

## **BUSINESS FOCUS**

## **Rose Petals Florist**

A good artist knows how to handle the basics of art: color, shape, space, balance and harmony. A truly talented artist can almost effortlessly obtain these goals. That's what Sandy Sklarz can do, as the entire time Country Editor was speaking with her she was creating bouquets, paying very close attention to every single stem she placed.

"I am a florist - the only florist who does it right!" Sklarz, the



Sandy Sklarz of Rose Petals Florist provides beautiful Arrangements for myriad occasions from her Little Falls location.

owner of Rose Petals Florist, said. She has been working with flowers for 35 years. She first began in flower design in 1987, and she opened her own shop in 1995. The education she received from other florists was integral to her success and her focus on perfection.

Floristry was Sklarz's first job when she was in her late teens and early twenties. She lived in Little Falls in the 1980s and found there weren't a lot of options for employment. After nine years, once she became comfortable with her skill and wanted to go into business, she noticed that the surrounding area was in dire need of someone to create flower bouquets - and that

Rose Petals Florist is located at 343 South 2nd St. in Little Falls.

customers needed to be treated fairly (and charged fairly) for them. She was a florist who was taught by other florists to do things right.

Sklarz started her business with just \$100 and no back up. She's never had to take out a loan. The business is built entirely off of her hard work - and the support of happy customers.

Rose Petals Florist sells full glass vases, creating the vases with flowers all the way around so they look perfectly from any angle. The flowers are long lasting (often for more than three weeks!), the designs are sturdy and will never fall over and the vases are full.

> Her most preferred options are her funeral flower designs. Sklarz caters to both locals and call-ins, offering everyday flowers, birthday flowers, holiday flowers, wedding flowers and funeral flowers. Deliveries are available throughout the week. She never reuses flowers in her designs and sources the blooms from all over the world.

> "I've gotten to work with all nationalities and I've traveled all over the East Coast arranging flowers for customers, Sklarz said. "You're successful if people love your flowers - and people love my flowers!

> She is proud of her business and the fact that she gets to travel. She also loves the freedom of her chosen profession. "It can be hard work at times but you just get through it by working honestly and diligently," she added.

> Her ultimate goal is to keep creating quality bouquets to please her customers. "I am not like other florists," she proudly stated.

> Rose Petals Florist can be reached by phone 24/7 for flower emergencies, and is open extended hours around holidays. The florist is available from 5:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m., seven days a week, and her shop is at 343 South 2nd St. in Little Falls. Call 315.823.7073 or visit rosepetalsflorist.net for more information.













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## Assemblyman Smullen honors Johnstown High School Stop DWI scholarship recipient



Assemblyman Robert Smullen presents Johnstown High School Senior Kalena Eaton with a Certificate of Merit for receiving two college scholarships with intent to combat drunk and drugged driving.

Assemblyman Robert Smullen (R, C, I, SAM-Meco) congratulated Johnstown

High School Senior Kalena Eaton at the June 20 Fulton County STOP DWI event for



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receiving the Ron Hill Memorial Scholarship and Antone Ralbovsky Scholarship. The scholarships are awarded to an exceptional student who plans to pursue a career that would enhance traffic safety and the rehabilitation of DWI offenders.

"Congratulations to Kalena Eaton for receiving these awards for her exceptional academic and extracurricular resume," Smullen said. "I am confident that she will make a successful forensic psychologist and help us combat the tragedy of impaired driving and its negative impact on so many lives. Thank you to the Fulton County Traffic Safety Board for, once again, host ing this important event, and our three honored officers for their around the clock work to prevent DWI."

The Ron Hill Memorial Scholarship is named after a former longtime town justice from the Town of Ephratah in Fulton County and The Antone Ralbovsky Memorial Scholarship is named after a 27-year veteran of the Gloversville Police Department and former chairman and longtime member of the Traffic Safety Board.

At the event, the Fulton County Traffic Safety Board also recognized three officers for their efforts to combat driving while intoxicated: Officer Jeremy Gandara of the Gloversville Police Department, NYS Trooper Matthew Bowers and Deputy Aaron Sherwood from the Fulton County Sheriff's Office.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR – ECO-FAIR 2022 CANCELLATION

## Hello friends,

We wanted to connect with you to let you know that after much deliberation, we have decided to cancel Eco Fair for 2022. We were not able to bring together our original plans of a large vendor fair, entertainment and specialty foods. It is our hope to use the progress made for participation this year to build Eco Fair 2023 a bit later in the summer.

Despite this, we would still very much like to invite you to join us on July 9 at Neawha Park, Oneonta, for a Susquehanna Headwaters Environmental Collaborative (SHEC) meet and greet. The event will run from noon - 2 p.m. and will include light refreshments and time for each organization to speak about their work and projects they would like to see the Collaborative work on together.

This is free to everyone and we encourage organizations to bring materials to share with participants.

It is the goal of the Collaborative to bring together environmentally-minded organizations, businesses and individuals in order to expand our collective impact through cooperative projects, shared resources and goal setting and improved inter-or-

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If you have any questions or would like to put your organization on the list, contact Anna Rutenbeck at coordinator@ occainfo.org or call at 607.547.4488. Thank you,

The Eco-Fair Organizing Committee



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## Authority offers tips on how to recycle right this Independence Day

With the arrival of summer, many of us are heading outside to enjoy the warm weather, barbecue and celebrate the Fourth of July. The Oneida-Herkimer Solid Waste Authority wants to remind residents that while fireworks make for festive celebrations, they can be dangerous to sanitation workers, trucks and solid waste facilities when improperly disposed of. Additionally, improper recycling or disposal of other commonly used summertime items can be detrimental to solid waste facility operations.

If you have spent, unused, misfired or "dud" fireworks, following these safe disposal steps will help ensure the protection of you, your family, waste haulers and waste disposal facilities.

1. Completely submerge fireworks in a large bucket of water and soak until thoroughly saturated. This may take 15 minutes for small fireworks or as long as overnight for larger ones.

2. Wrap the completely soaked fireworks in plastic wrap or two plastic bags so they do not dry out.

3. Place the double-bagged fireworks in your household garbage. Fireworks are not recyclable and should never be placed in your recycling container.

#### Proper Disposal of Other Hazardous Items

• Propane Tanks: Even when empty, pressurized containers have the potential to explode and cause fires at solid waste facilities. Whether you're using a one-pound or 100-pound propane tank, never place the tank in your recycling container or garbage can. Propane tanks can be delivered to the Authority's Utica & Rome EcoDrops for proper recycling/disposal at no charge (visit ohswa.org for hours and locations).

• Rechargeable Batteries: Under the NYS Rechargeable Battery Law, rechargeable batteries such as car batteries, cordless drill batteries and rechargeable alkaline batteries cannot be disposed of as garbage nor placed in your recycling bin. Visit ohswa.org for a list of locations where you can drop-off your rechargeable batteries at no cost. Regular household alkaline batteries should be placed in the garbage for proper disposal.

"Some items that don't seem dangerous can spell disaster at recycling centers and transfer stations. Propane tanks, rechargeable batteries and fireworks (even if they are spent or 'dud' fireworks) can all cause explosions and fires at our facilities," said Samantha Brown, Authority recycling coordinator. "To ensure you are properly disposing of all your household items, please check out AmIRecyclable.com. Our waste disposal guidelines are available online 24/7 and help to keep everyone safe." Additional Summer Waste

#### **Reduction Tips**

• Solo Cups: Did you know that plastic cups can be recycled? All plastic bottles, cups and containers (excluding Styrofoam, prescription medicine bottles and motor oil bottles) can be placed in your recycling bin, regardless of the triangle symbol and number code.

• Avoid disposable plates/utensils: All paper and plastic plates, disposable plastic utensils and paper napkins are garbage items – they are not recyclable. Do not place single-use utensils, plates or napkins in your recycling bin. If you cannot use reusable items, place plates/utensils and napkins in the garbage for proper disposal. Look for biodegradable and recycled-content paper goods when possible and avoid Styrofoam if you can (no Styrofoam is accepted for recycling at Authority facilities).

• Grill with the lid down: It's more energy efficient, helps distribute heat thoroughly and ensures even cooking.

• Fill up pitchers of water, lemonade and iced tea instead of buying large quantities of personal-sized beverage containers. This not only reduces waste but saves money too.

• Buy in bulk: Purchase large bags of chips and large bottles of ketchup and other condi-

## **Concerts In the Park scheduled**

"Concerts In The Park" series, a long-time tradition, will continue in Richfield Springs this summer. The concerts will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesdays in Spring Park on U.S. Route 20.

The concerts are free and are sponsored by the Richfield Springs Area Chamber of Commerce and partners with the Village of Richfield Springs, Otsego County Community Events Program and the Community Foundation South Central New York. Those who attend should bring a lawn chair or blanket and perhaps your dancing shoes to enjoy the evening and the music.

The schedule is as follows: July 6: Dirt Road Express: A showcase of classics, country, classics plus 50's and 60's

July 13: Helen's Dixielanders: Featuring a variety of music from polka, show tunes and opera to Dixieland.

July 20: The Oldies Show Band: Bringing back wonderful memories from the 50's, 60's & 70's.

July 27: The Nelson

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Aug. 3: New Horizons Barbershop Chorus & Individual Quartets: Singing a capella in the barbershop style.

Aug. 10: Double Chase-Matt & Thelma: Performing some old, some new and some classics.

Aug. 17: Cincinnati Creek: Featuring Blue Grass Aug. 24: Rylee Lum Band: Keepin' It Country

Aug. 31: Salt City Brass: Featuring a variety of music.

less packaging waste. "Any action we take to reduce waste and recycle properly directly impacts our local economy and environment, conserving land-

fill space, natural resources and energy," said Brown. "Making even a few small changes at summer gatherings – like buying in bulk or setting out reusable items for party guests – add up to make a big difference."

ments rather than individually packaged items.

This will cost less money and will result in a lot

Are you hosting a community event? The Authority appreciates recycling efforts in our region and is pleased to provide assistance by offering recycling containers for use at special community events. If you are interested in obtaining recycling containers for your event, visit ohswa.org to complete the request form.

For more information on recycling and waste disposal, contact Samantha Brown at 315.733.1224 ext. 2800 or visit ohswa.org.

