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Canajoharie, NY - #202217530: Relax on your back deck and enjoy an amazing view of the Cherry Valley Mountains! Home built in 2005 with open kitchen and dining area, living room with a large picture window and fireplace, 3 bedrooms and 2 baths. 2-story barn 1st floor measures 40x64 w/ horse stalls and 2nd floor measures 40x32. 2nd building measures 29x33 - 2 bay pole barn. **\$360,000**



Fort Plain, NY - #20221871: If you're dreaming of a quiet place in the country yet still affordable, you've found it. Enter the private drive to discover a park like setting. Sit on the large front porch in the evening and listen to the sounds of nature. This move in condition home has a large garage for cars and a workshop or your outdoor toys. **\$179,900**



Root, NY - #202219274: Lovely updated farmhouse with new kitchen, gleaming hardwood floors & woodwork. 1st floor has large eat-in kitchen, spacious living rm, music room, pantry & office w/ it's own entrance, along w/ a full bath. Upstairs has 4 bedrooms, large linen room and full bath w/ laundry. Sauna is a bonus. Picturesque views from your front & side porch, rolling pastures, large barn, 2 car garage, U-shaped driveway & other out buildings. **PENDING \$335,000**



Herkimer, NY - #202220103: A very well maintained ranch home with 3 bedrooms and 2 full baths. Interior freshly painted, and updated carpets. Sliding glass doors off your dining room leading to a back deck, new roof and central a/c. Full basement and attached 1-stall garage. **\$168,900**



Canajoharie, NY - BACK ON MARKET
#202212080: 2-story, 4 bedroom home with a 1 stall attached garage. Located in the village of Canajoharie and an easy walk to downtown. **\$69,000**



Gloversville, NY - #202218626: Handyman special! New kitchen cabinets and countertop included, just needs to be installed. So much potential with this 6 bedroom home! Cash only. **PENDING \$31,500**



Northville, NY - #202215450: Approved wooded building lot with 630 feet of road frontage right out side of town. Build your dream home. Can be combined with adjacent property also for sale. **\$54,000**



St. Johnsville, NY - #202218032: Country home with a large yard! Large enclosed front porch, formal dining room, living room and eat-in kitchen. 3 bedrooms and 1 1/2 baths. 2-stall garage. **\$119,000**



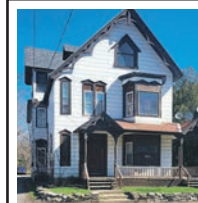
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St Johnsville Village, NY - #202216618: HUD qualified multi unit. Good tenants. Great property to purchase and live in with great tenant! **\$75,000**



Palatine Bridge, NY - #202215762: 2-story, 4 unit apartment house in the v/o Palatine Bridge. Separate utilities, off street parking and newer asphalt roof. **\$135,000**



Mayfield, NY - #202219394: Year round 3 bedroom 1.5 bath home for rent. Sits on 1 acre of land. Mayfield schools not far from the lake. Pets ok under 50lbs ok additional \$100 deposit required. Everything included available 7/15 or 8/1. **\$1,700**

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Five students in Herkimer BOCES region earn NYS Seal of Biliteracy

Five students in the Herkimer-Fulton-Hamilton-Otsego BOCES region will have the New York State Seal of Biliteracy on their diplomas when they graduate this month – showing that they have demonstrated proficiency in both English and Spanish.

The students took world languages Spanish classes and exams at their home districts over the course of multiple years. This school year, they conducted research on a subject of interest and did presentations on the topic. On June 2, they were interviewed in Spanish about their presentations by a panel of three local Spanish teachers.

"The whole idea of it is that you can actually be bilingual," Herkimer BOCES Coordinator of Instructional Support

Services and Educational Technology Sheri Perry said. "They're native English speakers, but they're learning Spanish to a degree where they can present a project, answer questions and have a conversation."

Following the panel interviews on June 2 the students received certificates for earning the NYS Seal of Biliteracy during a celebration that took place at Central Valley Academy. In addition to having the seal on their diplomas, they will also have a Seal of Biliteracy medal to wear at graduation.

The five students – all seniors – who earned the Seal of Biliteracy are:

- Audrey Campbell, of West Canada Valley Central School District

- Joshua Baldwin, of Herkimer Central School District

- Philip Nash, of Dolgeville Central School District

- Joaquin Nietes, of Herkimer Central School District

- Tia Ruggiero, of Dolgeville Central School District

Herkimer BOCES helps facilitate the NYS Seal of Biliteracy program on a regional level. This includes establishing a professional learning community among world languages teachers who meet periodically, working with the teachers to create checkpoint exams, hosting the checkpoint exams and hosting the Seal of Biliteracy panel interviews and celebration.

The Central Valley, Dolgeville, Herkimer and West Canada Valley school districts currently participate in the program.

The NYS Legislature established the NYS Seal of Biliteracy in 2012, and the first students in the state to

earn the seal graduated in 2016. To earn the seal, students must demonstrate proficiency in English and a second language and earn a NYS Regents Diploma.

The NYS Education Department website highlights many benefits of the seal including that it encourages the study of languages, helps employers and universities identify graduates with biliteracy skills, prepares students with 21st century skills, recognizes the value of language instruction and affirms the value of diversity in a multilingual society.

During the panel interviews, Spanish teachers asked the students questions in Spanish and rated their responses in Spanish using a rubric from the state. The teachers were also able to go beyond the state-suggested questions and ask more about the topics students chose.

"The process demonstrates that the students have the knowledge and have the ability to listen to questions in Spanish and respond in Spanish," Perry said. "That's where it takes it to a higher level."

During the ceremony, the Spanish teachers involved with the program introduced the students, gave them their certificates and spoke about the value of the program.

Central Valley Spanish teacher Liza Gonzalez said she brought the Seal of Biliteracy program to the area in 2018.

"It has definitely grown in our region, and I'm so excited about it," Gonzalez said. "It gives kids another opportunity to show what they're capable of."

Herkimer Spanish teacher Chanel Meyer said this was the first year Herkimer was part of the program. Students benefited from not only how to speak Spanish but from learning interpersonal skills and about cultural diversity and acceptance, she said.

Dolgeville Spanish teacher Elba Nash also said she values that students can learn to improve human interaction – leading them to understand, appreciate and respect different cultures. "I think this is a great program because it prepares students for what is ahead," Nash said.

Herkimer BOCES District Superintendent Sandra Sherwood, who attended the ceremony along with administrators from component school districts, said she also supports how earning the Seal of Biliteracy guides students to appreciate other cultures because more of that in general would help improve the world.

"I really believe the cultural sensibility is a huge part of this that would serve us all well," Sherwood said. "I'm very proud of the work these kids have done."



Five students in the Herkimer BOCES region earned the New York State Seal of Biliteracy during the 2021-22 school year and received certificates. (L - R) Dolgeville students Tia Ruggiero and Philip Nash, West Canada Valley student Audrey Campbell and Herkimer students Joshua Baldwin and Joaquin Nietes. Photo courtesy of Herkimer BOCES

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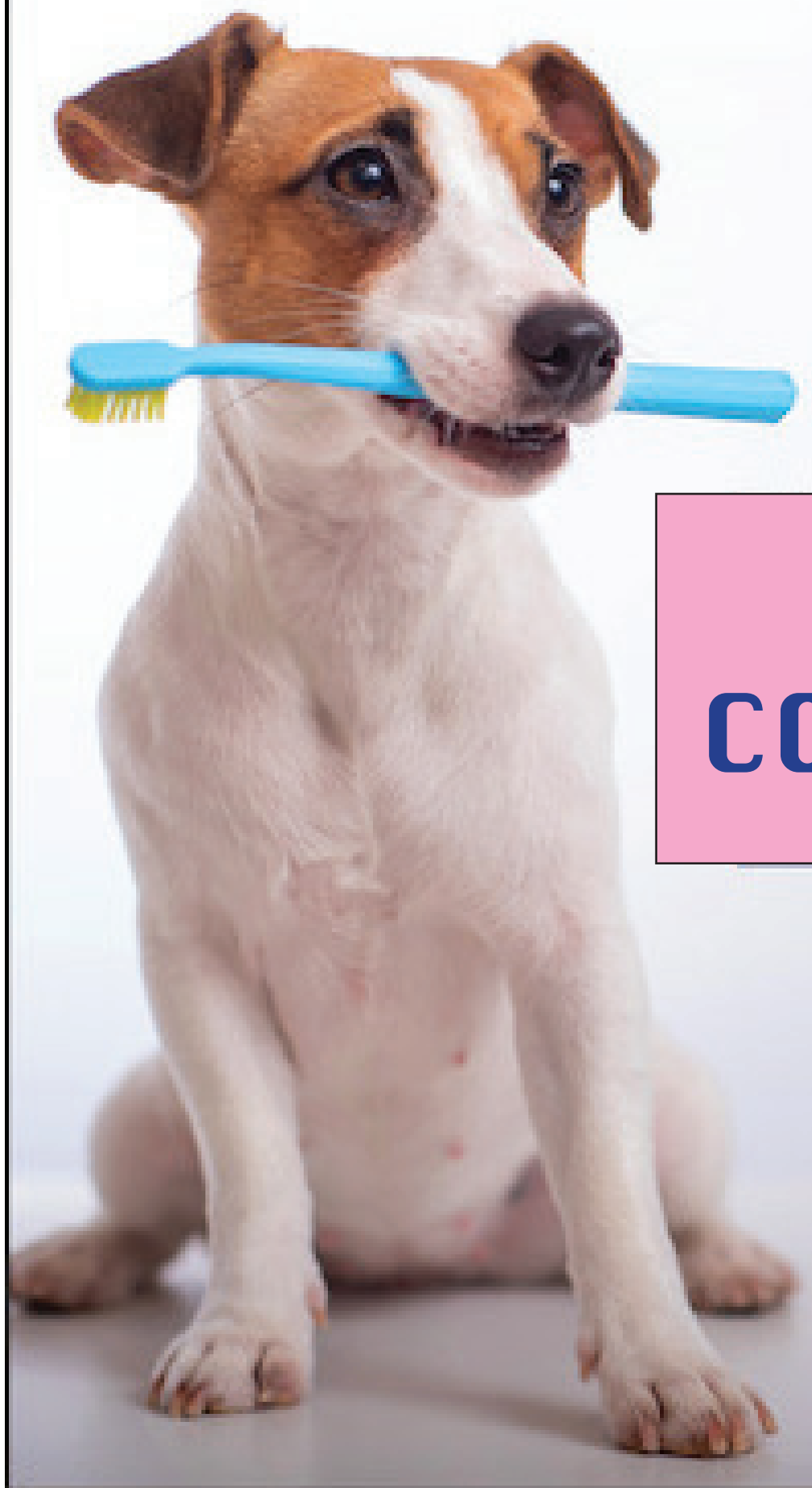
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New behavioral health pharmacy opens in the Family Counseling Center

A unique on-site pharmacy specializing in serving people with mental illness, substance use disorder and other chronic, complex conditions had its grand opening within the Family Counseling Center of Fulton County in Gloversville on June 9, joined by center leaders and local officials.

