI. "For me,

at that point, leisure time was my husband telling me to take a bath and he would wrangle the kids and put them to bed."

As someone in her mid-20s now, Helen Rottier, who lives in Chicago, said the idea of having children is a distant proposition.

"I'm still working on my degree, and then I want to get settled into my career," she said. "With my friends, we are now at the same age our parents were when we were born, and we aren't thinking of having kids yet."

Millennials were more likely to delay having families compared with members of Generation X, who were born between 1965 and 1980. Millennials, born between 1981 and 1996, were more likely to have advanced degrees and less likely to be married than Gen Xers.

Gen Xers spent more time shopping for goods, which is likely because

the act of physically going to a brick-and-mortar store took more time than shopping online. Millennial women spent less time per day reading for pleasure compared with Generation X women. Freeman said reading has declined for all age groups in the past two decades, going from 22 minutes a day on average in 2003 to 16 minutes a day in 2019.

Millennials also slept 22 minutes per day longer than their Gen X counterparts, which Freeman said may reflect shifting attitudes about the importance of sleep.

"My parents are baby

boomers and they worked a lot," she said. "Sleeping a lot was considered lazy. We now respect the fact that more sleep is good for our health."

Without having children like their Gen X peers, millennials spent nearly twice as much time doing animal and pet care activities on a given day than Gen Xers did in 2003, according to the report. Then there's the difference on time spent gardening or keeping up a yard, which millennials spent about a half hour a day doing less, primarily because they were less likely to own a home.

"I don't know if I will

ever have a house with a lawn," Helen Rottier said. "It may be different in the future, but right now, I don't see any appeal in a lawn. Why would I need to take care of a lawn?"



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Showy amaryllis makes a perfect Valentine's plant or gift

by Jeff Lowenfels,
Associated Press

Easter has lilies. Thanksgiving has gourds. Christmas has poinsettias. And Valentine's Day should have amaryllis.

For the uninitiated, amaryllises are big bulbs that can produce among the biggest and showiest flowers a gardener can grow indoors (maybe outdoors too). Best of all, water and a bit of light is all it takes to coax these bulbs into producing their huge flowers, six to eight inches across.

Impressive is one word for them. Easy would be another. Amaryllises are "just add water and stand back" plants; they don't require any skill to grow successfully.

From Bulb to Flowers

The bulbs usually start appearing on store shelves around the December holidays, just when they are coming out of dormancy. They grow throughout this period, sometimes even while in their packaging. They first show a bit of green shoot at the top of the bulb. It takes about six weeks for this shoot to elongate and produce two to four gigantic flowers.

While amaryllis bulbs are great Christmas stocking stuffers, the flowers themselves appear around Valentine's Day. And while there are several different species with blooms of varying colors (pinks, whites and combinations), most specimens - as luck would have it for Saint Valentine - are that holiday's color, vibrant red.

Many of the bulbs are sold already potted up in



Showy amaryllis for Valentine's Day.
Photo courtesy of National Garden Bureau

soil. If not, use well-draining potting soil, rich in organics, and a 6-to-8-inch pot that allows for an inch or two of soil between the bulb and the pot's rim. A heavy pot is recommended since the average amaryllis stalk can reach 2 1/2 to 3 feet tall and will tip over a light container if not supported.

If you have to plant your own bulb, place it so approximately one-third of it is above the soil line. Water well once, and after that keep the soil just slightly moist. Leaves and at least one flower stalk will quickly

develop. Usually the flower stalk appears first. You can distinguish it from the developing leaves by the characteristic notch in its tip.

Once watered, you can almost see the amaryllis plants growing. If you are lucky, your bulb will produce more than one shoot. Either way, enjoy the display.

Help Your Plant Rebloom Next Year

Once the flowers fade, carefully cut them off. The stalk will die next and this, too, should be removed. The leaves, however, should be left undisturbed, and the plant should be allowed to grow all spring and summer.

Some gardeners put theirs outside for the season. An application or two of an organic fertilizer will help encourage more leaf growth which, in turn, strengthens the bulb so it will produce again next year. In mid-August or so, withhold water and put the plant in a dark, cool location for at least eight weeks; it will stop growing and go dormant. After this treatment, you can bring the plant out into the light, water it and stand back again.