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THE HOLY SPIRIT POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH 618 E. Gansvoort St., Little Falls, NY 315-823-0793 Father Rafal Dadello Mass at 11 AM on Sunday www.holyspiritpncc.org

MARSHVILLE MARSHVILLE EVANGELICAL CHURCH Route 10 South Pastor Mark Fowler Worship Sunday 9 AM

MIDDLEVILLE MIDDLEVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 24 Fairfield St. Pastor Mark Hediger, 315-429-9085 pastormarkh@aol.com Sunday Worship 8:30 AM Thursday Bible Study 2 PM

MOHAWK DENNISON CORNERS COMMUNITY CHURCH Pastor Donald King 219 Robinson Rd. • Phone 866-5215 Sunday: Sunday School 9:45 AM Morning Worship 11 AM Evening Worship 6 PM Wednesday Prayer 7 PM

MOHAWK REFORMED CHURCH Rev. Brian Engel, Pastor 20 S. Otsego St. Phone 866-4292 Email mohawkpastor@verizon.net Follow us on Facebook Morning Worship: 10:30 AM Sept.-June • 9:30 AM July-Aug Youth Sunday School (Pre-K - Sr. High) 9 AM Adult Sunday School (Men, Women & Couples) 9:30 AM September - June

#### EMMANUEL BIBLE CHURCH Pastor Gary Wilcox

54 W. Main St. • Phone 717-3011 Worship and Word: Sunday 10:30 AM Fellowship Lunch: 12:30 PM Discipleship Hour: Sunday 1:30 PM Bible Study & Prayer: Wednesday 6 PM

## CHURCH OF THE BLESSED

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THE WORD CHRISTIAN CENTER Pastor Dan Annutto 27 E. Main St. • Phone (315) 985-3596 Sunday Services at 10 AM Intercession - Tuesdays at 6 PM

NELLISTON VALLEY ALLIANCE CHURCH 85 E. Main St., Nelliston 518-993-3458 Pastor Ken Gies Sunday School (all ages) 9:15 AM, Sunday Worship 10:30 AM, Wed. Praise & Prayer 7 PM, Fri. Youth Group 7 PM (7-12th grade)

> NEWPORT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NEWPORT 7497 Main Street Pastor's Phone 315-790-1877 Sunday Worship at 9:45 AM

UNITED METHODIST Pastor Robbin Harris • Phone 845-8730 Morning Service 11:15 AM

KUYAHOORA COMMUNITY CHURCH Pastor Dwayne Durand West Canada Valley High School Auditorium 5447 St. Rt. 28 Mailing Address PO Box 50 Middleville, NY 13406 Phone 315-292-1303 www.kuyahorracc.org Weekly Service Sunday 10:08 AM

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH St. John the Baptist Parish 7516 N. Main St. • Phone 845-8017 Saturday Vigil 4 PM Sunday Mass 8:30 AM

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Route 29 Rev. Jack Ford 315-429-7381 Worship 9:30 Sundays, Totally Awesome God-TAG time 6:30 PM Wednesdays beginning in Oct., Sunday School 9 AM beginning September 18th

PAINES HOLLOW PAINES HOLLOW UNITED METHODIST Lay Servant Gregg Sponburgh Rtes. 167 & 168 • 315-866-1128 Worship 9-10AM PALATINE BRIDGE TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF STONE ARABIA 5430 St. Hwy. 10, Palatine Bridge, NY Pastor A. Elisabeth Aurand Sunday In Person Worship 9 AM; email for link office@stjm-canajoharie.org 518-673-2224

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Worship Leader Darlene Spaulding RICHFIELD SPRINGS CHURCH OF CHRIST UNITING PO Box 896, Richfield Springs, NY 13439 Rev. Casey Bradley • 315-858-1553 Service: Sunday 9:15 AM

Church School: Sunday 9:30 AM

RICHFIELD SPRINGS BIBLE CHURCH 19 Church St., Richfield Springs, NY 13439 Rev. David Tosi • 315-858-0564 Sunday School (all ages) 10 AM Worship Service 11 AM & 7 PM Wednesday - Prayer & Praise Call for info on various Youth Ministries www.richfieldspringsbiblechurch.org

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

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

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 SPRAKERS CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF CHARLESTON FOUR CORNERS 1380 E. Lykers Rd., Sprakers 518-922-9088 Paster Brett Popp

Sunday School (ages 3-adult) 9:45 AM Worship 11 AM Sunday Prayer Meeting 5:30 PM Thu. Evening of Encouragement & Community Kid's Bible Club 6:30 PM

THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF RURAL GROVE 170 Rural Grove Rd., Sprakers, NY 12166 518-922-7831 Pastor Joshua Fetterhoff pastorjosh@ruralgrovechurch.org Sunday School (all ages) 9:45 AM, Morning Service 11 AM, Eve. Service 6 PM, Wed.-Family Night 7 PM, "Where Bible Teaching is Fundamental"

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CURRYTOWN REFORMED CHURCH 829 St. Hwy. 162, Sprakers 518-922-8422 Rev. Donald Hoaglander Visiting Pastor Jane Hubschmitt 518-705-2201 Sunday School 9:15 AM Worship Service 10 AM

RIVER OF JUBILEE CHURCH 5057 St. Hwy. 5 S, Sprakers, NY 12166 Pastor: Gail Adamoschek Pastor: Steve Adamoschek 518-322-1427 / 518-224-4455 Sunday Service 10 AM Children's Church Available Other Learning Opportunities Available

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Springfield Center, NY Rev. Terence Brant 607-264-3035 Sunday School 10 AM Morning Worship 11 AM Wed. night Bible Study 7 PM

ST. JOHNSVILLE BETHESDA FELLOWSHIP 34 S. Division St., St. Johnsville, NY 13452 518-568-2678 Summer Schedule Sunday Worship 10 AM Wed. Worship and Prayer 6 PM ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH 32 W. Main St.

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#### JOY FELLOWSHIP

296 Co. Hwy. 119, St. Johnsville, NY 13452 518-568-3217 • William Hayes, Pastor Joyce Loughran, Assistant Pastor Sunday School 9 AM, Morning Worship 9:30 AM Wednesday Evening Worship 6:30 PM

ST. JOHNSVILLE METHODIST CHURCH 7 East Main St., St. Johnsville, NY 13452 Pastor Corey Jones 518-568-7983 • 315-866-8626 Worship Sunday 3 PM

EVERLASTING JOY BELIEVERS FELLOWSHIP 14 Park Place (in with Seekers Fellowship) St. Johnsville, NY 13452 315-858-2112 • Pastor Carolee Coye Sunday Service 10 AM

ST. JOHN'S REFORMED CHURCH 68 W. Main St., St. Johnsville 518-568-7396 Faithfully Following Jesus Christ Sunday Worship 10:30 AM

GRACE CHRISTIAN CHURCH Pastor Michael Torres 20 Center St., St. Johnsville, NY 13452 518-775-0366 Email gccpastor2021@gmail.com

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Stratford, NY 13470-0114 315-429-8854 • Pastor Martin Smith Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 AM; Wed. Eve. Prayer Meeting 6 PM; 2nd & 4th Sunday Dinner following Morning Service with Afternoon Service following dinner "Old-Fashioned Bible Preaching"

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#### JULY 25-29

Week 4 of Camping Season for Christian Lake Bible Conference. Our chapel service time is 7:30 Monday-Friday. Ephraim Stolzfus, East Earl, PA. For more information, 355 Perkins Mill Rd., Stratford, NY 13470 315-429-3515

#### **JULY 27**

Concerts In The Park series 7 p.m. Wednesdays in Spring Park U.S. Route 20, Richfield Springs. The Nelson Brothers: Featuring classic country.

#### 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 1-5

Week 5 of Camping Season for Christian Lake Bible Conference. Our chapel service time is 7:30 Monday-Friday. Pastor Rob Sisco, Valley Bible Baptist Church, Cobleskill, NY. For more information, 355 Perkins Mill Rd., Stratford, NY 13470, 315-429-3515.

#### AUGUST 3

Concerts In The Park series 7 p.m. Wednesdays in Spring Park U.S. Route 20, Richfield Springs. New Horizons Barbershop Chorus & Individual Quartets: Singing a capella in the barbershop style.

#### **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 vard sale vendors will be on site. For additional information or questions call Cindy Klatt at 315.429.9162.

#### **AUGUST 7**

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 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 8-12

Week 6 of Camping Season for Christian Lake Bible Conference. Our chapel service time is 7:30 Monday-Friday. Pastor Richard Klueg, Northville, NY. For more information, 355 Perkins Mill Rd., Stratford, NY 13470, 315-429-3515.

#### AUGUST 8-14

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

#### AUGUST 10

Concerts In The Park series 7 p.m. Wednesdays in Spring Park U.S. Route 20, Richfield Springs. Double Chase-Matt & Thelma: Performing some old some new and some classics.

#### 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**

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 15-19

Week 7 of Camping Season for Christian Lake Bible Conference. Our chapel service time is 7:30 Monday-Friday. Pastor Nate Peterson, Adirondack Baptist Church, Gloversville, NY. For more information, 355 Perkins Mill Rd., Stratford, NY 13470, 315-429-3515.

Community Calendar **July 2022 August** 2022 1 2 1 3 4 5 6 7 8 7 9 8 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 28 29 30 31 4 Holidays Holidays 4th - Independence Day

#### **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.

The Greater Oneonta Historical Societv to Give Tours of the Historic Red Caboose 2-4 p.m. The historic Red Caboose, on Francis Marx Drive in Neahwa Park, will be open during the Hometown Fourth of July. For more information, call the History Center at 607.432.0960.

#### JULY 4-9

Week 1 of Camping Season for Christian Lake Bible Conference. Our chapel service time is 7:30 Monday-Friday. Pastor Chris Wintermute, First Baptist Church of Little Falls, Little Falls, NY. For more information, 355 Perkins Mill Rd., Stratford, NY 13470, 315-429-3515

#### JULY 5

## Breakfast Group/Depression Boys

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

## **JULY 6**

Concerts In The Park series 7 p.m. Wednesdays in Spring Park U.S. Route 20, Richfield Springs. Dirt Road Express: A showcase of classics, country, classics plus 50's & 60's.

## JULY 7

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

## JULY 9

Susquehanna Headwaters Environmental Collaborative (SHEC) meet and greet at Neawha Park in Oneonta noon until 2 p.m. Light refreshments. Time for each organization to speak about their work and projects. If you have any questions or would like to put your organization on the list contact Anna Rutenbeck at coordinator@occainfo.org or 607.547.4488.

Book Sale 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Herkimer County Historical Society, 406 N. Main St., Herkimer. New, used and rare books - local and general history, genealogies, misc. Call 315.866.6413 for more information.

## 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

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tian Lake Bible Conference. Our chapel service time is 7:30 Monday-Friday. Marcus Eaton Sr., Adirondack Bible Chaple Ministry Center, Lake Pleasant, NY. For more information, 355 Perkins Mill Rd., Stratford, NY 13470, 315-429-3515.

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

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.

Concerts In The Park series 7 p.m. Wednesdays in Spring Park U.S. Route 20, Richfield Springs. Helen's Dixielanders: Featuring a variety of music from polka, show tunes & opera to Dixieland.

## JULY 15-17

Pistol Lilly Ranch Tack Shop will have a

## 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 16-17

11th Annual Northeast Postal History & Ephemera Show at Polish Community Center, 225 Washington Ave. Ext., Albany. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Saturday. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sunday. Contact Thomas Auletta at azusacollectibles@yahoo.com or 518.877.3027.

#### JULY 17

Irish Pipers of Early 20th Century North America 1:30 p.m. at Irish Cultural Center of the Mohawk Valley - Museum, 623 Columbia St., Utica. Register at tinyurl. com/4nwpvvax

JULY 18-22 Week 3 of Camping Season for Christian Lake Bible Conference. Our chapel service time is 7:30 Monday-Friday. Pastor Mark Reno, The Conversion Center, Hagerstown, MD, For more information, 355 Perkins Mill Rd., Stratford, NY 13470, 315-429-3515.

