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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Fort Plain 4th on the Weekend

I am writing on behalf of the Fort Plain Community Activity Council 4th on the Weekend. It will be taking place Saturday, July 2 and Sunday, July 3 in the downtown part of Fort Plain.

There will be a street fair on Canal Street both days with merchandise being sold by businesses, scavenger hunts, corn hole, tire flipping tournaments, baked goods auction, petting zoo, live bands, motorcycle poker runs and car shows.

Haslett Park will be having a craft fair from noon - 5 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday. There will be DJs, a dunking

booth and raffles along with a fishing derby for kids six and under at the water fountain.

On Sunday we will be having an old-fashioned vintage baseball game in honor of Bud Fowler at Wiles Park with a dazzling display of fireworks that evening.

On July 2, the annual barrel drive will also be taking place on River and Hancock Street.

We are currently looking for volunteers to help out in any capacity. There is a need for them.

We meet every Monday at 6 p.m. in the backroom of Up-

state Artisans if you would like to join us. We welcome your help and input.

We are seeking monetary donations to help with the cost of the fireworks, gift certificates or items that can be raffled off in the auction and /or donation of paper goods.

We look forward to seeing you there and hope to hear from you. Thank you.

Shelle Osborn Lawyer
Fort Plain Community Activities
Council 4th on the Weekend

Voters approve 2022-23 Poland school budget

Poland Central School District residents voted 170-59 on May 17 to approve the district's proposed budget for the 2022-23 school year.

"Our school community has continued to sup-

port us throughout the pandemic, and approving this budget is another example of that," Poland Superintendent Laura Dutton said. "We always want to match that community support with an equally strong

commitment to educating the community's children, and this budget allows us to do that."

The budget passed with a 74.24% approval rate. The \$16.38 million spending plan for 2022-23 is a

2.63% increase from the 2021-22 school budget. It includes a 2% tax levy increase, which is below the district's 2.21% tax levy limit as calculated by the state's eight-step formula.

District residents also

elected new board candidate Gordon Miller with 170 votes and incumbent Kelly Bick with 165 votes to the Poland Central School District Board of Education. Both board seats are for five-year terms from July

1, 2022 - June 30, 2027.

Three candidates ran for the two seats that were up for election, and the two who received the most votes were elected. Incumbent Pamela Ahles received 80 votes.

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Component school boards approve Herkimer BOCES 2022-23 administrative budget

The Herkimer-Fulton-Hamilton-Otsego BOCES component school boards recently approved the \$3,629,928 Herkimer BOCES administrative budget for the 2022-23 school year.

Component district school boards took a vote on whether to approve the BOCES administrative budget and then cast an overall vote as a board. The budget passed unanimously among the nine component school boards that were able to vote. The 10th component school board, Poland, was unable to meet due to power outages.

The component school boards also unanimously voted for four Herkimer BOCES Board of Education members. The following candidates were elected to three-year terms from July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2025: Travis Costin, representing Central Valley; Samuel Luce, representing Herkimer; Janine Lynch, representing West Canada Valley; and Holly Pullis, representing Owen D. Young. There were no other candidates for the BOCES board seats.

Costin was elected to the Herkimer BOCES Board of Education for the first time. He will replace Jane North,

who is serving one term on the BOCES board through June 30, 2022 and did not run for re-election.

Costin has served on the Central Valley Board of Education for six years and has two children attending the district. He went to high school in Glens Falls, graduated from SUNY Cortland in business economics and works in the wholesale department for Carriage Traders/Romeo Auto Group. His favorite activities include boating, fishing, hunting, skiing and coaching.

Luce, Lynch and Pullis were re-elected to their current seats on the Herkimer

BOCES Board of Education.

Luce has served on the Herkimer BOCES Board of Education since 2021. He is a pastor at Redeemer Church in Utica and has served as the education director there for 24 years.

Lynch has served on the Herkimer BOCES Board of Education since 2016 and the West Canada Valley Board of Education since 2015. She works for MetLife Insurance Co.

Pullis has served on the Herkimer BOCES Board of Education since 2021 and the Owen D. Young Board of Education since

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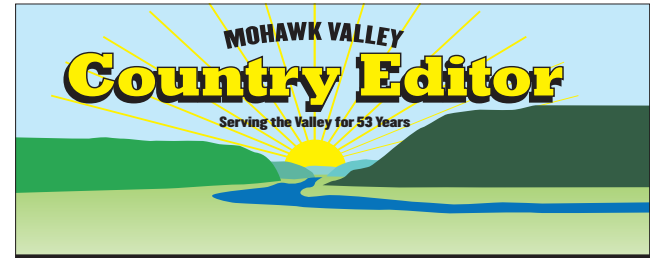
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The United States flag was first imagined after the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 1776. The Continental Congress authorized creation of the first national flag on June 14, 1777. It was decided that the flag should have 13 stripes, alternating red and white, to represent the original 13 colonies, and that the new union be represented by 13 white stars in a blue field to signify a "new constellation." Francis Hopkinson, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, is most often credited with the original design.

Today there are 50 stars on the flag to represent the 50 states, while the 13 stripes still represent the 13 colonies that became the first states. While this may be common knowledge, Public Law 94-344, known as the Federal Flag Code, may not be as widely known. The code dictates that the flag is to be treated with respect and proper etiquette. The code is extensive, but the following guidelines can help private individuals interested in displaying their flags do so in accordance with the law.

- Flags should only be displayed in public from sunrise to sunset, unless the flag can be properly illuminated during darkness. In this instance, it may be displayed at all times.
- When displayed with other flags, such as on a single staff or lanyard, the U.S. flag should be above all other flags. If flags are displayed in a row, the U.S. flag goes to the observer's left.
- State and local flags are traditionally flown

lower than the American flag.

- During marching ceremonies or parades with other flags, the U.S. flag should be to the observer's left.
- The flag should be displayed at every public institution and at schools during school days.
- When displayed vertically and not on a staff, the union should be on the left when observed. It should be suspended so its folds fall freely as though the flag were staffed.
- The flag should be hoisted briskly and lowered ceremoniously.
- The flag is often displayed at half-staff on days of mourning, including Memorial Day. The flag should first be hoisted to the peak for an instant, then lowered to half-staff position, which is half the distance between the top and bottom of the staff.
- On a vehicle, the U.S. flag should be displayed from a staff firmly fixed to the chassis. It should not be draped over the hood, top, sides or back of a vehicle.
- The flag should never touch anything beneath it, such as the ground, the floor, water or merchandise. It also should never have anything placed on it.
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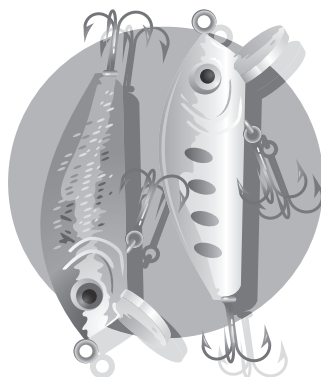


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Music in the Midst of Madness performances scheduled

Wanda Burch, historian and author from Glen, has received a 2022 individual artist grant from Saratoga Arts for "Music in the Midst of Madness: Respite from the Turmoil of the Civil War," a performance of readings and music chronicled in letters and memoirs during the American Civil War. Burch will present excerpts from letters written by soldiers and their families, accompanied by historian/musician Ronald Burch and vocalist Gisella Montanez Case. The performances will be showcased at four local venues.