The new Genoa Healthcare pharmacy will help individuals receiving services at the Family Counseling Center, which provides behavioral health services to patients, including talk therapy and psychotherapy; medication and crisis unit walk-ins; children and family services, including school-based intervention counselors; family peer and youth peer support services; psychosocial

rehabilitation; a mobile crisis unit working with Fulton County Schools; and the Domestic Violence Program of Fulton County, providing advocacy, a 24-hour hotline and safe dwelling.

In New York, approximately one in 20 adults live with a serious mental illness such as schizophrenia, bipolar disorder and major depression. Research shows that when pharmacy services are integrated with healthcare providers, people are more likely to obtain their prescriptions and stay on their medication plans. Genoa's specialized pharmacy services include using pre-filled pill organizers to help people stay on their medications, proactive outreach calls, help with prior authorizations and other

hands-on pharmacy care.

This approach to pharmacy care helps patients stay on their medications at a rate of more than 90%, compared to about 50% with a traditional approach. A study published in a peer-reviewed journal found that this type of integrated pharmacy also reduces emergency room visits and hospitalizations, which significantly reduces the total cost of care.

"We are pleased to have Genoa Healthcare as an on-site partner at the Family Counseling Center. Our clients directly benefit from having pharmacist Krupal Patel just a few steps off of our main lobby. The ability for our clients to either directly pick-up their medications at our facility or have

their medications mailed to their home provides superior care," said Michael Countryman, executive director of the Family Counseling Center. "Having Genoa as a partner continues our commitment to collaborative care, allowing us to support the success of our clients and our community."

The Family Counseling Center and Genoa Healthcare leaders were joined by elected officials. This included a ribbon cutting with lunch following.

"Being onsite and integrating with healthcare teams is one way we offer a higher level of service to the Family Counseling Center of Fulton County and our consumers," said Megan Garrity, Genoa director of operations for

New York. "We look forward to our continued partnership with the Family Counseling Center and to offer one of a kind specialized pharmacy care for the community."

More information on Genoa Healthcare's new pharmacy in the Family Counseling Center of Fulton County can be found at thefamilycounselingcenter.org.



Genoa Healthcare opened a new integrated behavioral health pharmacy in Gloversville within the Family Counseling Center of Fulton County. The event was attended by Genoa and Turning Point Community Programs leaders as well as local officials.

Photo courtesy of Genoa Healthcare

Central Valley CSD Foundation to host Brooks' Chicken Barbecue

The Central Valley Central School District Foundation will host a Brooks' Chicken Barbecue on July 22 from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. (or until sold out) at Beer Belly Bob's, 70 Otsego St., Ilion. The cost is \$12 each and will include chicken, baked potato, cole slaw and roll. The fundraiser is being held prior to the Ilion Days Doo-Dah Parade. Due to limited quantities, advance ordering is strongly recommended through any member of the Foundation or by calling Foundation President JoAnn Duga at 315.894.3116.

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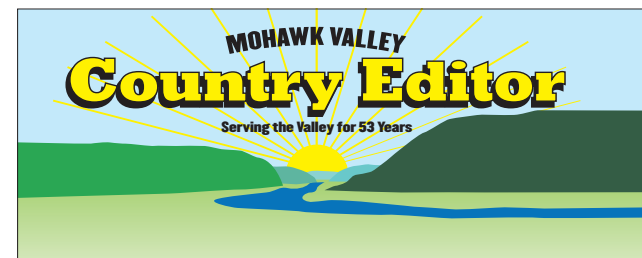
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Class of 2022 Top 10:

1. Robert Jordan
2. Erin Crouse
3. Sarah Florian
4. Talia Narzyski
5. Emma Oldick
6. Levi Thomas
7. Seth Rivkovich
8. Hailey Hogan
9. Keagen Ford
10. Estee Smith

7th Grade M.V.S. Awards: The seventh grade team announces their Most Valuable Students for February/March/April 2022: Alexis Palmeri, Kala Clapper, and Trinity Belliveau. These students have displayed excellence in the areas of: responsibility, kindness, academics, good citizenship, school pride, perseverance, self-control, helpfulness and courage. Congratulations!

Free Summer Meals: The summer meal program will be held in both buildings this summer. Free breakfast and lunch is available to any child/teen aged 18 and under, Monday through Thursday. Please note that our school buildings are closed on Fridays in the summer. To eat for free, simply show up! The schedule is:

Elementary: June 29-August 11
Breakfast 7:30 am - 9:15 am
Lunch 11:00 am - 12:45 pm

Jr/Sr High: July 5 - August 11
Breakfast 7:30 am - 9:15 am
Lunch 11:00 am - 12:30 pm

Sports News: The NYSPHSAA has named Fort Plain CSD as a "School of Excellence" for the 2021-2022 year, for a high rate of scholar-athletes across all of this year's sports seasons.

Junior Natalie Thibodeau was recently awarded the "Dick Gray Profiles in Courage Award" by the Western Athletic Conference, for students who have overcome medical challenges. Congratulations to Natalie!

Senior Signing Day:

Three student athletes celebrated college signings in May.

Sarah Florian will play indoor and outdoor track for Utica University. Robert Jordan will play basketball at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI). Levi Thomas will play basketball for Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences. These three students have had excellent high school athletic careers, met the rigorous college acceptance standards, and exhibited commitment to school athletics.

Great job to all three!

Superintendent Update: The district has appointed former Harry Hoag School principal Lauren Crisman as the new Superintendent of Schools. This appointment is effective July 1, 2022. Mrs. Crisman has served as our elementary principal for six years, and as the principal at Cherry Valley-Springfield for five years prior to that. Following her appointment, Mrs. Crisman said "We will be a school district where success is experienced often and celebrated frequently. I thank everyone for the support that I've been given thus far and for letting me be a part of your children's lives. I am excited to continue supporting the development of our district as we plan for the infinite possibilities of the future in education."

Jr/Sr High School News: Students in Mrs. Stokna's Career Internship Class planned and executed floral arrangements for this year's Spring Fling and Prom. The students designed and constructed two archways, as well as table decorations and a selfie station. The six member team consisted of: Brianna Krutz, Braeden Mosher, Monique Cool, Alyza Scott, Kaitlyn Dodson and Talia Narzyski. They did an amazing job!

The National Honor Society held their annual induction ceremony on May 19th. The following juniors were inducted into the society: Americus Cotton, Madison Delgado, Andra Fuhs, Rylee Herron, Ethan Kilmartin, Anthony Paradiso, Natalie Thibodeau, and Stephen Gray.

Mr. Arndt's class recently completed their year-long goal of reading ten books and then writing a book report about each one. All year, they have worked toward a goal of winning a pizza party, and their hard work paid off when they successfully finished the unit with the novel "Freak the Mighty" by Rodman Philbrick. "The students' collective work ethic during the year has been outstanding," said Mr. Arndt, "I couldn't be happier with them or their effort."

The Jr/Sr High School counseling team planned special activities during May, which is Mental Health Awareness Month. Students learned about self-care, including: nutrition, hydration, mindfulness, aromatherapy, coping skills, personal safety, art therapy, and fitness. The students learned that good mental health requires awareness, positive behaviors, and learning new skills.

Mrs. Heroth's App FUNDamentals class recently visited Sticker Mule in Amsterdam. Prior to the visit, the class held a contest to design a logo for the school's Computer Science Program. The winning logo design was by Andra Fuhs and Madison Delgado. The class used software to adjust and convert the winning image, so that it could be cut out of heat-transfer vinyl which they used to create t-shirts. During their subsequent visit to Sticker Mule, the students saw the same basic process happen, but on a large, industrial scale. They toured the facility and saw sticker printing, cutting and packaging. They learned about the development of the computer programs which are vital to the company's success. The class also heard about different career paths in information technology, and the skills that employers are looking for. Finally, they received stickers with their class design printed on them! It was a both fun and informative day!

Elementary School News: Mrs. Faitell's and Mrs. Kretser's guided reading students recently read the book "Wishtree" by Katherine Applegate. The story is narrated by Red, a large, ancient red oak tree who lives near an elementary school. Red serves as a "wish tree" where people can leave their wishes to be fulfilled. The class decided to construct their own wishtree out of branches. Located in the main office, the tree now serves as a place for students to write their wishes on colorful paper tags. The wishes include everyday things, such as for pets or toys. But they also include wishes for love, acceptance, and kindness. Said Mrs. Kretser, "We hope all will be inspired to add wishes to our school tree."

The fourth grades recently completed their annual Fable Project. Students study different fables, and the morals that they teach. Then they work in groups to write a screenplay, create and decorate a set, and build puppets and props to tell the story. The fables are performed in front of their classmates and enjoyed by all!