Because these are the most impressive flowers you can grow indoors, buy as many as you can when you come upon amaryllis bulbs for sale. Most are under \$15, pot and all. Do so and you will enjoy Valentines for years to come.

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the company's outreach program (LPO) the Paint 'n Sip event was open to Lee Newspapers' employees and their families. Lee Newspapers General Manager Bruce Button said of the event, "It was an enjoyable evening with coworkers in a non-work, relaxed atmosphere."

Originally started as source to help employees, LPO has grown to include the community as well. To date, LPO has donated more than \$12,000 to animal shelters, the food pantry, Coats for Kids, and many other charities in the community.

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DIY or call a professional: Which is right for your remodel?

by Annie Millerbernd of NerdWallet

A do-it-yourself remodel can be a budget-friendly way to freshen up your home. For some projects, it may take just a few YouTube videos to show you how to modernize your space.

But not every project is right for amateur renovators. Your skill level, budget and how important the project is to your home's value can all be deciding factors in whether to call a professional.

Here are home remodel projects you can probably DIY, and those that are better left to experts.

DIY the floors and walls

Aminah Chung and her husband Bernard, who share their DIY projects on social media, updated their Phoenix-area home's master bedroom and pantry, and built a playhouse for their kids.

Starting in small spaces or trying simple changes, like paint or paneling on a wall, can help you build confidence for bigger rooms, Aminah Chung says.

With a little extra research, installing new floors can be a spare-time project, says San Diego-based DIYer Liz Lovery. She and her husband, a former structural engineer, installed laminate flooring in their home.

"Things like that might feel overwhelming, but they aren't," she says. "They're very attainable, and it can actually save you a lot of money in the long run."

Tools can be a significant portion of your DIY budget, says Chris Egner, president of the National Association of the Remodeling Industry. Add those costs to your budget, and ask if the tools are worth the investment, he says.

Use Caution in Kitchens and Bathrooms

Homeowners should consider their skills before committing to a full DIY kitchen or bathroom remodel, Lovery says, because those spaces are often essential to your home's value.

Some things, like painting the cabinets, may be within reach. But if you need new cabinets installed and you don't feel confident about accurately measuring for them, Lovery says it may be worth using a professional to get a quality finished product.

Using a contractor for a kitchen or bath remodel might cost tens of thousands of dollars, but Egner says their knowledge of building codes and design best practices may end up saving you money because they'll do the job correctly.

A designer can show you multiple options for a new layout and predict possible issues down the line, says Kevin Brown, design manager with Sunnyfields, a Baltimore-based kitchen and bath remodeling company.

The project may also finish faster, Brown says, since a professional can coordinate electricians and plumbers, avoiding "a real nightmare" of potential delays if you do it yourself.

The Chungs have two kids and full-time jobs, so a DIY kitchen remodel would take a lot longer, Aminah Chung says.

"I believe in doing the projects that you can do so that you can save the money for the projects you don't necessarily want to do," she says.

Outsource Plumbing, HVAC, Electrical Work

It's best to let experts handle systems that make your house function, like the electrical, plumbing and HVAC

system, Egner says. This work often involves permits and background knowledge and the cost of a misstep can be high.

"A simple mistake in an installation of a toilet or a faucet could lead to thousands and thousands if not tens of thousands of dollars worth of damage," he says.

Lovery is willing to knock down walls in her home, but she makes room in her budget to outsource some work, saving potential headaches down the road.

"When it comes to those very niche trades it's really, really nice to throw in the towel and hire out those jobs," she says.

Managing Home Improvement Costs

If you're still undecided, have a contractor write up an estimate and compare it with your DIY budget, Egner says. You can search for professionals on the NARI website.

He also recommends adding about 10% to 20% to your budget for unexpected expenses, which are inevitable with DIY and professional projects.

Cash is the interest-free way to pay for home improvement projects, but if you don't have enough available, shop around to find the best financing.

Home equity loans and lines of credit offer low interest rates and long repayment terms, which keep monthly payments low, but it could take a few weeks to a month to get approved.

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Tricks to keep floral arrangements fresh

Who doesn't enjoy receiving a fresh bouquet of flowers on a special occasion? Flowers traditionally are given for Valentine's Day, Mother's Day, anniversaries, and other special events. While a beautiful bouquet can make a lovely gift, fresh flowers have finite lasting power.

