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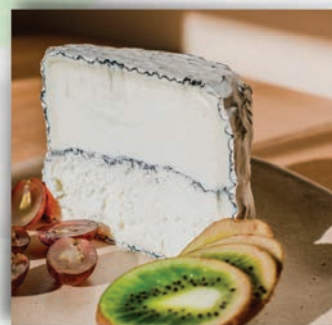
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## Poland second graders enjoy reading, learning to use technology during 'Tournament of Books'

Poland Central School District second graders in teacher Heather Judd's class read 16 books and voted on their favorites to advance through brackets inspired by NCAA basketball's March Madness.

"I liked reading all 16 books because they were all new books," said Reese Beyel, 8. "I had never heard of any of them."

Judd worked with Brittany Harvey, who does instructional technology integration for Poland through the Mohawk Regional Information Center, to modify an activity she tried a couple of years ago. Judd and Harvey added technology experiences including Google Classroom, Google Forms and Google Slides, and students were taught to vote electronically through Google. The idea to do the activity came after Judd and Harvey were talking about basketball.

"Books and basketball, you've got me," Judd said. "It's been fun."

Judd, Harvey, teaching assistant Tracy Irwin and students in the class selected books from the school library for the tournament, and they found so many new books that even Judd had only read a couple of them before. Students voted without knowing which books were chosen by which student or instructor. Every student received a prize, with an extra prize for the winning book.

Judd also put on a few minutes of a first round NCAA tournament game to show students what the "Tournament of Books" was based on.

Second graders were happy to share their thoughts on the "Tournament of Books." Brooke Potter, 8, said her favorite part of the activity was "reading all the books." Autumn Santamour, 8, said the best part was "getting to read new books."

Cristóvão Kostora da Silva, 7, said he most enjoyed "seeing new books and reading them." Jack Meyer, 8, said the aspects that stood out to him were "that we didn't know who the books belonged to, and they were new books that we never knew."

Alexis Roark, 7, said it was fun to participate in the tournament. "I'm glad we got to hear different books," Alexis said.

Judd said it was beneficial to have Harvey helping with the project – from teaching students how to log in and vote to adding visuals of each book for the voting and more.

Harvey said the activity was a good opportunity to teach students about usernames and passwords and why it's important to keep the information private. "I think doing this, they were excited to log in – they've done it 14 times over the course of the tournament," Harvey said. "It's repetition."

When students vote, the results are tallied and announced moments later, so they can see the result of what they learned to do. "It's instant feedback," Harvey said.

Teaching students basics of technology earlier in their education helps them have a better experience

with technology and advance their understanding as they get older, Harvey said.

"Starting them now gets them to a whole different level by the time they get to sixth grade," she said.



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Farming wasn't a foreign concept, but rather one that brought Tom Vaughan back to his childhood and his grandfather's farm in Ireland. Westmeadow Farm is heavily influenced by all that Tom's grandfather taught him: Respecting nature. Respecting animals. Respecting each other. This formula has led to what Westmeadow, as a whole, is today.

Today, our farm, located in Canajoharie, is managed by Jereme Nasse and Nakiska Vaughan. Through their tireless efforts, we boast a cow and goat herd that is the finest we have ever had. We have a cow herd of 150 Jerseys. Our goat herd consists of 350 Alpine, Sanaan and Nubian breeds. The animals at Westmeadow Farm are happy and healthy! Check out our YouTube channel to see more of them and what goes on at the farm.

Having the farm and knowing that we are implementing the best possible practices as much as we can has given us the opportunity to create dairy products that are clean and healthy. Our problem was solved. But we knew that many others deserved to have access to such foods. Westmeadow Creamery was the answer to that. We purchased the Palatine Cheese plant in Nelliston, before settling in Johnstown.



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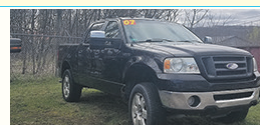
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Tom working with some of the butter.  
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Our creamery, headed by Tom, staffs a production crew and the Westmeadow headquarters. The creamery, which was once a chemical plant, has undergone total remodeling and maintains state requirements for operation. The vision for this plant goes beyond just cheese production. We also have begun to offer drinkable yogurts (both of cow milk and goat milk), a range of butter flavors and so many more ideas on the horizon.

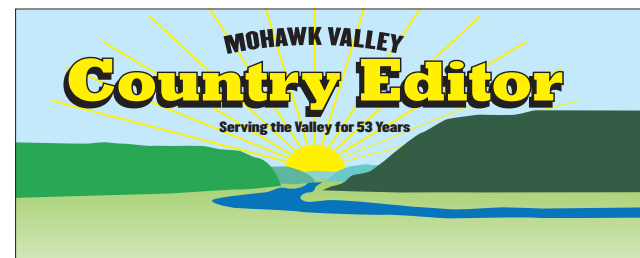
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The newest addition to the brand is the Westmeadow Farm Store, located inside the creamery at 251 N. Comrie Ave., Johnstown. You can find our dairy prod-

ucts all in one location. After many years of planning and dreaming, our retail store is finally opening!

The goal at the beginning was to create a solution. We did just that. Now, we are able to help many others who struggle with finding clean food for their families.

Come see what kind of delicious dairy products we can offer you, right here in the Mohawk Valley!



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## Consumer alert: NYS Division of Consumer Protection offers guidance to parents during baby formula shortage

The New York State Division of Consumer Protection recently issued guidance to parents who are experiencing frustration over the national baby formula shortage.

New Yorkers need to be aware of unscrupulous practices from individuals who are using the baby formula shortages to scam desperate parents. These scams are typically rooted in online sales, and private sellers who are marketing cans for double the price knowing that big retailers have empty shelves and little information about when they may receive the next shipment.

"Parents, feeling the pressures of the shortage, may find themselves scrambling to find alternative solutions but in the end could end up being scammed by unscrupulous bad actors online," said Secretary of State Robert J. Rodriguez. "At a time when there is a national shortage of baby formula, it is imperative that parents and guardians be aware of scams and know how to spot illegitimate online sales."

Here are some important tips to help consumers make informed decisions:

**Safety check the product:** Make sure the formula you are buying is not subject to a recall. Information on recent formula recalls can be found at [fda.gov/consumers/powdered-infant-formula-recall-what-know](https://www.fda.gov/consumers/powdered-infant-formula-recall-what-know). Confirm the formula is new and still sealed in a tamper proof container. Check the expiration date and be certain the product won't expire before you are able to use it all.

**Beware of social media:** In the era of social media marketing, sham businesses and scam artists can

easily contact unwitting consumers. According to the Federal Trade Commission, more than one in four people who reported losing money to fraud in 2021 said it started on social media with an ad, a post or a message. If you receive a direct message with an offer to sell you formula or if you see formula for sale on an online marketplace, be especially cautious. Try to arrange for an in-person meeting, so you can be sure you receive the products you're buying.

**Use caution when shopping online:** Shop on trusted sites with retailers known to you. Do your research if you want to try a new site or retailer. Performing a broad internet search will provide you with important feedback from other customers. Are there any reviews? How is the company responding to its customers? Read the comments within any social media advertisements. This will help you assess what to expect if something goes wrong, and if the comments are turned off, that's a big red flag.

**Beware of fake websites:** Fraudsters continue to advance in sophistication to perpetuate scams, fake websites resemble legitimate sites, with very credible-looking logos, pictures and payment options. If the website is advertising unusually low prices, consumers should be wary and diligently verify the legitimacy of the seller. Consumers should review the copyright date and domain creation date, as recently created sites are a tell-tale sign of scam sites, and typos on the web site are a red flag that it may not be legitimate.

**Beware of third-party vendors** if redirected from a trusted site to a third-party site. Read the sellers policies, review ratings and consumer comments, and most importantly, do a broad internet search before

making your purchase. Trusted retailers who host third-party sellers do not warranty their sales, thus you could get a substandard product or no product at all when you take the risk and purchase from an unknown third-party vendor.