The Talented and Gifted program concluded the year with some fourth grade students writing their own children's book. The students talked about character, setting, time period, and plot. They wrote a story and then planned out how to fit the story onto the pages of the hardcover book. Most of the students decided that illustrating is the hardest part, and that should be added after the story itself is complete. The students who participated were Angela Abe-Callan, Fiona Brown, Arianna Eells, and Brian Madden.

"Hilltopper Herald" Article of the Month: The "Hilltopper Herald" is the student newspaper written and designed by kids. This month's article is a debate on the topic "are aliens real?" Arguing "yes" is Sophia Brownell, followed by Caleigh Bartholomew arguing "no."

You should say yes aliens are real because there is proof of other galaxies such as the Andromeda Galaxy, Whirlpool Galaxy, Cartwheel Galaxy, and much more. Also, NASA scientist Carl Sagan once said to an interviewer asking if aliens are real "The universe is a pretty big place. If it's just us, it seems like an awful waste of space." Another theory is that flies and mosquitos' eyes kind of look like cameras, and mosquitos suck your blood. Maybe they are getting human blood samples for aliens. (credit to Zach Walsh on the flies and mosquitos theory) Scientists have put rovers and cameras out in outer space and they said Europa looks like it has water and could be habitable. There is also Area 51, which is secretive. What do you think? Yes or No?

From Caleigh... You should say no because I don't think aliens are real, because there is no proof that they exist! No one has ever seen one! After all, there are no photos of aliens. If aliens are real, why has no one ever seen one? I know what you're thinking... "They're probably scared!" or "Maybe they don't live in our galaxy." Please! You're telling me that not one alien has imagination and ran away? Not one alien is brave? Sure. I don't think they are real. End of story!

For more information and photos about the above topics, visit our website www.fortplain.org or check us out on Facebook.

Assemblyman Smullen joins Gloversville Little Huskies Charity Golf Event

Assemblyman Robert Smullen (R, C, I, SAM-Meco) was proud to support the Gloversville Little Huskies Charity Golf Event at Fox Run Golf Course in Johnstown recently to show his support for their football program and community efforts. Little Huskies Football and Cheerleading introduces children ages 5 - 12 to the fundamentals of the game of football and cheerleading, accelerates athletes to middle and high school sports, introduces teamwork and produces successful athletes that value commitment.

"Youth sports teach our young people the valuable lessons of teamwork, dedication and supporting one another in pursuit of a common goal," Smullen said. "I am so proud of our youth football and cheerleading program and congratulate the athletes, their parents and our sponsors for investing in local youth sports and the future of athletics in our community."



Assemblyman Robert Smullen joined the Gloversville Little Huskies Youth Football League Charity Golf Event on June 11 at Fox Run Golf Course to show his support.
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National nonprofit Petco Love invests in SQSPCA to save and improve the lives of pets in Otsego County

The Susquehanna Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SQSPCA) received a \$5,000 grant investment from national nonprofit Petco Love during a special celebration at the Oneonta Petco on June 23 in support of their lifesaving work for animals in Otsego County.

Petco Love is a national nonprofit leading change for pets by harnessing the power of love to make communities and pet families closer, stronger and healthier. Since its founding in 1999, Petco Love has invested \$330 million in adoption and other lifesaving efforts. And Petco Love helps find loving homes for pets in partnership with Petco and more than 4,000 organizations across North America, with 6.5 million pets adopted and counting.

"Our investment in the SQSPCA is part of more than \$15 million in investments recently announced by Petco Love to power local organizations across the country as part of our commitment to create a future in which no pet is unnecessarily euthanized," said Susanne Kogut, president of Petco Love. "Our local investments are only part of our strategy to empower animal lovers to drive lifesaving change right alongside us. We recently celebrated the one-year launch anniversary of Petco Love Lost, a national lost and found database that uses pet facial recognition technology to simplify the search for lost pets."

"This grant from Petco Love supports our rapidly expanding animal welfare operations, serving Otsego County and the surrounding region," said SQSPCA Executive Director Stacie Haynes. "Each year, we provide medical treatment, temporary housing and loving care to a steadily increasing number of animals,

including everything from hamsters to horses. Our number of animals cared for annually has jumped from 399 animals in 2015 to 1,162 animals in 2021 and we've seen a 250% increase in adoptions. This investment in our organization by Petco Love will enable us to keep up with these growing needs."

The SQSPCA has grown from a volunteer run, foster-based organization founded in 1917 to a brick-and-mortar shelter in 1972 to a professionally staffed, \$5 million campus in 2021 with state-of-the-art medical suite and HVAC system. In addition to caring for and adopting out surrendered, stray, seized or otherwise homeless animals, programs include a low-cost feline spay/neuter clinic; free rabies vaccination clinics in conjunction with the Otsego County Department of Health; Farm Friends Network; Here to Help Hotline; Pet Pantry; PAWS (Puppy Mill Awareness With Shelters) Before You Pay initiative; and the Feral to Friendly (cat) and Fearful to Fearless (dog) socialization programs.

The SQSPCA is the primary contracted shelter for dogs-at-large from 20 municipalities in Otsego and Delaware counties and has been recognized for their work supporting the community during the pandemic, having distributed more than eight tons of donated pet food to families in need and offering temporary pet boarding to essential workers and those hospitalized with COVID. In 2019, they spearheaded the formation of PETS (Prevention, Education, Training and Systems), the Otsego County Animal Cruelty Task Force.

For more information about the SQSPCA, visit sqspca.org. Learn more about Petco Love at petcolove.org.

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Casey Bradley • 315-858-1553 Service: Sunday 9:15 AM Church School: Sunday 9:30 AM</p> <p>RICHFIELD SPRINGS BIBLE CHURCH 19 Church St., Richfield Springs, NY 13439 Rev. David Tosi • 315-858-0564 Sunday School (all ages) 10 AM Wor- ship Service 11 AM & 7 PM Wednesday - Prayer & Praise Call for info on various Youth Ministries www.richfieldspringsbiblechurch.org</p> <p>SALISBURY CENTER FULL GOSPEL ASSEMBLY OF GOD Pastor Robert Brent 106 Plant Road Sunday Worship 11 AM with Children's Church offered during the service</p> <p>SALISBURY CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 2545 State Route 29 Pastor Mark Hediger, 315-429-9085 pastormarkh@aol.com Sunday Worship 10 AM Thursday Bible Study 6 PM</p> <p>SLOANSVILLE SCHOHARIE VALLEY GOSPEL CHURCH Pastor Pat Andreoli 133 Sprakers Rd., Sloansville, NY 518-864-5397 svgchurch@gmail.com Wednesday Prayer 6 PM; Sunday Morning Bible Study 9:45 AM; Worship Service Sunday Morning 10:30 AM</p>	<p>SPRAKERS CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF CHARLESTON FOUR CORNERS 1380 E. 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Holidays						
14th - Flag Day						
19th - Father's Day						
21st - Summer Begins						

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

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

JUNE 25

Pierogi and Golumbki Sale 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at St. Mary's Ukrainian Orthodox Church, 324 Moore Ave., Herkimer. Pierogi with potato and cheese or potato and sauerkraut. \$8 a dozen. Golumbki \$30 a dozen; \$15 a half-dozen or three-piece for \$7.50. All fully cooked.

JUNE 29

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

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: fpe-ruzzi2019@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.

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JULY 9-10

Tri-County Old Time Power Association 45th Annual Gas Engine & Tractor Show 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site, 129 Schoharie St., Fort Hunter. For more information, call Don Bernaski at 518.843.2709.

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

Stratford Seniors Activities - Regular Meeting Day at the Stratford Town Hall 11:30 a.m. This month is bring you own lunch. Homemade dessert and beverages will be supplied. Preparations for the Town Wide Yard Sale and the Car Show will be discussed.

JULY 15-17

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

JULY 16

Car and Craft Show 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. hosted by VFW Post 502 in Frankfort. Sponsored by East Schuyler Methodist Church. For more information, contact 315.219.3410.

JULY 19

Stratford Seniors Activities - Traveling Lunch Bunch at Southern Girl Diner in Dolgeville at 11:30 a.m. Order lunch about noon. For additional information or questions call Cindy Klatt at 315.429.9162.

JULY 21

Midsummer Night's Picnic at Canal Place, Little Falls. Visit facebook.com/ThinkLocalLittleFalls

JULY 22

Central Valley Central School District Foundation Brooks' Chicken Barbecue 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. or sold out at Beer Belly Bob's, 70 Otsego Street, Ilion. \$12. Being held prior to the Ilion Days Doo Dah Parade. Advance orders recommended by calling JoAnn Duga at 315.894.3116.

August 2022						
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Holidays						

JULY 23

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

JULY 30

Ride from the Southside 5 p.m. at 1 Bridge St., Amsterdam. Evening bike ride from the Mohawk Gateway Overlook Bridge to Schoharie Crossing along the Empire State Trail/Erie Canalway. Trail and back to enjoy the free Saturday Night Concert at Riverlink Park - featuring Georgie Wonders. 10-mile round trip. Bring your bike along for this free group ride. Helmets are required. Contact David Brooks at 518.829.7516 for more information.

JULY 31

Not Just for Kids Storytelling 6 p.m. at the Visitor Center, 129 Schoharie Street, Fort Hunter. Contact David Brooks at 518.829.7516 for more information.

AUGUST 6

Stratford Town Wide Yard Sale 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sponsored by the Stratford Historical Society and the Stratford Seniors. Free maps can be picked up at the Stratford Town Hall at 120 Piseco Rd. Bake Sale and yard sale vendors will be on site. For additional information or questions call Cindy Klatt at 315.429.9162.

AUGUST 8

Herkimer Region College & Career Scholarship Foundation Golf Tournament 10 a.m. at the Cedar Lake Golf Club. For information on registering or making a donation, contact smaxson@herkimer-boces.org or call 315.867.2023.

