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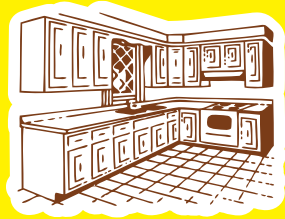
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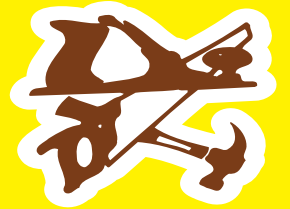
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The 4th celebrated at Fort Klock



The weather was perfect as hundreds of people enjoyed celebrating Independence Day at Fort Klock. The Declaration of Independence was read by the Chairman of the Board, Bob Metzger, cannons were fired and a musket salute was done

after the raising of the American flag. Strawberry shortcake was the special of the day, along with ice cream donated by Stewart's Shops and many other homemade goodies. Tours of the Fort were conducted by Tyler Sprague and Les Stewart

throughout the day.

One very special moment was the dedication of the plaque honoring Willis 'Skip' Barshied.

In 1953 Skip was just 23 years old when he and a group of 11 other young men who enjoyed old rifles formed the Tryon County Muzzle Loaders. Looking for a firing range, they learned about Fort Klock, which at the time was vacant and run down. Through an agreement with the owner the group was able to secure a long-term lease and began restoring the Fort. In 1964 Fort Klock Historic Preservation was chartered by the NYS Board of Regents and became a non-profit educational institution.

For over 65 years Skip was a steadfast supporter of Fort Klock and spent many hours working to help make the site what it is today.

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Reenactors fired muskets and cannons during the event. Photos courtesy of Fort Klock

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Today's Tip: Master Strokes

“Escape Clause”

Long shots from fairy bunkers are tough for most players. Since the ball is lying tight in the sand, there's no cushion, and this leaves little room for error. If you're a week-end warrior who doesn't generate high club-head speed, it's tough to get the ball up in the air from these lies, risking you not clearing the lip. When sizing up a fairway bunker shot, make sure you take a club with enough loft. Unless your lie is extremely good, select no longer than a 5 iron as your “escape clause,” even if that means you can't get the ball all the way to the green. The shorter clubshaft and loft of the 5 iron will give you a better chance to swing in balance and get the ball well up and out, with at least a fighting chance to save par.

Senior Tip – Putt “Young”

We find that a majority of older golfers are

resigned to putting less efficiently than they did in years past. Most think it's a physical problem due to aging. It's more likely to be a psychological problem. Older golfers have a history of many missed putts and the memories of these misses over the years can build up “putting tension.” But as a youngster, you didn't agonize as you stood over the ball. You read the putt, trusted your stroke and putted quickly and confidently. Why don't you get back to the youngster in you? Don't dwell on the negative possibilities. Establish a brief, consistent and confident routine, and allow only positive images about the putt at hand. You're going to surprise yourself!

Tips by Jim McLean, owner, Jim McLean Golf School, author of the best-selling book “The Slot Swing” and the all-new “Build Your Swing,” illustrated by Phil Franke.



Today's Tip

MASTER STROKES

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“First tee jitters” are very common among amateurs when starting their round, especially if there are a lot of onlookers.

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These jitters can cause many to start thinking negatively. For example, “Don't let me shank it” or “Yikes, look at that water hazard!” This puts too much importance on the first shot, making it more likely you're not going to make a good swing, setting a bad mood for the round. Two tips for overcoming the jitters: 1. Remember that your first shot is no more or less important than any stroke you'll play. No one shot will make or break a round. 2. Stay in your pre-shot routine, which should always be brief and decisive, then immediately move into the swing without any hesitation.

By Jim McLean, owner, Jim McLean Golf School, author of the best-selling book “The Slot Swing” and the all-new “Build Your Swing” illustrated by Phil Franke

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Fort know what a tremendous contribution Skip made in preserving the Fort, members of Fort Klock Historic Preservation had a plaque made honoring him.

In addition to his love of Fort Klock, Skip was a wealth of knowledge when it came to local history and enjoyed sharing his knowledge with those interested in learning about it.



Bill Murphy and Bob Metzger unveiled the plaque honoring Willis 'Skip' Barshied for his 60+ years of support for Fort Klock Historic Restoration.

Additional events

July 23 is Moses Quinby Day. Stop by to learn all about bees. A great line-up of speakers, crafters and demonstrations will 'bee' happening throughout the day.

On **July 29** from 7 - 9 p.m., Fort Klock will be hosting Monkey and the Crowbar, an energetic group of musicians playing a toe tapping, foot stomping array of well-known and original

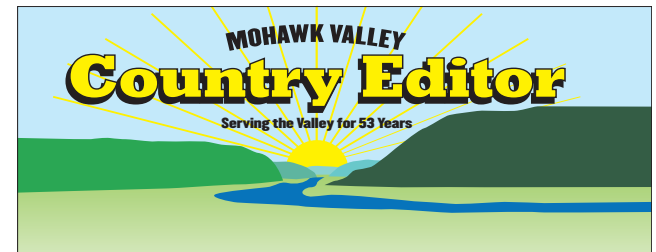
tunes. The event and parking are free, refreshments are available for purchase.

Be sure to mark your calendars for the 49th Annual Fort Klock Craft Fair, **Sept. 10-11**.

If you enjoy reenactments, visit the weekend of **Oct. 1-2** to witness the Interrupted Harvest.

Fort Klock is open Wednesday through Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Labor Day. Stop by and enjoy the work started by the group of 12 young men that continues today.

Fort Klock is located at 7203 Route 5, St. Johnsville. Call 518.568.7779 or visit www.fortklockrestoration.org or www.facebook.com/fortklockhistoricrestoration to learn more.



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The Friends of Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site in Fort Hunter are excited to announce that the 30th Annual Not Just for Kids Storytelling series will take place at the Erie Canal historic site this year. Award winning storytellers from the region will perform tales to intrigue, legends to compel and stories that illustrate how we are all connected as human beings. The series is open to the public and is meant for all ages. It runs on Sunday evenings at 6 p.m. from July 31 - Aug. 28 outside the Schoharie Crossing Visitor Center, 129 Schoharie St.

Eileen Mack and Claire Nolan will begin the series on July 31 with a set of stories they call "Blessings of Trees & Earth: Stories Honoring the Natural World." These talented and accomplished tellers are from the Capital Region with years of experience engaging audiences of all ages.

On Aug. 7, Lale Davidson will perform "Folktales and Family Tales: Quaking Bogs, Fairy Queens and Mystery on the High Plains." Davidson comes from a strong line of storytellers, from Kentucky cousins telling family tales around the kitchen table to her mother conjuring Greek gods on camping trips across Europe. This program combines Irish fairy tales about chasing

corpses through quaking bogs with true family tales of mysterious lights on the high plains in South America, taken from her magical realist novel, "Blue Woman Burning." She'll also tell stories from her collection "Strange Appetites," published by Red Penguin Books.

On Aug. 14, the multi-talented Tim Van Egmond will dazzle the audience with "The Eye of the Beholder," a program of tales about epiphanies of beauty and insight. Have you ever had an experience in which something suddenly raised your awareness and appreciation and it's as if curtains were pulled away or you were seeing with new eyes? Including folktales and a personal tale, these stories have shifts in perspective like this – openings for the mind and the heart that lead to new understanding.