Recipients of floral arrangements need not fret. Various strategies can help prolong the life of freshly cut flowers. Florists employ certain tricks to keep cut flowers fresh longer. In fact, that's a person's best bet to keep cut flowers fresh — purchasing arrangements from knowledgeable florists who have done their part to ensure flower longevity.

Here are some additional strategies to consider.

Make fresh cuts in stems

Think back to the last time you purchased a fresh Christmas tree. What is the key to ensuring it gets enough water while on display? You guessed it: making a fresh cut in the trunk of the tree. The same concept applies to floral arrangements. Use a sharp scissor or pruning shears to cut about one inch from the bottom of each stem at a 45-degree angle. Continue this process every three days or so. The 45-degree angle prevents the stem from squishing during the cut and enables it to absorb more water.

Get them in water quickly

Place the flowers in a vase or other vessel with water promptly after making the cuts. Some florists like to cut the stems under water to prevent air bubbles from

forming in the stems. Choose an arrangement first, then cut and place the flowers in water quickly. This gives fresh arrangements a good chance to last awhile.

Monitor water temperature

The temperature of the water in the vase should coordinate with the flowers on display. Do not use hot water or the stems will cook. Room temperature is best for most flowers, except for blooms from bulbs that flower during cooler months, such as tulips and daffodils. They'll be more likely to thrive in cooler water, according to Consumer Reports.

Chill your arrangement

The experts at FTD by Design tested various theories for keeping floral arrangements fresh, including adding aspirin to the water or using sugar or concoctions that contain vodka. Sugar and vinegar served as a runner-up for long-lasting blooms, but the best solution for prolonging the flowers was putting the arrangement in the refrigerator each night for roughly eight hours.

Prune the foliage

Before placing cut flowers in a vase, remove extra leaves at the base of the stems that will fall underneath the water line. This helps to limit bacteria growth in the water and cuts back on foul odors. Plus, removing foliage focuses flowers' energy on the main blooms rather than the leaves.

These steps can add life to cut flowers, helping arrangements thrive in any home.



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Picasso heirs launch digital art piece to ride 'crypto' wave

by Jamey Keaten, Associated Press

GENEVA (AP) - Pablo, meet Crypto.

Heirs of Pablo Picasso, the famed 20th-century Spanish artist, are vaulting into 21st-century commerce by selling 1,010 digital art pieces of one of his ceramic works that has never before been seen publicly - riding a fad for "crypto" assets that have taken the art and financial worlds by storm.

For an exclusive interview before the formal launch this week, Picasso's granddaughter, Marina Picasso, and her son Florian Picasso opened up their apartment - which is swimming in works from their illustrious ancestor - in an upscale Geneva neighborhood. There they offered up a glimpse, however tantalizingly slim, of the piece behind what they're billing as an unprecedented fusion of old-school fine art and digital assets.

They're looking to cash in on and ride a wave of interest in non-fungible tokens, or NFTs, which have netted

millions for far-less-known artists and been criticized by some as environmentally costly get rich schemes.

A Picasso, his family's promoters say, would mark the entry of a Grand Master into the game.

In economics jargon, a fungible token is an asset that can be exchanged on a one-for-one basis. Think of dollars or bitcoins - each one has the exact same value and can be traded freely. A non-fungible object, by contrast, has its own distinct value, like an old house or a classic car.

Cross this notion with cryptocurrency technology known as the blockchain and you get NFTs. They are effectively digital certificates of authenticity that can be attached to digital art or, well, pretty much anything else that comes in digital form - audio files, video clips, animated stickers, even a news article read online.

"We're trying to build a bridge

between the NFT world and the fine art world," said Florian Picasso, the artist's great-grandson.

The artist's descendants are playing close to the vest, to drum up interest and protect - for now - a family heirloom. They're showing only a sliver of the underside of the work linked to the NFTs, a ceramic piece about the size of a large salad bowl. The exposed parts show forms like a thick yellow line, a dribbling green splotch, and a brushed-on number "58" at the base.

Marina Picasso says the cherished pottery piece dates to October 1958, when she was a child.

"It's a work that represents a face, and it's very expressive," she said. "It's joyful, happy. It represents life ... It's one of those objects that have been part of our life, our intimate lives - my life with my children."