AUGUST 8-14

34th Annual Little Falls Canal Celebration. Visit canalcelebration.com or facebook.com/canalplacelittlefalls

AUGUST 11

Defensive Driving with April Johnson, Shults Agency. Sign up by calling 518.673.4408.

AUGUST 12-14

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

AUGUST 13-14

Chicks Along the Canal. Visit www.chicksalongthecanal.com.

AUGUST 14

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AUGUST 21

Not Just for Kids Storytelling 6 p.m. at the Visitor Center, 129 Schoharie Street, Fort Hunter. Contact David Brooks at 518.829.7516 for more information.

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.

AUGUST 28

Community Picnic in Ames at noon in the park behind the museum on Latimer Hill Road. Free food and activities starting. Bounce house for the kids. Sponsored by Cornerstone Baptist Church.

Not Just for Kids Storytelling 6 p.m. at the Visitor Center, 129 Schoharie Street, Fort Hunter. Contact David Brooks at 518.829.7516 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 cnyfarmprogress-show.net. For more information, contact grace@preskyins.com or call 315.336.0375.

SEPTEMBER 10

First Stratford Sassy Seniors Car Show at the Stratford Town Hall at 120 Piseco Rd. 12 - 4 p.m. Rain date of Sept. 24. Free admission. Featuring a D.J., chicken BBQ, basket raffle, 50/50 Raffle and some great cars. For additional information or questions call Cindy Klatt at 315.429.9162.

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 14-16

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

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@fort-plainmuseum.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.

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CTE Alumni Spotlight: 2020 engineering technology graduate Nicholas Bluvas

In the local area and beyond, you can find graduates of the HFM Career and Technical Center working in just about every industry and career field. CTE Alumni Spotlight will introduce you to some of our many graduates highlighting the pathways their education and training helped make possible.

CTE alum Nicholas M. Bluvas, a 2020 Fonda-Fultonville graduate, has already earned his associate degree in electrical technology from Fulton-Montgomery Community College and is now working at SUNY Polytechnic Institute as a workstation operator trainee.

Bluvas's position is the result of a partnership with the New York Center for Research, Economic Advancement, Technology, Engineering and Science (NY CREATES). NY CREATES seeks to advance high-tech research, development and commercialization opportunities through the acquisition, construction and management of state-of-the-art facilities and programs while promoting economic development, education and workforce training throughout New York.

Bluvas works in the field of metrology, which is the science of weights and measures.

His duties entail the measurements and quality control for silicon wafer fabrication.

He said his time at the HFM Career and Technical Center helped him discover what he liked in the field of technology and helped guide his future goals for higher education.

HFM's hands-on approach, Bluvas said, fostered an environment of creativity and made learning interesting and fun for him.

"HFM is a great place to learn what you like and gives you a good start for a potential career," Bluvas said.

In the future, Bluvas plans on furthering his education in the engineering field and continue on to earn his bachelor's degree and possibly his master's.

The HFM Engineering Technology program is a collaborative partnership with HFM BOCES, FMCC and the National Science Foundation.

During the course of this innovative "2+1" program, students complete their two-year HFM Career and Tech program while accumulating 25 college credits, preparing them to complete their associate degree in electrical technology at FMCC in one additional year.



Bluvas takes a selfie while wearing clean room attire.
Photo courtesy of HFM BOCES

*What did the grape say when it got crushed?
Nothing, it just let out a little wine.*

Kids' Community Corner

Adventures had by FFCS students at the Utica Zoo



Elias Tidwell, Harry Rhodes and Gabe Ramirez from FFCS walking on a trail at the zoo.



Fonda-Fultonville second graders Lydia Kelly and Gwendolyn and Colton Jeffers took a break on the Dream Big chair at the zoo.



Nothing beats a fun day learning at the zoo. L-R - Elizabeth Brush, Skyla Bronson, Kenza Boussalham and Jocelyn Brush had fun under a stick teepee.



Adventures abound at the Utica Zoo. Graham Rhodes even put his head in the lion's mouth. Well, it was the cement lion!

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

Arc Herkimer celebrates DCCTP graduation

A graduation celebration for Arc Herkimer's Distribution Center Candidate Training Program (DCCTP) took place this month. Three candidates, Betsey, Kyle and Levi, participated in the first round of the program, which ran in three rotations at three Herkimer Industries sites. Each spent 16 weeks in training positions at sites in Herkimer, Little Falls and

Ilion, where they gained production and distribution skills in warehouse operations, fork truck certification, packing, shipping, scaling and much more. The goal of the program was to offer mentoring and on-the-job training to set candidates up for future employment. All three candidates will be moving on to employment within the community.



(L - R) Mike Lamb, VP of industrial operations; Staci Gross, assistant program director; Betsey Dunckel; Kyle Juliano; Levi Tharp; Catherine Loomis, Arc Herkimer VP of Community Engagement and Career Development; and Kevin Crosley, Arc Herkimer president/CEO. Photo courtesy of Arc Herkimer

Assemblyman Smullen honors 100th anniversary of Mohawk Valley United Way

Assemblyman Robert Smullen (R, C, I, SAM-Meco) proudly recognized and congratulated the Mohawk Valley United Way on their recent 100th anniversary at a ceremony at the Saranac Brewing Company in Utica.

"The United Way is a vital organization in our community, helping many of our neighbors gain access to important services like health care, education and financial resources," Smullen said. "Thank you to President Matt Nicholl and the Board of Directors team for all they do for our community and our gracious sponsors for their generosity in producing a great event."

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



Assemblyman Robert Smullen (L) presents an official Assembly Citation to the Mohawk Valley United Way to commemorate their 100th anniversary on June 10. Photo courtesy of Assemblyman Smullen

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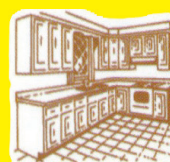
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Consumer alert: NYS Division of Consumer Protection offers guidance to raise awareness about elder abuse and ways to prevent it

The New York State Division of Consumer Protection (DCP) is offering guidance to prevent and help protect your senior family members and friends from elder abuse. Abuse can happen anywhere including in an older person's home, a family member's home, a nursing home or an assisted living community. Elder abuse occurs when an adult over the age of 60 is abused, neglected or financially exploited by someone they trust such as a family member, a stranger, a healthcare provider, a caregiver or a friend. Specifically, it includes physical, sexual or emotional/psychological abuse in addition to financial exploitation, abandonment and neglect.

"Approximately 260,000 older adults are victims of elder abuse each year in New York State," said NYS Office for the Aging (NYSOFA) Director Greg Olsen. "For every reported case, 23 cases go unreported, making it vital for the public to recognize signs of abuse and act."

"Across the state, our local departments of social services' adult protective units continue to work tirelessly to investigate, address and mitigate allegations of abuse, neglect and financial exploitation," said NYS Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) Commissioner Sheila J. Poole. "It is more important today than ever for all community members to understand the risks facing our elderly population and to recog-

nize and report possible signs of abuse."

Financial fraud and exploitation is one of the most prevalent types of elder abuse. Financial abuse occurs when the improper and unauthorized use of an older adult's money, benefits, belongings, property or assets are illegally used without their permission.

DCP urges you to make a plan to help protect your senior family members and friends from financial abuse. The CFPB provides a guide to four important steps:

- Prevent – Educate yourself, your loved ones and your community.
- Recognize – Spot the warning signs and take action.
- Record – Document what you observe.
- Report – Tell the appropriate authorities so they can investigate and help.

June is World Elder Abuse Awareness Month which is intended to highlight the ongoing criminal tactics targeting one of the world's most vulnerable populations. Here are a few tips if you receive a call you believe to be a scam:

- Resist the urge to act immediately – no matter how dramatic the story is.
- Verify the caller's identity – Ask questions that a stranger couldn't answer. Check with a family member to see if the

information is true.

- Do not send cash, gift cards or money transfers – Once the scammer gets the money, it's gone!

- Do not give your personal banking account information by email or over the phone or log into bank accounts as directed by the caller (screen mirroring).

For more information about how you can recognize a few of the six most common senior scams or for more scam prevention tips, download DCP's informative Senior Anti-Fraud Education (S.A.F.E.) brochure at tinyurl.com/4ztu94vh. If you have parents or elderly family members, take the time to explain these scams to them. There are also resources to help if you are concerned about an individual, friend or loved one who may be experiencing elder abuse, including the non-emergency helpline at 844.746.6905 and the Adult Protective Services hotline at 844.697.3505 to report abuse.

The NYS DCP serves to educate, assist and empower the state's consumers. For more consumer protection information, call the DCP Helpline at 800.697.1220, Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. or visit the DCP website at dos.ny.gov/consumer-protection. The division can also be reached via Twitter at @NYSConsumer or Facebook at facebook.com/nysconsumer.

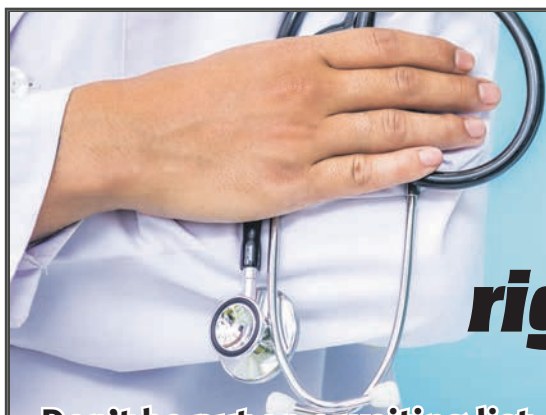


Did you know?

According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, more than 15,000 people were treated for fireworks injuries in emergency rooms in 2020. In addition, injuries and deaths from fireworks increased by 50% between 2019 and 2020. Forty-four percent of those injuries were burns, 30% involved the hands and fingers and 22% affected the head, face and ears. USCP-

SC data also indicated that 15% of injuries affected the eyes. The majority of injuries (66%) occurred around the July 4 holiday, but it's important that individuals exercise caution whenever they celebrate with fireworks. And those precautionary measures should remain in place when using sparklers, which the USCP-SC indicates caused 900 injuries in 2020.