Turtle Clan member of the Onondaga Nation Perry Ground has been telling stories for more than 25 years as a way of educating people about the culture, beliefs and history of the Haudenosaunee (sometimes known as Iroquois) Confederacy. Ground will be at Schoharie Crossing on Aug. 21 with "Stories from the People of the Longhouse." This presentation is filled with traditional Haudenosaunee legends that have been told for hundreds of years. These stories teach about the beliefs, customs and history of the Haudenosaunee people.

Concluding the series will be the Storycrafters on Aug.

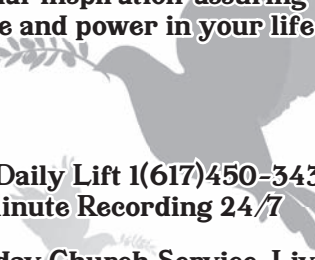
28. Barry Marshall and Jeri Burns, Ph.D., have been working together as the Storycrafters since 1991 and have been the recipients of the National Storytelling Network's Circle of Excellence Award. They believe in the time-tested wisdom of traditional stories and share that wisdom with today's audiences. They strive to honor world cultures by telling the old stories in respectful ways, often integrating the musical instruments, songs or dances indigenous to that region. Then, of course, look out for their original modern renditions of the oldest stories – some of their most requested material.

This free series is rain or shine. Bring a lawn chair or blanket to enjoy the outdoor performances. If raining, performances will take place inside the Enders House adjacent to the Visitor Center. Donations are always greatly appreciated and gladly accepted.

The grounds for the site are open all year from sunrise to sunset. Visitor Center hours are Wednesday - Saturday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Sunday 1 - 4 p.m. Group reservations are available for off hours.

For more information about these events and what is available at Schoharie Crossing, call the Visitor Center at 518.829.7516 or email SchoharieCrossing@parks.ny.gov. Find and like Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site on Facebook. For more information about New York State Parks, visit nysparks.com.

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The Canajoharie-Fort Plain-OESJ Summer Drama Club will present Irving Berlin's "Holiday Inn" on July 29 at 7 p.m. and July 30 at 2 p.m. in Canajoharie High School's Arkell Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for senior citizens and students. Family group discounts are available at the door.

This updated version of the 1942 musical features Chiara Morris as Linda, Richard Catarino as Ted, Dawson Sweet as Jim, Avery Merchant as Lila, Alexandria Gyurik as Louise, Jeffrey Lillard as Danny and Thomas Kee as Charlie, plus 29 more

talented cast members and 11 crew members.

A brief biographical skit about Irving Berlin before the show will highlight this great songwriter's life. He wrote the lyrics and music for over 1,000 songs. Twenty of them are in our show, including "Easter Parade," "White Christmas," "Blue Skies," "Alexander's Ragtime Band" and "God Bless America." Come enjoy the show and support the local drama students ages 7 - 17. The musical is based on the film from Universal Pictures and the book by Gordon Greenberg and Chad Hodge.



Phyllis C. Bullock, 92, of Sprakers passed away July 3, 2022 at in Mountain Valley Hospice in Gloversville. She was born on March 4, 1930 in Canajoharie, New York to Charles Christiance and Elaine MacCormac Christiance.

She attended local schools graduating from Canajoharie High School with the class of 1947 before attending SUNY Cortland. Phyllis was united in marriage to Charles Bullock on May 20,

1949. They remained lovingly married until his passing on May 4, 1989. During their marriage Phyllis was a loving wife, mother, and homemaker. She also dedicated her time to volunteering at the Rural Grove Fire Company and its Auxiliary as well as the Christian Church of Rural Grove where she was a devoted parishioner.

Phyllis is survived by her son Michael C. (Darlene) Bullock of Fultonville, daughters; Alice (Jeffrey) Unger of TN, and Jane Bullock of Little Falls. She also leaves behind her grandchildren; Brittany (Jonah DeShane) Bullock, Jenny (Damian) Cornelius, as well as three great-grandchildren; Rubin Cornelius, John Reisinger, and Lilly Reisinger, and several cousins.

Phyllis's family wishes to extend their sincere gratitude to the staff of Mountain Valley Hospice in Gloversville for the wonderful care and compassion they provided Phyllis in her final month.

A graveside service took place on Thursday, July 7, 2022 at 10 AM at Canajoharie Falls Cemetery with the Reverend Doctor Robert Walter officiating.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Mountain Valley Hospice 108 Steele Ave., Gloversville, New York 12078 in Phyllis's name.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Lenz and Betz Funeral Home 69 Otsego St Canajoharie, NY.

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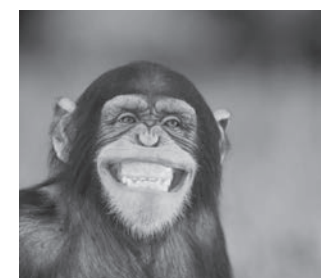
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 Morning Service 11 AM,
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 Sat. Visitation 10 AM
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 15 Washington St., Fort Plain
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 Wednesday 6:30 PM

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 518-993-2040
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 405-250-8395
 Church Service 11 AM

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 774 St. Hwy. 163, Fort Plain, NY
 518-705-7552
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 Sunday Worship 9 AM,
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 165 Canal St., Fort Plain, NY 13339
 518-993-4302
 fortplainrca@yahoo.com
 Rev. Nancy E. Ryan
 Worship 11 AM,
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 Evening Worship 7-8 PM

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 39 Center St., Fort Plain
 Audie Miller,
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 Church Office 518-993-3863
 Kitchen 518-993-3464
 ALL WELCOME, Worship Service 11AM

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 115 Reid St., Fort Plain, NY 13339
 Parish Office 518-993-3822
 ourladyofhope@frontier.com
 Mass Schedule: Saturday, 4 PM;
 Sunday, 9:30 AM;
 Confessions: Sat. 3 & by appointment
 Please call parish office for Holy Day schedule

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 Sunday School 10 AM
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 Deacon: Micheal Carbone
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 Phone 866-4282
 Saturday Vigil Mass 4 PM
 Sunday Mass 8 AM

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 Sunday Mass 10 AM
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 Wednesday Worship 6:30 PM

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 Sunday School 10 AM
 Morning Worship 11 AM

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 Pastor Joelle Faulks
 Prospect St & Park Ave.
 Sunday Worship and Sunday School 9 AM

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 102 Church St.
 Phone 866-1523
 Worship 9:30 AM
 Shepherd's Table: Tuesday 11:30-12 PM

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 or (315) 895-0363
 Email: staugustine3@gmail.com
 Sunday Services at 10 AM

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
 90 Morgan St., Ilion, NY, 13357
 Reverend Richard Riggie
 Bible Study 9:30 AM
 Church Service 10:30 AM
 315-894-2070

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
 8 Second Street
 Reverend John Partise
 Wednesday Mid Week Service 7 PM
 Sunday Morning 11 AM

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 Reverend Hans Drews
 1161 Elizabethtown Rd., Ilion, NY 13357
 518-568-7983
 hansandrosaline@yahoo.com
 Sunday Service 11 AM

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 Pastor Joelle Faulks
 Sunday Worship 10:30 AM
 November 1 - May 1
 4224 Acme Rd, Frankfort
 May 1 - November 1
 36 Second Street, Ilion

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 559 E. Jefferson St.
 Phone 823-4043 • firstaglf@gmail.com
 Sunday Morning All Worship 10 AM
 Thursday Bible Study 6:30 PM