Cyril Noterman, a longtime manager for Florian Picasso, and Kathryn

Frazier, a publicist for the project, told The Associated Press that Sotheby's would host an auction in March that will include a unique NFT as well as the actual ceramic bowl.

But Matthew Floris, a spokesman for Sotheby's, contacted the AP on Wednesday and said in a statement: "Sotheby's has clarified that it will not be selling an NFT of a work by Pablo Picasso."

Noterman and Frazier said a first-phase, online sale of more than 1,000 other NFTs starts Friday through the Nifty Gateway and Origin Protocol platforms.

Florian Picasso said they agreed on the colorful ceramic piece because it was "a fun one" to start.

An NFT Picasso brings with it almost epochal symbolism, something like when the Beatles collection was finally put up on iTunes. The family and its business managers say the aim is to

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"Everything is evolving," said Florian Picasso, insisting that the NFT honors the great artist.

"I think it fits within Picasso's legacies because we are paying tribute to him and his way of working, which was always being creative," he said.

How quaint seem those days of yore when Picasso, as the legend has it, would simply doodle on a napkin as payment for a restaurant meal - his handiwork supposedly carrying a value far in excess of the cost of the food and drinks he had enjoyed.

Some of the proceeds will be donated - one portion to a charity that aims to help overcome a shortage of nurses, and another to a nongovernmental organization that wants to help reduce carbon in the atmosphere. The NFTs will also come with music put together by Florian Picasso, who is a DJ and music producer, along with songwriter John Legend and rapper Nas.

Even a full rendering of that track isn't being publicly released just yet: Florian Picasso played a snippet for a reporter, then turned it off.

"And to hear more, you gotta purchase the NFT," he quipped.

by Leanne Italie,
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) - The pandemic forced 30-year-old Stephanie Harnen to twice postpone her wedding. When she finally did get married, in June last year, she settled for a Thursday because her venue was fully booked on weekends.

That turned out to be just fine with Harnen and her husband, Trevor. Most of their 163 invited guests made it, thanks to pent-up vacation time and flexibility working from home. Plus, she saved at least \$10,000, in part by taking advantage of reduced rates at the Middletown, NY country club where they wed outdoors under an open tent overlooking a golf course.

"We didn't want to change venues," said Harnen, who lives in Stamford, CT. "It was perfect for us. Thursdays are going to be the new Friday."

She isn't wrong. With some coveted venues still backed up because of rescheduled weddings, and with more couples traveling again for destination ceremonies, an uptick in weekday nuptials has carried into 2022.

"I've already been in a Thursday wedding as a bridesmaid," said Harnen. "Personally, we preferred it."

Weekday weddings are expected to rise by about 2% this year when compared to pre-pandemic 2018 and 2019, according to a survey of couples using the wedding planning site TheKnot.com. Though most weddings among Knot users planning for this year will take place Fridays through Sundays, about 10% will be held on Mondays through Thursdays.

When it comes to destination weddings - events curtailed by travel restrictions during the early months of the pandemic - 13% took place on weekdays last year, The Knot data showed.

Kim Forrest, senior editor for the wedding marketplace WeddingWire.com, said the average number of weddings in a year is typically 2.2 million in the U.S. This year, that number is expected to increase to 2.6 million. With only 53 Saturdays in the year, and some venues and vendors struggling to clear pandemic backlogs, "we're going to see a lot of couples who are encouraged to have their weddings on a weekday," she said.

"Some people want to get married right away," Forrest added. "With more people working remotely, it's not so much that people won't come to a weekday wedding now."

Thursdays are a popular weekday for both destination weddings and those closer to home. Holding the ceremony on a Thursday allows for a full weekend of wedding activities for guests.

Ann Ragan Kearns, 30, in New York plans to get married April 28, a Thursday, at an all-inclusive resort in Cabo San Lucas in Mexico. She said she and her fiancé, Cory McGlone, wanted to give guests a chance to relax on a real vacation after months of sticking close to home.

"We love a destination wedding. But when you fly in on a Monday or a Tuesday and the wedding is on a Saturday, by the time you get to the wedding you're like, I want to go home now, this has been a lot," she said.