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#### 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 20

Concerts In The Park series 7 p.m. Wednesdays in Spring Park U.S. Route 20, Richfield Springs. The Oldies Show Band: Bringing back wonderful memories from the 50's, 60's & 70's.

#### 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.

#### JULY 22-23

Stone Arabia Quilt & Coverlet Show at the Stone Arabia Preservation Society (Stone Church), 5414 NY Rte. 10. Show hours Friday 4-9 p.m. Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$5 or \$7 for both days. Children under 5 are admitted free. For more information contact Carol Edwards at 518.993.4280 or kcedwards@frontiernet.net

#### **JULY 23**

Moses Quinby Day at Fort Klock, 7203 State Highway 5, St. Johnsville. Call 518.568.7779. 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.

Hotcakes for History 7:30-9:30 a.m. at the llion/Frankfort VFW Post 502, 4274 Acme Rd., Frankfort. Tickets \$18 for adults. Kids under 12 \$8. For more information, contact Herkimer County Historical Society at 315.866.6413 or visit www.herkimercountyhistory.org

Don Bernaski at 518.843.2709.

# Week 2 of Camping Season for Chris-

#### JULY 12

#### Stratford Seniors Activities - Regular Meeting Day at the Stratford Town Hall

## JULY 13

booth set up at Midland Barrel Racing, Fonda Fairgrounds, 21 Bridge St. South, Fonda.

## 2022 Stone Arabia Quilt & Coverlet Show planned



The 2022 Stone Arabia Quilt & Coverlet Show will take place July 22 and 23 at the Stone Church in Stone Arabia. This raffle quilt is circulating local communities, including the Fort Plain Library.

The 2022 Stone Arabia Quilt & Coverlet Show will take place July 22 and 23 at the Stone Arabia Preservation Society (Stone Church), 5414 NY Rte. 10. Show hours are Friday from 4 - 9 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Admission is \$5 or \$7 for both days. Children under 5 are admitted free. The show will feature:

• Wide selection of local quilts and coverlets – family heirlooms

• Keynote address on Friday at 6 p.m. by Barbara Todd, intern artist

Free form, Zen weaving workshop on Saturday
Beer tasting from Eisenadler Brauhaus on

Friday evening • Quilt (and more) raffle

• Free ice cream sundaes on Saturday in care of Stewart's

• Friday dinner barbecue and Saturday breakfast and lunch

• Lots of arts and craft vendors in the artisan section

If you are interested in a craft vendor booth or in showing a quilt contact Carol Edwards at 518.993.4280 or kcedwards@frontiernet.net.

## Rabies Clinic set July 7 in Little Falls

A Rabies Clinic will be held on Thursday July 7 5:30-7 p.m. at the Danube Town Garage, 438 Creek Road, Little Falls.

All cats, dogs and ferrets three months or older must be vaccinated even if they stay indoors.

Every dog and cat needs two rabies vaccinations one year apart, then one every three years.

Bring the pet's rabies vaccination history to receive a 3-year certificate. Ferrets must be vaccinated every year.

Dogs should be on a leash. Cats and ferrets should be in a carrier or pillowcase.

No vet exams will be given.

A \$5 donation per pet is suggested to defray costs.

Feel free to visit our website to view a complete listing of our rabies clinics. To schedule an appointment and pre-register your animals, call 315.867.1176.

Note: Pre-registration will end at noon the day before for this clinic.

## Why isn't July 2 the day to celebrate American independence?

The Declaration of Independence and July Fourth are indelibly linked. But you may need to be an American history buff to know that the link is less direct than it may seem. The Continental Congress declared American independence on July 2, even though the final wording of the Declaration of Independence had yet to be approved. That approval came two days later, which is why American independence is celebrated on July 4.

Furthermore, the Declaration of Independence now on display at the National Archives in Washington, D.C., was not signed on July 4. The signatures on that document, which have been a source of pride for descendants of the signers for centuries, were written on Aug. 2, a full month after the Congress declared its independence from Great Britain. And in a reflection of life in the 18th century, Great Britain did not even receive the declaration until November 1776.





## Herkimer County Office for the Aging

Meals on Wheels provides a well-balanced, hot, noon-time meal which is available Monday - Friday in most parts of Herkimer County. To be eligible, the person needs to be age 60 or older and be disabled due to a chronic or temporary condition. A temporary condition could be due to a recent hospitalization or accident. If you are interested in learning more about Meals on Wheels or signing up, please contact our office at 315-867-1204.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	<b>1</b> Roast Turkey with Gravy Stuffing Squash Fruit Cocktail			
4 HAPPY 4TH OF JULY	5 Chicken & Biscuits Mashed Potatoes Broccoli Pudding	<b>6</b> Tuna Salad Cold Plate Carrot Raisin Salad 3-Bean Salad Kaiser Roll • Frosted Birthday Cake	7 Macaroni & Cheese Green Beans Stewed Tomatoes & Zucchini Cookie	8 Spanish Rice Corn Cauliflower Mandarin Oranges
<b>11</b> Breaded Pork Chop	<b>12</b> Goulash	<b>13</b> Chicken Cacciatore	<b>14</b> Ham & Cheese Cold Plate	<b>15</b> Fish on a Bun
Sweet Potato Casserole	Beets	Rotini in Sauce	Potato Salad	O'Brien Potatoes
Peas	Squash	Italian Blend Vegetables	Coleslaw	Spinach
Chef's Choice Pie	Fruited Gelatin	Brownie	Kaiser Roll • Cookie	Fruit Cocktail
<b>18</b> Salisbury Steak	<b>19</b> BBQ Chicken	20 Omelet	<b>21</b> Roast Beef Cold Plate	<b>22</b> Turkey Dinner
Mashed Potatoes	Baked Beans	Hash Browns	Corn Salad	Stuffing
Brussels Sprouts	Carrots	Sausage	Macaroni Salad	Sonoma Blend Vegetables
Pudding	Ice Cream	Muffin • Fruit Cup	Kaiser Roll • Berries in a Cloud	Pears
25 Pasta & Meatballs	26 Cheesy Ham &	27 Meatloaf with Gravy	28 Turkey Cold Plate	29 Roast Pork with Gravy
Italian Blend Vegetables	Rice Casserole	Mashed Potatoes	Cottage Cheese	Sweet Potatoes
Garlic Roll	Cauliflower • Red Cabbage	Squash	Pasta Salad	Broccoli
Peaches	Cookie	Chef's Choice Dessert	Kaiser Roll • Ice Cream	Pineapple

## Herkimer High boys track & field team win Section III Class C-1 title second year in a row

came in first place in the high jump at the Section III meet.

The Herkimer High School track team recently ended their season and they had much to celebrate. The boys team won the Section III Class C-1 Championships for the second year in a row. Coaches Jason Richard, Scott Clarke and Darryl Krutz couldn't be happier for the success of their team.

"We knew from the beginning that we had a talented group of athletes. They outperformed and their determination paid off," said Richard. Senior Brian Reile placed first in the 110m hurdles and high jump. Senior Sunnah Maddox placed first in the discus and sophomore Cameron Voce placed first in pole vault. Reile went on to place first in the pentathlon at the state qualifier meet and seventh in the pentathlon at the NYS meet.

The girls also had a successful season. Junior Melia Couchman placed first in pole vault Section III

The Herkimer High School track team won the Section III Class C-1 Championships for the second year in a row. Photos courtesy of Herkimer High School

# at the Section III meet, won at the State Qualifier and placed second overall at the NYS Meet. Freshman Rylie Biamonte

(L - R) Section III Champions: Cameron Voce, Rylie Biamonte, Brian Reile, Melia Couchman and Sunnah Maddox.

## **Central Valley Foundation** seeks new members

The Central Valley Central School District Foundation is seeking new members to add to its active board of community volunteers.

"The main focus of the Foundation is to raise money for educational materials, programs and experiences not covered by the school budget," said JoAnn Duga, Foundation president. "If you are interested in joining an active, fun and relaxed organization of volunteers, please join us."

Members of the Foundation are asked to attend monthly meetings at the high school and be willing to participate in fundraisers throughout the year. If you are interested in joining, contact JoAnn Duga at 315.894.3116 or joanndugaCVAFoundation@yahoo.com.

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## **Celebrate Independence Day at Fort Klock**

July 4 will be a day of celebration at the annual Fort Klock Strawberry Fest. Come hear the reading of the Declaration of Independence as you enjoy strawberry shortcake, ice cream and other goodies. Cannons will roar and muskets will be fired as we commemorate our nation's independence and the role this region played in our freedom.

In addition, see the new plaque installed at the Fort in memory of Willis "Skip" Barshied, one of the founders of Fort Klock Historic Restoration.

The reading of the Declaration of Independence will be at 1 p.m. There is free admission and parking! Refreshments and tours of the Fort will be available for a nominal fee. Noon to 4 p.m.

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





Come celebrate the nation's independence at Fort Klock.



## **Did you know?**

John Adams, a staunch supporter of American independence and a representative for Boston at the First Continental Congress, felt that after America gained independence from Great Britain, July 2 was the correct date on which to celebrate American Independence Day.



July 2 was when the vote for independence took place. July 4, 1776 was when the Declaration of Independence was officially signed. Thereafter, Adams would reportedly decline invitations to appear at July 4 events in protest. In an interesting turn of events, July 4 would prove significant to Adams in another way. Both Adams and Thomas Jefferson, another key figure in American history, died on July 4, 1826, which marked the 50th anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence.





## **DINING & ENTERTAINMENT**

## Notable events that have taken place on July Fourth

Residents of the U.S. spend July 4 celebrating the country's independence. Though July 4 has served as America's Independence Day for centuries, many other significant and memorable events have taken place on the fourth day of July.

• 1744: The Treaty of Lancaster is signed in Pennsylvania. The treaty dictates that the Iroquois will cede land between the Allegheny Mountains and the Ohio River to the British colonies.

 1776: The Declaration of Independence is adopted by the Second Continental Congress. July 4 actually marks the day the final wording of the declaration, which had been submitted on July 2, was approved.

• 1802: The U.S. Military Academy officially commences operations. Located in West Point, NY, the USMA is the oldest of the five American service academies

• 1826: On the 50th anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of the Independence, the second and third presidents of the United States, John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, respectively, pass away. Both men were instrumental to American success during the American Revolution.

• 1831: Samuel Francis Smith's "America (My Country, 'Tis of Thee)" is performed in public for the first time. The performance took place during a children's Independence Day celebration in Boston.

• 1845: Naturalist and essayist Henry David Thoreau moves into a cabin on Walden Pond in Concord, MA. His experiences there would later be detailed in "Walden Pond."

• 1913: President Woodrow Wilson addresses veterans of the American Civil War at a reunion marking the 50th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg. More than 50,000 veterans of the war, including roughly 9,000 Confederate veterans, attend the reunion.