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ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF
LITTLE FALLS
 Father Brian Slezak
 763 E. Main St., Little Falls, NY
 Phone 315-823-3410
 Saturday Vigil Mass 4 PM
 Sunday Mass 10:30 AM

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
 512 E. Gansevoort St.
 Sunday School 9:15 AM
 Sunday Worship 9:30 AM
 Wednesday Worship 11 AM & 6 PM

EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH
 588-594 Albany St.
 Sunday Schedule:
 High Mass, Rite II 10 AM
 Nursery & Sunday School 9:45 AM
 (Sept.-May)
 Fellowship Coffee Hour 11:15 AM
 Choir Rehearsal 11:30 AM
 Holy Day Masses as announced
 Confessions by appointment

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
 Pastor Tamara Razzano
 16 Jackson St.
 Phone: 315-823-3004
 Email ffirstpres@gmail.com
 www.presbylif.org
 Sunday Worship 10 AM
 Sunday School 10 AM

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 Sunday Worship Service 10 AM
 443 Inghams Mills Rd.
 Little Falls, NY 13365
 Pastor's Phone (315) 717-9936

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 Worship Sunday 9 AM

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

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 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

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 September - June

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 Discipleship Hour: Sunday 1:30 PM
 Bible Study & Prayer: Wednesday 6 PM

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 Rev. Leo Potvin,
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 Sunday Worship 10 AM
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 & Prayer Meeting 7 PM

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 Fri. Youth Group 7 PM (7-12th grade)

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 Wednesday Prayer 6 PM; Sunday
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 Sunday School (ages 3-adult) 9:45 AM
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 Sunday Prayer Meeting 5:30 PM
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 170 Rural Grove Rd.,
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 518-922-7831
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 Days - as announced

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 Rev. Terence Brant
 607-264-3035
 Sunday School 10 AM
 Morning Worship 11 AM
 Wed. night Bible Study 7 PM

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 34 S. Division St.,
 St. Johnsville, NY 13452
 518-568-2678
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 Sunday Worship 10 AM
 Wed. Worship and Prayer 6 PM

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 Wednesday Evening Worship 6:30 PM

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S	M	T	W	T	F	S
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	1	2	3	4	5	6

Holidays
4th - Independence Day

August 2022						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10

Holidays

September 2022						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8

Holidays
5th - Labor Day
11th - Patriot Day
22nd - Fall Begins

JULY 15-17
Pistol Lilly Ranch Tack Shop will have a booth set up at Midland Barrel Racing, Fonda Fairgrounds, 21 Bridge St. South, Fonda.

JULY 16
Car and Craft Show 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. hosted by VFW Post 502 in Frankfort. Sponsored by East Schuyler Methodist Church. For more information, contact 315.219.3410.

Ilion Village wide garage sales 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Listings available in front of Municipal Bldg. for \$1 donation, 9 a.m. to noon

Cycle the Erie Pit-Stop 8 a.m. to noon at Schoharie Crossing Visitor Center & Grounds in Fort Hunter. The Friends of Schoharie Crossing will be at the site as ambassadors for the canal and our rich history. Contact David Brooks at 518.829.7516 for more information.

Richfield Springs Community Center's Annual Bass Tournament at the Canadarago Lake Boat Launch, 135 Denison Road, just off U.S. Route 28, Richfield Springs. Registration is 5:30 to 7 a.m. Fishing 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Weigh in is at 1:30 p.m. Free lunch will follow weigh in. Fee is \$20 per person, \$10 per person for 12 and under. For tournament information either call Tournament Coordinator Bill Kosina at 315-749-3286 or e-mail bill@richfield-zone.org

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 16-24
36th Annual Ilion Days Celebration. Visit iliondoodah.com or the Ilion Days Facebook page

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/4nwpvax

Ilion Days Child Safety Program 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. NY Life Child ID Safety Program 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Ilion Municipal Bldg. Cemetery Tour - Stories from the Grave, 3 p.m. meet at Benedict Hill Cemetery Entrance.

20th Annual Richfield Springs Community Center "Sundae" Run and Walk at Richfield Springs Veterans Club Pavilion, 13 Lake Street. Run and Walk's coordinator is Bill Kosina. He can be reached at 315.749.3286 or bill@richfieldzone.org

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.

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.

Ilion Days - Don Taylor 11th Annual Memorial Run and Ilion Days Mini Track Meet at Central Valley Academy. Registration 6-6:20 p.m. Meet starts at 6:30 p.m.

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.

Third Wednesday Night Dinners 4-6 p.m. or sold out at Ilion First Baptist Church, 8 Second St., Ilion. Barbecue Pork Dinner. Delivery or take out only. \$12 per dinner. Take-out orders may be ordered by calling 315.894.9041.

Ilion Days Book signings by Joseph Colea and Kevin Hall at Ilion Public Library. Both authors will sign books they wrote about Ilion. 4-7 p.m. with a discussion from 5-6 p.m.

JULY 21
Midsummer Night's Picnic at Canal Place, Little Falls. Visit facebook.com/ThinkLocalLittleFalls

Ilion Days Cemetery Tour. Ghastly Cemetery Tour 6:30 p.m. meet at Benedict Hill Cemetery Entrance.

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.

Ilion Days 36th Annual DooDah Parade steps off at 6:30 p.m. DJ at Whalen Park at 8 p.m. Fireworks at Whalen Community Park at 9:45 p.m.

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@frontier-net.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.

Ilion Days Family Fun Days 7-8 a.m. Registration for 5K Run/Walk at Ilion Library. 8 a.m. race start. The remaining events are at Central Plaza: 10 a.m. -3:30 p.m. Craft Fair, 10 a.m. Dog Show, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Family Fun - games, crafts, DJ prizes and more. With free face painting by Kiko the Clown 12-2 p.m.

Hotcakes for History 7:30-9:30 a.m. at the Ilion/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

Friends of Schoharie Crossing Meeting with Speaker Sarah Walsh of the Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy 6:30 p.m. at Enders House in Fort Hunter. Contact David Brooks at 518.829.7516 for more information.

Haunted Ghost Tour of the Herkimer 1834 Jail 7-11 p.m. with tour guides from the Fort Schuyler Paranormal Society and the Adirondack Park Paranormal Society. Tickets are \$20 each and can be purchased by calling 315.867.5036 or emailing friends1834@aol.com.

Ilion Days Car Show at London Towers with DJ 11 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Ducky Race 2 p.m., starts behind Elks Club.

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 29-30
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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 5-7
CanalFest'22 at Bellamy Harbor Park on the Erie Canal in Rome. Gates open Friday at 5 p.m. and 12 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Non-smoking and non-alcoholic beverage event. No charge for attendance, however a donation of \$1 is suggested.

AUGUST 6
Stratford Town Wide Yard Sale 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sponsored by the Stratford Historical Society and the Stratford Seniors. Free maps can be picked up at the Stratford Town Hall at 120 Piseco Rd. Bake Sale and yard sale vendors will be on site. For additional information or questions call Cindy Klatt at 315.429.9162.