**Read the product specifications:** Online marketing is geared to get you to buy so it's important to understand the product you are purchasing and the terms of the sale to ensure you are getting what you want. Is the brand and type of formula being sold what you are looking for? Is the size of the product you are buying the same as what you are expecting?

**Use a credit card:** For online purchases, be sure to use a credit card rather than a debit card. If the item that arrives is different than what you ordered or you don't receive the item at all, dispute the charge with your credit card provider.

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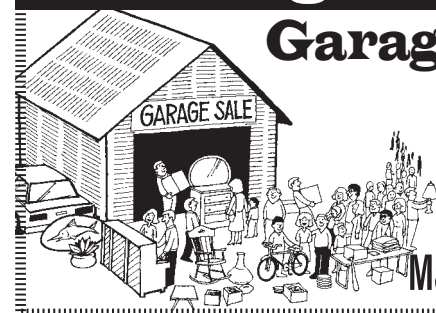
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## Three unique ways to give back to service members

Military service in the U.S. was once more common than it is today. According to the Council on Foreign Relations, the draft for military service was ended in 1973, a point in time when 2.2 million men and women made up the country's active military personnel. By 2018, the number had dipped below 1.3 million.

The vast majority of people in countries where military service is not compulsory will never serve in the military. But that does not mean non-military personnel do not appreciate the sacrifices service members and their families make.

Service members and their families make many sacrifices to protect the lives and freedoms of their fellow citizens. The following are three unique ways to give

back to these selfless men and women, who often benefit greatly from even the simplest of gestures.

**1. Serve as a driver for veterans.** Unfortunately, many service members return from overseas missions with disabilities, some of which prevent them from driving. Adults who want to help service members can serve as drivers for veterans who can't drive themselves. Such a gesture ensures they won't miss any appointments with doctors or physical therapists, helping them get on the road to recovery that much quicker.

**2. Donate your airline miles.** Some disabled veterans receive medical treatments far away from home at facilities that specialize in treating certain types of injuries, which can make it difficult for

their families to be there for them during their recoveries. By donating airline miles to military families, ordinary adults can ensure injured servicemen and women can still see their families during difficult times in their lives. Access to such support systems can be a big help as veterans work to recover from their injuries.

**3. Sponsor a service dog.** A significant percentage of veterans return home with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). PTSD has been linked to a host of conditions, including depression and anxiety. However, programs such as Companions for Heroes, an organization that places service dogs with veterans, has helped many veterans successfully cope with PTSD. By sponsoring a service dog through an organization such

as Companions for Heroes, adults who want to help service members can provide an invaluable service to men and women fighting to regain their quality of life.

There are many ways for ordinary citizens to show their support for the brave women and men who selflessly serve in the military.



## Herkimer College, one of four SUNY schools, invited to Second Chance Pell Experiment

Herkimer County Community College is one of only four SUNY schools and 73 institutions of higher learning nationwide invited to participate in the third round of the Second Chance Pell Experiment, an initiative first launched in 2015 to expand access to Federal Pell Grants for incarcerated individuals enrolled in participating programs. To date, only 200 two- and four-year colleges across the nation hold the distinction.

According to Herkimer College Associate Dean of Academic Affairs Robin Riecker, this award – along with the recent Ready for Pell Grant – will allow Herkimer College's current College in Prison Program to increase its academic offerings from one degree opportunity to three. These will now include General Studies, Psychology and the Small Business Management certificate program at both Mohawk and Mid-State correctional facilities. Pell funding will also provide expanded academic and financial aid support services.

In March, Herkimer College announced the award of a two-year, \$120,000 Ready for Pell grant through the Jobs for the Future/Ascendium Education Group initiative.

"Providing educational opportunities to incarcerated individuals is critically important as it reduces recid-

ivism and increases employment rates after release," Riecker said. "Nationally, more than 22,000 people have enrolled in Second Chance Pell over the past four financial aid years, and over 7,000 have earned either an associates or bachelor's degree or a career technical certificate."

According to Riecker, locally, 15 incarcerated individuals have graduated from Herkimer College with another three poised to graduate in December 2022.

"While COVID shut down programming in other facilities, our students powered through almost two full years of abbreviated instruction and most are still with us," Riecker added. "This collaboration and initiative with Hamilton College and Colgate University absolutely aligns with Herkimer College's mission to provide quality educational programming that lives out loud our commitment to inclusivity."

"We are thrilled to receive this distinction," Herkimer College President Cathleen McColgin, Ph.D., shared. "To be recipients of two Pell grants and one of only 73 institutions nationwide to receive the Second Chance

Pell opportunity is a testament to our faculty's dedication and to our unwavering commitment to access and inclusion for all."

Herkimer College has been a member of the Hamilton-Herkimer College in Prison consortium since 2017.

To learn more about Herkimer College's many innovative programs and initiatives, visit [herkimer.edu](http://herkimer.edu).

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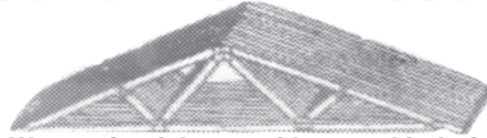
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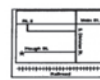


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Aryn Powell stopos for a quick photo after his game opening day at the St. Johnsville Little League Park.



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Emmett Eckler is all smiles before his first soccer game!



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# Kids' Community Corner

# Community Calendar

May 2022						
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Holidays						
8th - Mother's Day						
21st - Armed Forces Day						
30th - Memorial Day						

## MAY 18

**Fort Plain Free Library's first-ever Local History Trivia Night** 6:30 p.m. at 19 Willett Street. Call 518.993.4646 for information.

**Senior Citizens Pinochle Card Party** 12:30 – 4 p.m. Donation \$2. Prizes and refreshments. Looking to sub, call Terry 518.673.5635.

**Third Wednesday Night Dinners** 4 - 6 p.m. or sold out at Ilion First Baptist Church, 8 Second Street, Ilion. Delivery or take-outs only. Take-orders may be ordered ahead by calling 315.894.9041. \$12 per dinner. For more information, contact the church office at 315.894.9041.

## MAY 19

**Rabies Vaccination Clinic** 5:30 - 7 p.m. at Old Forge Fire Department, 116 Fulton Street, Old Forge. Pre-register at 315.867.1176.

**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.

**Immunization Clinic** 5:30-7 p.m. at the Old Forge Fire Department. Bring all insurance cards. Children under the age of 18 must be accompanied by parent/legal guardian. For more information call 315.867.1176. Children's Vaccines: All Pre-K and school required vaccines. Adult Vaccines: call 315.867.1176 for availability.

**Musictime with Gary Van Slyke.** Programs third Thursday of each month at 10:30 a.m. at Johnstown Public Library. Join us to listen and dance to music played by Gary Van Slyke at the library. Contact Erin Gavin at egavin@mvls.info or 518.762.8317.

## MAY 19, 20 & 21

**Rummage Sale, Plant and Bake Sale.** Thursday and Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Cold Brook United Methodist Church, 467 Main St., Cold Brook. Questions, call 315.794.1877.

**Lasagna Dinner** 4-7 p.m. or sold out at Emmanuel Episcopal Church, The Parish Hall, 594 Albany St., Little Falls. \$12. Eat in, take out, walk ins. Free delivery to Herkimer and Little Falls. Call 315.741.4672 to reserve your dinner.

## MAY 20

**Canajoharie Senior Citizens Club meeting** 1 p.m. at Arkell Hall, Canajoharie. 55+ are welcome. Sign up by calling 518.673.4408.

June 2022						
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Holidays						
14th - Flag Day						
19th - Father's Day						
21st - Summer Begins						

## MAY 21

**Opening Day at Fort Klock** 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. at 7203 State Highway 5, Saint Johnsville. Call 518.568.7779.

**Electric Vehicle Car Show** 11 a.m. -3 p.m. at Husky Park in Hartwick, NY. Questions, email Martha Clarvoe at martha.clarvoe@gmail.com with the subject line, "EV Car Show". The registration site for your EV vehicle is at doas.us/hartwick-ev-car-show.