Providing fresh perspective on the human side of the Civil War, this presentation explores music of all kinds played by soldiers and their families during the years of the Civil War. Letters to home and letters from home were the Civil War soldiers and their family's "soul on paper." Music offered a place where hearts and souls could mend and find humanity, even when the hardships of war forced their way into the most protected and private places that struggle to keep body and spirit together and whole. Music was played on a variety of instruments, was part of camp life and home life and helped pass lonely and longing nights. Everyone sang; many had instruments and

played. Almost every soldier's letter to home and almost every letter from home described a musical instrument, a song or the effect of music on the battlefield or in the parlor. Dreams of home inspired hundreds of poems and songs. Titles of music drifted into ordinary language in letters and memoirs. Examples of such language included mentions of the "soldier's dream of home," of someone dying and going to their "long home" or perhaps a camp reference near the Potomac to all being "quiet on the Potomac tonight," all references to songs. Sentimental language and stories inspired songs.

Burch, author of "The Home Voices Speak Louder than the Drums: Dreams and the Imagination in Civil War Letters and Memoirs," will be reading descriptions of music recorded in soldiers' letters and family letters from both sides of the American Civil War. Ron Burch will play both parlor and camp music referenced in those letters, accompanied by vocalist Gisella Montanez Case. Song sheets will be available for audience participation.

"Music in the Midst of Madness: Respite from the Turmoil of the Civil War" is scheduled for the following venues:

- July 20, 6:30 p.m. – Old Fort Johnson, NY5, Ft. Johnson
- July 31, 3 p.m. – Schoharie River Center, 2031 Burtonsville Rd., Burtonsville



Vocalist Gisella Montanez Case



Ronald Burch is an historian, retired curator of art and architecture [New York State Museum] and musician. He plays guitar and keyboard with Liaisons Plaisantes [18th century music] and the 77th NY Regimental Balladeers [Civil War music].

• Oct. 1, 7:30 p.m. – Conservancy Hall, 1538 State Hwy. 161, Glen

• Oct. 15, 10 a.m. – Margaret Reaney Memorial Library, St. Johnsville

For further information, contact Wanda Burch at ronwan@capital.net or 518.281.4937, or visit facebook.com/wanda.burch.1.

Saratoga Arts made this program possible through the Community Arts Regrant Program, funded by the NYS Council on the Arts with the support of the office of the governor and the NYS Legislature.



Wanda Burch is an historian, published writer and retired site manager of Johnson Hall State Historic Site. Her current publication is "The Home Voices Speak Louder than the Drums: Dreams and the Imagination in Civil War Letters and Memoirs."

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What to know about refinancing a mortgage

Historically low interest rates have made now a good time to be a homeowner. According to the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, also known as Freddie Mac, the average interest rate on a 30-year fixed-rate mortgage in mid-September 2021 was 2.86. Just 10 years earlier, the average rate was 4.09. That's a significant dip, and one that's saving today's homeowners tens of thousands of dollars over the life of their mortgages.

Interest rates dipped during the pandemic and have remained low ever since. That's unlikely to last forever, which has given many homeowners a sense of urgency regarding refinancing. Refinancing can be financially advantageous, but there are some things homeowners should know prior to contacting their lenders.

Refinancing does not always save money over the long haul

It's hard to blame homeowners who jump at the chance to refinance their mortgages. Refinancing is of-

ten associated with significantly lower monthly payments, and such savings can be used to finance home improvements, pay for tuition or build retirement nest eggs. However, homeowners won't necessari-

ly save money over the long haul if they're refinancing an existing 30-year mortgage with another 30-year mortgage.

The mortgage experts at Mortgage Calculator note that a Change



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Terms mortgage refinance is characterized by a shift to a loan charging a lower interest rate. The initial savings with such a refinance are undeniable, but changing from one 30-year to another 30-year restarts the mortgage clock, which can add years to the time homeowners will be repaying their debt. As a result, homeowners may end up paying more interest over time than they might have had they just kept their initial mortgage. Homeowners interested in a Change Terms refinance may want to look into switching from a 30-year to a 15-year mortgage. A shorter term mortgage will increase the monthly payment, but the loan will reach maturity much faster, greatly reducing the amount of interest homeowners will pay over the life of the mortgage.

Refinancing can be costly

Lower monthly payments might be the number that catches homeowners' eyes as they look to refinance, but it's important that homeowners recognize that refinancing

is not free. In fact, the personal finance experts at Kiplinger note that refinancing incurs many of the same costs that homeowners had to pay when they signed their initial mortgage papers. That includes fees, taxes and appraisal costs. These costs are sometimes paid up front, but they also might be rolled into the loan balance. In the latter instance, homeowners could be paying interest on their refinancing costs. Homeowners who are refinancing solely because of lower interest rates should know that some lenders raise interest rates to compensate for refinancing costs. That can negate the savings and end up costing homeowners more money than the original mortgage.

Refinancing is an option for homeowners who want to save money. Homeowners can speak with a financial advisor to determine if this is the best way to save money over the long haul or if refinancing will ultimately cost them more over the life of the mortgage.

Factors to consider before investing in real estate

The appreciation of real estate over time has long made owning a home or an investment property a sound financial strategy.

Prospective home buyers spend considerable time looking for a property they're hoping to call home. Various factors, including property taxes and the reputation of local schools, may be considered as homeowners decide where to look for a new home. That vetting process is equally important, albeit slightly different, when buyers are considering investing in properties they don't intend to live in.

Real estate can be a great way to diversify an investment portfolio and earn extra income. Before shopping for an investment property, novice investors may want to consider certain factors to determine if real estate is the best investment vehicle for them.

Rental potential and the local labor force

Location is a significant factor to consider when investing in real estate, but recent shifts in how and where people work could change the real estate investment landscape. A 2020 Gartner, Inc., survey of more than 300 financial executives and leaders in the finance industry found that roughly 25 percent will move at least one

out of every five of their on-site workers to permanently remote positions in the years ahead. Economists note that this shift to remote working could be among the more lasting trends to emerge from the pandemic. Before investing in real estate, prospective investors should examine local trends to see if more and more locals are working remotely and whether or not that's affecting the market for rentals.

To flip or not to flip

Flipping properties gained popularity in the second decade of this century, but figures from the property database curator ATTOM Data Solutions indicates that returns on investments in flipped properties declined for the third straight year in 2020. Though flipping can still yield a strong return, investors may not realize the returns on flipped properties that they might have realized as recently as five years ago. Potential investors should conduct some research regarding real estate market trends, including flipping data where available, to make the most informed decision possible.

Condition of the property

Product shortages were another trend to emerge during the pandemic, and disruptions

to the supply chain will not necessarily go away anytime soon. In addition, the cost of various products associated with home improvements, including lumber, skyrocketed during the pandemic. The National Association of Home Builders noted that while lumber prices declined in 2021, the price of lumber packages quoted to builders remained high. That means real estate investors who invest in properties that will need work could be forced to pay a lot to fix these properties. And ongoing supply chain issues could extend the time it takes to renovate a property. Investors must be able to bear these costs and lag times to make the most off their real

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Investment properties can be a great way to diversify a portfolio. Potential investors must consider a host of factors to determine if real estate is an investment they want to make.



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Herkimer College hosts 54th annual commencement, returns to in-person ceremony

Herkimer County Community College hosted its 54th Commencement on May 13 in the Physical Education building. This was the first in-person ceremony since 2019. There were 337 graduates and candidates for degrees and certificates eligible to participate.

Board of Trustees Chair Isabella Crandall presided over the ceremony. The National Anthem was sung by Adriana Doria Davis Sumter, a 2022 graduate of the music industry program from Dobbs Ferry and signed by Peyton McKinney, a 2022 graduate of the business administration program from Herkimer. The invocation and benediction were delivered by the Victor McKusick '16, First Presbyterian Church, Whitesboro. The procession was led by faculty representative and macebearer Associate Professor Blake Pitcher.

Student Government Association President Ryan Packard '22, of Oneonta; Herkimer County Legislator Mark

Gaworecki; New York State Assembly members Robert J. Smullen and Brian Miller; NYS Senate members Peter Oberacker and James Tedisco; and Herkimer College Academic Senate President Lisa Elwood-Farber delivered greetings.