Junior Youth Program of Canajoharie Annual Art in the Park 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Free event for 30 children ages 4-10. Classes at the Riverfront Park in Canajoharie. Contact JoAnn Douglass at director@jypcanajoharie.org or 518.816.9530 or Facebook.com/JYPCanajoharie

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
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Assemblyman Smullen attends Camp Corral to show support for military families

Assemblyman Robert Smullen (R, C, I, SAM – Mecos) recently visited Camp Corral, held this year at the YMCA's Camp Gorham in Eagle Bay. Camp Corral is a designed getaway for children whose parents are involved in the military. This program provides an essential safe haven for the campers while also focusing

on advocacy, mental health, team building and leadership. "As part of our continued service to military families, I was pleased to attend Camp Corral last week which took place at the YMCA's Camp Gorham in Eagle Bay," Smullen said. "Camp Corral does tremendous work to transform the lives of children of our

nation's fallen, ill and wounded heroes by offering coping skills, team building activities, peer-to-peer connections and support services in a fun, outdoor summer setting. Thank you to Camp Corral CEO Phil Kowalczyk and the Greater Rochester YMCA for supporting Camp Gorham in our region."



Assemblyman Smullen (R) standing with YMCA faculty at Camp Gorham in Eagle Bay after spending the day with children from military families. Photo courtesy of Assemblyman Smullen

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Kids' Community Corner



Hailey and Easton Peck operating their lemonade stand.



Elizabeth Wren enjoys a snack while relaxing at camp.

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JULY

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<p>25 Pasta & Meatballs Italian Blend Vegetables Garlic Roll Peaches</p>	<p>26 Cheesy Ham & Rice Casserole Cauliflower • Red Cabbage Cookie</p>	<p>27 Meatloaf with Gravy Mashed Potatoes Squash Chef's Choice Dessert</p>	<p>28 Turkey Cold Plate Cottage Cheese Pasta Salad Kaiser Roll • Ice Cream</p>	<p>29 Roast Pork with Gravy Sweet Potatoes Broccoli Pineapple</p>

DINING & ENTERTAINMENT

Herkimer College makes appointments and promotion

Herkimer County Community College has appointed Rosemarie Etienne of Mohawk to the position of advisement center specialist. In this role, Etienne will be an assigned academic advisor to students in all areas of study.

Etienne previously was employed with the Community Action Partnership of Madison County as a WIC nutrition assistant. She also has experience as a habilitation aide for Arc Herkimer, where she provided adult respite services for individuals with disabilities.

Etienne holds a bachelor's in anthropology from SUNY Geneseo and a master's in global health and development from the University College London in the UK.

The college has appointed Colleen Bentley-Ciccione of Frankfort to the position of purchasing agent. Bentley-Ciccione will manage and process all purchasing activity and oversee the mailroom, copy center, fleet vehicle assignments and telephone attendant.

Bentley-Ciccione served as assistant direc-

tor of business services, responsible for purchasing and accounts payable at Utica University since 2014. She is a certified purchasing card professional, accounts payable manager and notary public.

Bentley-Ciccione holds an associate's in Liberal Arts & Sciences from Mohawk Valley Community College and a bachelor's in Business, Management & Economics/Human Resource Management from Empire State University.

The college has also promoted Kaitlyn LaPolla of Utica to the position of full-time counselor in the Counseling Center. LaPolla will provide counseling services related to the social, emotional, personal and academic concerns of students. She will also develop and coordinate alcohol and other drug prevention programs for students.

LaPolla is a licensed New York State mental health counselor and a certified integrative nutritional and mental health practitioner. Most recently, she was employed at Clinton Therapy and Testing

Center, providing individual therapy to clients ages 15 and up. LaPolla has also served as a part-time counselor at Herkimer College since 2019.

LaPolla holds a bachelor's

in psychology from St. John Fisher College and a master's in Forensic Mental Health Counseling from CUNY John Jay College of Criminal Justice.



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Poland track & field program reaches new heights with championships, records, more



The Poland Central School District girls' varsity track team celebrates its third Center State Conference Division 4 league championship.



Poland Central School District students Zyanna Irving-Summers and Kyle Grimaldi celebrate both winning Section 3 championships in the pentathlon.

Poland Central School District outdoor track and field athletes set a new standard of excellence for the program this school year.

Under the coaching of brothers John and Joel Allen, both varsity teams won the Center State Conference Division 4 league championship, the girls won the Section 3 championship, several students won individual league and sectional championships, multiple school records were broken, six students advanced to the state qualifier meet and ninth grader Maddison Haver finished fifth at the state championships for the 100-meter dash. The school also launched boys and girls modified teams this school year.

On top of all that, the boys' league championship and the

girls' sectional championship came down to one race – making the experience even more unforgettable.

This was the first time the Poland boys varsity track team won the league championship. It was the third time the girls team won both the league and sectional championships – marking three championship seasons out of the last five years – despite not having the opportunity to compete in 2020 due to COVID-19 and having a small team in 2021.

Haver's trip to the state championship is the third time a Poland athlete has reached the state championship – another student participated twice for high jump. Haver's fifth place finish at the state championship is the best finishing position a Poland

athlete has had in the history of the track program.

The Final Race

The boys varsity track team never won a league title before scoring 155 points and winning the Center State Conference Division 4 league championship meet on May 17 this year. It was a big jump from their previous league meet point totals of 36 in 2018, 52 in 2019 and 19 in 2021. There

was no league meet in 2020.

That history made this year's competitive league meet even more exciting for the boys on the team – especially when it came down to the final race: a 4x400-meter relay race ran by Gage Smith, Aaron Pope, Zach Gee and Forest Martin. Poland entered the race ahead by a few points.

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'If It Can Get More Exciting'

The girls varsity track team won the league and sectional championship this year for the third time out of the last four possible years. The pandemic cancellation's effects lasted into 2021, when Poland only had nine girls on the team and still finished second to Remsen in the league championship.

This year, Poland returned to the success of 2018 and 2019 by winning both the league and section again –

but this time it was in more dramatic fashion.

Poland closely trailed Oriskany on May 27 heading into the final event of the Section 3 championship meet: an 800-meter race that was the last leg of the pentathlon. Poland freshman Zyanna Irving-Summers was in first place heading into the race, but the pressure was on freshman Kendra Houghtaling, who was in fourth and had the opportunity to move up in the scoring with a good time because an Oriskany student was just ahead of her in third place.

Houghtaling, who had never participated in the pentathlon before that day, was encouraged by her teammates to put her all into the 800-meter, the coaches said.

Irving-Summers won the pentathlon overall, and Houghtaling finished third, gaining enough points from her time in the 800-meter to pass the Oriskany student. Houghtaling came through with her best race when it mattered most, the coaches said.

On to the State Championships

After six Poland students advanced to the state quali-

er, Poland freshman Maddison Haver advanced to the Division 2 state championships. She competed in the state semi-finals on June 10 and advanced to the state finals on June 11, finishing in fifth place.

Haver had the 13th fastest time going into the state championship and exceeded her ranking by finishing fifth.

Just making it to the state championship meet is a huge accomplishment on its own and Haver has the potential to get back there again, Joel Allen said.

For John Allen, who has been coaching the track program for about 10 years including the years that Poland had to use West Canada Val-

ley's track or run in the school hallways until a track was built as part of Capital Project 2020, seeing Haver receive a fifth-place medal on the state championship podium was a big moment.

Student Successes

The following are lists of

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The Poland Central School District girls varsity track team celebrates its Section 3 championship.



Poland Central School District ninth grader Maddison Haver (far right) stands on the podium with her fifth-place medal from the 100-meter dash state championship competition. Photos courtesy of Herkimer BOCES

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individual student success in track this school year – including championships, accomplishments and school records:

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discus

- Madison Altamura: 400m hurdles
- Sophia Farber: high jump
- Marion Proctor: shot put
- Zyanna Irving-Summers: pentathlon
- Gage Smith: 400m



The boys' varsity team had much to celebrate as well.