**Otsego County Master Gardener Plant Sale** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at CCE Education Center, 123 Lake Street in Cooperstown. For more information, follow the webpage CCE-schoharie-otsego.org/OMG-Plant-Sale. Gardeners may also leave a voicemail message at 607.547.2536 ext. 228.

**HALOs Annual Flea Market** 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Ilion/Frankfort VFW. Food, raffles and more. All proceeds support HALO. Contact Natalie Massita at 315.520.3112 or nmsmokeyjoe@aol.com.

**Upper Unadilla Valley Association's (UUVA) Plant and Garden Fair** 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at the Town of Winfield Park in the village. Bridge construction will close the park's entry. Follow detour routes into the park. Duck Derby tickets available for \$3 per duck or two ducks for \$5. Call 315.855.4368 for more information.

## MAY 22

**Basic Pistol Safety Refresher Course** 8 a.m. - noon at the Canajoharie Forest Fish & Game Club at 149 Fish and Game Club Rd., Canajoharie. To register for the course, go to TLC Firearms Training (tlcfirearmstraining.com) and click on Pistol Basics & Shooting Courses. Scroll down to BP 1 – Basic Pistol.

## MAY 25

**Senior Citizens Pinochle Card Party** 12:30 – 4 p.m. Donation \$2. Prizes and refreshments. Looking to sub, call Terry 518.673.5635.

## MAY 28-29

**Memorial Day Weekend Heritage Plant Sale.** Opens May 28 at 10 a.m. Closes May 29 at 4 p.m. This annual event takes place outside the Farmers' Museum's main entrance in Cooperstown. No admission fee. Proceeds benefit the museum gardens. Call 607.547.1450 or 888.547.1450.

## JUNE 2

**Rabies Vaccination Clinic** 5:30 - 7 p.m. at Norway Community Center, 3114 Military Road, Norway. Pre-register at 315.867.1176.

July 2022						
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Holidays						
4th - Independence Day						

## JUNE 4

**Genealogy Day at Fort Klock** 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at 7203 State Highway 5, Saint Johnsville. Call 518.568.7779

**Crum Creek Church Open House,** 10:00-3:00. Church and local history books and scrapbooks, plus the Signature Quilt from 1914, will be on display. 110 County Highway 108, St. Johnsville, Ny. Sponsored by the Crum Creek Church Preservation Society, Inc.

## JUNE 5

**24th Annual Rhubarb Festival** 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. at 1747 Nellis Tavern historic site, 7355 NYS Route 5, St. Johnsville. Fundraiser by Palatine Settlement Society. Pie baking contest at noon with guest judges; lunch and rhubarb goodies available; raffle; free tours. Free concert for all ages by Liaisons Plaisantes: 1-3 p.m. More info: Contact Mary at 315.866.2619.

**Crum Creek Church 13th Annual Reunion Service and CCCPS Annual Meeting,** 1:00 pm. 110 County Highway 108, St. Johnsville, NY. Sponsored by the Crum Creek Church Preservation Society, Inc.

## JUNE 7

**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

## JUNE 8

**Patriotic Paint & Sip** 6 p.m. at Irish Cultural Center of the Mohawk Valley - Museum, 623 Columbia St, Utica. Get ready for the Fourth of July with your own painting with some guidance from instructor Jill Rae Vennera. Register at tinyurl.com/3pnf5tee

## JUNE 10

**United Way of the Mohawk Valley's 100 Birthday Party!** 6-10 p.m. at Saranac Brewery, Utica. \$100 per person. Ticket information to be announced.

**"Container Gardens: Grow your own Herbs!"** 1:15 p.m. at Arkell Hall, Canajoharie. Sponsored by SNAP-ed NY. Call 518.673.4408 for reservations.

## JUNE 10-12

**Kids and Calves Youth Show and Clinic** at Chenango County Fairgrounds, Norwich NY. Contact Zack Proskline if you have questions at kidsandcalves@gmail.com or 607.435.0051.

## JUNE 11

**41st Annual Friendship Craft Festival** 9 a.m.-3 p.m. in Spring Park on Scenic U.S. Route 20. Sponsored by the Church Of Christ Uniting in Richfield Springs. For information visit [www.rschurchofchristuniting.com](http://www.rschurchofchristuniting.com) and click on the "Women's Guild" tab, e-mail [friendshipcraftfestival@yahoo.com](mailto:friendshipcraftfestival@yahoo.com) or call Carla at 315.858.1451.

**Canajoharie Forest, Fish & Game Assn., Inc. Hunting Rifle Challenge** at 149 Fish & Game Club Rd., Canajoharie. Adult and Youth Divisions. All youth must be accompanied by an adult. RSVP and/or for more info: Text Joe Bennett at 518.265.3604 or call Doty Springer at 518.774.9165.

## JUNE 15

**Rabies Vaccination Clinic** 5:30 - 7 p.m. at Ilion-Frankfort VFW Pavilion, 4274 Acme Road, Frankfort. Pre-register at 315.867.1176.

## JUNE 23

**Gavins Irish Country** - lunch and a show at Arkell Hall, Canajoharie. Members \$50. Non-member \$55. Call 518.673.5588 for details.

## JULY 4

**Annual Strawberry Festival** 12-4 p.m. at 7203 State Highway 5, Saint Johnsville. Includes the reading of the Declaration of Independence. Call 518.568.7779.

## JULY 7

**Rabies Vaccination Clinic** 5:30 - 7 p.m. at Danube Town Garage, 438 Creek Road, Little Falls. Pre-register at 315.867.1176.

## JULY 12

**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

## JULY 23

**Moses Quinby Day** at 7203 State Highway 5, Saint Johnsville. Call 518.568.7779.

## AUGUST 25

**Rabies Vaccination Clinic** 5:30 - 7 p.m. at Salisbury Fire Department, 2549 State Route 29, Salisbury Center. Pre-register at 315.867.1176.

## AUGUST 26

**Herkimer County Chamber of Commerce Chamber Golf Tournament.** Registration 8: 30 a.m. Tee off 10 a.m. Visit [herkimercountychamber.com/golf-tournament](http://herkimercountychamber.com/golf-tournament) call 315.866.7820 or email [info@herkimercountychamber.com](mailto:info@herkimercountychamber.com) for more information.

## SEPTEMBER 9 & 10

**2022 Central New York Farm Progress Show** 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Len-Lo Farm, Robinson Road, Mohawk. Visit [cnyfarmprogressshow.net](http://cnyfarmprogressshow.net). For more information, contact [grace@preskyins.com](mailto:grace@preskyins.com) or call 315.336.0375.

## SEPTEMBER 10 & 11

**Fort Klock's 49th Annual Craft Fair** 7203 State Highway 5, Saint Johnsville. Call 518.568.7779.

## SEPTEMBER 15

**Rabies Vaccination Clinic** 5:30 - 7 p.m. at Cedarville Fire Department, 960 State Route 51, Cedarville. Pre-register at 315.867.1176.

## SEPTEMBER 22

**Defensive Driving Class** 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. at Arkell Center, Canajoharie. Program put on by Shults Agency. Call 518.673.4408 to reserve a space.

## OCTOBER 6

**Rabies Vaccination Clinic** 5:30 - 7 p.m. at Little Falls Town Garage, 478 Flint Ave Ext., Little Falls. Pre-register at 315.867.1176.

## OCTOBER 21-23

**Sir William Johnson and the Empire Wars Conference.** Registration is open for 2022. If you signed-up for the 2021 Sir William Johnson Conference, do not register and email Brian at [info@fortplainmuseum.org](mailto:info@fortplainmuseum.org)

## OCTOBER 22

**HALOs Annual Craft Fair** 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Ilion/Frankfort VFW. Food, raffles and more. All proceeds support HALO. Contact Natalie Massita at 315.520.3112 or nmsmokeyjoe@aol.com.