The student address, "Red Light, Green Light," was given by Kassandra Garcia, a 2022 graduate of the communication and media program from Rome.

Degrees were conferred by President Cathleen C. McColgin with assistance from Provost Michael Oriolo.

A reception for the graduates and their guests took place immediately following the ceremony.

Graduates from Herkimer and Montgomery counties and candidates for degrees and certificates are:

Cold Brook – Christopher Gauthier, criminal justice; Nathan Jenkins, pre-employment police basic training certificate; Carliza Ellen Roark,

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Kassandra Garcia delivering the student address at the recent graduation ceremonies at Herkimer College. Photos courtesy of Herkimer College

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This is 4-year-old Mila Jean Wratten of Little Falls graduating from pre-school. Mila and her brother Johnny lost their dad tragically last July. He would have been so proud. (Photo courtesy of her great-aunt Beth)

Kids' Community Corner



Another successful cleanup day for Creative Connections Clubhouse in Amsterdam. Photo courtesy of Creative Connections Clubhouse in Amsterdam

Do you have a photo of your child's ball game, dance recital, art class or other fun hobby you would like featured in our paper? Send photos and information to jkarkwren@leepub.com

CORRECTION

In last week's issue we spelled Emmitt's and Kenza's names incorrectly. We apologize for the error.



Kendra Fuhs strikes a pose at the New York State Dance Challenge.



Emmitt Eckler is all smiles before his first soccer game!

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Herkimer County Community College held its 54th Commencement on May 13. This was the first in-person ceremony since 2019. There were 337 graduates and candidates for degrees and certificates eligible to participate.

Guide to outdoor lighting

Lighting is an essential component of interior and exterior home design. Not only does lighting add style and make spaces more appealing, when done correctly, it also makes a home safer and more functional.

Homeowners who plan to utilize outdoor spaces like backyards, front porches and walkways to the fullest should think carefully about lighting. These guidelines can assist with selecting outdoor lighting fixtures.

Security Lighting

Flood lights and security lights are a good investment for those who want to beef up visibility and security around the home. These lights are high-intensity and designed to illuminate large areas. The brightness and reach can serve as a preventive measure to keep animals and even criminals away. Motion-sensor lights will immediately engage if something crosses the path of the sensor. Some lights will remain on from dusk until dawn. Lowes Home Improvement suggests using the correct wattage on outdoor security lights so they flood an area thoroughly without affecting neighboring properties.

Wall, Post & Ceiling Lights

Outdoor lighting fixtures beyond security options come in a variety of styles, according to Lamps USA. Wall lights are mounted to the outdoor wall of the home. These typically flank doorways or

the garage. Post lights are often installed on the posts of decks and porches, or are free-standing on properties, providing visibility but also style. Ceiling-mounted lights may be above doorways or installed in any structure that has an overhead area. Warm-colored temperature bulbs in these fixtures can create an inviting atmosphere that is not too bright and jarring, especially when multiple lighting fixtures are working together. When selecting lighting for wall-mounted fixtures, experts suggest sizing up if you are not sure of the size to pick, as lights will look much smaller in scale from a distance.

Accent & Landscape Lighting

A bevy of accent lighting choices are available. Accent light-



Accent lighting is designed to enhance the mood and appearance of certain elements of a landscape.

ing is designed to enhance the mood and appearance of certain elements of a landscape. Accent lighting is not intended to add bright light. For example, upward-directed lights can be cast on trees or shrubs to accentuate their shapes. Accent lighting also may call out a structure, such as a garden or a fountain. While accent lighting may be hard-wired, homeowners who want the luxury of changing lighting can opt for solar fixtures, which are more mobile but not as bright.

Additional Pointers

When shopping for bulbs, consider the number of lumens. A standard 100-watt bulb produces around 1,600 lumens. Security lights should range from 700 to 1,300 lumens for optimal brightness. Other lights needn't be so bright.

Furthermore, ensure that any fixtures that are being used are safety-rated for outdoors. Wet-rated fixtures are designed to withstand direct exposure to outdoor elements, advises the design experts at Schoolhouse, a lighting and lifestyle goods company. Damp-rated fixtures are built for outdoor locations protected from harsh weather. Look for the product details or work with an electrician to choose the right lighting choices.

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Did you know?

It's no secret that a good-looking lawn can entice buyers when selling a home, but homeowners may not realize just how much they can benefit from even the smallest investments of time and money in their home exteriors. According to the Top Agent Insights Q2 2019 Report from HomeLight, low-cost outdoor home improvements to a landscape provide sizable returns on investment. For example, the report found that a \$268 investment in a lawn care service can lead to a \$1,211 increase in home value at resale. Similarly, \$340 worth of fresh mulch can increase home value at resale by \$769. More than 85 percent of real estate professionals who participated in the HomeLight survey recommended other small and simple projects, including removing dirt, grime and cobwebs from a home entrance and trimming trees and shrubs prior to putting a home on the market.

Interesting facts about Memorial Day

Each year on the last Monday of May, Americans celebrate Memorial Day. Memorial Day is a federal holiday that honors and mourns American military personnel who died while performing their duties in service to the United States Armed Forces.

Memorial Day has a rich history and one that's worth revisiting as the nation prepares to honor the sacrifices made by its military personnel over the centuries.

- Freed slaves played a role in the establishment of Memorial Day. The American Civil War is the deadliest military conflict in American history, as the Union and the Confederacy each suffered more than 800,000 casualties by the time the war ended in 1865. According to History.com, as the war drew to a close, hundreds of Union soldiers who were being held as prisoners of war died and were buried in a mass grave in a Confederate prison camp in South Carolina. After the Confederate surrender, more than 1,000 now-freed slaves honored those recently deceased Union soldiers during a ceremony in which they sang hymns and distributed flowers. The ceremony was dedicated to the fallen soldiers and served as a precursor to what is now celebrated as Memorial Day.

- Confederate soldiers were honored too. Confederate losses during the Civil War outnumbered Union losses, and those losses were not forgotten by southerners who survived the war. History.com notes that, in 1866, the Georgia-based Ladies Memorial Association, one of many similar organizations to arise in the aftermath of the war, pushed for a day to honor fallen Confederate

soldiers. In fact, these efforts are believed to have influenced General John A. Logan. In 1868, General Logan, a Civil War veteran who was then serving as commander-in-chief of a group of Union veterans, ordered the decoration of Union graves with flowers on May 30. The day would ultimately be known as "Memorial Day."

- It took a long time for Memorial Day to become a federal holiday. Despite tracing its origins to the immediate aftermath of the Civil War, Memorial Day did not become an official federal holiday until 1971, more than a century after the war ended. This is the same year the holiday was officially designated as taking place on the last Monday in May. The designation has periodically drawn the ire of veterans and military supporters who suggest it is now more widely seen as the unofficial beginning to summer and not a day in which the sacrifices of fallen U.S. soldiers are honored to the extent that they should be.

- Debate exists about which town has the longest his-

tory of celebrating Memorial Day. A handful of towns claim to be the first celebrants of Memorial Day. That debate figures to continue in perpetuity, but History.com notes that Waterloo, NY, was officially recognized by U.S. President Lyndon B. Johnson as the birthplace of Memorial Day in 1966. Doylestown, PA, and Rochester, WI, are some other towns that claim to have celebrated Memorial Day since the mid-1860s.

Memorial Day has a rich history that highlights the importance of honoring the men and women who have given their lives while in service of the U.S. military.



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Tree talk – Four tips for planting trees

(Family Features) Trees are virtually everywhere you turn, from your own backyard to nearby parks and forests where you enjoy hiking. They provide shade and beauty, and some even bear fruit. Beyond all the immediate benefits, you may be surprised to discover trees are also a critical key to the future.

These facts and tips from the book "Now Is the Time for Trees" offer practical insight on the importance of trees and how to nurture one from selection to planting and beyond.