• 1939: New York Yankees first baseman Lou Gehrig an-

and bed frame.

nounces his retirement to a crowd at Yankee Stadium, informing them he feels he is "the luckiest man on the face of the earth." Gehrig had recently been diagnosed with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, a disease that would later be widely referred to as "Lou Gehrig's disease."

1983: Twenty-four-year old New York Yankees left-hander Dave Righetti throws a no-hitter against the rival Boston Red Sox at Yankee Stadium. Righetti struck seven of the first nine batters he faced and even overcame a delay in the eighth inning when umpire Steve Palermo suffered a knee injury. Outspoken Yankees owner George Steinbrenner did not attend the game, as he was in Florida celebrating his 53rd birthday with family.

• 2004: The cornerstone of the Freedom Tower is laid on the World Trade Center site in New York City. Now known as One World Trade Center, the building formally opened in November 2014.

## Seven gift ideas for soon-to-be graduates

It would be an understatement to say that it has been an interesting few years for the Class of 2022. Due to the pandemic, many soon-to-be grads spent a significant portion of their school years adapting to a changing landscape, both at school and at home. While it is an accomplishment to reach graduation in a "normal" situation, students who have succeeded and thrived in the face of pandemic-related adversity are worthy of extra celebration.

Graduation gifts are a great way to show grads how proud you are that they stayed the course in the face of significant challenges. Here are seven gift ideas for graduates.

1. Journal: Graduates are about to start new chapters in their lives. Either a blank journal or one with writing prompts can help grads get their thoughts on paper to document both the many moments that will shape the next few vears

2. Mascot- or school-themed offerings: If a high school graduate will be going on to higher education, then visit the college or university's spirit shop to purchase anything from sweatshirts to blankets to coffee mugs featuring a school logo or mascot. On the first day of classes, the new student will already feel part of the team.

3. New wardrobe: Graduating means forging new paths, whether in a career or through additional schooling. Grads can look the part with several items from a favorite retailer. Those who are unsure of the graduate's style can purchase a gift card and let the grad go on a spending spree.

4. Framed school photo or map: A



piece of artwork can evoke strong emotions of time spent on campus. Frame black-and-white а sepia-tone print or of the aerial view of campus, or opt for official school an tour map, which inbuildings dicates and other points of interest. This could become a cherished keepsake. **Bedside** 5.

organizational pouch: Dorm life requires maximizing a small amount of space. An organi-



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zational pouch or pocket can keep essentials

such as a tablet, book and remote control

close by and organized without taking up a

lot of room. Some are designed to rest over

a couch cushion or slide between a mattress

be facing all sorts of new expenses, so easing

any sort of financial burden can help them in

a big way. Vehicles tend to be major financial

drains for teens and young adults. Prepaid

cash cards, gas station gift cards, vouchers

for car washes and even gift cards to an auto-

motive supply store can help graduates direct

6. Automotive essentials: Graduates will

their funds elsewhere.

7. Personal coffeemaker: Many people feel coffee is essential to make it through the day. Graduates who will soon be studying for college exams or those waking up early for their first forays into the workforce may appreciate an on-demand pick-me-up. Coffeemakers are much more streamlined these days, and there are pots designed to use loose grounds or special pods to produce cups quickly.

Shoppers can explore many interesting options to commemorate the accomplishments of the class of 2022.



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## **Useful tips for RV beginners**

Road trips are a unique way to travel that afford travelers the freedom to stop and take in sights and scenery on their own time. Traveling the highways and back roads gives people a chance to slow down and really enjoy an adventure. Such trips can be made even more special by traveling in recreational vehicles (RVs).

The RV industry has been consistently growing for years. The Recreational Vehicle Industry Association says the RV industry creates \$50 billion in economic impact in the U.S., with roughly 23,000 businesses currently in operation.

Roughly 40 million Americans go RV camp-ing each year, and Millennials make up approximately 38% of campers, according to a report from CNBC. New RV enthusiasts are getting on the road every day, and such travelers can benefit from the wisdom and experience of those who have blazed trails before them.

· Budget for all RV expenses. It can be tempting to overspend on the RV itself, but buyers should factor in other expenses like hoses, wheel chocks, levelers, navigation systems, campsite fees and more.

· Consider the size of the RV. Buy the smallest RV that is comfortable. Doing so opens up more options regarding places to stay. In addition, small RVs are more easily maneuvered on the road than large ones, especially for novices.

• Add time to your ETAs. The estimated time for trips that popular map and navigation software provide are customized to average car speeds. RVs generally move more slowly than cars, so allow for more time to arrive at your destination. This is an important consideration if you need to be at a campground by a certain time

· Save condiment packages. When visiting restaurants and carryout places, save any unused condiment packets, napkins and packages of disposable cutlery. These items take up much less room than full-sized packages, and space inside RVs is often at a premium.

· Invest in storage boxes. Store belongings neatly and cleanly in plastic storage containers. Choose uniformly shaped and sized bins, which are more easily stacked and stored than bins of varying sizes.

· Pack a paper map. Navigation services that are powered by satellite or cell phone signals may not be available in inclement weather or when traveling through mountain ranges. Paper maps can fill the void and keep you on track.

· Check towing capacity. Make sure you do not exceed the manufacturer-recommended towing capacity. This is usually found on a sticker in the driver's door. Overloading the vehicle can cause transmission issues and/or burn out engines.

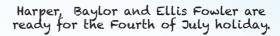
RVs can be a fun and relaxing way to travel, and novices can make such trips more enjoyable by following a few tips from seasoned road trippers.





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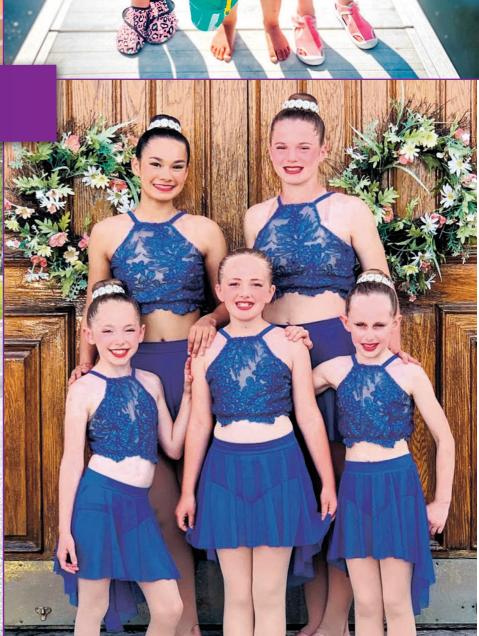
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# **Kids' Community Corner**



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## How to make grilling healthier

Summer is synonymous with many things, including family vacations and relaxing days at the beach. For foodies, perhaps nothing evokes the spirit of summer more effectively than grilled foods.

Grilling is a beloved tradition, but it's not necessarily the healthiest way to eat. Traditional backyard barbecue fare like hot dogs and hamburgers likely won't make physicians' hearts flutter, but there are ways to enjoy the flavor of grilling without compromising a nutritious diet.

• Replace burgers and hot dogs with healthy proteins. The occasional hamburger or hot dog won't do much damage, but people who regularly grill should skip these summertime staples and replace them with healthy proteins. The American Heart Association reports that fish and skinless chicken breasts are healthy alternatives to hamburgers and hot dogs. Burger devotees can still enjoy their goto grilled food, but replace ground beef with lean ground poultry, which contains less saturated fat than red meat.

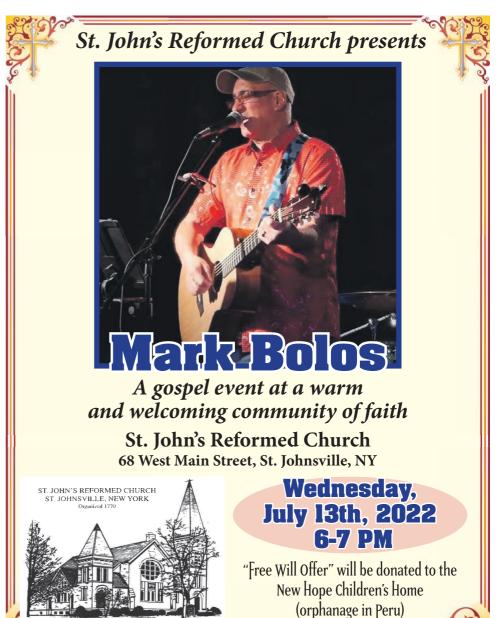
• Avoid overdoing it. Most people have overindulged at a backyard barbecue at one point or another. The relaxed, party-like atmosphere of the backyard barbecue makes it easy to snack on chips and other unhealthy fare before moving on to burgers and hot dogs. Hosts can do guests a favor by replacing snacks and sides like chips and potato salad with healthier fare like celery, fruit salad or chickpea salad. Keep portions of grilled fare as close to a healthy size as possible. The AHA notes that a healthy portion of meat is around three ounces and no more than six ounces.

• Create a salt-free rub. There's no denying salt makes food more flavorful. But that flavor comes at a high cost. The health care experts Piedmont note that excessive amounts of salt can contribute to inflammation from fluid retention and increase a person's risk for hypertension, or high blood pressure. Salt may be a go-to for many grilling enthusiasts, but it doesn't have to be. A salt-free rub made with chili powder, garlic powder, paprika, and/or other spices is an effective and salt-free way to add flavor to meat, chicken and fish.

• Grill more vegetables. Grilled vegetables, whether they're part of kebabs or simply grilled alongside the main course, add significant flavor and provide all the health benefits of veggies cooked in more traditional ways. The AHA notes that coating vegetables in a healthy oil like olive oil makes it easy to grill them directly over an open flame without sticking. Cooking in this way imparts that signature smoky, grilled flavor to vegetables.

This summer, grilling can be as healthy as it is flavorful. All it takes is a few simple strategies to make the menu at your next backyard barbecue one any doctor would love.





## HOME IMPROVEMENT

## Signs your tools may need some TLC

A do-it-yourselfer is only as good as their tools. Without the proper tools, even the handiest men and women may struggle to complete jobs well within their abilities.

It doesn't take a seasoned do-it-yourselfer to recognize when hammers and screwdrivers need to be replaced. And such tools are generally so affordable that replacing them, even when they still have some utility, won't affect too many DIYers' budgets. However, power tools are considerable investments that do not necessarily need to be discarded when the first signs of trouble pop up. In fact, sometimes power tools just need some TLC to become useful once again. The following are some common symptoms of power tool problems, and what may be behind those problems.

• Difficulty starting - A power tool that won't start can delay a project. But a tool that won't start should not be immediately written off, especially not before DIYers employ a multimeter. The cost of digital multimeters varies widely, with some retailing for less than \$20 while others sell for hundreds of dollars. Serious DIYers who spend every weekend working on one project or another may find the more expensive multimeters more to their liking, but many weekend warriors can get by with less expensive alternatives. Multimeters are useful because they can measure voltage on a power tool to determine if power is effectively moving



through the tool.