## OCTOBER 29

**Rebels, Redcoats, & Zombies** 5-8 p.m. at the Fort Plain Museum, 389 Canal Street. If you are interested in participating as a Rebel, Redcoat or Zombie, contact [fortplainmuseum@yahoo.com](mailto:fortplainmuseum@yahoo.com) Visit [fortplainmuseum.org/events](http://fortplainmuseum.org/events)

## NOVEMBER 6

**Meatloaf Dinner** from 4 p.m. until sold out at St. Pauls UU Church, 565 Albany St., Little Falls. Take out only, delivery to limited area. \$12 per person to benefit to Organ repair fund.

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# Fort Klock

## Opening Day

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Fort Klock is a fortified

homestead built in 1750 by Johannes Klock. The stone structure has two-foot thick walls and is heavily loopholed on every side for defense. This self-contained homestead was used during the French and Indian War as well as the American Revolution as a place of refuge for family and neighbors. The home stayed in the Klock family until the 1950s. In a state of dis-

repair, a group of young men set out to restore the Fort to its former glory. It opened for tours to the public in 1961 and today remains a vital piece of history in the Mohawk Valley.

Come experience living history on May 21, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Fort Klock is located at 7203 Route 5 in St. Johnsville. Call 518.568.7779 for more information.



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After a two-year hiatus due to the pandemic, the Upper Unadilla Valley Association's (UUVA) Plant and Garden Fair, offering a variety of locally grown perennials for sale at reasonable prices, will return May 21 from 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at the Town of Winfield Park in the village.

Bridge construction work will close the park's entry along Route 20, but the park remains accessible from a rear entry off Clapson Street. The map shows detour routes into the park, and signs also will be posted along the routes.

The plant sale will feature dozens of perennial varieties donated by local gardeners at prices ranging from \$3 to \$5 per pot. No plants will be sold before 10 a.m.

A limited stock of annual bedding plants, mostly vegetables, also will be for sale through the Mount Markham Central School District FFA. The FFA and High School Science Club will operate a concession stand at the event as well.

A "duck derby," featuring small plastic ducks that race to a downstream finish line in the creek that runs through the park, will begin at 11:30 a.m. Derby tickets cost \$3 per duck or two ducks for \$5, with tickets available at the event or in advance from association directors. The ticket holder with the fastest duck will win half of the proceeds. For tickets, call 315.855.4368 for the director nearest you.

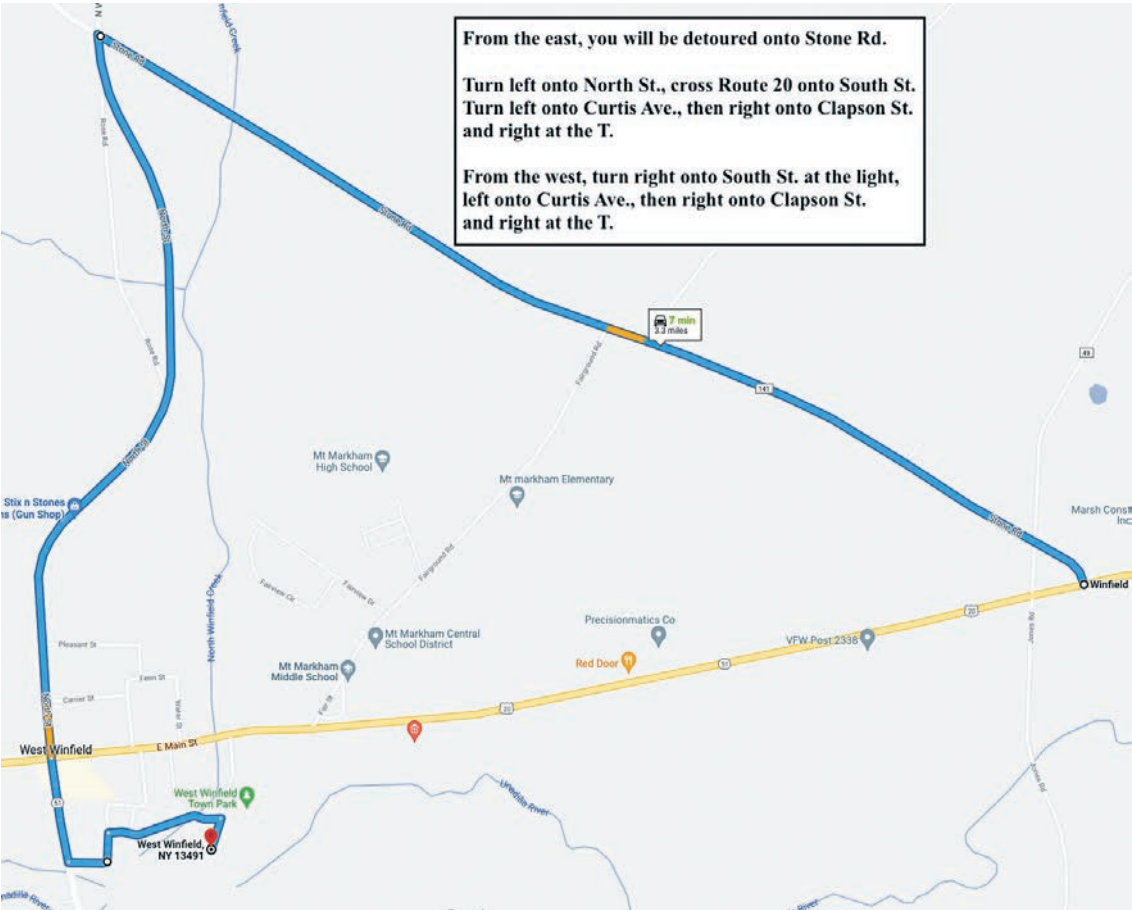
The UUVA is a nonprofit organization that has worked for 52 years to preserve, protect and call attention to the Upper Unadilla Valley's natural and historic resources. That region includes West Winfield, Unadilla Forks, Leonardsville, Bridgewater, West Edmeston and surrounding vicinities.

Proceeds from the plant and garden fair, typically held each year on the third Saturday in May, help fund several annual UUVA activities:

- A scholarship for a graduating Mount Markham Central School District senior
- A summer tour showcasing the region's positive attributes, such as farms, businesses, gardens, art, nature and historic homes
- An autumn banquet featuring a presentation tied in with the year's tour theme or some other subject related to the group's mission

As the need arises, proceeds also help with efforts for historical preservation or to protect against regional environmental threats.

## The UUVA plant sale is back



Getting to the Upper Unadilla Valley Association's Plant and Garden Fair will be different this year due to bridge construction in the area. The work will close the park's entry along Route 20, but the park remains accessible from a rear entry off Clapson Street. This map shows detour routes into the park, and signs also will be posted along the routes.

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## Crum Creek Lutheran Church annual reunion set June 4 & 5

The Crum Creek Church Preservation Society, Inc. will be celebrating its 13th annual reunion at the Crum Creek Lutheran Church, 110 County Highway 108, St. Johnsville, on the week-end of June 4 & 5.

On Saturday there will be an open house at the church from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. In addition to the church records (from the 1800s to recent years, containing births, marriages, deaths, baptisms,

etc.), Sunday School records, binders of local history, scrapbooks from the 1900s and so much more, there will be an appearance of a very special quilt relating to the church and local area.

The quilt - "St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Crum Creek, NY 1914", has over 500 embroidered names of area residents of Crum Creek, St. Johnsville, Openheim, Inghams Mills and probably more areas. Most of the names are familiar local names.

On Sunday the annual reunion service will be held at the church at 1 p.m. This will be followed by the CCCPS annual meeting and time for fellowship.

The church, which is listed on the New York State and National Registers of Historic Places, was built in 1853, and incorporated as the Openheim and St. Johnsville Union Society. It was

re-incorporated in 1882 as the Evangelic Lutheran Church of Crum Creek, Fulton County, NY.

Also, for a period of time, it was known as St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

In 1906 the building was renovated; at which time it was moved slightly west to its present location. The brick exterior was added at that time, along with the stained-glass memorial windows and polychrome slate roof. New furniture and architectural details were also added inside the church at that time.

Although the church was closed in 2009, there are four services held annually, including the reunion service on the first Sunday in June. The services, and other events, are sponsored by the Crum Creek Church Preservation Society, Inc., a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization.