- Forest Martin: 800m
- Adam Nellis: 110m hurdles, 400m hurdles
- Gage Smith, Aaron Pope, Zach Gee and Forest Martin: 4x400m relay
- Nick Robinson, Ethan Broadbent, Aaron Pope and Forest Martin: 4x800m relay
- Kyle Grimaldi: pentathlon
- Sectional Champions:**
 - Stefania Grimaldi: 100m hurdles and triple jump
 - Maddison Haver: 400m
 - Marion Proctor: shot put
 - Zyanna Irving-Summers: pentathlon
 - Nick Robinson, Ethan Broadbent, Aaron Pope and Forest Martin: 4x800m relay
 - Kyle Grimaldi: pentathlon
- Students who advanced to the state qualifier meet:**
 - Stefania Grimaldi: pentathlon
 - Maddison Haver: 100m and 400m
 - Sophia Farber: high jump
 - Marion Proctor: shot put
 - Garrett Rankins: high jump
 - Kyle Grimaldi: high jump
- School records:**
 - Maddison Haver: 100m, 200m and 400m
 - Stefania Grimaldi: 100m hurdles, long jump, discus and pentathlon
 - Gage Smith: 200m and 400m
 - Kyle Grimaldi: pentathlon
 - Gage Smith, Aaron Pope, Zach Gee and Forest Martin: 4x400m relay
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HOME IMPROVEMENT

Should I DIY?

Three questions to determine if it's best to renovate on your own

A do-it-yourself mentality has taken hold in millions of households across the globe. Popular TV channels like HGTV and DIY Network as well as accessible home improvement content on apps like YouTube has inspired many homeowners to tackle renovation projects around their homes. Taking such initiative is admirable, though it also can prove costly if homeowners end up biting off more than they can chew.

Home improvement videos and shows have a tendency to oversimplify renovation projects, potentially giving homeowners a false sense of confidence in their DIY abilities. A concerted effort on the part of homeowners to determine if it's best to renovate on their own or hire a professional should always be the first step of any renovation project. No two homeowners are the same, but the following three questions can help homeowners determine if DIY is their best option.

1. Can I afford to DIY?

Professional home improvement projects are costly for a variety of reasons. Materials can be costly, but so are the tools and labor necessary to do the job right. Homeowners may not have the tools necessary to complete complicated projects. Specialty tools can be expensive to purchase or even rent, and the cost of acquiring such tools should be included in any DIY project cost estimates. Labor also factors heavily into professional projects, and for good reason. Talented contractors have unique skills that have been developed



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and perfected over many years. Those skills can ensure projects are completed quickly and correctly. Labor may seem costly, but such costs may ultimately prove to be a bargain compared to the cost of fixing DIY mistakes. Projects that are minor in scope and don't require the use of potentially costly specialty tools may be better suited for weekend warriors than more complicated renovations.

2. Do I have the time?

Homeowners must determine how much time they have to complete a project before deciding to do it themselves. No one wants to spend months staring at an unfinished renovation project. Homeowners who are already pressed for time may not be able to complete projects in a timely fashion, which can make homes less comfortable and even less safe.

3. Can I pull this off?

DIY projects can instill

homeowners with a sense of pride in their homes, but it's imperative that homeowners considering the DIY option conduct an honest assessment of their skills. A lack of renovation experience does not necessarily mean a homeowner cannot successfully complete a DIY project. But in such instances, it may be best to start with small, straightforward projects and then gradually move up to bigger, more complicated projects

as skills are fine tuned. And homeowners who have never been at their best with a hammer in hand should not be ashamed to leave the work to the professionals.

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HOME IMPROVEMENT

What to plant when privacy is a priority

A backyard oasis can feel like an even more welcoming retreat when the area is private. Homeowners and their families often find that a backyard is most relaxing when they cannot hear or see their neighbors and creating such an environment can be as simple as planting some privacy trees.

Fencing is an option when homeowners are looking to make their backyards more private. But HomeAdvisor reports that the average cost to install a privacy fence is just under \$3,000, and those costs can be considerably higher depending on where homeowners live and how big a fence they need. Privacy trees can be considerably less expensive, and homeowners can spread out those costs by planting over time, an option that's not possible when installing fencing.

When planting privacy trees, homeowners can consider these varieties that can do the job while also providing some aesthetic

appeal.

- **Emerald arborvitae:** The Arbor Day Foundation® notes that the emerald arborvitae is unique among arborvitae because it maintains its green color even in the coldest months of the year. The emerald arborvitae can grow to between 10 and 15 feet tall and spread as wide as four feet at maturity. The tree features a pyramid shape and is considered slow-growing at less than 12 inches of growth per year. The ADF reports that full sun and partial shade are best for this tree.

- **Carolina cherry laurel:** Carolina cherry laurels are popular choices for privacy seekers. The Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center notes the trees can grow very tall and boast a pyramidal shape. The Carolina cherry laurel require sun and thrive in moist, well-drained soils. Parents with young children should know that the leaves of this family of plant contain hydrocyan-

ic acid and should never be eaten.

- **Boxwood:** The ADF notes that boxwoods are renowned for their use in formal gardens. That can make them an ideal option for homeowners seeking a traditional garden aesthetic in their backyards. Boxwood trees can grow up to 20 feet tall, but they can vary greatly in height. Homeowners purchasing them as privacy trees should speak with their local gardening center to ensure they're getting boxwoods that will provide ample privacy. Though they still have aesthetic appeal, smaller boxwoods may only reach a foot tall. Boxwoods vary considerably in terms of their growth rate, so homeowners should inquire about this as well before purchasing and planting any trees.

- **Privet:** Privets are dense privacy hedges that grow very quickly, with the ADF reporting they can grow up to three feet per year. Privets may reach 12

feet in height and spread as wide as six feet at maturity. Privets tolerate shearing well, which can make them ideal privacy options for those looking for a formal

appearance. Privets require full sun for uniform growth. Privets are considered invasive in many areas of North America, so homeowners should consult their local

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The right privacy trees can be just what homeowners need to turn their backyards into relaxing respites.



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The Family Counseling Center promotes new national 988 dialing code for suicide and crisis prevention

The Family Counseling Center of Fulton County in Gloversville, along with mental and behavioral health facilities across the country, are preparing for the launch of the 988 dialing code, a direct and easy access to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline.

Similar to 911, 988 will connect callers to over 200 locally operated and funded crisis centers across the country. On July 16, the U.S. will transition to using the 988 dialing code, strengthening and expanding the current National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. Callers will be connected to compassionate, accessible care and support when experiencing any

mental health related distress - whether that is thoughts of suicide, mental health or substance use crisis or any other kind of emotional distress. People can also dial 988 if they are worried about a loved one who may need crisis support.

Across the country, mental health organizations, local police departments, emergency rooms and schools are seeing a dramatic increase in mental health crisis incidents. 988 is a first step toward strengthening and transforming crisis care in the county. 988 will serve as a universal entry point so that no matter where you live, you can reach a trained crisis counsel-

or who can help.

The Kaiser Family Foundation recently released numbers regarding Mental Health Care Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs). The timeframe covered up until September 2021 and notes that over one-third of Americans live in areas lacking mental health professionals. Nationally, 6,398 mental health providers are needed to fill the gap with areas of highest need being rural or partially rural communities like Fulton County and others in the Capital District.