The two invited about 110 people and are banking on about 100 attending their outdoor ceremony and reception. Some are staying Monday to Monday, with the wedding couple planning lots of excursions, including golfing, deep sea fishing and a sunset sail.

Kearns hasn't seen some of her guests since before the pandemic.

In Long Branch, along the New Jersey shore, Wave Resort has 65 weddings on the books for this year, with 25 on

weekdays.

In the Dominican Republic, the luxury Casa de Campo offers a weekday wedding package that includes an extra hour for receptions, 10% off group room rates and two complimentary honeymoon nights to be used within a year of the wedding.

Lindsay Forseth, director of weddings and special events at the Salamander Resort & Spa in Middleburg, VA, has been fielding about 50% more inquiries for mid-week weddings than before the pandemic.

"Most are relatively short term, booking within one to two months of their date," she said. "Mid-week weddings do tend to be of a more intimate size and therefore more flexible on the day of the week."

Shelley Kapitulik-Jaye, 41, said she and her husband, 42-year-old Stephen, got engaged in March 2021. When she began calling venues and vendors last spring, "many told me that if we were looking for a weekend, they had no availability until 2023."

They didn't want to wait that long.

"When we finally selected our venue, with the vendors to follow, we looked at the calendar and selected a date that read easily and would provide us with peak fall foliage in New England," she said.

They wed Oct. 20, 2021, a Wednesday, at The Inn at Graybarns in Norwalk, CT, with a cocktail party four days before in New York, where they live part time. They hosted 20 guests in person for the wedding, with a livestream for those who couldn't make it. They chose a 4 p.m. wedding time to make it easier for working guests to attend.

"It gave us the chance to have a few days of downtime before returning to

work on Monday," Kapitulik-Jaye said. "This was especially nice because we did not hire a planner, so we were exhausted coming off of the planning and execution."

Other types of vendors are doling out weekday discounts with success. Andrea Smith, founder of The Band Method, which dispatches singers, musicians and DJs, said weekday gigs offer needed extra income for her artists. In return, she gives couples breaks of 10% to 20% on the cost.

"Musicians and singers on the weekdays, we're doing a bar gig here and there, but that's even out now because of COVID," said Smith, who works in the South Florida and New York City areas.

In Toronto, Jordan Kentris does custom invitations, along with design and styling for events. He has 13 weekday weddings on the books so far this year, many on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and many small affairs for 15 or 20 guests.

"They're investing in a lot more details with the money they save," he said. "They're doing a lot more personalized gifting and things like signage to make their guests feel even more welcome since they're asking them to come during the week."

Kevin Dennis, who provides lighting, decor and other rentals in the Tri-Valley of Northern California, has seen a rise in couples forced to choose a weekday after three or four postponements due to the pandemic. Those couples are competing with couples engaged more recently.

"I joke, we're becoming like Las Vegas," he said. "A good 25% to 30% of our calendar is now during the week. It's starting to feel normal."



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Millions of people are set to spend untold dollars on Valentine's Day gifts or experiences this year. Data compiled by InfographicPlaza.com indicates that individuals traditionally spend the most on jewelry, a night out, flowers, apparel, and gift cards on Valentine's Day. Fifty-two percent of people who buy Valentine's gifts will spend money on candy, particularly

chocolate.

Though tried and true gifts never fail, those looking for something a little different this Valentine's day can consider these alternatives.

Traditional: Candy/chocolate

Alternative: Baked goods

Bite-sized baked offerings can be a welcome change to boxed chocolates or chocolate-covered strawberries. Consider petit fours, which are tasty layered cakes about one to two inches in size. The popular franchise Nothing Bundt Cakes also offers Bundtinis™, which are slightly smaller than cupcakes and can be mixed and matched in a variety of cake flavors.

Traditional: Bouquet of a dozen red roses

Alternative: Flowering plant

Even well-maintained cut bouquets only last so long. A flowering plant can endure much longer. Beautiful interior flowering plants include African violets, Bromeliads, Orchids, Peace lilies, Amaryllis, Christmas cactuses, and Jasmines.