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## Community leaders and families recognize Crime Victims' Rights Week with ceremony

Community members, elected officials and representatives of local organizations joined together on April 29 in a ceremony recognizing victims of crime in Fulton County. The event, which took place on the lawn of the Fulton County Courthouse in Johnstown, also included a re-dedication of the Tree of Hope in honor of the Hon. Louise Sira, former Fulton County Court Judge and District Attorney. The ceremony occurred 13 years to the day from the planting of the Tree of Hope, a project that Judge Sira spearheaded. Sira passed in 2020, leaving behind a legacy and life advocating for victims of crime.

Over 100 people attended the ceremony, which highlighted Crime Victims' Rights Week, a national advocacy effort to promote rights, services and the personal stories of victims of crime and their families. The theme of this year's awareness campaign was Rights, Access and Equity for All Victims, underscoring the importance of helping crime survivors and victims' families find justice by enforcing victims' rights, expanding access to services and ensuring equity and inclusion for all.

Speakers at the event included Amanda Anderson, director of the Domestic Violence Program of Fulton County, a

program of the Family Counseling Center; Lisa Cimo, Planned Parenthood victims advocate; Sherriff Richard C. Giardino; Amanda Nellis, Fulton County District Attorney; Assemblyman Robert Smullen; and State Sen. James Tedisco. Both Smullen and Tedisco presented citations in honor of Sira and the work crime victim advocates do within the county.

"We are honored to celebrate the memory of Judge Sira," said Michael Countryman, executive director of the Family Counseling Center. "Her work leaves a legacy of advocacy and care in our community. The ceremony also

highlights the needs of crime victims and their families beyond the crime itself. Victims of crime and their families continue to need support, advocacy and care well beyond the trial itself. Our organization works to help community members heal, build and grow following trauma."

Other attendees included representatives from Fulton County Board of Supervisors, local elected officials, fire and police departments in Johnstown and Gloversville, family members of crime victims and local nonprofit organizations who provide advocacy and support services.



(L - R) Speakers at event: Amanda Anderson, Amanda Nellis, Assemblyman Smullen, Senator Tedisco, Sherriff Richard C. Giardino and Lisa Cimo.  
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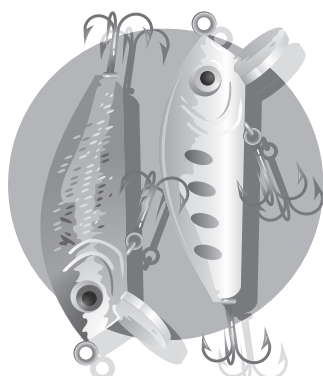


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## Local resident celebrates 105th birthday



(Front row, L - R ) Diane Sylvester, Theresa Davidson and Darlene Voebel. Diane and Darlene are Theresa's daughters. (Back row) Smajo Sasic, Cynthia Michaud, June Bassett and Marie Casamento, who recently celebrated her 99th birthday. Submitted photo

If you ask Theresa Davidson about turning 105, she says with a smile, "I can't wait! I've been waiting a very long time!"

Theresa's advice for a long and happy life is to stay active and walk. Theresa walks every day, where she resides at Nathan Galinsky Apts., and where she's lived since 1995.

Theresa was born and raised in Utica and was employed at the A&P store (the Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company) and would get paid \$20 a week. She also volunteered at the Folts Home in Herkimer for many years.

Theresa has three children, six grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren, with another on the way in November.

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Adding plants to water features

Water features can make for relaxing and eye-catching additions to outdoor spaces. According to the online gardening resource Garden Know-How, a water feature is any landscape enhancement that uses water

and other material to bring tranquility and beauty to a space. Thanks to their soothing sounds and aesthetic appeal, water features like ponds and fountains are often included in

healing gardens. But they can be used in any and all landscapes.

Homeowners can explore various water features, such as waterfalls, koi ponds and even rain bells, which offer soothing chime sounds when it rains. One consideration when installing a water feature is whether or not to incorporate live plants. Certain plants are better suited for water features than others.

Surrounding Plants

It is possible to create a miniature ecosystem in a yard by surrounding a water feature with certain plants. Gardening Know-How advises using canna lily or taro at the edge of a pond. These plants thrive with roots in mud and their tops in shallow water. Broadleaf arrowhead is another option, as it can do well in a pond's shallow edges. It's a perennial so it will come back and requires

little maintenance.

Floating Plants

Many plants can live on the surface of the water and provide hiding spots for wildlife in a natural water feature setting. Lotus, also called water lily, is a popular and fragrant option. Water hyacinth produces vibrant lavender flowers that pop on stems that can reach three feet in height. This stunning species can be invasive, but it can be managed by planting within a hoop or submerged woven basket, indicates Happy DIY Home. Other free-floating plants to consider are duckweed, fairy moss and butterfly fern. Floating plants look beautiful and they can help filter water and control algae growth.

Submerged Plants

Submerged plants are a necessity in water features that have fish. Submerged plants are grown in weighted pots

placed on the bottom of the pond. They provide shelter for fish and help oxygenate the water. Hornwort, anacharis, water milfoil, and dwarf sagittaria are some examples of submerged plants.

Water features attract wildlife, including potentially pesky insects. Planting pitcher plants in submerged pots can help reduce the presence of unwanted insects in a water feature.

Some water-loving plants are invasive, so it is always best to check with a local agricultural extension or the Department of Environmental Protection to see if certain floating or submerged plants are restricted where you live. For those who want to contain plants, placing pots of cascading greenery and flowers near to fountains, pools and ponds is another way to add appeal without having to dig in the ground.



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## How children can have memorable summer camp experiences

As hours of sunlight increase, thoughts may turn to summer vacation. For many children, summer vacation wouldn't be the same without camp.

Adults may have their own fond memories of going to summer camp when they were children because of the opportunities it presented to be independent and meet new people. Campers often bond over shared experiences, whether they are planned activities or unexpected "disasters" like a rainstorm washing out a canoe trip. That is why so many parents choose to carry on the summer camp tradition when they have their own children.

However, some kids may not be ready to jump right into the summer camp lifestyle. Such youngsters may need extra reassurance and support to make the most of their time at camp. The following are some tips for making summer camp an enjoyable experience.

- Plan ahead – Families can visit the camp in advance and get a lay of the land. Knowing what to expect in terms of facilities and activities can assuage some anxiety. It also will help campers home in on what to

pack and what to expect over the summer.

- Try many new activities – Summer camp is about expanding boundaries and interests. Campers should sign up for many activities, including those that normally may be out of their wheelhouse. A camper

may be pleased to learn that a new craft activity or a sports game piques their interest.

- Connect with fellow campers in advance – If the camp has a social media presence, follow the camp's posts and connect with other like-minded campers even before they

arrive. Talking with others who share similar interests can help campers feel more comfortable about meeting up once they arrive at camp.

- Develop a rapport with camp counselors – The saying "you only get one chance to make a first impression"

extends to campers meeting camp counselors. When campers interact with counselors for the first time, they should be outgoing, polite and open to new ideas. Counselors will appreciate easy-going campers and could be good resources of useful information, such as how to score an extra dessert at mealtime.

- Follow the safety rules – While campers may spread their wings a bit at summer camp when not under the watchful eyes of parents, any mischief should not come at the expense of safety. Campers should stick to the safety protocol so that camp is not memorable for the wrong reasons.

- Change another camper's experience – A camper who recognizes a fellow camper is reserved and shy can invite that person to come sit with other friends at meals or to participate in an activity. This can help build a lasting friendship and make camp that much more enjoyable for someone in need.

Summer camp season is on the horizon and campers can take several steps to foster memorable and fun experiences along the way.



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## Crum Creek Church seeks its reed organ



This photograph depicts an organ that could be similar to the reed organ from the Crum Creek Church. Anyone with information on the whereabouts of the Crum Creek organ may contact Evelyn at 518.73.5537 or Colleen at 518.728.9602.