A compelling and ever-growing body of evidence generated by scientists, healthcare professionals, conservationists, humanitarians and both public and private corporations supports the critical importance of trees and their impact on the human condition. Trees filter pollutants out of the air and water and provide protection for people and communities from dangerous heat and flooding. They lower urban temperatures, reduce energy bills and sequester carbon to slow the rate of climate change.

When you plant a tree in your yard or neighborhood, that tree goes to work filtering out pollutants, intercepting stormwater and capturing carbon. With proper placement, that tree can also help lower household energy use by as much as 20%.

You can engage in the tree planting movement and make a difference by planting trees around your home and surrounding community with these tips.

Consider the Growing Region

Choosing a tree that will flourish in your growing region is fundamental to becoming a successful tree planter. Start by getting familiar with the growing conditions of your planting site, including factors like sunlight, soil condition and room to grow.

The amount of available sunlight at your planting location will determine which tree species will be successful. Most trees require full sunlight for proper growth and flowering. Some do well in (or even prefer) partial or light shade, but few perform well in dense shade.

Before you plant, get your soil tested by a lab to evaluate what's happening underground. Test results, which are usually returned in a couple of weeks, provide a complete analysis of nutrients, possible contamination and pH (alkalinity or acidity) as well as directions for correcting problems.

Be conscious of overhead or underground utilities, pavement, buildings, other trees, traffic intersections and other factors that may impact your planting space.

Shopping for a Tree

When choosing which kind of tree to plant, be conscious of details like size, flowering, color (including how colors may vary through the seasons) and your view from inside the house. While shopping, you can rely on plant labels to learn details about a tree's growth pattern, sun requirements, watering needs and soil requirements.

Two common styles of trees are container-grown trees, which spend their entire nursery lives growing in a container, and ball-and-burlap trees, which grow in the ground until they achieve a targeted size.

A well-tended container-grown tree has been carefully monitored and moved into larger containers as the plant grows. Be wary of a tree with roots that circle or twist within the container, which may cause roots to die. For a ball-and-burlap tree, look for a firm, securely tied root ball that is large enough to support the mature tree; it should be about 10 - 12 inches wide for every inch of trunk diameter.

Prepare Your Planting Site

Properly preparing your planting site is one of the best things you can do to get your tree off to a strong start. Before you plant, make sure your tree is thoroughly hydrated by watering the container or root ball several hours before proceeding. When planting a tree into a lawn, remove a circle of grass at least three feet in diameter where the tree will go to reduce competition between turf and fine tree roots.



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Start Digging

Dig a broad, shallow planting hole with gently sloping sides three to four times wider than the diameter of the root mass and the same depth. Mound removed soil on a tarp for easy backfilling. Loosening the soil on the sides of the hole allows roots to easily expand and establish faster, but don't disturb soil at the bottom of the hole.

Once the tree is positioned, replace the soil while firmly but gently tamping the original soil around the base of the root ball to stabilize it. Create a water-holding basin around the tree by building up a ring of soil and water to settle roots. Spread protective mulch two to four inches deep in a three-foot diameter around the base of the tree, but not touching the trunk.

Find more tips to successfully plant and care for your trees at arborday.org.

A Handy Guide for Planting Trees

A rally cry against climate change, "Now Is the Time for Trees" is an inspirational and informative guide that explains the important role trees can play in preserving the environment.

Author Dan Lambe, CEO of the Arbor Day Foundation, offers compelling reasons to plant more trees while providing simple, actionable steps to get involved, choose the right tree and achieve planting success. For each book sold, the foundation will plant a tree in a forest in need.

Pick up a copy wherever books are sold or visit arborday.org/TimeforTreesBook.

The Power of Trees

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- Trees provide shade, cooling cities by up to 10 degrees, which can help prevent heat-related deaths.
- Neighborhood trees can reduce stress, improve overall health in children and encourage physical activity.
- Trees support wildlife and aquatic life by providing habitats and helping keep waterways healthy, which ensures ecosystem balance and promotes biodiversity.
- Trees and other forest life work together to ensure a clean source of drinking water, buffer against extreme weather, provide medicines, offer outdoor recreation and enrich human culture.

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Homeowners should give due consideration to whether or not plants are considered invasive species before introducing new plants on their properties. According to the National Ocean and Atmospheric Administration, invasive species of plants can lead to the extinction of native plants and animals. Invasive plant species also can reduce biodiversity and cause significant fundamental disruptions to local ecosystems. Though non-native plants are often cherished for their unique looks, homeowners planting new gardens or supplementing existing gardens with new plants are urged to plant only native species. Such an approach benefits plants and also local wildlife that depends on native plant species for food and cover.

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Three techniques to keep mosquitoes out of your backyard oasis

The value of a retreat-like backyard was never more apparent than in 2020. Over the last two years, much of the world has been forced to stay home as a global pandemic has claimed millions of lives while countless others have had to fight to survive in hospitals. It's no surprise people

have looked for a respite from the harsh realities of living during a deadly pandemic, and many turned their attention to their own backyards to provide such an escape.

The online home remodeling platform Houzz reported a 58% annual increase in project leads for home

professionals in June 2020. Contractors who specialize in outdoor spaces saw the biggest increase in demand. A revamped outdoor space can provide the perfect retreat for homeowners who want to get away from it all. But one winged, unwelcome guest can quickly transform an oasis

into an uninviting space.

Mosquitoes make their presence felt in many areas each summer. These pesky, often hungry insects can carry disease, and their bites can be painful and itchy. Homeowners can try these three techniques to keep mosquitoes out of their backyards.

1. Remove standing water.

Standing water is a breeding ground for mosquitoes, who don't even need a lot of water to successfully breed. A daily walk around the property may uncover kids' toys, empty flower pots or other small receptacles that can collect water. Even clogged gutters can lead to the accumulation of a small amount of water, and that can be enough for mosquitoes to breed. Remove these potential breeding grounds when you find them, and do so each day, as mosquitoes mature from eggs to nymphs in roughly four days.



A backyard retreat can be even more enjoyable when homeowners find ways to keep mosquitoes at bay.

Fight the Bite!

2. Mow regularly.

Mowing the lawn so the grass never gets too high is another way to make a backyard less hospitable to mosquitoes. The pest experts at Terminix® note that mosquitoes seek tall grass to protect them from the elements, including wind and hot summer sun. Mowing enough so grass never gets too high in summer can make backyards less inviting to mosquitoes.

3. Plant with mosquitoes in mind.

The home remodeling experts at HGTV note that plants can be part of homeowners' strategy to repel mosquitoes. Various plants have mosquito-repellant qualities. For example, bee balm releases a fragrance as it grows, and mosquitoes don't like that fragrance. Homeowners can speak with a local lawn and garden professional for recommendations about plants that can thrive in their region and repel mosquitoes at the same time.

Mosquitoes can make it hard to enjoy a backyard oasis. But various strategies can help homeowners keep these unwanted guests out of their backyards.

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Herkimer BOCES Adult Practical Nursing Program Career Fair highlights need for LPNs

Herkimer BOCES Adult Practical Nursing Program Career Fair highlights need for LPNs. At a career fair for licensed practical nursing students, the 18 organizations participating shared a similar message: There are many opportunities available for LPNs.

Adult Practical Nursing Program students who will be graduating this June as LPNs attended the Herkimer BOCES LPN Career Fair on May 18 and met with representatives from a variety of healthcare facilities, nursing homes and colleges.