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West Canada Valley Wood Craft

When your work speaks for itself, it's alright if you're a man of few words. That's how John Shirk operates his business, which opened its doors to the public two years ago.

Shirk recently moved to Little Falls from the Finger Lakes region, where his neighbor helped him get started in the furniture making business. Today, he creates lawn furniture for his business, West Canada Valley Wood Craft. He uses the designs his neighbor demonstrated but has tweaked them to become pieces he likes.

John says he likes working with wood, so that is simply a bonus of his business. His wood (treated yellow pine that can

withstand upstate weather conditions) comes from Pennsylvania, and, focused on quality, he uses stainless steel hardware and screws to keep them from rusting.

Shirk pays beautiful attention to details, creating heart-shaped chair backs, flower-shaped chair backs, scalloped edges, curved foot rests for his Adirondack chairs and child-sized chairs. (To make storage easier, his Adirondack chairs are foldable!) He makes about 12 Adirondack chairs at a time, and the process from start to finish takes about a day and a half.

West Canada Valley Wood Craft also offers a variety of side tables, picnic tables, chairs, one- and two-person gliders,

bench swings, planters, birdhouses and more. The octagon table he makes comes apart for ease of moving and storage as well.

In addition to his usual furniture offerings, Shirk can do custom work as well – and for larger orders, he offers wholesale pricing. Even better, he is willing to deliver locally too. He always enjoys doing new projects.

You can see West Canada Valley Wood Craft furniture at North Creek Gardens & Greenhouse and at Shirk's home at 345 Lynch Road in Little Falls. You can also contact him at 315.866.7579.



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HOME IMPROVEMENT

Upgrade bathroom safety features

Bathrooms can benefit from updates that improve their form and function. While styles and color patterns may inspire bathroom renovations, improvements to safety also should be considered.

Bathrooms can be one of the most dangerous rooms in a house. Bath and shower areas account for about two-thirds of accidental injuries in these spaces. Many other injuries involve the toilet. In 2008, a thorough investigation of bathroom dangers conducted by the CDC found that mishaps near the bathtub, shower, toilet and sink caused an estimated 234,094 nonfatal injuries in the U.S. among people aged 15 years and older.

Seniors are particularly vulnerable in the bathroom due to reduced mobility and flexibility, visual impairment and other factors. However, some key modifications can make bathrooms much safer for aging populations.

- **Raised toilet seat:** Install an ADA-compliant raised toilet seat. Standard toilet seats are roughly 15 inches high, but elevated seats can raise the bowl an additional two to four inches. Another option is to invest in risers that can be attached to an existing toilet.

- **Grab bars:** Seniors may use towel holders as grab bars, which don't have stability and can dislodge from the wall. Install secured side grip bars by the toilet and inside the shower to make maneuvering easier.

- **Water temperature:** Seniors may be vulnerable to hot water temperatures. Lower the water temperature setting on the hot water heater. StaySafe.org recommends 120° F.

- **Faucets:** Change faucet handles to paddle-style handles rather than knobs. Knobs can be challenging to grip for those with arthritis in their hands. Also, handles that are easier for seniors to use can reduce the risk of the elderly losing their

balance as they attempt to gain leverage to turn the water on and off.

- **Nonslip mats:** Nonslip mats or tape strips can be used in showers and tub bottoms as well as outside of the shower to reduce the risk of slips and falls. Rugs should have rubberized, slip-resistant backing.

- **Rounded corners:** Choose counters and fixtures with rounded corners. Should a senior fall against something, the rounded corner may prevent serious injury.

- **Shower benches and transfer seats:** Benches and transfer seats make it easier getting in and out of the shower. Also, sitting while showering reduces the risk of becoming light-headed or losing balance.

- **Walk-in tubs/showers:** Minimizing the threshold to the shower or bathtub is an important safety feature. Some manufacturers make walk-in tubs with doors that secure and make watertight seals. Showers that don't have a lip or tub to scale also are better for seniors.

- **Lighting:** Eyesight weakens over time, so improve

lighting with combinations of overhead lighting and softer side lighting. Night lights or soft-glowing toilet lights can make it easier to get around the bathroom in the middle of the night.

These are just some improvements that can create safer bathroom environments for seniors.



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HOME IMPROVEMENT

The different ways to repair a driveway

Asphalt driveways do not last forever. Over time, weather and general usage can degrade the driveway surface, resulting in cracks, pitting and more. Ultraviolet rays, salt and automotive fluids also can affect the appearance and functionality of a driveway. An unsightly driveway can adversely affect curb appeal and resale potential.

Homeowners have to consider various factors when it comes to repairing driveways. They may have the option of getting the

driveway resurfaced, resealed or repaved, and each project is unique.

Resurfacing

According to the home improvement price comparison site Kompare It, resurfacing is simpler and faster than installing a new asphalt driveway. With resurfacing, any cracks are filled in to create an even base. Then a new layer of asphalt is applied over the existing one. That new layer can range in thickness from 1.5 to three inches. A heavy rolling machine will then smooth and flatten

the layers together. If the driveway has minor pitting or cracking, then resurfacing can be a cost-effective strategy, as it may be a \$3,000 to \$6,000 job as opposed to \$5,000 to \$10,000 with repaving.

Resealing

Resealing a driveway, also called sealcoating, is another repair strategy. HGTV says resealing can be a do-it-yourself project. Resealing helps the driveway last longer.

The driveway needs to be clean and dry, with holes and cracks filled prior to sealcoating. Start at the far edge of the driveway and seal that area by "cutting-in" by hand for a neat edge. Afterward the rest of the driveway can be sealed using a squeegee or broom. This project can be completed within two or three days if no precipitation is forecast.

Repaving

A project best left to professionals, repaving typically involves the removal of an



Homeowners have to consider various factors when it comes to repairing driveways.

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Central Valley CSD Foundation grants funding to CVA Science Department

The Central Valley Central School District Foundation recently granted more than \$2,900 to the CVA Science Department to help purchase a spectrophotometer for use in its labs. The funding request was brought forward by CVA science teacher Dr. Sarah Spisak.

Spisak attended the Foundation's June meeting to share how beneficial the spectrophotometer has been in enhancing

CVA's science curriculum.

"A spectrophotometer allows absorption of light through a sample to be measured," Spisak said. "This is an important analytical technique used daily in chemistry and forensic science laboratories worldwide. The ability to bring an instrument like this into a high school science curriculum allows students to continue to gain the laboratory experience they

are used to. In addition, we can now enhance their learning and allow them to make real-life connections and analyses."

For more information about the Foundation, contact JoAnn Duga at 315.894.3116 or joanndugaCVAFoundation@yahoo.com.



(L - R) Shannon Perri, Krissi Newtown, Sara Herringshaw, John Brewer, Rebecca Gillette, Molly Bonnell, Dr. Sarah Spisak and Mike Conover.

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Herkimer College employees honored with 2022 SUNY Chancellor's Awards for Excellence

Two Herkimer College employees have been honored with SUNY Chancellor's Awards for Excellence for 2022. The staff members were acknowledged during an employee recognition ceremony held on May 10 and during the 54th Commencement ceremony on May 13.

According to the State University of New York, the excellence awards are designed for faculty and staff who personify professional excellence and serve as role models not only for the State of New York but for the college as well. They publicly acknowledge superior professional achievement while encouraging the pursuit of excellence.

Lisa Holynski, who serves as office assistant for the College Admissions Department, received the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Classified Service. Holynski has been employed at the college for more than 47 years. According to Herkimer College President Cathleen McColgin, Ph.D., during Holynski's tenure she has earned a reputation for being a willing and positive team player and an enthusiastic supporter of the college, its students, faculty and staff and

SUNY.

"Her professionalism, coupled with her personal warmth, make her a vital asset for our students and their families," McColgin stated.

Katherine Scanlon, director of the Herkimer College Advisement Center, received the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Professional Service.

According to McColgin, Scanlon's commitment to the success of the college and its students made her a deserving recipient of the honor.

"As the director for one of the most essential sets of services for our students, she consistently shows her pride in this institution, and in SUNY, by always giving her fullest and best effort," McColgin shared. "The results speak for themselves; under her leadership the Advisement Center is one of the most effective service offices on campus. It's a place where students feel welcome, comfortable, respected and supported. [Scanlon] is also admired by the staff she supervises for being a strong, fair leader, who works just as hard, if not harder than she expects them to work."

Scanlon has been an employee of the college for over 17 years.

With the addition of these two employees, a total of 80 Herkimer College faculty

and staff have been honored with the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence. A complete list is available at herkimer.edu/chancellor-awards.



Scanlon (center) was recognized at the 54th commencement ceremony. She is joined by Herkimer College Board of Trustees Chair Isabella Crandall (L) and Herkimer College President Dr. Cathleen McColgin (R). Photos courtesy of Herkimer College



Lisa Holynski was honored for Excellence in Classified Service.

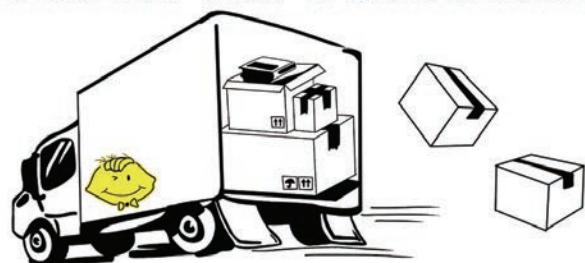
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Fourth of July party tips

More than 332 million people live in the U.S., according to the most recent data from the U.S. Census Bureau. There's a good chance that, come July 4, a considerable number of those individuals will be hosting or attending parties to celebrate American independence.

This year those planning on a July 4 fête can consider these tips as they prepare to celebrate with family and friends.