Dust and dirt also can compromise power tools. This may be especially likely in spring, a time synonymous with home renovations, when many homeowners pick up their tools for the first time in months. Inspect a power tool that's not starting to see if dust or dirt is the culprit. If so, clean the tool and then try to start it again.

· Loss of power - Some power tools may start but still lack the extra muscle that make power tools more beneficial than manual tools. In such instances, the carbon brushes might need to be replaced. The online resource ereplacement.parts.com notes that heat damage to brushes can reduce the overall conductivity of the brush, resulting in less power reaching the tool's motor. In such instances, replace the carbon brushes. In addition, chipped or damaged brushes can result in inconsistent power output. Replacing the brushes in such instances may be all that's necessary to restore a tool to its powerful self.

· Burning smell - Many a DIYer has dealt with a power tool that emits an odor of burning. The power tool experts at Grainger notes that tools like sanders contain drive belts, and these belts should be the first place to look when tools produce a burning smell. When the drive belt is to blame, the tool will typically stop working even when the motor is running. Capacitors may be behind the burning smell when using tools without drive belts. Sometimes tools have simply overheated. Whenever DIYers get a whiff of that burning smell, turn off the tool immediately and let it sit for 30 minutes before trying to diagnose the problem. Replacing these parts can restore them to full usefulness and get rid of that unwelcome aroma.

Replacing worn or damaged power tool parts as opposed to the tools themselves is often the most budget-friendly way to get these must-have DIY accessories back on track.

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## Did you know?

Certain home improvement projects are more complex than others. Projects that involve working with gas lines are among the most complicated and risky undertakings, and even seasoned do-ityourselfers are urged to leave such tasks to certified professionals. According to

Angi, the average cost to move a gas line is between \$15 and \$25 per linear foot. and homeowners can expect to pay an additional \$1 to \$10 per linear foot for pipe materials. A natural gas plumber can install, extend and repair natural gas lines and ensure that the project is com-

pleted safely, on time and within homeowners' budgets.

Angi notes that the average cost to move a gas line is between \$250 and \$750 for the whole project. However, if a buried line must be excavated, that cost could run into the thousands of dollars.



## **HOME IMPROVEMENT**

## How to cut costs on home renovations

Do you still have an avocado green kitchen? Is your living room dank and dark? Perhaps there is only one bathroom for a family of six? Answering yes to any of these questions could serve as the catalyst for a home renovation project.

Home improvement projects come in all shapes and sizes – some with huge budgets and others that are more cost-conscious. Regardless of what homeowners hope to achieve with their renovations, a common goal across any price point is a desire to save as much money as possible. Home renovations can be expensive, but there are ways to cut costs.

• Assess the merit of the project. Remodeling magazine annually publishes a "Cost vs. Value Report" that lists the average cost and return on investment homeowners can expect of various types of projects. If you're planning to sell your home soon, it may be best to focus on repairs and renovations that will generate the most substantial ROI.



Home renovations can be expensive, but there are ways to cut costs.

• **Hire a contractor.** Even avid do-it-yourselfers can sometimes benefit from a contractor's expertise, particularly for complex tasks. Don't waste money by trying tough jobs yourself; rely on an experienced contractor who can get supplies for less money and will do the job right the first time. Compare bids from several different contractors and figure out the best value.

• **Refurbish existing features.** Rather than a complete gut and rebuild, figure out where you can revitalize existing fixtures and more. For example, refinishing existing cabinets can save you up to 50 percent compared with the cost of new cabinetry, according to Angi (formerly Angie's List), a cost comparison and business review resource.

• **Choose midgrade materials.** Certain materials may be all the rage but they come with a higher price tag. Angi reports that granite counters could be \$60 to \$100 per square foot. However, a composite or laminate that looks like granite and wears well may be \$10 to 40 per square foot. Figure out where you

can choose middle-of-the-road materials for maximum value.

• Avoid peak seasons. You'll pay more to install a deck or a pool right before the outdoor entertaining season. There also may be a premium to get work done right before a major holiday. Therefore, consult the calendar to find an off time for a renovation and book it then to save.

• **Do some prep work.** You might be able to save by doing some of the demolition and preparatory work yourself. For example, you can tear up old carpeting before the installation of new tile floors. Perhaps you can mend and patch up walls before a paint job.

• Buy a display item. Former showroom kitchens and baths often are sourced at a fraction of their recommended retail prices, according to Real Homes, a home remodel guide based in the United Kingdom. Retailers often update their displays and you may score existing showroom items at a discount.

Renovations can be expensive, but there are many different ways to cut costs.

Living through a home renovation is like living in the wild... you do whatever it takes to survive. - Unknown -



## HOME IMPROVEMENT

## Tips for negotiating with contractors

Now is the season for fixing up a home. Homeowners who aren't interested in doing the work themselves turn to contractors to ensure the job is done not only to code, but on time and efficiently.

After receiving an initial estimate from a contractor, homeowners may wonder if there is any additional wiggle room in contractors' costs.

Certain contractors are willing to negotiate while others are firm in their prices. However, learning the basics of negotiation can put homeowners in position to save money on dream renovations.

## **Do Your Homework**

Getting the best price typically require shopping around and not settling on the first bid. Experts recommend getting at least three estimates on the same job - and be sure to let each contractor know that you are soliciting multiple bids. This alone may entice a specific contractor to give you their best offer up front. Avoid simply choosing the lowest bid. Look at quality of work, reputation and reviews. If you like a costly contractor more than another, see if that

contractor is willing to match a lower bid to win the job.

**Pick the Right Season** As with other industries, home renovation work heats up during certain seasons or times of year. General contractors may be more willing to negotiate for a lower price depending on when their busy season may be. Jobs may slow

down in winter, for example. Talk About Supplies

Even after getting a good bid, you may be able to speak with your contractor about lowering costs even more by choosing less costly supplies. Find out if contractors can source materials from a lowcost supplier. In addition, discuss if you can purchase your

own supplies. Ask to Do a Portion

Be honest with the contractor about your budget and figure out if there is any way for you to do some of the work to lower costs. The contractor can give you jobs that are within your abilities, which can shave dollars off the final price.



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## United Way MV culminates century of work at 100th birthday celebration

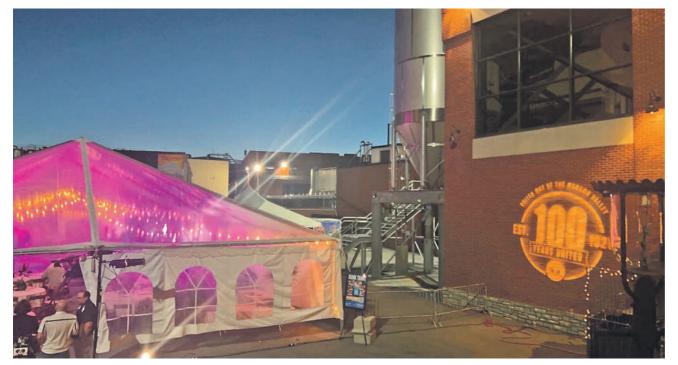
The United Way of the Mohawk (United Way MV), based in Utica, celebrated a century of helping the community with a big fundraising finale at their 100th Birthday Party on June 10 at Saranac Brewery.

Over the last 100 years, United Way MV has proven its value as they identify our community's toughest challenges, develop solutions and work with people from all walks of life to turn those solutions into action. The nonprofit couldn't make this celebration possible without the 100th Birthday Party Sponsors, including presenting sponsor, Bank of Utica.

"Bank of Utica is proud to be a longtime supporter of United Way of the Mohawk Valley," said Bank of Utica President Barry Sinnott. "We share their commitment to strengthen our community and support their mission to improve access to vital services in health, education and financial stability. Cheers to 100 years! May there be 100 more."

The night was truly a grand garden party with a twist to help the nonprofit keep the Mohawk Valley moving forward. United Way MV hosted more than 300 people at Saranac Brewery's courtyard. Guests were entertained by live music from Opus Black, Ladies of Soul & Their Gentlemen and Showtime. Shaun Robison, "The Charming Deceptionist," strolled through the crowd offering magic and tricks. The end of the night was celebrated with a spectacular light and fire show put on by Fire Magick.

Attendees dined on an array of food and drink perfect for any pallet, with main dishes from Catering by Michael's Fine Food



The United Way of the Mohawk Valley raised \$85,000 during its recent 100th Birthday Party in Utica. Photo courtesy of the United Way of the Mohawk Valley

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& Spirits and appetizers from several local restaurants of all different cultures and cuisines highlighting the diverse community we live in. Drinks were pouring plentifully thanks to Saranac Brewery. Cakes were provided by Nothing Bundt Cakes and City Café, cookies brought in by Sweet Treats by Melissa and novelty ice cream came from Gloria's Ice Cream Truck.

The raffles were full of adventures and unique experiences, and there was even an opportunity to purchase event-exclusive souvenirs that were specific to United Way MV's 100th year.

An added bonus and in-event fundraiser was the nonprofit's Dunk Tank which brought excitement to the entire evening. People didn't have to be at the event to dunk, as there was a virtual platform that meant anyone could be involved in the fun. Up for dunking were Barry Sinnott, Heather Elias, Alex Carbone, Meghan McGrogan, Tom Carcone and United Way CEO/Executive Director Erin Gutierrez Matt.

United Way MV met its fundraising goal and raised \$85,000 during the event. Staffworks stepped in and matched funds raised at the party through their raffles and dunk tank.

"The support from local businesses and community members is vital to enabling United Way of the Mohawk Valley to make an impact on one in three people in our region," said Matt. "For 100 years, we have brought people and resources together to build a stronger Mohawk Valley. We will continue to be a leader in innovation, focusing on system-wide solutions and tackle root causes to address crucial challenges facing our community."

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To learn more about United Way MV's 100th Birthday celebrations, and for a photo gallery of all the fun had during the party, visit unitedwaymv.org/100.

## The most popular recreational activities

Summer is a season for recreation. Warm weather beckons people outdoors every day and during every season, but a quick glance outside your living room window in June, July and August will illustrate just how much people cherish any chance to spend time in nature when the mercury rises. So how are people spending their time outdoors? According to a recent report from the Outdoor Foundation that studied participation in various sports and activities, the most popular outdoor activity in the U.S. is running. The Outdoor Foundation report indicated that more than 61 million U.S. residents did some recreational running in 2019. To put that in perspective, 61 million people represents roughly 19% of the American population ages six and up. Fishing was the second most popular outdoor recreational activity among adults in the U.S., attracting more than 50 million participants.





## AUTOMOTIVE

## U.S. report: nearly 400 crashes of automated tech vehicles

#### by Tom Krisher, AP Auto Writer

DETROIT (AP) – Automakers reported nearly 400 crashes of vehicles with partially automated driver-assist systems, including 273 involving Teslas, according to statistics released June 15 by U.S. safety regulators.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration cautioned against using the numbers to compare automakers, saying it didn't weight them by the number of vehicles from each manufacturer that use the systems, or how many miles those vehicles traveled.

Automakers reported crashes from July of last year through May 15 under an order from the agency, which is examining such crashes broadly for the first time.