In 2008 the Crum Creek Lutheran Church, near St. Johnsville, was closed by Synod. Since the church closed, a group of former members and interested neighbors have regularly held worship services four times each year on Palm Sunday, reunion Sunday (1st Sunday of June), Harvest service (last Sunday of September) and an Advent service. Other events, such as open houses and ice cream socials, are scheduled occasionally.

Former members tell the story that a young man was hired to clean the church, in the 1950s or 1960s. In payment, he was given the old reed pump organ. Eventually the organ was either sold privately, or possibly at the auction at the Cornelius Paul farm in the Town Oppenheim, long ago.

Now the church would like to reconnect with its organ. An exact description is difficult to ascertain, as memories from former members vary somewhat. All agree that it had pipes and a tall and ornately carved back of dark-colored wood with spires on the top. Some remember a mirror at the top center; others remember a shelf on either side for a candlestick. There was a hand pump on the right side of the organ, and the small organ bench was covered with maroon velvet.

This photograph could be similar to the reed organ from the Crum Creek Church. Does anyone have any information on the whereabouts of the Crum Creek organ? Please contact Evelyn at 518.673.5537 or Colleen at 518.728.9602 if you know anything about this organ.

## Senior Citizens' Picnic coming up

Herkimer County is sponsoring a Senior Citizens' Picnic. It will take place June 22 from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Herkimer County Fairgrounds in Frankfort. Coffee and doughnuts will be available starting at 10 a.m. Bingo will start at 11 a.m.

Any person age 60 and over interested in participating in the picnic can attend. You may provide your own lunch or you can purchase a ticket for lunch, which is being provided by Kentucky Fried Chicken (boneless chicken, potatoes, coleslaw and biscuit) at a cost of \$5/meal.

Contact Michele at 315.867.1152 for the number of tickets you will need. Payment is necessary when picking up tickets. Tickets can be picked up at the Herkimer County Treasurer's office (109 Mary St., Suite 2419, Herkimer). Checks should be made payable to Herkimer County Treasurer. The deadline to purchase tickets is June 15.

The picnic will also feature Bingo and an opportunity to win prizes. We are asking community members and organizations to donate gift certificates for local businesses that will be given as prizes for the senior picnic. We ask that the gift certificates be in \$10 increments. You are welcome to purchase several gift certificates to support your favorite local business. If any community member or organization would like to donate a gift certificate for a local business, you can mail them to the Herkimer County Sheriff's Department at 320 N. Main St., Suite 2900, Herkimer, NY 13350 or you can contact the sheriff's department with any questions at 315.867.1168.

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After a two-year pause, the Oneida-Herkimer Solid Waste Authority (SWA) sponsored its fifth annual Plastic Film Recycling Challenge for local schools in an effort to promote and educate youth and the community on proper recycling of plastic film, which cannot be recycled through regular curbside recycling programs.



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In 2019, New York State's Plastic Bag Reduction, Reuse and Recycling Act went into effect. The law states that stores with 10,000 square feet or more of retail space and chains which operate five or more stores with greater than 5,000 square feet of retail space, and which provide plastic carry out bags to customers, are required to establish an in-store film plastic recycling program and ensure

that collected film plastics are recycled.

As of March 1, 2020, a new statewide law banned the distribution of plastic carry out bags for all retailers that are required to collect NYS sales tax. These locations are still required to accept plastic film back for recycling. For more information about who this law affects, exempt bags and more, visit the NYS Bag Waste Reduction Law page on the Department of Environmental Conservation's website at [dec.ny.gov](http://dec.ny.gov).

"Even though grocery stores are no longer distributing plastic bags, there are still a lot of other plastic films that we see placed in recycling bins. Plastic film causes time consuming and often labor-intensive breakdowns at Recycling Centers," stated SWA Recycling Coordinator Samantha Brown. "We encourage residents to utilize the plastic film recycling programs still provided by retailers across the region."

Fourteen schools participated in the 2022 Plastic Film Recycling Challenge and had six weeks to collect plastic film for recycling. Participating schools partnered with



Poland Central School's plastic film pile.

local grocery/retail stores and delivered the plastic film directly to them for proper recycling. The initiative focused on collecting clean, dry, plastic film to keep it out of our region's landfill.

With the efforts of these schools combined, over 4,500 pounds of plastic film was collected for recycling in six weeks – the equivalent of recycling almost 340,000 plastic grocery bags. Below are the first and second place schools in each category.

### Elementary Schools

1st Place: E.R. Hughes Elementary School – With 469 students, E.R. Hughes School collected 1,443 pounds of plastic film for recycling. This equals 3.08 pounds per student. E.R. Hughes alone collected 32% of the plastic film in this challenge.

2nd Place: Sauquoit Valley Elementary School – With 390 students, Sauquoit Valley Elementary collected 1,142 pounds of plastic film for recycling. This equals 2.93 pounds per student. Sauquoit Valley Elementary School collected 26% of the total film reported in this challenge.

SWA also thanks Clough School, Camden Elementary School, Owen D. Young Central School, Myles Elementary School and Frankfort-Schuyler Elementary School for their excellent participation.

### Middle/High Schools

1st Place: Remsen Jr./Sr. High School – With 192 students, Remsen Jr./Sr. High School collected 694 pounds of plastic film for recycling. This equals 3.61 pounds per student.

2nd Place: Poland Central School – With 550 students, Poland Central School collected 356 pounds of plastic film for recycling. This equals 0.65 pounds per student.

SWA would also like to thank Camden Middle School, Jarvis Middle School, Herkimer Jr./Sr.

Adrienne Greer, third grade teacher at E.R. Hughes Elementary, shows off 173 pounds of film collected by the school in the first week of the challenge.

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## How to beat the travel crowds this Memorial Day weekend

Summer travel figures to pick up as the world returns to relative normalcy after two-plus years of living under the cloud of COVID-19. Memorial Day weekend marks the unofficial beginning of summer, and this year the roads figure to be as busy as ever.

Data from AAA Travel indicated that more than 37 million people expected to travel 50 miles or more over Memorial Day weekend in 2021. That figure is likely to grow in 2022 as millions more individuals, including young children, are now eligible to be vaccinated against COVID-19.

Travelers concerned about the prospect of sitting in traffic jams this Memorial Day weekend can heed these tips to ensure their weekends are more fun than frustrating.

- Avoid peak travel times: The easiest

way to find yourself stuck in Memorial Day traffic is to hit the road during peak travel times. Many people have embraced the "leave early" trend to holiday weekend travel, so the roads may be busier than drivers would expect on Thursday afternoon and evening. If it's possible, drivers can hit the road prior to 3 p.m. Thursday. If work and kids' school schedules make that impossible, delay your departure until late Thursday night or before the sun rises on Friday morning. Late at night or very early in the morning might not make for the most accommodating travel time, but roads tend to be the least congested at these times.

- Expect the trip to take longer than planned: Delays are possible, if unlikely, even if you travel during off-peak hours. Recognition of that can make

traffic jams or flight delays a little easier to manage. Parents can prepare kids for delays by letting them know in advance that some setbacks are possible. Build expected delays into your itinerary so you aren't stressing out about missing anything. If travelers luck out and experience no delays, then the weekend begins that much sooner.

- Do your part: If you're traveling by air, confirm everything you'll need to get through security and onto the plane as quickly as possible. Make sure passports and other forms of identification are current. Pack bags wisely so there are no surprises at check-in time. The more details you tend to in advance of your departure, the less stressful your

travel day will be.

- Consider a local destination: Another way to beat the crowds is to avoid joining them. The NOAA estimates that roughly 40% of the American population lives in coastal communities. That means more than 120 million Americans can drive to coastal areas without having to traverse potentially congested highways and interstates. Stay local for busy travel weekends like Memorial Day and reserve longer trips for other times of the year when fewer people are on the road.

Memorial Day travel is historically heavy. Savvy vacationers can employ various strategies to avoid the crowds this year.

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High School, Thomas R. Proctor High School and Mount Markham Middle School for their excellent participation.