"We are excited to promote and support the rollout of the new national 988 dialing code," said Michael Countryman, executive director

at the Family Counseling Center. "Our Crisis Unit works daily to support those in a moment of mental health crisis. The Crisis Unit is open Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Fridays 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and we have a 24-hour Crisis Hotline as well, but to be able to reach and support community members 24 hours a day, every day, including holidays and weekends through 988 is an amazing opportunity to meet the needs, provide the guidance and assist individuals in crisis."

For more information about the Family Counseling Center, go to thefamilycounselingcenter.org.

Diary of 12-year-old Ukrainian refugee to be released

NEW YORK (AP) - The reflections of a 12-year-old refugee from the Russian invasion of Ukraine will be published this autumn. Yeva Skalietska's book is called "You Don't Know What War Is: The Diary of a Young Girl from Ukraine." Union Square & Co. will release her account Oct. 25.

"Everyone knows what the word 'war' means, but practically no one knows what this word really represents," Skalietska said in a statement. "I want the world to know what we have experienced."

Skalietska's book begins with her 12th birthday, shortly before the Russians attacked on Feb. 24. She had been living in Kharkiv with her grandmother when the bombing began. (Yeva's parents separated when she was a baby, and her grandmother has raised her).

"She describes the bombings they endured while shel-

tering underground, and their desperate journey to West Ukraine. She shares her confusion about why the Russians would attack them, since she speaks Russian and follows many of their customs," according to Union Square's announcement.

"After many endless train rides and a prolonged stay in an overcrowded refugee

center in Hungary - because several countries in Europe refused them entry - Yeva and her beloved grandmother eventually find refuge in Dublin, where she bravely begins to forge a new life, hoping she'll be able to return home one day," the publisher said.

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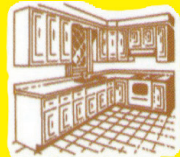
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Tips for family camping trips

For nature lovers, perhaps nothing is more enjoyable than packing up the camping gear, traveling to a favorite campsite and getting away from it all while sleeping under the stars. Such an experience can be transformative, turning first-time campers into lifelong enthusiasts.

The opportunity to turn youngsters into nature enthusiasts who can't wait to spend time outside may be one reason why so many families go camping. A 2018 report Kampgrounds of America found that 52% of campers have children, making camping among the most popular and family-friendly ways to enjoy the great outdoors.

Camping with youngsters can help families make lasting memories. Parents who have never before taken their children camping may benefit from employing a few strategies to make the trip as fun as possible.

- **Make a trial run in the backyard.** A night camping in the backyard won't be exactly the same as a night in the woods, where wildlife, and particularly insects, may be less welcoming hosts. But a backyard camping night can acclimate children to their sleeping bags and their tents. A fun night sleeping under the stars in the backyard also may make kids more enthusiastic about an upcoming camping trip in the woods.

- **Go over safety early and often.** Use every opportunity to explain camping safety measures to youngsters in advance of your trip. Emphasize the importance of staying together in the woods and teach youngsters how to identify potentially harmful plants like poison ivy, making sure they know to avoid coming into contact with these and other poisonous plants. Contact your local parks department, or the campground where you will be staying, for some additional advice on camping safety.

- **Let kids help when choosing camping**

equipment. Youngsters may be more excited about camping if they're allowed to choose certain equipment, including their sleeping bags and tents. Before visiting your nearby camping retailer, explain to kids that tents come in various styles because they're designed to protect campers from certain elements that may be more common in certain areas than others. Such an explanation can make it easy to explain to youngsters why you're purchasing certain items, even if those items weren't kids' top choices.

- **Plan the family menu in advance.** Plan the menu in advance so you can ensure everyone will continue to eat healthy. But make sure to include a few kid-friendly camping classics, like s'mores, in the meal plan as well.

- **Prepare a camping-friendly first aid kit.** Bandages and topical antibiotic creams are part and parcel of any first aid kit, regardless of where you're going. But the elements pose a different set of challenges that require a more extensive first aid kit. When designing a first aid kit for your camping trip, be sure to include all the usual items but also over-the-counter medications that can treat pain, allergies, constipation and diarrhea. An extra gallon or two of water also makes for a wise addition to campers' first aid kits.

Family camping trips can instill a lifelong love of the great outdoors in youngsters. A few simple strategies can help parents make such trips safe and memorable.

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Keeping wildlife away from your compost

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Making your own compost is an eco-friendly and rewarding way to manage your food waste. But what can you do if your compost bin is being raided by wildlife?

Many animals are attracted to compost for different reasons. Rats find compost ideal as a source of food and a warm place to nest. Skunks like the grubs they find in it. Bears' acute sense of smell leads them from a mile away toward the foul odors that emanate from poorly maintained compost.

Taking precautions when building your compost bin and adopting good maintenance habits can prevent wildlife from finding your gardener's gold.

The first thing you can do is to choose an open flat area that allows for ample air circulation. Clear the area of clutter or debris to remove potential hiding places for critters.

Select a hard-sided compost bin with a lid. You may find reasonably priced backyard composting bins at your local solid waste management district.

A sheet of quarter-inch hardware cloth a few inches larger than the bottom opening of your compost bin will serve as a barrier against small rodents that tunnel from underground. Place this sheet on the cleared ground and position the bin on top ensuring that the metal cloth's edges extend beyond the outer edges of the bin.

The recipe for perfect compost requires the correct balance of carbon-rich brown materials, nitrogen-rich green materials, water and oxygen. These ingredients work together to produce healthy compost with a pleasant earthy smell that won't attract bears.

Brown materials include



Black bears, which have a keen sense of smell, may be attracted to backyard compost piles, especially if the pile is not maintained properly. Photo by Peter Nuij/Unsplash

dead leaves, dried grass clippings, wood chips, sawdust, brown paper bags and cardboard, straw, coffee filters, egg cartons and toilet paper rolls.

For appropriate green materials, consider green grass clippings, plant trimmings, fruit and vegetable scraps, biode-

gradable tea bags, herbivore manure, coffee grounds and rinsed and crushed eggshells.

Make sure that both brown and green ingredients are cut small to speed up decomposition. The smaller the pieces, the faster they will turn into compost.

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Each time you add food scraps to your compost, cover it entirely with a layer of brown materials. This step is essential to prevent foul odors. In fact, if bears have been a problem in your area, the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department recommends using "three times as many brown as green materials." Visit tinyurl.com/2p8ec5sy for other tips for keeping bears away from compost piles.

Your next step is to turn

your compost pile regularly as this will aerate the pile adding the air necessary to activate the oxygen-loving bacteria needed for decomposition. Do this every other week. Each time you turn your compost finish the task by adding a new layer of brown materials.

Your compost should be damp, not wet. A wet pile indicates that your compost does not receive enough airflow to properly decompose. Excess moisture often results in a smelly, slimy mess that attracts flies and unwanted four-legged visitors. Turning your compost regularly and adding a good amount of brown materials can usually solve this problem.



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Smoky corn is a classic campfire dish

Many different foods call to mind campfire cooking. Foods cooked over an open fire take on a unique, smoky and savory flavor that is hard to replicate.

There's something special about collectively preparing, cooking and sharing a meal in the great outdoors that makes camping so appealing.

Although s'mores may be the first treat that comes to mind when considering classic campfire foods, everything from casseroles to soups to cobblers can suffice. Even vegetables and seafood can be cooked over a campfire with the right preparation.