Traditional: Dinner out

Alternative: Feed the needy

Civic-minded sweethearts may appreciate the thought of donating the time and money they might normally spend on a restaurant meal by helping to ensure needy children and adults have access to hot meals. The Feeding America network is a nationwide network of food banks that secures and distributes meals. Individuals can learn more



Beautiful interior flowering plants can be an alternative to a bouquet of roses as a Valentine's Day gift.

about volunteerism or how to make donations at feedingamerica.org.

Traditional: Lingerie

Alternative: Time spent together

In a poll of more than 350 women, Business Insider discovered that lingerie was one of the gifts women did not want to receive on Valentine's Day. In fact, 97 percent of respondents weren't fans of receiving lingerie on Valentine's Day. Spending time together doing something couples are passionate about may be more well-received.

Traditional: Stuffed animal

Alternative: Adopted animal

There are only so many stuffed animals, particularly fuzzy teddy bears, an adult can collect. Instead, why not adopt a shelter animal or donate to an animal rights organization? Before gifting a pet, confirm the recipient is on board with the idea. A pet is a years-long emotional and financial commitment that requires forethought and planning. Couples can look beyond the traditional when shopping for Valentine's Day gifts this year.

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NOTE: The Otsego County 4-H Dairy Calf Sale – All Breeds will be held same day at our facility 20 head show age calves – proceeds of the sale go to support the Otsego County 4-H Dairy Program. Dan Menendez – sale chair 315-985-0613. Watch their facebook page for updates.

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Home Country

by Slim Randles

It's natural to mumble nasty things about the cold weather. We all do it from time to time. But even the cold has its merits.

One big plus is that it makes fireplaces a reasonable addition to our lives. In cold weather, we can build a fire in our home with a clear conscience. This is something that doesn't translate well to summer heat, but when it's cold, here comes the fire.

Strange, isn't it, our love affair with a fireplace? Makes absolutely no sense. Today, we can make houses so impervious to cold that every time we light a candle, the temperature goes up 10 degrees. So what do we do? We cut a hole in this sealed anti-cold unit so we can sit and look at the flames, the way our ancestors have done since they learned to walk upright and invented

kindling.

But we don't care. We'll spend a lot of extra money to buy a house with a fireplace, and not think a thing about it. Because this fireplace is the spiritual center of a home, as it's always been. It's the gathering place. It's the place to read, to learn, to meet and tell stories. It's the core of our universe. The fireplace – and those waiting for us there – is what we dream about when we're miles from home in the woods or desert. It warms us,

inside and out, cooks our food and answers our questions.

Questions? Sure.

When the fire's burning low, and you can just see the little blue lickem flames curling around the glowing embers late at night, and when we've about talked out the day's adventures, we can look at those embers and find answers to questions we didn't even know we had. And we feel sorry for people who don't have these advantages.

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Donna's Day: Creative Family Fun

by Donna Erickson

A Family Chore Chart That Gets the Jobs Done

Most chore charts - the ones where the days of the week run across the top and the chores are listed down one side - don't take into account that family days are unpredictable! What if no one's home for dinner because of a basketball game? Does one child get to skip her turn doing dishes? Or does she have to do it the next night, thereby throwing off the whole chart? See what I mean?

So here's a new plan that really gets the jobs done - unless you have a gremlin in

the house. (I'll explain later.)

Discuss with your kids the basic chores that need to be done in your home. Five or six jobs is a good number for starters. You might want to add a category for the most-sought-after privilege. In our house each of the kids ALWAYS wants to sit in the front seat of the car.

For a sturdy chore board, here's what you need:

- 1 piece of white foam board, cut in a rectangle that's 18 inches wide by 9 inches long
- 6 adhesive-backed plastic hooks
- 6 metal rings (available at office

stores)

- Several plain index cards, cut in 1-inch-by-5-inch strips with a hole punched at the top of each strip (one strip for each child for each chore and privilege).

- Markers and ruler

Make it in three easy steps:

With a marker, print the chores across the top of the board. Draw vertical lines down the board to separate the categories. Under each chore, attach a hook.

Let your kids each print their name on their own six strips, then have them loop their strips on each ring and hang on each hook.

Explain that the person whose name appears on top of the ring is "up" for the task/privilege in the category. When she

completes the job, she gets to flip her name over so that the next child's name appears. Now it's his turn!

As for the gremlins? Well, it can happen that a name is mysteriously missing from one loop (washing dishes) and is subsequently found twice in another (gets to choose any dessert). So suddenly someone's saying, "Hey! When's the last time Amelia had sink duty?"