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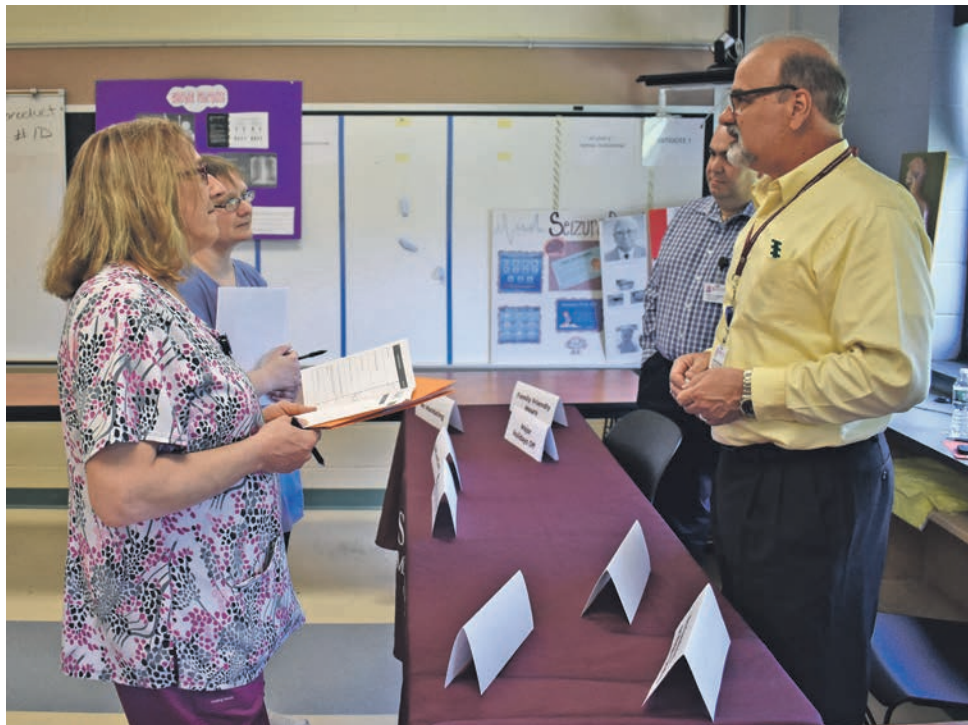
"There are opportunities every place,"

Herkimer BOCES Adult Practical Nursing Program Coordinator Sara Nicolette said. "Our full-time and part-time programs will graduate a combined 32 students this June.

They all have multiple job opportunities. It's a great time for job security for LPNs."

As Herkimer BOCES hosted the LPN

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On the right, Slocum-Dickson Medical Group's Frank Servadio, director of human resources and Andy Salvatore, clinical coordinator and registered nurse, speak to Herkimer-Fulton-Hamilton-Otsego BOCES Adult Practical Nursing Program students.



Angelia Kehl (right), recruiting and sourcing specialist for St. Mary's Healthcare in Amsterdam, speaks to Herkimer-Fulton-Hamilton-Otsego BOCES Adult Practical Nursing Program students during the Herkimer BOCES LPN Career Fair on May 18. Photos courtesy of Herkimer BOCES

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Career Fair, it also hosted its first in-person open house for potential new students since before COVID-19 that same night. There is a need both for LPNs to fill job openings and for adult students to fill openings in LPN education programs, Nicolette said.

"We are actively recruiting," Nicolette said. "We need people interested in taking care of people who want to work in nursing. It's the quickest way in – to become an LPN."

For adult LPN students, Herkimer BOCES offers a 12-month full-time program and 20-month part-time day and part-time evening programs. The next full-time class will start July 5 with graduation in June 2023. The next first-year part-time day and evening classes will start Sept. 6 with graduation in June 2024.

The deadline to apply for the next full-time class is June 1 and the deadline to apply for the next part-time classes is Aug. 1. For information, visit herkimer-boces.org and click on the "Adult LPN Program" button on the homepage. To apply, call 315.867.2206 to schedule an entrance exam.

'Looking For All the LPN Candidates We Can Get'

Heather Bellinger, clinic manager for Dialysis Services at Mohawk Valley Health Services, attended the LPN Career Fair to find new employees.

"Dialysis is always looking for LPNs," she said. "They work right alongside our RNs [registered nurses] and PCTs [patient care technicians]."

LPNs have multiple roles to fill in dialysis, Bellinger said.

"They're a really great asset to our team," she said. "I'm looking for all the LPN candidates we can get, and I welcome them with open arms."

Angelia Kehl, recruiting and sourcing specialist for St. Mary's Healthcare in Amsterdam, also was searching for new employees during the event.

"We have opportunities for LPNs in many areas," she said, providing examples such as long-term care, behavioral health, the operating room and more. "You name it."

With St. Mary's being a small, rural, hospital, it can provide one-on-one attention to new graduates, Kehl said. The variety of LPN options also allows LPNs to transfer from one area to another – such as from urgent care to the operating room, she said.



On the right, The Grand Healthcare System's Amy Pickett, director of nursing and Michelle Musella, recruiter, speak to interested nursing students.

"There are a lot of opportunities at St. Mary's," she said. "We want to make sure they're comfortable in those opportunities."

'Everybody Needs LPNs'

Slocum-Dickson Medical Group was represented at the career fair by Frank Servadio, director of human resources, and Andy Salvatore, clinical coordinator and registered nurse.

"Like everyone else in the area, we need LPNs," Servadio said.

Due to attrition, retirements because of the pandemic and Slocum-Dickson Medical Group growing, there are 15 - 20 vacancies there for LPNs right now, they said.

Salvatore said there is a "very high need for LPNs," and Slocum-Dickson officials believe their setting is just as important as other healthcare settings because they are trying to prevent patients from having to go to hospitals or other facilities.

Servadio said Slocum-Dickson's pitch to LPNs includes a focus on quality of life because the organization can offer no nights, no weekends, several holidays off and no mandating extended hours. It also provides at least 25 specializations for LPNs.

Trying to appeal to what LPNs are looking for is part of the process when there are so many open positions to fill at Slocum-Dickson and elsewhere, they said.

"Everybody needs LPNs, obviously," Servadio said.

'Always Have a Demand For LPNs'

The Grand Healthcare System was represented at the career fair by Amy Pickett, director of nursing, and Michelle Musella, recruiter. The need for LPNs is even higher now than it has been because there were so many extra retirements in response to COVID-19, Pickett said.

"We always have a demand for LPNs," Pickett said. "It's healthcare in a pandemic."

Pickett and Musella shared an example of how working with Herkimer BOCES is beneficial for them by telling the story of a certified nursing assistant at The Grand who completed the Herkimer BOCES LPN program and then went on to work as a unit manager while studying to become an RN, graduated and became an infection control specialist at The Grand.

"She got her start in nursing right here," Pickett said, of Herkimer BOCES.

Pickett and Musella also want to arrange for Nicolette to visit The Grand and help recruit more CNAs there to start attending the Herkimer BOCES LPN program.

"I think we can definitely turn around a few LPNs," Musella said.

'So Many Different Opportunities'

Herkimer BOCES adult LPN student Duane Wynn Jr., of the part-time evening program, said he thought the LPN Career Fair was beneficial.

"I think it's great because there are so many different opportunities you can see," he said.

Wynn plans to continue college studies he started previously and become an RN, so he appreciated that there were both college and career organizations at the event.

"It's awesome," he said.

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MAY 27-30

Pistol Lilly Ranch Tack Shop will have a booth set up at Midland Barrel Racing, Fonda Fairgrounds, 21 Bridge St. South, Fonda.

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.

MAY 29

Community Memorial Day Service 10 a.m. at Upstate Chapel, 63 Cliff St., Canajoharie. Contact Rev. Virginia Ogden.

JUNE 1

Herkimer County Community College Board of Trustees Executive Committee workshop 6 p.m. in Robert McLaughlin College Center, room 282/283.

JUNE 2

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

Big Play. First Thursday of each month at 1 p.m. at Johnstown Public Library. Contact Erin Gavin at egavin@mvlis.info or 518.762.8317. For families with children newborn to age 5. Drop in for guided interactive play-centered activities with your child.