Corn on the cob is a tasty side dish that is tailor-made for campsite cooking. The sweet flavor of corn complements just about any meal, and those kernels take on a robust flavor when touched with a little char. Enjoy this recipe for Campfire Corn on the Cob, courtesy of Kampgrounds of America (KOA).

Campfire Corn on the Cob

Serves 4

- 4 corn on the cob (do not husk)
- Water
- 1/2 to 1 cup sugar (optional)
- Butter to taste
- Salt to taste (optional)

Mix the water and sugar in a clean bucket, cooler or large pan (add enough water to cover corn). Add the corn to the water mixture and soak for one to two hours. Remove the corn from the water and place over the campfire or on the grill, turning often to avoid over-burning the husk. Cook for approximately 20 to 30 minutes or until tender; remove corn from the fire. Peel back the husk and silk, spread with butter and/or salt. Enjoy steaming hot.

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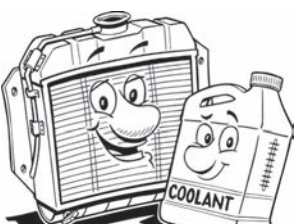
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Between online retailers, secondary sites like Facebook Marketplace and, of course, traditional brick-and-mortar stores, consumers have no shortage of options when looking for furnishings for their homes. One often overlooked option can be a great place to find classic furnishings at bargain prices.

Estate sales are a great way to offer the contents of a home for sale all at once. Many estate sales are conducted by families when a loved one passes away, though some may be organized when individuals are leaving their home and want to sell most, if not all, of their belongings. Buyers can find just about everything people typically have in their homes for sale during an estate sale. That includes big ticket items like dining sets to small items like coffee mugs and cooking utensils.

How are estate sales conducted?

Many estate sales are conducted in person. In-person estate sales are typically conducted at private residences and items will be marked with price tags. Buyers at estate sales typically walk through the home at their leisure. Sellers may be willing to negotiate sale prices, though buyers should not count on that. The sheer volume of items available for purchase at estate sales means sellers typically don't have the time or energy to haggle over prices for individual items, so buyers who love to negotiate may not get the opportunity to do so at estate sales.

Are estate sales and estate auctions the same?

Estate sales and estate auctions differ in various ways. Estate auctions may be conducted in person, though many are now conducted via a third-party website. In-person estate auctions may be managed by an auctioneer, and items will ultimately go to the highest bidder once the item goes up for sale. Web-based estate auctions ask prospective buyers to create an account via their website, and potential participants may be asked to enter their credit card information prior to bidding. Users then submit bids and the auction will continue for a predetermined period of time. The responsibility of inspecting and picking up items typically rests with the buyers.

First come, first served is how many estate sales are conducted. In such instances, the first person to meet the seller's asking prices gets the item. Newspaper classified sections are great resources for people looking for local estate sales. Buyers who want high-quality items should try to arrive at the estate sale when it begins, if not earlier.

How long do estate sales last?

Many estate sales are conducted over a full weekend. Sales may begin on Saturday morning and then end on Sunday afternoon. Early birds might find the most high-quality items, but those simply looking for bargains may find great deals in the final hours of the estate sale when sellers are simply looking to unload items.

People looking to furnish their homes can find great deals at estate sales.

Notice of Annual Meeting

The West St. Johnsville Cemetery will hold its annual meeting on Wednesday, July 27th at 6:30 PM at The Community House, 16 Washington St., St. Johnsville

Explaining easements, setbacks and CCRs

Property setbacks as well as easements and conditions, covenants and restrictions (CCRs) must be considered before renovating an existing home or building a new one. Setbacks are mandated buffers between surveyed property lines and permanent structures. Easements are legal designations that enable individuals or entities to use portions of a person's property for physical access or to build on it for one reason or another. Easements may be owned by utility companies for gas lines or government agencies when sidewalks are on a private property.

Additional examples of easements include greenbelt conservation easements, beach easements or view easements, according to the Spruce, a home and lifestyle resource. CCRs include rules established by many planned communities, subdivisions and planned unit developments. CCRs, easements and property setbacks can affect which type of renovations are allowed on particular plots and may affect the issuance of permits. It's essential to learn about property easements, CCRs and setbacks in advance and discuss them with contractors when drawing up preliminary plans. Your property deed

or plat map as well as the local building inspection offices can highlight any regulations that may be in effect on your property and if they may affect future projects.

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Tips to safely sell a car on your own

More and more auto buyers are considering and ultimately purchasing preowned vehicles. According to the Bureau of Transportation Statistics, used vehicle sales in the U.S. have risen every year since 2013.

The increase in used car sales over the last decade reflects a growing confidence among consumers that preowned vehicles are reliable and worth buyers' investment. Though many dealerships now offer sizable inventories of preowned vehicles, private citizens can still sell vehicles on their own. Car owners hoping to do so can consider the following tips to ensure the process is safe and smooth.

• **Fix any issues with the vehicle.** The competition to attract buyers' attention will be steep. Private sellers will have to contend with the hesitation buyers naturally have about preowned vehicles as well as dealerships that specialize in used car sales. Dealerships typically offer preowned vehicle warranties that guarantee the life of certain components. To compete

against such offerings, private sellers must make every effort to fix issues with their vehicles prior to putting them up for sale. Mechanical issues must be addressed, but cosmetic issues like cracks in the windshield, dents or scratches on the vehicle exterior and even aging tires should be fixed/replaced as well.

• **Prepare a maintenance portfolio.** A portfolio of maintenance receipts can impress buyers and reassure them that the car has been well-maintained. Receipts for oil changes, annual tune-ups, repairs that were made and even receipts for new tires can be included in the portfolio.

• **Screen prospective buyers.** The automotive experts at Kelley Blue Book recommend that sellers insist on speaking with serious buyers over the phone prior to scheduling a test drive. Such conversations give sellers a chance to vet buyers about what they're looking for and whether or not they've arranged financing. KBB advises sellers to be wary of buyers who offer to purchase vehicles sight unseen.

• **Contact your insurance provider.** Prospective buyers will want to test drive the vehicle, so contact your insurance provider to confirm that your coverage extends to other drivers. Some companies may request that you get a copy of prospective buyers' drivers licenses. If such a request is made by your provider, mention that to buyers when

speaking with them on the phone.

• **Meet at a public location.** When scheduling a test drive, insist on meeting at a public location away from your home, such as a grocery store parking lot. The test drive can begin and end at this location. This measure is designed to keep sellers safe.

• **Insist buyers make financial arrangements on their own.** When a buyer agrees to purchase the vehicle, KBB recommends that sellers insist they make financial arrangements on their own. In addition, KBB suggests asking buyers to put down a deposit and get back in touch when they're ready to conclude the sale.



Private sellers can take various measures to ensure the process of selling their vehicles goes safely and smoothly.