• **Borrow a second grill.** Those tasked with grilling often find themselves standing there for hours over hot flames. Cut down on time at the grill by adding an extra cooking surface. That's easily achieved by having more than one grill going simultaneously. Cook fast-cooking items like hamburgers and hot dog on one grill, and reserve the other for sausages and chicken, which may need more time to reach safe levels of doneness.

• **Stop peeking.** Resist any urge to check the food too often. Every time you flip,

press or move the meats, you compromise flavor and could make the food dry out.

• **Lure insects away.** Bees are attracted to sweet smells, but wasps and hornets are drawn to meats. Put a saucer of very sweet soda and some chicken scraps in a far corner of your yard to attract yellow jackets and other stinging insects to that area, drawing their attention away from guests and their meals.

• **Hire a lifeguard.** If your party will involve time spent in a pool, consider hiring a lifeguard or designate someone to observe pool activities. Party hosts may be distracted by other duties, and one can't count on guests to watch what is going on in the pool. For safety's sake, a dedicated set of eyes on swimmers can prevent injuries and accidents.

• **Give neighbors a heads-up.** Parties and barbecues on July 4 are largely expected, but you can offer a courtesy to neighbors by informing them of your plans,

including the start time and proposed ending time. If you are close with neighbors, consider inviting them to participate.

• **Skip the fireworks.** Even if fireworks are permitted where you live, it's best to avoid the potential safety hazards and leave fireworks displays to the professionals. Shooting off fireworks in neighborhoods causes debris to rain down on guests or land in pools, and it may even be ingested by pets or wildlife. Even sparklers can be dangerous, as they burn at 2,000° F. In fact, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety

Commission says sparklers account for around 60% of injuries among children under 5 during summer festivities.

• **Create a patriotic playlist.** Use your favorite music streaming service to curate a music list that features America-specific songs, songs about summer and general party tunes. Be sure the music is in the background and does not overpower the conversation.

July 4 plans are heating up. When hosting a party or barbecue, keep it simple and safe.





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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 ex-

perience.

- **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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Events and update from Schoharie Crossing

Here is an update on some events coming up at Schoharie Crossing:

• Ride from the Southside: July 30 at 5 p.m., 1 Bridge St., Amsterdam.

Join Katy and take a Ride from the Southside. Go on an evening bike ride from the Mohawk Gateway Overlook Bridge to Schoharie Crossing along the Empire State Trail/Erie Canalway Trail and back to enjoy the free Saturday night concert at Riverlink Park featuring Georgie Wonders. It is an approximate 10-mile round trip – and a great way to add miles to your Canalway Challenge. Bring your bike along for this free group ride. Helmets are required.

• Not Just for Kids Storytelling: July 31 at 6 p.m. at the Visitor Center, 129 Schoharie St., Fort Hunter.

The 30th annual Not Just for Kids Storytelling series will feature wonderful tales shared by amazing performers on Sunday evenings in August. Come enjoy these stirring stories that illustrate how we are all connected as human beings.

Eileen Egan Mack grew up in Ballston Lake. She raised

her family in the North Country and was an educator. She had worked as a stringer for the local paper, was a TV weather reporter and is voiceover talent for Mountain Lake PBS in Plattsburgh. She left her public school career to return to the Capital District to be close to her children and grandchildren. Whatever her role, as mother, teacher, grandmother or writer, storytelling has been the cornerstone.

Claire Nolan is an accomplished storyteller who has performed throughout the Northeast. Through the Great Minds Series of the Schenectady Theater for Children, Nolan also tells the stories of women whose lives have made an impact on the way we live today. She is a member of the Story Circle of the Capital District.

These events take place rain or shine. Bring a lawn chair or blanket (and in case of rain, the event moves inside with more limited seating).

• Not Just for Kids Storytelling: Aug. 7 at 6 p.m. at the Visitor Center, 129 Schoharie St., Fort Hunter.

Låle Davidson teaches fiction writing at SUNY Adirondack where she was recently promoted to Distinguished Professor. Her stories have appeared in the North American Review, Eclectica and Gone Lawn, among others. She was a finalist for the Franz Kafka Award issued by Doctor T.J. Eckleburgh Review as well as the Black Lawrence Chapbook Contest of 2015 and the Talking Writing Award for humorous writing advice. Her story "The Opal Maker" was named in the top 50 of 2015 very short fiction publications by Wigleaf. Her magical realist novel, "The CIPHERY," was a finalist for the Heekin Group Foundation James Fellowship. She is a lifestyle blogger for the Times Union. Her story, "The Intensest Rendezvous," goes live

with Fickle Muse on Nov. 29. For links to her stories and essays, visit Laledavidson.com.

• Not Just for Kids Storytelling: Aug. 14 at 6 p.m. at the Visitor Center, 129 Schoharie St., Fort Hunter.

Tim Van Egmond is a multi-talented storyteller, singer and musician. He transports audiences to the wellspring of wisdom, humor and inspiration found in multicultural tales and folk music. His engaging warmth and dynamic performance will tickle your ribs. It will make your spine tingle. It will warm your heart in an uplifting experience of enjoyment and enchantment.

• Not Just for Kids Storytelling: Aug. 21 at 6 p.m. at the Visitor Center, 129 Schoharie St., Fort Hunter.

Perry Ground is a Turtle Clan member of the Onondaga Nation and has been telling stories for more than 25 years as a way of educating people about the culture, beliefs and history of the Haudenosaunee (sometimes known as Iroquois) Confederacy. Perry shares his stories in a very energetic, fun and engaging style and makes the audience part of the story experience. Also an accomplished educator, he has worked with students from pre-K through college. The classroom programs that Perry offers are taught in the same engaging style and enhance each student's study of Native Peoples. Ground is available to visit schools, museums, libraries, festivals and more to share stories and programs that will educate and entertain audiences of all ages.

• Not Just for Kids Storytelling: Aug. 28 at 6 p.m. at the Visitor Center, 129 Schoharie St., Fort Hunter.

Barry Marshall and Jeri Burns, Ph.D., have been working together as the Storycrafters since 1991. They are the 2018 recipients of the National Storytelling Network's "Circle of Excellence" Award. The Storycrafters have produced 12 award-winning CD recordings. Their 2018 book, "Storytwisting," published by Parkhurst Brothers Publishers, was the winner of the 2019 Storytelling World Award. They perform and teach their art form in schools, libraries and other venues all over the U.S., in the Caribbean and the British Isles. They have been featured performers at storytelling and folk festivals nationally and internationally.

Marshall and Burns believe in the time-tested wisdom of traditional stories and share that wisdom with today's audiences. They strive to honor world cultures by telling the old stories in respectful ways, often integrating the musical instruments, songs or dances indigenous to that region. Then, of course, look out for their original modern renditions of the oldest stories – some of their most requested material.

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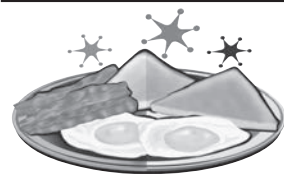
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Six tips for planning a sweet graduation celebration

(Family Features) – When years of hitting the books lead to a hard-earned diploma, there's just one thing left to do: celebrate the graduate with something sweet. A graduation is a major life milestone that deserves plenty of recognition, and a graduation party is a perfect way to celebrate the occasion with family and friends.

Whether the party celebrates a recent grad or accepted student, you can make the moment all the more memorable with these planning tips and personalized party favors and customized gifts from M&M's.

- **Make a guest list.** Deciding who you'd like to invite is a good starting place because it may influence several other choices you need to make down the road, like where you host the party and what you serve to eat and drink.

- **Choose the place and time.** Another decision you'll need to make right away is where and when the party will be held. Having a rough idea of how many people will attend can help determine where to host the party, since you'll want to have enough room for everyone to be comfortable. If you're timing the celebration to coincide with a graduation ceremony, be sure to schedule your party so any guests who also plan to attend the ceremony can do both. Many families choose to hold open house-style parties for an extended period of time so people who have multiple graduation parties to attend can fit them all in.

- **Plan your menu.** The style, timing and duration of your party all influence what kind of food you serve. If your party overlaps a traditional mealtime, you may want to serve a full meal. However, if you're hosting an open house format, keeping food fresh for an extended period can be a challenge. If you take care to keep chilled foods cold and

heated foods warm, a buffet can allow guests to serve themselves as they wish. You may also find appetizers are easier to heat and replenish throughout the party. Don't forget about dessert: A celebratory cake or tray of cupcakes are traditional ideas you can complement with other selections, such as candy bars to add colorful fun and variety to the party.

- **Accommodate gifts.** While common etiquette suggests a host should never expect them, most people do bring gifts to celebrate the graduate. You can set up an attractive gift table with a gift of your own to discretely show guests where to place gifts when they arrive, such as an M&M's Occasion Bottle, which can be personalized to toast your grad with up to three colors, text, clip art and photos. The bottle stands nearly a foot tall, so it makes for an eye-catching centerpiece at the gift table.

- **Select entertainment.** Often, there's enough hustle and bustle at graduation parties that you don't

need to go overboard planning activities or entertainment. You might have some music playing at a moderate level so guests can still have casual conversations without yelling, and you may want to display a slideshow celebrating the graduate's accomplishments along the way to this big day. Other fun ideas include photobooths with props, a signature frame for guests to sign and notecards for guests to offer their congratulations, advice or predictions for the graduate's future.

- **Organize party favors.** One way to thank guests for honoring your graduate and inspire more moments of fun is by offering a favor that doubles as a memento of the event. For example, M&M's Class of 2022 Graduation Favor Tins make for a perfect way to send guests home with a sweet reminder of the celebration. Each stylish tin can be customized with a lid design and message for guests and be filled with a delicious serving of personalized candies that match the party's theme.

Early warning signs of Alzheimer's disease

Alzheimer's disease is an insidious illness that slowly robs individuals of their memories, personalities and relationships. The Mayo Clinic says Alzheimer's is a progressive neurological disorder that causes brain atrophy and cell death, which contributes to continuous decline in thinking, behavioral and social skills. This eventually affects a person's ability to live independently.