Nothing's perfect. Mostly, though, this chore chart works like a charm. Because not only is the method clear and fair, but the kids are involved in the process.

Find more family fun at www.donnaerickson.com. Write to Donna at Info@donnaerickson.com

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Colorful winter shrubs with red berries

by Bonnie Kim Donahue, Extension Master Gardener, UVM

As winter goes on, the monochromatic landscape can get dull. One way to extend fall color through this long, snowy season is to plant shrubs with red berries.

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solution

1. Ingest 2. Charts 3. Prepare 4. Trudge

Today's Word

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Weekly SUDOKU

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

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King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Kitten's cry
4 Opera set in Egypt
8 Garden intruder
12 Eggs
13 Some deer
14 — -bitty
15 Containers for laundering
17 Appease
18 "So there!"
19 Pittsburgh pro
21 Emphasize
24 Droop
25 Chop
26 Pirate's pota-tion
28 Yokels
32 "I've Got — in Kalamazoo"

DOWN

1 Trim the grass
2 Actress Longoria
3 Remove by cleaning
4 Tennis legend Ashe
5 Debtor's note
6 Society new-bies
7 Admin. aides
8 Know-it-all
9 And others (Lat.)
10 Diminutive suffix
11 Color worker
16 Dinner for Dobbin
20 Corn spike
21 Excellent, in slang
22 Toy block name
23 Place
27 May honoree
29 Aftermath
30 Vogue rival
31 Thin cut
33 Beatles classic
35 Standard
38 Conk out
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46 Country's McEntire
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MAGIC MAZE

RUSSIAN FAMILY NAMES

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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: FORMER PRESIDENT BORIS —

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SCRAMBLERS

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

Swallow
SIGNET
Maps
STARCH
Equip
REAPER
Plot
GUDTER

TODAY'S WORD

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"Mr. Principal, class teachers, distinguished audience ... I forgot my _____."

Mega Maze

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Hair is different. 2. Chair is missing. 3. Cuff stripes are missing. 4. Tie is different. 5. Badge is moved. 6. Arm is moved.

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2022-2023 Budget:

The District administration and the Board of Education have released the following timeline for the 2022-2023 school budget process:

- 3/16/22 Public Hearing
Transportn., Buildings & Grounds
6:00 p.m. Board meeting to follow
- 4/13/22 Public Hearing
Elementary & Secondary Programs
6:00 p.m.
Board meeting to follow, at which a proposed budget will be adopted
- 4/18/22 Petitions to seek Board of Education seats are due with the District Clerk. Terms for two seats will expire June 30, 2022
- 5/4/22 Public Hearing
To present proposed budget
6:00 p.m. Board meeting to follow
- 5/17/22 Annual Budget Vote and Board of Education Candidate Vote
Harry Hoag School Gym
1:00-9:00 p.m.

7th Grade MVS: The seventh grade team is proud to announce the Most Valuable Student Awards for November, December & January. Congratulations to: Gamliel (Gami) Brackett, Brady Spaulding, and Mason Gray. These students have exemplified the characteristics of responsibility, kindness, academics, citizenship, perserverence, self-control, school pride, and tackling new challenges. Great job!

March 11th Change - School Will Be in Session:

As a reminder, last month the district moved up the scheduled Superintendent’s Conference Day. Therefore, school will be in session as normal on Friday, March 11th. Please mark your calendars and plan accordingly.

Upcoming Events:

- Feb 16 Board of Education Mtg 6:00
- Feb 21-25 Winter Break: No School
- March 13 Daylight Savings Begins
- March 16 Board of Ed Mtg 6:00
- March 20 First Day of Spring
- March 25-27 Spring Musical

District Superintendent Search Update: Applications for the position of Fort Plain CSD Superintendent are open now. The deadline to apply for the position is February 21, 2022. Families and community members were invited to a listening session on February 2nd, where they shared thoughts and feedback concerning the characteristics and attributes desired in the next superintendent. The district timeline has the new leader scheduled to begin on July 1st. The community can receive updates and information by visiting the dedicated Superintnent Search page on our school website: www.fortplain.org

Highlighting Some Senior Athletes: The History of Sports class at the Jr/Sr High School has created a website dedicated to Hilltopper sports, and featuring biographies of many Fort Plain athletes. Below are some highlights about the winter sport senior athletes, as written by the students in the History of Sports class:

Hailey Hogan-Cheerleading “Hailey has been a cheerleader for the past 4 years and has loved every second of it”

Emma Oldick-Bowling (5 years) “I am excited to finally travel after having to bowl virtually last year. I do what I need to help my team win matches.”