"As we gather more data, NHT-SA will be able to better identify any emerging risks or trends and learn more about how these technologies are performing in the real world," said Steven Cliff, the agency's administrator.

Tesla's crashes happened while vehicles were using Autopilot, "Full Self-Driving," Traffic Aware Cruise Control, or other driver-assist systems that have some control over speed and steering. The company has about 830,000 vehicles with the systems on the road.

The next closest of a dozen automakers that reported crashes was Honda, with 90. Honda says it has about six million vehicles on U.S. roads with such systems. Subaru was next with 10, and all other automakers reported five or fewer.

In a June 2021 order, NHTSA told more than 100 automakers and automated vehicle tech companies to report serious crashes within one day of learning about them and to disclose less-serious crashes by the 15th day of the following month. The agency is assessing how the systems perform and whether new regulations may be needed.

Six people were killed in the crashes involving driver-assist systems, and five were seriously hurt, NHTSA said. Of the deaths, five occurred in Teslas and one was reported by Ford. Three of the serious injuries were in Teslas, while Honda and Ford each reported one.

Tesla's crash number may appear

elevated somewhat because it uses telematics to monitor its vehicles and get real-time crash reports. Other automakers don't have such capability, so their reports may come slower or crashes may not be reported at all, NHTSA said. A message was left seeking comment from Tesla.

Tesla's crashes accounted for nearly 70% of the 392 reported by the dozen automakers. Although the Austin, Texas, automaker calls its systems Autopilot and "Full Self-Driving," it says the vehicles cannot drive themselves and the drivers must be ready to intervene at all times.

Manufacturers were not required to report how many vehicles they have on the road that have the systems, nor did they have to report how far those vehicles traveled, or when the systems are in use, NHTSA said. At present, those numbers aren't quantifiable, an agency official said.

However, NHTSA may seek such information later. In the meantime, the new data has enabled it to find out about crashes much faster than before. At present, it's using the crash data to look for trends and discuss them with the companies, the agency said.

Already NHTSA has used the data to seek a recall, open investigations and provide information for existing inquiries, officials said. Also, they said it's difficult to find out how many drivers actually use the technology.

"This will help our investigators quickly identify potential defect trends that can emerge," Cliff said. "These data will also help us identify crashes that we want to investigate and provide more information about how people in other vehicles interact with the vehicles."

Honda said it has packaged the systems to sell more of them, which could influence its numbers. "The population of vehicles that theoretically could be involved in a reportable event is much greater than the population of vehicles built by automakers with a less-aggressive deployment strategy," the company said.

Also, reports to NHTSA are based on unverified customer statements about whether automated systems were running at the time of a crash. Those crashes may not qualify for reporting to NHTSA after more data is gathered, Honda said.

The Alliance for Automotive Innovation, which represents most automakers, said the data collected by NHTSA isn't sufficient by itself to evaluate the safety of automated vehicle systems.

NHTSA's order also covered companies that are running fully autonomous vehicles, and 25 reported a total of 130 crashes. Google spinoff Waymo led with 62, followed by Transdev Alternative Services with 34 and General Motors-controlled Cruise LLC with 23.

Waymo, the autonomous vehicle unit of Alphabet Inc., said it has more than 700 autonomous vehicles in its fleet. The company is running a fully autonomous ride-hailing service in Arizona and testing one in California. The company said all the crashes happened at low speeds, with air bags inflating in only two of them.

In 108 of the crashes involving fully autonomous vehicles, no injuries were reported, and there was only one serious injury. In most of the crashes, vehicles were struck from the rear.

## Three unique ways to save money on the day you buy a car

Short of buying a home, many consumers will never spend more money than they do when purchasing a new vehicle. According to the automotive resource Kelley Blue Book®, new-vehicle prices increased by 2% between April 2018 and April 2019, rising to slightly less than \$37,000 in that period.

With so much money at stake, car buyers' decisions in regard to which car to buy and how to finance the purchase are significant. Some financial variables, including sales tax, may be set in stone. However, buyers can make the process of buying new cars more affordable. 1. Pay the taxes upfront.

When buying a new car, buyers will receive a rundown of all of the costs from the dealership that's selling them the vehicle. Sales taxes will be included in that rundown. Buyers who are financing their vehicles can save money over the long haul by including the sales taxes in their initial down payment. Doing so means buyers will only pay interest on the vehicle and not the vehicle as well as the taxes going forward.

2. Use a cash back cred-

it card when making your down payment and paying taxes on the vehicle.

Some lenders may not allow down payments to be made in anything but cash, while others accept credit card payments. Car buyers who have cash back credit cards can use those cards when making down payments and/or paying the taxes on the vehicle to reduce the initial costs of buying the car. For example, if a credit card rewards card holders with 2% cash back on every charged purchase, buyers can then lower the cost of that down

payment by 2% by simply using their cards when making the payment. Just be sure to pay the balance in full when the bill is due, as credit card interest charges can negate any savings you might earn.

3. Carefully read the service contract.

Many dealerships now offer service contracts that can be rolled into monthly payments. These contracts may cover certain maintenance costs as defined in the agreement. Each auto service contract is different, and some may just be offering duplicate coverage already provided by the manufacturers' warranty. Buyers always have the option to decline the service contract and should never agree to it without first reading the entire contract. Requesting to do so can be difficult, as service contracts are often proposed as buyers finalize their financing agreements, and many packages must be accepted on-site before the loan is finalized. But

buyers have the right to take their time and read the contracts.

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## Annual Drinking Water Quality Report for 2020 Village of St. Johnsville 16 Washington St, St. Johnsvillle, NY 13452 (Public Water supply ID#2800143)

#### INTRODUCTION

To comply with State regulations, the Village of St. Johnsville, will be annually issuing a report describing the quality of your drinking water. The purpose of this report is to raise your understanding of drinking water and awareness of the need to protect our drinking water sources. Last year, your tap water met all State drinking water health standards. We are proud to report that our system has never violated a maximum contaminant level or any other water quality statement. This report provides an overview of last year's water quality. Included are details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to

State standards. If you have any questions about this report or concerning your drinking water, please contact Mr. William Vicciarelli, Chief Operator, at (518) 568-2225. We want you to be informed about your drinking water. If you want to learn more, please attend any of our regularly scheduled village board meetings. The meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, at 6:30 pm at the Village Hall located at 16 Washington St., St. Johnsville, NY 13452.

WHERE Does OUR WATER COME FROM? In general, the sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activities. Contaminants that may be present in source water include: microbial contaminants; inorganic contaminants; pesticides and herbicides; organic chemical contaminants; and radioactive contaminants. in order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the State and the EPA prescribe regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The State Health Department's and the FDA's regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

Our water system serves a population of 1700 people through 640 metered service connections. Our water comes from two sources. A drilled-well in the Roland V. Swartz well field, that is a groundwater source. The well is seventy feet deep and has an 18-inch casing and produces about 400 gallons per minute. The water produced by the drilled well at the Roland V. Swartz Well field is disinfected by injection of a sodium hypochlorite solution prior to distribution. The Village also has a surface water source, the

The Village also has a surface water source, the Congdon Springs that produces about 225 gallons per minute. The water from the Congdon Springs is filtered at our Slow-sand Filtration plant. The water produced by the Filter Plant is disinfected by injection of sodium hypochlorite solution prior to distribution. Water not consumed by our customers is then stored in a 750,000-gallon concrete storage tank. Source WATER ASSESSMENT

The NYSDOH has completed a source water assessment for this system, based on available information. Possible and actual threats to this drinking water source were evaluated. The state source water assessment includes a susceptibility rating based on the risk posed by each potential source of contamination and how easily contaminants can move through the subsurface to the wells. The susceptibility rating is an estimate of the potential for contamination of the source water, it does not mean that the water delivered to consumers is, or will become contaminated. See section "Are there contaminants in our drinking water?" for a list of contaminants, if any, that have been detected. The source water assessments provide resource managers with additional information for protecting source waters into the future.

As mentioned before, our water is derived from a drilled well. The source water assessment has rated this well as having a very high susceptibility to bacte-ria, viruses and nitrates; and a high susceptibility to halogenated solvents, pesticides, herbicides, metals, protozoa, petroleum products and industrial organic compounds. These ratings are due primarily to the roximity of the well to a permitted discharge facility (industrial/commercial facility that discharges waste water into the environment and is regulated by the state and/or federal government), a toxic chemical release facility and low intensity residential activities in the assessment area. In addition, the well draws from an unconfined aquifer of high hydraulic conductivity. While the source water assessment rates our well as being susceptible to microbials, please note that our water is disinfected to ensure that the finished water delivered into your home meets New York State's drinking water standards for microbial contamination. A copy of the assessment, including a map of the assessment area, can be obtained by contacting us, as

					taminant		
Contaminant	Violation Yes/No	Date of Sample	Level Detected (Avg/Max) (Range)	Unit Measure- ment	MCLG	Regulatory Limit (MCL, TT or AL)	Likely Source of Contamination
Turbidity #1	No	Daily	.02 / .05 100%<1.0	NTU	N/A	TT=1NTU	Soil Run-off
			Inorgan	ic contam	inants		
Barium Congdon Spring	No	8/24/2020	0.0057	Mg/l	2 Mg/l	2 Mg/I	Discharge of drilling wastes, Discharge from metal refineries, erosion of natural
Chloride Congdon Spring	No	3/19/18	2.33 mg/l	Mg/I	N/A	250 mg/l	deposits Naturally occurring or indicativ of road salt contamination
Sodium						-	Naturally occurring; road salt
Congdon Spring	No	3/19/18	2.31 mg/l	Mg/I	N/A	N/A	water softeners, animal waste
Sulfate Congdon Spring	No	3/19/18	5.21 mg/l	Mg/I	N/A	250 mg/l	Naturally occurring
Lead	No	9/24/18	90 <sup>th</sup> percentile 1 ug/l ND-67ug/l	ug/l	0	15ug/l	Corrosion of household plumbing systems, erosion o natural deposits. Reference #2
Copper	No	9/24/18	90 <sup>th</sup> percentile 0.69 mg/l 0.03-1.15 mg/l	Mg/I	1.3 mg/l	1.3 mg/l	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion o natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives Reference #2
Nitrate Swartz well	No	7/15/2020	0.828	Mg/I	10	10	Run off from fertilizer; leachin from septic tanks, sewage, erosion of natural deposits
	,		Disinfec	tion By-Pro	ducts		
TTHM's (Total Trihalomethanes) #4	No	8/21/2019	9.8	Ug/I	0	80	By-product of drinking water chlorination needed to kill harm organisms. TTHMs are formed when source water contains lar amounts of organic matter.
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) #4	No	8/21/19	10.03	Ug/I	N/A	60	By-product of drinking water chlorination.
Chlorine Residual	No	Daily	0.56 0.26 / 0.87	Mg/I	N/A	4.0	By-product of drinking water chlorination.
DICHLOREACETIC ACID 1 MARINA DRIVE	NO	8/24/2020	3.3	UG/L	60	60	BY-PRODUCT OF WATER CHLORINATION
TRICHLOROECTIC ACID 1 MARINA DRIVE	NO	8/24/2020	4.2	UG/L	60	60	BY-PRODUCT OF WATER CHLORINATION
TOTAL HALOACETIC ACID 1 MARINA DRIVE	NO	8/24/2020	7.5	UG/L	60	60	BY-PRODUCT OF WATER CHLORINATION

noted below. A source water assessment for our surface water

source has not yet been completed. <u>ARE THERE CONTAMINANTS IN OUR DRINKING WATER?</u> As the State regulations require, we routinely test your drinking water for numerous contaminants. These contaminants include: total coliform, turbidity, inorganic compounds, nitrate, nitrite, lead and copper, volatile organic compounds, total trihalomethanes, and synthetic organic compounds. The table presented below depicts which compounds were detected in

beiow depicts which compounds were detected in your drinking water. The State allows us to test for some contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. Some of our data, though representative, are more than one year old. It should be noted that all drinking water, including

bottled drinking water, may be reasonably expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. **More information about contaminants and potential** 

health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791) or the NYSDOH-Herkimer District Office at (315) 866-6879.