The most common form of dementia is Alzheimer's disease, which is believed to affect approximately 5.8 million Americans age 65 and older. While there currently is no cure for Alzheimer's disease and other dementias, there are strategies that can help mitigate symptoms. An ability to recognize dementia symptoms early can help millions take proactive steps to improve quality of life.

Below are some early warning signs of Alzheimer's disease, courtesy of notable health organizations, including MJHS® Health System, the Alzheimer's Association, Alzheimer's New Zealand and the Mayo Clinic.

- **Recent memory loss that affects daily life.** While it is normal to forget where you left keys, names or even telephone numbers from time to time, a person with dementia may have difficulty remembering recent events or where they live.

- **Personality changes.** Individuals may begin to show subtle differences in their personalities, including mood swings. For example, a person who is easygoing may become reluctant to interact with others.

- **Difficulty with familiar routes.** A person with dementia may have regular difficulty driving familiar routes or finding the way home.

- **Trouble finding the right words.** Finding words to converse freely can be difficult for people with Alzheimer's. Such individuals may experience particular difficulty finding the right words to express their thoughts or identify objects.

- **Disorientation with time.** Someone with Alzheimer's disease may be confused about the time of day and what is appropriate for that time.

- **Decreased or poor judgement.** Individuals with dementia may make consistently poor decisions and may start paying less attention to their physical appearance.

- **Difficulty following a plan.** A person with Alzheimer's disease may have challenges solving problems, such as working with numbers, following a recipe or keeping track of finances.

Early signs of dementia may be confused as normal age-related changes. However, when such signs present themselves, it is critical to speak with medical professionals to get a clear diagnosis.



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Popular insect repellent plants

Homeowners choose plants for their properties based on a number of variables. Some may be into growing their own foods, while others desire their gardens to be an awe-inspiring mélange of bright colors and alluring scents. There's no wrong reason to plant a fresh garden, but some plants offer extra benefits, such as repelling insects.

Insects can be a nuisance and a threat to individuals' overall health. According to the American Academy of Family Physicians, insect-borne diseases are viral and bacterial illnesses that develop from insect bites. Mosquitoes, sand flies and fleas are some examples of insects that can pass on disease. Fever, chills, headache and muscle soreness are just a few of the more common symptoms linked to insect-borne diseases.

The good news for avid gardeners is that certain plants can help repel insects and provide the additional benefits like fresh food and aesthetic appeal that so many people love.

• **Basil:** The aroma of fresh basil is enough to compel any gardener to make a place for it in their garden. But there's

more to fresh basil than its scent, as the Farmers Almanac notes it can be used to repel mosquitoes and moths.

• **Lavender:** Fleas, flies, mosquitoes and moths are not fans of this aromatic and colorful member of the mint family. Bees tend to be drawn to lavender, a durable plant that many garden centers recommend in areas prone to drought or hot summers without much precipitation.

• **Mint:** Mint is another plant that is instantly recognizable for its aroma. But mint lovers may not realize that it's also



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great for keeping ants at bay. Mint also can be used to repel mosquitoes, but gardeners with no experience planting mint should plant it in pots. That's because the Farmers Almanac notes mint is an especially aggressive spreader that can quickly take over a garden. Separating mint in pots can prevent it from bullying its way into other plants' domains.

• **Lemongrass:** Lemongrass is a tropical grass that's so fragrant it's often used in perfumes. Lemongrass contains citronella, which many people associate with repelling mosquitoes. A potted lemongrass plant can repel these unwanted guests, keeping them away from decks, porches and/or patios all summer long.

• **Chrysanthemums:** The Farmers' Almanac recommends using chrysanthemums, which repel a range of insects from bedbugs to fleas to ants, as border plants around a home. That's because they contain the natural insecticide pyrethrin, which can serve as something of an insect-repelling boundary around a home.

Insects are unwanted guests around a home each spring, summer and autumn. Certain plants can help repel insects and serve as an eco-friendly alternative to insecticides.

Did you know?

Homeowners should give due consideration to whether or not plants are considered invasive species before introducing new plants on their properties. According to NOAA, 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.

*"To plant a garden
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by Linda Thistle

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♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Embassy VIP
- 4 Apple tablet
- 8 Mexican money
- 12 Scratch
- 13 "It can't be!"
- 14 Eve's man
- 15 Finished
- 17 Latvia's capital
- 18 Gusto
- 19 Neptune's realm
- 20 Pale
- 22 "Of — and Men"
- 24 Kite flier's need
- 25 Affectionate sign-off
- 29 Flamenco cheer
- 30 Bedouins
- 31 Arthur of "Maude"
- 32 Tennis shut-out
- 34 Taxpayer IDs
- 35 Polite query
- 36 Scarlett's Butler
- 37 Bottom
- 40 "Love — Leave Me"
- 41 Awestruck
- 42 Play-ending arcade message
- 46 Thunder god
- 47 Actor

DOWN

- 1 Latin 101 word
- 2 Dallas hoopster, briefly
- 3 Soviet leader after Khrushchev
- 4 Hawkeye
- 5 Dr. McGraw
- 6 Picnic crasher
- 7 Homer's cry
- 8 Postal delivery
- 9 Ms. Falco
- 10 Long story
- 11 Yemen neighbor
- 16 Clarinet insert
- 19 Phil of folk music
- 20 MP's quarry
- 21 Missile shelter
- 22 Dolphins' home
- 23 "Let —" (Beatles hit)
- 25 Fay of "King Kong"
- 26 Saw
- 27 Air outlet
- 28 Right on the map
- 30 Petri dish gel
- 33 New citizen, perhaps
- 34 "Scram!"
- 36 Film spools
- 37 D.C. baseball team
- 38 Turkish title
- 39 Unhappy destiny
- 40 Roman 2,002
- 42 Solidify
- 43 Soul, to Sartre
- 44 College URL ender
- 45 Scepter

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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: MEDITERRANEAN —

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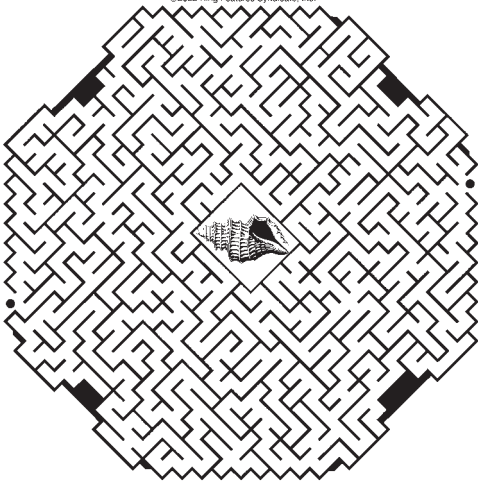
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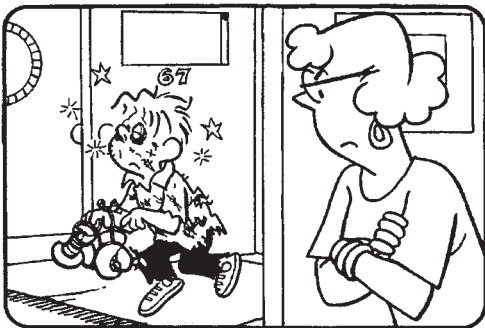
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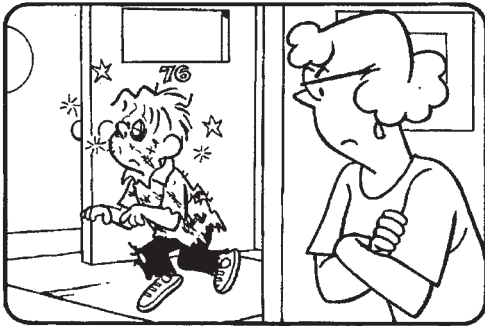


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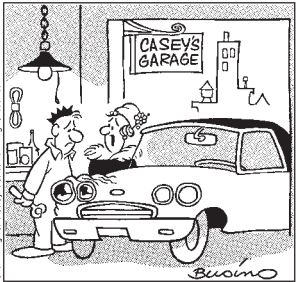


Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Frame is missing. 2. Gloves are missing. 3. Fridge is missing. 4. Number is changed. 5. Earrings are different. 6. Bracelets are missing.

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"The _____ has been acting
up again!"

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!

- World
- ELARM
- Thread
- BRIEF
- Artificial
- TENURED
- Payment
- MITER

TODAY'S WORD

Home Country

by Slim Randles

From the cow to the plow, Dewey,” Windy said, leaning on a shovel. Windy Wilson was on another of his “helper days” and today it was Dewey Decker’s turn to be helped.

“What do you mean, Windy?”

“You know... a slogan for the business. From the cow to the plow. Fertilizer.

Farming.”

He was helping Dewey spread some product around at Mrs. Simmons yard, helping her anticipate a greener lawn this summer. Besides enriching the English language at every possible moment, Alphonse “Windy” Wilson devotes one day each week to helping someone, for free, here in the valley.

He usually calls it his “enrichelating experience.”

Windy went back to Dewey’s pickup for the steel rake. “What you’re doing here,” Windy tossed back over his shoulder, “is plowing backly into our community the veriat-able seedlets of hope and change for the future. Yes, if I can coagulate some ideas for assisticating your business, I’m delightful. We need ya, boy!”

“Thanks, Windy. Everyone’s been so nice. You know Emily’s coming up

with new ways of using cow manure so we can... well, spread out a bit more.”

“Absotively. I heard that sweet little chickadee of yours was masticating some ideas that are ultra noo voe and knife bladely sharp. She’s a honey.”

“She sure is. She thinks we might get a steel tank and pour manure in it, then fill it with water. She says they call it ‘fertilizer tea’ or something and it’s good to spray on crops.”

“No foolin’? Won’t you

have to buy one a them sprayer thingies to drag behind a tractor?”

Dewey stopped shoveling and thought. “Now that you mention it, we’d have to have some way to get it on the field. But you know about me and machinery...”