E.R. Hughes Elementary School will be awarded presentations from the Utica Zoomobile and Remsen Jr./Sr. High School will be awarded a Trex Decking Cornhole Set made from recycled plastic film.

This year, all participating schools will be receiving an engraved Trex Decking Board (made of recycled plastic film) to champion their recycling efforts.

The following items cannot be placed in your curbside recycling bin, but can be recycled at participating grocery stores and other retailers: Grocery bags, bread bags, case overwrap, dry cleaning bags, newspaper sleeves, ice bags, wood pellet bags, Ziploc and other reclosable bags, produce bags, bubble wrap, salt bags, cereal bags and plastic bubble mailing envelopes.

"Flexibility indicates the quality of

plastic film materials," said Brown. "If you are struggling with whether your plastic material is considered plastic film, try this trick: if the material stretches when pulled apart, it is likely a film plastic that can be recycled at appropriate drop off locations. If the material is crinkly or rigid, and does not stretch at all, this material is not film plastic and should be placed in your garbage."

For a list of participating retailers near you, visit [ohswa.org](http://ohswa.org). If you are unable to deliver your plastic film for proper recycling, place plastic film in your regular garbage for disposal. For more information about the SWA's Go Green School Recycling Program, contact Samantha Brown at 315.733.1224 ext. 2800 or [samb@ohswa.org](mailto:samb@ohswa.org).

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## Invasive species: Jumping worms

Nearly all earthworms in the Northeast today are non-native, and these European and Asian invasives are altering the soil structure and chemistry of our forests. They consume the critical layer of organic matter that supplies vital nutrients for plants and provides food, protection and habitat for wildlife. However, jumping worms are especially concerning. These Asian exotics devour organic matter more rapidly than their European counterparts, stripping the forest of the layer critical for seedlings and wildflowers. Jumping worms grow twice as fast, reproduce more quickly and can infest soils at high densities. In areas of heavy infestation, native plants, soil invertebrates, salamanders, birds and other animals may decline. Jumping worms can severely damage roots of plants in nurseries, gardens, forests and turf. They, along with other invasive worms, can also help spread invasive plant species by disturbing the soil. Jumping worms are widespread across much of the Northeast, Southeast and Midwestern U.S., and the first records

date to the late 19th century. Unfortunately, relatively little is known about them compared to European earthworms.

### Where to Find Them

They can be found on the soil surface and in the leaf litter, making them easy to find. They can live anywhere from urban parks and suburban backyards to rural forests. You are very likely to find them in compost piles and along roads.

### A Highly Invasive Species

Many worm species can reproduce without mating, which means a single worm can start a whole population. Because jumping worms are more aggressive and their populations can grow faster than the common European species, they may outcompete existing worm populations. Adults die prior to winter, but their young survive harsh New York winters in tiny, resilient cocoons. Cocoons are very small and dirt colored, so they are nearly impossible to spot with your own eyes. Cocoons can be spread easily in potted plants, and on landscaping equipment, mulch, tire

treads and even hiking boots.

### What to Look For

Worms are smooth, glossy gray or brown and 1.5 to eight inches long.

**Crazy behavior** – They jump and thrash wildly when handled, moving more like a threatened snake. They can also shed their tails in defense.

**Clitellum** (the narrow band around their body) – This is smooth to the body, unlike most other species which have a raised and pink colored clitellum. Their clitellum completely encircles the body and is often cloudy white to gray colored. The body looks metallic.

**Soil signature** – Jumping worms leave distinctive grainy soil full of worm castings. The soil becomes granular and looks like dried coffee grounds.

**Timing** – The best time to find them is late August or September, when they are largest.

### Stop the Spread

We currently have no viable earthworm control methods, but we can prevent their spread! Do not buy or use jumping worms for bait, vermicompost-

ing or gardening. Only sell, purchase or trade compost that was heated to appropriate temperatures and duration following protocols for reducing pathogens. Clean compost, soil and debris from vehicles, personal gear, equipment and gardening tools before moving to and from sites. Dispose of all live worms in the trash or place them in a bag and leave out in the sun for at least 10 minutes, then throw the bag away.

Be careful when sharing and moving plants. Always check for worms and know where your plantings come from. Buy bare root stock when possible.

Check your property for earthworms using a mustard pour (it won't harm your plants!). Mix a gallon of water with one-third cup of ground yellow mustard seed and pour slowly into the soil. This will drive any worms to the surface. If you have jumping worms, report it and avoid moving plants or soil from your yard.

### Report Your Sightings

If you see jumping worms, report your sightings to [nyimainvasives.org](http://nyimainvasives.org).

## A guide to cooking with kids

Children may start their culinary careers crafting mud pies in their backyards, but that creativity and imagination soon may translate into foods they can actually eat. Many kids love cooking because it can be fun and messy, which are two qualities that children find hard to resist.

Parents can foster their children's love of cooking

and help them along the way with these tips.

- Be patient: Going into the cooking experience knowing there will be a mess, typically when young children are involved, can help you prepare. Toddlers have not yet mastered manual dexterity, so they're bound to spill and drop. Put a plastic tablecloth under the work area and

on the floor to help catch what falls. Also, cooking with youngsters likely will take more time than it normally would, so set aside extra preparation and cooking time.

- Teach kids good hygiene: Hygiene is important and can prevent foodborne illnesses. Make sure everyone involved in cooking, including children, washes their hands before cooking begins and continues to do so after handling foods, particularly raw meat and poultry. Hair should be tied back, and separate prep surfaces should be des-

ignated for produce and meats.

- Assign age-appropriate tasks: Consider age and maturity levels when assigning tasks in the kitchen. Even children as young as three can chop food if they are provided a serrated butter knife with a rounded point and soft vegetables or fruits. This helps teach knife skills that kids can develop more thoroughly in the future. Children can mix and add ingredients as well. As kids get older, parents can decide the right time to let them use the stove.

- Experiment with dough: Kids can have a blast with dough, particularly rolling out pie crusts and pasta. They also can make dumplings and then fill them with vegetables. Many cookware retailers sell small rolling pins that are easy for kids to handle.

- Practice measuring together: Let children read the recipes and be in charge of portioning out ingredients. This reinforces classroom lessons about temperature, ratios and fractions.

- Move on to more sophisticated tasks: Around

age eight or nine, children can take on jobs like opening cans, scooping batter, pounding poultry, proofing yeast, skewering kabobs and slicing bread, according to cooking educator Julie Negrin. Negrin noted that children ages 10 to 12 can start working independently in the kitchen so long as an adult is in the home. Ultimately, children can cook without close supervision.

Children also can be involved in cooking by helping to draft shopping lists and taking trips to the supermarket. This shows kids the complete process of gathering ingredients for meals, what they cost and how they are made before foods make it to the dinner table.

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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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## REMOVE THE MAGIC MAZE ● A'S TO MAKE A NEW WORD

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally  
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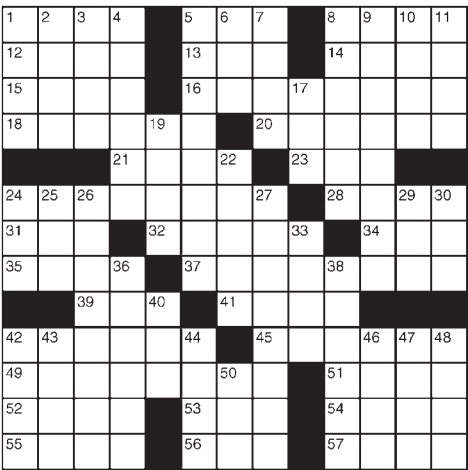


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5 Sandwich meat  
8 Barks  
12 Leaf  
13 Out — limb  
14 Ganges wrap  
15 Warner —  
16 Naughtiness  
18 Flashing disco light  
20 Trumpet's cousin  
21 Legal wrong  
23 Wee dollop  
24 Sushi bar bowlful  
28 NYC gallery  
31 Dos Passos trilogy  
32 Fizzy drinks  
34 Bankroll  
35 Humorist Sahl  
37 Chooses the wrong actor  
39 Prattle  
41 Unpaid TV spots (Abbr.)  
42 John of "Full House"  
45 Morals  
49 Blunders  
51 "Damn Yankees" vamp  
52 Celestial bear  
53 Hosp. section  
54 McGregor of