JUNE 3, 4, 5

Native American Festival 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. at Fort Hunter Fire Company, 351 Main St., Fort Hunter. \$5. 60 years plus \$3. 6 years and under and handicap free. Iroquois Social Dances. Aztec Dancers Sat./Sun. Grass Dancers. Children's crafts. Vendors. Storytelling. Carla Page. Candy dance. Native Foods. Contact: Bob Ross at 607.776.6776 or metisnaandca@gmail.com

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.

Exhibit Opening, **The Salisbury Railroad,** will open at the 1805 Frisbie House from 1-3 p.m. featuring rare photographs, artifacts, documents and train songs of the period. The exhibit is sponsored by the Salisbury Historical Society, 109 Route 29A, Salisbury Center. Free.

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

Breakfast Group/Depression Boys meeting 9 a.m. at Denny's Restaurant, 701 Mohawk St., Herkimer for breakfast and talk. MOVAC Ambulance Service representative as guest speaker. Breakfast off the menu and individual's responsibility. More information: fperuzzi2019@gmail.com

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 and click on the "Women's Guild" tab, e-mail 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 Dotty Springer at 518.774.9165.

Stratford Seniors Driver Safety Course 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. at the Stratford Town Hall, 120 Piseco Rd., Stratford. AARP Driver Safety Course. \$20 for AARP members. \$25 for non-members. Payable at the door. Bring own lunch. Call Caroline Drake at 315.360.7582 to register. Sponsored by Stratford Senior Citizens.

JUNE 11 & 12

Salisbury Historical Society presents The Salisbury Railroad exhibit 1-3 p.m. at the 1805 Frisbie House, 109 Route 29A, Salisbury Center. This exhibit features rare photographs, artifacts, documents and train songs of the period. Free.

JUNE 14

Regular monthly meeting of the Salisbury Historical Society 6:30 p.m. at the 1805 Frisbie House, 109 Route 29A, Salisbury Center. Open to anyone interested in local history.

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 16

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

JUNE 22

Herkimer County Senior Citizen's Picnic 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at Herkimer County Fairgrounds, Frankfort. Coffee and doughnuts at 10 a.m., bingo at 11 a.m. For any Herkimer County resident 60 or older. To sign up, call Michele at 315.867.1152 by June 15.

JUNE 23

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

JUNE 24-26

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JULY 2-3

4th on the Weekend. For more information contact Val Lawson, 4th on the Weekend Chairperson, at 518.848.7441 or email valawson7691@gmail.com.

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 5

Breakfast Group/Depression Boys meeting 9 a.m. at Foltsbrook Center, 104 N. Washington St., Herkimer. Breakfast and talk. The president of the local Habitat for Humanity as guest speaker. Breakfast is \$6. More information: fperuzzi2019@gmail.com

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

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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 call 315.866.7820 or email info@herkimercountychamber.com for more information.

SEPTEMBER 9 & 10

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SEPTEMBER 10 & 11

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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 14-16

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OCTOBER 21-23

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How to host a memorable Memorial Day BBQ

Memorial Day is a bittersweet day on the calendar. Memorial Day is a day to pay homage to the brave men and women who lost their lives defending the U.S. However, over time, Memorial Day has evolved into the unofficial beginning of summer.

As temperatures start to heat up, so, too, do backyard grills. In fact, grilling is an essential component of a good Memorial Day barbecue. There are many other ways to put your mark on Memorial Day cookouts as well. These ideas can make your event all the more memorable.

Keep It Simple

Guests have certain expectations when they arrive at Memorial Day barbecues, and simplicity often tops the list. A simple playlist of recognizable, popular songs playing in the background, classic yard games like cornhole or horseshoes, sack races or water balloon tosses for the kids and tasty classic fare on the grill, including burgers, hot dogs and chicken drumsticks, is likely all you need to put smiles on the faces of your guests.

Prep the Grill & Yard in Advance

Memorial Day may be the first big event of the season, and chances are that the grill and yard could use some attention. Make sure all the burners are clean and working properly. Clear clutter from the

yard and give patio furniture a thorough cleaning. Add outdoor furniture if you need more seating. Have a spare propane tank on hand so you won't run out of fuel. If you have a pet, be sure that the yard is cleared of waste.

In addition to cleaning the yard, stock up on citronella candles or insect repellents. Bugs may want to join the festivities, too.

Create a Red, White & Blue Burger

No barbecue is complete without delicious burgers cooking over an open flame. Those burgers can give an extra nod to the Stars and Stripes by showcasing the nation's well-recognized colors. Place your grilled burger patty on your bun of choice. Top it with raw or grilled tomato slices (red), a slather of mayonnaise or a more dressed up aioli (white) and some blue cheese crumbles (blue). Carry the color theme over into a side salad as well, with your favorite greens

topped with beets, blueberries and chunks of feta cheese.

Serve Buffet Style

One of the easiest ways to serve a number of people is to put the food out on long tables so that guests can pick and choose what they want. Place condiments and beverages in a separate area to keep the line flowing.

Separate Beverages

Make sure that alcoholic beverages are kept separate from non-alcoholic options so that children do not get into the wrong drinks. Coolers placed on opposite sides of the yard can eliminate confusion.

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9 Fish on a Bun • Tartar Sauce Au Gratin Potatoes Spinach Peaches	10 Cheesy Ham & Rice Casserole Squash Broccoli Strawberry Shortcake	11 Sweet & Sour Chicken Seasoned Noodles Japanese Blend Vegetables Whipped Yogurt	12 Turkey a la King Mashed Potatoes Pacific Blend Vegetables Pudding	13 Tuna Salad Cold Plate Cottage Cheese Broccoli Salad Melon
16 BBQ Pulled Pork on a Bun Baked Beans Mixed Vegetables Fruit Cocktail	17 Parmesan Crusted Chicken Mashed Potatoes Dill Carrots Cookie	18 Tuna Noodle Casserole Beets Brussels Sprouts Lemon Meringue Pie	19 Egg Salad Cold Plate Carrot Raisin Salad Coleslaw • Kaiser Roll Fresh Fruit	20 Turkey Dinner with Gravy Stuffing Corn Fruited Gelatin
23 Hamburger Cabbage Casserole Green Beans Wax Beans Pears	24 Beef Stew with Potatoes & Carrots Biscuit Ice Cream	25 Ham Salad Cold Plate Macaroni Salad 3-Bean Salad Pudding	26 Chicken Florentine Mashed Potatoes Broccoli Peaches	27 Lasagna Italian Blended Vegetables Garlic Roll Chef's Choice Dessert
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Poland alumni share their stories to benefit junior students

Two Poland Central School District alumni who graduated in the last several years recently returned to share their career journeys with junior students who are preparing to make decisions about their own college and career paths.

Poland Guidance Director Janice Watrous said students are likely to relate better to a message from recent graduates closer to their age than if she was just giving students advice on her own.

"I think it's just more relevant," Watrous. "They came back to speak to students about what their lives have been like since they left Poland and what it's like to transition to college."

Poland 2015 graduate Tristan Abend and 2017 graduate James Kattato visited on March 31 to speak during English teacher Tracy Theilmann's junior class.

Asking alumni to return to speak to current students is something Watrous has done in the past as well – including earlier this year, when 2021 graduate Isabella Mowers spoke to students in social studies teacher Karen Oczkowski's government class about her freshman year at SUNY Fredonia.

Making Connections

Abend graduated from SUNY Polytechnic Institute and is working on a master's in economics from Purdue University. He is a mechanical/cost engineer for Carrier in Syracuse, oversees a

group of engineers and travels all over as part of his job.

Kattato graduated from the SUNY Oswego communications/broadcasting program and is working on his master's in broadcast and digital journalism from Syracuse University's S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications. He is also doing freelance reporting for WKTV.