Dewey’s being monumentally self-destructive around anything valuable, movable or sharp was certainly no secret.

“Why son,” Windy said, “you just worry about getting that tractor ignitified,

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and I’ll drive ‘er for you.”

“You’d do that?”

Windy put his hand on his heart. “Dewey, my word is my blonde.”

Pick up “Home Country: Drama, Dreams and Laughter from the American Heartland” at lpdpress.com.

2022: The year of foxy Phloxy

Phlox is a wide-ranging North American native perennial and a common fixture in woodland, prairie and meadow landscapes.

Phlox are an easy-to-find wildflower stretching from Florida and Quebec to Alaska. One of the classic American perennials, this was one of the earliest North American natives to enter cultivation. With vibrant flower colors and blooms lasting many weeks, it is easy to understand what caught the eye of so many gardeners through the years.

Although there is great variation within the genus, a tubular flower with five petals is common in all types. Flower color varies between white, pink, magenta, purple and blue across the genus, with some species

showing notable orange or red coloration. All species are popular with pollinators.

Basic Types & Variety Names

Phlox is a genus with a multitude of species, heights, bloom times and garden applications. Many of these species are unrecognizable to the average gardener but becoming more common in newer varieties now available. Through all of the diversity, perennial Phlox can be loosely grouped into two types: spring bloomers and summer bloomers.

Spring Bloomers (creeping/groundcover types) - Phlox subulata (Creeping Phlox, Moss Pinks) and other early-spring blooming species are low-growing, ground-hugging plants. Typically native to rocky, well-drained environments, when put in



a garden without restriction they become carpets of color. Most of these types tend to spread and work well as groundcovers.

Summer Bloomers (tall garden phlox and related types) - When referring to phlox, most first think of Tall Garden Phlox (Phlox paniculata). This clump-forming perennial blooms in

midsummer and is among the tallest of this species. Also characteristic of Tall Garden Phlox are the perfectly formed large, rounded flower panicles that top each stem.

In addition to Tall Garden Phlox, summer-blooming species (including Phlox glaberimma and Phlox pilosa to name a few) are becoming more common, particularly in newer varieties. These newer garden varieties tend to bloom a bit earlier, have a more mounded shape and have a stoloniferous habit. Also characteristic of summer bloomers is a propensity to rebloom after the first flush of flowers, particularly when trimmed back.

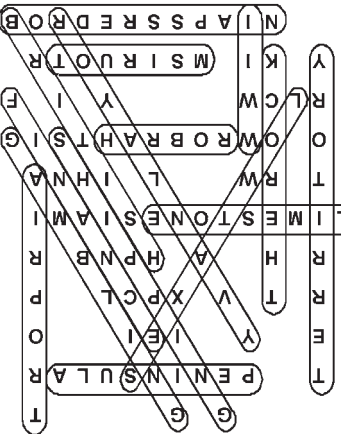
The National Garden Bureau has declared 2022 the Year of the Phlox. Learn more about it at <https://ngb.org/year-of-the-phlox/>.

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Answer

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AUTOMOTIVE

Simple strategies to be a more efficient driver

Drivers likely need no reminder that the cost of fuel is high. Learning how to be a more efficient driver is a great way to improve gas mileage and take some of the sting out of filling up.

• **Take it easy behind the wheel.** The Office of Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy reports that aggressive driving can lower gas mileage by as much as 30% when driving at highway speeds and 40% when driving in stop-and-go traffic. Avoid speeding and rapid acceleration and braking.

• **Utilize in-vehicle energy feedback.** A recent study from researchers at the Institute of Transportation Studies found that drivers who used driver feedback devices in their vehicles in an effort to save fuel improved their gas mileage by about 10%. Many modern vehicles are equipped with such devices, and drivers can learn to use them and reap the rewards with less frequent trips to the filling station.

• **Keep cargo off the roof.** Rooftop cargo boxes can be convenient when traveling on vaca-

tions. However, researchers at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory report that such boxes can reduce fuel economy by a significant percentage depending on where drivers are driving. City drivers with rooftop cargo boxes may experience a 2% to % decline in fuel economy, while vacationers traveling at interstate speeds may notice a decline as high as 25%. Cargo boxes are convenient, but they're not very aerodynamic, so it's best to remove them after returning home from vacation.

• **Avoid idling.** Idling was once advised to warm up vehicles so they did not stall once they leave the driveway and hit the open road. However, that stalling occurred when cold carburetors could not get the appropriate mix of air and fuel in the engine. But carburetors have long since been replaced by electronic fuel injection systems, negating the need to warm up a vehicle to avoid stalling. The EPA and the U.S. Department of Energy note that modern engines will warm up by being driven and urge drivers to avoid warming up their cars for more than 30 seconds.

High fuel costs make it advantageous for drivers to embrace efficient driving, which can save a substantial amount of money at the gas pump.



Tips to host an entertaining game night for adults

Fun and games aren't just for kids. Many adults find pleasure in playing various games – whether it's board games, team sports or video games. Games present ways to escape the daily grind, relieve stress and have a little fun along the way.

Some people like to host game nights on a whim. Others treat it seriously and host these events with some regularity.

your enthusiasm for game play. A mix of introverted and extroverted people will provide balance.

• **Serve the right refreshments.** Select finger foods that can be enjoyed while play is in action. Avoid overly messy items, or those that are greasy or drip a lot. Appetizers on toothpicks can be popped in the mouth one-handed. As for beverage-

es, offer nonalcoholic options even if you will have bar staples. Sometimes alcoholic drinks can loosen up crowds and serve as ice breakers, but it is up to you as the host regarding what to serve.

• **Enlist a moderator.** Plan for someone – whether it's you or someone else – to moderate the games. Moderators can ensure the pace of the game keeps moving

and even keep score. Learn to read hints that suggest guests are getting bored and bring out a secondary game to switch things up.

• **Create a comfortable environment.** Guests' comfort is essential. Have plenty of seating available if the game will take place around a table. Move furniture aside for charades-style games and bring in cushions to increase seating.

• **Go out.** Game night needn't take place at home. Many bars, restaurants and other businesses routinely host game nights. Take your group on the road to a local

establishment that hosts game nights to switch things up.

Game nights are enjoyable ways for adults to alleviate stress and socialize with other adults.



Hosts and hostesses can follow these tips to enjoy a successful game night for adults.

• **Select the game in advance.** Figure out a system for selecting games for each game night. Perhaps there's a rotating schedule based on participants or the primary organizer selects from a list of games. Knowing what will be played in advance ensures the game night begin promptly when guests get settled.

• **Invite a wide array of people.** Team games are fine ideas when hosting a crowd, and play can be intense. Try to choose people who share

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Open 9:30a-3p - Canal Street Studio-Free Watercolor Painting Project.

Open 9a-1p - Fort Plain Florist

10a-2 - Sportsman Den-Free Scavenger Hunt Winners Announced @ Erie Station @4:30p

10a-4p - Esther's Budget Shop-Old Fashion \$1 Sidewalk Sale

10a-4 - Highwheeler Coffee-Face painting~12-3 Live Jazz by Joe Handy & Rich Mollin

11a-2p - Erie Station-Car Show Awards @ 2:30p

11a-3p - Center Street Station Specials-Tanning \$22 a month~Gym \$20 a month~Hempz \$12~\$2 Single Tans Limit 5~Ear Piercing \$15~Lotion Grab Bags \$12 (variety of different lotion packets)~Sign up for Tanning & receive a Free grab bag

11a-5p - Library-Sidewalk Chalk~Book Sale~Fishing Derby~Photo Stations

11a-10p - Mediterreanean Kitchen~Serving Gyros~Handmade items for sale

12:30p - OPENING CEREMONY & SPECIAL HONORS @ Bandstand

12n-3 - The Lotus Center-Grounding Mats with Demo @ 12n/1p/2p~Grounding Mats

Raffle winner announced by Band The Valley Rockers @ 5:45p

12n-12a - Gamer's Revolt-Slot Car Racing(Ages:8+)~Giant Jenga (All ages)

1p-3p - Bug Country Broadcast

1:30p - Veteran Service -21 Gun Salute

2p-4p - NYS Arts Bank-Petting Zoo

12p-7p - Upstate Artisans-Kids Craft Flag Wand~Sales~Stove Cover Raffle(Noodleboard) winner announced on Sunday @ 6p @ Bandstand

12p-7p - The Table At Fort Plain-Hot Dog Cart

4p-7p - Vegas Crush

7:30p-10:30p - The Valley Rockers

4:30p-6:30p - Reform Church Dance-2 to 5 years of age

7p-9p - Reform Church Dance-6-12 years of age

8p - NYS Arts Bank-Comedy Show

Sunday: Vendors&Raffle Booth/Food Trucks/Dunking Booth/Bounce Houses/First Responders Demonstrations

9a-11 - Erie Station Poker Run-Awards @ 3p

9a-12 - Sportsman Den-Fishing Derby weigh in by 12n awards in shop @ 12:30p

10a-4p - Esther's Budget Shop- \$100 Gift Certificate Egg Hunt For Adults Only

11p-5p - Library-Book sale~Photo Station

11a-8p - Mediterreanean Kitchen~Serving Gyros~Handmade items for sale

12n-7p - Upstate Artisans- Kids Craft Flag Wands~Sales~Raffle (Stove Cover/Noodleboard) winner announced @ 2p

12n-10pm - Gamers Revolt- "Paint-Off" (Ages 8+) :Paint your own Model & Take home)~Giant Jenga (all ages)

1p-5p-Tire Flip - Winners announced @ Bandstand@ 5:30p

1p-6p - DJ-Stanley Stylz

3p-4p - Bake Auction

5p-6p - Gun & Basket Raffle-winner announced @ Head Quarters Booth on Canal St.

7p-9:30p - DJ D-Dub @ Wiles Park

9:45p - Fireworks @ Wiles Park

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