#### Notes:

#1- Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of the water. We test it because it is a good indicator of the effectiveness of our filtration system. Our highest single turbidity measurement for the year occurred on 7/15/2020 – 0.11 regulations require that turbidity must always be below 5 NTU. The regulations require that 95% of the turbidity samples collected have measurements below 1.0 NTU. Although November was the month when we had the fewest measurements meeting the treatment technique for turbidity, the lev-

els recorded were within the acceptable range allowed and did not constitute a treatment technique violation. #2- The level presented represents the 90th percentile of the 10 sites tested. A percentile is a value on a scale of 100 that indicates the percent of a distribution that is equal to or below it. The 90th percentile is equal to or greater than 90% of the copper values detected at your water system. In this case, 10 samples were collected at your water system and the 90th percentile value was 2.3 ug/l for lead and 0.368 mg/l for copper. The action level for copper was not exceeded at any of the sites tested.

## Definitions:

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL): The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety. Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL): The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG): The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contamination.

Action Level (AL): The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

Treatment Technique (TT): A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water. <u>Non-Detects (ND):</u> Laboratory analysis indicates that the constituent is not present.

Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU): A measure of the clarity of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the

#### average person.

Milligrams per liter (mg/l): Corresponds to one part of liquid in one million parts of liquid (parts per million - ppm). Micrograms per liter (ug/l): Corresponds to one part of liquid in one billion parts of liquid (parts per billion - ppb). WHAT DOES THIS INFORMATION MEAN? As you can see by the table, our system had no violations. We have learned through our testing that some contaminants have been detected; however, these contaminants were detected below the level allowed by the State. If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women, infants, and young children. It is possible that lead levels at your home may be higher than at other homes in the community as a result of materials used in your homes plumbing. The Village of St. Johnsville water system is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of mate rials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791) or at "http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead". IS OUR WATER SYSTEM MEETING OTHER RULES THAT

<u>Govern Operation?</u> During 2020 our system met all requirements that

govern operations.

Do I NEED TO TAKE SPECIAL PRECAUCTIONS? Although our drinking water met or exceeded state and federal regulations, some people may be more vulnerable to disease causing microorganisms or pathogens in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice from their health care provider about their drinking water. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium, Giardia and other microbial pathogens are available from the **Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791)**.

WHY SAVE WATER AND HOW TO AVOID WASTING IT? Although our system has an adequate amount of water to meet present and future demands, there are a number of reasons why it is important to conserve water:

- Saving water saves energy and some of the costs associated with both of these necessities of life;
- Saving water reduces the cost of energy required to pump water and the need to construct costly new wells, pumping systems and water towers; and
- Saving water lessens the strain on the water system during a dry spell or drought, helping to avoid severe water use restrictions so that essential fire fighting needs are met.

You can play a role in conserving water by becoming conscious of the amount of water your household is using, and by looking for ways to use less whenever you can. It is not hard to conserve water. Conservation tips include:

- Automatic dishwashers use 15 gallons for every cycle, regardless of how many dishes are loaded. So get a run for your money and load it to capacity.
- Turn off the tap when brushing your teeth.
- Check every faucet in your home for leaks. Just a slow drip can waste 15 to 20 gallons a day. Fix it up and you can save almost 6,000 gallons per year.
- Check your toilets for leaks by putting a few drops of food coloring in the tank, watch for a few minutes to see if the color shows up in the bowl. It is not uncommon to lose up to 100 gallons a day from one of these otherwise invisible toilet leaks. Fix it and you save more than 30,000 gallons a year

#### CLOSING

Thank you for allowing us to continue to provide your family with quality drinking water this year. In order to maintain a safe and dependable water supply we sometimes need to make improvements that will benefit all of our customers. The costs of these improvements may be reflected in the rate structure. Rate adjustments may be necessary in order to address these improvements. We ask that all our customers help us protect our water sources, which are the heart of our community. Please call our office if you have questions at (518) 568-2225.

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To comply with State regulations, the Village of St Johnsville, will be annually issuing a report describ-ing the quality of your drinking water. The purpose of this report is to raise your understanding of drinking water and awareness of the need to protect our drinking water sources. Last year, your tap water met all State drinking water health standards. We are proud to report that our system has never violated a maximum contaminant level or any other water quality statement. This report provides an overview of last year's water quality. Included are details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to State standards.

If you have any questions about this report or ncerning your drinking water, please contact Mr. William Vicciarelli, Chief Operator, at (518) 568-2225. We want you to be informed about your drinking water. If you want to learn more, please attend any of our regularly scheduled village board meet-ings. The meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, at 6:30 pm at the Village Hall located at 16 Washington St., St. Johnsville, NY 13452. WHERE DOES OUR WATER COME FROM?

In general, the sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activities Contaminants that may be present in source water include: microbial contaminants; inorganic contaminants; pesticides and herbicides; organic chemical contaminants; and radioactive contaminants. in order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the State and the EPA prescribe regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The State Health Department's and the FDA's regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

Our water system serves a population of 1700 people through 640 metered service connections. Our wate comes from two sources. A drilled-well in the Roland . Swartz well field, that is a groundwater source. The well is seventy feet deep and has an 18-inch casing and produces about 400 gallons per minute. The water produced by the drilled well at the Roland V Swartz Well field is disinfected by injection of a sodi-um hypochlorite solution prior to distribution. The Village also has a surface water source, the Congdon Springs that produces about 225 gallons per minute. The water from the Congdon Springs is filtered at our Slow-sand Filtration plant. The water produced by the Filter Plant is disinfected by injection of sodium hypochlorite solution prior to distribution. Water not consumed by our customers is then stored in a 750,000-gallon concrete storage tank. Source Water Assessment

The NYSDOH has completed a source water assessment for this system, based on available informa-tion. Possible and actual threats to this drinking water source were evaluated. The state source water assessment includes a susceptibility rating based on the risk posed by each potential source of contamination and how easily contaminants can move through the subsurface to the wells. The susceptibility rating is an estimate of the potential for contamination of the source water, it does not mean that the water delivered to consumers is, or will become contaminated. See section "Are there contaminants in our drinking water?" for a list of contaminants, if any, that have been detected. The source water sessments provide resource managers with additional information for protecting source waters into the future

As mentioned before, our water is derived from a drilled well. The source water assessment has rated this well as having a very high susceptibility to bacteria, viruses and nitrates; and a high susceptibility to halogenated solvents, pesticides, herbicides, metals, protozoa, petroleum products and industrial organic compounds. These ratings are due primarily to the proximity of the well to a permitted discharge facility (industrial/commercial facility that discharges

wastewater into the environment and is regulated by the state and/or federal government), a toxic chemical release facility and low intensity residential activities in the assessment area. In addition, the well draws from an unconfined aquifer of high hydraulic conductivity

While the source water assessment rates our well as being susceptible to microbials, please note that our water is disinfected to ensure that the finished water delivered into your home meets New York

Table of Detected Contaminants											
Contaminant	Violation Yes/No	Date of Sample	Level Detected (Avg/Max) (Range)	Unit Measure- ment	MCLG	Regulatory Limit (MCL, TT or AL)	Likely Source of Contamination				
Turbidity #1	No	Daily	.01 – 0.11 100%<1.0	NTU	N/A	TT=1NTU	Soil Run-off				
			Inorgan	ic contam	inants						
Barium Congdon Spring	No	8/24/2021	0.0054	Mg/l	2 Mg/I	2 Mg/I	Discharge of drilling wastes, Discharge from metal refineries, erosion of natural deposits				
Chloride Congdon Spring	No	3/19/18	2.33 mg/l	Mg/I	N/A	250 mg/l	Naturally occurring or indicative of road salt contamination				
Sodium Congdon Spring	No	3/19/18	2.31 mg/l	Mg/I	N/A	N/A	Naturally occurring; road salt, water softeners, animal waste.				
Sulfate Congdon Spring	No	3/19/18	5.21 mg/l	Mg/I	N/A	250 mg/l	Naturally occurring				
Lead	No	8/24/21	90 <sup>th</sup> percentile 2.3 ug/l and ND-11.4ug/l	ug/l	0	15ug/l	Corrosion of household plumbing systems, erosion of natural deposits. Reference #2				
Copper	No	8/24/21	90 <sup>th</sup> percentile 0.368 mg/l 0.0133- 0.568 mg/l	Mg/l	1.3 mg/l	1.3 mg/l	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives Reference #2				
Nitrate Swartz well	No	8/24/21	0.733	Mg/I	10	10	Run off from fertilizer; leaching from septic tanks, sewage, erosion of natural deposits				
			Disinfec	tion By-Pro	ducts						
TTHM's (Total Trihalomethanes) #4	No	8/24/21	46.3	Ug/l	0	80	By-product of drinking water chlorination needed to kill harmful organisms. TTHMs are formed when source water contains large amounts of organic matter.				
Chlorine Residual	No	Daily	0.56 0.22 – 1.01	Mg/I	N/A	4.0	By-product of drinking water chlorination.				
TOTAL HALOACETIC ACID 1 MARINA DRIVE	NO	8/24/2021	27.3	UG/L	60	60	BY-PRODUCT OF WATER CHLORINATION				

State's drinking water standards for microbial contamination

A copy of the assessment, including a map of the assessment area, can be obtained by contacting us, as noted below

A source water assessment for our surface water source has not yet been completed.

Are THERE CONTAMINANTS IN OUR DRINKING WATER? As the State regulations require, we routinely test your drinking water for numerous contaminants. These contaminants include: total coliform, turbidity, inorganic compounds, nitrate, nitrite, lead and copper, volatile organic compounds, total trihalometh-anes, and synthetic organic compounds. The table presented below depicts which compounds were detected in your drinking water. The State allows us to test for some contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. Some of our data, though representative, are more than one year old. It should be noted that all drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may be reasonably expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791) or the NYSDOH-Herkimer District Office at (315) 866-6879.