The students explained their personal paths to where they are in their education and careers and talked about the perseverance and resilience needed along the way and the need to take advantage of opportunities.

"They said to find something you're interested in and like to do, and take an active role in that," Watrous said.

Watrous hopes the visit helped students get thinking about

their own futures through hearing the alumni stories. In late April, juniors had an SAT at Poland and a college fair with more than 50 colleges at Herkimer College.

"It's a pivotal time of year and part of their high school career," Watrous said. "It's a good time to get the students to really think about what they want to do."

After the visit, junior Nick Robinson emailed Watrous asking for contact info for Kattato so he could talk to him for further advice.

"He went to school for broadcasting, and I want to go to school for sports broadcasting, so I thought that was interesting," Robinson said.

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Watrous was happy when she received the email from Robinson about contacting Kattato. "That's the exact type of connection we're trying to make," Watrous said.

Robinson wanted to learn more about Kattato's experience finding his way to his dream school of Syracuse University, he said.

"I think it's great to have students who have graduated from the school come back and show you that someone from a small school in Upstate New York can go on to be successful," Robinson said.

The Next Big Steps

While visiting, Abend and Kattato also were able to tour changes to the school facilities that were made during Capital Project 2020, after the students graduated. Abend, who was a member of the Poland Board of Education when the capital project was planned and approved by voters, got to see a capital project plaque with his name on it and took a photo with it.

Kattato, who was involved with Poland Drama Club productions while in school, enjoyed seeing the new stage in the renovated school theater.



In front of the room, Poland Central School District 2017 graduate James Kattato, Poland Guidance Director Janice Watrous and Poland 2015 graduate Tristan Abend speak to juniors on March 31. Photo courtesy of Herkimer BOCES

Abend said he wanted to give back to the school by speaking to current students because of how fast the world is changing and how complex the world is.

"Based on what I have learned, I love to come back and try to better prepare kids for what the world truly is, so they are empowered to be ready for the next big steps they are about to take," Abend said.

Abend thinks it's helpful for students to hear from alumni. "Being a recent graduate and especially someone who has been traveling around the world due to work, I find that a recent perspective like mine is much more in tune to what kids are about to start facing once they leave the halls of Poland," he said.

Abend was happy to provide students with information about what his experience has been like after high school.

"The big takeaway I hope students take is that you have to have a sense of what you really want to do, and sometimes that may not exist yet, and you will have to create it," Abend said. "You may not realize you are on the path toward your goal at times, but as long as you keep your nose to the grindstone, you will reach the goals you set for yourself."

What You Set Out to Do

Kattato also wanted to give back to current students. "When I was a Poland student, I always enjoyed having people with real world experience come back and tell us about what they were doing," Kattato said. "Obviously, the teachers have real life experience that was valuable to learn, but having someone as relatable as a student maybe five years or less out of school made a huge difference for me. I could connect with what they were saying a little more, and that's why speaking to these students matters so much to me. If I can help them in any way, I want to be able to do that."

Part of the reason Kattato wanted to share his experience was because he had to adjust to being a college student and doing full-time work during the pandemic.

"I moved to Boston to pursue my broadcast passion in January 2020," Kattato said. "When the pandemic hit in March, I had to finish my college degree online and make ends meet, while trying to continue my broadcasting career virtually. I felt stuck; like I was running out of time. I just wanted these students to know that if you're 16, 22 or 32, you have time to figure it out. Just sit back and take a breath, and know that if you work hard, when you do find the thing you're passionate about, you will be successful."

Kattato hopes that juniors take away from his story the message that you can follow your passion and still making a living.

"Don't let anyone tell you that a career isn't practical," Kattato said. "If you want to do it, do your research, ask questions, be curious and attack it head on. Make goals, and ask yourself where you want to be five years from now. If you make milestones for yourself and chip away at it, you will accomplish what you set out to."

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Veterans Day is celebrated annually on Nov. 11 and recognizes all men and women who have served in the military. Veterans Day coincides with Remembrance Day, which is a celebrated by the Commonwealth of Nations, an association of 53 member states with connections to the British Empire. Though Veterans Day and Remembrance Day are each celebrated on Nov. 11, the latter recognizes armed forces members who died in the line of duty, making it more similar to Memorial Day than Veterans Day. It's not uncommon for people to recognize fallen soldiers on Veterans Day, but many use the holiday to express their appreciation to existing veterans.



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The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration says there were 2,895 distraction-affected fatal crashes in 2019, with distraction-related events accounting for 9% of all fatal crashes in the country.

According to the Insurance Information Institute, distractions are a major safety threat.

Eating, talking with passengers, adjusting vehicle controls and using a mobile phone while behind the wheel are activities that take drivers' attentions away from the road. In fact, distractions are broken down into several categories:

- Visual distractions: Anything that takes one's eyes off of the road.
- Manual distractions: Anything that takes one's hands off of the steering wheel.
- Cognitive distractions: Anything that takes one's mind

off of driving.

Drivers can follow these tips to make vehicles distraction-free and reduce the risk for accidents or near misses.

Make Adjustments Before Setting Off

Make adjustments to mirrors, radio stations and seat settings prior to driving. In addition, drivers who intend to uti-

lize a GPS navigation system should enter the address and look ahead at the course before getting on the road.

Keep Smartphones Out of Sight

Reducing the urge to check a phone alert or send a text may come down to out of sight, out of mind. Silence the phone and store it in the

glove compartment, center console or a purse in the back seat. The phone should not be handled until the destination is reached or if the vehicle is pulled over safely out of traffic. Smartphones have settings that can be programmed to send automatic notifications to people contacting the phone owner to say they're driving or

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Eat Before Leaving

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Limit Passengers

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- **Avoid aggressive**

driving – Aggressive driving is both a safety risk and a threat to the environment. According to the Oak Ridge National Laboratory, aggressive driving can lower gas mileage in light-duty vehicles by as much as 40% in stop-and-go traffic and by as much as 30% at highway speeds.

• **Avoid idling** – Many drivers have long relied on idling to warm up their vehicles on cold mornings. However, the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control notes that modern vehicles do not need warming up in temperatures above 0° F. It's important that drivers recognize this, as idling wastes fuel and increases the amount of

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• **Purchase a fuel-efficient vehicle** – Drivers looking for their next vehicle can prioritize fuel efficiency if they want their driving habits to have a smaller carbon footprint. The Department of Energy and the EPA provide information on fuel efficient vehicles, and that information can be accessed at FuelEconomy.gov. In

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
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MAGIC MAZE ● FRENCH SURNAMEN

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 S Q P N M R C A P R M O E L K
 I H F E A T N O M U A E B C B
 Z Y W H V U S R Q P D S R U N
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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: IMPRESSIONIST CLAUDE —

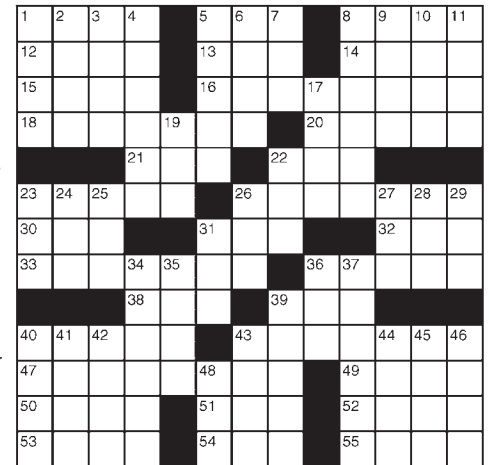
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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Ancient Brit
- 5 Started
- 8 Fail to see
- 12 River to the Baltic
- 13 Spanish gold
- 14 "Do — others ..."
- 15 Opera set in Egypt
- 16 Used a Hoover, say
- 18 Baseball divisions
- 20 Diving ducks
- 21 Leb. neighbor
- 22 Ostrich's kin
- 23 Sousa composition
- 26 Empty, as a stare
- 30 Commotion
- 31 Melody
- 32 "Top Hat" studio
- 33 Flu forestaller
- 36 Autocrats
- 38 Tummy muscles
- 39 Chatter
- 40 Skirt style
- 43 Set of words
- 47 Work break
- 49 Nitwit
- 50 Pedestal occupant
- 51 In shape
- 52 Ancient Dead Sea land
- 53 Taxpayer IDs