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by Linda Thistle

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- ♦ Moderate
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Unlisted clue hint: **Water Heaters that use the Sun**

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| Boiler | Hot tub | Percolator | Stove |
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King Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 River blocker
 - 4 Locate
 - 8 Cherry type
 - 12 Hearty quaff
 - 13 Notion
 - 14 Manual reader
 - 15 Asian holiday
 - 16 Brando role
 - 18 Glorify
 - 20 Make lace
 - 21 Formerly, once
 - 24 Ballpark winner
 - 28 Child star's parent, maybe
 - 32 Zilch
 - 33 Hosp. sections
 - 34 Continental cash
 - 36 Caustic solution
 - 37 Bulb measure
 - 39 Pop's pop
 - 41 Covert agents
 - 43 Summers in Paris
 - 44 Vichy water
 - 46 Patriot Allen
 - 50 Cub Scout
- DOWN**
- 1 Social appointment
 - 2 "Roots" author
 - 3 Transcending (Pref.)
 - 4 Greek orchard planting
 - 5 Wedding words
 - 6 Homer's neighbor
 - 7 Loony
 - 8 Frosty's nose
 - 9 Somewhat (Suff.)
 - 10 Born abroad?
 - 11 Dog's warning
 - leader
 - 55 Rock's Brian
 - 56 Curved molding
 - 57 Roof overhang
 - 58 Scratch the surface
 - 59 Suitable
 - 60 Roe provider
 - 61 Links org.
 - 17 Foot rub response
 - 19 Race segment
 - 22 Overconfident
 - 23 Baseball's Joe
 - 25 Aspic form
 - 26 "May It Be" singer
 - 27 Oboe insert
 - 28 Gives a darn?
 - 29 Snare
 - 30 Wine region
 - 31 Castle defense
 - 35 Showed scorn
 - 38 Overflowed
 - 40 "Spring ahead" hrs.
 - 42 — Paulo, Brazil
 - 45 Western tribe
 - 47 Rope fiber
 - 48 Scrambled wd.
 - 49 Asta's mistress
 - 50 Pooch
 - 51 Swelled head
 - 52 Opposite of paleo-
 - 53 Taunting laugh
 - 54 Actress Mendes

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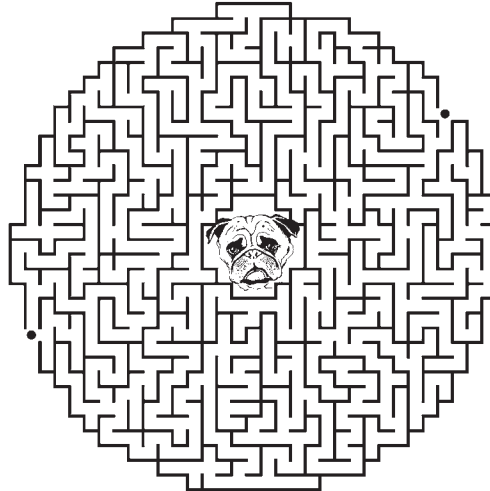
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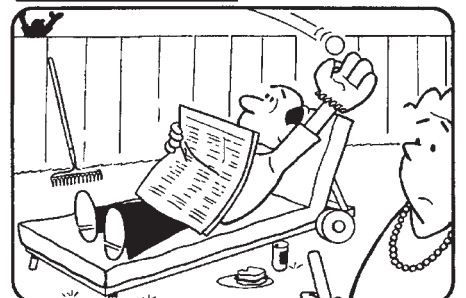
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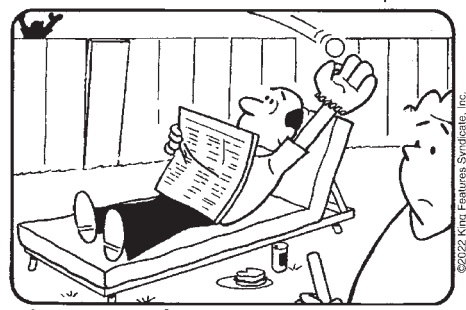


HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Paper is missing. 2. Board is missing. 3. Newspaper is shorter. 4. Sleeve is missing. 5. Wheel is missing. 6. Beads are missing.

SCRAMBLERS

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

- Edge: FINGER [] [] [] [] []
- Chide: CLODS [] [] [] [] []
- gall: RANGE [] [] [] [] []
- hear: TINSEL [] [] [] [] []

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Home Country

by Slim Randles

Two kids were arguing just outside my window the other day. Now that school's out, they have more time for the important issues of life, of course. This time, the subject was ghosts and whether or not they are real.

People my age have to plead guilty to the capital crime of having gray hair, and therefore aren't

qualified to participate in such weighty matters. But if they had asked me, they might have been surprised. Of course there are ghosts. We're surrounded by them.

Maybe they aren't scary or grab you from behind, but they are ghosts just the same. See that rusting tank on the edge of town? That's all that's left from when George Dodson

started that tannery back in the 1920s. He was doing all right then, until the Great Depression came along, and George and the steel tank became ghosts ... a part of our history, but still somehow here with us, still a part of what makes this community our home.

Just up Lewis Creek a mile are the sloping concrete walls of what

used to be a dairy. As kids, we'd sneak over ... quietly, so we didn't spook the cows ... and watch the men milking. The huge Holsteins walked in from force of habit like animated milk factories, which they were. Seems like there should be something someone could do with that old milking barn. Now it's just hard to go by and see the weeds thickening around it as it lies there in the unrelenting sun and cracks to pieces.

Down on Main Street is the old ice cream store

where we used to go the very first time we had nerve enough to ask a girl to go with us. We'd bite the ends off the drinking straw covers, dip the remaining ends in chocolate syrup, and shoot them with a puff of breath to stick on the ceiling, like stalactites of young love.

But today it holds the video rental store. Times change. Businesses change. People come and then leave us. But the ghosts remain. And the ghosts are the ones who make us what we are

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Beginners guide to harvesting rainwater

Adapted from an article by Susan Himes, Texas A&M AgriLife

With higher temperatures and more frequent droughts occurring, rainwater harvesting is something nearly everyone can do to make the most of the moisture they get.

Many homeowners erroneously think that if they live in an area with little rainfall, it's not worth trying to catch for use later. "Infrequent rainfall is exactly the reason to harvest rainwater," said Allison Watkins, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service horticulturist.

Rainwater harvesting is one way homeowners can invest in their landscape and continue to garden during drought while also protecting valuable water resources.

"Plants love rainwater and catching when it does come, to use later when it's hot and dry, will really help plants survive and thrive in a yard or garden," she said.

What You Need

A way to collect rain - a roof is ideal.

A method to direct the water, such as a rain gutter and downspout.

Something to store the water in. The container can be a rain barrel, a food-grade barrel or even a large, clean trash can.

A way for water to reach the container - a pipe, PVC tube or rain chain.

What You Don't Need

A gutter. Determine the lowest point of the roof or the valley where rain would naturally run off.

Heavy rain. Any amount of moisture that accumulates will work with gravity to help fill your container.

Fancy math skills. We'll do that for you: For every inch of rain that falls, around 0.62 gallons of water can be captured per square foot of roof. In other words, 1,000 square feet of roof can produce as much as 620 gallons of water for harvest with one inch of rain.

Keep in Mind

This water is "grey water," which is suitable for watering plants, washing your car or other places, but is not to be consumed by people or pets.



Especially in times of drought, every drop counts and rain barrels help to capture this valuable natural resource.

Photo courtesy of Texas A&M AgriLife harvesting a success."

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Grid for the answer key to the Weekly Sudoku puzzle.

Answer

Weekly Sudoku puzzle grid with numbers and letters.

SCRAMBLERS puzzle: Today's Word solution. 1. Fringe 2. Scold 3. Anger 4. Listen

Mega Maze puzzle: A circular maze with a cat in the center.

King Crossword puzzle grid with some letters filled in.

Solution time: 24 mins. Answers

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