#### Notes

#1- Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of the water. We test it because it is a good indicator of the effectiveness of our filtration system. Our highest single turbidity measurement for the year occurred on 7/15/2021 – 0.11 regulations require that turbidity must always be below 5 NTU. The regulations require that 95% of the turbidity samples collected have measurements below 1.0 NTU. Although November was the month when we had the fewest measurements meeting the treatment technique for turbidity, the levels recorded were within the

acceptable range allowed and did not constitute a treatment technique violation.

#2- The level presented represents the 90th percentile of the 10 sites tested. A percentile is a value on a scale of 100 that indicates the percent of a distribution that is equal to or below it. The 90th percentile is equal to or greater than 90% of the copper values detected at your water system. In this case, 10 samples were collected at your water system and the 90th percentile value was 2.3 ug/l for lead and 0.368 mg/l for copper. The action level for copper was not exceeded at any of the sites tested

## Definitions:

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL): The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCI Gs as feasible.

## Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL): The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG): The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contamination

Action Level (AL): The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

Treatment Technique (TT): A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water. Non-Detects (ND): Laboratory analysis indicates that the constituent is not present.

Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU): A measure of the clarity of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the average person.

Milligrams per liter (mg/l): Corresponds to one part of liquid in one million parts of liquid (parts per million - ppm). <u>Micrograms per liter (ug/l):</u> Corresponds to one part of liq-uid in one billion parts of liquid (parts per billion - ppb).

As you can see by the table, our system had no violations. We have learned through our testing that some contaminants have been detected; however, these contaminants were detected below the level allowed by the State. If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women, infants, and young children. It is possible that lead levels at your home may be higher than at other homes in the community as a result of materials used in your homes plumb-ing. The Village of St. Johnsville water system is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791) or at "http://www.epa.gov/ safewater/lead"

WHAT DOES THIS INFORMATION MEAN?

IS OUR WATER SYSTEM MEETING OTHER RULES THAT

GOVERN OPERATION? During 2021 our system met all requirements that govern operations. Do I NEED TO TAKE SPECIAL PRECAUCTIONS? Although our drinking water met or exceeded state and federal regulations, some people may be more unbarothe to disease accurate prior exceeded on the state of vulnerable to disease causing microorganisms or pathogens in drinking water than the general pop-ulation. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, per-sons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice from their health care provider about their drinking water. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium, Giardia and other microbial pathogens are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791)

WHY SAVE WATER AND HOW TO AVOID WASTING IT? Although our system has an adequate amount of water to meet present and future demands, there are a number of reasons why it is important to conserve water:

· Saving water saves energy and some of the costs associated with both of these necessities of life:

- Saving water reduces the cost of energy required to pump water and the need to construct costly new wells, pumping systems and water towers;
- · Saving water lessens the strain on the water system during a dry spell or drought, helping to avoid severe water use restrictions so that
- essential fire fighting needs are met. You can play a role in conserving water by becoming conscious of the amount of water your household is using, and by looking for ways to use less whenever you can. It is not hard to
- Automatic dishwashers use 15 gallons for every cycle, regardless of how many dishes are loaded. So get a run for your money and load it to capacity
- Turn off the tap when brushing your teeth. Check every faucet in your home for leaks. Just a slow drip can waste 15 to 20 gallons a day.
- Fix it up and you can save almost 6,000 gallons per vear.
- Check your toilets for leaks by putting a few drops of food coloring in the tank, watch for a few minutes to see if the color shows up in the bowl. It is not uncommon to lose up to 100 gallons a day from one of these otherwise invis-ible toilet leaks. Fix it and you save more than 30,000 gallons a year.

CLOSING

Thank you for allowing us to continue to provide your family with quality drinking water this year. In order to maintain a safe and dependable water supply we sometimes need to make improvements that will benefit all of our customers. The costs of these improvements may be reflected in the rate structure. Rate adjustments may be necessary in order to address these improvements. We ask that all our customers help us protect our water sources, which are the heart of our community. Please call our office if you have questions at (518) 568-2225.

## Mohawk Homestead makes annual donation to Alzheimer's Association



The residents of the Mohawk Homestead made their annual donation to the Alzheimer's Association local chapter on June 21. This marks the fourth year the residents have raised money for the worthwhile cause. Photo courtesy of the Mohawk Homestead

## Palatine Literary Society donates \$700 to Montgomery County Veterans Services



The Palatine Literary Society recently donated \$700 to the Montgomery County Veterans Services. Brenda Rava of Montgomery County Veterans Services was presented the check. The money was raised from the society's "Friends of the Flag" project. The flags make a stunning display near the bridge in Palatine Bridge. The Palatine Literary Society has been helping the local area for 119 years.

## HOSKING SALES LLC – CERTIFIED ORGANIC MARKETING AGENCY

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- Thurs. June 30th SHORT NOTICE SALE HELD ON THE FARM 11 AM. West Rupert, VT. Southwind Farm Complete Certified Organic Dairy Dispersal & Machinery. 110 head sell – 62 milking age, 45 heifers. Cows are averaging 63#/day, 3.9F/2.9P. GPS address: 3783 Vermont Rt. 30, West Rupert, VT 05251. Owner: Jeremy Russo 802-236-1920. Watch for full ad.

WE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, JULY 4TH - EVERYONE STAY SAFE & ENJOY! BACK ON SCHEDULE MONDAY, JULY 11TH.

Mon. July 11th - Normal Monday Sale & Monthly Fat Cow & Feeder Sale. Mon. July 18th - Normal Monday sale & Monthly Heifer Sale. UPCOMING SALES TO WATCH FOR:

**<u>Sat. Aug. 6th</u>** – Summer Production Sale 11:30 AM. Selling 100 Head of Registered & Hi Quality Grade Dairy Cattle all breeds. This sale is already filling fast so call with any consignments.

<u>Sat. Oct. 29th</u> – Fall Premier All Breeds Sale. Selling 120 Head of Registered All Breed Dairy Cattle. Call early to get your group featured. WATCH FUTURE ADS ON UPCOMING SALES WE HAVE IN THE WORKS

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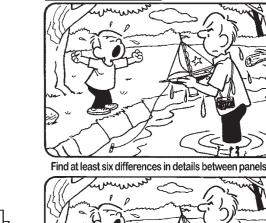
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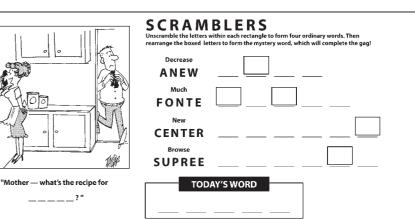
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## **Home Country** by Slim Randles

oc didn't expect any patients before 10 o'clock this morning, so he was up and coffee'd and gone by 6:30. Lewis Creek. The Lunker's hole on Lewis Creek.

The Lunker is a huge rainbow trout that everyone knows about and no one has caught. So far he has resisted flies, worms, salmon eggs, spinners and even an imitation mouse that Dud tossed in there one time just to see if the

Lunker had a bass's appetite. Fish aren't really all that bright, but the Lunker seems to deserve membership to Fish Mensa, No matter how fine the leader a guy used, it didn't fool him. Trying to figure out what to use and how to use it has fueled

arguments for several years now. But Doc thinks he has it figured out now. He has a super-fine tippet on his fly line and used his magnifying glasses

to tie a midge that is so small that if he dropped it, it would be gone forever. Doc realizes that with that fine a line, he stands a good chance of having the Lunker simply snap it off and swim away. But that would be all right with Doc if the fish just came and took that fly, because no one else had come that close to catching him yet.

And there's that wonderful new fly rod that Doc made himself from a Sage blank he bought himself at Christmas. With that rod, he believes, he should be able to feel a fish breathe in that creek.

He was in the Mule Barn before 9 a.m., holding court at the philosophy counter and told the boys what happened.

"The Lunker came up from under that big rock ledge, you know?" Doc said. "And he came within ... maybe four inches of my fly as it went by."

"Four inches!" said Dud. "Hey, Doc, can you show me the pattern you tied for that?"

"Sure thing, Dud," said Doc,



grinning.

Sometimes there can be great glory in failure.

Pick up "Home Country: Drama, Dreams and Laughter From the American Heartland" (at lpdpress.com).

## Chow Line: Food safety during a power outage

: I've got a fridge full of food and our power went out for several hours due to severe storms. Is there any food that can be saved, or do I have to throw everything out of our fridge due to spoilage?

A: It's that time of year when severe weather can leave consumers without power for a few minutes to multiple days. in some instances. Rounds of severe weather and extreme heat have already impacted many consumers nationwide this spring, with thousands experiencing widespread power outages throughout the country.

It's incredibly frustrating to think you must discard groceries that you've just purchased due to a power outage. Understanding the basics of food safety and how perishable foods are impacted when the temperature is 40° F or more can help you decide if your food is still safe.

One of the biggest factors in deciding whether the foods in your household will spoil during a power outage is the duration of the power loss. Generally speaking, perishable foods that have been in temperatures above 40° for two hours or more will need to be discarded to avoid the potential for food borne illnesses, said Sanja Ilic, food safety state specialist, Ohio State

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'This is because food that isn't maintained at proper temperatures can enter the 'danger zone,' a range of temperatures between  $40^{\circ}$  and  $140^{\circ}$  at which bacteria grows most rapidly," she said.

If your power goes out, keep the refrigerator and freezer doors closed as much as possible. If not opened, a refrigerator without power will keep food cold for about four hours. A half-full freezer will hold its temperature for about 24 hours, and for 48 hours if the freezer is full, according to the USDA.

Always keep a thermometer in the refrigerator so you know the precise inside air temperature, said Kate Shumaker, an OSU Extension educator and registered dietitian.

'You can also keep several ice cubes in a zipper bag or small container in the freezer as a way to monitor the temperature," she said. "If the ice cubes have melted, the temperature was above 32°."

Once the power is back on, check your food to make sure it is safe to eat, making sure to check each item separately. According to http://foodsafety.gov/,

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2 F 6 9 here is the list of perishable foods you'd need to discard if they've been at 40° or higher for two hours or more:

Meat, poultry and seafood products Soft cheeses and shredded cheeses Milk, cream, yogurt and other dairy products

Opened baby formula

Eggs and egg products

Dough and cooked pasta Cooked or cut produce

FoodSafety.gov says the following perishable foods are generally okay to keep

after they've been held at 40° or higher for more than two hours:

Hard cheeses such as cheddar, colby, Swiss, Parmesan, provolone and Romano Grated Parmesan, Romano or a combination of both in a can or a jar Butter and margarine Opened fruit juices

Opened, canned fruits

Jelly, relish, taco sauce, mustard, ketchup, olives and pickles

Worcestershire, soy, barbecue and

hoisin sauces

Peanut butter

- Opened, vinegar-based dressings Breads, rolls, cakes, muffins, quick
- breads and tortillas

Breakfast foods such as waffles, pancakes and bagels

Fruit pies

Fresh mushrooms, herbs and spices Uncut, raw vegetables and fruits

This column was originally reviewed by Sanja Ilic, specialist in food safety for OSU Extension, and Kate Shumaker, an OSU Extension educator and registered dietitian.

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