DOWN

- 4 NBC week-end show
- 10 Leftovers recipe
- 11 Lays down the lawn
- 17 Gomer Pyle's org.
- 19 Show to a seat, slangily
- 22 Hearing thing
- 23 Dallas hooper, briefly
- 24 Nabokov novel
- 25 Sinbad's bird
- 26 Compete
- 27 Man-mouse link
- 28 Kiev's land
- 29 "Mayday!"
- 31 Reply (Abbr.)
- 34 Suez and Erie, e.g.
- 35 "Yeah, right"
- 36 Levy
- 37 Web master?
- 39 Streisand title role
- 40 Hertz rival
- 41 Young fellows
- 42 PC picture
- 43 Pork cut
- 44 Musical finale
- 45 Bloodhound's clue
- 46 Alaskan city
- 48 Conditions

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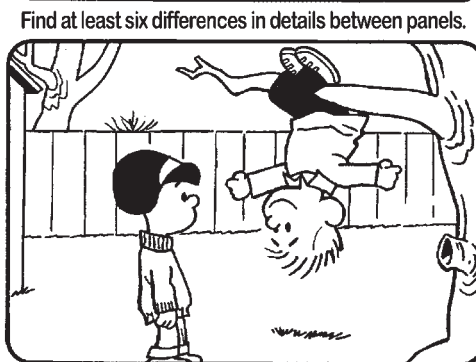
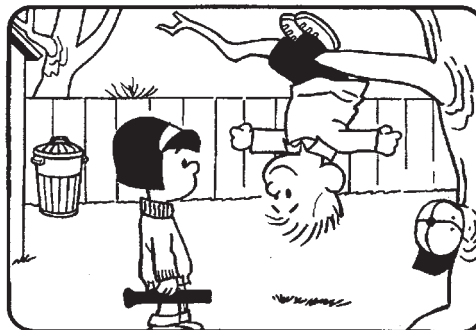
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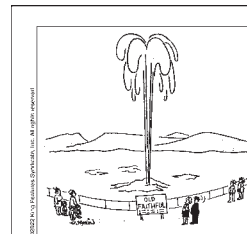
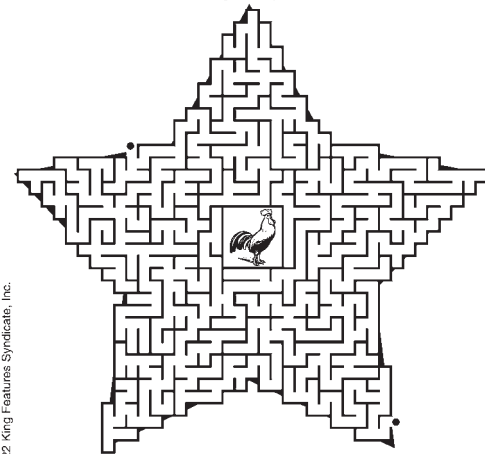


Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Trash can is missing. 2. Hair is different. 3. Instrument case is missing. 4. Tree limb is shorter. 5. Arm is moved. 6. Cap is missing.

Mega Maze

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"It reminds me of when you 'fixed' the _____."

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!

- Murmur
- LUGGER**
- Warble
- PIRCH**
- Collect
- ANGLE**
- Accuse
- AMBLE**

TODAY'S WORD

Home Country

by Slim Randles

“Now Mamie,” said Windy Wilson, “the reason I expurgated myself over here to your place was to see how you was a-doin’ in this year heat.”

Mamie Dilworth refilled his iced tea glass, smiled at the old

cowboy and camp cook. “Well, that’s awfully nice of you, Windy. I’m fine. Tired of this heat, just the same as everyone else around here.”

“I hear ya, and thanks for the tea. It helps a guy cool down,

refrigerationally speeakin’ a-course.”

“You’re welcome. What are you and Ramses up to these hot days?”

Ramses was Windy’s dog, so named because of his tendency to leave pyramids in the backyard. Windy claims he’s an Egyptian shepherd, but hasn’t been able to provide any registration papers yet.

“Pickup truck therapy, you know. Works put-near ever time it’s tried. Long’s a guy don’t run outa gas, he’s okay. Cool right down on a hot ol’ day like this one.”

“I didn’t know your pickup had air conditioning, Windy.”

“Mostly it’s a cowboy 260 air conditioner,” Windy explained. “You get your shirt and your dog wet, roll down two windows and

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Plants for shade gardens

by Bonnie Kirn Donahue, Extension Master Gardener, UVM

Think that a shady area can’t have a garden? Think again! Shade gardens can be fantastic places to showcase foliage color, texture and flowers too.

The key to designing a shade garden is simple. Select plants that can grow in part-shade to full-shade conditions. For reference, a plant that likes part-shade prefers about four to six hours of direct sunlight a day. A plant that needs full-shade prefers less than four hours of direct sunlight a day.

This sun/shade preference can easily be found on plant tags at nurseries or online. There are many plants that appreciate shade, from annuals to perennials and even shrubs.

Annuals don’t have to be limited to pots. They can be strategically added to perennial gardens to fill in gaps or add pops of consistent color throughout

the season. Shade-tolerant annuals like impatiens, fuchsia, begonia and lobelia come in a variety of foliage and flower colors and would give any garden an instant boost.

Sweet alyssum, an annual with masses of tiny white flowers, is a powerful plant that attracts beneficial insects that help protect your garden from unwanted pests. Sweet alyssum grows less than 10 inches tall and tolerates part-shade.

Many shade-loving perennials come in a wide range of foliage colors. Plants such as coral bells and foam flower have foliage with scalloped edges. They grow less than 12 inches tall and have delicate flower stems

that emerge in early summer. Coral bells is known for its near-endless foliage colors, with varieties that stretch from lime green to orange, purple and red. If you’re interested in native plants, foam flower is a native perennial with more subtle foliage with sweet star-like flowers on its stems.

Sensitive fern is a native perennial that likes medium to wet soils and part to full shade. The fern fronds are light green, which stand out from other darker green foliage. The lovely rusty-brown seed heads stand up through the winter, adding some interest to the winter landscape.

Many great native shrubs can tolerate at least partial shade. Red twig dogwood has brilliant red stems that are striking against the late winter landscape.

Crossword puzzle grid with letters filled in.

Solution time: 23 mins. Answers

King Crossword puzzle with letters filled in.

FRENCH SURNAMERS

Mega Maze puzzle with a snake in the center.

SCRAMBLERS section with PLUMBING Today's Word and a list of words.

Weekly SUDOKU puzzle grid.

Chokeberry has brilliant red foliage in autumn and can tolerate partial shade. Both shrubs boast flowers that attract pollinators in spring and berries that attract birds in autumn. Keep in mind that when planting shrubs with berries in partial to full shade, they may not flower or fruit as profusely as they would in full sun.

These plants are just a few of the many options out there. Check out Cooperative Extension or botanical garden resources online for more plant ideas or visit your local nursery or greenhouse.

Finally, while shade gardens get less sun, they still need occasional watering,



Heuchera or coral bells planted with light blue columbine and blue salvia are an ideal combination for a shade garden.

Photo courtesy of Bonnie Kirn Donahue

weeding and other moisture for longer care, much like any other full-sun garden. Depending on your soil type, shade gardens may retain soil moisture about two to three inches down to see if it really needs to be watered.

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