Isaac Paul-Bowling(2 years) “I hope to keep getting better and win as many games as we can this year.”

Erin Crouse-Basketball “I have been playing basketball ever since I was in Bidy Basketball, so for around 10 years. My goal is to beat my own personal records from last year which I cannot do without the help of my teammates.”

Sarah Florian -Basketball “My goal for this season has been to be the best I can be and stay positive.”

Robert Jordan-Basketball “Standing at 6 feet 8 inches, Robert is the center for the basketball team. Rob has been playing basketball for 12 years. Rob’s goals going into the season were to make a run in sectionals and reach the milestone of 1000 points.”

Levi Thomas-Basketball “Levi has been playing basketball for many years. He is a great player and we have high expectations for him this year.”

Tucker Jones-Swimming “I’d like to see us set a few records, but overall just get faster as a team....I was alright last year, but it was my first year and I was still learning. Winning a couple of races and growing as a team would be great”

Fourth Graders & Second Graders Team Up: Students in Mrs. VanGorder’s fourth grade class recently researched, wrote and illustrated books about the life cycle of animals. It was part of an integrated ELA and science project. The students chose an animal, and then researched its life cycle and other details. Their stories were written from the point of view of their chosen animal, which gave the reader a vivid picture of what life as an animal is really like. To present their books, the fourth graders invited the second grade classes to come and listen while they read aloud.

The second graders were a great audience. They asked many questions and showed a great deal of interest. Writing and sharing books was a hit with both grade levels, and they both hope that they participate in more of it in the future!

Elementary TaG News: The elementary Talented & Gifed Program rolled on during the months of January and February. January featured fifth & sixth grade students working with Gravity Mazes. Using their planning and spacial skills for this activity were: Joey Barr, Summer Crandall, Brianne Gallt, Jack Parkinson, Isaac Passero, Mary Pomatto, and Gavin Souza. The Third Grade “Caring Kids Club” met in February. They made buttons and cards for elementary staff members who go above and beyond to help students. They also wrote letters to veterans, and made Valentine’s Day placements for the residents of Arkell Hall. Participating students included: Aiden Bunker, Nauni Fink, Audrina Gomez, Serenity Leverock, Harley Logan, Lilly Mang, Harley Ostrander, Oliver Parkinson, Willow Richards, Jace Stanley, and Addison Weaver.



The Fort Plain-Canjo Drama Club Presents
13: The Musical
March 25th and 26th at 7:00 p.m.
March 27th at 2:00 p.m.
All performances held at the Canajoharie High School
Tickets: \$7 Adults ~ \$5 Seniors/Students

“Hilltopper Herald” Article of the Month: The “Hilltopper Herald” is the student newspaper written and designed by kids. This month’s article is brought to you by 6th grader Ahna Brackett....

Just so you know, turtle racing is actually a thing. No joke. So here’s the scoop on some strange races. First off, turtle racing involves turtles. Duh! Secondly, you choose your turtle and carry him to the starting line in a bucket of water. The racers line up in an inner circle and place the turtles to race toward the outer circle. Water from the buckets is used to keep your turtle motivated and racing towards the finish line. You can use both land and aquatic turtles (aquatic is a fancy word for water or marine life). This sport is actually considered to be cruel to the poor creatures. Poor guys! They are being dragged out of their homes to be in a game! They are so cute and fluffy, well not fluffy, and they are so innocent. You get the picture. Also umm...I think that’s all you need to know about this race. See me to talk about sports things for next month’s issue! Thanks for reading!

Did You Know? The district website is found at www.fortplain.org What’s there? How about....
News and photos about student activities
Updated COVID information
Board of Education meeting info and minutes
Athletic schedules for all sports seasons
Contact information
Spirit Wear store to get Topper athletic clothing
Info about closures or other timely issues