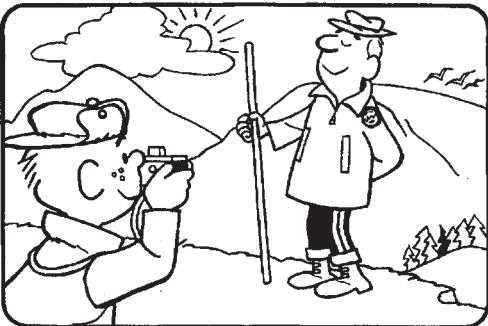
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55 Euclidean subj.  
56 Burst  
57 Orange vegetables  
7 Fem. counter-part  
8 Hindu retreat  
9 Colorful arcs  
10 Gratis  
11 Winnow  
17 Massachusetts cape  
19 Pear choice  
22 Dutch bloom  
24 Silent  
25 Equal (Pref.)  
26 Sea of the North Atlantic  
27 Refuses, as an offer  
29 Wrestling sur-  
30 Billboards  
33 "Shoo!"  
36 Large gong  
38 Actress Judd  
40 Fluffy neck-piece  
42 Overconfident  
43 Lose energy  
44 Omit  
46 Hawkeyes' home  
47 Chowder morsel  
48 Without  
50 Author Umberto

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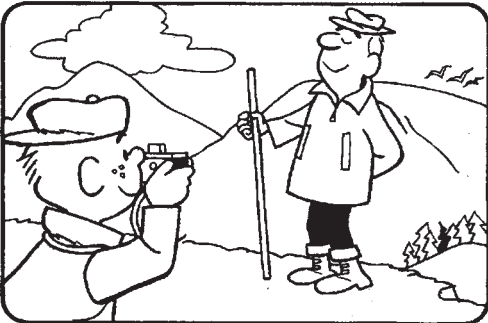


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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



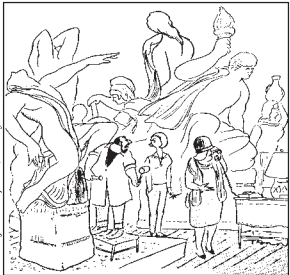
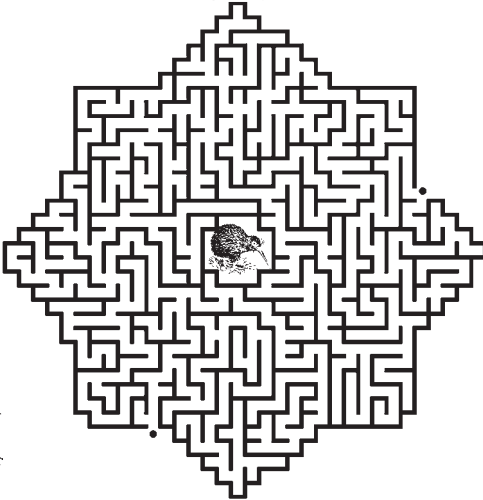
Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Sun is missing. 2. Ear flap is missing. 3. Camera cord is shorter. 4. Stick is shorter. 5. Arm patch is missing. 6. Stripe is missing.

## Mega Maze

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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!

Rift  
SCHAM  
Fine  
LACER  
Legend  
BAFEL  
Whisker  
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# Home Country

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When the world is hot and my skin is fried, scratching from the constant dry, let the clouds boil up, boil up high. And then shade the earth with the darkening sky and bring the secrets and the smell of rain. The coolness and the blessed rain, again.

Our land is brown but blessed, stressed in the heat,

the shiny heat of day. The slender green of rivers slide along, striving to continue, to feed its own along the banks, the banks where the dust rises. Rises, powdery clomp by clomp as we walk, walk the shady way.

And though the heat, the dryness of heat, pushes down our weary feet, we plod along. Ours is the blessing of chal-

lenge, to live, to thrive in the heat. To toil and sweat, to make the cold drink at day's end that much sweeter. Sweeter as it goes down, cooler as it falls, dropping the coolness inside us and forcing us to smile. That summer smile.

When the heat falls hard, on many days, unquenched by the dark of night, we ask, in quiet times, we ask. Bring us the clouds, the black-bellied clouds, the clouds that softly hold the heads of gods in their moistening grasp. The clouds, those big-bellied busters that

hold the violence, the wind, the flashes, the noise. The clouds we wait for and pray for and look for on the western ridge. Let them come, with their silver tops and their bellies black as night and cool as forgiveness. The summer clouds, the clouds that define our culture, our art, our summer, our hot, heavy summer.

A rain, a storm, a suddenness of life and blast and sweet charity designed to keep us living here, here in the rain, here in the sun, and keep us praying, here in the rain,

and looking toward the west for more, always to the west, always looking for more.

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## The benefits of beef

May is National Beef Month, and it almost seems like the month was made to celebrate this protein. Between taking Mom out for a fancy steak dinner, finally firing up the grills as spring warms up and graduation parties for certain regions, May is made for beef. The good news is, as a homesteader or someone who is more appreciative of where their food comes from, you can celebrate in myriad ways.

The U.S. is the world's largest beef producer, but not all beef is raised on enormous feedlots and sold with added red food

dye to make it look more appetizing in big chain grocery stores. Many local cattle producers will sell beef in quarters, halves and wholes. This can be an economical way to stock your freezer. What does that mean? You can purchase - literally - a whole cow, or half of one, or a quarter of one. Many times, the price you pay for your meat includes the time and skill it takes to cut up into the cuts you know (such as brisket, tenderloin, flank, round and chuck). By purchasing bigger pieces, you can save money by cutting up the meat yourself, or you

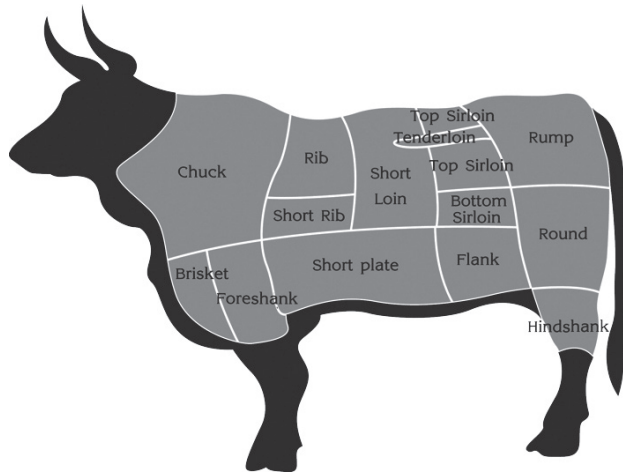
can help support a local butcher by bringing it to them. Just make sure you have the storage space before you invest in that much beef!

If you're not feeling that ambitious, you can always find good, local cuts of beeves raised on good, local farms by visiting your local farmers market or food co-op. The producers can provide you with all the information you need about what you're about to eat - what the cow ate, the conditions it lived in, its care protocols (even its name, if you feel so inclined to know!).

Beef is an amazing

source of protein, iron, vitamin B12 and zinc. Three ounces of lean ground beef contains 22 grams of protein - 43% of your daily needs. This size serving only contains 6.8 grams of total fat (10% of your daily needs), so a diet including lean, nutritional beef can be a great option.

And if you're interested in raising your own beeves? These cattle are some of the easiest to care for, especially if you're going the grass-fed route. Just make sure they have plenty of space to graze in the summer and plenty of hay to get them through the winter.



(My family raised Hereford and Hereford x Angus on a pasture of about five acres, and we could comfortably raise three or four at a time. We had a great local butcher who even came and picked up the animals for us.)

If you want to try something new, be sure to check out [beefitswhatsfordinner.com](http://beefitswhatsfordinner.com) for dozens of recipes.

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Today's Word

1. Chasm 2. Clear solution 3. Fable; 4. Bristle

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